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Imports of Brass Mill Products Fall While Exports Rise in February 2013

U.S. imports of brass mill products fell in February 2013 compared with the corresponding 2012 period, while exports rose.

Imports of brass mill products in February 2013 totaled 34,749,990 pounds compared to 36,021,612 in February 2012, a decrease of 3.5 percent. Exports totaled 19,779,550 pounds in February 2013, up from 19,347,506 in February 2012, a 2.2 percent increase.

For 2013 through February, imports of brass mill products totaled 70,576,706 pounds compared to 76,026,319 pounds for February 2012 YTD, a decrease of 7.2 percent. Exports for February 2013 YTD totaled 40,199,699 pounds compared to 38,146,661 pounds for February 2012 YTD, an increase of 5.4 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in February at 6,624,314 pounds followed by Canada at 6,371,446 pounds, China at 1,118,546 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 688,874 pounds and South Korea at 532,808 pounds.

Imports from Germany in February 2013 totaled 8,417,183 pounds, followed by South Korea at 4,972,678 pounds, Mexico at 4,012,282 pounds, Canada at 3,124,324 pounds and China at 2,629,755 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 10,747,551 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,611,075 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 11,623,140 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,010,329 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 9,795,565 pounds while exports totaled 4,595,048 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,583,734 pounds while exports totaled 2,563,099 pounds.

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

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