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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – NOVEMBER 2010

U.S. import prices increased 1.3 percent in November, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, following a 1.0 percent advance the previous month. Rising prices for fuel and nonfuel imports contributed to both the November and October increases. Prices for U.S. exports also rose in November, increasing 1.5 percent after advancing 0.8 percent in October.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in the Import Price Index: November 2009 – November 2010

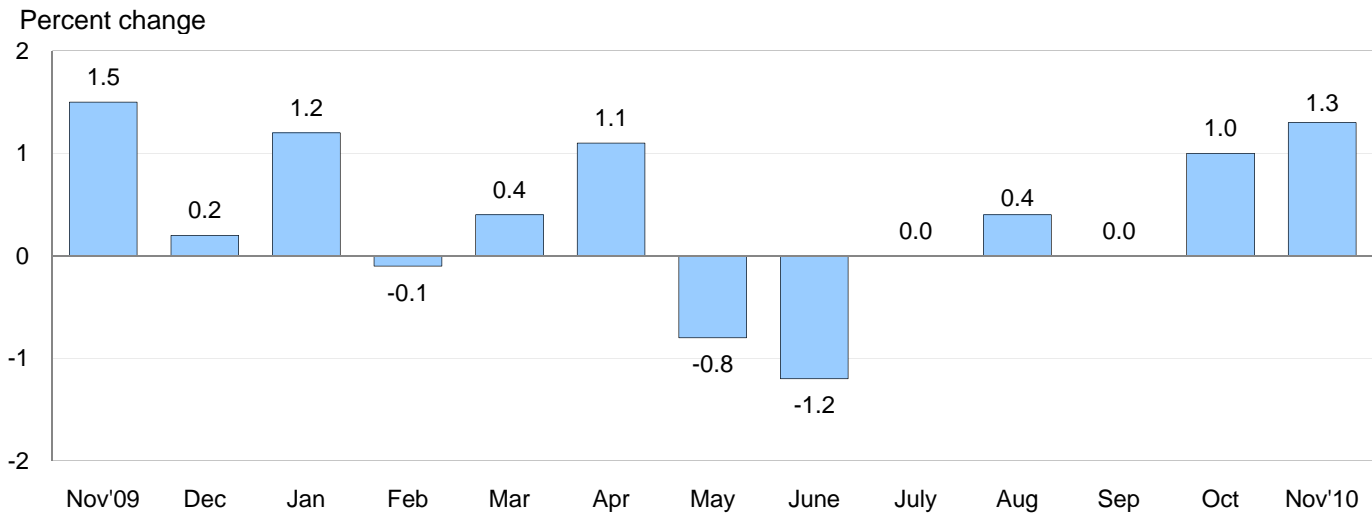
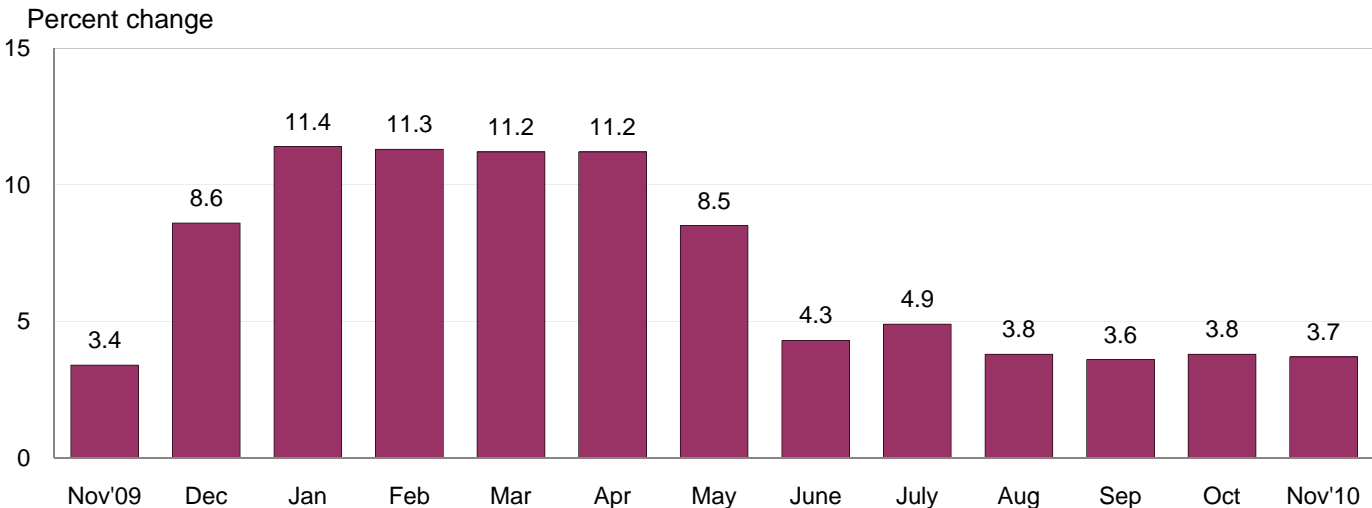


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: November 2009 – November 2010



All Imports: Import prices advanced 1.3 percent in November following a 1.0 percent increase in October. The November rise was the largest monthly advance since a 1.5 percent increase in November 2009 and marked the first time since May and June 2009 that import prices rose by at least 1.0 percent in consecutive months. The price index for overall imports increased 3.7 percent over the past 12 months, similar to the year-over-year increases recorded in each of the three previous months.

Fuel Imports: Fuel prices rose 3.7 percent in November after advancing 3.8 percent the previous month. The November increase was driven by a 4.1 percent rise in petroleum prices, which more than offset a 3.8 percent drop in natural gas prices. The price index for fuels advanced 6.3 percent for the year ended in November, led by a 7.4 percent increase in petroleum prices. In contrast, prices for natural gas declined 15.2 percent over the past year.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: Prices for nonfuel imports rose 0.8 percent following 0.3 percent advances in each of the three previous months. The November increase was the largest one-month advance for the index since a 1.1 percent rise in April 2008. Higher prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials were the largest factor for the overall increase in nonfuel prices; however, increasing finished goods and food prices also contributed to the November advance. Nonfuel import prices increased 3.0 percent for the November 2009-2010 period.

Table A. Percent changes

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
2009						
November.....	1.5	6.3	0.3	0.8	3.9	0.5
December.....	0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.7	1.8	0.6
2010						
January.....	1.2	4.4	0.4	0.8	1.3	0.7
February.....	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	-4.0	0.1
March.....	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.7	1.9	0.6
April.....	1.1	2.6	0.6	1.1	-0.4	1.3
May.....	-0.8	-5.1	0.4	0.5	1.6	0.3
June.....	-1.2	-3.8	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	-0.8
July.....	0.0	1.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
August.....	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.8	4.2	0.5
September.....	0.0 ^r	-1.5 ^r	0.3	0.6	2.4 ^r	0.4 ^r
October.....	1.0 ^r	3.8 ^r	0.3	0.8	2.9 ^r	0.6 ^r
November.....	1.3	3.7	0.8	1.5	8.0	0.8
Nov. 2008 to 2009.....	3.4	26.4	-1.1	0.4	0.7	0.3
Nov. 2009 to 2010.....	3.7	6.3	3.0	6.5	21.0	5.1

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Chart 3. One-month percent change in the Export Price Index: November 2009 – November 2010

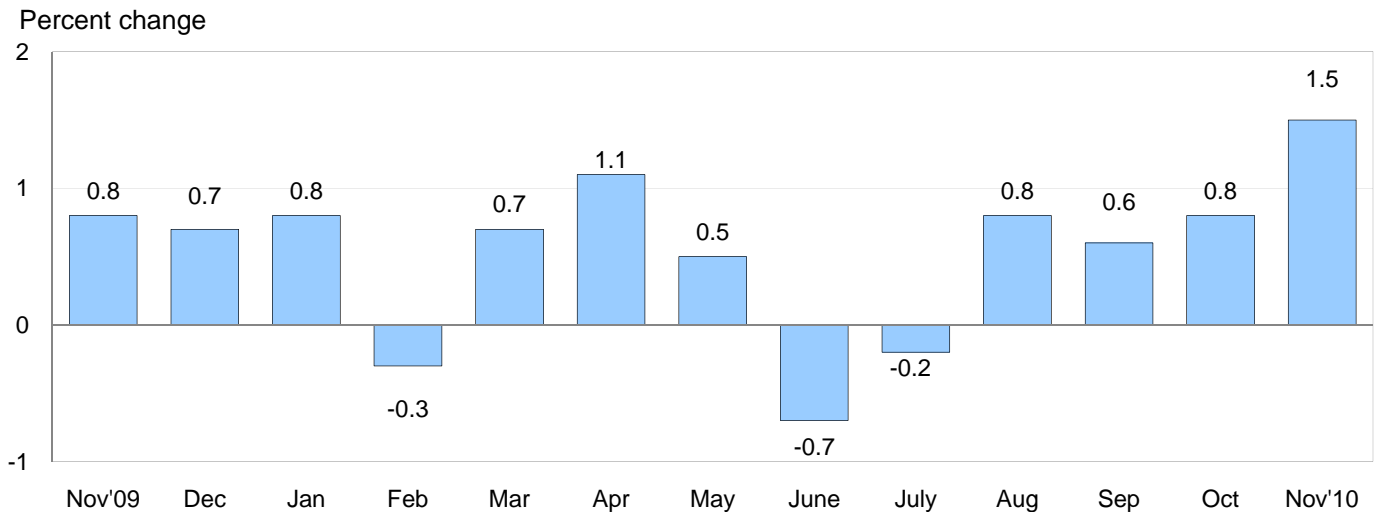
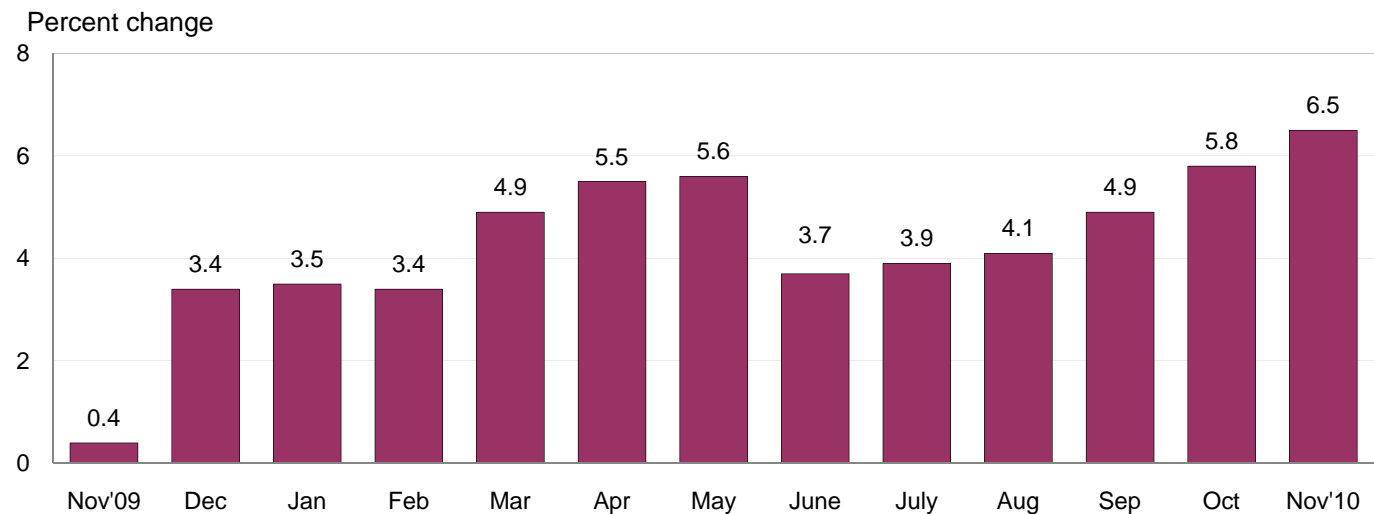


Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: November 2009 – November 2010



All Exports: Export prices increased 1.5 percent in November, the largest monthly advance for the index since a 1.5 percent rise in July 2008. The November increase in export prices followed advances of 0.8 percent in October, 0.6 percent in September, and 0.8 percent in August. Prices for both agricultural and nonagricultural exports continued to move higher. The price index for overall exports rose 6.5 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month advance since a 7.0 percent increase between September 2007 and September 2008.

Agricultural Exports: Prices for agricultural exports rose 8.0 percent in November, the largest one-month jump in the index since publication began on a monthly basis in December 1988. Higher prices for corn, cotton, soybeans, and wheat all contributed towards the increase in agricultural prices in November. Agricultural prices advanced 21.0 percent for the year ended in November, the largest 12-month rise since the index increased 25.0 percent for the August 2007-2008 period. Over the past 12 months, cotton prices rose 81.4 percent, corn prices 43.7 percent, wheat prices 40.1 percent, and soybeans prices 19.3 percent.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: The price index for nonagricultural exports advanced 0.8 percent, the largest monthly increase since a 1.3 percent rise in April. Prices for both nonagricultural industrial materials and finished goods contributed to the November increase. Nonagricultural prices rose 5.1 percent over the past 12 months.

SELECTED NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Import Prices

Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials: Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices rose 2.6 percent in November after increasing 1.8 percent the previous month. The advances for both months were driven by increases in unfinished metals prices, up 4.8 percent in November and 3.1 percent in October. Higher prices for gold, other precious metals, copper, and aluminum were all contributing factors. The November rise in nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices was also impacted by a 2.4 percent advance in chemicals prices.

Finished Goods: Finished goods prices were mostly up in November. The price indexes for automotive vehicles and consumer goods rose 0.5 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, while capital goods prices were unchanged. Capital goods prices excluding computers advanced 0.3 percent, but a 0.9 percent drop in computer prices offset the increase.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: Prices for import foods, feeds, and beverages rose 2.4 percent in November, led by an 11.2 percent increase in coffee prices and a 6.0 percent advance in prices for bakery and confectionary products. The increase in coffee prices resumed an upward trend following a 1.8 percent drop in October. Import coffee prices rose 40.7 percent over the past year.

Imports by Locality of Origin: Import prices from China increased 0.2 percent in November after rising 0.4 percent the previous month. The October advance was the largest monthly jump for the index since a 0.8 percent rise in July 2008. The price index for imports from China rose 0.7 percent over the past year. Prices of imports from Canada, Mexico, and the European Union also advanced in November, rising 1.4 percent, 0.9 percent, and 0.8 percent, respectively. In contrast, the price index for imports from Japan fell 0.1 percent in November after increasing 0.4 percent the previous month.

Transportation Services: Import air passenger fares decreased 1.3 percent in November, driven by a 3.2 percent drop in European fares. Despite the decline, overall import air passenger fares rose 12.8 percent over the past year. Import air freight prices advanced 3.5 percent in November and 11.8 percent over the past 12 months.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices rose 1.8 percent following a 1.5 percent advance in October. Higher prices for metals, fuels, and chemicals led the increases for each month.

Finished Goods: Prices for each of the major finished goods categories increased in November. Capital goods prices rose 0.3 percent. A 0.7 percent rise in computer prices as well as a 0.2 percent advance in capital goods prices excluding computers contributed to the overall increase. Prices for consumer goods and automotive vehicles also rose in November, increasing 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Transportation Services: Export air passenger fares declined 3.6 percent in November, led by a 13.5 percent drop in European fares. Overall export air passenger fares increased 16.7 percent for the year ended in November. In contrast, export air freight prices advanced 0.7 percent in November and 4.4 percent over the past year.

Import and Export Price Index data for December 2010 are scheduled for release on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
All commodities.....		100.000	127.0	128.7	3.7	0.4	0.0	1.0	1.3
All imports excluding petroleum.....		80.606	111.3	112.1	2.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)..		79.228	115.1	116.0	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	4.995	156.3	160.0	12.2	2.1	0.6	2.0	2.4
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.869	174.6	179.4	12.5	2.4	0.5	2.0	2.7
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.126	115.0	116.1	11.1	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.0
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	35.399	206.1	212.7	9.1	0.7	-0.4	3.0	3.2
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		16.006	153.4	156.8	11.0	-0.3	0.6	1.6	2.2
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		14.628	171.9	176.4	13.2	0.1	1.1	1.8	2.6
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		9.194	165.7	170.3	14.3	-0.1	1.2	1.9	2.8
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.435	139.1	140.9	6.7	-0.6	-0.1	1.2	1.3
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	20.770	256.5	265.9	6.3	1.0	-1.5	3.8	3.7
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	19.392	280.9	292.3	7.4	1.4	-1.4	4.2	4.1
Crude.....	10000	14.365	287.8	298.2	6.3	1.5	-1.1	4.1	3.6
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.118	116.9	113.7	-11.5	-4.5	-4.4	-1.5	-2.7
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.808	100.8	97.0	-15.2	-4.9	-5.9	-2.1	-3.8
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.742	117.1	118.4	15.6	-0.3	1.1	-0.3	1.1
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.768	150.4	154.1	10.5	0.3	0.8	1.8	2.5
Selected building materials.....	13	1.331	125.2	126.5	6.8	-1.0	-0.3	0.5	1.0
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	4.357	252.0	264.2	24.1	0.2	2.2	3.1	4.8
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	1.878	150.1	152.2	9.3	0.3	1.2	1.6	1.4
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.552	107.9	108.5	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6
Capital goods.....	2	23.122	91.7	91.7	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.949	112.4	113.1	1.9	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.6
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	18.181	86.1	86.0	-0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.992	121.7	121.8	-0.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	12.141	109.7	110.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	24.342	103.7	104.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.476	109.5	109.8	1.8	0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.3
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.645	98.0	98.3	-2.6	-0.5	0.1	-0.7	0.3
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.221	103.6	103.6	2.5	1.2	-0.1	0.6	0.0

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Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	Monthly			
						July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
All commodities.....		100.000	124.7	126.6	6.5	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.5
Agricultural commodities.....		9.499	181.2	195.7	21.0	4.2	2.4	2.9	8.0
Nonagricultural commodities.....		90.503	120.7	121.7	5.1	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.8
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	8.505	179.1	191.0	17.9	4.3	2.1	2.5	6.6
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.914	182.2	195.1	18.5	4.7	2.1	2.6	7.1
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.591	152.8	153.3	9.6	-0.3	1.5	2.3	0.3
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	32.027	165.3	169.2	14.7	1.5	0.9	1.7	2.4
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		12.428	169.5	171.9	11.6	0.2	1.3	1.4	1.4
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		19.599	163.7	168.4	16.7	2.4	0.6	1.9	2.9
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.585	180.8	203.8	34.3	1.6	4.0	4.4	12.7
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		30.443	164.9	167.9	13.8	1.5	0.7	1.5	1.8
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	6.109	219.2	226.9	22.9	5.4	-0.7	2.9	3.5
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	23.338	160.0	162.3	12.1	0.6	1.2	1.3	1.4
Selected building materials.....	13	0.996	116.8	117.2	3.7	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.3
Capital goods.....	2	37.560	103.4	103.7	0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.505	109.2	109.7	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.5
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	27.356	94.0	94.4	-0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.4
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.698	140.4	140.6	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	9.023	108.9	109.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	12.886	112.5	112.9	3.2	-0.1	1.0	0.6	0.4
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.882	113.4	114.2	4.0	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.708	111.0	111.1	1.6	-0.8	1.6	1.0	0.1

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Table 3. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Nonmanufactured articles.....		18.198	129.0	133.2	7.1	1.5	-1.3	3.5	3.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	1.900	156.7	161.7	19.0	4.3	-0.3	2.2	3.2
Crop production.....	111	1.345	162.5	167.4	16.7	5.4	-0.9	1.9	3.0
Mining.....	21	16.298	126.1	130.1	5.8	1.1	-1.4	3.8	3.2
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.544	138.9	139.8	7.4	-0.8	0.1	-0.3	0.6
Manufactured articles.....		81.242	110.6	111.7	2.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.0
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.370	112.0	113.2	5.3	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.767	135.7	139.3	16.3	1.6	0.9	2.3	2.7
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.914	109.1	110.2	1.8	0.5	-0.1	0.5	1.0
Textile product mills.....	314	0.792	103.9	104.4	4.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.967	102.3	102.9	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.527	108.5	108.5	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	17.972	122.3	124.7	6.2	0.2	-0.2	0.7	2.0
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.802	102.5	104.3	11.2	-1.2	-0.3	0.6	1.8
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.264	110.3	111.1	10.5	-0.2	0.7	0.0	0.7
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.019	125.4	132.3	8.5	0.4	-2.1	3.8	5.5
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	8.962	126.0	127.5	5.1	0.2	0.5	-0.3	1.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.811	116.1	116.4	3.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.007	123.1	123.3	3.4	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.2
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	52.900	106.8	107.4	1.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.6
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	5.048	165.1	171.8	22.3	0.2	2.0	2.8	4.1
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.744	120.0	120.5	3.7	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.4
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.808	114.4	114.8	1.7	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.3
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.664	85.5	85.2	-4.2	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	-0.4
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.798	112.6	113.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.4
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	13.367	106.6	107.0	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.326	106.7	106.7	-1.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.146	113.0	113.8	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7

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Table 4. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Nonmanufactured articles.....		7.433	148.1	162.4	32.1	5.9	3.5	2.4	9.7
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	5.154	162.3	183.6	31.1	7.3	3.8	3.5	13.1
Crop production.....	111	4.798	168.0	191.6	32.9	8.0	4.1	3.8	14.0
Mining.....	21	2.279	113.0	114.8	35.4	3.0	2.7	0.1	1.6
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.847	134.2	135.7	46.5	3.4	2.4	0.8	1.1
Manufactured articles.....		89.749	113.5	114.6	4.7	0.5	0.3	0.6	1.0
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	6.812	131.1	133.8	10.0	0.4	0.9	1.6	2.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.621	147.1	150.6	10.4	0.5	1.0	1.7	2.4
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.554	114.9	115.4	6.9	1.4	1.2	2.0	0.4
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.375	105.6	105.6	2.7	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	23.899	121.7	123.7	10.1	2.0	0.2	1.2	1.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.442	113.5	118.9	9.7	-0.8	-0.5	-0.3	4.8
Paper manufacturing.....	322	2.029	123.4	123.4	11.2	-0.1	1.0	-0.4	0.0
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	3.725	127.2	133.9	18.6	8.8	-2.9	4.6	5.3
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.836	123.5	125.1	9.7	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.3
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.037	108.0	107.4	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.6
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.830	114.2	114.9	2.7	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.6
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	59.038	108.7	109.3	2.0	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	5.099	152.1	157.0	18.7	-0.9	1.5	2.5	3.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.	332	2.722	121.8	122.1	0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.426	115.0	115.4	2.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.073	91.1	91.4	-2.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.3
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.365	108.6	109.6	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.9
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	14.973	111.6	111.7	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.029	112.6	112.5	1.8	-0.6	1.3	0.9	-0.1

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Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.174	150.9	152.6	15.4	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.1
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.259	183.8	183.0	16.0	1.4	0.3	0.3	-0.4
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.626	116.8	118.2	17.8	1.7	2.3	3.1	1.2
Vegetable products.....	II	1.586	181.7	184.6	15.6	4.8	0.1	2.0	1.6
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.399	310.4	305.1	2.1	9.6	-4.6	-1.2	-1.7
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.430	114.0	113.6	15.6	2.8	3.2	1.8	-0.4
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.337	199.5	218.1	35.6	3.2	4.5	-1.0	9.3
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.239	117.6	124.8	-	6.3	2.0	5.0	6.1
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.342	145.1	148.7	7.6	0.5	-0.2	1.3	2.5
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.193	93.4	95.5	-	-1.4	-2.0	-1.0	2.2
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.268	128.1	138.7	24.1	-0.2	-0.1	2.9	8.3
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.303	137.9	145.5	14.9	0.4	0.1	6.5	5.5
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.900	118.7	120.4	1.9	0.4	-0.1	0.6	1.4
Mineral products.....	V	20.746	258.4	267.5	6.2	0.9	-1.5	3.6	3.5
Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plaster materials, lime & cement (Dec. 2009=100).....	25	0.190	103.1	104.9	-	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.7
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	20.309	254.8	263.9	6.0	0.9	-1.6	3.7	3.6
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.278	140.0	142.0	5.9	0.3	0.6	0.2	1.4
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.064	307.8	322.6	31.6	-0.2	4.1	7.7	4.8
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.752	134.1	134.9	4.7	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.730	114.4	114.6	-0.5	0.2	0.1	-3.3	0.2
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.312	101.6	106.0	-	-0.6	1.2	1.6	4.3
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.162	106.3	106.9	1.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.6
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.408	119.9	124.6	3.9	2.3	0.7	1.1	3.9
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.506	95.8	98.3	9.0	0.2	0.8	2.0	2.6
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	3.041	139.1	140.6	9.1	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.880	132.2	133.3	6.4	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.8
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.161	152.4	154.5	13.7	0.3	0.4	2.5	1.4
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.591	115.1	115.0	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.536	115.2	115.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.822	123.8	125.7	10.4	-1.5	-0.4	0.6	1.5
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.406	113.9	114.7	8.4	-0.2	0.8	0.0	0.7
Pulp wood, waste paper, and paperboard (Dec. 2009=100).....	47	0.226	128.1	129.8	-	-2.5	2.4	-1.8	1.3
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.911	106.6	107.2	5.8	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6
Printed matter.....	49	0.270	122.4	122.7	2.3	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010 — Continued
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	4.996	104.3	105.1	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.925	100.0	100.8	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.8
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.864	103.4	103.8	1.1	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.4
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.543	96.1	96.8	5.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.7
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. ...	XII	1.224	108.6	108.6	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.042	107.8	107.9	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.889	125.8	126.1	1.4	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.315	119.0	118.6	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.7	-0.3
Ceramic products.....	69	0.273	138.2	138.3	-1.0	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.301	119.4	120.6	4.1	0.4	0.1	3.1	1.0
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.882	166.4	173.7	16.1	-0.6	0.9	3.2	4.4
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	6.176	183.4	187.5	13.8	0.6	1.6	1.2	2.2
Iron and steel.....	72	1.371	226.3	230.4	17.1	-2.1	0.1	-1.1	1.8
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.884	152.7	152.5	10.1	0.6	0.9	0.4	-0.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.725	352.1	372.9	23.3	2.4	5.6	5.7	5.9
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.192	126.4	133.8	-	1.4	3.3	3.4	5.9
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.843	138.9	144.3	17.3	2.7	1.8	2.4	3.9
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.364	118.9	119.2	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.410	127.4	127.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	25.110	85.9	85.9	-1.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	12.787	88.4	88.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.323	83.5	83.5	-3.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.8	0.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	11.332	110.8	111.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	10.240	109.9	110.5	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.995	113.7	113.8	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.245	101.1	101.3	-1.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.937	98.8	98.9	-1.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.229	123.1	123.7	-1.0	0.9	-0.2	0.5	0.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	3.858	107.1	107.1	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.960	109.9	110.0	-1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.690	101.4	101.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.208	123.9	123.9	6.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2008 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.815	180.4	181.2	19.8	-0.1	1.9	2.7	0.4
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.033	148.3	149.5	23.8	-0.7	-0.4	3.1	0.8
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.335	162.0	162.0	19.6	-0.7	2.6	3.4	0.0
Vegetable products.....	II	4.598	200.9	223.1	21.0	7.6	2.7	2.7	11.1
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.727	122.5	126.8	17.5	-1.1	-1.3	4.0	3.5
Cereals.....	10	1.990	222.6	259.2	38.2	13.0	9.9	2.8	16.4
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.401	215.5	241.2	15.1	8.0	-3.4	3.7	11.9
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.327	116.4	128.3	-	0.4	1.5	5.8	10.2
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.496	144.4	146.4	4.2	1.4	0.4	1.0	1.4
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.337	104.1	103.3	-	0.0	-1.7	0.3	-0.8
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.404	118.9	118.9	-0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.332	105.3	106.1	2.2	0.7	0.6	2.1	0.8
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.618	203.5	217.5	11.0	4.1	1.2	2.4	6.9
Mineral products.....	V	6.070	261.7	271.6	23.8	5.8	-0.6	2.7	3.8
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	5.340	252.7	262.9	23.3	6.0	-1.0	2.9	4.0
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	12.045	147.0	148.8	9.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.2
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.083	189.6	191.4	14.3	-0.3	0.1	1.9	0.9
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.038	153.8	155.5	9.0	1.3	0.6	-0.6	1.1
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.966	125.0	126.5	8.0	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.2
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.536	117.1	117.4	2.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.712	125.3	126.5	-0.3	1.3	0.5	0.5	1.0
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.433	120.0	121.2	3.3	0.8	3.1	-2.4	1.0
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	2.055	142.6	142.8	7.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.1
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.017	138.2	139.3	4.2	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.8
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.069	131.8	133.1	4.2	0.8	0.5	0.1	1.0
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.948	167.0	167.0	4.1	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.373	121.2	122.1	20.7	0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.7
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.547	109.2	110.6	6.6	-0.8	-0.4	-0.2	1.3
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.579	123.0	123.8	13.5	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.7
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.747	141.7	146.2	38.7	0.4	3.6	1.9	3.2
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.336	118.3	117.8	7.4	1.1	0.4	0.0	-0.4
Printed material.....	49	0.497	117.2	117.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	2.148	124.8	135.9	24.6	1.2	3.0	3.4	8.9
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.822	162.4	200.0	75.7	3.6	7.8	9.8	23.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2009 to November 2010 — Continued
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec. 2008=100).....	XIII	0.779	116.1	116.3	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.414	98.2	98.6	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	5.240	224.2	231.0	23.7	-1.5	2.8	4.0	3.0
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.882	164.6	164.9	8.1	1.3	1.5	0.5	0.2
Iron and steel.....	72	1.712	192.1	188.0	9.0	0.8	2.0	-1.8	-2.1
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.495	159.1	159.9	1.5	-0.1	0.6	-0.3	0.5
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.623	247.4	252.5	23.9	6.9	2.8	4.2	2.1
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.899	126.9	129.7	14.1	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.2
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.409	125.5	125.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.309	124.7	124.2	1.6	-0.4	-0.5	0.4	-0.4
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	29.504	95.1	95.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	17.337	106.3	106.9	0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.6
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	12.167	82.9	83.2	-1.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.4
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	13.089	121.8	122.0	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.410	108.7	108.9	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Ships, boats and floating structures (Dec. 2009=100).....	89	0.291	101.7	101.7	-	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	5.858	106.8	107.0	-1.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.488	107.7	107.7	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.0
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.746	118.9	118.9	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.630	92.1	92.2	-1.1	-0.6	0.1	-0.4	0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2008 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: November 2009 to November 2010
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
				Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Industrialized Countries²	41.082	124.6	126.2	2.5	0.2	-0.4	0.2	1.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.687	191.6	196.2	0.3	-0.5	-2.7	1.8	2.4
Manufactured articles.....	34.943	119.0	120.5	2.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	1.3
Other Countries³	58.918	124.9	126.6	3.7	0.4	0.1	1.0	1.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	15.714	262.9	272.6	8.4	2.1	-0.7	3.5	3.7
Manufactured articles.....	43.010	105.5	106.2	2.1	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.7
Canada	15.923	141.7	143.7	5.4	0.4	-0.3	1.3	1.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.257	188.2	192.6	1.9	-0.7	-2.7	3.4	2.3
Manufactured articles.....	10.335	133.2	134.6	6.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.1
European Union⁴	16.799	128.2	129.2	1.8	0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.8
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.211	251.9	257.6	3.7	2.3	-0.1	0.0	2.3
Manufactured articles.....	16.491	125.6	126.6	1.7	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.8
France (Dec. 2003=100)	1.948	121.2	121.6	-1.9	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.3
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	4.572	112.2	112.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	2.566	126.6	127.2	2.8	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.5
Latin America⁵	17.999	157.8	160.6	4.0	0.6	-0.1	1.5	1.8
Nonmanufactured articles.....	6.186	288.0	297.4	6.3	2.1	-0.7	3.3	3.3
Manufactured articles.....	11.730	130.3	131.7	2.5	-0.2	0.2	0.6	1.1
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	10.275	137.6	138.8	1.8	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.9
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	2.141	154.4	158.6	6.2	2.4	0.1	4.7	2.7
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	8.085	96.0	96.3	0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	31.500	101.2	101.3	1.4	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100)	16.449	100.9	101.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2
Japan	6.678	99.4	99.3	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.1
Asian NICs⁷	5.003	87.6	87.2	1.6	0.0	0.1	-1.1	-0.5
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	5.274	97.9	98.9	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.0
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	5.380	203.7	209.3	3.7	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.7

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2008 trade values.

2 Includes Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

3 Includes Eastern Europe, Latin America, OPEC countries, and other countries in Asia, Africa and the Western Hemisphere.

4 Includes European Union countries.

5 Includes Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

6 Includes China, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.

7 Asian Newly Industrialized Countries. Includes Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

8 Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

9 Includes Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

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Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: November 2009 to November 2010
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Oct. 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Oct. 2010	Nov. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
				Nov. 2009 to Nov. 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010	Sept. 2010 to Oct. 2010	Oct. 2010 to Nov. 2010
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	164.8	170.5	11.8	1.3	0.2	1.0	3.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.281	135.9	142.0	3.0	4.3	1.0	3.2	4.5
Asia.....	75.894	152.2	157.2	14.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	3.3
Export Air Freight	100.000	126.3	127.2	4.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	32.909	115.0	115.2	3.8	0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.2
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	149.5	153.2	9.2	1.2	0.3	1.6	2.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.536	127.2	131.9	3.3	3.8	1.4	2.2	3.7
Asia.....	66.854	137.9	141.4	11.3	0.6	0.0	0.7	2.5
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	124.4	124.8	10.2	0.1	0.9	1.3	0.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	41.171	143.8	144.3	11.3	0.2	-0.2	1.8	0.3
Asia.....	42.002	113.1	113.4	8.9	0.1	1.3	1.3	0.3
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	168.6	166.4	12.8	-4.1	-3.1	4.8	-1.3
Europe.....	43.356	187.2	181.3	13.6	-5.9	-3.0	5.8	-3.2
Asia.....	27.908	145.5	142.8	12.9	-4.5	-6.4	3.9	-1.9
Latin America/Caribbean.....	12.778	150.0	156.7	20.4	1.0	-2.8	5.0	4.5
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	171.4	165.2	16.7	1.3	-8.2	-0.9	-3.6
Europe.....	33.605	214.6	185.6	4.2	-6.6	-6.8	-0.7	-13.5
Asia.....	30.442	155.3	162.3	41.4	19.5	-15.6	-6.0	4.5
Latin America/Caribbean.....	21.785	176.4	188.2	27.2	-2.3	-0.5	4.9	6.7

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2008 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.

Dash = Not available

TECHNICAL NOTE

Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes -- All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are not seasonally adjusted. Price indexes are reweighted annually, with a two-year lag in the weights. Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp>, or by calling (202) 691-7101.

Merchandise Goods Classification Systems -- The merchandise price indexes are published using three classification systems. Items are classified by end use according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis Classification System, by industry according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), and by product category according to the Harmonized System (HS). While classification by end use and product category are self-explanatory, some notes are in order for classifying items by industry. In the NAICS imports and exports tables, items are classified by output industry, not input industry. As an example, NAICS import index 326 (plastics and rubber products manufacturing) include outputs such as manufactured plastic rather than inputs such as petroleum. The NAICS classification structure also matches the classification system used by the PPI (Producer Price Index) to produce the NAICS primary products indexes.

Import Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (TSUSA). Import prices are based on U.S. dollar prices paid by the U.S. importer. The prices are generally either "free on board" (f.o.b.) foreign port or "cost, insurance, and freight" (c.i.f.) U.S. port transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. The index for crude petroleum is calculated from data collected by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Export Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Schedule B classification system of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The prices used are generally either "free alongside ship" (f.a.s.) factory or "free on board" (f.o.b.) transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. Prices used in the grain index, excluding rice, are obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Services Price Indexes -- Starting in September 2008 the Import Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by foreign carriers from U.S. residents and are calculated from data obtained from an airline consulting service. These data include tickets sold by travel agencies and travel websites. Tickets sold directly by the airlines are excluded, as are frequent flyer tickets generally. Starting in January 2008 the Export Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by U.S. carriers from foreign residents and are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data include frequent flyer tickets and those sold by consolidators. Taxes and fees are included in the Import Air Passenger Fares Index and excluded from the Export Air Passenger Fares Index. The Air Freight Indexes are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data exclude mail and passenger baggage. The scope of the service being priced is the movement of freight from airport to airport only, and does not include any ground transportation or port service. The Air Freight Indexes are presented using two definitions: Balance of Payments (which represent transactions between U.S. and foreign residents) and International (which represent transactions inbound to and outbound from the U.S.). Fact sheets specifying detailed information for each services industry are available at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp> under "MXP Publications."

Import Indexes by Locality of Origin -- Prices used in these indexes are a subset of the data collected for the Import Price Indexes. Beginning with January 2002, the indexes are defined by locality of origin using a nomenclature based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Nonmanufactured goods are defined as NAICS 11 and 21 and manufactured goods are defined as NAICS 31-33.

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Uses of the Data -- The primary use of the indexes is to deflate trade statistics, notably the foreign trade sector of the National Income and Product Accounts constructed by the Department of Commerce. Other published indexes are useful for general market analysis. For trade in international services, Balance of Payments indexes are used for deflating National Income and Product Accounts, while International indexes are more appropriate for market analysis. Merchandise and services indexes also can be used to study U.S. competitiveness and to compute price elasticities, and the merchandise import indexes by country or region of origin are useful in terms of trade analysis.

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