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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

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TABLE 1. Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products,
April

Item	1960		1961	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
net tons of 2,000 pounds				
<u>Steel Wire:</u>				
Uncoated, plain, round (including oiled and annealed)	24,551	8,781	24,611	9,720
Coated, round - Galvanized	4,655	2,783	5,085	2,878
Other coated	308	345	468	367
Flat, maximum .05 sq. in. cross section area and maximum .50" wide, and all other shapes, in all finishes and coatings	354	179	334	203
Barbed	375	612	441	713
Bale ties	157	167	202	165
<u>Welded or woven wire:</u>				
Welded or woven wire farm fencing	964	2,002	1,478	2,570
Welded or woven wire lawn fencing	152	211	208	262
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fences):				
(a) 9 gauge and heavier	214	145 ^r	244	217
(b) Lighter than 9 gauge	249	560 ^r	367	686
Welded or woven wire mesh, steel (for concrete reinforcement or purposes other than fencing):				
(a) Bright or uncoated	2,246	2,384	2,601	2,749
(b) Galvanized	297	199	300	349
<u>Wire rope and wire strand:</u>				
Steel wire rope	2,147	1,885	1,690	1,776
Strand (except multiple strand):				
(a) 5/32" in diameter and smaller	49	51	87	60
(b) Larger than 5/32" in diameter (coated or uncoated)	600	540	607	410
<u>Nails, tacks and staples:</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	4,911	5,779	4,968	6,217
Wire staples	116	159	102	186
Tacks, all kinds	90	70	68	78

^r Revised figures.

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TABLE 2. Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products
Four months ended April

	1960		1961	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	net tons of 2,000 pounds			
<u>Steel Wire:</u>				
Uncoated, plain, round (including oiled and annealed)	109,339	39,455	91,829	33,330
Coated, round - Galvanized	19,858	10,099	18,416	9,563
Other coated	1,732	1,668	1,909	1,563
Flat, maximum .05 sq. in. cross section area and maximum .50" wide, and all other shapes, in all finishes and coatings	1,575	914	1,252	758
Barbed	1,586	1,476	1,737	1,756
Bale ties	786	787	697	697
<u>Welded or woven wire:</u>				
Welded or woven wire farm fencing	4,993	3,820	4,955	4,890
Welded or woven wire lawn fencing	664	528	732	698
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fences):				
(a) 9 gauge and heavier	1,061	866 ^r	834	603
(b) Lighter than 9 gauge	1,183	992 ^r	1,365	1,267
Welded or woven wire mesh, steel (for concrete reinforcement or purposes other than fencing):				
(a) Bright or uncoated	9,485	8,651	9,312	8,487
(b) Galvanized	1,290	883	1,034	1,013
<u>Wire rope and wire strand:</u>				
Steel wire rope	8,392	7,760	6,631	6,687
Strand (except multiple strand):				
(a) 5/32" in diameter and smaller	331	294	343	247
(b) Larger than 5/32" in diameter (coated or uncoated)	2,661	2,432	2,335	1,591
<u>Nails, tacks and staples:</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	21,265	20,071	18,776	19,556
Wire staples	400	359	277	425
Tacks, all kinds	362	330	262	287

^r Revised figures.

TABLE 3. Exports(1) of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

	January, 1961	
	tons	\$
Wire, galvanized	264	77,937
Wire of iron or steel n.e.s.	209	96,162
Wire fencing, screening and netting n.e.s.	-	48,604
Wire nails	64	14,223

(1) Latest available.

TABLE 4. Imports(1) of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	February, 1961		Two months ended February, 1961	
	tons	\$	tons	\$
Wire, barbed fencing	277	42,706	462	69,652
Wire, flat n.e.s.	36	22,992	73	53,856
Wire, galvanized	309	61,202	790	142,632
Wire, coated or covered with any material including cable so covered n.e.s.	46	38,366	78	69,604
Wire, rope for rigging ships	-	-	-	-
Wire, twisted, braided or stranded including wire rope or cable coated or not n.e.s.	300	119,617	605	232,684
Wire, steel, spring for mattresses, cushions or upholstery	-	-	45	7,365
Wire, steel, flat or woven flat, including steel strips in coil, for corset clasps, steels, wire and dress stays	5	4,655	8	8,284
Wire, steel valued at not less than 2 3/4 cents per pound for wire rope	1,128	262,480	2,376	555,851
Wire, rope or cable steel, coated or not and wire, steel not covered, for commercial fishing	-	16,772	-	37,286
Wire, twisted, braided or stranded including wire rope or cable coated or not; used or second hand	-	-	89	12,593
Wire, iron or steel n.e.s.	387	146,531	612	244,846
Woven or welded wire fencing coated or not from wire not more than .144 inches and not less than .080 inches in diameter, wire fencing n.e.s..	-	45,440	-	62,347
Woven or welded wire fencing n.e.s.	-	3,912	-	10,833
Wire rope for use in drilling for water, natural gas and oil, and in prospecting for minerals	-	-	-	-
Welded wire fabric for concrete or other reinforcing	95	11,587	275	47,184
Wire rope for use in logging	93	24,356	186	58,379
Cut nails	13	10,860	30	23,621
Tacks of all kinds	2	2,609	8	7,381
Wire roofing nails of all sizes and wire nails 1 inch or more in length	561	90,218	1,461	237,694
Nails, brads and spikes n.e.s.	20	10,618	31	20,327

(1) Latest available.

Note: n.e.s. means "Not elsewhere specified" in the Statistical Classification.



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