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## STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 12,065 tons in October, 1955, compared with 9,927 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 8,335 tons of plain wire, 3,389 tons of galvanized wire, 168 tons of other coated wire, 97 tons of barbed wire and 76 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in October of last year, the amounts being 1,272 tons and 612 tons, respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 9,295 tons from 7,713 tons in October, 1954.

Table 1 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	October, 1954		October, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<b>Steel wire -</b>				
Plain .....	23,203	6,757	28,724	8,335
Galvanized .....	5,096	2,798	5,911	3,389
Other coated .....	128	119	195	168
Barbed .....	466	145	406	97
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	164	108	132	76
<b>Wire fencing -</b>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	559	294	938	736
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	57	13	41	18
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ....	329	305	563	498
<b>Wire rope -</b>				
Steel wire rope .....	1,792	1,988	2,104	1,887
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...	137	174	133	161
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	705	600	877	859
<b>Nails, tacks and staples -</b>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	9,067	7,713	9,385	9,295
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	61	56	79	102
Nails, aluminum .....	10	10	13	15
Wire staples, steel .....	89	51	142	75
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	110	112	73	79

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Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Ten Months Ended October, 1954 and 1955

	Ten months ended October, 1954		Ten months ended October, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<b>Steel wire -</b>				
Plain .....	215,331	60,895	251,160	76,582*
Galvanized .....	51,275	23,777	58,611	28,206
Other coated .....	1,457	1,198	1,930	1,475
Barbed .....	7,080	7,920	8,514	8,909
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes .....	1,837	1,071	1,419	810
<b>Wire fencing -</b>				
Woven wire farm fencing .....	10,760	11,340	11,906	13,076
Woven wire lawn fencing .....	1,187	1,180	1,153	1,166
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	3,611	3,381	4,227	3,963
<b>Wire rope -</b>				
Steel wire rope .....	13,143	16,001	17,671	18,812
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ..	966	982	943	980
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire) .....	6,175	5,807	6,039	6,283
<b>Nails, tacks and staples -</b>				
Wire nails, iron and steel .....	67,078	67,223	72,243	80,559
Cut nails, iron and steel .....	605	577	705	744
Nails, aluminum .....	72	70	73	75
Wire staples, steel .....	1,577	1,674	1,374	1,440
Tacks of steel, brass and copper .....	792	869	770	832

\* Revised.

**NOTE:** Data on imports during September and October and exports during October are not yet available.

