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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – SEPTEMBER 2011

U.S. import prices rose 0.3 percent in September, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the past five months, import prices have shown little net change. Export prices increased 0.4 percent in September after advancing 0.5 percent the previous month.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in the Import Price Index: September 2010 – September 2011

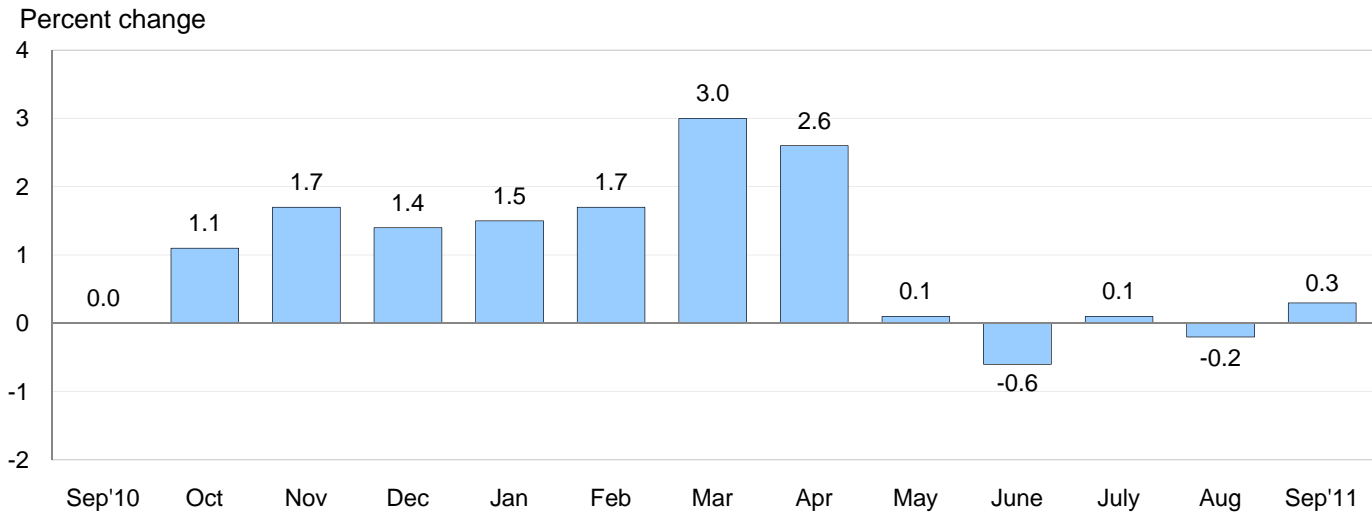
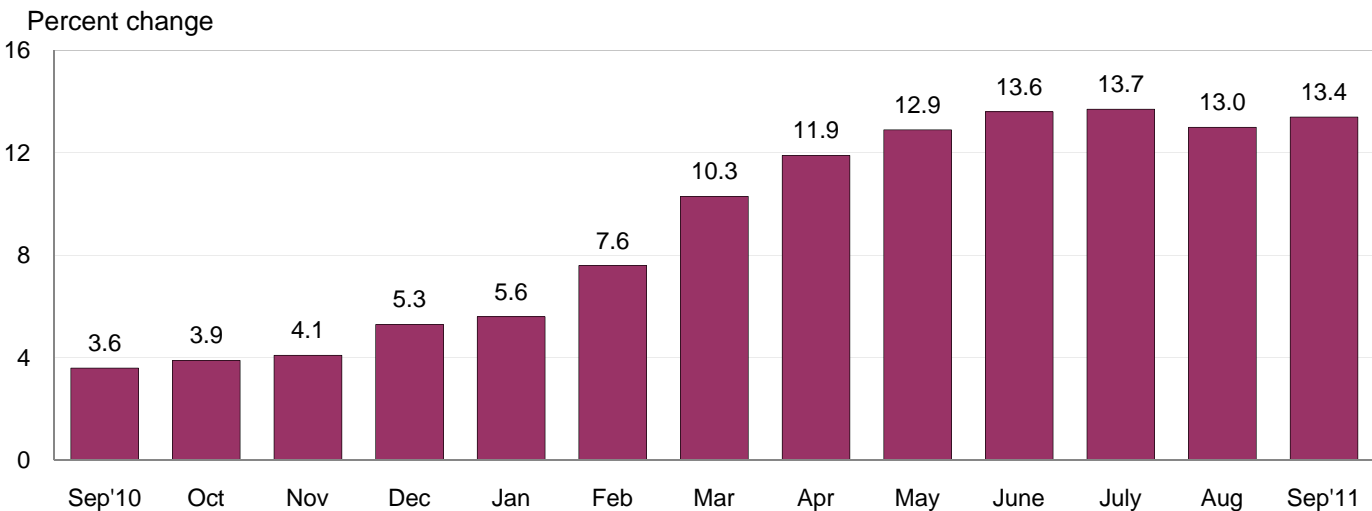


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: September 2010 – September 2011



All Imports: Import prices advanced 0.3 percent in September after falling 0.2 percent the previous month. Overall, import prices have not changed by more than 0.6 percent in any month since rising 2.6 percent in April. Higher prices for both fuel and nonfuel imports contributed to the September advance. The price index for overall imports increased 13.4 percent over the past 12 months, led by a sharp rise in fuel prices. A 5.5 percent advance in nonfuel prices also contributed to the overall increase.

Fuel Imports: Fuel prices ticked up 0.1 percent in September, but declined in three of the past five months, falling 4.1 percent over that period. Despite the recent decreases, fuel prices rose 43.4 percent for the year ended in September. For September, import petroleum prices advanced 0.3 percent after falling 1.6 percent in August. Petroleum prices increased 45.9 percent over the past 12 months. Natural gas prices declined 4.8 percent in September, yet rose 9.2 percent for the September 2010-11 period.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: Prices for nonfuel imports increased 0.2 percent in September. Rising nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices were the largest contributor to the higher nonfuel prices, although foods, feeds, and beverages prices and prices for each of the major finished goods categories all recorded increases for the month. The price index for nonfuel imports rose 5.5 percent over the past year. The largest previous year-over-year advance was 6.1 percent for the year ended September 2008.

Table A. Percent changes

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
2010						
September.....	0.0	-1.5	0.3	0.6	2.4	0.4
October.....	1.1	4.3	0.3	0.8	2.8	0.6
November.....	1.7	4.8	0.8	1.5	7.6	0.8
December.....	1.4	5.6	0.3	0.7	2.0	0.6
2011						
January.....	1.5	4.1	0.7	1.3	3.1	1.0
February.....	1.7	5.6	0.5	1.3	4.6	1.0
March.....	3.0	9.7	0.8	1.5	2.2	1.4
April.....	2.6	7.6	0.8	0.8	-0.5	0.9
May.....	0.1	-0.6	0.3	0.4	-1.1	0.5
June.....	-0.6 ^r	-2.3	0.0	0.1 ^r	0.8 ^r	0.2
July.....	0.1 ^r	0.1 ^r	0.2	-0.3 ^r	-4.0 ^r	0.2 ^r
August.....	-0.2 ^r	-1.4 ^r	0.2	0.5	2.1 ^r	0.3
September.....	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.6	0.3
Sept. 2009 to 2010.....	3.6	8.1	2.5	4.9	12.2	4.3
Sept. 2010 to 2011.....	13.4	43.4	5.5	9.5	22.9	8.0

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Chart 3. One-month percent change in the Export Price Index: September 2010 – September 2011

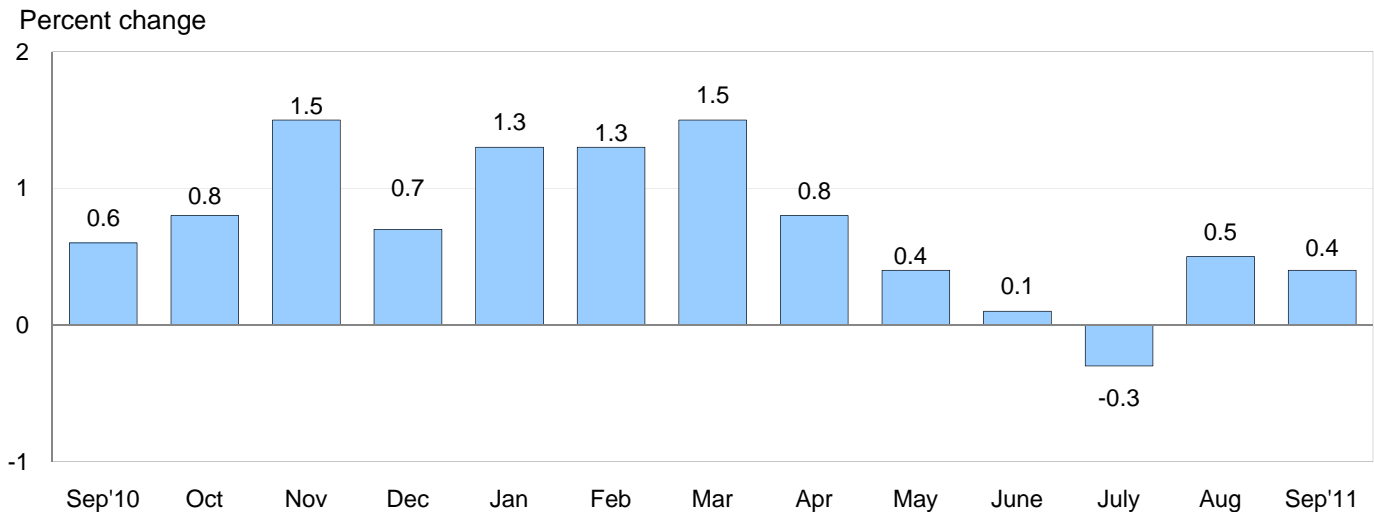
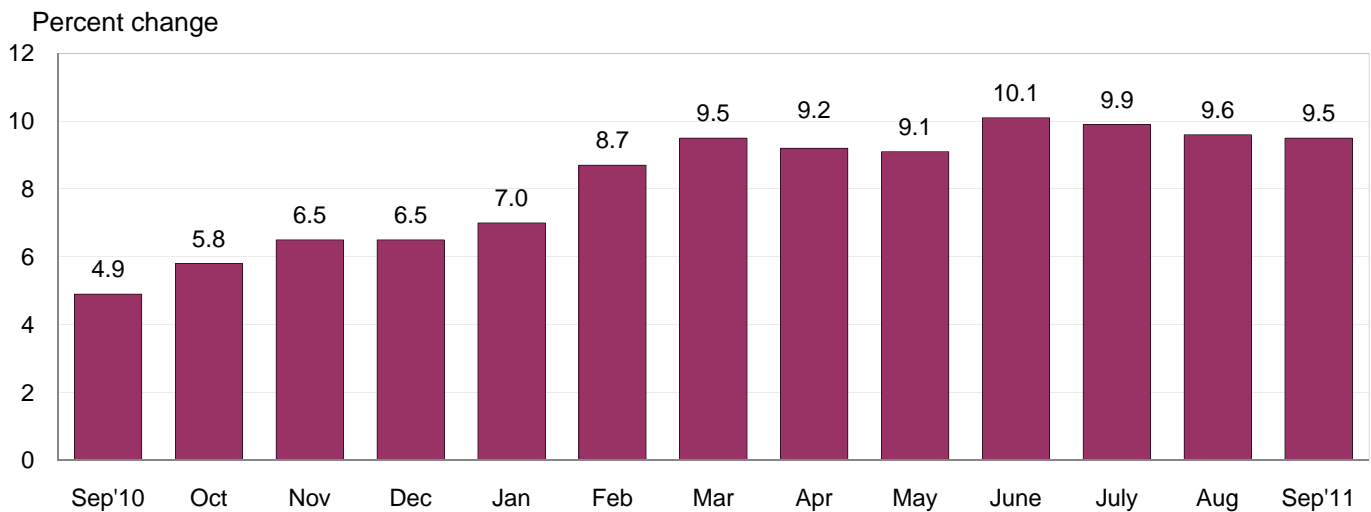


Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: September 2010 – September 2011



All Exports: Export prices increased 0.4 percent in September after rising a similar 0.5 percent in August, resuming an upward trend following a 0.3 percent downturn in July. Higher prices for agricultural and nonagricultural exports each contributed to the advance. Prices for U.S. exports rose 9.5 percent over the past year. Despite increasing in August and September, the 12-month increase in export prices is less than the recent peak of 10.1 percent recorded in June.

Agricultural Exports: Prices for agricultural exports rose 1.6 percent in September after a 2.1 percent increase the previous month. For the second consecutive month, higher prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans, up 13.3 percent, 5.2 percent, and 3.6 percent, respectively, in September drove the overall advance. Agricultural prices increased 22.9 percent over the past year, led by rising prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: The price index for nonagricultural exports advanced 0.3 percent for the second consecutive month in September. The increase was led by higher prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials, while finished goods prices were mixed. Prices for nonagricultural exports rose 8.0 percent over the past year.

SELECTED SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Import Prices

Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials: Prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials increased 0.7 percent in September following a 0.9 percent advance the previous month. A 0.9 percent advance in unfinished metals prices was the largest contributor to the September rise in the price index for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices. Higher prices for gold and other precious metals more than offset price declines for aluminum, copper, nickel, zinc, and tin.

Finished Goods: Consumer goods prices rose 0.3 percent for the fourth consecutive month in September. Prices for consumer goods advanced 2.4 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month increase since a 2.8 percent rise for the year ended October 2008. The price indexes for capital goods and automotive vehicles each increased in September, ticking up 0.1 percent.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages advanced 0.5 percent in September after declining 0.7 percent in August. Coffee prices, which fell 12.7 percent in August, rose 11.4 percent in September. The overall price index for foods, feeds, and beverages increased 14.4 percent over the past 12 months.

Imports by Locality of Origin: Import prices from China and the European Union each increased in September, ticking up 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Prices for imports from China rose 3.8 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month advance since the index increased 4.3 percent in October 2008. In contrast, prices for imports from Canada fell 0.6 percent in September, while import prices from Japan and Mexico were unchanged.

Transportation Services: Import air passenger rates declined 2.1 percent in September following a 3.0 percent drop in August. The decrease was driven by a 7.9 percent fall in Latin American/Caribbean fares and a 3.4 percent decline in Asian fares. Import air freight prices edged down 0.1 percent in September after decreasing 0.2 percent in each of the two previous months.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials rose 0.8 percent in September, similar to the 0.7 percent advance the previous month. Higher prices for nonferrous metals and steelmaking materials, up 5.1 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively, drove the September rise.

Finished Goods: Prices for consumer goods and automotive vehicles each increased 0.3 percent in September, while capital goods prices edged down 0.1 percent for the month. The price index for consumer goods rose 5.1 percent over the past year. Automotive vehicles prices advanced 2.5 percent over the same period.

Transportation Services: The index for export air passenger fares dropped 12.9 percent in September after an 8.5 percent increase the previous month. The September decrease was led by lower Asian and European fares, down 17.3 percent and 12.9 percent, respectively. In contrast, export air freight prices rose 0.5 percent, the first increase since a 3.6 percent increase in May.

Import and Export Price Index data for October 2011 are scheduled for release on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2010 to September 2011

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	Monthly			
						May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
All commodities.....		100.000	142.1	142.5	13.4	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.3
All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....		67.468	103.4	103.7	–	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
All imports excluding petroleum.....		74.618	116.9	117.1	5.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		73.158	120.7	121.0	5.5	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	5.690	174.5	175.4	14.4	-1.7	0.6	-0.7	0.5
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	4.433	196.4	197.6	15.5	-2.4	0.4	-0.7	0.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.257	125.1	125.2	10.8	0.5	1.4	-0.9	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	40.131	265.0	265.7	32.8	-1.7	0.2	-0.6	0.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		14.749	174.4	174.8	15.8	-0.5	0.1	1.0	0.2
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		13.289	195.6	196.9	16.6	-0.4	0.5	0.9	0.7
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		8.132	188.3	189.9	16.9	-1.2	0.4	1.6	0.8
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.157	158.3	157.5	14.5	0.5	-0.4	0.4	-0.5
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	26.842	354.1	354.4	43.4	-2.3	0.1	-1.4	0.1
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	25.382	392.5	393.6	45.9	-2.4	0.3	-1.6	0.3
Crude.....	10000	18.483	392.7	396.9	43.5	-2.3	-0.8	-3.3	1.1
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.121	133.6	127.7	7.6	-0.4	-2.5	2.7	-4.4
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.998	118.2	112.5	9.2	-0.5	-3.0	3.0	-4.8
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.631	118.3	117.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	-1.7	-0.9
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.606	175.0	175.9	19.1	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.5
Selected building materials.....	13	1.048	131.2	131.8	5.8	-1.5	1.1	0.4	0.5
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	4.004	303.2	305.9	25.3	-2.5	-0.2	2.3	0.9
Finished metals related to durable goods.....	15	1.590	164.5	166.4	12.7	0.5	0.5	1.6	1.2
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.410	115.5	116.2	7.9	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.6
Capital goods.....	2	20.770	92.9	93.0	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.670	118.7	119.0	5.6	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.3
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	16.289	86.4	86.5	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.811	126.3	126.3	3.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	9.208	113.2	113.3	3.7	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Consumer goods, excluding automotives.....	4	24.201	106.4	106.7	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.888	112.7	112.8	2.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.285	99.8	100.1	1.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.028	114.0	114.8	11.5	2.2	2.2	-0.3	0.7

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Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2010 to September 2011

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Description	End Use	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	Monthly			
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All commodities.....		100.000	134.8	135.4	9.5	0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.4
Agricultural commodities.....		11.626	213.0	216.5	22.9	0.8	-4.0	2.1	1.6
All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....		80.433	103.6	103.9	-	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.3
Nonagricultural commodities.....		88.375	129.2	129.6	8.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	10.549	210.1	214.3	22.7	1.5	-3.5	3.3	2.0
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	9.807	213.2	217.7	22.6	1.4	-4.1	3.5	2.1
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.742	184.6	185.4	24.1	2.6	5.1	0.6	0.4
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	35.166	192.1	193.4	18.9	-0.7	-0.2	0.4	0.7
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		12.504	192.4	196.8	17.8	0.2	-0.5	1.6	2.3
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		22.663	192.8	192.5	19.7	-1.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials..	10	1.819	215.3	213.4	23.2	-2.4	-3.5	-5.0	-0.9
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		33.348	191.4	192.9	18.8	-0.6	0.0	0.7	0.8
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	9.019	285.0	285.8	34.1	-1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.3
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	23.481	179.9	181.7	15.0	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	1.0
Selected building materials.....	13	0.848	115.3	115.6	-1.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.3
Capital goods.....	2	34.200	104.6	104.5	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.360	114.1	114.0	4.9	0.2	0.4	0.1	-0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	23.863	94.3	94.1	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.977	144.8	144.9	3.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	6.676	111.1	111.4	2.5	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	13.409	117.2	117.5	5.1	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	6.698	114.9	114.7	1.6	0.0	0.5	0.2	-0.2
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.336	113.0	113.7	3.5	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.6

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[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Nonmanufactured articles.....		22.739	170.8	172.3	38.3	-2.6	-0.7	-2.7	0.9
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	2.077	176.6	181.2	18.1	-5.8	0.9	-2.6	2.6
Crop production.....	111	1.503	182.1	188.5	18.3	-7.0	1.2	-3.2	3.5
Mining.....	21	20.662	169.8	171.1	40.7	-2.2	-0.9	-2.7	0.8
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.381	158.2	158.1	13.5	-0.1	0.3	1.9	-0.1
Manufactured articles.....		76.752	118.6	118.7	7.7	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.931	123.6	123.4	11.3	1.1	0.7	0.7	-0.2
Food manufacturing.....	311	3.308	157.7	156.7	18.3	1.1	0.1	0.6	-0.6
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.885	111.6	111.8	2.9	0.1	1.3	-0.4	0.2
Textile product mills.....	314	0.862	117.8	118.2	14.0	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.3
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	4.047	111.4	111.5	9.6	1.6	1.0	1.2	0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.456	114.3	114.2	5.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	-0.1
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	19.131	141.8	141.0	16.1	-0.5	1.4	1.1	-0.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.643	109.0	110.1	8.0	-2.6	1.1	0.6	1.0
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.158	112.9	112.4	1.9	0.4	0.7	-0.9	-0.4
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	5.712	190.0	185.7	53.7	-2.5	4.5	3.5	-2.3
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.027	133.2	133.4	5.5	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.732	125.1	125.3	7.9	0.5	1.2	0.2	0.2
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.769	127.7	127.7	4.5	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	46.690	110.4	110.8	4.0	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.4
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.723	195.0	197.3	22.9	-1.8	-0.3	2.1	1.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.476	127.5	129.1	8.4	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.3
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	5.328	119.3	119.4	5.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.277	83.2	83.2	-3.6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.0
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.441	116.4	116.5	3.2	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	10.280	109.8	109.9	3.5	0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.1
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.194	111.7	112.1	5.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.971	122.1	122.8	8.9	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.6

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[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Nonmanufactured articles.....		9.291	180.0	182.4	26.1	-0.1	-4.0	1.9	1.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	6.793	204.3	208.6	33.0	0.7	-6.3	2.5	2.1
Crop production.....	111	6.343	211.4	216.3	33.7	0.8	-7.0	2.4	2.3
Mining.....	21	2.498	126.5	125.3	11.0	-2.3	2.5	0.4	-0.9
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.683	149.4	147.4	10.7	-1.2	5.1	1.5	-1.3
Manufactured articles.....		87.024	121.1	121.4	7.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	7.336	145.2	146.2	13.3	0.2	-0.1	0.8	0.7
Food manufacturing.....	311	5.106	163.9	165.7	14.4	0.4	0.6	1.3	1.1
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.535	114.6	115.8	2.8	2.2	-2.9	-0.8	1.0
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.406	114.2	114.2	8.1	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	26.824	136.4	136.4	13.5	-0.6	0.4	0.2	0.0
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.377	113.8	115.0	1.1	-0.9	-0.8	-0.4	1.1
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.956	125.7	124.7	0.6	-1.3	-0.5	0.6	-0.8
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	6.115	174.4	176.0	44.7	-1.6	0.2	-0.8	0.9
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	15.706	133.5	133.1	8.7	-0.2	0.4	0.5	-0.3
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.992	115.0	115.1	6.7	0.4	2.3	0.7	0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.679	110.2	111.0	-1.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.7
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	52.864	112.7	113.1	4.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.4
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	5.212	182.3	187.9	26.6	0.3	0.1	1.7	3.1
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.	332	2.458	128.0	127.7	5.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	10.332	117.7	117.7	2.4	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	13.541	89.5	89.3	-2.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.055	113.2	113.3	4.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	12.829	114.4	114.6	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.139	124.0	124.3	11.4	3.7	0.3	0.3	0.2

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Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2010 to September 2011

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	Monthly			
						May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.317	167.3	166.0	12.2	-1.4	0.9	-1.1	-0.8
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.316	214.7	209.1	14.1	-2.1	0.0	2.3	-2.6
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.700	125.6	124.6	10.3	-0.2	1.0	-2.0	-0.8
Vegetable products.....	II	1.819	210.8	216.9	21.8	-5.3	1.4	-1.3	2.9
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.318	316.0	341.2	8.6	-18.8	-0.6	6.0	8.0
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.549	129.2	123.4	10.2	-3.6	3.4	0.3	-4.5
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.454	268.5	294.7	46.3	-3.1	2.0	-9.7	9.8
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.313	143.6	137.7	22.9	1.6	-7.8	-0.8	-4.1
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.579	158.1	157.8	10.2	1.4	0.8	0.0	-0.2
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.214	99.3	98.7	4.7	-2.8	-0.3	0.6	-0.6
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.259	128.2	127.7	2.6	0.4	-0.7	0.2	-0.4
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.373	162.8	159.8	23.4	2.0	0.6	0.9	-1.8
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.857	121.8	122.1	3.5	0.0	1.8	-0.7	0.2
Mineral products.....	V	26.391	355.5	355.8	42.6	-2.3	0.1	-1.4	0.1
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	26.029	351.3	351.6	43.0	-2.3	0.1	-1.5	0.1
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.674	147.6	148.0	5.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.099	373.8	378.5	32.4	0.1	-1.6	-0.3	1.3
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.802	138.3	138.5	3.7	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.1
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.053	111.6	111.5	-5.7	0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.308	153.1	157.4	57.4	10.3	7.8	2.2	2.8
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.419	126.4	126.5	6.7	-0.4	1.2	-0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.491	107.9	107.1	14.1	-0.6	1.0	-0.9	-0.7
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	2.911	152.6	153.2	10.9	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.787	141.6	142.4	7.6	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.6
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.124	173.8	173.9	16.6	0.5	1.2	0.1	0.1
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.528	121.9	121.8	5.8	0.7	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.483	122.1	122.1	6.0	0.7	0.9	-0.2	0.0
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.676	131.6	132.9	8.0	-2.3	1.1	0.5	1.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.261	115.4	115.0	1.0	0.2	0.6	-0.9	-0.3
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.845	109.3	109.0	2.8	0.6	0.7	-0.2	-0.3
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	5.204	115.5	115.7	11.5	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.998	106.9	106.9	7.8	2.2	0.9	-0.3	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.948	116.6	116.8	13.5	0.9	1.1	4.1	0.2
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.642	111.6	112.6	17.3	-0.5	1.0	-0.1	0.9
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc..	XII	1.207	113.7	113.8	5.1	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2010 to September 2011 — Continued
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.031	112.9	112.8	4.8	0.5	0.9	0.1	-0.1
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.699	129.3	129.2	4.0	-0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.241	122.5	122.1	3.3	0.0	0.3	0.5	-0.3
Ceramic products.....	69	0.203	141.2	141.2	2.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.256	123.2	123.4	6.6	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	3.141	204.6	215.2	33.4	-0.5	0.2	3.2	5.2
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.159	202.2	199.8	10.3	-1.0	0.2	0.7	-1.2
Iron and steel.....	72	0.960	263.6	265.3	16.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.6
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.537	160.8	161.9	6.5	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.7
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.611	419.4	397.7	19.4	-3.5	3.2	3.5	-5.2
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.165	132.9	126.5	3.4	-6.4	-5.4	5.2	-4.8
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.895	154.6	150.7	11.1	-1.3	-0.7	-0.8	-2.5
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.313	123.5	124.2	5.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.6
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.359	131.8	131.8	3.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	22.887	85.8	85.8	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	11.352	88.5	88.7	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	11.535	83.1	83.1	-1.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	8.592	114.7	114.8	3.9	0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	7.638	113.9	114.0	4.1	0.6	-0.3	0.3	0.1
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.866	115.9	115.9	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.102	105.4	105.6	4.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.862	103.0	103.2	4.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.178	128.6	129.6	5.8	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	3.460	110.6	110.8	3.8	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.704	114.2	114.6	4.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.553	103.3	103.5	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.203	133.1	133.7	9.2	3.3	0.1	0.0	0.5

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2009 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2010 to September 2011

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Live animals; animal products.....	I	2.087	212.2	208.9	19.0	-2.3	3.0	6.1	-1.6
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.208	163.5	167.3	16.4	-1.9	1.2	1.4	2.3
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.430	200.2	201.1	28.3	1.4	6.0	0.8	0.4
Vegetable products.....	II	5.985	248.1	256.5	31.1	2.2	-6.6	3.6	3.4
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.958	132.1	122.3	3.8	2.6	-1.3	1.8	-7.4
Cereals.....	10	2.373	301.4	325.7	50.4	3.2	-12.6	8.0	8.1
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	2.133	263.7	271.9	30.8	2.3	-3.6	2.1	3.1
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.537	160.2	161.3	46.0	2.5	-0.6	0.0	0.7
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.625	150.8	152.8	6.9	1.1	-0.9	0.1	1.3
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.342	109.2	109.2	5.2	0.1	1.0	0.6	0.0
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.431	117.7	117.5	-0.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.330	105.7	105.8	2.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.692	219.2	226.6	14.0	3.0	-4.6	-2.0	3.4
Mineral products.....	V	8.983	338.4	339.1	33.0	-1.7	0.9	-0.3	0.2
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	8.376	334.9	336.4	37.0	-1.5	0.9	-0.4	0.4
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	12.877	155.7	155.4	6.6	0.1	0.8	0.3	-0.2
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.002	196.3	194.1	4.4	-0.5	0.1	0.4	-1.1
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.371	170.6	170.0	10.4	-0.1	0.5	0.6	-0.4
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.864	126.1	125.9	1.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.563	127.1	127.1	7.3	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.0
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.758	133.7	134.0	7.5	1.9	1.5	0.4	0.2
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.464	122.8	122.6	-0.2	0.3	-0.9	0.9	-0.2
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.843	152.7	153.9	7.8	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.8
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.308	153.7	153.6	11.1	-0.5	0.9	0.7	-0.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.221	143.4	143.5	9.0	-1.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.087	202.6	202.0	20.6	2.8	3.2	1.6	-0.3
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.426	135.9	132.8	10.0	-0.6	-1.3	0.2	-2.3
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.495	108.5	109.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.6
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.698	128.2	127.1	4.1	-0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.9
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.951	155.9	152.6	9.7	-0.9	1.4	0.6	-2.1
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.265	120.2	119.9	1.4	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.2
Printed material.....	49	0.482	119.2	119.2	2.6	-0.1	0.9	0.0	0.0
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	2.142	139.8	138.1	14.4	-3.7	-2.7	-3.4	-1.2
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.868	197.0	191.9	29.7	-8.5	-6.2	-8.5	-2.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: September 2010 to September 2011 — Continued
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec. 2008=100).....	XIII	0.670	115.8	116.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.6
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.375	99.0	99.0	1.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	5.524	288.2	305.0	41.5	4.0	0.7	3.0	5.8
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.805	184.4	183.9	12.3	0.0	-1.7	0.3	-0.3
Iron and steel.....	72	1.853	230.4	233.5	19.3	0.5	-6.2	0.5	1.3
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.252	170.3	170.6	7.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.759	291.4	281.7	18.6	0.7	4.2	0.5	-3.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.954	138.4	136.5	10.7	-0.8	-0.9	0.4	-1.4
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.333	127.4	127.3	2.6	0.2	1.4	0.0	-0.1
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.304	135.7	135.7	9.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	26.081	96.4	96.4	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	15.322	108.6	108.5	1.9	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	10.759	83.2	83.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	10.540	123.7	123.9	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	5.921	110.4	110.6	1.9	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	5.713	105.6	105.6	-1.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.362	108.8	108.7	0.8	0.0	-1.5	0.4	-0.1
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.655	120.5	120.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.8	-0.2
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.582	89.4	89.4	-3.4	0.0	-3.6	0.0	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2009 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: September 2010 to September 2011

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Industrialized Countries²	39.494	133.7	133.7	7.4	-0.8	0.2	-0.3	0.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.457	239.4	239.5	27.3	-3.8	-0.8	-4.2	0.0
Manufactured articles.....	34.670	125.0	125.1	4.9	-0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1
Other Countries³	60.506	141.9	142.3	15.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.079	359.0	363.1	43.0	-2.2	-0.6	-1.6	1.1
Manufactured articles.....	48.226	112.4	112.3	6.6	0.3	1.1	0.5	-0.1
Canada	14.271	157.9	157.0	12.2	-2.1	-0.3	-0.8	-0.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.991	228.2	228.6	25.6	-4.5	-1.3	-4.4	0.2
Manufactured articles.....	10.005	143.5	142.2	7.3	-0.9	0.1	1.0	-0.9
European Union⁴	17.186	136.5	136.7	6.5	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.256	367.9	371.2	47.4	6.0	3.3	-3.0	0.9
Manufactured articles.....	16.854	132.9	133.0	5.6	0.4	0.5	-0.1	0.1
France (Dec. 2003=100)	1.995	120.2	120.2	-1.0	0.5	0.5	-0.3	0.0
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	4.510	115.9	115.9	3.8	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	2.795	135.6	136.2	8.1	0.8	0.5	-0.2	0.4
Latin America⁵	18.406	180.4	181.0	16.4	-1.2	0.2	-0.7	0.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.479	379.4	384.2	37.8	-2.6	-0.7	-2.4	1.3
Manufactured articles.....	12.844	137.5	136.9	5.7	-0.3	0.7	0.4	-0.4
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	11.380	147.2	147.2	8.2	-2.0	-0.1	-1.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	1.900	202.6	203.4	38.0	-3.6	1.0	-4.2	0.4
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	9.437	96.6	96.4	0.6	-1.5	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	34.852	104.7	104.8	3.4	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100)	19.595	104.1	104.3	3.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Japan	6.198	101.7	101.7	2.7	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.0
Asian NICs⁷	5.555	91.9	91.9	3.7	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	0.0
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	5.987	105.6	105.8	8.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.2
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	3.795	270.8	271.7	33.4	-0.6	0.3	-1.4	0.3

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2009 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 2010 to September 2011

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Aug. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Aug. 2011	Sept. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
				Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011	Aug. 2011 to Sept. 2011
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	183.6	183.5	12.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.676	171.2	172.4	30.9	-0.9	0.5	1.2	0.7
Asia.....	71.902	163.4	162.9	7.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-0.3
Export Air Freight	100.000	145.8	146.6	16.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	0.5
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	38.769	131.8	132.2	15.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.3
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	163.2	163.5	11.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.647	153.4	154.6	24.2	-0.7	0.3	0.2	0.8
Asia.....	64.148	146.6	146.6	7.0	0.1	-0.7	-0.5	0.0
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	143.0	143.4	16.8	-1.0	-0.3	0.9	0.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	36.169	160.0	159.3	12.7	-0.6	-0.1	1.0	-0.4
Asia.....	45.588	136.0	137.2	22.9	-1.2	-0.3	1.4	0.9
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	178.3	174.6	8.5	6.8	-0.1	-3.0	-2.1
Europe.....	37.410	182.9	182.9	3.3	11.4	-5.0	-6.6	0.0
Asia.....	26.559	157.3	151.9	8.4	11.7	0.6	-2.2	-3.4
Latin America/Caribbean.....	15.301	181.9	167.6	17.4	-1.2	6.1	2.3	-7.9
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	222.4	193.8	12.5	1.8	9.8	8.5	-12.9
Europe.....	30.367	262.8	228.8	5.8	13.9	10.6	-1.8	-12.9
Asia.....	32.453	218.2	180.5	10.6	-7.4	8.4	23.4	-17.3
Latin America/Caribbean.....	17.220	197.6	193.7	15.2	0.5	8.9	-1.1	-2.0

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2009 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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