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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 11,318 tons in April, 1955, compared with 9,125 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 7,244 tons of plain wire, 2,714 tons of galvanized wire, 167 tons of other coated wire, 1,112 tons of barbed wire and 81 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in April of last year, the amounts being 3,339 tons and 2,782 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were down to 6,135 tons from 8,094 tons in April, 1954.

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

Item	April, 1954		April, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Steel wire -				
Plain	22,214	5,598	24,359	7,244
Galvanized	5,368	2,229	6,166	2,714
Other coated	140	90	210	167
Barbed	613	1,101	1,086	1,112
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	196	107	144	81
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	1,340	2,232	1,254	2,583
Woven wire lawn fencing	171	253	138	324
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	291	297	325	433
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,495	1,333	1,814	1,829
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...	145	98	84	101
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	684	1,185	488	488
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,115	8,094	7,007	6,135
Cut nails, iron and steel	61	59	78	64
Nails, aluminum	5	2	7	5
Wire staples, steel	193	207	167	186
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	89	80	93	84

* Revised.

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

Item	Four months ended April, 1954		Four months ended April, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Steel wire -				
Plain	83,216	23,000	93,891	29,130
Galvanized	20,711	9,023	23,245	10,204
Other coated	654	538	735	577
Barbed	2,888	3,876	4,087	5,168
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	912	505	737	410
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	4,744	5,499	4,989	5,744
Woven wire lawn fencing	686	671	645	619
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	1,141	722	1,317	982
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	5,357	5,909	6,519	6,852
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...	416*	363	395	381
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	2,497*	2,261	1,858	1,540
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	23,423	22,318	24,260	26,956
Cut nails, iron and steel	235	230	248	271
Nails, aluminum	25	23	29	24
Wire staples, steel	631	711	524	666
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	321	340	332	311

* Revised.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	March, 1955		Three months ended March, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	700,200	46,622	1,520,100	101,180
Wire of steel, drawn flat or cold rolled flat after drawing, not more than .25 inch in width and less than .1875 inch in thickness, coated or not, n.o.p.	69,300	12,536	101,900	18,877
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	248,000	24,346	803,600	87,391
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	35,500	15,952	160,100	49,910
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	656,500	111,063	2,479,300	405,712
Wire for upholstery springs	108,100	8,937	282,400	23,242

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products (Concluded)

	March, 1955		Three months ended March, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	19,000	9,666	36,300	17,111
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	1,764,200	194,277	6,045,200	650,145
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ...	-	26,868	-	74,179
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	500	168	5,000	1,523
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	999,800	172,715	2,579,900	412,654
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	38,828	-	70,705
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	17,222	-	47,837
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	7,917	-	12,457
Cut nails	21,400	7,313	95,200	20,792
Tacks of all kinds	5,210	1,266	11,032	3,188
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	973,400	70,421	2,141,500	149,247
Nails and brads	18,824	5,658	73,532	20,405

NOTE: "n.o.p." means "not otherwise provided for" in the statistical classification.

Data on imports during April are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	April, 1955		Four months ended April, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	-	-
Other wire of iron and steel	-	6,048	-	30,400
Woven wire fencing	-	95	-	607
Wire nails	52,500	5,405	189,700	19,391
Tacks	26,900	6,377	105,000	22,161
Nails and brads, other	27,900	3,125	85,800	12,257

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