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**Exports of Brass Mill Products Fell in June 2013; Imports Flat**

U.S. exports of brass mill products fell in June 2013 compared with the corresponding 2012 period, while imports were essentially flat.

Imports of brass mill products in June 2013 totaled 44,987,412 pounds compared to 44,987,577 in June 2012, essentially no change. Exports totaled 18,901,072 pounds in June 2013, down from 22,074,578 in June 2012, a 14.4 percent decrease.

For 2013 through June, imports of brass mill products totaled 245,637,348 pounds compared to 254,954,102 pounds for June 2012 YTD, a decrease of 3.6 percent. Exports for June 2013 YTD totaled 125,515,837 pounds compared to 125,357,661 pounds for June 2012 YTD, an increase of 0.1 percent.

Canada was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in June at 6,308,626 pounds followed by Mexico at 6,061,956 pounds, China at 853,579 pounds, Saudi Arabia at 745,728 pounds and South Korea at 716,321 pounds.

Imports from Germany in June 2013 totaled 9,803,387 pounds, followed by South Korea at 7,538,176 pounds, Mexico at 4,496,489 pounds, Canada at 3,910,231 pounds and China at 3,846,921 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,487,635 pounds while exports of those products totaled 7,305,866 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 15,954,384 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,495,835 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,292,574 pounds while exports totaled 5,360,513 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,252,819 pounds while exports totaled 1,738,858 pounds.

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

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