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IRON AND STEEL SCRAP IN MARCH 2017

On a daily average basis in March 2017, iron and steel scrap consumption decreased by 8% and home scrap production decreased by 3% compared with those of February (table 1). Purchased scrap receipts in March 2017 decreased by 3% from that of February. Stocks of purchased and home scrap at the end of March 2017 were up by 4% from those at the end of February. These observations are based upon responses from about 20% of the companies surveyed that manufacture pig iron and semifinished steel products, which account for about 33% of the total scrap consumption in those sectors, and estimates for nonrespondents to this survey.

On a daily average basis in March 2017, pig iron production decreased slightly and consumption decreased by 4% compared with those of February (table 1). Stocks of pig iron at the end of March 2017 decreased by 8% from those at the end of February.

Exports of iron and steel scrap in March 2017 decreased by 28% from those in February (table 6). China was the leading destination, accounting for 17% of the total tonnage of exports, followed by Taiwan with 15% and Turkey with 12%. Los Angeles, CA, was the leading U.S. Customs district for tonnage of exports, accounting for 21% of the total, followed by New York City, NY, with 14% and San Francisco, CA, with 10% (table 7).

Imports of iron and steel scrap for March 2017 increased by 11% from those in February (table 9). Canada was the leading country of origin, accounting for 63% of the total tonnage of

imports, followed by the United Kingdom with 17% and Sweden with 10%. Detroit, MI, was the leading U.S. Customs district for tonnage of imports, accounting for 32% of the total, followed by New Orleans, LA, with 27% and Seattle, WA, with 16% (table 10).

The daily average domestic raw steel production for March 2017, as calculated from the American Iron and Steel Institute's (AISI) monthly production data, was 222,000 metric tons, down 3% from that in February and up slightly from that in March 2016 (table 12). Raw steel production capability utilization (AISI data) was 74% in March 2017, down from 76% in February and up from 72% in March 2016 (table 12). The electric furnace portion of raw steel production for March 2017 was 67%, the same as that in February and up from 65% in March 2016.

Continuous cast steel production accounted for 99.6% of total raw steel production in March 2017, 99.6% in February 2017, and 99.2% in March 2016 (table 12).

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TABLE 1

IRON AND STEEL SCRAP, PIG IRON, AND DIRECT-REDUCED IRON STATISTICS FOR STEEL PRODUCERS^{1, 2}

(Thousand metric tons)

		March 2017			January–March ³	
		Electric			Electric	
	Integrated	furnace	Total for	Integrated	furnace	Total for
	steel	steel	steel	steel	steel	steel
	producers ³	producers ⁴	producers	producers ⁴	producers ⁵	producers
Scrap:						
Receipts from dealers and other sources	1,560	1,830	3,380	4,400	5,210	9,610
Receipts from other own company plants	39	182	221	111	528	639
Production recirculating scrap	215	153	368	622	443	1,070
Production obsolete scrap	W	W	8	W	W	22
Consumption (by type of furnace):						
Blast furnace	W	W	138	W	W	396
Basic oxygen process	W	W	288	W	W	957
Electric furnace	1,200	1,880	3,080	3,650	5,420	9,060
Other (including air furnace) ⁵	W	W	276	W	W	720
Total consumption	1,680	2,100	3,780	5,060	6,080	11,100
Shipments	49	7	56	149	19	168
Stocks, end of period	1,780	2,160	3,940	1,780	2,160	3,940
Pig iron (includes hot metal):						
Receipts	370	84	454	1,080	233	1,310
Production	1,160		1,160	3,500		3,500
Consumption (by type of furnace):						
Basic oxygen process	W	W	W	W	W	W
Direct castings ⁶	W	W	W	W	W	W
Electric furnace	W	W	W	W	W	W
Total consumption	1,530	100	1,630	4,600	274	4,870
Shipments	W		W	W		W
Stocks, end of period	145	186	331	145	186	331
Direct-reduced iron: ⁷						
Receipts	64	73	137	199	215	414
Total consumption	74	54	128	236	215	451
Stocks, end of period	127	68	195	127	68	195

W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included in "Total for steel producers" and (or) "Total consumption." -- Zero.

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

²Includes manufacturers of raw steel that also produce steel castings. March 2017 data are based on returns from 20% of consumer surveys, representing 33% of scrap consumption during this month, and estimates for nonrespondents of this survey.

³May include revisions to previously published data.

⁴Includes data for electric furnaces operated by integrated steel producers.

⁵Includes minimill and specialty steel producers; includes data for other furnaces operated by these steel producers.

⁶Includes vacuum melting furnaces and miscellaneous uses.

⁷Includes ingot molds and stools.

TABLE 2 RECEIPTS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES, PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, AND STOCKS OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP, BY GRADE, FOR STEEL PRODUCERS^{1, 2}

		March 2017				January–March ³	
	Receipts of scrap from brokers, dealers, and other	Production of home scrap (recirculating scrap resulting from	Consumption of purchased and	Ending	Receipts of scrap from brokers, dealers, and other	Production of home scrap (recirculating scrap resulting from	Consumption of purchased and
Item	outside sources	current operations)	home scrap ⁴	stocks	outside sources	current operations)	home scrap ⁴
Carbon steel:	-						
Low-phosphorus plate and	12			***	105		100
punchings	42	W	44	W	125	W	133
Cut structural and plate	311	35	335	313	872	93	967
No. 1 heavy melting steel	266	41	319	211	777	122	950
No. 2 heavy melting steel	344	28	378	206	1,000	81	115
No. 1 and electric furnace							
bundles	205	W	185	179	546	W	562
No. 2 and all other bundles	64	W	70	26	186	W	204
Electric furnace 1 foot and							
under (not bundles)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Railroad rails	17	W	18	15	52	W	53
Turnings and borings	180	W	74	125	511	6	517
Slag scrap	39	69	74	125	115	201	213
Shredded and fragmentized	1,030	W	1,050	1,540	2,820	W	3030
No. 1 busheling	441	24	461	250	1,220	65	1370
Steel cans (post consumer)	6		W	W	17	8	26
All other carbon steel scrap	173	73	254	385	595	209	815
Stainless steel scrap	76	27	112	63	226	82	332
Alloy steel scrap	27	16	43	177	82	48	129
Ingot mold and stool scrap	W	W	3	2	W	W	9
Machinery and cupola cast iron	W		W	W	W		W
Cast iron borings	- 12	W	12	5	37	W	37
Motor blocks	W		W	W	W		W
Other iron scrap	- 91	25	117	81	273	82	351
Other mixed scrap	- 51	5	103	80	141	12	304
Total	3,380	368	3,780	3,940	9,610	1,070	11,100

(Thousand metric tons)

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²Includes manufacturers of raw steel that also produce steel castings.

³May include revisions to previously published data.

⁴Includes recirculating scrap and home-generated obsolete scrap.

TABLE 3 RECEIPTS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES, PRODUCTION, AND CONSUMPTION OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP, BY REGION AND STATE, FOR STEEL PRODUCERS^{1, 2}

		March 2017			January–March ³	
	Receipts of scrap from brokers, dealers, and other	Production of home scrap (recirculating scrap resulting from	Consumption of purchased and	Receipts of scrap from brokers, dealers, and other	Production of home scrap (recirculating scrap resulting from	Consumption of purchased and
Region and State	outside sources	current operations)	home scrap ⁴	outside sources	current operations)	home scrap ⁴
Mid-Atlantic and New England:						
New Jersey, New York,						
Pennsylvania	318	51	373	955	151	1,130
North Central:						
Illinois and Indiana	365	35	432	1,120	100	1,280
Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska,						
Wisconsin	232	15	251	693	49	748
Michigan	153	46	166	454	144	502
Ohio	456	92	541	1,320	265	1,620
Total	1,210	189	1,390	3,580	557	4,150
South Atlantic:						
Virginia, West Virginia	104	6	127	261	17	370
Georgia, North Carolina,						
South Carolina	290	21	279	797	51	835
Total	393	26	407	1,060	69	1,210
South Central:						
Alabama, Kentucky,						
Mississippi, Tennessee	614	43	669	1,670	121	1,950
Arkansas, Louisiana,						
Oklahoma, Texas	670	40	691	1,790	118	1,980
Total	1,280	84	1,360	3,460	240	3,930
Mountain and Pacific:						
California, Colorado,						
Oregon, Utah, Washington	184	18	249	551	49	729
Grand total	3,380	368	3,780	9,610	1,070	11,100

(Thousand metric tons)

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⁴Includes recirculating scrap and home-generated obsolete scrap.

TABLE 4 RECEIPTS OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP, BY REGION AND GRADE, FOR STEEL PRODUCERS^{1, 2, 3, 4}

		Ν	Aarch 2017				Jan	uary–March ⁵		
	Mid-Atlantic				Mountain	Mid-Atlantic				Mountain
	and	North	South	South	and	and	North	South	South	and
Item	New England	Central	Atlantic	Central	Pacific	New England	Central	Atlantic	Central	Pacific
Carbon steel:										
Low-phosphorus plate and										
punchings	10	W		W	W	31	W	W	W	W
Cut structural and plate		89	28	136	W	107	262	77	366	W
No. 1 heavy melting steel	51	85	19	87	25	152	245	50	256	74
No. 2 heavy melting steel	6	92	44	170	32	18	273	120	495	95
No. 1 and electric furnace										
bundles	7	105	3	87	W	22	314	8	190	W
No. 2 and all other bundles	9	37	W	13	W	30	105	W	W	W
Electric furnace 1 foot and										
under (not bundles)		W					W		W	
Railroad rails	W	W	W	4	W	W	W	W	11	W
Turnings and borings	18	60	28	67	7	49	170	77	194	22
Slag scrap	5	28	W	W	W	15	85	4	W	W
Shredded and fragmentized	55	300	203	441	36	167	859	526	1,160	105
No. 1 busheling	42	154	40	202	2	127	462	117	512	7
Steel cans (post consumer)	W	W	W			W	W	W		
All other carbon steel scrap	26	110	3	32	3	84	391	W	103	8
Stainless steel scrap	W	W		W		W	43		W	
Alloy steel scrap	2	23	W	W		5	69	W	W	
Ingot mold and stool scrap	W	W				W	W			
Machinery and cupola cast iron		W	W	W			W	W	W	
Cast iron borings	W	W	W	1	W	W	W	W	3	W
Other iron scrap	5	32	W	6	W	14	96	W	13	W
Other mixed scrap	W	26	W	4	W	W	66	W	13	W
Total	318	1,210	393	1,280	184	955	3,580	1,060	3,460	551

(Thousand metric tons)

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¹Scrap received from brokers, dealers, and other outside sources.

²A breakout of the States within each region is provided in Table 3.

³Includes manufacturers of raw steel that also produce steel castings.

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⁵May include revisions to previously published data.

TABLE 5 CONSUMPTION OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP BY REGION AND GRADE, FOR STEEL PRODUCERS^{1, 2, 3}

		Ν	Aarch 2017				Ja	nuary–March ⁴		
	Mid-Atlantic				Mountain	Mid-Atlantic				Mountain
	and	North	South	South	and	and	North	South	South	and
Item	New England	Central	Atlantic	Central	Pacific	New England	Central	Atlantic	Central	Pacific
Carbon steel:										
Low-phosphorus plate and										
punchings	10	W	W	W	W	31	W	W	W	W
Cut structural and plate	37	99	43	136	W	115	287	134	371	W
No. 1 heavy melting steel	56	115	21	102	26	167	342	61	303	78
No. 2 heavy melting steel	10	97	47	187	W	31	288	133	555	W
No. 1 and electric furnace										
bundles	7	103	3	68	W	21	321	9	200	W
No. 2 and all other bundles	10	38	3	17	W	31	110	W	W	W
Electric furnace 1 foot and										
under (not bundles)		W		W			W		W	
Railroad rails	W	W		4	W	W	W		11	W
Turnings and borings	19	63	27	66	7	53	175	77	190	22
Slag scrap	10	49	2	12	W	29	136	5	36	W
Shredded and fragmentized	55	316	195	441	45	162	924	571	1,260	114
No. 1 busheling	42	163	34	219	2	128	489	108	635	7
Steel cans (post consumer)	W	W	W			W	W	W		
All other carbon steel scrap	38	161	7	45	3	121	534	20	132	8
Stainless steel scrap	53	23		W		158	65		W	
Alloy steel scrap	9	25	W	W		27	76		W	
Ingot mold and stool scrap	W	2		W		W	5		W	
Machinery and cupola cast iron		W	W	W	W		W	W	W	
Cast iron borings	W	W	W	1	W	W	W	W	3	W
Motor blocks		W					W			
Other iron scrap	6	47	W	7	W	18	14	W	21	W
Other mixed scrap	W	33	W	4	W	W	91	W	13	W
Total	373	1,390	407	1,360	249	1,130	4,150	1,210	3,930	729

(Thousand metric tons)

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 2 A breakout of the States within each region is provided in Table 3.

³Includes manufacturers of raw steel that also produce steel castings.

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TABLE 6

U.S. EXPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP BY SELECTED REGION AND COUNTRY $^{1,\,2}$

(Thousand	metric	tons	and	thousand	dollars)	
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	March	2017	January–M	ary–March ³	
Region and country	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
North America and South America:					
Canada	92	19,800	216	51,900	
Mexico	- 96	24,400	443	117,000	
Ecuador	27	7,490	57	16,000	
Peru	- 63	17,900	158	43,400	
Other ⁴	(5)	90	(5)	139	
Total	278	69,600	874	228,000	
Africa, Europe, Middle East:	_				
Austria	- 1	370	1	571	
Belgium	(5)	85	60	1,000	
Germany	(5)	266	20	567	
Italy	(5)	96	37	9,790	
Kuwait	- 48	13,600	94	25,700	
Morocco	12	2,620	12	2,620	
Netherland	(5)	372	11	800	
Spain	(5)	7	(5)	274	
Sweden			(5)	242	
Turkey	105	26,200	543	127,000	
United Arab Emirates	- 1	386	5	1,550	
United Kingdom	(5)	216	(5)	608	
Other ⁴	(5)	149	2	604	
Total	168	44,300	785	172,000	
Asia, Australia, Oceania:					
Bangladesh	33	8,620	122	31,900	
China	156	85,200	314	215,000	
Hong Kong	5	3,680	12	8,360	
India	31	12,400	75	29,600	
Indonesia	6	2,160	9	3,400	
Japan	4	2,420	7	6,610	
Korea, Republic of	16	5,690	155	46,000	
Malaysia	1	437	7	2,280	
Pakistan	30	13,700	84	36,500	
Philippines	1	551	1	551	
Taiwan	139	44,800	400	132,000	
Thailand	29	7,660	137	36,700	
Vietnam	10	3,360	168	46,400	
Other ⁴	(5)	124	1	407	
Total	460	191,000	1,490	595,000	
Grand total	907	305,000	3,150	995,000	

-- Zero.

¹Includes tinplate and terneplate; excludes used rails for rerolling and other uses and ships, boats, and other vessels for scrapping. Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis.

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 4 Includes countries with January–March 2017 quantities of less than 500 metric tons. 5 Less than $^{1\!/}_{2}$ unit.

TABLE 7 U.S. EXPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP BY REGION AND SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT^{1, 2}

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

	March	2017	January–N	March ³
Region and customs district	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Canada–United States border:	-			
Buffalo, NY	36	5,280	59	12,600
Chicago, IL	(4)	21	1	154
Detroit, MI		4,820	40	11,600
Duluth, MN	1	161	2	732
Great Falls, MT	2	587	8	2,390
Ogdensburg, NY	2	497	5	1,490
Pembina, ND	22	5,940	65	17,300
Other	7	868	16	2,270
Total	85	18,200	196	48,600
East coast:				
Baltimore, MD	4	2,570	22	12,600
Boston, MA	43	11,800	219	56,900
Charleston, SC	6	5,070	15	12,300
Miami, FL	27	10,400	82	27,900
New York City, NY	122	45,200	414	147,000
Norfolk, VA	22	12,100	46	30,700
Philadelphia, PA	53	15,000	217	50,600
Portland, ME	4	1,160	12	2,380
Providence, RI	78	20,300	144	37,800
Savannah, GA	13	7,280	120	19,200
St. Albans, VT	2	457	8	1,490
Other	(4)	203	(4)	605
Total	373	131,000	1,300	399,000
Gulf coast and Mexico-United States				
border (includes Caribbean territories):				
El Paso, TX	6	1,890	18	5,250
Houston-Galveston, TX	23	9,290	70	30,700
Laredo, TX	32	8,650	126	36,900
Mobile, AL	1	496	1	836
New Orleans, LA	(4)	74	1	303
Nogales, AZ	(4)	37	(4)	85
San Juan, PR	3	767	30	7,440
Tampa, FL	2	1,270	48	15,100
Total	66	22,500	294	96,600
West coast and Hawaii:				
Columbia–Snake, OR	28	7,360	113	29,800
Honolulu, HI, and Anchorage, AK	2	386	27	7,070
Los Angeles, CA	189	76,100	611	238,000
San Diego, CA	25	5,320	76	16,600
San Francisco, CA	93	27,800	360	105,000
Seattle, WA	46	15,600	173	54,100
Total	382	133,000	1,360	451,000
Grand total	907	305,000	3,150	995,000

¹Includes tinplate and terneplate; excludes used rails for rerolling and other uses and ships, boats, and other vessels for scrapping. Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis.

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⁴Less than ¹/₂ unit.

TABLE 8

U.S. EXPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP AND OTHER FERROUS PRODUCTS BY $\operatorname{GRADE}^{1,\,2}$

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

	March	2017	January–March ³		
Item	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
No. 1 heavy melting steel	257	71,900	880	232,000	
No. 2 heavy melting steel	41	9,550	148	37,000	
No. 1 bundles	7	1,960	102	4,670	
No. 2 bundles	(4)	79	1	119	
Shredded steel scrap	310	84,300	1,120	300,000	
Borings, shovelings and turnings	1	171	2	320	
Cut plate and structural	23	5,770	93	22,600	
Tinned iron or steel	6	1,910	18	5,480	
Remelting scrap ingots	(4)	90	1	366	
Cast iron	16	5,970	42	15,300	
Other iron and steel	159	59,400	518	190,000	
Total carbon steel and cast iron	820	241,000	2,920	808,000	
Stainless steel	53	38,100	126	113,000	
Other alloy steel	34	25,500	104	75,000	
Total stainless and alloy steel	87	63,600	230	188,000	
Total carbon, stainless, alloy steel and cast iron	907	305,000	3,150	995,000	
Ships, boats, and other vessels for					
breaking up (for scrapping)	(4)	8	1	85	
Used rails for rerolling and other uses	(4)	917	2	3,900	
Total scrap exports	908	306,000	3,150	999,000	
Exports of manufactured ferrous products:					
Pig iron $<$ or $= 0.5\%$ phosphorus	2	727	10	3,700	
Pig iron > or = 0.5% phosphorus			(4)	28	
Alloy pig iron	(4)	47	(4)	79	
Total pig iron	2	774	11	3,810	
Direct-reduced iron (DRI)	44	12,400	189	46,700	
Spongy iron products, not DRI	(4)	383	23	14,700	
Granules for abrasive cleaning and other uses	3	3,510	7	9,590	
Powders of alloy steel	2	4,790	6	14,300	
Other ferrous powders	8	8,790	23	25,900	
Total DRI, granules, powders	56	29,800	248	111,000	
Grand total	966	336,000	3,410	1,110,000	

-- Zero.

¹Export valuation is on a free-alongside-ship basis.

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⁴Less than ¹/₂ unit.

TABLE 9 U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP BY SELECTED COUNTRY $^{\! 1,2}$

	March	2017	January–March ³		
Country	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Bahamas	1	88	2	194	
Brazil	1	954	2	1,990	
Canada	268	83,300	748	226,000	
China	(4)	102	1	304	
Germany	(4)	105	1	248	
Mexico	39	18,900	84	40,900	
Netherlands			31	8,420	
Sweden	43	13,200	76	21,800	
United Kingdom	73	20,100	195	56,700	
Venezuela	(4)	82	12	1,760	
Other ⁵	1	1,240	1	2,350	
Total	426	138,000	1,150	361,000	

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

-- Zero.

¹Includes tinplate and terneplate; excludes used rails for rerolling and other uses and ship, boats, and other vessels for scrapping. Import valuation is on a Customs basis.

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

³May include revisions to previously published data.

⁴Less than ¹/₂ unit.

⁵Includes countries with January–March 2017 quantities of less than 500 metric tons.

TABLE 10 U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT^{1, 2}

	March	2017	January–March ³		
Customs district	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
Baltimore, MD	(4)	5	(4)	65	
Buffalo, NY	52	22,100	161	68,000	
Charleston, SC	(4)	45	77	21,500	
Detroit, MI	134	44,300	373	114,000	
Duluth, MN	7	1,780	16	4,110	
El Paso, TX	- 4	1,600	11	3,960	
Great Falls, MT	3	712	6	1,390	
Houston-Galveston, TX	1	1,090	2	2,440	
Laredo, TX	24	11,300	47	23,100	
Los Angeles, CA	(4)	163	1	204	
Miami, FL	1	202	2	410	
Mobil, AL	6	4,200	58	20,800	
New Orleans, LA	116	33,400	193	55,200	
Nogales, AZ	1	232	2	617	
Ogdensburg, NY	1	645	3	2,170	
Pembina, ND	4	1,290	19	5,600	
Portland, ME	(4)	336	2	836	
San Diego, CA	5	1,700	11	4,690	
Seattle, WA	67	12,200	164	28,800	
S. Albans, VT	(4)	57	3	648	
Other	1	828	2	1,700	
Total	426	138,000	1,150	361,000	

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

¹Includes tinplate and terneplate; excludes used rails for rerolling and other uses and ships, boats and other vessels for scrapping. Import valuation is on a Customs basis.

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

³May include revisions to previously published data.

⁴Less than ¹/₂ unit.

TABLE 11 U.S. IMPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP AND OTHER FERROUS PRODUCTS BY GRADE^{1, 2}

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

	March	2017	January–March ³	
Item	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
No. 1 heavy melting steel	13	3,430	37	9,140
No. 2 heavy melting steel	13	2,710	25	5,530
No. 1 bundles	136	42,700	329	100,000
No. 2 bundles	7	1,430	17	3,860
Shredded steel scrap	96	24,800	291	73,400
Borings, shovelings and turnings	7	1,580	19	4,070
Cut plate and structural	18	4,410	44	11,000
Tinned iron or steel	7	1,990	20	6,120
Remelting scrap ingots			(4)	87
Cast iron	7	2,130	24	6,930
Other iron and steel	48	11,200	122	27,900
Total carbon steel and cast iron	351	96,400	928	248,000
Stainless steel	28	29,200	73	74,700
Other alloy steel	47	12,600	153	37,600
Total stainless and alloy steel	75	41,700	226	112,000
Total carbon, stainless, alloy steel and cast iron	426	138,000	1,150	361,000
Ships, boats, and other vessels for				
breaking up (for scrapping)	(4)	5	(4)	15
Used rails for rerolling and other uses	4	1,230	18	5,360
Total scrap imports	430	139,000	1,170	366,000
Imports of manufactured ferrous products:				
Pig iron $<$ or $= 0.5\%$ phosphorus	425	133,000	1,060	328,000
Pig iron > or = 0.5% phosphorus			26	8,110
Alloy pig iron	(4)	48	(4)	113
Total pig iron	425	133,000	1,090	336,000
Direct-reduced iron (DRI)	349	69,700	806	171,000
Spongy iron products, not DRI	(4)	902	1	1,510
Granules for abrasive cleaning and other uses	3	2,820	8	7,230
Powders of alloy steel	5	8,190	16	24,900
Other ferrous powders	4	7,460	12	19,600
Total DRI, granules, powders	361	89,100	842	224,000
Grand total	1,220	362,000	3,100	926,000

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TABLE 12 U.S. RAW STEEL PRODUCTION, RAW STEEL CAPABILITY UTILIZATION, AND CONTINUOUS CAST STEEL PRODUCTION¹

	Raw steel production, thousand metric tons		Raw steel of utilization	1 2	Continuous cast steel production, percent	
		Year		Year	P	Year
Period	Monthly	to date ²	Monthly	to date ²	Monthly	to date ²
2016:	~		<i>v</i>		<u> </u>	
March	6,770	19,700	72.1	71.3	99.2	99.2
April	6,600	26,300	72.6	71.6	99.2	99.2
May	6,980	33,200	74.3	72.1	99.6	99.3
June	6,820	40,100	75.1	72.6	99.2	99.3
July	6,700	46,800	71.3	72.4	99.5	99.3
August	6,650	53,400	70.8	72.2	99.7	99.3
September	6,190	59,600	68.0	71.8	99.4	99.4
October	6,230	65,800	65.4	71.1	99.6	99.4
November	6,190	72,000	67.1	70.8	99.6	99.4
December	6,460	78,500	67.8	70.5	99.6	99.4
2017:						
January	6,980	6,980	73.3	73.3	99.6	99.6
February	6,420	13,400	75.9	75.2	99.6	99.6
March	6,890	20,300	73.6	74.6	99.6	99.6

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²May include revisions to previously published data.

Source: American Iron and Steel Institute.

	American Metal Market No. 1 HMS		Scrap Price Bulletin			
			No. 1 HMS		Pig Iron ¹	
Period	\$/lt	\$/t	\$/lt	\$/t	\$/lt	\$/t
2016:						
March	169.00	166.33	173.25	170.51	218.54	215.09
April	210.01	206.69	209.75	206.44	254.00	249.99
May	241.27	237.46	245.83	241.95	299.72	294.99
June	223.21	219.68	221.42	217.92	299.72	294.99
July	208.40	205.11	211.42	208.08	295.91	291.24
August	208.90	205.60	209.84	206.53	292.10	287.49
September	196.64	193.53	197.67	194.55	275.59	271.24
October	179.20	176.37	178.84	176.01	268.22	263.99
November	200.45	197.28	206.42	203.16	274.32	269.99
December	238.49	234.72	245.72	241.84	321.73	316.65
Average, January–December	198.98	195.84	201.99	198.80	271.33	267.04
2017:	_					
January	274.26	269.93	221.74	218.24	345.44	339.98
February	255.72	251.68	261.58	257.45	345.44	339.98
March	281.38	276.94	295.17	290.51	417.83	411.23

TABLE 13 COMPOSITE PRICES FOR NO. 1 HEAVY MELTING STEEL SCRAP AND PIG IRON

¹Prices are Brazilian basic pig iron, f.o.b. New Orleans, LA.

Note: Long tons = lt; metric tons = t.