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Table 1. End-of-Month Inventories and Related Statistics on Steel  
Mill Shapes and Forms: 1998 and 1997

[Thousand short tons]

	Producing mills inventories			
	Steel Service Centers inventories 1/	Total	Steel in process	Finished steel
1998				
December.....	8,544 r/	13,400	7,700 r/	5,700
November.....	8,516 r/	13,200	7,500 r/	5,700
October.....	8,524	13,000	7,200 r/	5,800
September.....	8,465	13,100	7,200 r/	5,900
August.....	8,561	13,600	7,600 r/	6,000
July.....	8,330	13,600	7,600 r/	6,000
June.....	8,051	13,000	7,100	5,900
May.....	7,830	13,800	7,700	6,100
April.....	7,667	13,600	7,700	5,900
March.....	7,435	13,900	7,900	6,000
February.....	7,473	13,800	7,800	6,000
January.....	7,319	13,800	7,800	6,000
1997				
December.....	7,271	13,200	7,400	5,800
November.....	7,192	13,100	7,300	5,800
October.....	7,206	12,800	7,200	5,600
September.....	7,226	12,800	7,200	5,600
August.....	7,196	12,900	7,300	5,600
July.....	7,201	12,900	7,400	5,500
June.....	7,224	12,900	7,400	5,500
May.....	7,172	13,100	7,500	5,600
April.....	7,172	12,900	7,300	5,600
March.....	7,068	12,800	7,300	5,500
February.....	7,034	12,800	7,300	5,500
January.....	6,929	12,800	7,300	5,500

r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data.

1/Source: Steel Service Center Institute.

Table 2. Net Shipments and Imports of Steel Mill Shapes: 1998 and 1997  
 [Thousand short tons]

	Manufacturers' net shipments 1/	Imports for consumption 2/
1998		
Total .....	102,427	36,685
December.....	7,360	2,495
November.....	7,382	3,546
October.....	8,257	3,670
September.....	8,228	3,433
August.....	8,514	3,948
July.....	8,161	3,531
June.....	9,007	3,220
May.....	8,927	3,278
April.....	9,270	2,860
March.....	9,447	2,353
February.....	8,790	2,140
January.....	9,084	2,211
1997		
Total .....	104,957	27,284
December.....	8,648	1,854
November.....	8,467	2,052
October.....	9,424	2,311
September .....	9,072	2,273
August.....	8,668	2,142
July.....	8,785	2,433
June.....	8,968	2,316
May .....	8,768	2,520
April.....	8,907	2,338
March.....	8,529	2,162
February.....	8,091	2,127
January.....	8,630	2,756

1/Source: American Iron and Steel Institute.

2/Source: Bureau of the Census report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption.

Import tonnage is derived from the following HTSUSA import numbers: 7206.10.0000  
 - 7306.90.5000.

Table 3. Comparison of Manufacturers' Net Shipments with Apparent Consumption of Steel Mill Shapes From 1993 to 1997 1/  
 [Thousands of metric tons]

Product description	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Manufacturers' net shipments.....	88,886	87,656	85,118	99,144	91,372
Exports 1/.....	3,841	3,123	6,355	3,527	3,653
Imports 2/.....	14,209	14,449	21,163	26,675	17,898
Apparent Consumption 3/.....	99,254	98,982	99,926	122,292	105,617

1/Source: Current Industrial Report MA33B, Steel Mill Products. Net shipments figures are somewhat understated because of the method used to calculate these data. These data are derived by subtracting total domestic receipts of all mill shapes at producing mills from the total quantity of shipments, plus steel consumed in producing plants. Prior to 1980, import receipts were also used in the net shipments calculation. Beginning in 1980, import receipts of steel mill products for further processing were collected separately and were no longer used in the net shipments calculation.

2/Source: Bureau of the Census report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption. Import tonnage is derived from the following 1995 HTSUSA numbers: 7206.10.0000-7306.90.5000.

3/Apparent consumption is derived by subtracting exports from the total of net shipments plus imports.