

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

OTTAWA - CANADA

Published by Authority of the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce



Memorandum

Vol. 10-No. 9

September, 1955

Price: \$1.00 per year, 10¢ per copy.

STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 13,259 tons in September, 1955, compared with 10,748 tons in the corresponding month of 1954. This month's total included 9,805 tons of plain wire, 2,951 tons of galvanized wire, 162 tons of other coated wire, 268 tons of barbed wire and 73 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in September of last year, the amounts being 1,552 tons and 1,145 tons, respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 9,196 tons from 8,005 tons in September, 1954.

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

Item	STATISTICS CANADA		September, 1954		September, 1955	
			Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	AUG 18 1955		(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -						
Plain			25,624	7,341	29,558	9,805
Galvanized			5,538	2,848	6,518	2,951
Other coated			163	114	201	162
Barbed			587	335	662	268
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes			153	110	143	73
Wire fencing -						
Woven wire farm fencing			929	628	1,124	942
Woven wire lawn fencing			21	16	36	29
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing)			434	501	604	581
Wire rope -						
Steel wire rope			1,725	1,794	2,109	2,203
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ...			115	144	142	165
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)			703	715	945	858
Nails, tacks and staples -						
Wire nails, iron and steel			7,755	8,005	8,979	9,196
Cut nails, iron and steel			69	57	94	79
Nails, aluminum			10	10	10	16
Wire staples, steel			136	70	134	79
Tacks of steel, brass and copper			92	92	91	122

Prepared in the Metal and Chemical Products Section, Industry and Merchandising Division.

6512-514-95

(over)

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

	Nine months ended September, 1954		Nine months ended September, 1955	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	192,128	54,138	222,436	69,247
Galvanized	46,179	20,979	52,700	24,817
Other coated	1,329	1,079	1,735	1,307
Barbed	6,614	7,775	8,108	8,812
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,673	963	1,287	734
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	10,201	11,046	10,968	12,320
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,130	1,167	1,112	1,148
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	3,282	3,076	3,664	3,465
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	11,351	14,113	15,567	16,925
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less ..	829	808	810	819
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	5,470	5,207	5,162	5,424
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	58,011	59,510	62,858	71,264
Cut nails, iron and steel	544	521	626	642
Nails, aluminum	62	60	60	60
Wire staples, steel	1,488	1,623	1,232	1,365
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	682	757	697	753

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	August, 1955		Eight months ended August, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	301,800	23,755	8,603,600	308,934
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.	25,400	5,704	348,100	69,618
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	840,100	86,401	2,583,200	301,851
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	208,000	26,566	713,700	195,460
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	1,472,600	157,594	8,777,300	1,361,222
Wire for upholstery springs	394,800	35,776	1,107,500	96,409

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

Item	August, 1955		Eight months ended August, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	25,700	11,324	130,800	56,836
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	3,260,800	390,666	19,472,000	2,181,499
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ...	-	22,745	-	215,847
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	2,300	779	12,900	4,164
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	1,983,400	245,743	10,429,900	1,400,244
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	11,734	-	154,992
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	17,099	-	126,410
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	400	-	16,483
Cut nails	73,900	12,401	535,100	86,293
Tacks of all kinds	10,842	3,479	35,065	11,577
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,196,000	81,885	8,418,100	602,575
Nails and brads	25,473	9,608	234,136	65,295

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

Data on imports during September are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	September, 1955		Nine months ended September, 1955	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	11,000	951
Other wire of iron and steel	-	94	-	50,080
Woven wire fencing	-	1,020	-	3,539
Wire nails	152,800	16,507	866,900	92,109
Tacks	26,300	5,502	231,200	48,462
Nails and brads, other	1,700	332	137,300	17,913



1010638270