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COPPER IN MARCH 2014

Average daily mine production of recoverable copper increased by 3% in March from that in February and was 18% greater than that of March 2013. The U.S. average daily smelter production decreased slightly and average daily electrolytic refinery output decreased by 13% compared with production in February. Smelter and electrolytic refinery production for March were 15% higher than and essentially unchanged, respectively, from that in March 2013.

Total refined copper stocks at the end of March were 8% less than those at the end of February and 16% less than those at the end of March 2013. Copper prices decreased by about 6% in March compared with February prices. On March 6, the Comex first position price was \$3.28 per pound, but dropped to \$3.16 per pound on March 7. The copper price reached a monthly low of \$2.98 per pound on March 20 and finished the month at \$3.05 per pound.

The decrease in copper prices was attributed to concerns about financing in China and expectations that in the United States, the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve System could begin to raise interest rates. After China's solar energy equipment manufacturer Shanghai Chaori Solar Energy Science and Technology Co. Ltd. failed to make a bond payment on March 7, there reportedly were concerns that a reassessment of credit risk would tighten credit in China. A significant quantity of imported copper stored in bonded warehouses in China was being used as collateral to secure loans for other projects. If credit was tightened and loans backed by copper could not be rolled over, a large quantity of copper might be removed from the warehouses and sold to cover debts, potentially impacting copper prices. On March 19, the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System stated that the United States Federal Reserve may end its bond-buying program in the fall and begin to raise interest rates in 2015. Higher interest rates could strengthen the dollar, and because copper futures are valued in dollars, could make copper futures more expensive for consumers and investors who use currencies other than the dollar (Burton and Thomas, 2014; Thomson Reuters, 2014).

Industry News

Freeport McMoran Copper & Gold Inc. announced that expansion work on the Morenci Mine in Arizona was at an advanced stage and was expected to be finished during the second quarter of 2014. The company expected the expansion to increase copper production by about 100,000 metric tons (t) in 2014 and bring production to more than 450,000 t in 2015, compared with production of about 300,000 t in 2013 (Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Inc., 2014, p. 57).

Capstone Mining Corp. announced the results of a feasibility study for extending the mine life of the Pinto Valley Mine in Arizona. The new mining plan extended the expected mine life by 8 years from 2018 to 2026 with average annual production of 54,000 metric tons per year (t/yr) of copper in concentrate through 2025 when lower grade ore would be mined. Capstone also expected Pinto Valley's solvent extraction and electrowinning facility to produce an average of about 3,100 t/yr of cathodes from 2014 through 2025 and an average of 2,300 t/yr from 2026 through 2030 (Capstone Mining Corp., 2014).

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TABLE 1
SALIENT STATISTICS OF THE COPPER INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES¹

(Metric tons, unless otherwise specified)

	Source table ²	2013 ^P	2014			January– March
			January	February	March	
Production:						
Primary:						
Mine, recoverable	(2)	1,250,000 ^r	115,000 ^r	106,000 ^r	120,000	341,000
Refinery:						
Electrolytic, domestic and foreign	(4)	518,000	49,800	44,900	43,400	138,000
Electrowon	(4)	475,000	42,300	37,900	40,700	121,000
Total	(4)	993,000	92,100	82,900	84,100	259,000
Secondary recoverable copper:						
Refineries	(5)	46,900	3,860	3,870	3,750	11,500
Ingot makers ³	(5)	75,500	6,300	6,300	6,300	18,900
Brass and wire-rod mills	(5)	566,000	48,200	48,100	49,900	146,000
Foundries, etc. ³	(5)	56,000	4,660	4,660	4,660	14,000
Smelter, total	(3)	516,000	46,800	47,000	51,300	145,000
Consumption:						
Apparent	(8)	1,770,000	152,000 ^r	133,000 ^r	117,000	401,000
Refined (reported)	(7)	1,820,000 ^r	159,000 ^r	146,000	146,000	451,000
Purchased copper-base scrap	(9)	943,000	79,400	79,500	81,500	240,000
Stocks at end of period:						
Total refined	(10)	258,000 ^r	246,000 ^r	239,000 ^r	258,000	258,000
Blister, etc.	(10)	12,700	13,400	13,800	18,400	18,400
Prices, U.S. producers cathode (cents per pound) ⁴	(11)	339.940	342.514	335.545	313.863	330.641
Imports: ⁵						
Ore and concentrate ⁶	(13)	3,180	43	--	--	43
Refined	(13)	734,000	42,900	36,200	45,100	124,000
Exports: ⁵						
Ore and concentrate ⁶	(14)	348,000	27,000	29,400	35,800	92,100
Refined	(14)	113,000	9,420	9,000	8,630	27,000

^PPreliminary. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except prices; may not add to totals shown.

²Numbers in parentheses refer to the tables where these data are located.

³Monthly data estimated based on 2012 monthly average.

⁴Source: Platts Metals Week.

⁵Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

⁶Copper content.

TABLE 2
MINE PRODUCTION OF RECOVERABLE COPPER IN THE UNITED STATES¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Recoverable copper			Contained copper		
	Arizona	Others ²	Total	Electrowon	Concentrates ³	Total
2013: ^P						
March	66,500	35,700	102,000	38,800	65,900	105,000
April	64,100	28,000	92,200	39,100	55,300	94,400
May	70,700	33,900	105,000	42,300	64,800	107,000
June	64,600	37,900	103,000	40,400	64,600	105,000
July	68,200	39,200	107,000	39,800	70,400	110,000
August	65,100	38,900	104,000	38,800	67,600	106,000
September	66,600	38,300	105,000	36,800	70,800	108,000
October	68,500	44,100	113,000	41,500	73,900	115,000
November	65,900	39,300	105,000	40,600	67,100	108,000
December	71,300	41,700	113,000	42,800	72,800	116,000
January–December	795,000	453,000	1,250,000	475,000	804,000	1,280,000
2014:						
January	69,500	45,400	115,000	42,300	75,200	117,000
February	66,400	39,300	106,000	37,900	70,400	108,000
March	75,800	44,500	120,000	40,700	81,600	122,000
January–March	212,000	129,000	341,000	121,000	227,000	348,000

^PPreliminary.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes production from Alaska, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

³Includes copper content of precipitates and other metal concentrates.

TABLE 3
COPPER PRODUCED AT SMELTERS IN
THE UNITED STATES^{1,2}

(Metric tons, copper content)

Period	Anode production
2013: ^P	
March	44,800
April	39,800
May	41,200
June	22,700
July	41,800
August	42,300
September	46,100
October	51,300
November	49,900
December	51,000
January–December	516,000
2014:	
January	46,800
February	47,000
March	51,300
January–March	145,000

^PPreliminary.

¹Includes blister and copper anode from primary or secondary sources.

²Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to total shown.

TABLE 4
PRODUCTION OF REFINED COPPER, BY SOURCE AND METHOD OF RECOVERY¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Primary materials			Scrap	Total refined
	Electrolytically refined ²	Electrowon	Total		
2013: ^P					
March	43,200	38,800	82,000	3,670	85,700
April	45,500	39,100	84,600	3,880	88,500
May	36,600	42,300	78,900	4,020	83,000
June	35,900	40,400	76,300	4,030	80,300
July	40,200	39,800	80,000	3,800	83,800
August	42,800	38,800	81,500	3,800	85,300
September	40,600	36,800	77,400	3,780	81,200
October	49,400	41,500	90,800	3,990	94,800
November	48,200	40,600	88,800	3,970	92,800
December	51,900	42,800	94,800	4,450	99,200
January–December	518,000	475,000	993,000	46,900	1,040,000
2014:					
January	49,800	42,300	92,100	3,860	96,000
February	44,900	37,900	82,900	3,870	86,700
March	43,400	40,700	84,100	3,750	87,800
January–March	138,000	121,000	259,000	11,500	271,000

^PPreliminary.

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²From domestic and foreign source materials.

TABLE 5
COPPER RECOVERABLE IN UNALLOYED AND ALLOYED FORM FROM PURCHASED COPPER-BASE SCRAP¹

(Metric tons, copper content)

Period	Refineries ²		Ingot makers ³		Brass and wire-rod mills		Foundries, etc. ³		Total ⁴
	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	
2013: ^P									
March	1,330	2,340	986	5,310	44,100	2,860	2,980	1,690	61,600
April	1,500	2,380	986	5,310	45,500	2,990	2,980	1,690	63,300
May	1,620	2,410	986	5,310	45,500	3,040	2,980	1,690	63,500
June	1,620	2,410	986	5,310	44,300	2,930	2,980	1,690	62,200
July	1,440	2,360	986	5,310	44,200	2,760	2,980	1,690	61,800
August	1,440	2,360	986	5,310	46,400	3,040	2,980	1,690	64,200
September	1,420	2,360	986	5,310	43,900	2,980	2,980	1,690	61,600
October	1,590	2,400	986	5,310	45,500 ^r	3,220	2,980	1,690	63,700 ^r
November	1,570	2,400	986	5,310	42,200	2,950	2,980	1,690	60,100
December	1,210	3,250	986	5,310	40,400	2,670	2,980	1,690	58,500
January–December	17,500	29,400	11,800	63,700	531,000	35,500	35,700	20,200	745,000
2014:									
January	1,450	2,410	986	5,310	44,600	3,630	2,980	1,690	63,000
February	1,460	2,410	986	5,310	44,500	3,590	2,980	1,690	62,900
March	1,380	2,370	986	5,310	46,400	3,520	2,980	1,690	64,600
January–March	4,290	7,190	2,960	15,900	135,000	10,700	8,930	5,060	191,000

^PPreliminary. ^rRevised.

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²Electrolytically refined and fire-refined from scrap based on source of material at smelter or refinery level.

³Monthly data and 2013 cumulative data estimated based on 2012 annual data.

⁴Does not include an estimate, based on reported 2012 data, of 2,740 tons per month from new scrap and 2,550 tons per month from old scrap, of copper recovered from scrap other than copper-base.

TABLE 6
PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF BRASS AND WIRE-ROD SEMIFABRICATES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Period	Production		Shipments		Stocks, end of period	
	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills
2013: ^p						
March	80,100	114,000	80,800	112,000	28,900	22,700
April	82,600	112,000	82,200	115,000	29,400	19,600
May	81,300	115,000	81,400	114,000	29,300	20,300
June	80,300	110,000	79,800	105,000	29,800	25,000
July	80,000	107,000	79,300	110,000	30,500	21,300
August	80,800	113,000	80,100	115,000	31,200	19,800
September	78,900	116,000	80,000	115,000 ^r	30,100	23,400 ^r
October	76,600	115,000 ^r	75,400	116,000 ^r	28,000	19,500
November	76,100	103,000 ^r	77,400 ^r	103,000 ^r	30,000	20,200 ^r
December	75,000	91,700 ^r	75,000 ^r	89,600 ^r	30,000	22,300 ^r
January–December	948,000	1,310,000 ^r	949,000	1,320,000	30,000	22,300 ^r
2014:						
January	78,000	115,000 ^r	78,600	113,000	29,400	26,400
February	85,000	104,000 ^r	84,900	106,000	29,500	24,900
March	82,600	102,000	81,900	102,000	30,300	22,500
January–March	246,000	321,000	245,000	321,000	30,300	22,500

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

TABLE 7
CONSUMPTION OF REFINED COPPER¹

(Metric tons)

Period and item	Brass mills	Wire-rod mills	Other plants ²	Total
2013: ^p				
March	38,100	114,000	4,910	157,000
April	38,800	112,000	4,910	156,000
May	39,300	114,000	4,910	159,000
June	41,800	109,000	4,910	156,000
July	36,000	108,000	4,910	149,000
August	39,300	113,000	4,910	157,000
September	37,000	113,000 ^r	4,910	155,000 ^r
October	40,200	116,000 ^r	4,910	161,000 ^r
November	36,400	103,000 ^r	4,910	144,000 ^r
December:	36,600	90,600 ^r	4,910	132,000 ^r
January–December	457,000	1,310,000	59,000	1,820,000 ^r
2014:				
January	39,000	115,000 ^r	4,910	159,000 ^r
February	36,500	104,000 ^r	4,910	146,000
March:				
Cathodes	30,800	102,000	1,740	134,000
Wire bars	--	--	W	W
Ingots and ingot bars	1,240	--	1,310	2,550
Cakes and slabs	W	--	W	W
Billets and other	6,700	508	1,870	9,080
Total	38,800	102,000	4,910	146,000
January–March	114,000	322,000	14,700	451,000

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included with "Billets and other." -- Zero.

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²Monthly and 2013 cumulative consumption data by ingot makers, chemical plants, foundries, and miscellaneous manufacturers is estimated based on 2012 annual data.

TABLE 8
U.S. APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF COPPER¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Refined copper production	Copper in old scrap ²	Refined general imports ³	Refined exports ³	Stock change during period	Apparent consumption
2013: ^p						
March	82,000	14,700	87,200	5,110	32,300	147,000
April	84,600	14,900	55,100	5,380	17,500	132,000
May	78,900	15,000	83,600	5,740	(7,730)	179,000
June	76,300	14,900	67,100	4,890	(3,470)	157,000
July	80,000	14,700	69,700	8,270	(7,680)	164,000
August	81,500	14,900	50,200	17,100	(14,500)	144,000
September	77,400	14,900	42,800	14,900	(18,800) ^r	139,000 ^r
October	90,800	15,200	40,300	10,300	(13,100) ^r	149,000 ^r
November	88,800	14,900	33,500	15,200	(10,400) ^r	132,000 ^r
December	94,800	15,500	48,500	17,700	8,730 ^r	132,000 ^r
January–December	993,000	179,000	729,000	113,000	22,900 ^r	1,770,000
2014:						
January	92,100	15,600	40,700	9,420	(12,600) ^r	152,000 ^r
February	82,800	15,500	36,200	9,000	(7,320) ^r	133,000 ^r
March	84,100	15,400	45,100	8,630	19,000	117,000
January–March	259,000	46,600	122,000	27,000	(907)	401,000

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised.

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²Includes reported monthly production of copper from old scrap of copper-base, an estimate for annual reporters, and a monthly average of copper from non-copper-base materials based on 2012 data.

³Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 9
CONSUMPTION OF PURCHASED COPPER-BASE SCRAP¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Period	Smelters and refineries		Ingot makers ²		Brass and wire-rod mills ³		Foundries, etc. ²		Total scrap used
	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	New scrap	Old scrap	
2013: ^p									
March	1,370	2,600	2,310	7,410	55,200	2,920	4,530	1,800	78,100
April	1,550	2,640	2,310	7,410	56,600	3,060	4,530	1,800	79,900
May	1,700	2,680	2,310	7,410	56,500	3,120	4,530	1,800	80,100
June	1,670	2,680	2,310	7,410	55,500	3,030	4,530	1,800	78,900
July	1,480	2,630	2,310	7,410	55,000	2,820	4,530	1,800	78,000
August	1,480	2,630	2,310	7,410	57,500	3,190	4,530	1,800	80,800
September	1,470	2,630	2,310	7,410	54,900	3,060	4,530	1,800	78,100
October	1,710	2,670	2,310	7,410	56,700 ^r	3,320	4,530	1,800	80,400 ^r
November	1,700	2,660	2,310	7,410	52,800 ^r	3,050	4,530	1,800	76,200
December	1,300	2,570	2,310	7,410	51,000	2,750	4,530	1,800	73,700 ^r
January–December	18,300	31,600	27,700	88,900	664,000	36,600	54,300	21,600	943,000
2014:									
January	1,540	2,630	2,310	7,410	55,400 ^r	3,760	4,530	1,800	79,400
February	1,540	2,630	2,310	7,410	55,600	3,720	4,530	1,800	79,500
March	1,440	2,620	2,310	7,410	57,700	3,610	4,530	1,800	81,500
January–March	4,530	7,880	6,920	22,200	169,000	11,100	13,600	5,390	240,000

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised.

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²Monthly data estimated from 2012 annual data.

³Consumption at brass and wire-rod mills assumed equal to receipts.

TABLE 10
COPPER STOCKS AT END OF PERIOD¹

(Metric tons)

Period	Crude copper ²	Refined copper					Comex	LME ⁵	Total refined
		Refineries ³	Wire-rod mills ³	Brass mills ³	Other ⁴				
2013: ^p									
March	17,900	9,350	23,700	6,090	4,180	69,200	195,000	308,000	
April	21,800	6,520	26,200	6,280	4,180	77,600	205,000	325,000	
May	28,700	5,870	25,900	7,150	4,180	72,400	202,000	318,000	
June	11,500	7,150	21,800	7,160	4,180	65,800	208,000	314,000	
July	12,800	7,880	15,000	8,230	4,180	58,600	213,000	306,000	
August	10,700	8,000	19,100	6,670	4,180	33,100	221,000	292,000	
September	11,200	8,780	17,900 ^r	6,830	4,180	28,200	207,000	273,000 ^r	
October	14,200	7,000	16,300 ^r	5,200	4,180	23,900	204,000	260,000 ^r	
November	15,300	8,490	16,000 ^r	6,730	4,180	19,300	195,000	250,000 ^r	
December	12,700	15,000	32,600 ^r	6,710	4,180	15,000	185,000	258,000 ^r	
2014:									
January	13,400	6,680	40,800 ^r	6,250	4,180	17,200	171,000	246,000 ^r	
February	13,800	7,710	43,000 ^r	5,910	4,180	12,300	165,000	239,000 ^r	
March	18,400	9,220	45,400	6,080	4,180	18,100	175,000	258,000	

^pPreliminary. ^rRevised.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Copper content of blister and anode.

³Stocks of refined copper as reported; no estimates are made for nonrespondents.

⁴Monthly estimates based on reported and 2012 annual data, comprising stocks at ingot makers, chemical plants, foundries, and miscellaneous manufacturers.

⁵London Metal Exchange Ltd., U.S. warehouses.

TABLE 11
AVERAGE PRICE OF COPPER IN THE UNITED STATES
AND ON THE LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Cents per pound)

Period	U.S. producers cathode ¹	Comex first position ²	LME cash price Grade A
2013:			
March	352.474	346.648	347.553
April	333.544	327.718	326.721
May	335.728	329.902	327.884
June	323.771	317.945	317.683
July	320.051	314.225	312.639
August	334.008	328.182	325.764
September	333.154	327.328	324.822
October	334.059	328.233	326.059
November	327.461	321.635	320.511
December	339.995	334.169	326.702
Year	339.940	334.114	332.289
2014:			
January	342.514 ³	335.514	330.865
February	335.545 ³	328.545	324.390
March	313.863 ³	307.238	302.435
January–March	330.641 ³	323.766	319.230

¹Listed as "U.S. producer cathode."

²Listed as "Comex high grade first position."

³Sum of "Comex high grade first position" and "NY Dealer Premium Cathode."

Source: Platts Metals Week.

TABLE 12
NEW YORK AVERAGE BUYING PRICES FOR COPPER SCRAP

(Cents per pound)

Month	Brass mills No. 1 scrap	Refiners No. 2 scrap	Dealers (New York)	
			No. 2 Scrap	Red brass turnings and borings
2013:				
March	341.29	314.14	291.55	194.76
April	324.64	298.55	267.50	187.50
May	326.68	304.23	260.91	185.14
June	315.60	292.95	269.00	186.10
July	312.64	292.00	255.23	180.00
August	327.14	305.95	260.55	182.68
September	324.68	301.65	265.00	184.25
October	325.83	301.57	274.63	189.00
November	316.71	293.37	272.76	186.63
December	324.76	303.58	277.76	184.00
Year	330.25	306.25	274.95	188.32
2014:				
January	325.95	304.10	287.02	187.00
February	319.03	295.95	287.50	187.00
March	299.98	276.83	266.55	181.29
January–March	314.99	292.29	280.36	185.10

Source: American Metal Market.

TABLE 13
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF COPPER (UNMANUFACTURED), BY CLASS¹

(Metric tons, copper content)

Country or territory	Ore and concentrate			Matte, ash, and precipitates			Blister and anodes			Refined		
	2014			2014			2014			2014		
	2013	March	January– March	2013	March	January– March	2013	March	January– March	2013	March	January– March
Belgium	--	--	42	248	31	57	--	--	--	18	6	6
Brazil	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,050	--	--
Canada	58	--	--	212	5	67	2	1	1	170,000	16,700	46,200
Chile	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	465,000	22,700	59,700
China	13	--	1	--	--	4	--	--	--	73	19	42
Finland	--	--	--	--	--	--	239	18	70	724	--	37
Germany	--	--	--	(2)	--	--	--	--	--	1,670	143	315
Japan	--	--	--	6	--	2	1	(2)	1	5,380	465	1370
Mexico	3,110	--	--	361	--	33	--	--	--	60,900	4,900	10,500
Netherlands	--	--	--	65	--	--	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	--	--
Peru	--	--	--	--	--	--	511	--	--	11,000	--	50
Other	2	--	--	173	19	44	112	19	38	14,200	196	5,860
Total	3,180	--	43	1,070	54	207	865	38	110	734,000	45,100	124,000

-- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 14
U.S. EXPORTS OF COPPER (UNMANUFACTURED), BY CLASS¹

(Metric tons, copper content)

Country or territory	Ore and concentrate			Matte, ash, and precipitates			Blister and anodes			Refined		
	2014			2014			2014			2014		
	2013	March	January– March	2013	March	January– March	2013	March	January– March	2013	March	January– March
Canada	8,200	328	1,350	28,900	1,720	4,750	2,990	334	992	1,870	2,540	6,930
China	96,400	12,900	29,700	574	23	23	213	2	5	57,100	996	4,510
Germany	4	--	4	62	--	--	570	40	100	75	3	9
Hong Kong	1	--	2	--	--	--	1,460	158	435	147	--	5
Italy	--	--	--	--	--	--	239	51	70	--	--	--
Japan	16,800	--	--	962	--	--	719	40	87	3,300	216	669
Korea, Republic of	3,210	--	2	--	--	--	1,030	118	275	--	31	123
Mexico	218,000	22,500	59,900	--	--	--	138	1	12	49,500	3,060	11,500
Singapore	--	--	--	133	14	27	148	20	30	2	--	(2)
Spain	--	--	--	--	--	--	119	--	61	609	--	--
Sweden	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--	37	--	21
Switzerland	--	--	--	--	--	--	50	3	5	8	4	4
Taiwan	4	--	--	--	--	--	1,710	39	173	109	--	4
Other	5,660	32	1,160	543	--	--	1,770	171	509	665	1,790	3,230
Total	348,000	35,800	92,100	31,200	1,760	4,800	11,200	977	2,750	113,000	8,630	27,000

-- Zero.

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²Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 15
U.S. COPPER SCRAP IMPORTS¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Country or territory	Unalloyed			Alloyed		
	2014			2014		
	2013	March	January– March	2013	March	January– March
Canada	14,400	1,240	3,480	34,200	3,290	10,500
Chile	48	--	--	34	--	--
Costa Rica	172	48	96	2,140	155	473
Guatemala	598	--	51	2,260	178	623
Honduras	12	23	23	1,140	44	200
Japan	2	--	--	6	6	15
Mexico	9,450	942	2,940	29,900	2,720	8,200
Nicaragua	830	--	81	391	80	150
Other	3,560	237	838	7,210	431	1,170
Total	29,100	2,490	7,510	77,300	6,910	21,400

-- Zero.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 16
U.S. COPPER SCRAP EXPORTS¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Country or territory	Unalloyed							Alloyed					
	2014							2014					
	2013	No. 1		No. 2		Other		2013	Segregated		Unsegregated		
		March	January– March	March	January– March	March	January– March		March	January– March	March	January– March	
Belgium	18,400	431	1,290	364	751	220	476	10,900	251	594	609	1,570	
Canada	20,900	--	--	--	--	2,530	6,040	36,600	254	869	2,600	8,140	
China	320,000	4,190	14,100	8,730	29,200	6,270	20,500	523,000	14,000	42,100	21,800	63,800	
Germany	28,800	1,880	4,890	430	693	1,610	3,710	8,440	135	175	915	2,190	
Hong Kong	8,160	120	228	136	585	454	1,150	48,600	547	1,560	2,680	6,450	
India	873	123	558	70	133	--	81	8,270	1,160	2,770	101	241	
Japan	4,080	119	511	227	845	205	417	14,000	195	994	718	1,370	
Korea, Republic of	10,600	871	2,350	335	757	117	302	12,100	1,290	2,530	847	1,660	
Mexico	1,780	--	7	--	--	--	--	3,580	197	533	81	189	
Spain	3,550	44	297	22	22	--	--	8,720	21	62	1,120	2,520	
Taiwan	4,740	314	917	125	374	--	--	7,720	452	966	182	841	
Thailand	1,480	100	121	--	--	--	--	1,010	100	140	121	550	
Other	25,900	1,830	5,250	801	1,740	198	663	23,200	441	2,260	363	1,050	
Total	450,000	10,000	30,500	11,200	35,100	11,600	33,300	707,000	19,100	55,600	32,100	90,500	

-- Zero.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.