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**Imports of Brass Mill Products Fall While Exports Rise in March 2013**

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

Imports of brass mill products in March 2013 totaled 41,931,369 pounds compared to 43,521,066 in March 2012, a decrease of 3.6 percent. Exports totaled 21,626,899 pounds in March 2013, up from 21,232,736 in March 2012, a 1.8 percent increase.

For 2013 through March, imports of brass mill products totaled 112,508,075 pounds compared to 119,547,385 pounds for March 2012 YTD, a decrease of 5.9 percent. Exports for March 2013 YTD totaled 61,826,598 pounds compared to 59,379,397 pounds for March 2012 YTD, an increase of 4.1 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in March at 6,714,676 pounds followed by Canada at 6,204,666 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 2,252,345 pounds, South Korea at 1,278,511 pounds and China at 990,857 pounds.

Imports from Germany in March 2013 totaled 8,889,117 pounds, followed by South Korea at 7,513,539 pounds, Mexico at 3,713,056 pounds, China at 3,393,933 pounds and Canada at 3,177,109 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 11,905,911 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,731,836 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 14,715,813 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 6,132,106 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,332,250 pounds while exports totaled 4,269,274 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,977,394 pounds while exports totaled 2,493,683 pounds.

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

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