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Imports of Brass Mill Products Rise While Exports Fall in December 2012

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

Imports of brass mill products in December 2012 totaled 37,194,860 pounds compared to 36,272,315 in December 2011, an increase of 2.5 percent. Exports totaled 16,475,269 pounds in December 2012, down from 16,793,419 in December 2011, a 1.9 percent decrease.

For YTD 2012 through December, imports of brass mill products totaled 488,348,814 pounds compared to 479,795,096 pounds during December 2011 YTD, an increase of 1.8 percent. Exports YTD 2012 totaled 238,676,261 compared to 238,108,352 in the same 2011 period, an increase of 0.2 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in December at 5,232,874 pounds followed by Mexico at 4,174,057 pounds, South Korea at 1,478,923 pounds, China at 780,819 pounds and Hong Kong at 515,865 pounds.

Imports from Germany in December 2012 totaled 9,488,204 pounds, followed by South Korea at 5,007,634 pounds, Mexico at 3,692,401 pounds, Canada at 2,931,536 pounds and Peru at 2,181,582 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,727,429 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,653,172 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 10,501,081 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 3,535,056 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 10,589,688 pounds while exports totaled 3,276,860 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,376,662 pounds while exports totaled 2,010,181 pounds.

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

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