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**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 8% YEAR-TO-DATE
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 21%**

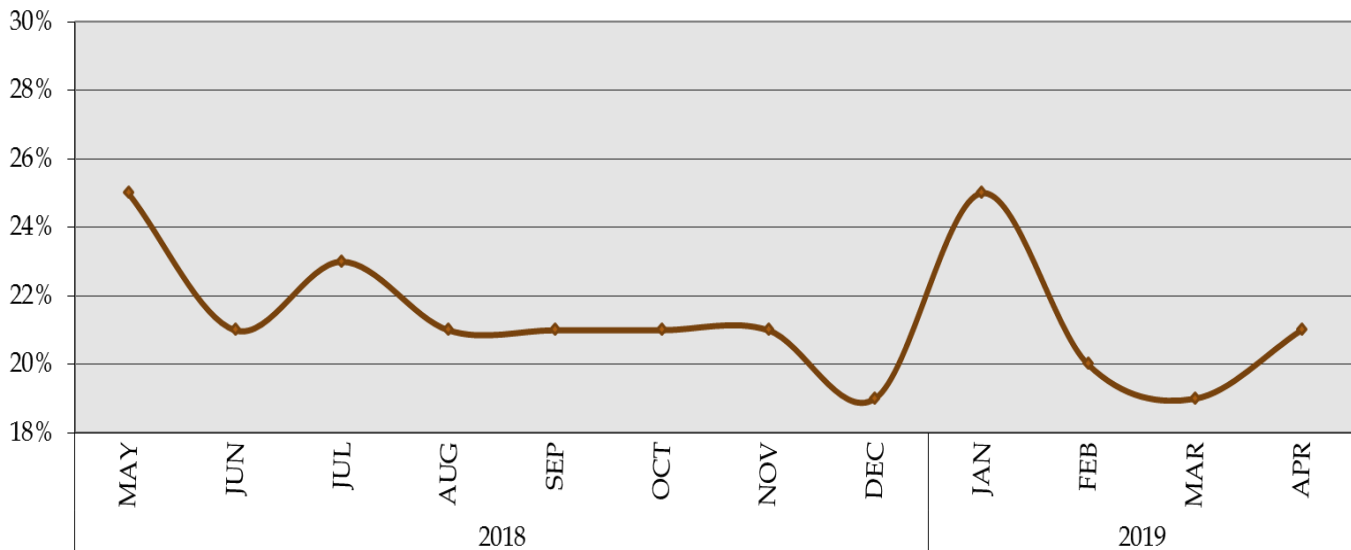
Washington, D.C. – Based on final Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 3,304,000 net tons (NT) of steel in April 2019, including 2,011,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (up 45.5% and 8.1%, respectively, vs. March final data). Through the first four months of 2019, total and finished steel imports are 11,489,000 and 8,067,000 net tons (NT), down 7.8% and 17.0%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2018. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2019 would be 34.5 and 24.2 million NT, up 2.2% and down 5.8%, respectively, vs. 2018. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 21% in April and is estimated at 21% over the first four months of 2019.

Key finished steel products with a significant import increase in April compared to March were wire rods (up 108%), cut lengths plates (up 50%), sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 29%), and hot rolled sheets (up 16%). Major products with significant year-to-date (YTD) increases vs. the same period in 2018 include wire rods (up 19%) and line pipe (up 18%).

Steel Mill Product	Apr. 2019 Prelim.	Mar. 2019 Final	% var Apr. vs. Mar.	YTD 2019 (4 mo.)	YTD 2018 (4 mo.)	% var '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% var 2019 vs 2018
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	1,292,250	408,923	216.0%	3,416,601	2,722,355	25.5%	10,249,804	8,007,909	28.0%
Oil Country Goods	254,191	242,595	4.8%	1,024,419	1,252,044	-18.2%	3,073,257	2,801,554	9.7%
Line Pipe	165,214	201,690	-18.1%	908,346	770,643	17.9%	2,725,038	2,195,926	24.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	237,633	183,778	29.3%	890,927	1,069,066	-16.7%	2,672,781	3,037,149	-12.0%
Sheets Hot Rolled	160,507	138,428	15.9%	652,168	876,530	-25.6%	1,956,503	2,601,208	-24.8%
Sheets Cold Rolled	163,343	149,649	9.2%	620,718	842,657	-26.3%	1,862,153	2,242,872	-17.0%
Plates in Coils	115,253	106,771	7.9%	441,913	527,102	-16.2%	1,325,738	1,566,183	-15.4%
Wire Rods	151,960	72,937	108.3%	422,977	356,739	18.6%	1,268,931	1,153,493	10.0%
Bars - Reinforcing	74,216	100,866	-26.4%	409,935	448,406	-8.6%	1,229,806	1,168,101	5.3%
Bars - Hot Rolled	79,666	74,081	7.5%	311,628	498,143	-37.4%	934,885	1,225,618	-23.7%
Tin Plate	65,765	74,705	-12.0%	259,479	277,040	-6.3%	778,437	769,213	1.2%
Wire Drawn	64,628	61,378	5.3%	250,077	284,461	-12.1%	750,232	767,330	-2.2%
Plates Cut Lengths	66,078	44,017	50.1%	243,194	245,011	-0.7%	729,581	659,767	10.6%
Sheets & Strip All Other Met. Ctd.	41,508	67,378	-38.4%	239,767	339,519	-29.4%	719,300	933,323	-22.9%
Standard Pipe	55,997	55,578	0.8%	237,272	372,624	-36.3%	711,816	884,528	-19.5%
Mechanical Tubing	45,167	44,548	1.4%	194,605	250,595	-22.3%	583,815	656,438	-11.1%
Structural Shapes Heavy	37,501	50,785	-26.2%	185,363	270,882	-31.6%	556,089	569,337	-2.3%
All Other	233,563	193,383	20.8%	779,491	1,051,299	-25.9%	2,338,472	2,491,311	-6.1%
TOTAL	3,304,439	2,271,490	45.5%	11,488,879	12,455,117	-7.8%	34,466,636	33,731,257	2.2%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	2,010,994	1,860,638	8.1%	8,066,910	9,713,794	-17.0%	24,200,731	25,694,317	-5.8%

In April the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (273,000 NT, up 57% from March final), Japan (158,000 NT, up 58%), Germany (143,000 NT, up 52%), Brazil (94,000 NT, up 593%) and Vietnam (78,000 NT, down 3%). For the first four months of 2019, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (995,000 NT, down 30% vs. the same period in 2018), Japan (487,000 NT, down 1%), Germany (452,000 NT, up 11%), Taiwan (355,000 NT, down 9%) and Vietnam (306,000 NT, down 2%). 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	Apr. 2019 Prelim.	Mar. 2019 Final	% incr. Apr. vs. Mar.	YTD 2019 (4 mo.)	YTD 2018 (4 mo.)	% incr. '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% incr. 2019 vs. '18
South Korea	273	174	57.1%	995	1,422	-30.0%	2,984	2,764	8.0%
Japan	158	100	58.3%	487	492	-1.0%	1,462	1,383	5.7%
Germany	143	94	52.1%	452	409	10.6%	1,357	1,339	1.3%
Taiwan	70	111	-36.7%	355	390	-9.1%	1,064	1,069	-0.4%
Vietnam	78	81	-3.3%	306	312	-1.6%	919	1,110	-17.1%
Brazil	94	14	593.3%	259	326	-20.5%	776	479	61.9%
China	63	62	1.3%	244	260	-6.3%	732	696	5.1%
Italy	65	29	127.8%	238	142	67.4%	714	605	18.0%
All Other	1,066	1,197	-10.9%	4,731	5,962	-20.6%	14,193	16,249	-12.7%
Total	2,011	1,861	8.1%	8,067	9,714	-17.0%	24,201	25,694	-5.8%

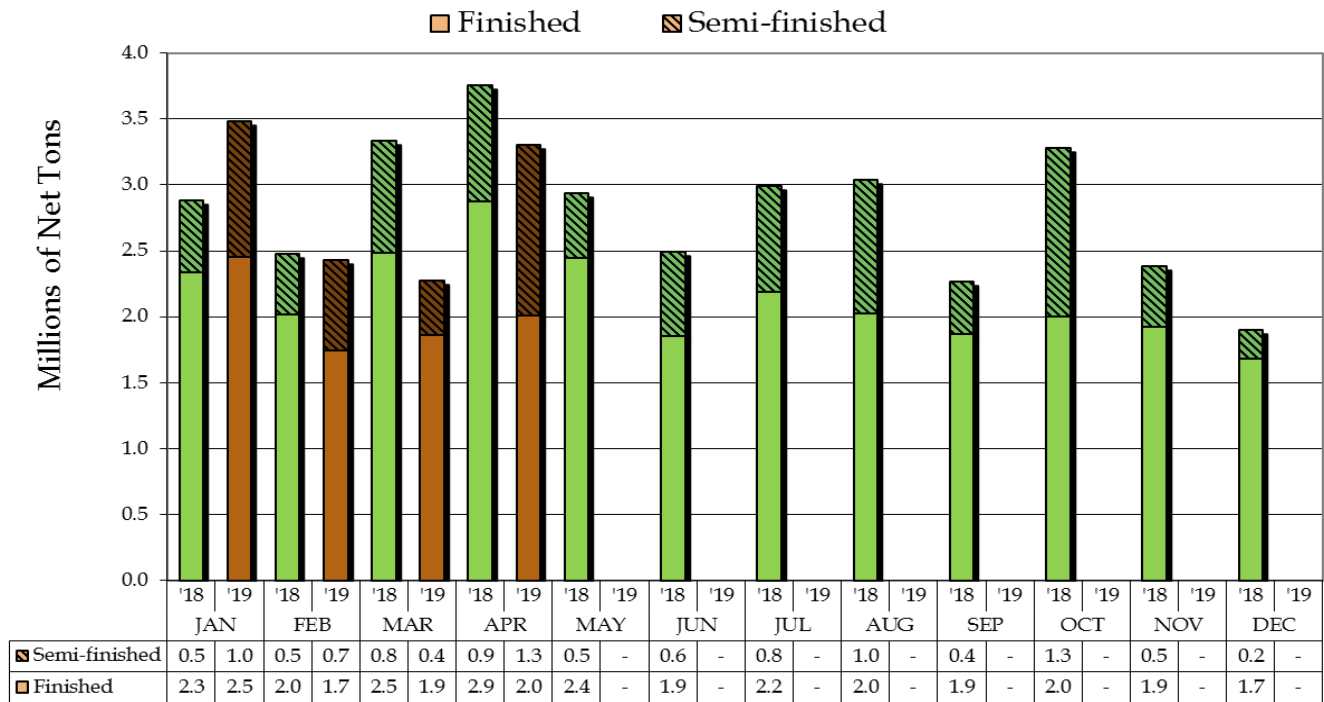
U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE
(thousands of net tons)

Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '19 - Feb. '19	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '19 - Nov. '18	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Oil Country Goods	230	213	8.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	206	233	-11.4%
Line Pipe	194	238	-18.6%
Sheets Hot Rolled	149	194	-23.4%
Sheets Cold Rolled	149	164	-9.5%
Plates in Coils	106	116	-9.1%
Wire Rods	96	118	-18.9%
Bars - Reinforcing	94	73	29.2%
Bars - Hot Rolled	74	93	-20.6%
Tin Plate	65	57	14.0%
All Other	510	517	-1.4%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,872	2,017	-7.2%

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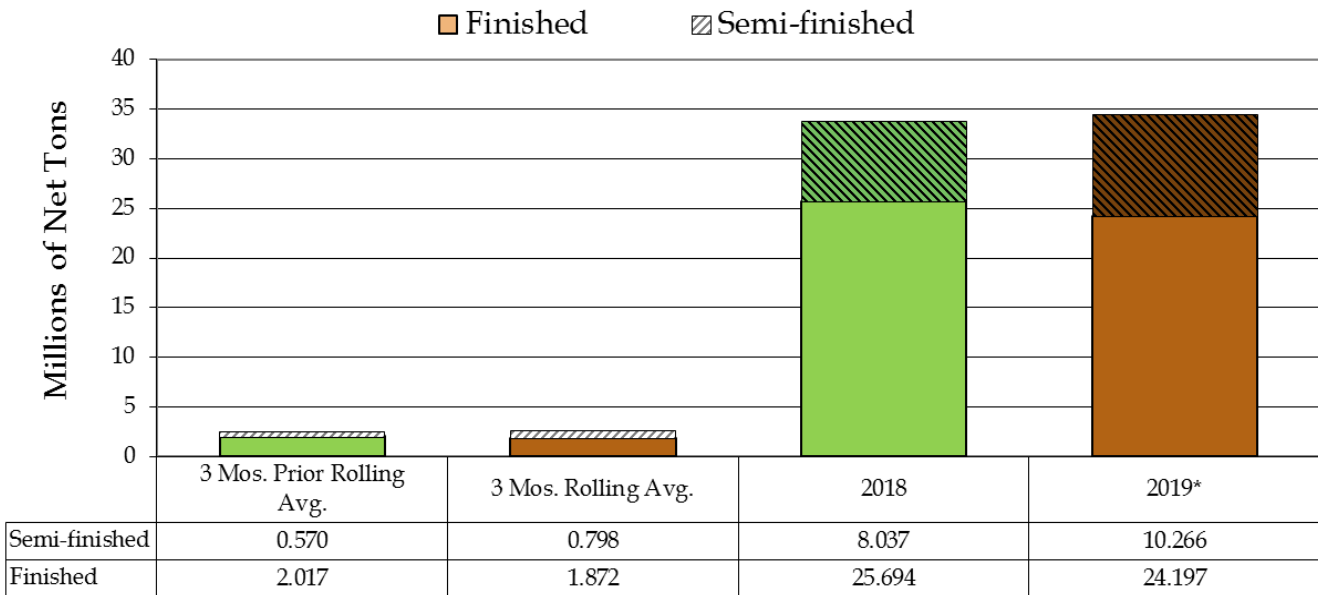
Country	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Apr. '19 - Feb. '19	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jan. '19 - Nov. '18	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
South Korea	211	215	-1.9%
Japan	127	106	19.6%
Germany	106	125	-14.9%
Taiwan	85	84	0.3%
Vietnam	68	108	-37.4%
Italy	56	56	0.1%
China	56	63	-12.2%
Brazil	43	49	-11.1%
Russia	38	38	-0.6%
Thailand	38	29	31.8%
All Other	1,044	1,142	-8.6%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,872	2,017	-7.2%

Monthly Imports 2019 vs. 2018



% change finished imports April 2019 vs. April 2018 -30.1%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2019 vs. 2018



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

% change semi-finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = +27.7%

% change finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = -5.8%

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