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

U.S. import prices increased 0.6 percent in August, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, after rising 0.1 percent the previous month. Higher fuel and nonfuel prices contributed to the overall advance. Export prices rose 0.8 percent in August after declining 0.2 percent in July and 0.7 percent in June.

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

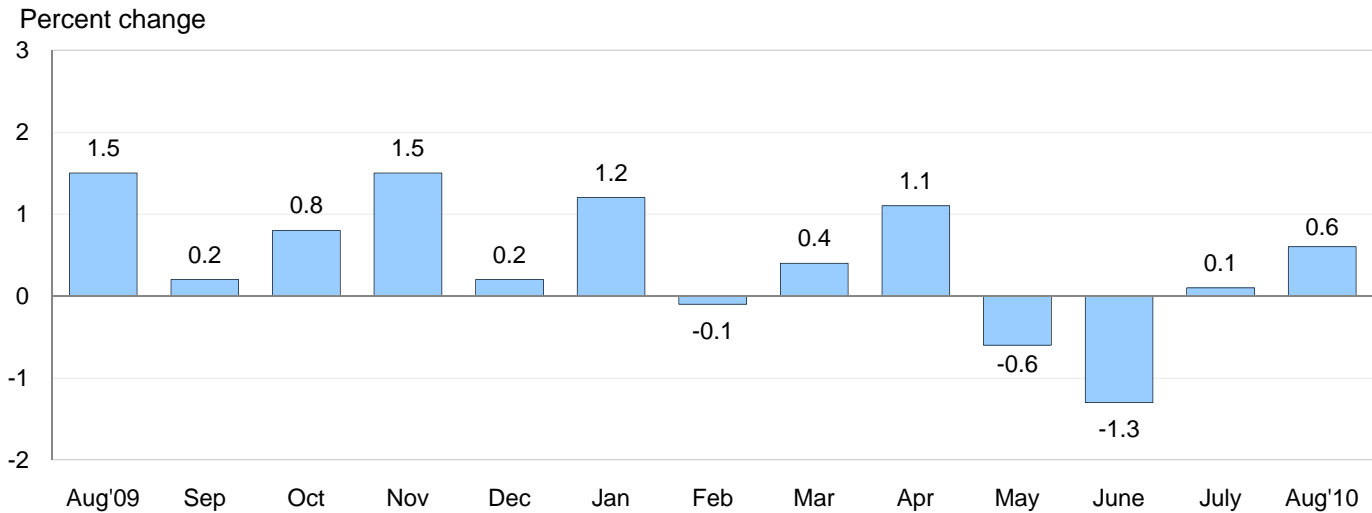
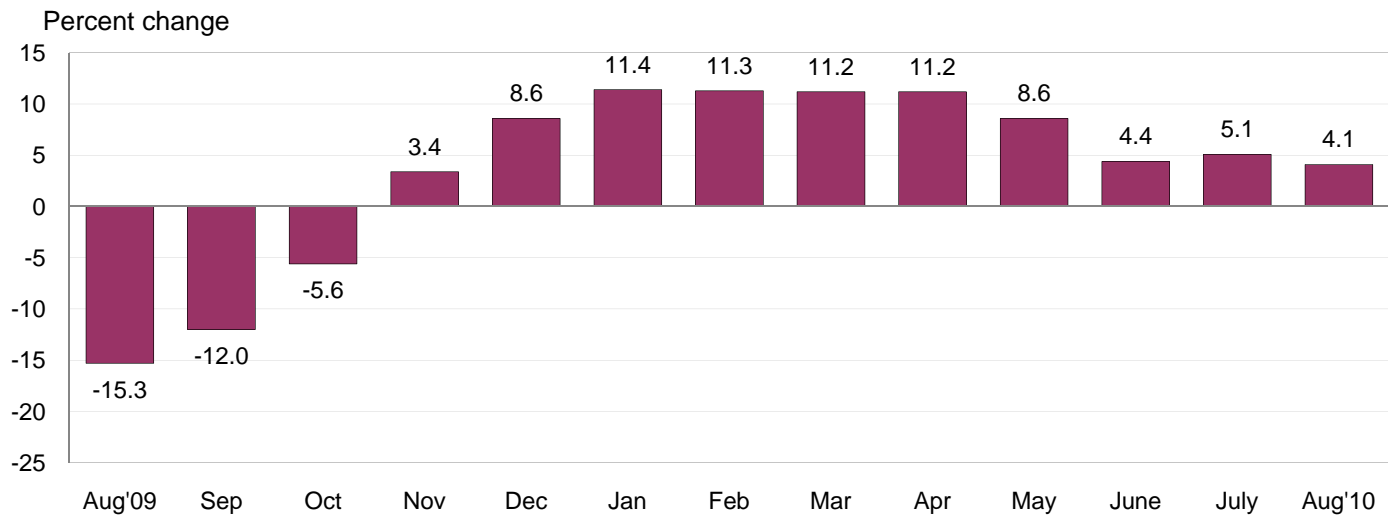


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: August 2009 – August 2010



All Imports: Import prices increased for the second consecutive month in August, rising 0.6 percent following a comparatively modest 0.1 percent advance in July. The price index for overall imports rose 4.1 percent for the year ended in August, the smallest 12-month advance since a 3.4 percent rise for the November 2008-09 period.

Fuel Imports: Approximately 58 percent of the overall increase in import prices in August was attributable to a 1.7 percent advance in fuel prices. The August increase in fuel prices followed a 1.0 percent rise the previous month and was led by a 2.1 percent increase in petroleum prices which more than offset a 3.5 percent decline in natural gas prices. Prices for fuel rose 9.1 percent over the past 12 months; an 8.5 percent increase in petroleum prices and a 25.0 percent jump in natural gas prices each contributed to the overall advance.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: The price index for nonfuel prices also rose in August, increasing 0.3 percent following decreases of 0.2 percent in July and 0.5 percent in June. The August increase was primarily driven by higher prices for finished goods and food, feeds, and beverages. Nonfuel prices advanced 2.9 percent over the past year. In contrast to the August increase, the annual advance was led by rising nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices, up 13.0 percent for the August 2009-10 period.

Table A. Percent changes

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
2009						
August.....	1.5	7.0	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.7
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
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.....	-0.6 ^r	-5.1	0.6 ^r	0.5	1.6	0.3
June.....	-1.3	-3.9 ^r	-0.5	-0.7	0.0	-0.8
July.....	0.1 ^r	1.0 ^r	-0.2 ^r	-0.2	-0.2 ^r	-0.2
August.....	0.6	1.7	0.3	0.8	4.2	0.5
Aug. 2008 to 2009.....	-15.3	-41.0	-5.1	-6.2	-14.1	-5.3
Aug. 2009 to 2010.....	4.1	9.1	2.9	4.1	6.4	3.9

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

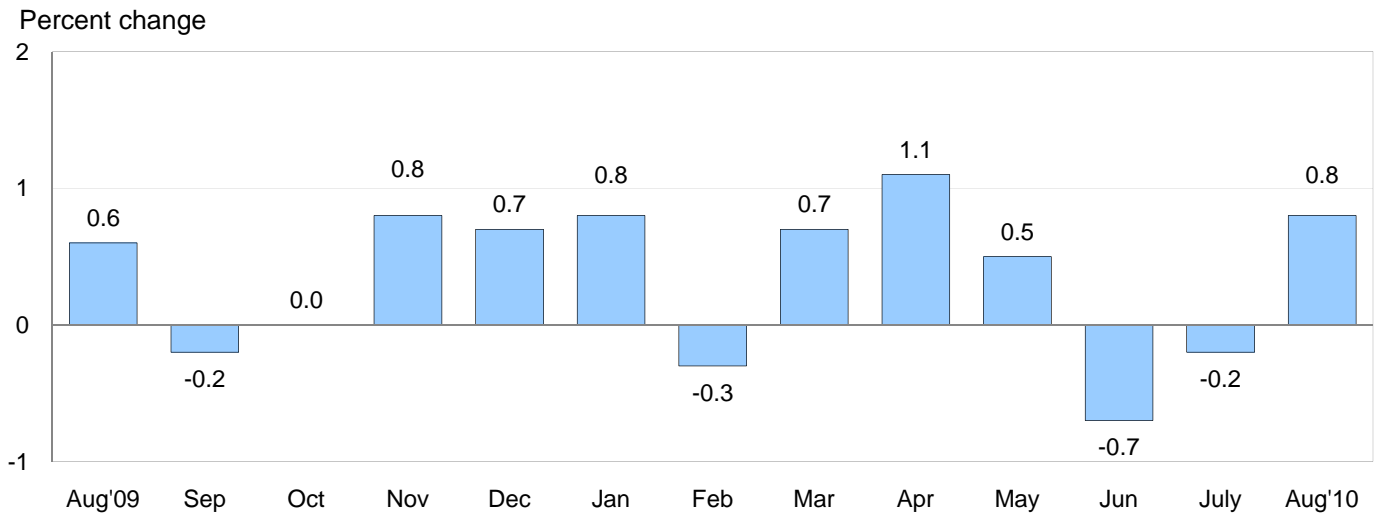
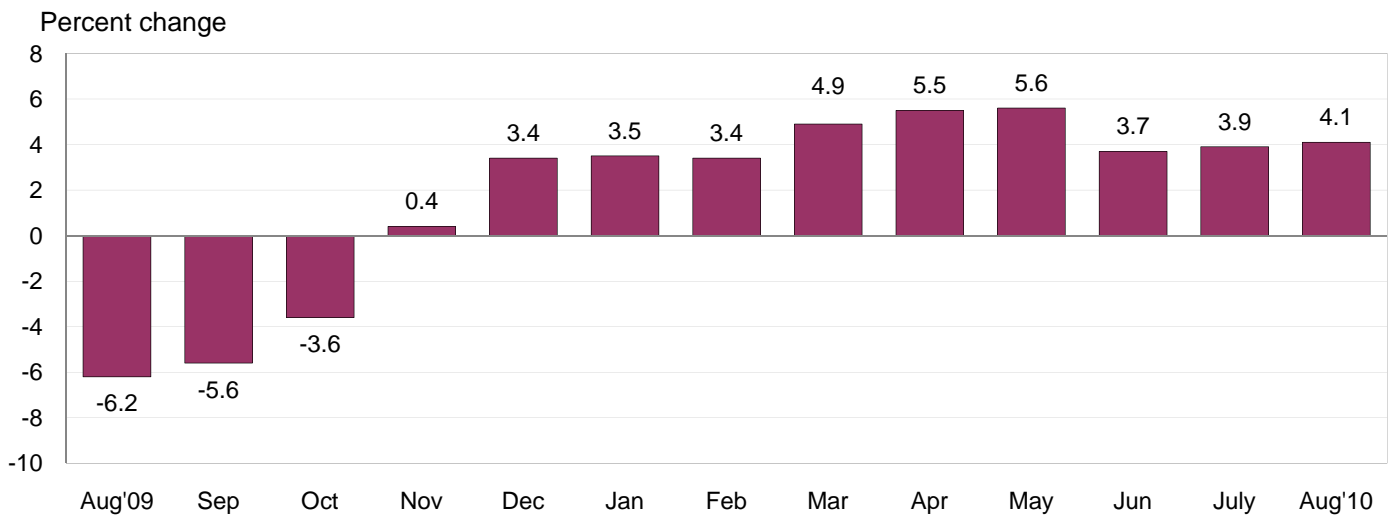


Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: August 2009 – August 2010



All Exports: Export prices resumed an upward trend in August, increasing 0.8 percent after declining the two previous months. The August increase was the largest monthly advance since a 1.1 percent rise in April and higher prices for both nonagricultural exports and agricultural exports each contributed to the rise in overall export prices. The price index for overall exports increased 4.1 percent over the past 12 months.

Agricultural Exports: Agricultural prices rose 4.2 percent in August, the largest monthly increase since a similar 4.2 percent advance in June 2009. The August increase was driven by a 31.1 percent surge in wheat prices and a 9.8 percent advance in the price index for soybeans and soybean by-products. The increase in agricultural prices in August led the 6.4 percent advance for the index over the past year.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: The price index for nonagricultural exports rose 0.5 percent in August following declines of 0.2 percent in July and 0.8 percent in June. The increase was led by a 1.6 percent advance in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials. Nonagricultural prices increased 3.9 percent for the year ended in August.

SELECTED AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Import Prices

Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials: Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices ticked up 0.1 percent in August after falling 1.1 percent in July. An increase in chemicals prices more than offset a decline in building materials prices. The price index for unfinished metals, which rose 25.2 percent over the past year, was unchanged in August.

Finished Goods: Prices for each of the major finished goods categories rose in August. The price indexes for consumer goods and capital goods rose 0.2 percent while automotive vehicle prices increased 0.3 percent. The increase in capital goods prices was led by a 0.4 percent rise in prices for capital goods excluding computers which more than offset a 0.2 percent drop in computer prices.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: Foods, feeds, and beverages prices rose 2.2 percent in August, the largest one-month advance for the index since a 2.9 percent increase in March 2008. Increasing prices for vegetables, meat, and food oils, up 5.2 percent, 4.5 percent, and 6.8 percent, respectively, all contributed to the overall August advance.

Imports by Locality of Origin: The price indexes for import prices from Canada and from Mexico each advanced 0.7 percent in August while prices for imports from the European Union rose 0.3 percent. Higher petroleum prices contributed to the increases. Import prices from Japan rose 0.2 percent in August after recording no change in July. The price index for imports from China remained unchanged in August following a 0.1 percent uptick the previous month.

Transportation Services: Import air passenger fares fell for the second consecutive month in August, falling 4.1 percent after a 1.3 percent decline in July. A 5.9 percent decrease in European fares and a 4.5 percent drop in Asian fares each contributed to the overall decline. In contrast, import air freight prices rose 1.3 percent following decreases of 1.1 percent in July and 0.9 percent in June.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials rose 1.6 percent in August after falling 0.6 percent the previous month. The increase was led by a 5.6 percent advance in fuel prices, while higher prices for metals and chemicals also contributed to the increase. The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials increased 12.1 percent over the past year.

Finished Goods: Finished goods prices were mixed overall in August. Consumer goods prices fell 0.3 percent following a 0.3 percent increase in July. Automotive vehicles prices edged up 0.1 percent in August while the price index for capital goods was unchanged in August.

Transportation Services: Export air passenger fares increased 0.6 percent in August, driven by a 20.3 percent jump in Asian fares which more than offset a 6.8 percent drop in European fares and a 3.9 percent decline in Latin American/Caribbean fares. The price index for export air freight prices also rose 0.6 percent in August after declining 1.3 percent in July.

Import and Export Price Index data for September 2010 are scheduled for release on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
All commodities		100.000	125.4	126.1	4.1	-0.6	-1.3	0.1	0.6
All imports excluding petroleum		81.151	110.7	110.9	3.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.2	0.2
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100) ..		79.646	114.3	114.6	2.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	0.3
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	4.816	148.8	152.0	8.6	1.4	-1.7	0.1	2.2
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.719	165.7	169.7	9.0	1.4	-2.2	-0.2	2.4
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.097	110.6	112.0	7.2	1.3	0.6	1.2	1.3
Industrial supplies & materials	1	34.746	199.7	201.8	10.6	-2.4	-3.0	0.1	1.1
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		15.896	150.5	150.1	13.2	1.2	-1.6	-0.7	-0.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		14.391	167.0	167.2	13.0	1.6	-1.7	-1.1	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		9.027	160.6	160.4	13.8	2.0	-2.1	-1.9	-0.1
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.364	138.6	138.1	12.6	0.1	-0.7	0.8	-0.4
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	20.354	248.2	252.4	9.1	-5.1	-3.9	1.0	1.7
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	18.850	269.6	275.2	8.5	-5.3	-4.2	0.9	2.1
Crude.....	10000	13.910	275.2	280.1	8.1	-6.6	-3.4	1.0	1.8
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.263	130.3	124.8	19.4	-2.6	-0.2	4.2	-4.2
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.939	115.5	111.5	25.0	-3.6	-0.2	5.6	-3.5
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.746	116.2	116.0	17.9	2.9	2.5	0.6	-0.2
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.695	146.3	147.2	10.4	0.4	-1.4	0.0	0.6
Selected building materials.....	13	1.353	125.7	124.0	4.0	2.8	-1.3	-4.7	-1.4
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	4.180	238.7	238.6	25.2	3.0	-3.6	-2.4	0.0
Finished metals related to durable goods... ..	15	1.849	145.9	146.4	8.5	1.1	-0.9	-0.4	0.3
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.568	107.6	107.7	4.1	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.1
Capital goods	2	23.341	91.4	91.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.963	111.5	111.7	1.3	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	18.364	85.9	86.1	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.013	121.5	121.5	-1.4	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	12.316	109.9	110.2	1.7	1.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3
Consumer goods, excluding automotives ..	4	24.782	104.2	104.4	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.644	109.7	109.8	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.922	99.1	99.2	-1.4	0.1	-0.5	-0.7	0.1
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.217	101.9	103.1	2.3	1.0	-0.6	-0.5	1.2

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

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			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
All commodities.....		100.000	122.0	123.0	4.1	0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.8
Agricultural commodities.....		8.843	165.0	171.9	6.4	1.6	0.0	-0.2	4.2
Nonagricultural commodities.....		91.158	118.9	119.5	3.9	0.3	-0.8	-0.2	0.5
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	7.959	164.0	171.1	4.0	1.5	-0.4	-0.3	4.3
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.374	166.1	173.8	3.9	1.7	-0.4	-0.4	4.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.585	147.8	148.5	5.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.5
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	31.481	158.9	161.6	12.5	1.4	-1.5	-0.6	1.7
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		12.357	164.8	165.7	12.0	1.3	-1.3	-0.4	0.5
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		19.123	156.2	159.9	12.9	1.4	-1.5	-0.6	2.4
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials...	10	1.469	163.9	166.8	20.9	1.3	2.1	0.9	1.8
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		30.012	159.0	161.6	12.1	1.4	-1.6	-0.6	1.6
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	5.822	204.4	215.9	18.9	2.9	-3.3	-1.7	5.6
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	23.162	155.3	156.5	10.9	1.0	-1.3	-0.3	0.8
Selected building materials.....	13	1.028	118.0	117.4	3.3	0.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.5
Capital goods.....	2	38.425	103.4	103.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.573	108.9	108.5	1.1	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	28.028	94.2	94.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.823	139.9	140.1	1.9	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	9.187	108.4	108.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	12.949	110.5	110.2	1.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.3	-0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.893	111.1	111.7	2.5	-0.1	-0.9	-0.1	0.5
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.736	109.1	107.9	-1.6	-0.1	0.2	0.8	-1.1

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

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Nonmanufactured articles.....		17.726	124.2	126.3	11.1	-4.8	-3.5	1.0	1.7
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	1.800	146.7	152.7	16.4	3.3	-4.0	-1.2	4.1
Crop production.....	111	1.270	151.6	159.1	15.3	4.3	-4.8	-1.2	4.9
Mining.....	21	15.926	121.7	123.5	10.6	-5.6	-3.5	1.2	1.5
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.559	141.0	139.7	8.5	1.3	4.0	1.3	-0.9
Manufactured articles.....		81.750	110.0	110.3	2.6	0.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.3
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.300	109.9	110.5	3.4	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.5
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.665	129.2	131.4	12.0	1.8	0.5	1.4	1.7
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.918	108.3	108.8	1.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.1	0.5
Textile product mills.....	314	0.798	103.4	103.4	4.0	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.0
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.980	101.4	101.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.535	107.7	107.8	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	18.083	121.6	122.4	5.9	-0.2	-1.4	-0.2	0.7
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.804	101.5	99.7	5.2	4.4	-2.4	-8.6	-1.8
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.271	109.5	109.3	11.2	1.9	1.8	0.6	-0.2
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.013	123.7	126.9	5.8	-3.2	-4.5	0.6	2.6
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.047	125.7	126.1	6.2	0.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.3
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.831	116.0	116.0	3.5	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.0
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.008	121.8	121.6	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.7	-0.2
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	53.367	106.4	106.6	1.5	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.874	157.6	157.9	23.4	2.8	-3.4	-2.2	0.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.746	118.7	119.0	2.8	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.813	113.1	113.5	1.2	0.0	-0.3	0.2	0.4
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.017	86.5	86.5	-2.8	0.1	-0.5	-0.9	0.0
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.844	112.6	112.7	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	13.558	106.8	107.1	1.1	0.9	-0.2	0.2	0.3
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.334	106.0	106.1	-2.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.180	112.4	112.5	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1

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

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Description	NAICS	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Nonmanufactured articles.....		6.773	132.0	140.2	15.8	5.3	-0.4	-1.6	6.2
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	4.570	140.7	151.3	7.7	1.8	-1.0	-0.7	7.5
Crop production.....	111	4.258	143.9	155.5	7.5	1.8	-1.2	-0.7	8.1
Mining.....	21	2.203	106.8	110.5	41.1	13.3	0.6	-3.3	3.5
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.772	125.8	130.6	47.4	17.2	0.7	-1.5	3.8
Manufactured articles.....		90.547	112.0	112.5	3.3	0.2	-0.6	0.1	0.4
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	6.764	127.3	128.0	6.3	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.583	142.7	143.7	6.4	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.7
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.541	109.8	110.2	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.9	0.4
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.381	104.7	104.7	2.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	23.662	117.8	120.1	7.5	0.1	-1.7	-0.2	2.0
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.461	115.7	115.0	8.2	1.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.6
Paper manufacturing.....	322	2.065	122.7	123.5	13.0	2.7	2.2	1.4	0.7
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	3.443	115.0	125.5	14.3	-2.0	-6.8	-1.6	9.1
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.793	120.4	121.6	6.9	0.2	-1.3	-0.1	1.0
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.064	107.0	107.5	-0.3	1.0	-0.4	0.4	0.5
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.836	112.6	112.7	1.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.0	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	60.122	108.3	108.1	1.3	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	5.065	147.7	146.3	20.1	2.7	0.4	0.3	-0.9
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.	332	2.776	121.5	121.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.1
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.680	114.8	114.8	2.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.495	91.6	91.3	-2.6	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.426	108.1	107.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.3
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	15.262	111.2	111.3	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.064	110.8	110.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.6	-0.6

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

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Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.128	143.1	145.7	11.7	2.7	-1.0	0.1	1.8
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.257	180.0	183.1	17.3	3.5	-2.0	-1.7	1.7
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.592	109.1	110.7	11.0	2.7	0.5	1.8	1.5
Vegetable products.....	II	1.487	168.3	175.6	12.2	2.7	-4.4	-0.5	4.3
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.391	300.6	322.3	15.4	4.9	-5.4	-7.8	7.2
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.402	105.5	108.4	9.9	2.7	-7.5	-1.0	2.7
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.312	182.8	189.6	16.9	-1.9	1.5	7.0	3.7
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.213	103.6	110.2	-	-0.7	-1.9	1.9	6.4
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.332	142.8	143.7	5.8	0.8	0.0	1.1	0.6
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.204	97.5	96.5	-	4.3	-6.7	0.0	-1.0
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.265	125.0	124.6	11.4	1.9	1.9	7.0	-0.3
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.287	129.1	129.8	3.3	0.7	-0.5	-0.6	0.5
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.904	117.7	118.3	1.6	-0.1	-1.0	0.3	0.5
Mineral products.....	V	20.401	251.0	254.8	9.3	-5.1	-3.5	1.1	1.5
Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plaster materials, lime & cement (Dec. 2009=100).....	25	0.191	102.4	102.4	-	0.2	-0.4	0.4	0.0
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	19.958	247.4	251.2	9.2	-5.2	-3.7	1.1	1.5
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.300	138.6	139.1	6.7	0.4	-1.1	-0.5	0.4
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.969	276.9	275.3	40.7	3.4	-3.9	-0.3	-0.6
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.770	133.3	134.1	5.2	0.2	-0.9	-0.4	0.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.851	118.0	118.2	3.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.309	99.8	100.1	-	-2.2	-3.0	-1.3	0.3
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.162	105.3	106.2	1.6	-1.4	-2.3	-1.5	0.9
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.395	114.9	117.4	-2.6	-0.3	-2.0	-1.7	2.2
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.498	93.0	92.9	3.6	-0.7	-1.4	0.4	-0.1
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	3.037	137.2	137.7	8.9	0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.4
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.897	131.7	132.0	6.6	0.0	-0.5	0.5	0.2
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.140	147.8	148.6	12.9	1.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.597	114.7	114.7	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.541	114.8	114.8	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.837	124.4	121.9	5.6	4.2	-2.0	-7.4	-2.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.413	113.1	112.9	8.3	1.7	1.5	0.5	-0.2
Pulp wood, waste paper, and paperboard (Dec. 2009=100).....	47	0.233	130.7	127.4	-	5.6	6.2	1.2	-2.5
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.909	105.1	105.4	3.7	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.3
Printed matter.....	49	0.271	121.5	121.7	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	5.014	103.4	103.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.928	98.9	98.9	-0.8	-0.5	0.3	0.6	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.872	102.6	102.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.546	95.5	95.5	5.3	1.4	0.2	1.7	0.0
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. ...	XII	1.229	107.7	107.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.048	107.1	107.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.1
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.887	123.9	124.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.316	117.9	117.9	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.0
Ceramic products.....	69	0.277	138.5	137.9	-1.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.294	115.1	115.6	-0.9	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.4
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.820	160.8	159.8	14.0	2.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	6.061	177.8	179.0	14.7	1.6	-2.7	-1.4	0.7
Iron and steel.....	72	1.432	233.4	228.2	23.5	2.1	0.2	-2.3	-2.2
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.890	151.2	152.3	12.2	1.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.642	307.8	316.4	20.4	-0.6	-9.2	-1.9	2.8
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.180	116.8	118.4	-	13.9	-12.2	-10.4	1.4
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.797	129.7	133.2	15.8	1.6	-6.3	-2.3	2.7
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.366	117.8	118.8	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.8
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.414	127.1	127.1	-1.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	25.492	86.1	86.2	-1.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.5	0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	12.856	87.8	88.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.636	84.6	84.5	-1.7	0.0	-0.4	-0.7	-0.1
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	11.523	111.3	111.6	1.5	1.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	10.420	110.5	110.8	1.7	1.3	-0.2	0.4	0.3
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.007	113.8	113.8	-1.6	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.284	101.1	101.4	-0.9	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.3
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.976	98.8	99.0	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.2
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.229	121.6	125.7	1.5	0.0	-0.7	0.0	3.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	3.882	106.5	106.6	-1.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.975	109.4	109.6	-2.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.703	101.0	101.0	-0.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.204	119.8	119.8	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	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: August 2009 to August 2010

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.780	173.2	173.6	11.4	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.2
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.041	146.4	145.3	14.8	3.9	-1.1	2.1	-0.8
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.325	153.8	154.5	11.4	-0.7	0.3	1.0	0.5
Vegetable products.....	II	4.136	176.9	190.4	1.4	2.1	-1.9	-0.3	7.6
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.732	120.7	119.4	12.6	-3.6	1.9	-7.9	-1.1
Cereals.....	10	1.593	174.5	197.1	7.3	6.1	-5.5	1.8	13.0
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.323	199.2	215.2	-5.9	2.0	-0.4	1.5	8.0
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.309	107.9	108.3	-	4.5	-2.0	-1.4	0.4
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.479	140.3	141.9	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.351	106.0	106.2	-	1.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.408	117.5	117.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.328	101.8	102.5	0.6	0.1	-0.6	-0.5	0.7
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.581	187.4	193.8	-6.0	0.6	4.7	4.1	3.4
Mineral products.....	V	5.742	242.3	257.4	23.2	3.8	-3.6	-2.3	6.2
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	5.048	233.8	248.5	22.2	2.6	-3.9	-2.3	6.3
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	12.042	143.9	144.6	5.9	0.3	-1.0	-0.2	0.5
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.101	188.7	188.4	-0.4	4.9	1.6	1.8	-0.2
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.022	149.7	151.6	8.0	-0.6	-2.2	-1.8	1.3
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.958	122.1	122.8	5.8	-0.4	-1.5	0.9	0.6
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.545	116.4	116.5	2.0	0.0	-2.1	2.3	0.1
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.711	122.5	124.1	-1.4	0.6	-1.0	-1.0	1.3
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.436	118.2	119.2	3.4	1.0	-0.4	0.4	0.8
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	2.127	144.5	143.6	8.8	0.6	0.6	1.4	-0.6
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.076	136.9	137.8	3.1	0.5	-1.3	0.1	0.7
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.112	130.4	131.4	2.1	0.5	-1.7	0.0	0.8
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.964	166.1	166.3	7.2	0.7	-0.1	0.4	0.1
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.379	120.7	122.6	31.0	1.3	-0.7	-0.3	1.6
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.567	110.8	110.2	7.5	0.6	0.4	-0.4	-0.5
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.568	119.8	120.7	12.4	1.8	0.1	1.9	0.8
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.721	133.9	134.6	39.0	5.5	-1.3	2.8	0.5
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.345	116.5	117.8	6.9	0.7	1.0	2.2	1.1
Printed material.....	49	0.502	116.0	116.0	-1.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	2.035	115.8	117.4	14.1	0.3	1.3	0.1	1.4
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.685	132.4	137.9	45.3	0.9	2.7	0.2	4.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec. 2008=100)	XIII	0.791	115.5	115.5	1.0	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.418	97.1	97.1	-0.5	-0.9	-0.5	-0.2	0.0
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins	XIV	5.073	212.5	209.0	20.2	1.9	1.2	0.8	-1.6
Base metals and articles of base metals	XV	5.827	159.6	161.9	8.0	-0.3	-3.7	-0.6	1.4
Iron and steel.....	72	1.737	190.9	193.0	14.3	0.0	-5.7	-1.7	1.1
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.526	159.0	158.7	-0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.4	-0.2
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.556	216.1	233.6	25.1	-5.8	-4.4	-0.4	8.1
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.851	117.5	120.4	11.2	0.2	-8.8	-0.3	2.5
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.413	124.1	124.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.318	125.3	124.7	2.5	0.0	0.5	0.2	-0.5
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc	XVI	30.217	95.4	95.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	17.771	106.7	106.7	1.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	12.446	83.0	82.8	-2.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	XVII	13.332	121.5	121.6	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.568	108.4	108.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Ships, boats and floating structures (Dec. 2009=100).....	89	0.293	100.1	100.7	-	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces	XVIII	5.973	106.6	106.5	-1.8	0.0	-0.3	0.4	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	XX	1.525	108.0	107.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.761	118.7	118.5	1.0	0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.650	92.9	92.3	-1.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.6

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2008 trade values.

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

Description	Percent of U.S. imports ¹	Index		Percent change				
		July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Industrialized Countries²	41.082	124.5	125.0	4.3	-0.5	-1.3	0.4	0.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.687	193.7	194.8	14.6	-7.0	-2.7	3.0	0.6
Manufactured articles.....	34.943	118.8	119.3	3.2	0.3	-1.1	0.1	0.4
Other Countries³	58.918	123.3	124.0	3.2	-1.0	-1.1	0.0	0.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	15.714	249.9	255.0	9.5	-4.2	-3.8	0.3	2.0
Manufactured articles.....	43.010	105.4	105.6	1.2	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.2
Canada	15.923	139.3	140.3	8.2	-1.5	-2.1	0.1	0.7
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.257	187.4	188.3	15.7	-7.7	-2.7	3.4	0.5
Manufactured articles.....	10.335	130.5	131.4	6.0	0.9	-1.9	-1.0	0.7
European Union⁴	16.799	127.4	127.8	2.3	0.0	-0.9	-0.2	0.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.211	250.0	252.1	5.0	-4.7	0.8	-0.2	0.8
Manufactured articles.....	16.491	124.9	125.3	2.3	0.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.3
France (Dec. 2003=100)	1.948	121.1	121.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.2
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	4.572	110.8	111.3	1.5	-0.3	-1.2	-0.4	0.5
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	2.566	125.0	125.6	3.3	0.1	-0.6	-0.2	0.5
Latin America⁵	17.999	154.6	156.1	5.3	-2.2	-1.3	0.1	1.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	6.186	274.9	281.4	8.6	-6.1	-2.2	1.9	2.4
Manufactured articles.....	11.730	129.4	129.8	3.1	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7	0.3
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	10.275	136.0	137.0	2.9	-1.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.7
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	2.141	146.1	150.2	10.6	-5.7	-4.3	0.9	2.8
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	8.085	96.1	96.3	0.6	0.0	0.3	-1.1	0.2
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	31.500	101.6	101.6	1.8	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.0
China (Dec. 2003=100)	16.449	100.5	100.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.0
Japan	6.678	98.6	98.8	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
Asian NICs⁷	5.003	89.3	89.2	3.8	1.8	0.1	0.4	-0.1
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	5.274	96.3	96.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.4
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	5.380	201.2	204.5	6.2	-2.1	-2.2	-1.8	1.6

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: August 2009 to August 2010

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance July 2010 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		July 2010	Aug. 2010	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2009 to Aug. 2010	Apr. 2010 to May 2010	May 2010 to June 2010	June 2010 to July 2010	July 2010 to Aug. 2010
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	160.7	162.8	21.9	2.2	-0.9	-1.1	1.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	19.688	124.8	130.3	-1.1	0.8	-5.5	-1.3	4.4
Asia.....	72.292	150.7	151.6	31.8	1.5	0.3	-0.3	0.6
Export Air Freight	100.000	124.6	125.3	4.4	0.6	1.5	-1.3	0.6
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	38.516	114.8	114.9	6.1	-0.5	3.0	-1.7	0.1
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	145.0	146.7	16.5	1.6	-0.1	-1.4	1.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.588	118.2	122.7	-0.6	0.9	-3.9	-1.3	3.8
Asia.....	68.104	136.2	137.0	26.0	1.6	0.5	-0.6	0.6
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	121.6	121.7	9.6	1.4	1.2	-0.7	0.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	41.371	141.4	141.6	10.6	0.4	1.9	-0.6	0.1
Asia.....	41.808	110.1	110.2	7.8	1.9	0.8	-0.7	0.1
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	173.1	166.0	19.0	2.9	9.2	-1.3	-4.1
Europe.....	43.728	193.9	182.4	27.6	3.7	13.7	-3.9	-5.9
Asia.....	29.299	156.8	149.7	15.2	6.6	11.5	0.8	-4.5
Latin America/Caribbean.....	12.062	145.4	146.9	14.5	-4.9	1.6	3.5	1.0
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	185.8	187.0	20.3	0.6	7.8	5.4	0.6
Europe.....	35.852	248.3	231.5	24.7	0.6	16.5	3.1	-6.8
Asia.....	29.602	163.7	197.0	42.9	6.1	2.4	5.5	20.3
Latin America/Caribbean.....	19.707	173.0	166.3	6.9	-3.9	5.6	2.1	-3.9

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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