

Mineral Industry Surveys

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MANGANESE IN SEPTEMBER 2012

Preliminary domestic data (gross weight) for September 2012 indicated that consumption of manganese ore containing 35% or more manganese, exclusive of that consumed at iron and steel plants, was 40,800 metric tons (t). This was a 10% decrease from the revised amount consumed in August 2012 (45,200 t). Manganese ore consumption during the first 9 months of 2012 was 393,000 t (includes revisions to previously published data), which was slightly less than the revised amount that was

consumed during the same period in 2011 (402,000 t). Industry stocks of ore at the end of September 2012 were 234,000 t, which was a 7% increase from those at the end of August 2012.

Included in this Mineral Industry Surveys are U.S. spot market prices and U.S. foreign trade data for selected manganese-containing materials in September 2012.

TABLE 1
PRICES FOR MANGANESE FERROALLOYS, METAL, AND ORE IN SEPTEMBER 2012

		High	Low	Average	Average low, mid, and high
<u>Manganese ferroalloys:¹</u>					
High-carbon ferromanganese, 75% manganese	dollars per long ton of contained manganese	1,220.00	1,190.00	1,207.50	XX
Medium-carbon ferromanganese, 85% manganese	cents per pound of contained manganese	91.00	89.00	90.25	XX
Silicomanganese, 65% manganese	do.	62.00	60.00	61.25	XX
Manganese metal, 99.9% manganese flake ²	cents per pound	150.00	137.00	XX	142.38–144.69–147.00
<u>Manganese ore:^{3, 4}</u>					
36%–39% manganese	dollars per metric ton unit contained manganese	4.55	4.45	XX	4.45–4.50–4.55
44% manganese	do.	5.10	4.85	XX	4.85–4.98–5.10
46% manganese	do.	5.15	4.90	XX	4.90–5.03–5.15

do. Ditto. XX Not applicable.

¹Platts Metals Week; in U.S. warehouse; average prices reported for all transactions during the month.

²Ryan's Notes North American transaction prices, electrolytic manganese metal flake, 99.99% manganese, free-on-board producing point or Chicago/Pittsburgh warehouse; average prices reported for the price range.

³Ryan's Notes, cost and freight, China; average prices reported for the price range.

⁴To determine dollars per metric ton of ore (gross weight), multiply the manganese content percentage by the price; that is, by 46 when the manganese content is 46%.

TABLE 2
SELECTED U.S. FOREIGN TRADE IN MANGANESE¹

(Metric tons, manganese content)²

	Imports for consumption			Exports		
	Ore and dioxide	Ferroalloy and metal	Total	Ore	Ferroalloy and metal	Total
2011:						
January–December	283,000	541,000	824,000	681	12,500	13,200
January–September	215,000	455,000	670,000	456	9,710	10,200
January	28,900	44,500	73,400	36	1,080	1,120
February	9,160	30,400	39,600	46	1,240	1,290
March	50,900	68,900	120,000	73	1,740	1,810
April	1,720	27,800	29,500	61	1,150	1,210
May	21,100	51,000	72,100	33	1,800	1,830
June	26,800	68,700	95,500	59	519	578
July	11,500	57,400	69,000	82	669	750
August	25,500	50,600	76,100	65	902	967
September	38,800	55,800	94,600	--	611	611
2012:						
January	11,800	53,000	64,800	36	603	639
February	12,400	34,900	47,300	158	616	775
March	24,500	54,000	78,400	352	848	1,200
April	3,960	59,500	63,400	106	816	922
May	15,500	49,500	65,000	42	620	662
June	30,100 ^r	21,000	51,900 ^r	19	576	595
July	19,900	77,300	97,300	57	687	744
August	8,020	59,900	67,900	12	1,360	1,370
September	44,600	59,100	104,000	27	1,490	1,510
January–September	171,000	468,000	640,000	809	7,610	8,420

^rRevised. -- Zero.

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

²As reported except as estimated for imports of manganese dioxide and manganese waste and scrap and for exports from gross weights.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 3
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF SILICOMANGANESE IN SEPTEMBER 2012¹

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²	January–September		
				Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²
Australia	--	--	--	9,570	6,490	\$9,880,000
Azerbaijan	--	--	--	1,500	984	1,700,000
Canada	--	--	--	50	34	39,000
Georgia	11,500	7,980	\$12,400,000	97,700	66,500	105,000,000
Germany	--	--	--	216	95	281,000
India	--	--	--	2,560	1,460	4,050,000
Indonesia	--	--	--	602	393	786,000
Italy	--	--	--	1,270	843	1,740,000
Korea, Republic of	500	325	545,000	1,120	697	1,620,000
Macedonia	--	--	--	6,110	3,970	8,530,000
Mexico	2,500	1,630	3,030,000	18,300	11,900	21,600,000
Norway	3,650	2,270	6,090,000	25,900	16,100	44,600,000
Russia	--	--	--	6,200	4,210	8,380,000
South Africa	12,900	8,900	16,100,000	91,200	60,800	109,000,000
Spain	--	--	--	14,300	9,340	19,000,000
Vietnam	--	--	--	592	370	674,000
Total	31,100	21,100	38,200,000	277,000	184,000	337,000,000

-- Zero.

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

²Customs value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 4
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF FERROMANGANESE IN SEPTEMBER 2012¹

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²	January–September		
				Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ²
Low carbon:						
China	484	456	\$1,170,000	5,750	5,380	\$15,900,000
India	605	480	960,000	6,170	5,000	10,400,000
Korea, Republic of	--	--	--	2,040	1,850	5,440,000
Mexico	1,020	821	1,750,000	6,340	5,110	10,900,000
Norway	1,200	976	1,970,000	7,340	5,930	11,900,000
South Africa	--	--	--	120	110	330,000
Vietnam	--	--	--	1,040	899	2,040,000
Total	3,310	2,730	5,860,000	28,800	24,300	57,000,000
Medium carbon, 1%–2% C:						
China	--	--	--	40	30	97,300
Korea, Republic of	--	--	--	20,400	16,500	30,100,000
Mexico	180	137	369,000	1,780	1,350	3,640,000
Norway	--	--	--	14,600	11,900	20,100,000
South Africa	5,340	4,260	7,870,000	23,300	18,700	34,900,000
Turkey	--	--	--	19	14	63,300
Total	5,520	4,390	8,240,000	60,200	48,400	88,800,000
Medium carbon, 2%–4% C:						
Germany	--	--	--	11	9	31,100
South Africa	18	15	41,200	129	109	303,000
Total	18	15	41,200	140	118	334,000
High carbon:						
Australia	--	--	--	26,800	20,900	26,300,000
Bahrain	2	1	3,450	102	81	145,000
Brazil	--	--	--	219	163	228,000
Canada	--	--	--	12	9	26,000
China	--	--	--	481	379	547,000
France	--	--	--	2,500	1,910	3,000,000
India	--	--	--	513	387	496,000
Korea, Republic of	--	--	--	3,430	2,650	3,300,000
Norway	1,820	1,420	1,780,000	11,700	9,120	11,800,000
Saudi Arabia	--	--	--	1,400	1,010	1,180,000
South Africa	22,800	17,500	24,300,000	144,000	110,000	153,000,000
Spain	50	38	57,600	125	95	141,000
Ukraine	11,600	9,080	13,500,000	37,600	28,700	42,200,000
Total	36,300	28,100	39,600,000	229,000	176,000	242,000,000
Grand total	45,100	35,200	53,700,000	318,000	249,000	388,000,000

-- Zero.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 5
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MANGANESE ORE (20% OR MORE Mn) IN SEPTEMBER 2012^{1,2}

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ⁴	January–September ³		
				Gross weight	Mn content	Customs value ⁴
More than 20%, but less than 47% manganese:						
Brazil	--	--	--	2,580	682	\$669,000
Colombia	--	--	--	18	5	4,170
Gabon	--	--	--	26,500	11,400	3,380,000
Mexico	1,540	553	\$302,000	4,580	1,650	904,000
South Africa	42,000	16,500	6,650,000	71,700	28,300	10,300,000
Total	43,500	17,000	6,950,000	105,000	42,000	15,300,000
47% or more manganese:						
Australia	--	--	--	20,700	10,300	3,120,000
Belgium	1,380	689	82,700	5,600	2,820	446,000
Brazil	52	26	17,800	2,900	1,550	1,040,000
Canada	1	1	4,760	1	1	4,760
China	19	18	88,800	19	18	88,800
Gabon	48,000	25,400	10,900,000	197,000	101,000	45,900,000
Japan	--	--	--	(5)	(5)	14,800
Korea, Republic of	--	--	--	20	(5)	137,000
Morocco	851	425	51,100	4,430	2,240	487,000
Poland	--	--	--	7	3	5,760
South Africa	60	29	31,700	120	58	46,100
Turkey	52	24	16,900	52	24	16,900
United Kingdom	--	--	--	1	(5)	2,990
Total	50,400	26,600	11,200,000	231,000	118,000	51,300,000
Grand total	93,900	43,600	18,100,000	336,000	160,000	66,500,000

-- Zero.

¹Quantities for general imports and imports for consumption are identical.

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

³May include revisions to previously published data.

⁴Customs value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

⁵Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 6
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MANGANESE DIOXIDE IN SEPTEMBER 2012¹

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Source	Quantity	Customs value ²	January–September	
			Quantity	Customs value ²
Belgium	--	--	670	\$385,000
Brazil	19	\$21,800	19	21,800
China	--	--	--	--
Finland	--	--	--	--
Germany	12	20,100	83	141,000
India	--	--	25	20,500
Japan	592	1,400,000	6,150	14,700,000
Korea, Republic of	--	--	13	25,200
Mexico	--	--	40	35,100
Norway	--	--	260	197,000
Singapore	--	--	114	194,000
South Africa	953	2,230,000	9,370	21,700,000
Turkey	--	--	810	425,000
United Kingdom	(3)	3,840	(3)	3,840
Total	1,580	3,680,000	17,600	37,800,000

-- Zero.

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

²Customs value generally represents a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

³Less than ½ unit.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 7
U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MANGANESE METAL IN SEPTEMBER 2012¹

(Metric tons)

Source	Gross weight	Customs value ²	January–September	
			Gross weight	Customs value ²
Unwrought flake:				
Brazil	--	--	21	\$61,400
China	733	\$1,840,000	10,400	28,600,000
Hong Kong	--	--	60	160,000
Japan	--	--	5	17,800
Mexico	36	111,000	143	619,000
South Africa	876	2,900,000	5,580	18,700,000
Taiwan	--	--	60	160,000
Vietnam	--	--	307	867,000
Total	1,650	4,850,000	16,600	49,100,000
Unwrought powder:				
China	--	--	258	741,000
Mexico	--	--	53	252,000
South Africa	259	1,060,000	1,730	7,090,000
Spain	--	--	1	2,220
Total	259	1,060,000	2,040	8,090,000
Unwrought, other:				
China	677	1,840,000	15,100	40,500,000
Germany	--	--	24	79,500
Netherlands	1	3,690	1	3,690
Poland	--	--	-3	7,200
South Africa	76	306,000	477	1,820,000
Spain	94	275,000	757	2,690,000
Vietnam	--	--	100	286,000
Total	848	2,430,000	16,400	45,400,000
Other manganese, wrought:				
China	28	124,000	31	141,000
Finland	--	--	-3	20,100
Germany	--	--	1	71,900
Japan	--	--	-3	80,300
Mexico	--	--	10	45,800
Total	28	124,000	43	360,000
Grand total	2,780	8,460,000	35,100	103,000,000

-- Zero.

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²Customs value generally represent a value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the material into the United States.

³Less than ½ unit.

Note: Imports for consumption of metallic waste and scrap totaled 70 metric tons (t), all of which was from Canada, to give a January–September total of 676 t.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 8
U.S. EXPORTS OF MANGANESE ORE (20% OR MORE Mn), FERROMANGANESE, SILICOMANGANESE,
AND MANGANESE METAL BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION IN SEPTEMBER 2012^{1,2}

Source	Gross weight (metric tons)	F.a.s. ³ value (thousands)	January–September	
			Gross weight (metric tons)	F.a.s. ³ value (thousands)
Ore and concentrates with 20% or more manganese:				
Aruba	--	--	78	\$20
Canada	--	--	305	344
China	--	--	51	66
Denmark	--	--	77	32
Hong Kong	--	--	11	39
Indonesia	--	--	3	3
Korea, Republic of	--	--	272	351
Latvia	--	--	19	11
Netherlands	53	\$184	775	889
United Kingdom	--	--	21	28
Other (3 countries)	1	3	5	18
Total	54	187	1,620	1,800
Ferromanganese:				
2% or less carbon:				
Canada	101	129	935	1,320
Guatemala	--	--	23	43
Hungary	--	--	3	5
Japan	20	41	180	419
Mexico	--	--	108	195
Saudi Arabia	--	--	25	55
Spain	--	--	20	48
Turkey	--	--	119	301
Total	121	170	1,410	2,390
More than 2% carbon:				
Brazil	5	14	33	93
Cameroon	--	--	8	26
Canada	103	116	662	832
Chile	--	--	33	93
China	61	38	61	38
Malaysia	383	192	1,020	622
Mexico	--	--	66	94
Norway	--	--	7	22
Saudi Arabia	--	--	11	31
Singapore	2	4	30	83
Other (5 countries)	2	3	14	36
Total	556	367	1,940	1,970
Silicomanganese:				
Brazil	59	143	273	665
Canada	892	1,170	3,740	5,070
Dominican Republic	--	--	9	21
Indonesia	--	--	10	16
Mexico	--	--	362	514
Total	950	1,310	4,390	6,290
Metal, including alloys and waste and scrap:⁴				
Brazil	20	30	57	180
Canada	14	34	132	342
China	50	109	766	2,330
France	66	298	128	576
Germany	57	124	136	295
India	--	--	178	405
Japan	--	--	98	266
Mexico	8	20	240	691
Norway	66	298	128	576
Taiwan	21	45	59	125
Other (13 countries)	24	52	139	298
Total	326	1,010	2,060	6,080
Grand total	2,010	3,050	11,400	18,500

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 8—Continued
U.S. EXPORTS OF MANGANESE ORE (20% OR MORE Mn), FERROMANGANESE, SILICOMANGANESE,
AND MANGANESE METAL BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION IN SEPTEMBER 2012^{1,2}

-- Zero.

¹Presentation of monthly data is based on the year-to-date quantities (gross weight) of the leading countries.

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

³Free alongside ship.

⁴Includes manganese-aluminum, other alloys, and waste and scrap.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

TABLE 9
U.S. FOREIGN TRADE IN SELECTED MANGANESE CHEMICALS IN SEPTEMBER 2012, BY CLASS¹

Class	Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousands)	Principal sources and destinations: gross weight (metric tons); value ² (thousands)	January–September		
				Gross weight (metric tons)	Value ² (thousands)	Principal sources and destinations: gross weight (metric tons); value ² (thousands)
Imports for consumption:						
Manganese oxides other than dioxide	605	\$457	South Africa 513; \$363	4,210	\$4,120	South Africa 1,670; \$1,410
Manganites, manganates, and other permanganates	--	--	XX	79	482	China 53; \$134
Potassium permanganate	145	442	India 145; \$440	1,180	3,730	India 1,120; \$3,520
Sodium permanganate	122	265	China 122; \$265	320	764	China 319; \$751
Sulfates, basket category, including manganese sulfate	4,780	5,290	China 2,320; \$2,870	40,600	40,600	Mexico 13,700; \$12,000
Exports:						
Manganese dioxide	847	1,870	Canada 410; \$388	7,060	12,600	Canada 3,950 \$3,310
Manganese oxides other than dioxide	595	858	Norway 171; \$209	7,080	10,900	Canada 1,800; \$2,120
Manganites, manganates, and other permanganates	5	32	Mexico 3; \$26	167	494	Canada 145; \$379
Potassium permanganate	63	243	Canada 39; \$109	2,420	6,390	Belgium 1,640; \$3,840
Sodium permanganate	39	115	Japan 26; \$79	806	1,890	Belgium 338; \$654
Sulfates, basket category, including manganese sulfate	1,430	1,300	Canada 1,110; \$726	12,100	10,200	Canada 9,840; \$5,530

XX Not applicable. -- Zero.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²For imports, Customs value; for exports, free alongside ship value.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.