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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 9,734 tons in August, 1955, compared with 8,779 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 6,720 tons of plain wire, 2,421 tons of galvanized wire, 105 tons of other coated wire, 435 tons of barbed wire and 53 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in August of last year, the amounts being 1,347 tons and 895 tons, respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 8,412 tons from 6,996 tons in August, 1954.

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

Item	August, 1954		August, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	21,146	6,121	24,909	6,720
Galvanized	3,867	1,972	4,901	2,421
Other coated	103	129	186	105
Barbed	587	491	629	435
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	124	66	88	53
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	690	494	941	873
Woven wire lawn fencing	22	38	39	21
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	421	363	479	453
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	1,101	1,708	1,992	2,248
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...	66*	86*	81	93
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	530*	475*	648	687
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	7,257	6,996	8,101	8,412
Cut nails, iron and steel	75	74	66	71
Nails, aluminum	8	9	6	7
Wire staples, steel	114	87	87	103
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	61	60	63	96

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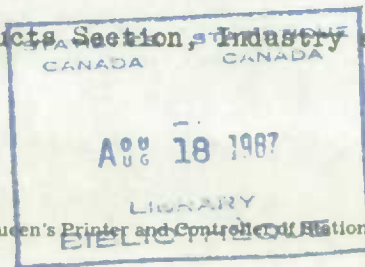


Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Eight Months Ended August, 1954 and 1955

	Eight months ended August, 1954		Eight months ended August, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	166,504	46,797	192,878	59,442
Galvanized	40,641	18,131	46,182	21,866
Other coated	1,166	965	1,534	1,145
Barbed	6,027	7,440	7,446	8,544
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,520	853	1,144	661
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	9,272	10,418	9,844	11,378
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,109	1,151	1,076	1,119
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)	2,848	2,575	3,060	2,884
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	9,626	12,319	13,458	14,722
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less	714	664	668	654
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	4,767	4,492	4,217	4,566
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	50,256	51,505	53,879	62,068
Cut nails, iron and steel	475	464	532	563
Nails, aluminum	52	50	50	44
Wire staples, steel	1,352	1,553	1,098	1,286
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	590	665	606	631

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	July, 1955		Seven months ended July, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	756,300	54,907	4,150,900	285,179
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.	36,800	10,156	322,700	63,914
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	166,200	27,420	1,743,100	215,450
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	57,200	18,019	505,700	168,894
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	1,336,600	237,968	7,304,700	1,203,628
Wire for upholstery springs	104,400	9,283	712,700	60,633

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

Item	July, 1955		Seven months ended July, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	14,200	5,083	105,100	45,512
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	2,188,600	242,806	16,211,200	1,790,833
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ...	-	24,308	-	193,102
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	2,100	644	10,600	3,385
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,973,100	231,998	8,446,500	1,154,501
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	14,183	-	143,258
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	8,682	-	109,311
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	248	-	16,083
Cut nails	192,600	18,874	461,200	73,892
Tacks of all kinds	4,485	1,676	24,223	8,098
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	928,800	68,246	7,222,100	520,690
Nails and brads	35,661	8,289	208,663	55,687

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

Data on imports during August are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	August, 1955		Eight months ended August, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	5,500	484	11,000	951
Other wire of iron and steel	-	13,716	-	49,986
Woven wire fencing	-	1,534	-	2,519
Wire nails	155,700	16,603	714,100	75,602
Tacks	19,700	3,708	204,900	42,960
Nails and brads, other	1,900	300	135,600	17,581

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