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TOOL STEEL (COVERING
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HIGHLIGHTS

During the fourth quarter (October–December) 1986, compared to the third quarter of 1986:

- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION of the stainless steel and alloy tool steel products covered by the investigation increased 13 percent to 269,242 tons; increases occurred in the stainless sheet and strip, plate, and wire rod product categories.
- U.S. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS rose 8 percent to 266,816 tons.
- AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT of production and related workers decreased 0.9 percent to 10,543 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 a fairly equal number of price increases and decreases.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' UNFILLED ORDERS decreased 25 percent to 34,258 tons.
- U.S. IMPORTERS' INVENTORIES increased 12 percent to 23,981 tons.

U.S. production and producers' shipments

U.S. production of the stainless steel and alloy tool steel products covered by the investigation increased overall from July–September 1986 to October–December 1986. There were production increases in the stainless sheet and strip, plate, and wire rod product categories, partly reflecting renewed activity following traditional summer vacation schedules and reductions in plant operations during the third quarter. There were also increases in shipments in these three product categories during the fourth quarter.

Employment and hours worked

The average number of all persons employed in producing the subject stainless steel and alloy tool steel decreased from 14,897 persons to 14,646 persons, or by 2 percent, from July-September 1986 to October-December 1986. Employment of production and related workers fell from 10,636 workers to 10,543 workers, or by 1 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 increased by 2 percent during the period.

U.S. producers' prices

Surveys of the weighted average prices of selected domestic stainless steel and alloy tool steel products showed more price declines than increases between July 1986 and December 1986 for sales to both service centers and end-users. The trend in producers' prices continues the downward pattern that occurred during the first half 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 a fairly equal number of price increases and decreases between July 1986 and December 1986. This fluctuating pattern has generally characterized importers' prices since early 1985.

U.S. importers' unfilled orders and inventories

Data on importers' unfilled orders from foreign sources indicate an overall decrease between September 30, 1986 and December 31, 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-December 1986

Period	U.S. production	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
-----tons-----					
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
Jul.-Sep.---	238,961	247,461	14,897	10,636	5,000,457
Oct.-Dec.---	269,242	266,816	14,646	10,543	5,075,902

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-December 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
Jul.-Sep.----	158,705	26,713	28,636	8,891	16,016
Oct.-Dec.----	184,996	33,287	28,192	10,109	12,658
1986:					
October-----	67,675	12,836	8,088	4,070	4,338
November-----	56,237	11,216	9,125	2,859	3,542
December-----	61,084	9,235	10,979	3,180	4,777

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-December 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
Jul.-Sep.----	165,964	26,516	31,200	9,170	14,611
Oct.-Dec.----	183,490	30,223	30,056	9,298	13,748
1986:					
October-----	68,656	11,172	10,974	3,318	5,031
November-----	62,726	9,744	9,483	2,973	4,290
December-----	52,108	9,307	9,599	3,007	4,427

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-December 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
Jul.-Sep.-----	5,222	1,555	4,299	1,024	2,797
Oct.-Dec.-----	5,263	1,649	4,092	1,075	2,567
1986:					
October-----	5,055	1,745	4,203	1,103	2,552
November-----	5,135	1,718	4,029	1,106	2,423
December-----	5,600	1,485	4,044	1,015	2,726

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-December 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
Jul.-Sep.-----	4,003	1,122	2,901	659	1,951
Oct.-Dec.-----	4,023	1,184	2,868	733	1,735
1986:					
October-----	3,859	1,253	2,952	789	1,697
November-----	3,932	1,233	2,830	745	1,623
December-----	4,278	1,065	2,823	665	1,884

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-December 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	1,713,394	327,497	1,065,867
Apr.-Jun.---	2,195,012	589,025	1,577,287	337,943	1,058,272
Jul.-Sep.---	1,972,141	453,443	1,340,791	298,208	935,874
Oct.-Dec.---	2,047,082	597,066	1,273,978	320,639	837,137
1986:					
October-----	711,297	216,101	427,197	125,610	297,025
November-----	637,529	195,130	404,601	98,629	238,642
December-----	698,256	185,835	442,180	96,400	301,469

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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----	1,552 - 1,634		1,589	1,614 - 1,663		1,653
August-----	1,605 - 1,634		1,621	1,634 - 1,755		1,687
September----	***		***	1,614 - 1,770		1,670
October-----	***		***	1,620 - 1,693		1,653
November-----	1,503 - 1,617		1,570	1,550 - 1,683		1,629
December-----	***		***	1,597 - 1,670		1,648
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----	1,596 - 1,934		1,742	1,596 - 1,952		1,772
Oct.-Dec.----	1,526 - 1,855		1,740	1,526 - 1,855		1,747

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

Sources: 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----		***	***	1,548 - 1,644		1,608
August-----		***	***	***		***
September-----		***	***	1,503 - 1,656		1,566
October-----		***	***	***		***
November-----	1,594 - 1,759		1,644	1,594 - 1,759		1,657
December-----		***	***	***		***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.-----		***	***	***		***
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***		***

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

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Table 8a.--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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----		***	***		***	***
August-----	-		-	-		-
September----	-		-	-		-
October-----	-		-		***	***
November-----	-		-	-		
December-----		***	***		***	***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***		***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***		***	***

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 2/ and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Range	Weighted average	Range
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----		***	***	***	***
August-----		***	***	***	***
September-----		***	***	***	***
October-----		***	***	***	***
November-----		***	***	***	***
December-----		***	***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***	***

1/ Grade 430, BA finish, 24 gage, 12" - 24", 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 9a.--Stainless steel sheets (cold-rolled) 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 steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, July - December 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:					
July-----		***		***	***
August-----		***		***	***
September----		***		***	***
October-----		***	2,091 - 2,123	***	2,103
November-----		***	2,016 - 2,095	***	2,090
December-----		***	2,071 - 2,083	***	2,077
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----		***		***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		***		***	***

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 2/ and importers to end-use customers, by periods indicated, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***	***

1/ Grade 316, 2B finish, 16 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 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 2/ and importers to steel service centers or distributors, by periods indicated, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----	1,389 - 1,664		1,512	1,493 - 1,664	1,587
Oct.-Dec.-----	1,447 - 1,570		1,501	***	***

1/ Grade 430, 8A 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 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***	***	***

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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----		***	***	1,748 - 1,925		1,843
August-----	1,633 - 1,765		1,732	1,678 - 1,860		1,801
September----		***	***	1,682 - 1,800		1,775
October-----		***	***	1,677 - 1,850		1,777
November-----		***	***	1,656 - 1,820		1,737
December-----		***	***	1,656 - 1,790		1,763
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***	***		***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***	***		***

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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----		***	***	***	***
August-----		***	***	***	***
September-----		***	***	***	***
October-----		***	***	***	***
November-----		***	***	***	***
December-----		***	***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***	***

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, July - December 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:					
July-----		***	***	2,462 - 2,860	2,657
August-----		***	***	2,376 - 2,680	2,549
September----		***	***	***	***
October-----		***	***	2,540 - 2,570	2,551
November-----		***	***	***	***
December-----		***	***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----		-	-	-	-
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***	***
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 12h.--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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Range	Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----		***	***	***	***
August-----		***	***	***	***
September-----		***	***	***	***
October-----		***	***	***	***
November-----		***	***	***	***
December-----		***	***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***	***

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, July - December 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:					
July-----	1,855 - 1,984	1,937	1,855 - 2,020	1,986	
August-----	***	***	1,781 - 2,046	1,945	
September----	***	***	1,782 - 1,946	1,882	
October-----	***	***	1,781 - 1,940	1,858	
November-----	1,758 - 1,904	1,796	1,759 - 1,920	1,829	
December-----	***	***	1,775 - 2,030	1,878	
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----	***	***	***	***	
Oct.-Dec.----	***	***	***	***	
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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
		Weighted average	Range	Weighted average	Range
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----		***	***	***	***
August-----		***	***	***	***
September----		***	***	***	***
October-----		***	***	***	***
November-----		***	***	***	***
December-----		***	***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***	***	***

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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----	2,285 - 2,440		2,365	2,285 - 2,518		2,390
August-----	2,217 - 2,340		2,270	2,217 - 2,449		2,361
September----	2,217 - 2,320		2,289	2,217 - 2,411		2,366
October-----	***		***	***		***
November-----	***		***	***		***
December-----	***		***	***		***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----	***		***	***		***
Oct.-Dec.----	***		***	***		***
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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----	--		--	--	--
August-----	--		--	--	--
September----	--		--	--	--
October-----		***	***	***	***
November-----		***	***	***	***
December-----		***	***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***	***	***
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 1/1: 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----	1,938 - 2,200		2,120	2,069 - 2,360	2,283
August-----	1,600 - 2,200		2,082	2,034 - 2,341	2,211
September----	1,884 - 2,180		2,043	2,024 - 2,309	2,176
October-----	1,854 - 2,280		2,098	2,082 - 2,448	2,187
November-----	1,927 - 2,190		2,095	2,024 - 2,270	2,190
December-----	***		***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----	***		***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.----	2,000 - 2,231		2,102	***	***

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, July - December 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:					
July-----	1,060 - 2,650	1,615	1,282 - 3,621	2,137	
August-----	2,250 - 2,571	2,373	2,260 - 3,435	3,071	
September----	1,169 - 2,680	2,162	1,494 - 3,466	2,423	
October-----	1,980 - 4,108	2,463	2,509 - 4,108	2,977	
November-----	2,180 - 2,520	2,288	2,244 - 3,259	2,822	
December-----	2,026 - 2,580	2,473	2,026 - 3,379	3,045	
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----	1,837 - 3,449	2,567	1,837 - 3,449	2,725	
Oct.-Dec.----	***	***	***	***	

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 1/1: 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----	2,320 - 2,845		2,447	2,580 - 3,108		2,629
August-----	2,327 - 3,000		2,510	2,475 - 3,062		2,610
September----	2,400 - 3,106		2,491	2,496 - 3,402		2,654
October-----	2,380 - 2,580		2,421	2,462 - 3,119		2,593
November-----	***		***	2,540 - 3,301		2,574
December-----	***		***	***		***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----	-		-	-		-
Oct.-Dec.----	-		-	-		-

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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----	2,500 - 3,360		3,118	2,716 - 3,882		3,726
August-----	2,218 - 3,410		3,278	3,360 - 4,178		3,749
September----	2,540 - 3,860		3,101	2,668 - 4,030		3,516
October-----	2,240 - 3,360		3,193	2,941 - 4,204		3,609
November-----	2,580 - 3,140		2,910	3,050 - 4,407		3,584
December-----	2,484 - 3,480		3,041	***		***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***	***		***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***	***		***

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 1/1: 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----	1,900 - 2,373		2,142	1,960 - 3,078		2,165
August-----	2,000 - 2,570		2,247	2,000 - 2,818		2,364
September----	1,770 - 2,160		1,977	1,770 - 2,180		2,014
October-----	***		***	***		***
November-----	***		***	***		***
December-----	***		***	***		***
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----	***		***	***		***
Oct.-Dec.----	***		***	1,887 - 2,710		1,989

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 17h.--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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----	1,980 - 2,840		2,652	2,200 - 3,328	2,836
August-----	1,600 - 2,295		2,137	2,295 - 2,874	2,619
September----	1,900 - 2,840		2,138	2,180 - 3,396	2,605
October-----	1,142 - 3,760		1,852	1,142 - 3,760	2,091
November-----	2,100 - 2,815		2,291	2,130 - 2,700	2,452
December-----	1,600 - 3,216		1,848	2,000 - 3,216	2,128
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		-	-	-	-

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 1/1: 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, July - December 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:					
July-----	1,800 - 2,140	1,828	1,800 - 2,140	1,937	
August-----	1,040 - 1,900	1,585	1,067 - 2,018	1,642	
September----	1,700 - 1,800	1,706	1,800 - 1,894	1,892	
October-----	***	***	***	***	
November-----	***	***	***	***	
December-----	1,400 - 2,140	1,874	1,400 - 2,140	1,880	
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----	-	-	-	-	
Oct.-Dec.----	***	***	***	***	

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 1/1: 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, July - December 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:					
July-----	1,100 - 2,427	2,041	1,100 - 3,307	2,694	
August-----	1,210 - 3,340	1,669	1,210 - 3,365	2,465	
September----	2,480 - 2,898	2,667	2,728 - 3,548	3,424	
October-----	***	***	1,380 - 3,709	2,921	
November-----	***	***	***	***	
December-----	***	***	***	***	
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----	***	***	***	***	
Oct.-Dec.-----	-	-	-	-	

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 19.--Stainless steel wire rod 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----	1,614 - 1,700		1,659	1,651 - 1,917	1,762
August-----	1,160 - 1,585		1,339	1,663 - 1,904	1,748
September----	***		***	1,676 - 1,820	1,736
October-----	***		***	1,663 - 4,000	1,790
November-----	***		***	1,704 - 1,946	1,769
December-----	1,160 - 3,750		2,145	1,652 - 3,750	1,759
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----		***	***	1,660 - 1,870	1,688
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***	***

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

Sources: 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----	2,098 - 4,980		2,428	2,300 - 4,980	2,626
August-----	2,080 - 5,600		2,278	2,080 - 5,600	2,337
September-----	2,080 - 4,980		2,234	2,080 - 4,980	2,588
October-----	1,956 - 4,000		2,196	***	***
November-----	1,956 - 4,980		2,234	***	***
December-----	***		***	2,120 - 2,985	2,442
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.-----		***	***	***	***

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 1/2: 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, July - December 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:					
July-----	5,580 - 7,200	5,976	6,094 - 7,500	6,630	
August-----	5,280 - 7,200	5,961	5,884 - 7,671	6,442	
September----	5,580 - 7,200	5,865	5,833 - 7,500	6,415	
October-----	5,400 - 7,200	5,902	5,847 - 8,026	6,265	
November-----	5,300 - 7,200	5,950	5,903 - 7,634	6,371	
December-----	5,400 - 7,200	5,841	6,100 - 7,951	6,856	
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.-----	5,660 - 7,200	5,945	5,923 - 7,200	6,485	
Oct.-Dec.-----	5,665 - 6,620	5,796	5,665 - 6,754	6,013	

1/2 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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price		Average price of total quantity shipped	
			Weighted average	Range	Weighted average
U.S. producers					
1986:					
July-----		***	***	2,400 - 4,740	3,057
August-----		***	***	2,200 - 4,740	3,129
September-----		***	***	2,400 - 4,740	3,074
October-----		***	***	***	***
November-----		***	***	***	***
December-----		***	***	***	***
U.S. importers					
1986:					
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***	***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***	2,906 - 3,625	3,488

1/ Grade 0-2, annealed, rough turned, 4 1/16" - 6", round.

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

Table 23.--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, July - December 1986

(Dollars per ton)

Period	Range	Lowest price	Weighted average	Range	Average price of total quantity shipped	Weighted average
U.S. producers						
1986:						
July-----	4,200 - 5,875		5,661	5,689 - 6,277		5,783
August-----	3,980 - 6,600		5,599	5,626 - 6,600		5,807
September----	4,732 - 5,520		4,854	***		***
October-----	***		***	2,760 - 6,493		4,302
November-----	***		***	***		***
December-----	2,700 - 5,300		3,314	2,760 - 5,846		4,338
U.S. importers						
1986:						
Jul.-Sep.----		***	***		***	***
Oct.-Dec.----		***	***		***	***

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

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

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

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1986:						
Sep. 30-----	18,297	***	4,368	***	8,162	45,582
Dec. 31-----	17,361	1,906	4,643	2,984	7,364	34,258

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

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

(In tons)

Date	Stainless steel				Alloy tool steel, all forms	All products subject to relief
	Sheets and strip	Plate	Bar	Rod		
1986:						
Sep. 30-----	4,665	***	5,994	***	8,889	21,473
Dec. 31-----	4,004	***	6,153	***	9,263	23,981

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

