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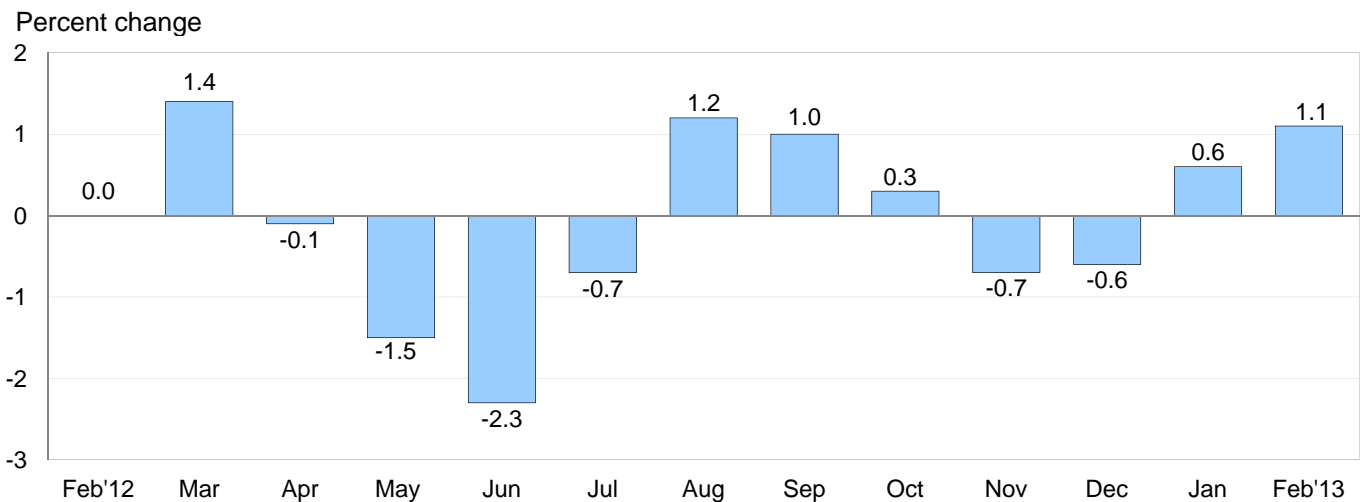
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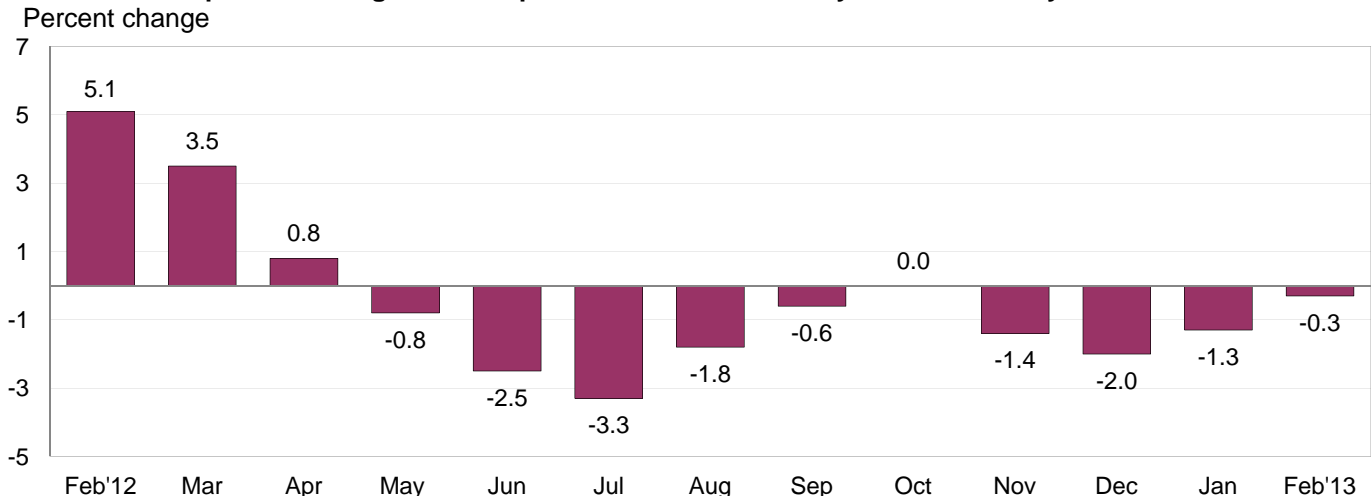
### U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – FEBRUARY 2013

The price index for U.S. imports rose 1.1 percent in February, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, after increasing 0.6 percent the previous month. The February and January rises were both driven by higher fuel prices. U.S. export prices advanced 0.8 percent in February following a 0.3 percent increase in January.

**Chart 1. One-month percent change in the Import Price Index: February 2012 – February 2013**



**Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: February 2012 – February 2013**



**All Imports:** Import prices increased 1.1 percent in February, the largest monthly advance since a 1.2 percent rise in August 2012. The advance followed a 0.6 percent increase in January, after import prices fell the final quarter of 2012. Despite the February advance, import prices fell 0.3 percent over the past year, and have not recorded a year-over-year increase since April 2012.

**Fuel Imports:** The price index for import fuel rose 4.9 percent in February after advancing 2.6 percent in January. The February increase was the largest 1-month advance since a 6.1 percent rise in August 2012, and was driven by a 5.2 percent increase in petroleum prices. The increase in petroleum prices followed a 3.0 percent advance the previous month. In contrast, natural gas prices fell for the second consecutive month, declining 2.3 percent in February after a 6.0 percent drop the previous month. Despite the February increase, import fuel prices fell 0.6 percent over the past year, as a 1.4 percent decrease in petroleum prices more than offset a 29.7 percent advance in natural gas prices.

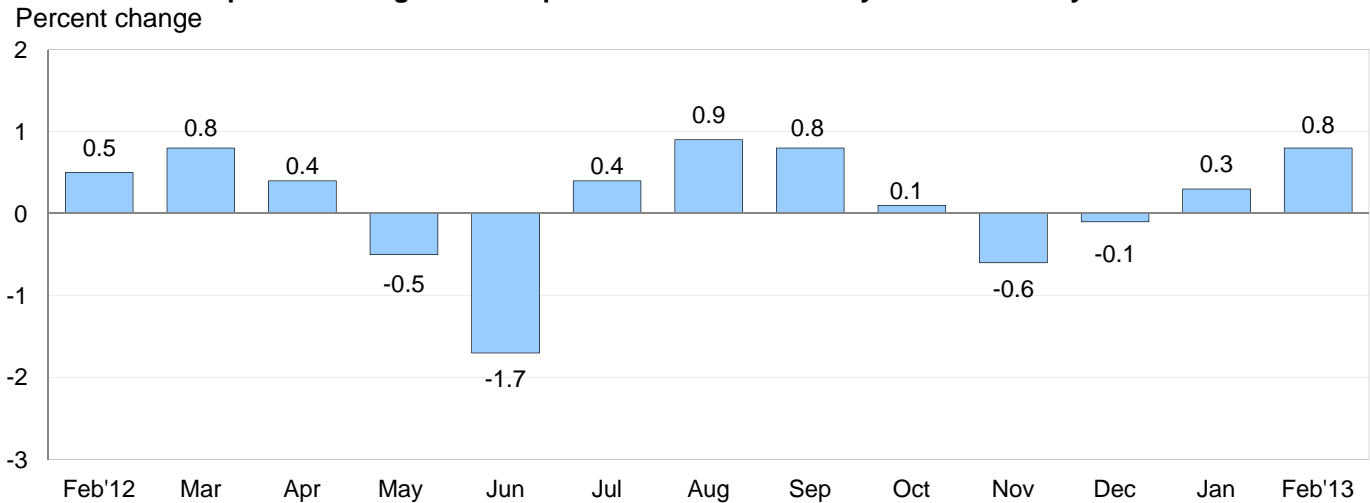
**All Imports Excluding Fuel:** Nonfuel import prices were unchanged in February following a 0.2 percent increase the previous month. In February, higher prices for foods, feeds, and beverages; consumer goods; and nonfuel industrial supplies and materials offset lower prices for import capital goods. The price index for nonfuel imports was also unchanged over the past 12 months, the third consecutive month the index has recorded no change on a 12-month basis.

**Table A. Percent changes**

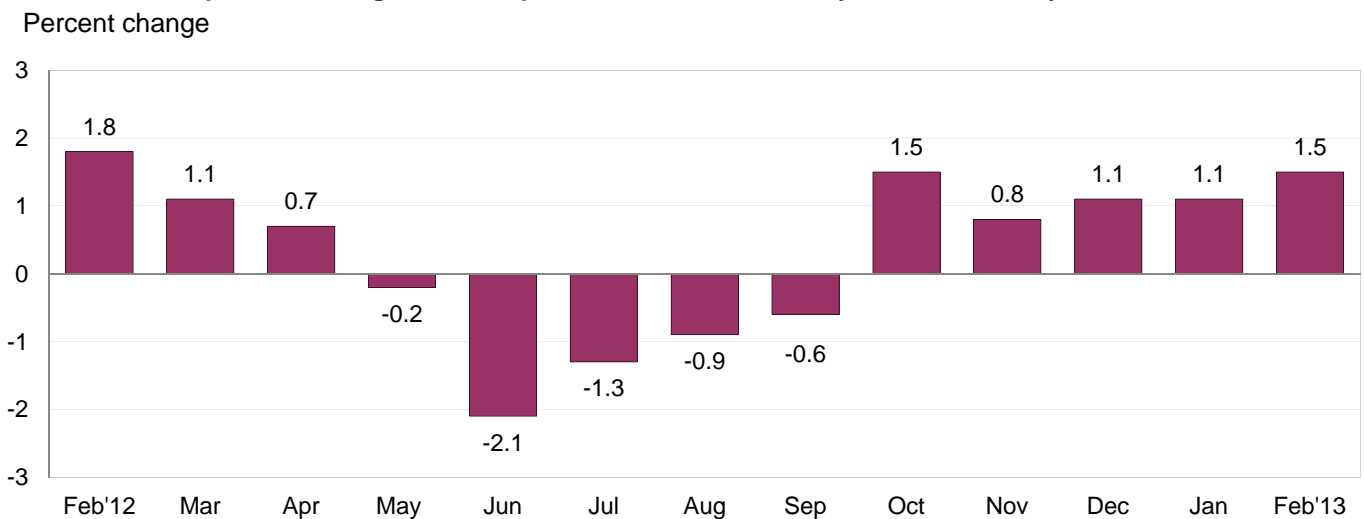
Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
<b>2012</b>						
February.....	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.5	-0.4	0.6
March.....	1.4	4.4	0.4	0.8	2.4	0.5
April.....	-0.1	-0.9	0.2	0.4	2.0	0.2
May.....	-1.5	-5.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.5	-0.6
June.....	-2.3	-8.5	-0.3	-1.7	-3.5	-1.5
July.....	-0.7	-2.0	-0.4	0.4	6.0	-0.2
August.....	1.2	6.1	-0.2	0.9	4.8	0.4
September.....	1.0	3.9	0.2	0.8	1.3	0.7
October.....	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	-1.7	0.3
November.....	-0.7	-2.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.5	-0.7
December.....	-0.6 <sup>r</sup>	-2.2 <sup>r</sup>	-0.1	-0.1	0.1 <sup>r</sup>	-0.2
<b>2013</b>						
January.....	0.6	2.6 <sup>r</sup>	0.2	0.3	-1.2 <sup>r</sup>	0.5
February.....	1.1	4.9	0.0	0.8	2.0	0.6
Feb. 2011 to 2012.....	5.1	13.4	2.4	1.8	-5.7	2.8
Feb. 2012 to 2013.....	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	1.5	13.4	0.0

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**Chart 3. One-month percent change in the Export Price Index: February 2012 – February 2013**



**Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: February 2012 – February 2013**



**All Exports:** Export prices rose 0.8 percent in February, the largest monthly gain since a similar 0.8 percent advance in September 2012. Higher agricultural and nonagricultural prices each contributed to the February increase. The price index for overall exports rose 1.5 percent for the year ended in February, the largest 12-month increase since the index advanced a similar 1.5 percent between October 2011 and October 2012.

**Agricultural Exports:** Prices for agricultural exports increased 2.0 percent in February after a 1.2 percent decline the previous month. The February rise was led by a 3.8 percent advance in soybean prices and a 4.9 percent increase in corn prices. Higher soybean and corn prices, along with rising wheat prices, also contributed to a 13.4 percent increase in agricultural prices over the past 12 months. Soybean prices rose 23.5 percent for the year ended in February, while corn and wheat prices increased 15.1 percent and 16.6 percent, respectively.

**All Exports Excluding Agriculture:** Nonagricultural prices advanced 0.6 percent in February following a 0.5 percent increase in January. The February rise was the largest advance since a 0.7 percent increase in September 2012. Rising nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices drove the increase in overall nonagricultural prices, although higher prices for capital goods and automotive vehicles also contributed to the increase. Prices for nonagricultural exports were unchanged over the past year.

## SELECTED FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

### Import Prices

**Imports by Locality of Origin:** Import prices from China ticked up 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.2 percent decline the previous month. The upturn in February was the first increase since a 0.1 percent advance in February 2012, and was led by a 0.1 percent rise in computer and electronic equipment manufacturing prices. The price indexes for imports from Canada, Mexico, and the European Union rose in February, advancing 1.5 percent, 1.3 percent, and 0.7 percent, respectively. Higher fuel prices contributed to the increases. In contrast, prices for imports from Japan fell 0.4 percent in February, the largest monthly decline since the index fell 0.6 percent in September 2008.

**Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials rose 0.1 percent in February after a 0.4 percent increase in January. The February increase was led by higher prices for chemicals, selected building materials, unfinished metals, and paper, which more than offset a 0.9 percent decrease in finished metal prices.

**Finished Goods:** Finished goods prices were mostly flat in February. Prices for capital goods edged down 0.1 percent, and have not recorded a monthly increase since a 0.2 percent advance in September 2012. In contrast, consumer goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent for the second consecutive month. The price index for automotive vehicles was unchanged in February.

**Foods, Feeds, and Beverages:** Foods, feeds, and beverages prices increased 0.6 percent in February after declining 0.1 percent in January. The advance was the first 1-month rise since a 1.4 percent increase in September 2012, and was led by a 2.6 percent rise in the import price index for fish and shellfish.

**Transportation Services:** Import air passenger fares decreased 1.2 percent in February following a 3.7 percent decline in January. The February drop was driven by a 6.4 percent decrease in Asian fares. Despite the recent declines, import air passenger fares advanced 2.3 percent for the year ended in February. The price index for import air freight fell 0.4 percent in February but rose 3.7 percent over the past 12 months.

### Export Prices

**Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices increased 1.4 percent in February, the largest monthly rise since a 1.8 percent advance in September 2012. The February rise followed a 0.6 percent advance the previous month, and was driven by a 4.1 percent increase in fuel prices.

**Finished Goods:** Capital goods prices rose 0.4 percent in February after a 0.7 percent increase the previous month. A 1.4 percent advance in semiconductor prices was the largest contributor to the February rise, and marked the largest 1-month increase since a similar 1.4 percent advance in December 2010. Prices for automotive vehicles also increased in February, advancing 0.2 percent. In contrast, consumer goods prices, down 0.2 percent, fell for the fourth consecutive month.

**Transportation Services:** Export air passenger fares fell 8.5 percent in February after rising 7.5 percent in January. A turnaround in Asian fares, down 18.0 percent, was the largest contributor to the February decline. Export air passenger fares decreased 1.7 percent over the past year. Export air freight prices fell 0.3 percent in February. Despite the February decline, the index increased 1.5 percent over the past 12 months.

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**Import and Export Price Index data for March 2013 are scheduled for release on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).**

**Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2012 to February 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Monthly			
						Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	140.3	141.8	-0.3	-0.7	-0.6	0.6	1.1
<b>All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....</b>		74.008	103.6	103.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>All imports excluding petroleum.....</b>		79.883	116.6	116.6	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
<b>All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)..</b>		78.914	120.6	120.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	4.906	169.0	170.0	-0.8	-1.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.6
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.818	190.1	190.6	-0.8	-1.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.3
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.088	121.2	123.4	-0.7	0.7	-0.8	0.7	1.8
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	34.673	253.6	261.2	-0.7	-1.6	-1.3	1.7	3.0
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		14.556	167.8	167.7	1.0	0.6	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		13.587	189.3	189.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		8.081	178.3	178.4	-1.0	-0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.506	155.2	154.8	3.3	1.9	3.0	-0.8	-0.3
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	21.086	336.7	353.2	-0.6	-2.2	-2.2	2.6	4.9
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	20.117	373.9	393.5	-1.4	-2.9	-2.9	3.0	5.2
Crude.....	10000	15.360	386.4	409.2	-1.7	-2.7	-2.5	3.3	5.9
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	0.757	126.4	123.6	26.5	19.5	14.7	-5.2	-2.2
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.627	112.2	109.6	29.7	23.4	16.6	-6.0	-2.3
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.553	111.9	113.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	0.4	1.1
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	5.032	176.4	176.3	0.3	-0.6	1.2	0.2	-0.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.039	147.6	148.9	12.8	-0.1	1.5	2.8	0.9
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.819	264.2	264.8	-3.9	-0.9	-0.7	0.1	0.2
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	1.611	162.1	160.7	-2.1	-0.5	-0.8	0.2	-0.9
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.533	114.5	114.4	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.1
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	24.039	93.2	93.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.992	119.7	119.8	0.9	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.202	86.0	85.9	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.845	135.1	135.0	2.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.1
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	12.222	115.0	115.0	1.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	24.160	107.7	107.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.711	115.5	115.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.146	99.7	99.5	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.303	115.3	115.7	-3.4	0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.3

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**Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2012 to February 2013**

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Description	End Use	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
<b>All commodities</b> .....		100.000	134.0	135.1	1.5	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.8
<b>Agricultural commodities</b> .....		10.534	224.6	229.0	13.4	0.5	0.1	-1.2	2.0
<b>All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)</b> .....		80.967	103.1	103.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.4	0.3
<b>Nonagricultural commodities</b> .....		89.467	127.5	128.3	0.0	-0.7	-0.2	0.5	0.6
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages</b> .....	0	9.838	225.9	229.7	14.6	0.7	-0.2	-1.5	1.7
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	9.146	229.8	234.1	15.5	0.8	-0.1	-1.7	1.9
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.692	191.9	190.2	1.8	-1.9	-1.6	2.0	-0.9
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials</b> .....	1	34.239	181.8	184.4	-0.9	-1.9	-0.3	0.7	1.4
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		12.334	184.9	185.6	-1.8	-0.8	0.3	-0.6	0.4
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		21.905	180.8	184.6	-0.4	-2.5	-0.7	1.4	2.1
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials..	10	1.388	200.3	205.9	1.9	-1.8	1.3	2.1	2.8
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials</b> .....		32.851	181.3	183.8	-1.0	-1.9	-0.3	0.6	1.4
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	9.196	256.2	266.8	-2.5	-5.5	-1.2	1.0	4.1
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	22.664	173.1	173.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.3
Selected building materials.....	13	0.991	118.8	120.5	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.4
<b>Capital goods</b> .....	2	35.118	106.4	106.8	1.0	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.4
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.472	114.9	115.4	2.4	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	25.574	95.5	95.8	0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.3
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.072	150.1	151.3	2.1	-0.1	0.0	0.7	0.8
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines</b> .....	3	8.864	113.2	113.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives</b> ..	4	11.942	116.2	116.0	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.465	115.7	115.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.111	113.2	112.6	-1.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5

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			Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		18.323	165.8	174.3	-0.6	-1.8	-1.8	2.3	5.1
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	1.727	164.1	167.6	-0.1	-4.9	-0.4	-0.8	2.1
Crop production.....	111	1.197	166.7	170.7	-0.8	-6.5	-0.2	-2.4	2.4
Forestry and logging (Dec. 2012=100).....	113	0.205	105.9	106.9	—	—	—	5.9	0.9
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	16.596	165.6	174.7	-0.6	-1.5	-1.9	2.7	5.5
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.324	134.8	134.7	-6.7	-0.9	0.3	-3.2	-0.1
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		81.222	117.5	117.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	10.462	123.6	123.5	-1.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.860	155.0	153.6	-3.8	0.0	0.8	0.1	-0.9
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.871	113.4	113.5	1.4	0.4	-0.3	1.3	0.1
Textile mills (Dec. 2011=100).....	313	0.389	102.0	102.1	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
Textile product mills.....	314	0.785	115.6	116.1	-1.4	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.4
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.910	110.3	110.5	-1.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.2
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.647	121.2	121.2	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	17.916	138.2	139.6	1.5	-1.3	-0.9	0.8	1.0
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.629	128.5	129.8	19.2	0.4	2.5	4.1	1.0
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.016	109.1	110.3	0.0	0.2	-0.5	-0.9	1.1
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.240	164.0	168.5	-0.7	-4.9	-3.9	2.1	2.7
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.171	135.8	136.4	2.2	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.4
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.944	126.9	126.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	0.0
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.833	129.5	129.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.4
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	52.844	109.9	109.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.468	173.6	173.2	-4.3	-1.1	-1.0	0.3	-0.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.679	129.9	129.9	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.625	122.3	122.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.063	81.7	81.5	-1.8	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.008	119.8	120.0	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	12.950	112.6	112.6	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.244	114.0	113.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.806	120.6	120.5	-1.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.1

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		7.897	172.5	176.3	7.7	0.1	-0.2	-1.7	2.2
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	5.789	212.8	218.4	15.1	-0.1	-0.2	-2.0	2.6
Crop production.....	111	5.554	222.0	227.5	15.7	0.2	-0.1	-2.0	2.5
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	2.108	93.5	94.6	-12.8	1.2	0.2	-1.2	1.2
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.442	107.9	109.4	-20.1	-3.6	1.4	-1.1	1.4
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		89.538	121.2	122.0	0.9	-0.7	-0.2	0.4	0.7
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	7.030	152.6	152.7	6.3	0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.950	175.3	175.5	7.3	0.6	-0.3	0.1	0.1
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.568	127.6	129.7	12.0	-1.4	0.2	1.1	1.6
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	26.307	133.4	135.6	0.6	-2.1	-0.6	1.0	1.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.403	113.6	116.1	1.2	0.4	-0.4	0.3	2.2
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.788	120.2	120.3	1.3	-0.5	-0.1	1.1	0.1
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	6.904	163.8	172.1	0.6	-7.7	-1.4	1.4	5.1
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.227	131.6	132.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	0.5
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.212	120.0	120.7	3.3	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.6
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.773	110.2	110.3	-0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	56.201	113.5	113.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	5.215	170.3	169.6	-3.3	-1.1	-0.5	-1.3	-0.4
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.747	131.9	132.2	3.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	11.542	121.9	122.1	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.166	89.2	89.4	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.2
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.284	113.7	114.0	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	13.979	117.2	117.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5
Furniture and related product manufacturing (Dec. 2011=100).....	337	0.311	105.1	105.4	3.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.956	122.8	122.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.9	0.0

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**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2012 to February 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.056	165.0	168.2	0.0	1.5	-0.7	1.2	1.9
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.252	220.2	222.3	2.0	0.4	-0.6	1.4	1.0
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.553	115.2	119.1	-2.6	1.6	-1.3	1.9	3.4
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.576	203.3	207.1	0.7	-4.3	1.9	-1.3	1.9
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.321	313.9	337.2	35.5	-2.6	-0.2	-10.3	7.4
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.410	111.2	116.4	-2.3	-3.0	-0.6	2.2	4.7
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.368	239.2	233.6	-19.9	-11.4	-0.3	3.0	-2.3
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.254	119.3	121.2	-8.1	-2.0	-2.5	0.8	1.6
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.392	157.6	155.8	-1.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-1.1
Sugars and sugar confectionary (Dec. 2012=100).....	17	0.212	100.9	100.7	-	-	-	0.9	-0.2
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.203	90.8	80.8	-7.0	1.6	3.9	-1.0	-11.0
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.235	129.6	130.2	3.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.5
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.309	162.1	159.2	-9.7	0.2	-1.4	-2.5	-1.8
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.860	124.4	124.4	1.5	0.3	-0.2	1.6	0.0
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	21.007	338.9	355.5	-0.4	-2.4	-2.1	2.6	4.9
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	20.722	335.6	352.3	-0.3	-2.5	-2.1	2.7	5.0
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	8.661	151.8	152.0	2.9	0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.1
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.853	380.6	376.9	5.9	-0.1	-1.5	-1.5	-1.0
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.707	141.2	141.2	2.5	1.0	-0.2	1.0	0.0
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.272	120.9	121.6	5.6	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.6
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.405	128.7	127.6	-8.9	-2.0	-0.5	-1.5	-0.9
Tanning extracts; dye, pigments, varnish, paints & putty (Dec. 2011=100).....	32	0.163	93.8	94.0	-8.4	0.0	-0.1	0.8	0.2
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.484	102.6	102.6	-0.8	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	3.215	153.3	153.4	0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.5	0.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.951	147.7	148.0	3.4	-0.3	1.6	1.0	0.2
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.264	164.4	164.3	-3.4	-1.0	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.597	126.4	126.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.551	127.2	127.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.1
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.665	155.9	158.1	20.0	0.1	2.3	4.3	1.4
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.112	112.2	113.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	1.1
Pulp wood, waste paper, and paperboard (Dec. 2011=100).....	47	0.170	98.4	101.1	5.2	-0.8	-0.3	0.9	2.7
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.743	106.6	107.6	-1.3	0.2	-0.5	-1.4	0.9
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	4.924	113.8	114.2	-1.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.942	104.0	104.0	-2.6	0.2	0.0	-0.8	0.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2012 to February 2013 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.799	116.3	116.9	-0.9	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.5
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.546	108.1	108.8	-2.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.6
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc..</b> ..	XII	1.353	120.8	120.9	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.139	120.0	120.1	2.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.764	132.3	131.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	-0.3
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.245	124.8	124.9	0.4	0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.1
Ceramic products.....	69	0.239	140.6	140.6	-0.4	-1.0	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.280	129.3	128.2	1.6	0.1	-0.2	1.8	-0.9
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	3.356	204.2	203.0	-1.5	-0.7	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.038	184.9	185.1	-3.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.8	0.1
Iron and steel.....	72	1.127	216.8	217.9	-11.2	0.2	-1.1	-0.8	0.5
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.486	157.1	156.1	-3.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.0	-0.6
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.497	364.6	367.8	-0.7	-3.2	0.3	2.7	0.9
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.149	102.4	102.6	-7.7	2.5	-6.5	5.2	0.2
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.679	140.2	140.3	-0.5	-1.0	0.5	2.0	0.1
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.382	129.7	129.7	2.0	0.2	-0.1	1.3	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.428	136.4	136.5	2.7	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	26.508	85.8	85.6	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.674	90.1	90.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.834	81.6	81.5	-1.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	10.701	116.7	116.7	1.8	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.773	115.6	115.6	1.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.0
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.860	119.4	119.4	2.8	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.0
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.313	103.5	103.4	-0.7	-0.1	-0.9	-0.3	-0.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.001	100.2	100.2	-1.5	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.0
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.253	142.1	142.2	11.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	3.449	113.2	113.1	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.925	117.0	116.9	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	-0.1
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.329	105.3	105.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.196	140.1	139.2	4.5	-0.1	-0.2	3.4	-0.6

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**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2012 to February 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	2.061	218.8	222.0	8.3	1.9	1.8	-2.4	1.5
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.170	167.4	167.6	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.1
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.408	206.0	205.5	1.2	-2.3	-2.4	1.3	-0.2
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	5.424	274.4	278.2	18.9	0.6	-0.1	-1.4	1.4
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	1.014	159.5	162.2	25.8	4.0	3.9	2.5	1.7
Cereals.....	10	2.095	309.8	322.6	15.5	0.6	0.5	-7.9	4.1
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.679	287.6	296.3	21.1	-0.5	-2.4	-2.7	3.0
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.299	132.0	136.6	-6.1	-6.7	-1.6	0.2	3.5
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.981	166.8	168.4	12.0	0.4	-1.2	0.4	1.0
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.342	112.0	112.0	1.8	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.0
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.627	112.8	113.8	6.8	-0.1	-0.4	2.4	0.9
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.783	271.2	274.2	32.2	1.0	-3.3	-2.6	1.1
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	9.127	299.7	311.5	-3.4	-5.8	-1.1	0.9	3.9
Ores, slag and ash (Dec. 2012=100).....	26	0.475	98.2	100.5	-	-	-	-1.8	2.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	8.470	296.0	308.3	-3.1	-6.0	-1.4	1.1	4.2
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	11.488	155.1	155.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-0.1
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.015	184.4	183.4	-1.2	0.7	-0.6	0.1	-0.5
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.261	167.5	168.6	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.8	0.7
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.718	125.5	125.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	-0.2
Fertilizers (Dec. 2012=100).....	31	0.384	97.8	94.4	-	-	-	-2.2	-3.5
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.711	137.2	137.1	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.5	-0.1
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.451	121.3	121.3	-1.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	0.0
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.739	153.5	153.8	0.9	-1.1	-0.4	1.2	0.2
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.215	148.8	151.2	1.0	-0.4	-0.5	0.9	1.6
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.163	140.5	143.0	1.6	-0.4	-0.5	1.2	1.8
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.052	187.9	189.1	-1.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.6
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.388	141.3	143.1	13.6	1.5	1.2	3.4	1.3
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.563	110.1	111.6	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.224	120.4	119.9	1.9	0.9	0.1	2.6	-0.4
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.615	128.5	123.4	-1.5	2.9	1.0	8.0	-4.0
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.179	118.2	118.8	1.5	0.0	-0.3	1.0	0.5
Printed material.....	49	0.430	126.2	128.8	7.8	0.1	0.2	0.3	2.1
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	1.776	127.7	129.8	-2.5	-0.1	0.6	1.4	1.6
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.506	135.9	145.4	-12.9	-0.5	1.9	2.9	7.0
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.752	117.8	117.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2012 to February 2013 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.385	97.2	97.2	-1.4	0.0	-0.1	-1.5	0.0
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	5.299	282.6	282.3	-1.7	-1.5	-0.1	-1.2	-0.1
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.408	170.7	171.6	-4.1	-0.2	0.5	-0.8	0.5
Iron and steel.....	72	1.549	198.7	199.3	-12.4	2.1	1.1	-1.5	0.3
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.305	168.5	169.1	-1.3	-0.6	-0.6	-1.5	0.4
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.639	254.8	260.2	-0.5	-4.3	2.6	0.4	2.1
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.861	126.8	126.8	-1.4	-1.0	0.2	0.6	0.0
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.398	131.7	131.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	-1.1	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.320	145.6	146.7	7.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.8
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	27.770	97.3	97.6	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	16.565	111.1	111.5	1.1	0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.4
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	11.205	82.3	82.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.4	0.5
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	11.868	127.5	127.8	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.052	113.4	113.6	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	5.870	107.4	107.4	2.0	0.3	-0.1	0.9	0.0
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	1.335	111.0	110.8	1.7	0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.719	121.4	121.0	1.3	0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.509	90.9	90.9	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2011 trade values.

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**Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: February 2012 to February 2013**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
				Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	100.000	132.2	133.4	0.9	0.1	-0.7	0.8	0.9
Nonmanufactured articles.....	11.271	221.7	233.0	-2.3	0.3	-6.4	3.0	5.1
Manufactured articles.....	88.140	124.9	125.4	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.4
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	100.000	139.3	141.3	-0.9	-0.9	-0.2	0.4	1.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	22.612	350.6	368.6	-0.4	-2.9	-0.3	2.2	5.1
Manufactured articles.....	77.043	110.4	110.9	-0.8	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.5
<b>Canada</b> .....	100.000	151.5	153.7	-0.6	0.3	-1.8	1.3	1.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	28.281	211.2	222.4	-1.9	0.7	-6.4	3.3	5.3
Manufactured articles.....	70.659	139.6	139.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	-0.1
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	100.000	136.0	137.0	1.5	0.0	-1.0	1.6	0.7
Nonmanufactured articles.....	1.105	384.8	397.7	1.4	-2.9	-0.1	4.0	3.4
Manufactured articles.....	98.417	132.2	133.1	1.4	0.0	-1.1	1.6	0.7
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	121.1	121.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.0
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	115.3	116.2	1.8	0.2	-0.3	0.7	0.8
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	133.2	133.8	-0.7	-0.6	-1.3	0.5	0.5
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	100.000	175.4	179.1	-1.8	-2.4	0.3	0.8	2.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	31.687	369.7	388.4	-3.2	-4.9	0.3	2.6	5.1
Manufactured articles.....	67.888	133.1	134.1	-0.5	-0.9	0.3	0.0	0.8
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	143.4	145.3	-1.7	-1.7	-0.1	0.6	1.3
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	18.633	195.7	207.0	-3.4	-5.8	-0.7	2.8	5.8
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	81.367	94.2	94.5	-1.0	-0.6	0.0	0.1	0.3
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	100.000	104.1	104.1	-0.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	104.3	104.4	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.1
<b>Japan</b> .....	100.000	102.8	102.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.4
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	100.000	89.9	89.8	-0.9	-1.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	100.000	104.3	104.4	-1.2	-0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	100.000	272.2	283.6	1.6	-0.9	-0.5	0.6	4.2

1 Relative figures are based on 2011 trade values.

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

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

4 European Union countries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

**Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: February 2012 to February 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Jan. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
				Feb. 2012 to Feb. 2013	Oct. 2012 to Nov. 2012	Nov. 2012 to Dec. 2012	Dec. 2012 to Jan. 2013	Jan. 2013 to Feb. 2013
<b>Air Freight</b>								
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	176.2	175.5	3.7	0.6	-0.7	0.2	-0.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.602	165.3	167.6	3.6	1.8	-2.7	1.9	1.4
Asia.....	74.112	156.3	154.8	4.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-1.0
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	149.3	148.9	1.5	-0.3	-0.7	1.6	-0.3
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	35.551	133.0	133.0	0.6	-0.4	-0.3	2.6	0.0
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	165.7	164.5	5.8	1.8	-0.6	-1.1	-0.7
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.923	151.4	152.1	4.5	1.3	-1.7	1.5	0.5
Asia.....	67.663	151.0	149.2	7.6	2.3	-0.1	-2.1	-1.2
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	147.7	147.8	2.2	1.3	-0.8	-0.2	0.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	27.844	161.6	161.6	-1.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	0.0
Asia.....	52.396	141.1	141.3	4.4	2.3	-1.0	-0.4	0.1
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>								
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	187.0	184.7	2.3	-0.9	6.8	-3.7	-1.2
Europe.....	43.326	210.8	215.9	16.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.4
Asia.....	26.415	158.1	148.0	-6.3	-3.0	16.1	-7.7	-6.4
Latin America/Caribbean.....	9.059	163.5	163.7	-7.8	6.3	9.4	-11.7	0.1
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	200.4	183.4	-1.7	-2.2	1.9	7.5	-8.5
Europe.....	25.743	216.8	218.5	-0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.8
Asia.....	32.698	198.2	162.6	0.4	-4.1	8.7	10.0	-18.0
Latin America/Caribbean.....	22.280	212.4	191.6	-19.7	0.4	-7.5	6.6	-9.8

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2011 trade values.

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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."

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