

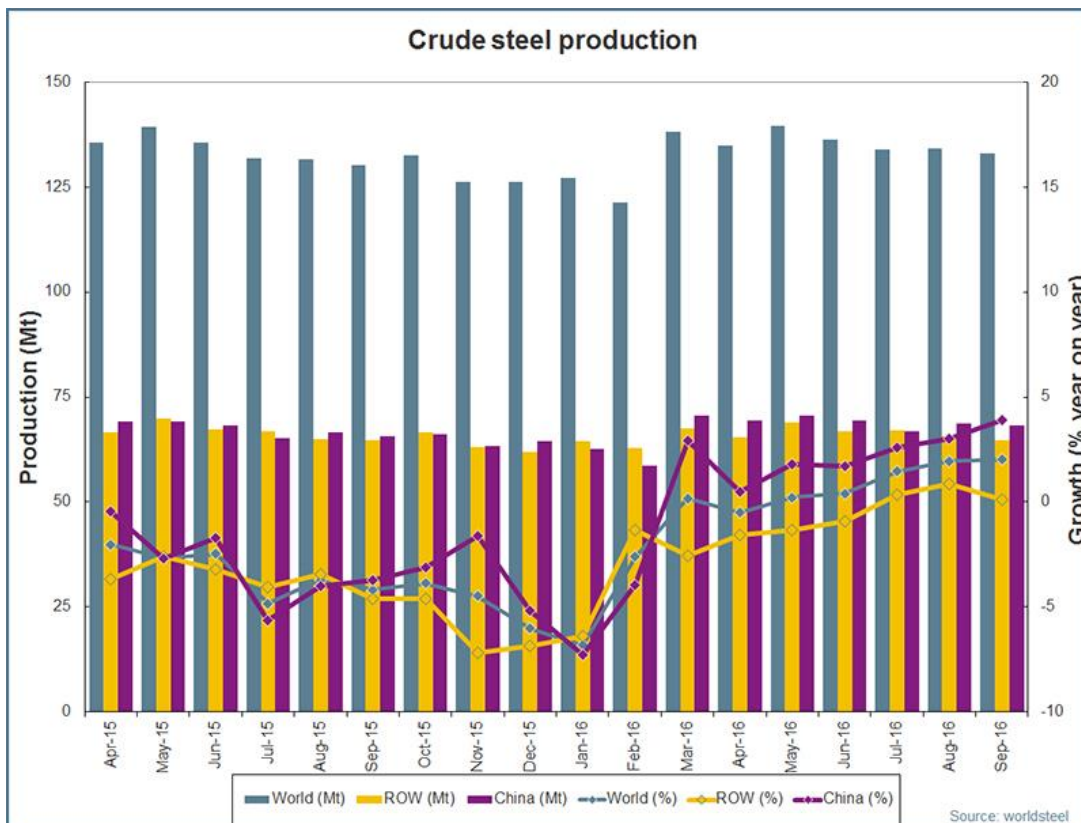
PRESS RELEASE

September 2016 crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 20 October 2016 - World crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 132.9 million tonnes (Mt) in September 2016, 2.0% up on September 2015.

In the first nine months of 2016, Asia produced 825.9 Mt of crude steel, an increase of 0.6% over the first three quarters of 2015. The EU produced 121.3 Mt of crude steel during the first nine months of 2016, down by -4.8% compared to the same period in 2015. North America's crude steel production in the first nine months of 2016 was 83.9 Mt, a decrease of -1.4% compared to the first three quarters of 2015. The C.I.S. produced 76.4 Mt of crude steel in the first nine months of 2016, a decrease of -0.1% over the same months of 2015.

China's crude steel production for September 2016 was 68.2 Mt, an increase of 3.9% compared to September 2015. Elsewhere in Asia, Japan produced 8.4 Mt of crude steel in September 2016, a decrease of -1.5% compared to September 2015. South Korea's crude steel production was 5.7 Mt in September 2016, up by 1.1% on September 2015.



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In the EU, Germany produced 3.2 Mt of crude steel in September 2016, a decrease of -3.9% compared to September 2015. Italy produced 2.0 Mt of crude steel, down by -5.3% on September 2015. France produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel in September 2016, up by 2.2% year-on-year.

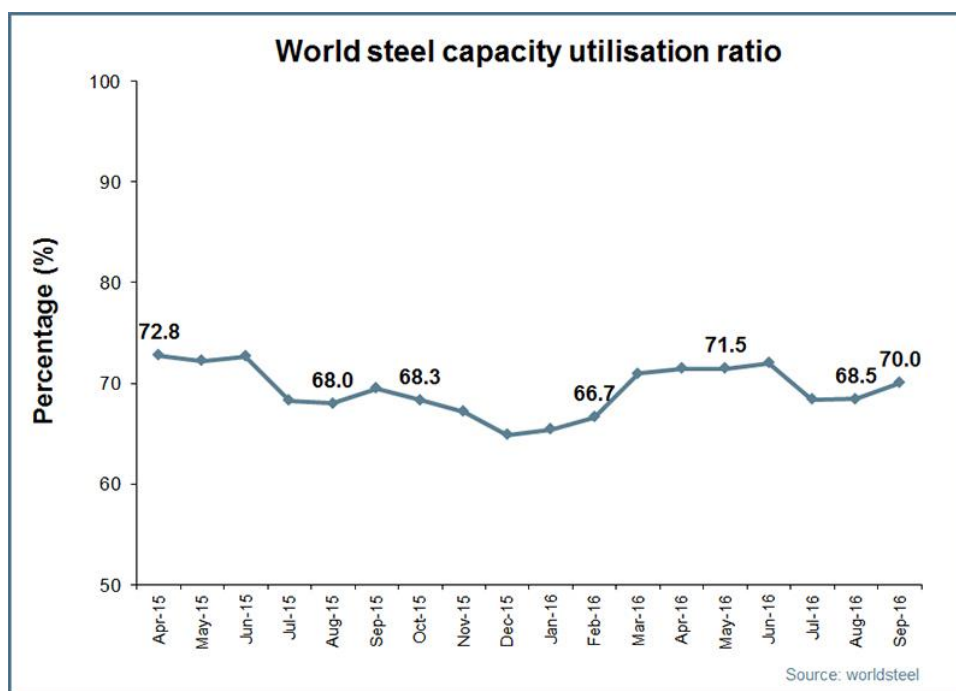
Turkey's crude steel production for September 2016 was 2.7 Mt, up by 8.1% on September 2015.

In September 2016, Russia produced 5.7 Mt of crude steel, down by -2.1% on September 2015. Ukraine produced 1.9 Mt of crude steel, down by -8.0% compared to the same month in 2015.

The United States produced 6.3 Mt of crude steel in September 2016, a decrease of -3.8% compared to September 2015.

Brazil's crude steel production for September 2016 was 2.6 Mt, up by 3.1% on September 2015.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio of the 66 countries in September 2016 was 70%. It was 69.5% in September 2015. The September 2016 capacity utilisation ratio is 1.5 percentage points higher than the August 2016 ratio.



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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 members represent approximately 85% of the world's steel production, including over 150 steel producers with 9 of the 10 largest steel companies, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes.
- The monthly crude steel capacity utilisation ratio is calculated based on crude steel production information available at worldsteel and OECD capacity estimates.

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