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Imports of Brass Mill Products Fall in August 2012, Exports Rise

U.S. imports of brass mill products fell in August 2012 compared with the corresponding 2011 period, while exports rose.

Imports of brass mill products in August 2012 totaled 39,482,552 pounds compared to 40,505,846 in August 2011, a decrease of 2.5 percent. Exports totaled 20,930,860 pounds in August 2012, up from 20,060,888 in August 2011, a 4.3 percent increase.

For YTD 2012 through August, imports of brass mill products totaled 338,155,003 pounds compared to 329,467,693 pounds during August 2011 YTD, an increase of 2.6 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 165,869,838 compared to 160,922,502 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 3.0 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in August at 6,573,238 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,555,588 pounds, China at 1,553,657 pounds, South Korea at 1,024,969 pounds and Taiwan at 443,356 pounds.

Imports from Germany in August 2012 totaled 9,015,504 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,443,951 pounds, Mexico at 3,721,676 pounds, Canada at 3,662,423 pounds and China at 2,838,502 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,711,327 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,262,462 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,563,757 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,818,175 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,142,677 pounds while exports totaled 5,526,147 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 4,064,791 pounds while exports totaled 2,324,076 pounds.

Brass mill products are widely used in building construction, automotive products and in electronic and electrical applications.

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