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**Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fall in November 2012**

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

Imports of brass mill products in November 2012 totaled 37,628,924 pounds compared to 37,863,824 in November 2011, a decrease of 0.6 percent. Exports totaled 18,540,133 pounds in November 2012, down from 18,865,437 in November 2011, a 1.7 percent decrease.

For YTD 2012 through November, imports of brass mill products totaled 451,153,954 pounds compared to 443,522,782 pounds during November 2011 YTD, an increase of 1.7 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 222,200,992 compared to 221,314,933 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 0.4 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in November at 5,649,493 pounds followed by Mexico at 5,430,119 pounds, South Korea at 1,580,101 pounds, China at 1,034,581 pounds and Saudi Arabia at 510,061 pounds.

Imports from Germany in November 2012 totaled 8,204,357 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,309,845 pounds, Mexico at 4,041,700 pounds, Canada at 3,599,479 pounds and Peru at 2,671,997 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,248,826 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,964,880 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,109,484 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,762,896 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,395,344 pounds while exports totaled 4,850,669 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,875,270 pounds while exports totaled 1,961,688 pounds.

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

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