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Imports and Exports of Brass Mill Products Fell in May 2013

U.S. imports and exports of brass mill products fell in May 2013 compared with the corresponding 2012 period.

Imports of brass mill products in May 2013 totaled 44,669,365 pounds compared to 46,494,895 in May 2012, a decrease of 3.9 percent. Exports totaled 22,256,112 pounds in May 2013, down from 22,278,947 in May 2012, a 0.1 percent **decrease**.

For 2013 through May, imports of brass mill products totaled 200,649,936 pounds compared to 209,966,525 pounds for May 2012 YTD, a decrease of 4.4 percent. Exports for May 2013 YTD totaled 106,614,765 pounds compared to 103,283,083 pounds for May 2012 YTD, an increase of 3.2 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in May at 7,005,721 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,765,911 pounds, China at 1,230,947 pounds, South Korea at 1,226,099 pounds and Saudi Arabia at 909,032 pounds.

Imports from Germany in May 2013 totaled 9,608,742 pounds, followed by South Korea at 7,728,646 pounds, Mexico at 4,466,420 pounds, China at 4,423,572 pounds and Canada at 3,846,430 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 12,362,433 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,989,814 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 15,846,173 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 5,139,659 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,918,162 pounds while exports totaled 5,588,068 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,542,596 pounds while exports totaled 2,538,570 pounds.

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

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