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**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 19% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH MAY**  
*Finished Import Market Share YTD at 18%*

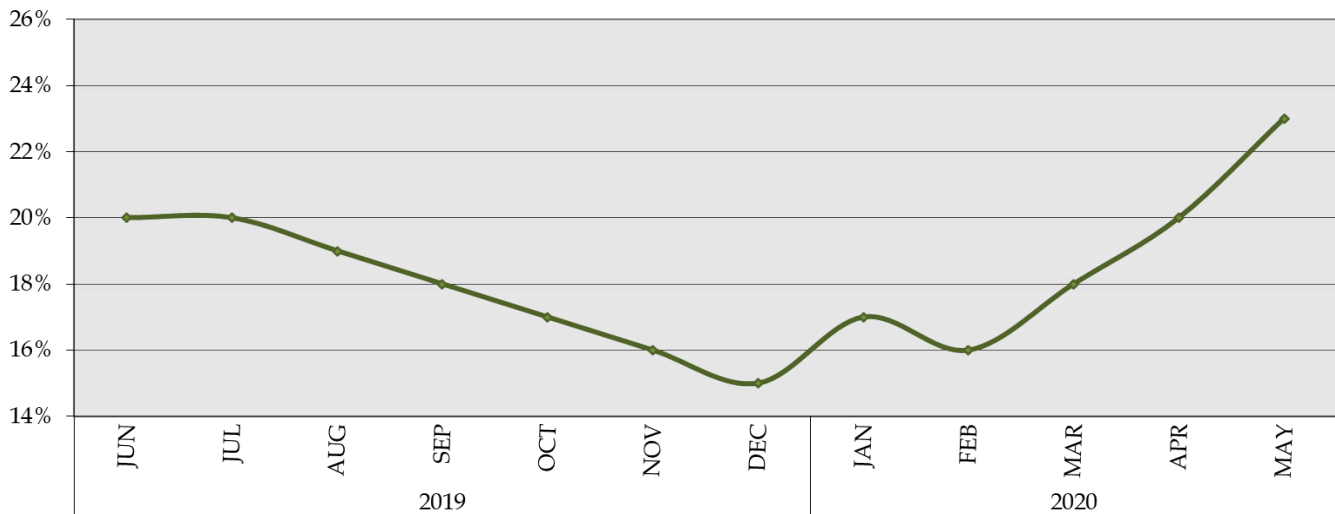
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 1,792,000 net tons (NT) of steel in May 2020, including 1,486,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 35.5% and up 13.2%, respectively, vs. April final data). Through the first five months of 2020, total and finished steel imports are 10,981,000 and 7,308,000 net tons (NT), down 19.2% and 26.7%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2019. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2020 would be 26.4 and 17.5 million NT, down 5.7% and 16.7%, respectively, vs. 2019. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 23% in May and is estimated at 18% over the first five months of 2020.

Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in May compared to April are oil country goods (up 71%), standard pipe (up 44%), heavy structural shapes (up 37%), tin plate (up 31%), hot rolled bars (up 28%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 18%), mechanical tubing (up 17%) and line pipe (up 15%).

Steel Mill Product	May 2020 Prelim.	Apr. 2020 Final	% var May vs. Apr.	YTD 2020 (5 mo.)	YTD 2019 (5 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs 2019
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	304,992	1,462,401	-79.1%	3,664,795	3,625,288	1.1%	8,795,509	6,869,038	28.0%
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	136,810	133,494	2.5%	913,906	1,106,274	-17.4%	2,193,375	2,437,210	-10.0%
Sheets Hot Rolled	121,533	116,242	4.6%	703,085	794,396	-11.5%	1,687,404	1,882,595	-10.4%
Oil Country Goods	159,081	93,160	70.8%	661,084	1,247,200	-47.0%	1,586,601	2,354,111	-32.6%
Sheets Cold Rolled	134,844	124,491	8.3%	625,441	767,636	-18.5%	1,501,058	1,699,164	-11.7%
Bars - Reinforcing	126,256	122,476	3.1%	529,542	577,761	-8.3%	1,270,900	1,103,232	15.2%
Plates in Coils	63,003	72,920	-13.6%	375,625	541,621	-30.6%	901,499	1,155,654	-22.0%
Wire Rods	69,636	67,238	3.6%	331,122	489,266	-32.3%	794,692	943,880	-15.8%
Line Pipe	65,403	56,789	15.2%	321,570	1,050,538	-69.4%	771,767	1,820,403	-57.6%
Bars - Hot Rolled	67,357	52,713	27.8%	310,865	404,783	-23.2%	746,076	901,414	-17.2%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	67,454	57,273	17.8%	295,408	324,093	-8.9%	708,980	692,707	2.3%
Wire Drawn	50,774	58,158	-12.7%	277,823	315,940	-12.1%	666,775	685,618	-2.7%
Standard Pipe	67,770	47,151	43.7%	277,473	301,703	-8.0%	665,935	707,857	-5.9%
Tin Plate	76,033	57,855	31.4%	275,192	315,510	-12.8%	660,461	755,956	-12.6%
Mechanical Tubing	41,769	35,808	16.6%	250,363	238,660	4.9%	600,871	583,301	3.0%
Structural Shapes Heavy	49,979	36,510	36.9%	214,726	259,973	-17.4%	515,342	550,173	-6.3%
Plates Cut Lengths	37,999	34,645	9.7%	169,806	296,671	-42.8%	407,535	584,469	-30.3%
All Other	150,964	147,592	2.3%	783,389	939,764	-16.6%	1,880,135	2,210,462	-14.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,791,656</b>	<b>2,776,917</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>	<b>10,981,214</b>	<b>13,597,078</b>	<b>-19.2%</b>	<b>26,354,914</b>	<b>27,937,243</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,485,656</b>	<b>1,312,827</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>7,308,300</b>	<b>9,965,069</b>	<b>-26.7%</b>	<b>17,539,920</b>	<b>21,051,437</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>

In May the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (229,000 NT, up 42% from April final), Japan (103,000 NT, up 50%), Turkey (85,000 NT, up 61%), Taiwan (81,000 NT, up 70%) and Germany (65,000 NT, up 1%). For the first five months of 2020, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (937,000 NT, down 27% vs. the same period in 2019), Japan (373,000 NT, down 39%), Germany (298,000 NT, down 42%), Turkey (294,000 NT, up 59%) and Taiwan (267,000 NT, down 39%). 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	May 2020 Prelim.	Apr. 2020 Final	% var May vs. Apr.	YTD 2020 (5 mo.)	YTD 2019 (5 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs. '19
South Korea	229	161	42.2%	937	1,287	-27.2%	2,249	2,576	-12.7%
Japan	103	69	49.6%	373	611	-38.9%	896	1,242	-27.9%
Germany	65	64	1.3%	298	517	-42.4%	715	1,043	-31.5%
Turkey	85	53	61.0%	294	185	58.5%	705	328	115.1%
Taiwan	81	48	69.7%	267	436	-38.9%	640	830	-22.9%
Brazil	44	69	-36.0%	255	301	-15.6%	611	534	14.4%
Spain	20	44	-54.4%	168	202	-16.9%	403	445	-9.4%
Netherlands	54	37	45.6%	153	186	-17.8%	367	550	-33.2%
All Other	804	768	4.8%	4,565	6,239	-26.8%	10,956	13,504	-18.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>7,308</b>	<b>9,965</b>	<b>-26.7%</b>	<b>17,540</b>	<b>21,051</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>

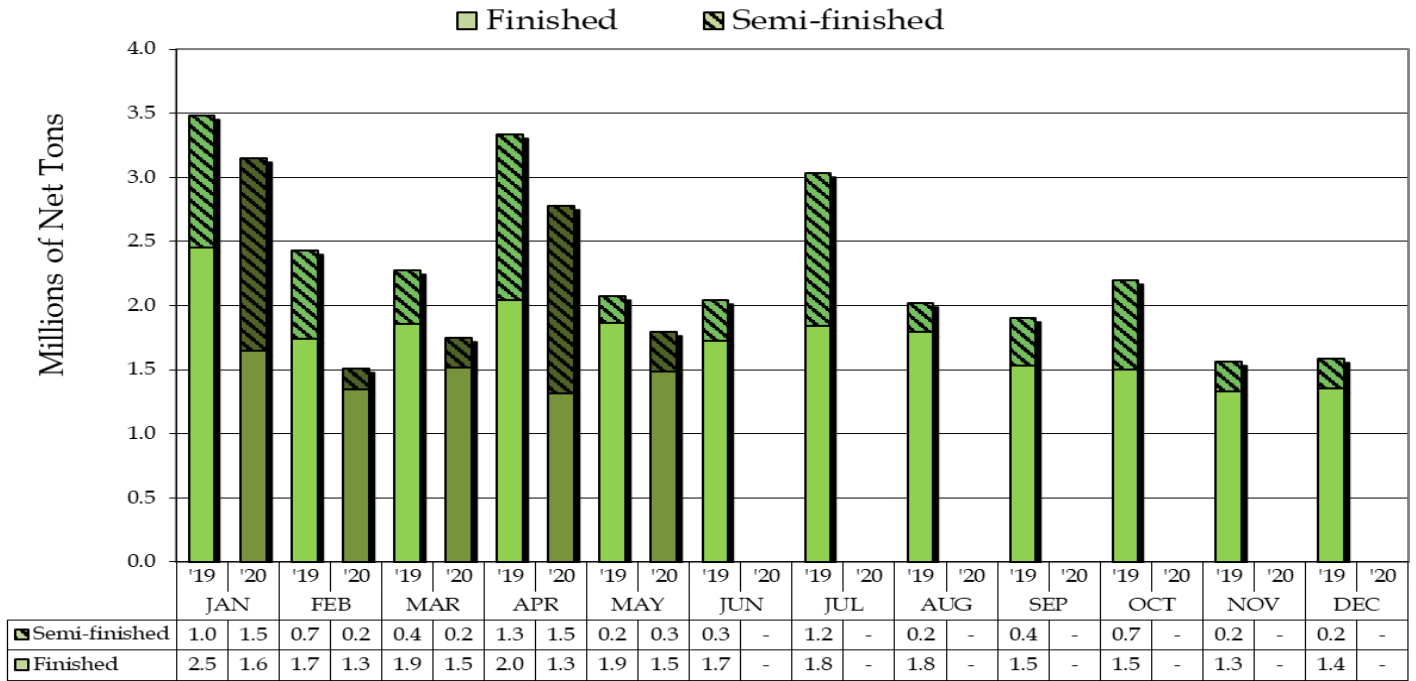
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<b>3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE</b>			
<b>(thousands of net tons)</b>			
<b>Steel Mill Product</b>	<b>Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May '20 - Mar. '20</b>	<b>Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Feb. '20 - Dec. '19</b>	<b>Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change</b>
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	159	199	<b>-20.1%</b>
Oil Country Goods	149	110	<b>35.9%</b>
Sheets Cold Rolled	129	127	<b>1.0%</b>
Sheets Hot Rolled	124	165	<b>-24.6%</b>
Bars - Reinforcing	109	82	<b>32.9%</b>
Line Pipe	69	62	<b>11.5%</b>
Plates in Coils	69	89	<b>-22.7%</b>
Wire Rods	68	57	<b>18.6%</b>
Bars - Hot Rolled	63	63	<b>-0.8%</b>
Tin Plate	62	45	<b>36.3%</b>
All Other	438	452	<b>-3.2%</b>
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South Korea	199	169	<b>17.4%</b>
Japan	76	71	<b>7.1%</b>
Germany	66	60	<b>10.5%</b>
Taiwan	64	36	<b>78.4%</b>
Turkey	57	44	<b>29.9%</b>
Brazil	43	46	<b>-8.0%</b>
Netherlands	39	30	<b>30.8%</b>
Spain	36	31	<b>16.0%</b>
Australia	33	23	<b>42.4%</b>
Vietnam	29	22	<b>29.2%</b>
All Other	798	920	<b>-13.2%</b>
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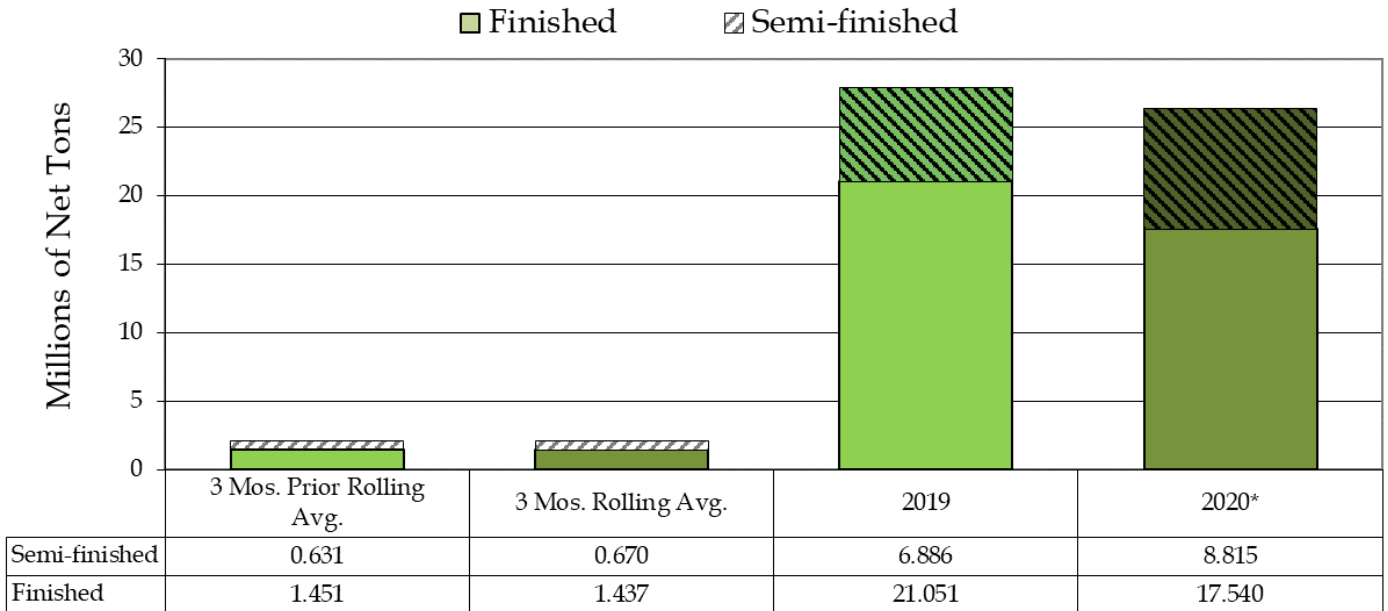
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### Monthly Imports 2020 vs. 2019



% change finished imports May 2020 vs. May 2019 -20.4%

### 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2020 vs. 2019



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -0.9%

% change semi-finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = +28.0%

% change finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = -16.7%

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