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TOOL STEEL (COVERING
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HIGHLIGHTS

During the second quarter (April-June) 1986, compared to the first quarter of 1986:

- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION of certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products increased 7 percent to 283,583 tons; increases occurred in all product categories except stainless steel wire rod and alloy tool steel.
- U.S. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS declined 1 percent to 270,110 tons.
- AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT of production and related workers decreased 2 percent to 11,030 workers.
- U.S. PRODUCERS' AND IMPORTERS' PRICES showed noteworthy declines and increases among products. There were more declines than increases in producers' prices compared with the previous quarter, but importers' prices showed no distinct upward or downward trend overall.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' UNFILLED ORDERS decreased 1 percent to 41,354 tons.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' INVENTORIES decreased 3 percent to 23,272 tons.

U.S. production and producers' shipments

U.S. production of certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products increased overall from January-March 1986 to April-June 1986. There were production increases in all product categories except stainless steel wire rod and alloy tool steel, both of which resumed a downward trend which had been interrupted in the first quarter of 1986. Production of stainless steel sheets and strip and bar grew, continuing the trend from the first quarter of 1986. U.S. producers' shipments of stainless plate and rod also rose from January-March 1986 to April-June 1986, but declines in shipments of stainless sheets and strip, bar, and alloy tool steel resulted in little change in overall shipments during the period.

Employment and hours worked

The average number of all persons employed in producing certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel decreased from 15,567 persons to 14,965 persons, or by 4 percent, from January-March 1986 to April-June 1986. Employment of production and related workers fell from 11,240 workers to 11,030 workers, or by 2 percent, over the same period. Total employment, and production and related worker employment, have been decreasing steadily since the second quarter of 1984. The number of hours worked by production and related workers remained stable at about 5.8 million man-hours during the period. Man-hours have followed a downward trend since the beginning of 1984, although they have stabilized during the first two quarters of 1986.

U.S. producers' prices

Surveys of the weighted average prices of certain domestic stainless steel and alloy tool steel products showed more price declines than increases between January 1986 and June 1986 for sales to both service centers and end-users. The decreasing trend in producers' prices continues the downward pattern that occurred during the first quarter of 1986. The most noteworthy price decrease was for * * *.

U.S. importers' prices

Pricing data reported by U.S. importers for certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products revealed no distinct trend between January 1986 and June 1986. The movements continue the fluctuating pattern which has characterized importers' prices since early 1985. Price increases were

recorded in certain shipments of * * *. Prices for some specifications of * * * exhibited decreases during the period.

U.S. importers' unfilled orders and inventories

Data on importers' unfilled orders from foreign sources indicate an overall decrease between March 31, 1986 and June 30, 1986. There were decreases in such orders for * * * and increases in orders for * * * during the period. Importers' inventories of * * * decreased between the two quarters, while inventories of * * * rose.

Table 1.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. production, U.S. producers' shipments, average number of all persons employed, average number of production and related workers employed, and number of man-hours worked by production and related workers, by specified periods, October 1982-June 1986

Period	U.S. production ----- tons	U.S. producers' shipments	Average number of all persons employed	Average number of production and related workers employed	Man-hours worked by production and related workers
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	162,178	163,952	13,904	9,312	4,309,228
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	204,170	196,850	15,411	9,725	5,002,444
Apr.-Jun.---	234,292	230,994	14,782	10,069	5,583,320
Jul.-Sep.---	291,662	264,304	18,705	13,503	6,364,524
Oct.-Dec.---	315,624	293,239	19,088	13,652	6,936,212
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	340,076	314,040	19,781	14,551	7,722,925
Apr.-Jun.---	321,407	312,983	19,786	14,611	7,129,428
Jul.-Sep.---	231,874	251,268	19,279	13,961	6,371,301
Oct.-Dec.---	284,644	268,161	19,056	13,660	6,728,275
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	313,391	307,153	18,336	13,140	6,738,552
Apr.-Jun.---	323,894	313,349	17,836	12,923	6,839,863
Jul.-Sep.---	273,340	279,146	17,077	12,222	6,002,974
Oct.-Dec.---	254,487	272,054	16,170	11,467	5,782,460
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	265,905	272,872	15,567	11,240	5,790,222
Apr.-Jun.---	283,583	270,110	14,965	11,030	5,757,539

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 2.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. production, by types and by specified periods, October 1982-June 1986

(In tons)

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	107,873	23,145	17,321	5,067	8,772
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	143,081	22,538	21,113	6,195	11,243
Apr.-Jun.---	160,718	23,437	27,105	8,489	14,543
Jul.-Sep.---	215,116	24,690	31,123	8,174	12,559
Oct.-Dec.---	217,471	30,710	37,188	10,893	19,362
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	226,397	29,727	46,701	13,029	24,222
Apr.-Jun.---	201,604	35,433	47,088	13,462	23,820
Jul.-Sep.---	130,561	29,387	41,377	9,615	20,934
Oct.-Dec.---	176,174	33,747	42,782	11,015	20,926
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	203,589	35,734	46,158	10,071	17,839
Apr.-Jun.---	213,547	42,168	44,717	7,338	16,124
Jul.-Sep.---	185,045	34,944	32,367	5,620	15,364
Oct.-Dec.---	164,066	31,658	34,239	7,741	16,783
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	170,519	29,739	37,164	10,098	18,385
Apr.-Jun.---	185,467	33,434	37,368	9,585	17,729
1986:					
April-----	59,829	13,447	12,999	3,210	6,759
May-----	64,573	11,449	11,423	3,243	5,769
June-----	61,065	8,538	12,946	3,132	5,201

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 3.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. producers' shipments, by types, by specified periods, October 1982-June 1986

(In tons)

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	107,711	21,512	19,594	5,188	9,947
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	132,297	22,565	24,172	5,976	11,840
Apr.-Jun.---	159,874	24,479	25,380	8,239	13,022
Jul.-Sep.---	192,448	24,314	26,534	7,863	13,145
Oct.-Dec.---	209,154	27,732	32,024	9,918	14,411
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	210,616	29,591	41,436	12,201	20,196
Apr.-Jun.---	201,518	30,680	42,246	14,096	24,443
Jul.-Sep.---	155,535	28,093	38,212	10,434	18,994
Oct.-Dec.---	169,922	28,439	37,476	12,490	19,834
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	205,907	36,108	37,281	9,623	18,234
Apr.-Jun.---	207,267	40,779	40,479	7,232	17,592
Jul.-Sep.---	190,149	36,739	31,550	5,900	14,808
Oct.-Dec.---	183,923	32,018	32,014	8,173	15,926
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	177,724	31,106	36,834	9,436	17,772
Apr.-Jun.---	176,310	32,375	35,516	9,785	16,124
1986:					
April-----	56,744	11,189	12,125	3,439	5,589
May-----	61,397	11,071	11,612	3,185	5,272
June-----	58,169	10,115	11,779	3,161	5,262

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 4.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Average number of all persons employed in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982-June 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.-----	4,320	1,609	3,497	873	3,605
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	6,249	1,459	3,422	796	3,485
Apr.-Jun.-----	5,234	1,514	3,450	1,027	3,557
Jul.-Sep.-----	8,388	1,542	4,112	1,090	3,573
Oct.-Dec.-----	8,226	1,498	4,316	1,234	3,814
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	8,748	1,326	4,490	1,264	3,953
Apr.-Jun.-----	7,789	1,526	5,016	1,304	4,151
Jul.-Sep.-----	6,573	1,712	5,700	1,158	4,136
Oct.-Dec.-----	6,472	1,754	5,385	1,244	4,201
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	6,555	1,619	5,213	990	3,959
Apr.-Jun.-----	6,405	1,900	5,658	754	3,119
Jul.-Sep.-----	6,320	1,845	5,192	706	3,014
Oct.-Dec.-----	5,985	1,607	4,810	866	2,902
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	5,353	1,416	4,803	943	3,051
Apr.-Jun.-----	5,061	1,522	4,454	956	2,972
1986:					
April-----	5,382	1,744	4,430	950	3,178
May-----	5,531	1,527	4,503	960	2,798
June-----	4,269	1,294	4,430	958	2,940

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 5.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Average number of production and related workers employed in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982-June 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.-----	3,243	1,162	2,037	476	2,394
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	3,854	1,056	2,004	456	2,355
Apr.-Jun.-----	3,842	1,115	2,126	598	2,388
Jul.-Sep.-----	6,656	1,075	2,656	666	2,450
Oct.-Dec.-----	6,466	1,115	3,024	780	2,267
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	6,987	977	3,024	807	2,756
Apr.-Jun.-----	6,272	1,082	3,496	847	2,914
Jul.-Sep.-----	5,129	1,220	3,958	735	2,919
Oct.-Dec.-----	4,983	1,233	3,749	782	2,913
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	5,099	1,126	3,548	636	2,731
Apr.-Jun.-----	5,006	1,418	3,852	463	2,184
Jul.-Sep.-----	4,836	1,337	3,521	443	2,085
Oct.-Dec.-----	4,527	1,158	3,280	528	1,974
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	4,023	1,115	3,350	621	2,130
Apr.-Jun.-----	4,107	1,126	3,102	635	2,061
1986:					
April-----	4,079	1,292	3,075	614	2,154
May-----	4,214	1,129	3,124	658	1,971
June-----	4,027	957	3,106	632	2,057

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 6.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: Number of man-hours worked by production and related workers in U.S. establishments in which certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are produced, by specified periods, October 1982-June 1986

Period	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod	
1982:					
Oct.-Dec.---	1,881,440	390,777	879,812	187,186	970,013
1983:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,384,759	436,443	1,002,148	219,000	960,094
Apr.-Jun.---	2,668,251	465,570	1,106,076	302,000	1,041,423
Jul.-Sep.---	3,020,375	486,076	1,484,447	325,431	1,048,195
Oct.-Dec.---	3,099,366	450,775	1,736,844	408,380	1,240,847
1984:					
Jan.-Mar.---	3,500,712	480,128	1,898,138	456,520	1,387,427
Apr.-Jun.---	2,820,172	559,518	1,846,557	461,516	1,441,665
Jul.-Sep.---	2,301,369	559,121	1,712,532	365,165	1,433,114
Oct.-Dec.---	2,388,108	645,249	1,837,000	394,702	1,463,216
1985:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,534,419	610,130	1,839,220	333,347	1,421,436
Apr.-Jun.---	2,664,684	845,420	1,963,597	242,741	1,123,421
Jul.-Sep.---	2,476,419	697,449	1,635,601	207,594	985,911
Oct.-Dec.---	2,314,630	625,429	1,592,194	262,699	987,508
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.---	2,124,130	559,331	1,713,397	327,497	1,065,867
Apr.-Jun.---	2,195,012	589,025	1,577,287	337,943	1,058,272
1986:					
April-----	759,084	239,354	522,320	112,487	375,764
May-----	734,912	187,001	511,447	116,930	322,613
June-----	701,016	162,670	543,520	108,526	359,895

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 7a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----	* * *		* * *	1,533 - 1,673	1,564
February-----	* * *		* * *	1,560 - 1,569	1,545
March-----	* * *		* * *	1,550 - 1,669	1,589
April-----	1,514 - 1,681		1,593	1,573 - 1,736	1,662
May-----	1,480 - 1,592		1,553	1,595 - 1,639	1,615
June-----	1,568 - 1,633		1,600	1,623 - 1,677	1,644
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	1,520 - 1,638		1,549	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 7b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
March-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
April-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
May-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
June-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *

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(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average

U.S. producers						

1986:						
January-----	* * *		* * *	* * *		* * *
February-----	* * *		* * *	* * *		* * *
March-----	* * *		* * *	* * *		* * *
April-----	-		-	-		-
May-----	-		-	-		-
June-----	-		-	-		-

U.S. importers						

1986:						
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *		* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *		* * *	* * *		* * *

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 24 gage, 12" - 24", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 8b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers 2/ to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January-----	-	-	-	-	-	-
February-----	-	-	-	***	***	***
March-----	-	-	-	-	-	-
April-----	***	***	***	***	***	***
May-----	***	***	***	***	***	***
June-----	***	***	***	***	***	***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.----	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr.-Jun.----	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 24 gage, 12" - 24", coil.

2/ Importers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 9a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
March-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
April-----	* * *		* * *	2,141 - 2,204	2,156
May-----	* * *		* * *	2,147 - 2,370	2,310
June-----	* * *		* * *	2,079 - 2,270	2,123
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 9b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Range	Weighted average	Range
U.S. producers					
1986:					
January-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
February-----	-	-	-	-	-
March-----	-	-	-	-	-
April-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 316, 2B finish, 16 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 10a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.	1,326 - 1,565	1,417	1,366 - 1,565	1,451		
Apr.-Jun.	1,336 - 1,474	1,391	* * *	* * *		

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 20 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 10b.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers 2/ and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Range	Weighted average	Weighted average
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 20 gage, 36" - 48", coil.

2/ Producers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 11a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
January-----	***		***	***	***
February-----	***		***	1,834 - 1,962	1,881
March-----	***		***	***	***
April-----	***		***	***	***
May-----	***		***	1,847 - 1,962	1,878
June-----	***		***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	-		-	-	-
Apr.-Jun.-----	***		***	***	***

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 11b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January-----						
February-----		***	***		***	***
March-----		***	***		***	***
April-----		***	***		***	***
May-----		***	***		***	***
June-----						
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.-----		***	***		***	***
Apr.-Jun.-----		***	***		***	***
1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".						

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 12a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U. S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average

U.S. producers					

1986:					
January-----	***	***	2,660 - 2,701	2,676	
February-----	***	***	2,640 - 2,701	2,655	
March-----	***	***	2,617 - 2,701	2,664	
April-----	***	***	***	***	
May-----	***	***	2,515 - 2,701	2,635	
June-----	***	***	***	***	

U.S. importers					

1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	***	***	***	***	
Apr.-Jun.----	***	***	***	***	

1/ Grade 316L, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".					

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U. S. International Trade Commission.

Table 12b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January-----		***	***		***	***
February-----		***	***		***	***
March-----		***	***		***	***
April-----		***	***		***	***
May-----		***	***		***	***
June-----		***	***		***	***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.-----		***	***		***	***
Apr.-Jun.-----		***	***		***	***

1/ Grade 316L, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 13a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Weighted average		Weighted average	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----						
1986:						
January-----	***	***	***	1,998 - 2,083	***	2,030
February-----	***	***	***	1,992 - 2,083	***	2,007
March-----	***	***	***	1,720 - 2,083	***	1,844
April-----	***	***	***	1,920 - 2,083	***	1,976
May-----	***	***	***	***	***	***
June-----	***	***	***	2,000 - 2,083	***	2,028
----- U.S. importers -----						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.-----	***	***	***	***	***	***
Apr.-Jun.-----	***	***	***	***	***	***

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 13b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986.

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----		***	***	***	***
February-----		***	***	***	***
March-----		***	***	***	***
April-----		***	***	***	***
May-----		***	***	***	***
June-----		***	***	***	***
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----		***	***	***	***
Apr.-Jun.-----		***	***	***	***

1/ Grade 304, HRAP, 1/4" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 14a.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Range	Weighted average	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
January-----	***	***	2,420 - 2,506	2,445	
February-----	***	***	2,440 - 2,506	2,456	
March-----	***	***	***	***	
April-----	***	***	2,380 - 2,642	2,529	
May-----	***	***	***	***	
June-----	***	***	2,420 - 2,506	2,453	
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	***	***	***	***	
Apr.-Jun.----	***	***	***	***	

1/ Grade 316, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 14b.--Stainless steel plate 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Range	Weighted average	Range
U.S. producers					
1986:					
January-----	-	-	-	-	-
February-----	-	-	-	-	-
March-----	-	-	-	-	-
April-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
May-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
June-----	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.-----	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Grade 316, HRAP, 1/2" x 72" - 96" x 240" - 290".

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 15a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Range	Weighted average	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----	1,635 - 2,428	2,133	2,201 - 2,501	2,329	
February-----	2,021 - 2,340	2,204	2,150 - 2,440	2,323	
March-----	1,913 - 2,360	2,270	2,032 - 2,583	2,339	
April-----	2,025 - 2,350	2,162	2,204 - 2,400	2,277	
May-----	1,981 - 2,320	2,202	2,228 - 2,377	2,292	
June-----	2,035 - 2,310	2,199	2,212 - 2,357	2,259	
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	
Apr.-Jun.----	2,020 - 2,220	2,107	* * *	* * *	

1/ Grade 304, cold-formed, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 15b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average

U.S. producers					

1986:					
January-----	1,420 - 4,080		2,533	2,086 - 4,080	2,625
February-----	2,078 - 4,300		2,823	2,174 - 4,300	2,915
March-----	* * *		* * *	2,418 - 4,060	3,052
April-----	1,600 - 2,750		2,092	2,116 - 3,618	2,406
May-----	2,200 - 2,750		2,469	2,332 - 3,619	3,163
June-----	1,120 - 2,750		1,535	1,360 - 3,624	2,101

U.S. importers					

1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, cold-formed, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 16a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U. S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
January-----	2,450 - 2,900		2,680	2,642 - 3,248	2,761
February-----	2,446 - 3,076		2,707	2,595 - 3,089	2,759
March-----	2,420 - 2,878		2,483	2,660 - 3,351	2,757
April-----	2,450 - 2,600		2,476	* * *	* * *
May-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
June-----	2,400 - 2,935		2,538	2,560 - 3,022	2,568
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	-		-	-	-

1/ Grade 303, cold-formed, 20/32" - 31/32", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 16b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
January-----	2,680 - 3,234		3,145	* * *	* * *
February-----	2,680 - 3,320		3,057	* * *	* * *
March-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
April-----	2,226 - 3,360		3,207	2,508 - 3,947	3,681
May-----	2,680 - 3,980		3,202	* * *	* * *
June-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
1/ Grade 303, cold-formed, 20/32" - 31/32", round.					

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 17a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January-----	1,860 - 2,340		1,989	1,960 - 2,350		2,054
February-----	* * *		* * *	* * *		* * *
March-----	1,840 - 2,400		2,098	1,960 - 2,400		2,161
April-----	1,840 - 2,180		2,091	1,960 - 2,180		2,066
May-----	* * *		* * *	* * *		* * *
June-----	1,820 - 2,160		2,042	1,920 - 2,240		2,138
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.-----	1,880 - 2,300		1,995	1,880 - 2,778		2,217
Apr.-Jun.-----	1,940 - 2,400		2,060	1,940 - 2,725		2,184

1/ Grade 304, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 17b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----				
1986:				
January-----	1,800 - 2,318	1,984	1,800 - 2,600	2,286
February-----	1,800 - 3,230	2,099	1,800 - 3,979	2,412
March-----	1,900 - 2,260	2,184	* * *	* * *
April-----	828 - 2,625	1,450	828 - 2,984	1,966
May-----	1,900 - 2,800	2,167	2,050 - 2,800	2,296
June-----	* * *	* * *	1,122 - 2,474	1,769
----- U.S. importers -----				
1986:				
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 304, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 18a.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----	1,100 - 2,260		1,805	1,100 - 2,280	1,868
February-----	1,994 - 2,400		2,146	2,116 - 2,428	2,174
March-----	1,100 - 1,900		1,631	1,100 - 2,084	1,987
April-----	1,670 - 2,140		2,037	1,730 - 2,140	2,002
May-----	* * *		* * *	1,791 - 2,178	1,943
June-----	1,050 - 1,800		1,625	1,050 - 1,939	1,737
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *

1/ Grade 410, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.					

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 18b.--Stainless steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers 2/ to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January-----	1,000 - 2,540		1,489	1,000 - 3,210		1,961
February-----	* * *		* * *	1,000 - 3,222		2,092
March-----	1,000 - 3,024		1,576	* * *		* * *
April-----	* * *		* * *	1,000 - 3,365		2,049
May-----	* * *		* * *	980 - 3,122		2,387
June-----	960 - 2,480		1,966	970 - 3,325		2,274
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.----						
Apr.-Jun.----						

1/ Grade 410, hot-rolled, 1 1/2" - 4 3/4", round.

2/ Importers did not report sales to end-use customers during this period.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 19.--Stainless steel wire rod 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----	1,614 - 1,700		1,634	1,689 - 1,832	1,747
February-----	1,614 - 1,700		1,634	1,656 - 1,734	1,699
March-----	1,577 - 1,700		1,629	1,675 - 1,811	1,761
April-----	1,614 - 1,700		1,632	1,676 - 1,826	1,738
May-----	1,597 - 1,700		1,630	1,644 - 1,752	1,711
June-----	1,160 - 1,659		1,559	1,698 - 1,870	1,800
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.----	1,620 - 1,930		1,751	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	1,600 - 1,780		1,638	1,640 - 1,780	1,664

1/ Grades 302 or 304, .217" - .250", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 20.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January-----		* * *	* * *	2,080 - 4,772		2,654
February-----		* * *	* * *	2,080 - 4,415		2,732
March-----		* * *	* * *	2,080 - 3,915		2,707
April-----		* * *	* * *		* * *	* * *
May-----	2,080 - 4,580		2,482	2,080 - 4,580		2,718
June-----	2,080 - 4,980		2,550	2,080 - 4,980		2,694
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.----		* * *	* * *		* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.----	1,940 - 2,199		2,100		* * *	* * *

1/ Grade H-13, annealed, rough-turned, 3 1/8" - 5 1/16", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 21.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
January-----	5,290 - 7,220		6,913	6,864 - 8,272		7,332
February-----	6,350 - 7,280		6,980	6,729 - 7,669		6,982
March-----	5,580 - 7,440		6,215	6,212 - 7,449		6,765
April-----	5,280 - 7,200		6,063	6,027 - 7,908		6,707
May-----	5,539 - 7,200		6,136	5,785 - 7,566		6,521
June-----	5,580 - 7,200		6,072	6,146 - 7,350		6,575
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jan.-Mar.----	***		***	***		***
Apr.-Jun.----	5,800 - 7,200		6,189	5,851 - 7,200		6,444

1/ Grade M-2, annealed, centerless ground or rough turned, 1 13/16" - 3", round.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 22.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
January-----	1,947 - 4,360		4,032	* * *	* * *
February-----	* * *		* * *	3,658 - 4,325	3,835
March-----	* * *		* * *	3,732 - 4,220	3,904
April-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
May-----	1,000 - 3,800		2,498	* * *	* * *
June-----	* * *		* * *	3,550 - 4,109	3,742
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----	* * *		* * *	* * *	* * *
Apr.-Jun.-----	* * *		* * *	2,819 - 4,007	3,380

1/ Grade D-2, annealed, rough turned, 4 1/16" - 6", round.

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Table 23.--Alloy tool steel bars 1/1: Ranges and weighted averages of lowest net selling prices and average price of total quantity shipped by U.S. producers and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, January 1986 - June 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
----- U.S. producers -----					
1986:					
January-----		***	***	***	***
February-----		***	***	5,300 - 6,963	5,825
March-----		***	***	***	***
April-----	3,980 - 6,300		5,299	5,718 - 6,597	5,826
May-----		***	***	***	***
June-----		***	***	***	***
----- U.S. importers -----					
1986:					
Jan.-Mar.-----		***	***	***	***
Apr.-Jun.-----		***	***	***	***

1/ Grade D-2, annealed, cold finish, decarb free, 2" - 2 1/2" thick, 3" - 4" wide, flat.

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Table 24.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' unfilled orders from foreign sources, by types, as of March 31, 1986 and June 30, 1986.

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1986:						
Mar. 31-----	***	***	***	***	***	41,805
Jun. 30-----	***	***	***	***	***	41,354

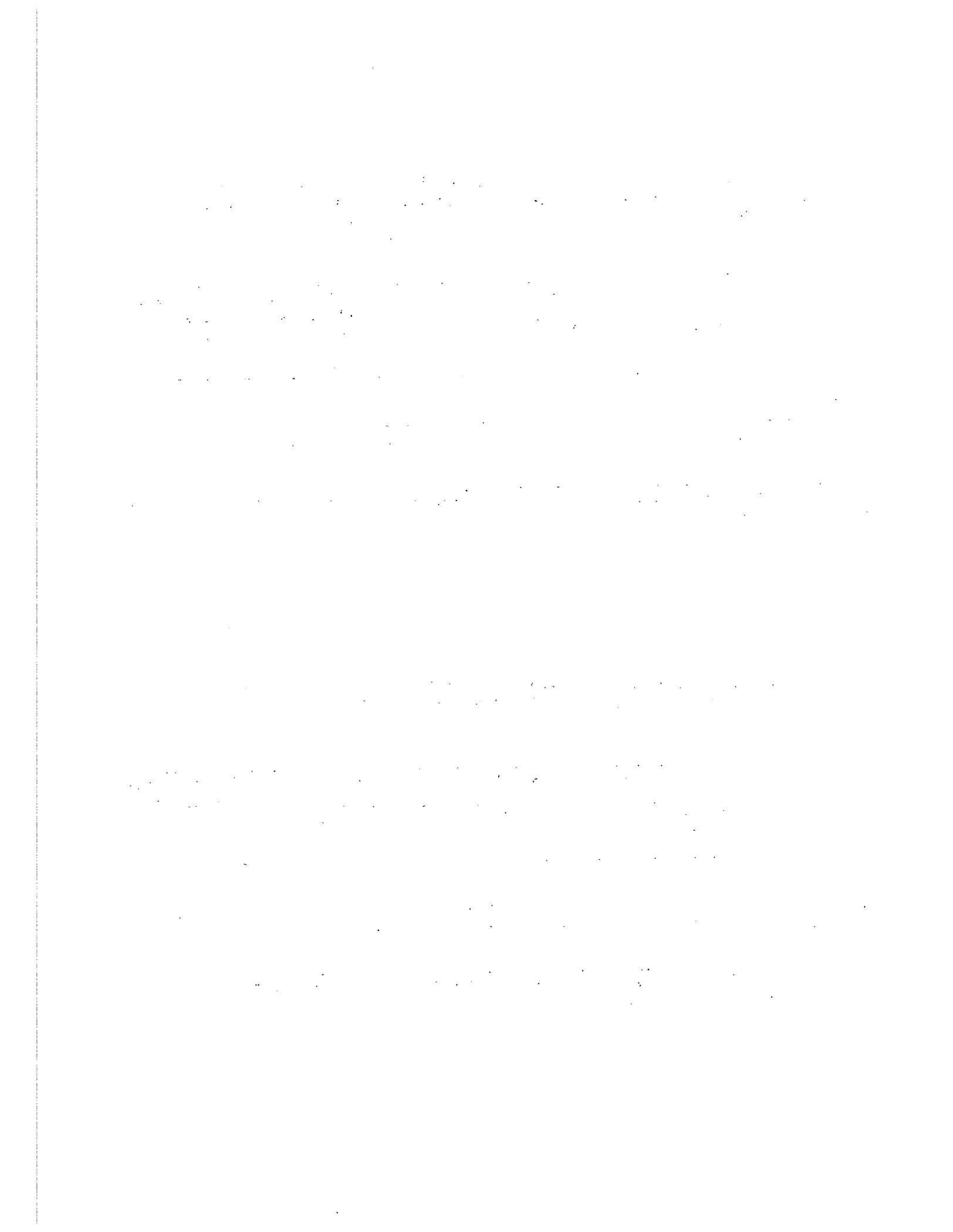
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Table 25.--Certain stainless steel and alloy tool steel: U.S. importers' inventories, by types, as of March 31, 1986 and June 30, 1986

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1986:						
Mar. 31-----	***	***	***	***	***	23,981
Jun. 30-----	***	***	***	***	***	23,272

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