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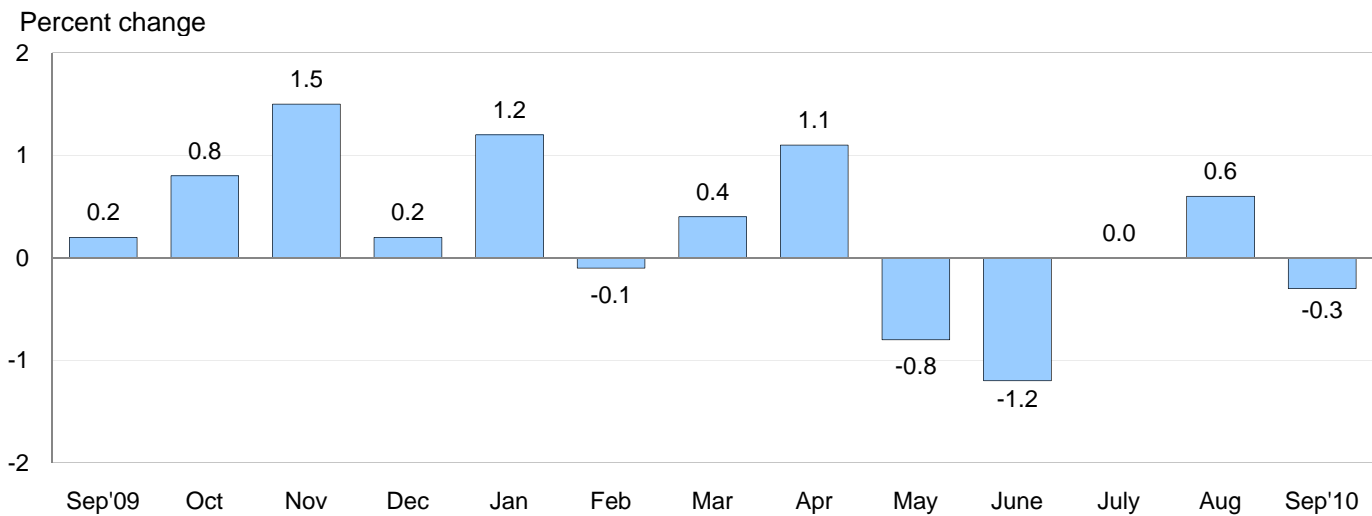
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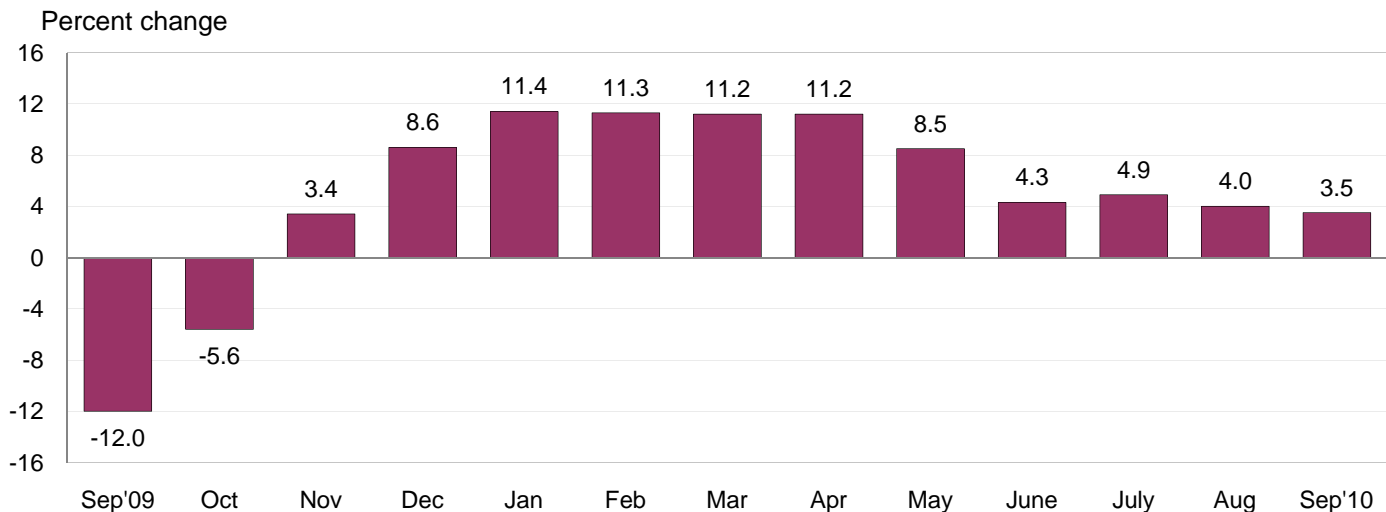
### U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – SEPTEMBER 2010

U.S. import prices fell 0.3 percent in September, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, following a 0.6 percent increase the previous month. Declining fuel prices more than offset an increase in nonfuel prices. In contrast, the price index for U.S. exports rose 0.6 percent in September after a 0.8 percent rise in August.

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



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



**All Imports:** Import prices fell 0.3 percent in September after rising 0.6 percent in August, the only monthly advance since April. The index rose 3.5 percent over the past year, the smallest increase on a 12-month basis since a 3.4 percent advance for the November 2008-09 period.

**Fuel Imports:** A 3.1 percent drop in fuel prices drove the September decline in import prices. The downturn followed increases of 1.7 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively, the previous two months. Falling prices for both petroleum products and natural gas, down 3.1 percent and 4.4 percent, respectively, contributed to the overall decline in fuel prices. Despite the September decrease, fuel prices rose 7.1 percent over the past 12 months.

**All Imports Excluding Fuel:** In contrast, nonfuel prices rose 0.3 percent for the second consecutive month after recording similar declines of 0.3 percent in July and 0.4 percent in June. Higher prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials, finished goods, and foods, feeds, and beverages all contributed to the overall advance in September. The price index for nonfuel imports also rose over the past year, increasing 2.6 percent, an advance that was primarily driven by an 11.7 percent increase in nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices.

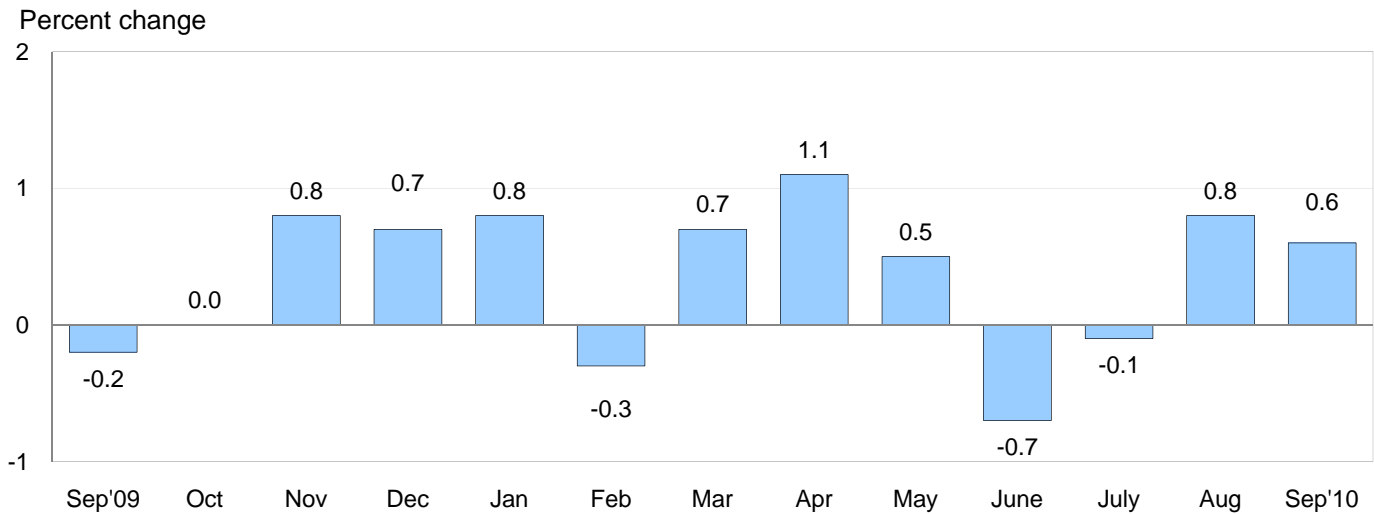
**Table A. Percent changes**

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports <sup>1</sup>	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports <sup>1</sup>	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
<b>2009</b>						
September.....	0.2	-1.3	0.4	-0.2	-2.9	0.1
October.....	0.8	3.0	0.4	0.0	-0.7	0.1
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
<b>2010</b>						
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 <sup>r</sup>	-3.8 <sup>r</sup>	-0.4 <sup>r</sup>	-0.7	0.0	-0.8
July.....	0.0 <sup>r</sup>	1.0	-0.3 <sup>r</sup>	-0.1 <sup>r</sup>	-0.2	-0.1 <sup>r</sup>
August.....	0.6	1.7	0.3	0.8	4.1 <sup>r</sup>	0.5
September.....	-0.3	-3.1	0.3	0.6	2.4	0.3
Sept. 2008 to 2009.....	-12.0	-34.0	-4.2	-5.6	-16.7	-4.4
Sept. 2009 to 2010.....	3.5	7.1	2.6	5.0	12.1	4.3

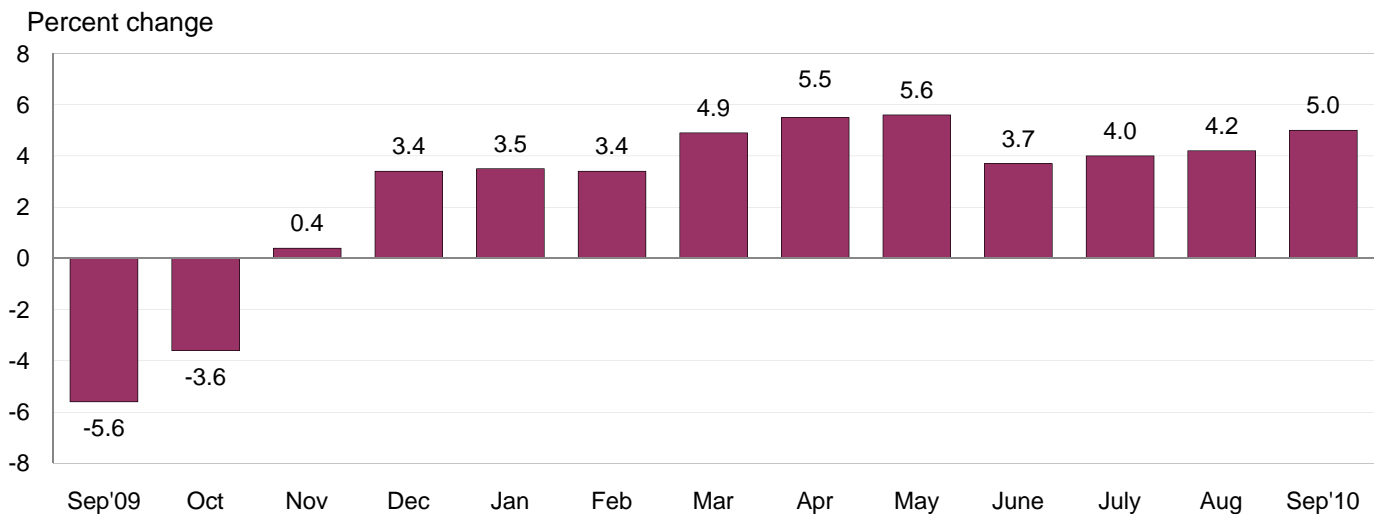
<sup>1</sup> May 2010 data were corrected with the issuance of this release.

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



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



**All Exports:** Export prices rose for the second consecutive month in September, increasing 0.6 percent after a 0.8 percent advance in August. Rising prices for nonagricultural exports and agricultural exports each contributed to the overall September increase. The price index for overall exports advanced 5.0 percent for the year ended in September, the largest year-over-year increase since a 5.6 percent rise for the May 2009-10 period.

**Agricultural Exports:** Prices for agricultural exports rose 2.4 percent in September after a 4.1 percent advance the previous month. The September increase was led by higher corn prices, up 10.4 percent, and a 9.5 percent rise in wheat prices. The price indexes for corn and wheat were up 5.1 percent and 31.1 percent, respectively, in August. Rising corn and wheat prices also contributed to the 12.1 percent increase in agricultural export prices over the past 12 months.

**All Exports Excluding Agriculture:** Nonagricultural export prices advanced 0.3 percent in September following a 0.5 percent increase in August. The rise was driven by a 0.6 percent increase in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices and a 1.0 percent jump in prices for consumer goods. The price index for nonagricultural exports rose 4.3 percent for the year ended in September, mostly led by a 12.7 percent increase in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices over the same period.

## SELECTED SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Import Prices

**Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials:** The price index for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices rose 1.3 percent in September after ticking up 0.1 percent in August. The September advance was led by a 2.8 percent increase in unfinished metals prices, a 1.8 percent rise in finished metal prices, and a 1.0 percent gain in chemical prices. Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials rose 11.7 percent over the past year, driven by a 20.4 percent advance in unfinished metals prices.

**Finished Goods:** Prices for imported finished goods were up overall in September, led by a 0.2 percent increase in automotive vehicles prices and a 0.1 percent advance in the price index for consumer goods. Capital goods prices were unchanged in September as a 0.2 percent increase in capital goods prices excluding computers was offset by a 0.3 percent drop in computers, peripherals, and semiconductors prices.

**Foods, Feeds, and Beverages:** Foods, feeds, and beverages prices increased 0.8 percent in September after a 2.1 percent rise the previous month. The advance for September was driven by an 8.4 percent jump in coffee prices, which rose 36.7 percent over the past year, and a 2.1 percent rise in fish and shellfish prices. A 3.8 percent downturn in vegetable prices somewhat offset the overall advance.

**Imports by Locality of Origin:** Prices of imports from China fell 0.2 percent in September and also declined 0.2 percent over the past 12 months. The price index for imports from Mexico also fell in September, edging down 0.1 percent. In contrast, import prices from the European Union and from Japan each ticked up 0.1 percent in September. The price index for imports from Canada was unchanged.

**Transportation Services:** Import air passenger fares fell for the third consecutive month, declining 3.1 percent in September. A 6.4 percent drop in Asian fares was the largest contributor to the overall decrease, and European fares and Latin American/Caribbean fares declined as well. Despite the recent decreases, import air passenger fares rose 16.7 percent over the past year. The price index for import air freight ticked up 0.2 percent in September and rose 21.1 percent over the past 12 months.

### Export Prices

**Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices rose 0.6 percent in September following a 1.6 percent rise in August. The September advance was primarily led by a 2.6 percent increase in nonferrous metals prices and a 0.9 percent rise in chemicals prices, which more than offset a 1.2 percent decline in fuel prices.

**Finished Goods:** Finished goods prices were mostly up in September, with consumer goods prices rising 1.0 percent and prices for automotive vehicles ticking up 0.1 percent. The price index for capital goods was unchanged.

**Transportation Services:** Export air passenger fares fell 7.2 percent in September, led by a 16.4 percent drop in Asian fares. Overall, export air passenger fares rose 23.6 percent for the year ended in September. Export air freight prices increased 0.5 percent in September after a similar 0.6 percent rise in August. The index advanced 3.5 percent over the past year.

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**Import and Export Price Index data for October 2010 are scheduled for release on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. (EST).**

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Aug. 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>All commodities</b> .....		100.000	125.9	125.5	3.5	-1.2	0.0	0.6	-0.3
<b>All imports excluding petroleum</b> .....		80.841	110.7	111.0	2.9	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.3
<b>All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)</b> ..		79.399	114.4	114.8	2.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages</b> .....	0	4.907	152.3	153.5	9.2	-1.6	0.3	2.1	0.8
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.803	170.2	171.1	9.1	-2.2	0.0	2.5	0.5
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.104	111.9	113.6	9.1	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.5
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials</b> .....	1	34.954	201.8	199.2	8.9	-3.0	0.2	1.0	-1.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		15.795	150.2	151.5	12.7	-1.6	-0.7	-0.3	0.9
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		14.353	167.3	169.4	11.7	-1.7	-1.1	0.1	1.3
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		8.989	160.6	163.3	12.1	-2.1	-1.8	-0.1	1.7
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.364	137.9	137.7	13.8	-0.7	0.8	-0.5	-0.1
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	20.601	252.4	244.7	7.1	-3.8	1.0	1.7	-3.1
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	19.159	275.2	266.8	5.8	-4.1	0.9	2.0	-3.1
Crude.....	10000	14.176	281.7	274.2	6.3	-3.4	1.1	2.2	-2.7
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.201	124.5	120.4	30.7	-0.1	3.8	-4.2	-3.3
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.899	111.3	106.4	39.1	-0.2	5.1	-3.2	-4.4
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.741	115.9	116.0	17.1	2.5	0.6	-0.3	0.1
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.700	147.1	148.1	9.9	-1.5	0.1	0.5	0.7
Selected building materials.....	13	1.337	124.8	124.5	4.7	-1.3	-4.2	-1.2	-0.2
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	4.166	239.0	245.6	20.4	-3.6	-2.4	0.1	2.8
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	1.848	146.5	149.2	8.8	-0.9	-0.3	0.3	1.8
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.561	107.6	107.7	3.3	-0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Capital goods</b> .....	2	23.273	91.6	91.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.966	112.1	112.5	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	18.303	86.0	86.0	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.004	121.4	121.5	-1.4	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines</b> .....	3	12.168	109.1	109.3	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives</b> ..	4	24.698	104.3	104.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.608	109.8	109.9	1.9	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.865	99.1	99.1	-1.6	-0.5	-0.7	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.225	103.1	103.0	1.8	-0.6	-0.5	1.2	-0.1

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

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Description	End Use	Relative importance Aug. 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	Monthly			
						May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	123.1	123.8	5.0	-0.7	-0.1	0.8	0.6
<b>Agricultural commodities.....</b>		9.126	171.8	175.9	12.1	0.0	-0.2	4.1	2.4
<b>Nonagricultural commodities.....</b>		90.874	119.6	120.0	4.3	-0.8	-0.1	0.5	0.3
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	8.235	171.1	174.8	10.5	-0.4	-0.3	4.3	2.2
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.653	173.9	177.5	10.5	-0.4	-0.4	4.7	2.1
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.582	148.4	152.2	10.9	-0.1	0.3	0.5	2.6
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	31.710	161.5	162.8	13.1	-1.5	-0.5	1.6	0.8
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		12.299	165.5	167.5	11.1	-1.3	-0.3	0.3	1.2
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		19.411	159.9	160.8	14.4	-1.5	-0.6	2.4	0.6
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials...	10	1.473	165.8	172.1	21.0	2.1	0.9	1.1	3.8
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>		30.237	161.6	162.6	12.7	-1.6	-0.6	1.6	0.6
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	6.081	215.3	212.7	23.7	-3.3	-1.7	5.3	-1.2
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	23.143	156.6	158.4	11.0	-1.3	-0.3	0.8	1.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.013	117.3	117.1	2.7	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	38.109	103.5	103.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.541	108.8	108.8	1.3	0.2	-0.5	0.1	0.0
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	27.801	94.3	94.3	-0.6	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.767	140.0	140.1	2.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	9.116	108.5	108.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	12.830	110.5	111.6	2.2	-0.4	0.4	-0.3	1.0
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.899	112.2	112.9	3.2	-0.6	0.1	0.5	0.6
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.617	107.7	109.4	-0.1	0.2	0.7	-1.2	1.6

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			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		18.040	126.9	124.1	9.8	-3.5	1.1	2.1	-2.2
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	1.871	153.1	153.4	15.6	-4.0	-1.2	4.4	0.2
Crop production.....	111	1.334	159.9	159.4	13.9	-4.8	-1.2	5.4	-0.3
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	16.169	124.1	121.0	9.2	-3.5	1.2	1.9	-2.5
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.549	139.2	142.2	9.6	3.9	0.9	-0.8	2.2
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		81.431	110.0	110.1	2.2	-0.5	-0.3	0.2	0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	10.318	110.6	110.9	3.6	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.701	131.5	132.8	12.6	0.6	1.5	1.6	1.0
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.918	108.7	108.7	1.2	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0
Textile product mills.....	314	0.794	103.4	103.6	4.2	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.2
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.970	101.6	101.6	-0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.530	107.8	107.9	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	18.035	121.8	120.7	4.9	-1.3	-0.4	0.2	-0.9
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.805	102.0	101.5	7.5	-2.5	-6.9	-1.3	-0.5
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.263	109.3	109.4	10.5	1.8	0.6	-0.2	0.1
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.008	124.1	118.3	1.5	-4.4	0.0	0.8	-4.7
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.026	125.9	126.3	6.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.2	0.3
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.823	115.9	116.0	3.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.002	121.6	122.1	2.1	0.1	0.7	-0.1	0.4
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	53.078	106.3	106.6	1.0	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	0.3
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.859	157.7	161.6	19.3	-3.5	-2.2	0.2	2.5
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.738	118.8	118.7	2.6	0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.817	113.6	114.0	1.3	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.934	86.4	86.3	-3.0	-0.5	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.839	112.9	113.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	13.409	106.1	106.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.329	106.1	106.2	-2.7	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.154	112.3	112.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.2

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			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	Monthly			
						May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		7.123	140.1	144.7	26.0	-0.4	-1.6	6.1	3.3
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	4.865	151.1	157.0	19.6	-1.0	-0.7	7.4	3.9
Crop production.....	111	4.556	155.4	161.8	20.1	-1.2	-0.7	8.0	4.1
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	2.258	110.4	112.8	44.4	0.6	-3.3	3.4	2.2
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.822	130.6	132.8	48.4	0.7	-1.5	3.8	1.7
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		90.164	112.5	112.9	3.6	-0.5	0.0	0.4	0.4
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	6.729	127.8	129.0	6.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.9
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.566	143.4	145.0	6.1	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.1
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.538	110.2	110.5	3.3	1.9	1.9	0.4	0.3
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.377	104.7	105.6	2.8	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.9
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	23.939	120.3	120.4	8.4	-1.6	-0.2	2.0	0.1
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.452	114.5	113.4	6.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	-1.0
Paper manufacturing.....	322	2.058	123.5	124.7	13.6	2.2	1.5	0.6	1.0
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	3.715	125.2	121.6	19.1	-6.8	-1.5	8.8	-2.9
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.829	121.8	122.8	7.7	-1.1	-0.1	1.0	0.8
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.056	107.6	107.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	0.6	0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.829	112.6	112.8	0.8	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	59.496	108.1	108.5	1.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.4
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.972	146.4	148.9	18.9	0.4	0.3	-0.9	1.7
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. ....	332	2.745	121.2	121.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.575	114.8	114.8	1.9	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.338	91.5	91.6	-2.6	-0.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.392	108.1	108.3	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	15.133	111.3	111.4	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.990	110.2	111.6	0.8	-0.3	0.7	-0.6	1.3

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2008 trade values.

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

[2009=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Aug. 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.142	145.6	148.3	13.5	-1.0	0.1	1.7	1.9
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.260	183.2	184.7	17.4	-2.0	-1.6	1.7	0.8
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.598	110.6	113.7	14.6	0.4	1.9	1.4	2.8
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.559	177.1	178.1	12.4	-4.2	-0.2	4.7	0.6
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.427	329.5	313.8	7.0	-5.4	-7.8	9.6	-4.8
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.413	108.5	111.6	12.8	-7.3	-1.2	2.8	2.9
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.321	188.9	202.8	30.9	1.7	7.0	3.2	7.4
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.226	110.5	111.6	-	-2.1	1.8	7.0	1.0
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.337	143.6	143.3	5.1	0.0	1.1	0.6	-0.2
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.201	96.2	94.3	-	-6.6	0.0	-1.4	-2.0
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.263	124.7	124.7	10.5	1.9	6.9	-0.2	0.0
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.287	129.5	129.2	2.8	-0.6	-0.5	0.3	-0.2
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.904	118.2	118.1	1.2	-1.0	0.2	0.5	-0.1
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	20.630	254.9	247.4	7.3	-3.5	1.0	1.5	-2.9
Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plaster materials, lime & cement (Dec. 2009=100).....	25	0.190	102.4	102.4	-	-0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	20.189	251.3	243.6	7.2	-3.7	1.1	1.5	-3.1
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	8.291	139.1	139.9	6.7	-1.1	-0.5	0.4	0.6
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.959	275.3	286.6	33.2	-3.9	-0.3	-0.6	4.1
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.775	134.1	133.9	5.7	-0.9	-0.4	0.7	-0.1
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.843	118.2	118.2	3.5	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.309	100.1	103.1	-	-3.1	-1.2	0.3	3.0
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.164	106.8	106.6	0.1	-1.7	-0.9	0.3	-0.2
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.402	117.4	117.9	-2.6	-2.0	-1.6	2.1	0.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.495	92.9	93.1	3.3	-1.4	0.4	-0.1	0.2
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	3.031	137.5	137.8	8.4	-0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.893	132.0	132.1	6.6	-0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.138	148.1	148.7	11.6	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.594	114.7	115.0	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.538	114.8	115.0	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.826	123.3	122.6	6.7	-2.0	-6.6	-1.7	-0.6
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.405	112.9	113.2	8.2	1.5	0.5	-0.2	0.3
Pulp wood, waste paper, and paperboard (Dec. 2009=100).....	47	0.226	127.4	126.2	-	6.2	1.2	-2.5	-0.9
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.908	105.5	105.9	4.4	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.4
Printed matter.....	49	0.270	121.8	122.7	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Aug. 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	5.001	103.6	103.6	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.919	98.9	98.9	-0.7	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.871	103.0	102.9	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.544	95.5	95.7	5.5	0.2	1.7	0.0	0.2
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. . .</b>	XII	1.226	107.9	108.0	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.044	107.2	107.3	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.1
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.884	124.0	124.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.315	117.9	118.3	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.3
Ceramic products.....	69	0.275	138.0	139.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.9
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.294	115.7	115.8	-0.8	-0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	2.779	159.2	160.6	12.9	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.9
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	6.075	179.0	182.4	12.5	-2.8	-1.4	0.7	1.9
Iron and steel.....	72	1.395	228.4	230.8	20.3	0.2	-2.2	-2.2	1.1
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.897	152.4	154.3	13.2	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.2
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.655	315.3	333.1	14.1	-9.2	-1.9	2.4	5.6
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.182	118.4	121.9	-	-12.2	-10.4	1.4	3.0
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.815	133.2	135.4	9.8	-6.3	-2.3	2.7	1.7
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.365	118.1	118.2	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.412	127.1	127.1	-1.2	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	25.410	86.2	86.3	-1.0	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	12.828	87.9	88.0	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.582	84.6	84.6	-1.7	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	0.0
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	11.376	110.3	110.5	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	10.279	109.4	109.5	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.002	113.6	113.7	-1.7	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.272	101.1	101.2	-1.1	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.957	98.6	98.7	-1.4	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.236	125.7	125.9	1.5	-0.7	0.1	3.3	0.2
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	3.872	106.6	106.7	-1.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.973	109.7	109.7	-2.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.696	101.0	101.0	-0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.203	119.8	119.8	3.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Aug. 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.762	173.0	176.6	15.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	2.1
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.020	144.6	144.4	16.5	-1.0	1.4	-0.6	-0.1
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.324	154.5	159.8	19.0	0.3	1.0	0.5	3.4
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	4.413	190.4	195.6	10.6	-1.9	-0.3	7.6	2.7
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.718	119.4	117.8	9.7	1.9	-7.9	-1.1	-1.3
Cereals.....	10	1.785	197.1	216.6	28.7	-5.5	1.8	13.0	9.9
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.417	215.2	207.9	-1.7	-0.4	1.5	8.0	-3.4
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.308	108.5	110.2	-	-2.0	-1.3	0.5	1.6
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.490	142.2	142.1	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.2	-0.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.346	105.6	103.7	-	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-1.8
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.405	117.7	117.8	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.327	102.5	102.8	0.9	-0.6	-0.5	0.7	0.3
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.604	196.5	197.5	-4.3	4.9	4.5	4.2	0.5
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	6.030	256.7	254.2	27.0	-3.6	-2.2	5.9	-1.0
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	5.303	247.8	244.3	26.6	-3.9	-2.2	5.9	-1.4
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	12.067	145.5	146.7	7.9	-0.8	-0.1	0.8	0.8
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.092	188.9	189.3	6.9	1.6	1.7	0.2	0.2
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.082	154.1	155.3	10.5	-1.3	-0.8	1.0	0.8
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.955	123.0	124.1	6.5	-1.5	0.9	0.7	0.9
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.540	116.5	116.8	2.0	-2.1	2.3	0.1	0.3
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.714	124.1	124.8	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.3	0.6
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.436	119.2	122.9	5.9	-0.4	0.4	0.8	3.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	2.111	144.7	145.0	9.2	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.2
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.083	138.3	139.2	3.2	-1.3	-0.1	1.2	0.7
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.124	132.0	133.0	2.8	-1.7	-0.2	1.4	0.8
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.959	166.7	166.9	4.9	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.1
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.376	120.9	120.7	22.9	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.2
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.556	109.8	109.3	6.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-0.5
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.561	120.6	122.2	13.3	0.1	1.9	0.7	1.3
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.716	134.2	139.6	40.3	-1.4	2.9	0.3	4.0
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.348	117.8	118.3	7.9	1.0	2.2	1.1	0.4
Printed material.....	49	0.498	116.0	116.0	-1.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	2.042	117.2	120.7	16.7	1.3	0.1	1.2	3.0
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.704	137.2	148.0	54.0	2.7	0.2	3.6	7.9

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

Description	Harmo- nized system	Relative importance Aug. 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec. 2008=100)</b> .....	XIII	0.784	115.5	115.5	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.414	97.1	97.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.1
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins</b> .....	XIV	4.962	209.7	215.7	21.9	1.3	0.9	-1.5	2.9
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals</b> .....	XV	5.845	161.5	164.1	8.0	-3.7	-0.4	1.1	1.6
Iron and steel.....	72	1.735	192.3	196.9	12.8	-5.7	-1.8	0.8	2.4
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.507	158.4	159.5	1.1	-0.4	0.4	-0.2	0.7
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.589	230.8	236.1	21.6	-4.4	0.9	5.4	2.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.864	120.4	123.6	9.5	-8.8	-0.3	2.5	2.7
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.410	124.1	124.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.313	124.8	124.2	2.1	0.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.5
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc</b> .....	XVI	29.920	95.3	95.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	17.594	106.6	106.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	12.326	83.0	83.2	-1.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment</b> .....	XVII	13.223	121.5	121.7	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.498	108.5	108.6	1.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Ships, boats and floating structures (Dec. 2009=100).....	89	0.293	100.9	101.9	-	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.0
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces</b> .....	XVIII	5.925	106.7	106.8	-1.7	-0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b> .....	XX	1.507	107.7	107.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.753	118.5	118.2	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.641	92.4	92.5	-0.9	-0.3	0.1	-0.6	0.1

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**Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: September 2009 to September 2010**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	41.082	125.0	124.5	3.4	-1.3	0.5	0.3	-0.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.687	195.1	191.7	13.4	-2.7	3.4	0.4	-1.7
Manufactured articles.....	34.943	119.3	119.0	2.5	-1.0	0.1	0.3	-0.3
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	58.918	124.0	123.5	2.9	-1.0	0.1	0.6	-0.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	15.714	257.6	251.4	8.7	-3.9	0.7	2.8	-2.4
Manufactured articles.....	43.010	105.2	105.4	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2
<b>Canada</b> .....	15.923	140.6	140.6	7.2	-2.0	0.4	0.6	0.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.257	189.1	185.7	14.9	-2.7	4.0	0.3	-1.8
Manufactured articles.....	10.335	131.7	132.5	5.3	-1.7	-0.8	0.6	0.6
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	16.799	127.9	128.0	2.1	-0.8	-0.2	0.4	0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.211	254.0	249.9	6.2	0.8	-1.0	2.4	-1.6
Manufactured articles.....	16.491	125.3	125.5	2.0	-0.8	-0.2	0.3	0.2
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	1.948	121.3	121.3	-1.4	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	4.572	111.4	111.4	1.2	-1.2	-0.4	0.5	0.0
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	2.566	125.6	125.9	3.4	-0.6	-0.3	0.6	0.2
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	17.999	156.8	155.9	5.0	-1.3	0.2	1.3	-0.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	6.186	284.4	278.1	8.2	-2.3	2.2	3.4	-2.2
Manufactured articles.....	11.730	129.9	130.2	2.9	-0.8	-0.7	0.2	0.2
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	10.275	136.8	136.7	2.2	-0.9	-0.7	0.7	-0.1
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	2.141	149.0	146.6	7.9	-5.2	0.9	2.9	-1.6
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	8.085	96.3	96.6	0.2	0.4	-1.1	0.1	0.3
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	31.500	101.1	101.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	16.449	100.5	100.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2
<b>Japan</b> .....	6.678	98.8	98.9	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	5.003	88.4	88.6	2.9	0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.2
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	5.274	96.7	97.3	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.6
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	5.380	203.0	199.5	3.4	-2.2	-2.1	1.2	-1.7

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: September 2009 to September 2010**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Aug. 2010 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Aug. 2010	Sept. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010	Aug. 2010 to Sept. 2010
<b>Air Freight</b>								
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	162.8	163.2	21.1	-0.9	-1.1	1.3	0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.378	130.4	131.7	-1.1	-5.4	-1.3	4.3	1.0
Asia.....	75.590	151.6	151.7	30.4	0.3	-0.3	0.6	0.1
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	125.3	125.9	3.5	1.5	-1.3	0.6	0.5
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	33.131	114.9	114.3	3.0	3.0	-1.7	0.1	-0.5
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	146.7	147.2	15.5	-0.1	-1.4	1.2	0.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.162	122.8	124.5	-0.2	-3.8	-1.3	3.8	1.4
Asia.....	67.702	137.0	137.1	24.1	0.5	-0.6	0.6	0.1
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	121.7	122.5	9.5	1.2	-0.7	0.1	0.7
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	41.415	141.6	141.3	9.2	1.9	-0.7	0.2	-0.2
Asia.....	41.790	110.2	110.9	7.9	0.8	-0.7	0.1	0.6
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>								
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	166.0	160.9	16.7	9.2	-1.3	-4.1	-3.1
Europe.....	42.893	182.4	177.0	20.4	13.7	-3.9	-5.9	-3.0
Asia.....	29.156	149.7	140.1	12.6	11.5	0.8	-4.5	-6.4
Latin America/Caribbean.....	12.706	146.9	142.8	21.4	1.6	3.5	1.0	-2.8
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	188.2	174.7	23.6	7.9	5.4	1.3	-7.2
Europe.....	33.054	231.9	215.8	29.3	16.5	3.1	-6.6	-6.9
Asia.....	34.929	195.7	163.6	33.9	2.5	5.4	19.5	-16.4
Latin America/Caribbean.....	19.006	169.1	176.3	22.3	5.6	2.1	-2.3	4.3

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2008 trade values.

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## 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.

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**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."

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