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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fall in September 2012

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products fell in September 2012 compared with the corresponding 2011 period.

Imports of brass mill products in September 2012 totaled 36,538,758 pounds compared to 36,974,658 in September 2011, a decrease of 1.2 percent. Exports totaled 17,695,114 pounds in September 2012, down from 19,748,315 in September 2011, a 10.4 percent decrease.

For YTD 2012 through September, imports of brass mill products totaled 374,693,761 pounds compared to 366,442,351 pounds during September 2011 YTD, an increase of 2.2 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 183,564,952 compared to 180,670,817 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 1.6 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in September at 6,328,110 pounds followed by Mexico at 4,699,716 pounds, South Korea at 1,099,641 pounds, China at 929,495 pounds and Taiwan at 520,275 pounds.

Imports from Germany in September 2012 totaled 8,481,601 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,546,679 pounds, Canada at 3,745,624 pounds, Mexico at 3,538,242 pounds and China at 2,659,945 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,236,463 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,174,357 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 12,999,016 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,013,186 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,054,513 pounds while exports totaled 4,520,336 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,248,767 pounds while exports totaled 1,987,235 pounds.

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

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