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**Imports of Brass Mill Products Rose in April 2014; Exports Fell**

U.S. imports of brass mill products increased in April 2014 compared with the corresponding 2013 period while exports decreased.

Imports of brass mill products in April 2014 totaled 48,581,430 pounds compared to 43,472,496 in April 2013, an increase of 11.8 percent. Exports totaled 22,798,326 pounds in April 2014, down from 23,955,397 in April 2013, a 4.8 percent decrease.

For YTD 2014 through April, imports of brass mill products totaled 177,269,307 pounds compared to 155,980,571 pounds through April 2013 YTD, an increase of 13.6 percent. Exports YTD 2014 totaled 85,977,433 compared to 89,674,292 in the same 2013 period, a decrease of 4.1 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in March at 7,664,636 pounds followed by Canada at 7,319,287 pounds, South Korea at 1,519,785 pounds, China at 749,330 pounds, and Saudi Arabia at 721,656 pounds.

Imports from Germany in April 2014 totaled 10,747,588 pounds, followed by South Korea at 8,634,922 pounds, China at 4,977,616 pounds, Mexico at 4,608,423, and Canada at 4,211,097 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 14,918,134 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,464,251 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 17,096,712 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,740,095 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,864,245 pounds while exports totaled 6,929,801 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,702,339 pounds while exports totaled 1,664,180 pounds.

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

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