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Imports of Brass Mill Products Rose in May 2014; Exports Fell

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

Imports of brass mill products in May 2014 totaled 47,964,664 pounds compared to 44,669,365 in May 2013, an increase of 7.4 percent. Exports totaled 22,205,223 pounds in May 2014, down from 23,792,914 in May 2013, a 6.7 percent decrease.

For YTD 2014 through May, imports of brass mill products totaled 225,233,971 pounds compared to 200,649,936 pounds through May 2013 YTD, an increase of 12.2 percent. Exports YTD 2014 totaled 108,182,656 compared to 113,467,206 in the same 2013 period, a decrease of 4.6 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in May at 7,336,534 pounds followed by Canada at 6,245,389 pounds, South Korea at 1,588,910 pounds, China at 1,197,629 pounds, and Germany at 592,744 pounds.

Imports from Germany in May 2014 totaled 10,639,234 pounds, followed by South Korea at 9,697,129 pounds, Mexico at 5,719,295 pounds, China at 4,521,740, and Canada at 4,276,613 pounds.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,847,811 pounds while exports of those products totaled 8,935,105 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 19,146,889 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,833,667 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 12,320,064 pounds while exports totaled 6,421,841 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 2,649,901 pounds while exports totaled 2,014,610 pounds.

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

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