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STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 21% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH AUGUST
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 19%

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 1,300,000 net tons (NT) of steel in August 2020, including 1,188,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 51.9% and 13.9%, respectively, vs. July final data). Through the first eight months of 2020, total and finished steel imports are 16,400,000 and 11,211,000 net tons (NT), down 20.7% and 26.9%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2019. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2020 would be 24.6 and 16.8 million NT, down 11.9% and 20.1%, respectively, vs. 2019. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 17% in August and is estimated at 19% over the first eight months of 2020.

Steel Mill Product	Aug. 2020 Prelim.	July 2020 Final	% var Aug. vs. July	YTD 2020 (8 mo.)	YTD 2019 (8 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs 2019
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	111,074	1,322,171	-91.6%	5,178,360	5,346,723	-3.1%	7,767,539	6,869,038	13.1%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	173,445	228,766	-24.2%	1,485,289	1,700,039	-12.6%	2,227,934	2,437,210	-8.6%
Sheets Hot Rolled	107,293	123,241	-12.9%	1,055,597	1,260,136	-16.2%	1,583,396	1,882,595	-15.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	103,425	99,454	4.0%	930,136	1,182,032	-21.3%	1,395,204	1,699,164	-17.9%
Oil Country Goods	45,448	68,970	-34.1%	890,699	1,838,047	-51.5%	1,336,049	2,354,111	-43.2%
Bars - Reinforcing	98,495	125,199	-21.3%	830,889	857,344	-3.1%	1,246,334	1,103,232	13.0%
Plates in Coils	48,082	60,340	-20.3%	542,511	818,671	-33.7%	813,766	1,155,654	-29.6%
Line Pipe	58,738	55,580	5.7%	522,083	1,482,041	-64.8%	783,124	1,820,403	-57.0%
Tin Plate	63,224	86,832	-27.2%	485,528	559,474	-13.2%	728,292	755,956	-3.7%
Wire Rods	42,445	42,929	-1.1%	469,655	724,557	-35.2%	704,483	943,880	-25.4%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic	57,327	55,840	2.7%	464,267	512,140	-9.3%	696,401	692,707	0.5%
Bars - Hot Rolled	44,338	46,896	-5.5%	454,197	628,747	-27.8%	681,295	901,414	-24.4%
Standard Pipe	57,441	58,994	-2.6%	449,260	487,214	-7.8%	673,890	707,857	-4.8%
Wire Drawn	53,015	53,967	-1.8%	434,835	494,406	-12.0%	652,253	685,618	-4.9%
Mechanical Tubing	35,305	36,364	-2.9%	363,989	393,466	-7.5%	545,984	583,301	-6.4%
Structural Shapes Heavy	16,370	38,659	-57.7%	295,305	417,986	-29.4%	442,958	550,173	-19.5%
Structural Pipe & Tubing	34,326	31,307	9.6%	262,598	283,865	-7.5%	393,896	416,775	-5.5%
All Other	150,350	167,342	-10.2%	1,285,283	1,703,960	-24.6%	1,927,924	2,378,156	-18.9%
TOTAL	1,300,139	2,702,852	-51.9%	16,400,481	20,690,848	-20.7%	24,600,722	27,937,243	-11.9%
SUBTOTAL Finished Imports	1,187,984	1,379,949	-13.9%	11,210,508	15,332,431	-26.9%	16,815,762	21,051,437	-20.1%

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In August the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (112,000 NT, down 29% from July final), Japan (55,000 NT, up 9%), Germany (50,000 NT, up 8%), Turkey (46,000 NT, down 11%) and The Netherlands (36,000 NT, down 14%). For the first eight months of 2020, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (1,394,000 NT, down 26% vs. the same period in 2019), Japan (539,000 NT, down 43%), Germany (473,000 NT, down 38%), Turkey (420,000 NT, up 89%) and Taiwan (404,000 NT, down 40%). 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



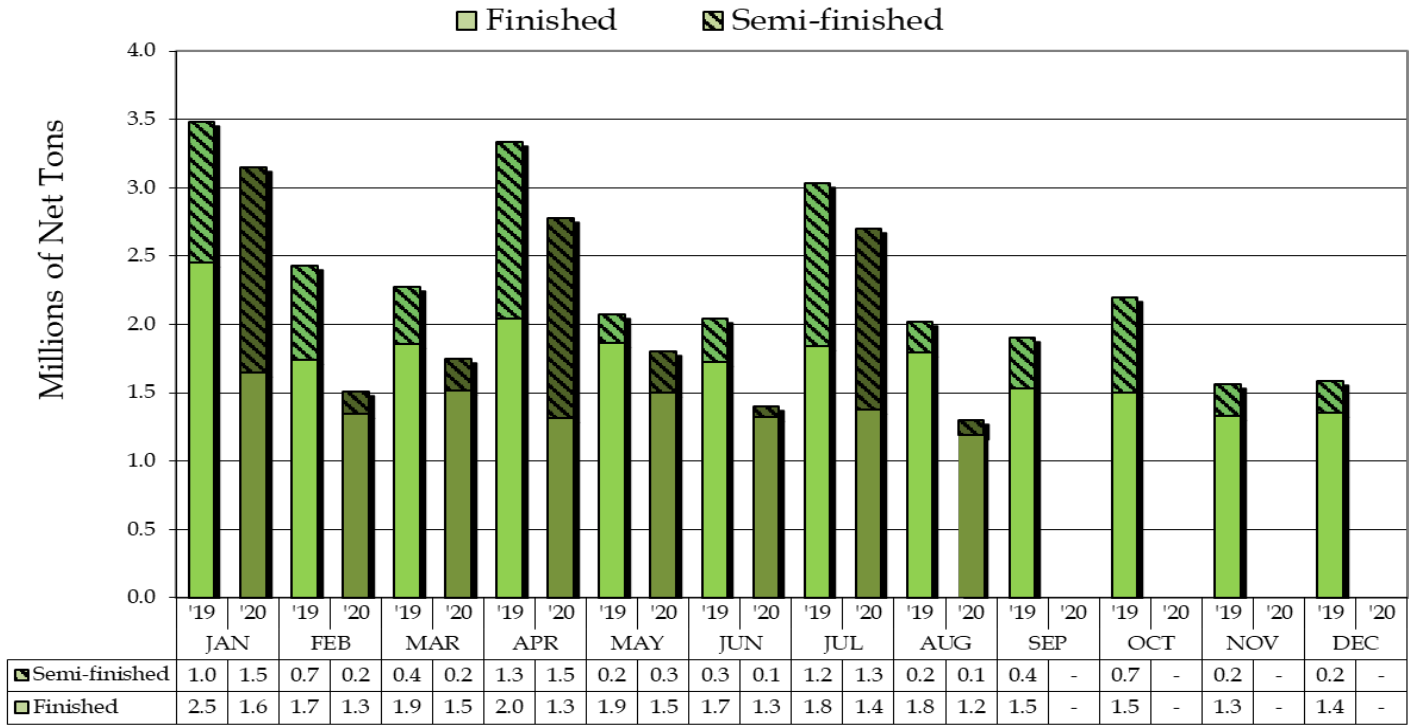
U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(thousands of net tons)

COUNTRY	Aug. 2020 Prelim.	July 2020 Final	% var Aug. vs. July	YTD 2020 (8 mo.)	YTD 2019 (8 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs. '19
South Korea	112	158	-29.0%	1,394	1,892	-26.3%	2,091	2,576	-18.8%
Japan	55	50	8.6%	539	944	-43.0%	808	1,242	-34.9%
Germany	50	47	7.6%	473	767	-38.3%	710	1,043	-32.0%
Turkey	46	52	-10.9%	420	222	89.4%	631	328	92.5%
Taiwan	34	37	-10.4%	404	668	-39.5%	606	830	-26.9%
Brazil	7	88	-92.0%	380	413	-8.1%	570	534	6.7%
Netherlands	36	42	-14.3%	266	357	-25.7%	398	550	-27.6%
China	29	64	-55.4%	265	441	-39.9%	398	544	-26.9%
All Other	820	842	-2.6%	7,069	9,627	-26.6%	10,604	13,405	-20.9%
Total	1,188	1,380	-13.9%	11,211	15,332	-26.9%	16,816	21,051	-20.1%

U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS			
3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE			
(thousands of net tons)			
Steel Mill Product	Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Aug. '20 - Jun. '20	Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. May '20 - Mar. '20	Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	190	159	19.9%
Sheets Hot Rolled	118	124	-5.5%
Sheets Cold Rolled	102	129	-21.0%
Bars - Reinforcing	100	109	-8.2%
Oil Country Goods	74	152	-51.2%
Tin Plate	70	62	13.8%
Line Pipe	67	69	-3.1%
Standard Pipe	57	56	1.4%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	56	56	0.2%
Plates in Coils	56	69	-19.0%
All Other	406	458	-11.3%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,296	1,442	-10.1%

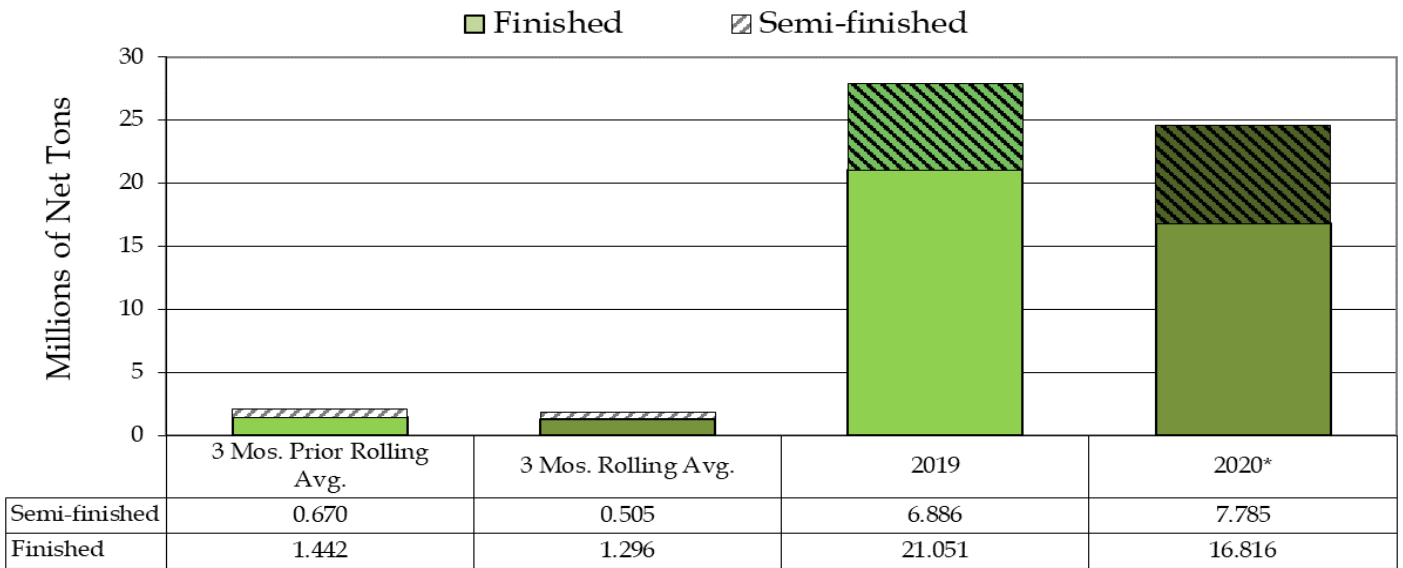
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South Korea	152	199	-23.4%
Germany	58	66	-11.1%
Japan	55	76	-27.4%
Taiwan	45	64	-29.2%
China	44	27	61.8%
Turkey	42	57	-25.4%
Brazil	39	45	-13.1%
Netherlands	38	39	-3.6%
Vietnam	27	29	-4.4%
Spain	26	36	-27.9%
All Other	768	805	-4.6%
TOTAL Finished Imports	1,296	1,442	-10.1%

Monthly Imports 2020 vs. 2019



% change finished imports August 2020 vs. August 2019 -33.8%

3 Month Rolling Averages and 2020 vs. 2019



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -10.1%

% change semi-finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = +13.1%

% change finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = -20.1%

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