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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fall in October 2012

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

Imports of brass mill products in October 2012 totaled 38,831,269 pounds compared to 39,216,606 in October 2011, a decrease of 1.0 percent. Exports totaled 20,095,908 pounds in October 2012, down from 21,778,679 in October 2011, a 7.7 percent decrease.

For YTD 2012 through October, imports of brass mill products totaled 413,525,030 pounds compared to 405,658,957 pounds during October 2011 YTD, an increase of 1.9 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 203,660,860 compared to 202,449,496 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 0.6 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in October at 6,845,828 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,216,818 pounds, China at 1,485,795 pounds, South Korea at 1,252,261 pounds and Hong Kong at 354,784 pounds.

Imports from Germany in October 2012 totaled 8,097,500 pounds, followed by Mexico at 4,553,678 pounds, South Korea at 4,262,050 pounds, Canada at 4,104,352 pounds and China at 3,353,726 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,625,729 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,565,707 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 13,980,638 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,954,391 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,762,460 pounds while exports totaled 4,843,515 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,462,441 pounds while exports totaled 2,732,295 pounds.

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

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