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Imports Decrease While Exports of Brass Mill Products Rose in July 2014

U.S. imports of brass mill products fell in July 2014, while exports rose compared with the corresponding 2013 period.

Imports of brass mill products in July 2014 totaled 44,434,013 pounds compared to 45,570,597 in July 2013, a decrease of 2.5 percent. Exports totaled 22,010,072 pounds in July 2014, compared to 21,302,355 in July 2013, a 3.3 percent increase.

For YTD 2014 through July, imports of brass mill products totaled 316,893,441 pounds compared to 291,207,944 pounds through July 2013 YTD, an increase of 8.8 percent. Exports YTD 2014 totaled 152,175,008 compared to 155,270,478 in the same 2013 period, a decrease of 2 percent.

Mexico was the leading destination for U.S. exports of brass mill products in July at 8,793,129 pounds followed by Canada at 5,950,469 pounds, South Korea at 1,735,011 pounds, China at 671,578 pounds, and Saudi Arabia at 418,354 pounds.

Imports from Germany in July 2014 totaled 9,914,002 pounds, followed by South Korea at 7,610,469 pounds, Mexico at 4,689,147 pounds, Canada at 3,905,846 pounds, and China at 3,019,259.

Imports of all sheet, strip, plate and foil products totaled 13,078,525 pounds while exports of those products totaled 9,472,794 pounds.

Imports of all pipe and tube products totaled 16,118,642 pounds while pipe and tube exports totaled 4,185,877 pounds.

Imports of all profiles, rods and bars totaled 11,450,849 pounds while exports totaled 6,642,917 pounds.

Imports of copper alloy wire totaled 3,785,997 pounds while exports totaled 1,708,486 pounds.

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

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