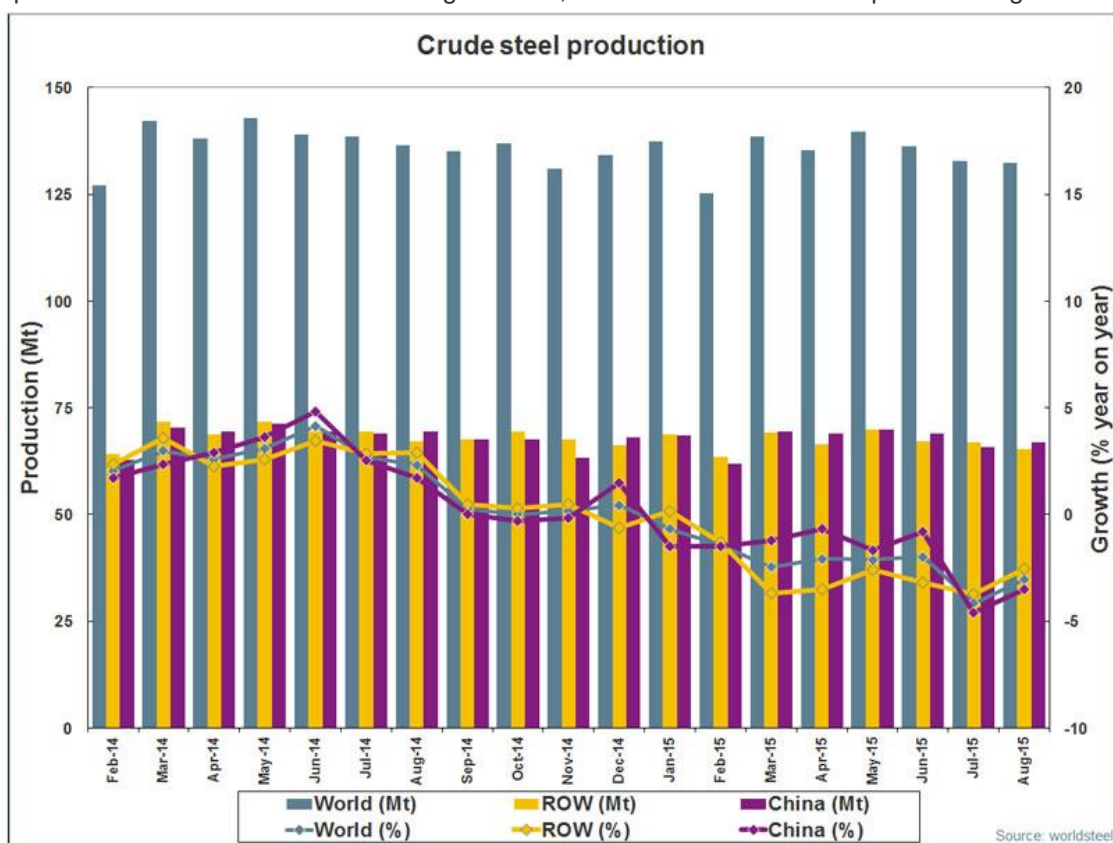


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August 2015 crude steel production for the 65 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 21 September 2015 - World crude steel production for the 65 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 132 million tonnes (Mt) in August 2015, a -3.0% decrease compared to August 2014.

China's crude steel production for August 2015 was 66.9 Mt, down by -3.5% compared to August 2014. Japan produced 8.8 Mt of crude steel in August 2015, a decrease of -5.8% compared to August 2014.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.4 Mt of crude steel in August 2015, an increase of 10.7% compared to August 2014. France's production for August 2015 was 1.0 Mt, a decrease of -1.5% compared to the same month in 2014. Italy produced 1.0 Mt of crude steel in August 2015, up by 1.3% on August 2014.

Turkey's crude steel production for August 2015 was 2.6 Mt, down by -11.8% on August 2014.

In August 2015, Russia produced 6.0 Mt of crude steel, down by -3.2% over August 2014. Ukraine produced 1.9 Mt of crude steel, up by 8.6% compared to the same month in 2014.

The US produced 7.0 Mt of crude steel in August 2015, down by -9.7% compared to August 2014.

Brazil's crude steel production for August 2015 was 2.8 Mt, a decrease of -5.4% on August 2014.

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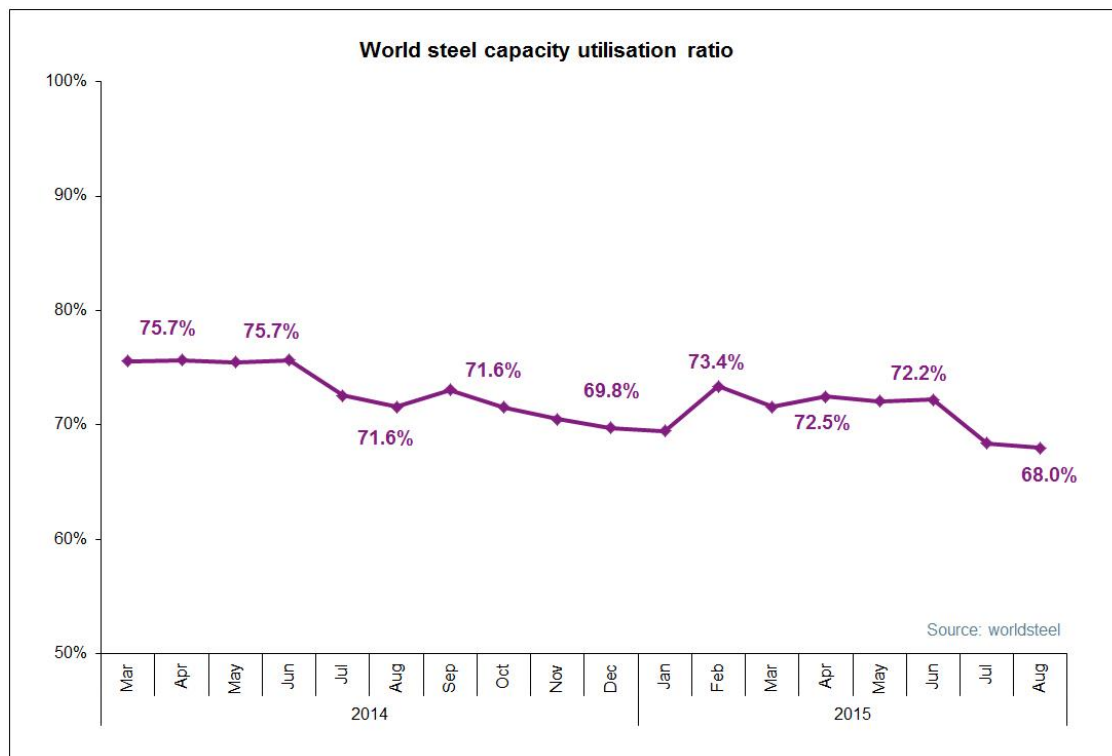
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In the Middle East, Iran produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel in August 2015, down by -6.2% compared to the same month last year.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio for the 65 countries in August 2015 was 68.0%. This is -3.6 percentage points lower than August 2014. Compared to July 2015, it is -0.4 percentage points lower.



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Notes to Editors:

- The World Steel Association (worldsteel) is one of the largest and most dynamic industry associations in the world. worldsteel represents approximately 170 steel producers (including 9 of the world's 10 largest steel companies), national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes. worldsteel members represent around 85% of world steel production.
- The monthly crude steel capacity utilisation ratio is calculated based on crude steel production information available at worldsteel, publically-available capacity information and OECD capacity estimates.
- Megatonne (Mt) is a metric unit equivalent to 1 million tonnes.

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