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STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 13% YEAR-TO-DATE
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 21%

Washington, D.C. – Based on final Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 2,023,000 net tons (NT) of steel in June 2019, including 1,711,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 2.5% and 8.3%, respectively, vs. May final data). Through the first six months of 2019, total and finished steel imports are 15,620,000 and 11,676,000 net tons (NT), down 12.7% and 16.7%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2018. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2019 would be 31.2 and 23.4 million NT, down 7.4% and 9.1%, respectively, vs. 2018. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 20% in June and is estimated at 21% over the first six months of 2019.

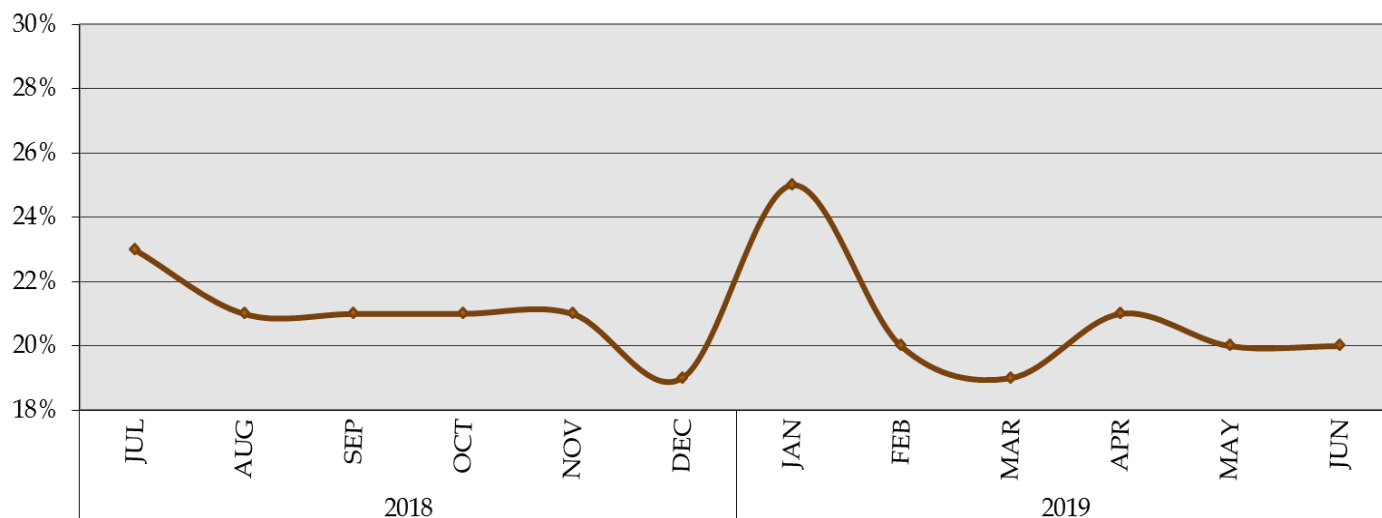
Key finished steel products with a significant import increase in June compared to May were tin plate (up 70%), mechanical tubing (up 14%) and wire rods (up 12%).

Steel Mill Product	June 2019 Prelim.	May 2019 Final	% var June vs. May	YTD 2019 (6 mo.)	YTD 2018 (6 mo.)	% var '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% var 2019 vs 2018
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	310,639	208,559	48.9%	3,935,928	3,851,096	2.2%	7,871,856	8,007,909	-1.7%
Oil Country Goods	190,487	220,657	-13.7%	1,437,687	1,716,228	-16.2%	2,875,374	2,801,554	2.6%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	178,201	215,268	-17.2%	1,284,475	1,601,541	-19.8%	2,568,950	3,037,149	-15.4%
Line Pipe	124,196	141,067	-12.0%	1,174,733	1,108,075	6.0%	2,349,466	2,195,926	7.0%
Sheets Hot Rolled	133,409	142,124	-6.1%	927,805	1,275,334	-27.3%	1,855,610	2,601,208	-28.7%
Sheets Cold Rolled	143,720	142,495	0.9%	911,356	1,218,991	-25.2%	1,822,712	2,242,872	-18.7%
Bars - Reinforcing	92,582	148,848	-37.8%	670,343	660,935	1.4%	1,340,687	1,168,101	14.8%
Plates in Coils	87,959	99,709	-11.8%	629,580	797,033	-21.0%	1,259,160	1,566,183	-19.6%
Wire Rods	74,504	66,272	12.4%	563,770	574,614	-1.9%	1,127,540	1,153,493	-2.2%
Bars - Hot Rolled	75,147	93,154	-19.3%	479,930	695,962	-31.0%	959,860	1,225,618	-21.7%
Tin Plate	94,998	56,031	69.5%	410,508	400,491	2.5%	821,016	769,213	6.7%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	59,347	84,327	-29.6%	383,440	485,216	-21.0%	766,880	933,323	-17.8%
Wire Drawn	58,324	65,333	-10.7%	374,264	419,708	-10.8%	748,529	767,330	-2.5%
Standard Pipe	55,668	64,429	-13.6%	357,372	510,563	-30.0%	714,743	884,528	-19.2%
Plates Cut Lengths	38,898	51,258	-24.1%	335,569	353,246	-5.0%	671,137	659,767	1.7%
Structural Shapes Heavy	44,169	74,531	-40.7%	304,142	361,271	-15.8%	608,284	569,337	6.8%
Mechanical Tubing	50,208	44,016	14.1%	288,868	364,591	-20.8%	577,736	656,438	-12.0%
All Other	210,627	157,114	34.1%	1,150,391	1,488,608	-22.7%	2,300,781	2,491,311	-7.6%
TOTAL	2,023,083	2,075,192	-2.5%	15,620,161	17,883,503	-12.7%	31,240,321	33,731,257	-7.4%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,710,670	1,865,280	-8.3%	11,675,739	14,011,059	-16.7%	23,351,477	25,694,317	-9.1%

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In June the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (163,000 NT, down 44% from May final), Japan (112,000 NT, down 9%), Germany (100,000 NT, up 56%), Taiwan (86,000 NT, up 7%) and Vietnam (59,000 NT, down 3%). For the first six months of 2019, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (1,450,000 NT, down 17% vs. the same period in 2018), Japan (723,000 NT, down 2%), Germany (617,000 NT, down 7%), Taiwan (522,000 NT, down 7%) and Vietnam (427,000 NT, down 16%). Below are charts on estimated steel import market share in recent months and on finished steel imports from offshore by country.

Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months



**U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(thousands of net tons)**

COUNTRY	June 2019 Prelim.	May 2019 Final	% incr. June vs. May	YTD 2019 (6 mo.)	YTD 2018 (6 mo.)	% incr. '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% incr. 2019 vs. '18
South Korea	163	290	-43.9%	1,450	1,742	-16.8%	2,899	2,764	4.9%
Japan	112	124	-9.2%	723	741	-2.4%	1,447	1,383	4.6%
Germany	100	64	56.3%	617	660	-6.6%	1,233	1,339	-7.9%
Taiwan	86	81	6.8%	522	560	-6.7%	1,045	1,069	-2.2%
Vietnam	59	61	-3.4%	427	509	-16.0%	855	1,110	-23.0%
China	56	47	19.0%	347	381	-9.0%	693	696	-0.4%
Brazil	15	43	-64.4%	317	418	-24.2%	633	479	32.1%
Italy	31	46	-32.6%	314	252	25.0%	629	605	3.9%
All Other	1,089	1,111	-1.9%	6,959	8,749	-20.5%	13,917	16,249	-14.4%
Total	1,711	1,865	-8.3%	11,676	14,011	-16.7%	23,351	25,694	-9.1%

U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE
(thousands of net tons)

Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jun. '19 - Apr. '19	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Mar. '19 - Jan. '19	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Oil Country Goods	222	257	-13.3%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	210	218	-3.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled	151	152	-0.7%
Sheets Hot Rolled	145	164	-11.3%
Line Pipe	144	248	-41.9%
Bars - Reinforcing	112	112	-0.3%
Plates in Coils	101	109	-7.3%
Wire Rods	98	90	8.0%
Bars - Hot Rolled	83	77	6.9%
Tin Plate	72	65	11.9%
All Other	535	527	1.6%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,873	2,018	-7.2%

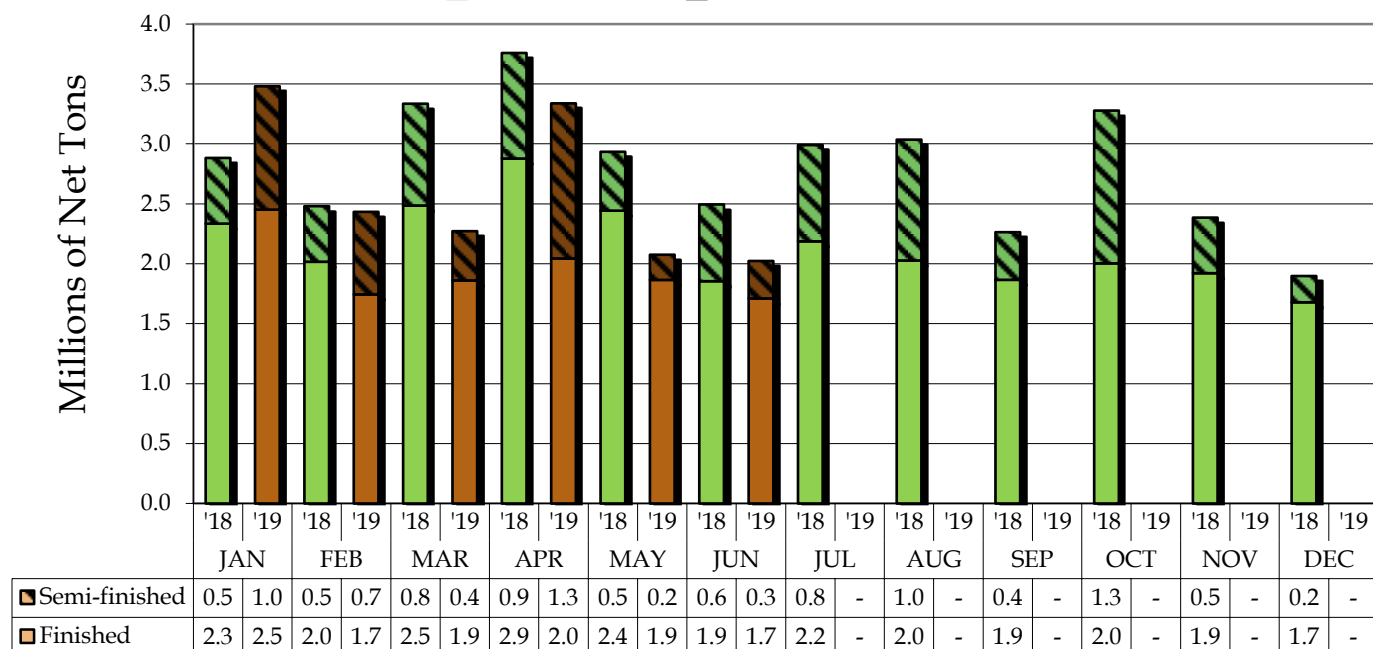
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Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jun. '19 - Apr. '19	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Mar. '19 - Jan. '19	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	243	241	0.9%
Japan	131	110	19.4%
Germany	102	103	-0.7%
Taiwan	79	95	-16.1%
Vietnam	66	76	-12.6%
China	55	60	-8.5%
Brazil	51	55	-7.4%
Italy	47	58	-17.8%
Netherlands	44	36	23.2%
Russia	41	42	-1.5%
All Other	1,012	1,144	-11.5%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,873	2,018	-7.2%

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Monthly Imports 2019 vs. 2018

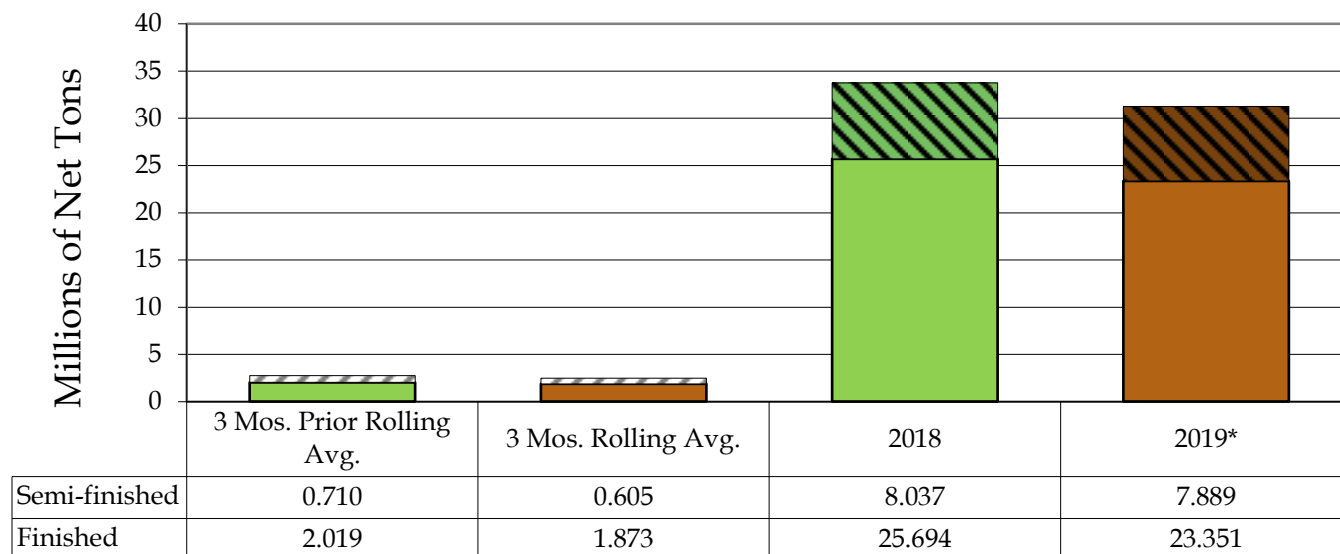
Finished Semi-finished



% change finished imports June 2019 vs. June 2018 -7.8%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2019 vs. 2018

Finished Semi-finished



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = 7.2%

% change semi-finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = -1.8%

% change finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = -9.1%

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