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**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 21.9% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER  
Finished Import Market Share YTD at 18%**

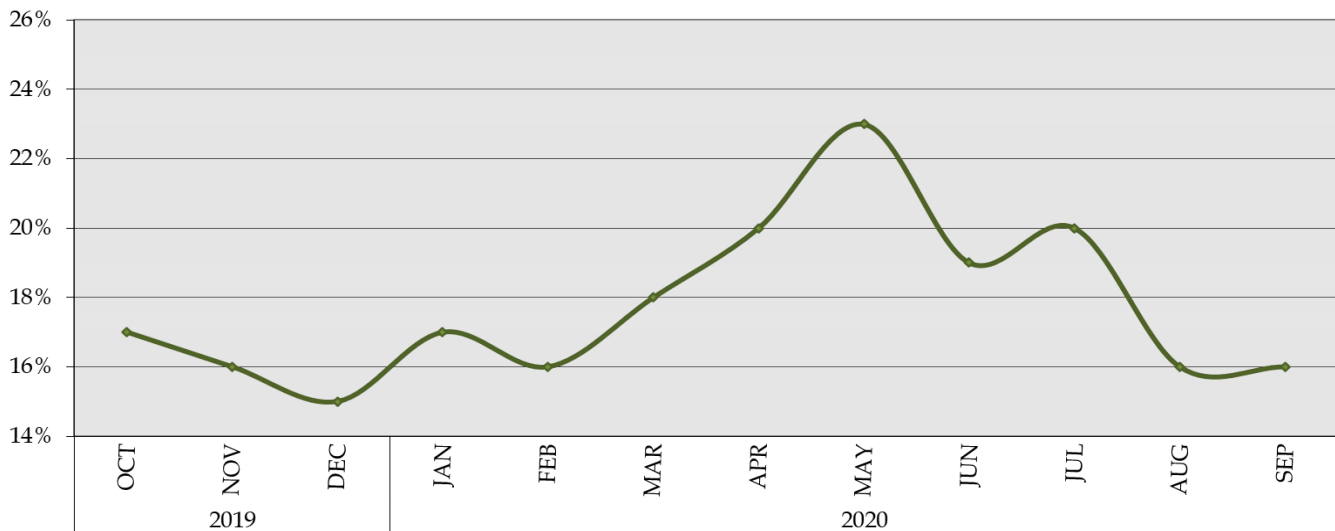
**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 1,255,000 net tons (NT) of steel in September 2020, including 1,166,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 2.8% and 1.1%, respectively, vs. August final data). Through the first nine months of 2020, total and finished steel imports are 17,646,000 and 12,367,000 net tons (NT), down 21.9% and 26.7%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2019. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2020 would be 23.5 and 16.5 million NT, down 15.8% and 21.7%, respectively, vs. 2019. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 16% in September and is estimated at 18% over the first nine months of 2020.

Key finished steel products with a significant increase in imports in September compared to August are heavy structural shapes (up 114%), hot rolled sheets (up 41%), plates in coils (up 28%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 19%), tin plate (up 11%) and sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 10%).

Steel Mill Product	Sep. 2020 Prelim.	Aug. 2020 Final	% var Sep. vs. Aug.	YTD 2020 (9 mo.)	YTD 2019 (9 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs 2019
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	88,354	111,075	<b>-20.5%</b>	5,266,715	5,715,279	<b>-7.8%</b>	7,022,287	6,869,038	<b>2.2%</b>
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	190,710	173,618	<b>9.8%</b>	1,676,172	1,896,187	<b>-11.6%</b>	2,234,896	2,437,210	<b>-8.3%</b>
Sheets Hot Rolled	151,564	107,293	<b>41.3%</b>	1,207,162	1,426,948	<b>-15.4%</b>	1,609,549	1,882,595	<b>-14.5%</b>
Sheets Cold Rolled	74,046	103,616	<b>-28.5%</b>	1,004,373	1,319,034	<b>-23.9%</b>	1,339,163	1,699,164	<b>-21.2%</b>
Oil Country Goods	25,447	45,829	<b>-44.5%</b>	916,527	1,988,337	<b>-53.9%</b>	1,222,036	2,354,111	<b>-48.1%</b>
Bars - Reinforcing	43,079	98,495	<b>-56.3%</b>	873,968	934,644	<b>-6.5%</b>	1,165,290	1,103,232	<b>5.6%</b>
Plates in Coils	61,461	48,082	<b>27.8%</b>	603,972	898,978	<b>-32.8%</b>	805,296	1,155,654	<b>-30.3%</b>
Line Pipe	45,502	48,855	<b>-6.9%</b>	557,702	1,590,352	<b>-64.9%</b>	743,602	1,820,403	<b>-59.2%</b>
Tin Plate	70,087	63,224	<b>10.9%</b>	555,615	614,833	<b>-9.6%</b>	740,821	755,956	<b>-2.0%</b>
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic	68,632	57,571	<b>19.2%</b>	533,143	572,234	<b>-6.8%</b>	710,858	692,707	<b>2.6%</b>
Wire Rods	43,237	42,445	<b>1.9%</b>	512,892	780,238	<b>-34.3%</b>	683,856	943,880	<b>-27.5%</b>
Bars - Hot Rolled	45,096	44,358	<b>1.7%</b>	499,313	692,959	<b>-27.9%</b>	665,751	901,414	<b>-26.1%</b>
Standard Pipe	49,112	57,463	<b>-14.5%</b>	498,394	539,766	<b>-7.7%</b>	664,525	707,857	<b>-6.1%</b>
Wire Drawn	50,140	52,377	<b>-4.3%</b>	484,337	544,325	<b>-11.0%</b>	645,783	685,618	<b>-5.8%</b>
Mechanical Tubing	28,817	35,451	<b>-18.7%</b>	392,952	437,872	<b>-10.3%</b>	523,936	583,301	<b>-10.2%</b>
Structural Shapes Heavy	34,258	16,028	<b>113.7%</b>	329,221	459,394	<b>-28.3%</b>	438,961	550,173	<b>-20.2%</b>
Structural Pipe & Tubing	35,195	34,354	<b>2.4%</b>	297,821	318,588	<b>-6.5%</b>	397,095	416,775	<b>-4.7%</b>
All Other	149,930	150,763	<b>-0.6%</b>	1,435,625	1,862,843	<b>-22.9%</b>	1,914,167	2,378,156	<b>-19.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,254,667</b>	<b>1,290,895</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	<b>17,645,904</b>	<b>22,592,812</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>	<b>23,527,873</b>	<b>27,937,243</b>	<b>-15.8%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,165,581</b>	<b>1,178,739</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>12,366,845</b>	<b>16,864,716</b>	<b>-26.7%</b>	<b>16,489,126</b>	<b>21,051,437</b>	<b>-21.7%</b>

In September the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (124,000 NT, up 11% from August final), Taiwan (58,000 NT, up 73%), Japan (57,000 NT, up 28%), Germany (52,000 NT, up 3%) and The Netherlands (33,000 NT, down 10%). For the first nine months of 2020, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (1,519,000 NT, down 26% vs. the same period in 2019), Japan (586,000 NT, down 42%), Germany (525,000 NT, down 37%), Taiwan (463,000 NT, down 37%) and Turkey (427,000 NT, up 65%). 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)**

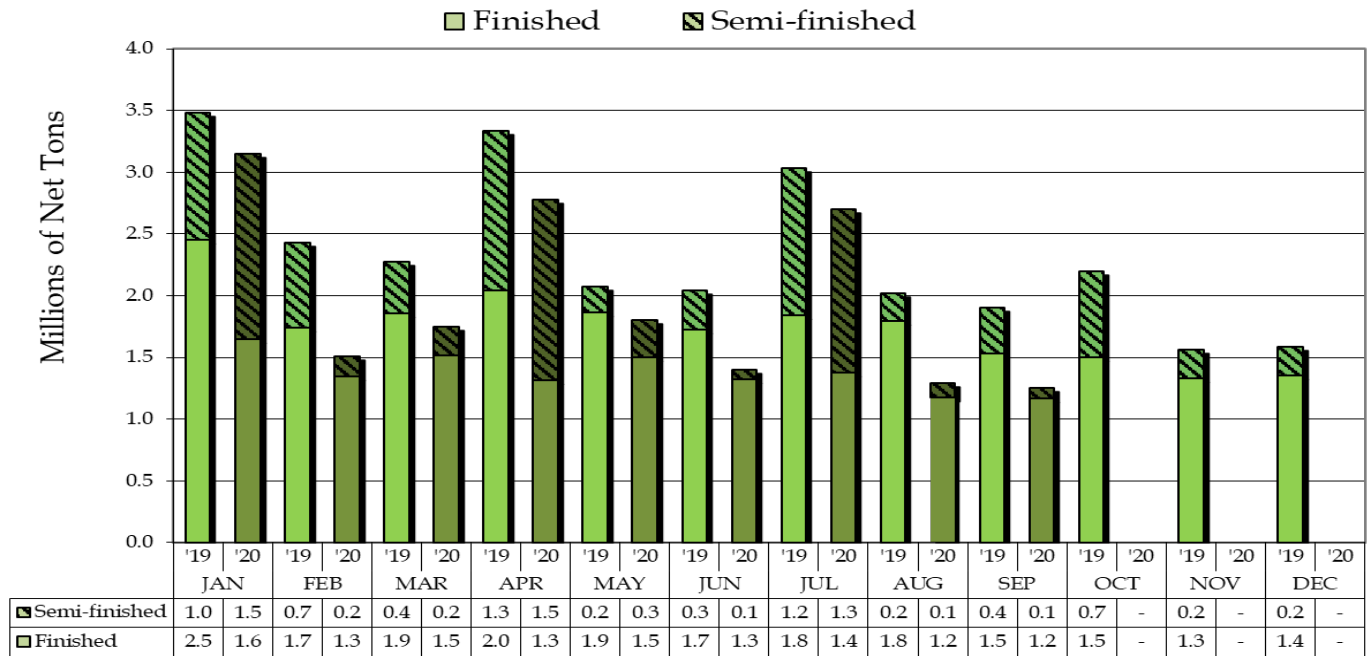
COUNTRY	Sep. 2020 Prelim.	Aug. 2020 Final	% var Sep. vs. Aug.	YTD 2020 (9 mo.)	YTD 2019 (9 mo.)	% var '20 vs. '19	2020 Ann.	2019 12 mo.	% var 2020 vs. '19
South Korea	124	112	10.5%	1,519	2,050	-25.9%	2,025	2,576	-21.4%
Japan	57	45	28.1%	586	1,016	-42.3%	781	1,242	-37.1%
Germany	52	50	3.3%	525	832	-36.9%	700	1,043	-32.9%
Taiwan	58	34	73.0%	463	729	-36.6%	617	830	-25.7%
Turkey	7	46	-85.8%	427	259	65.1%	570	328	73.9%
Brazil	33	7	366.8%	412	451	-8.6%	550	534	3.0%
Netherlands	33	36	-9.5%	298	396	-24.7%	398	550	-27.7%
China	20	29	-29.5%	285	471	-39.4%	380	544	-30.1%
All Other	782	820	-4.6%	7,852	10,661	-26.4%	10,469	13,405	-21.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>12,367</b>	<b>16,865</b>	<b>-26.7%</b>	<b>16,489</b>	<b>21,051</b>	<b>-21.7%</b>

<b>U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS</b>			
<b>3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE</b>			
<b>(thousands of net tons)</b>			
<b>Steel Mill Product</b>	<b>Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '20 - Jul. '20</b>	<b>Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jun. '20 - Apr. '20</b>	<b>Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change</b>
Sheets & Strip Galv Hot Dipped	198	146	<b>35.0%</b>
Sheets Hot Rolled	127	120	<b>6.2%</b>
Sheets Cold Rolled	92	120	<b>-23.3%</b>
Bars - Reinforcing	89	109	<b>-18.3%</b>
Tin Plate	73	65	<b>13.4%</b>
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic Ctd.	61	60	<b>0.9%</b>
Plates in Coils	57	65	<b>-12.6%</b>
Standard Pipe	55	57	<b>-2.8%</b>
Wire Drawn	52	53	<b>-1.6%</b>
Line Pipe	50	69	<b>-28.0%</b>
All Other	387	513	<b>-24.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>

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South Korea	132	192	<b>-31.6%</b>
Japan	51	77	<b>-34.5%</b>
Germany	49	69	<b>-28.6%</b>
Taiwan	43	65	<b>-34.1%</b>
Brazil	43	48	<b>-11.4%</b>
China	38	34	<b>10.9%</b>
Netherlands	37	42	<b>-11.5%</b>
Turkey	35	56	<b>-37.4%</b>
Vietnam	27	27	<b>-0.2%</b>
United Kingdom	23	17	<b>33.7%</b>
All Other	765	750	<b>2.0%</b>
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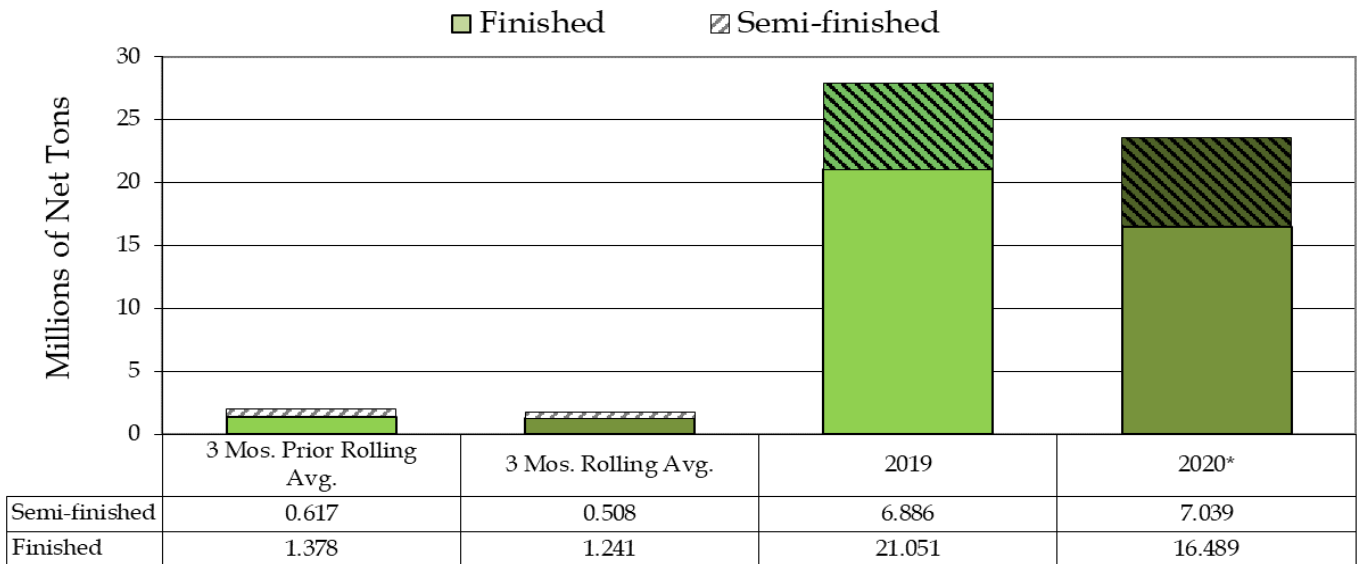
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### Monthly Imports 2020 vs. 2019



% change finished imports September 2020 vs. September 2019 -23.9%

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



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -9.9%

% change semi-finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = +2.0%

% change finished imports 2020 vs. 2019 = -21.7%

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