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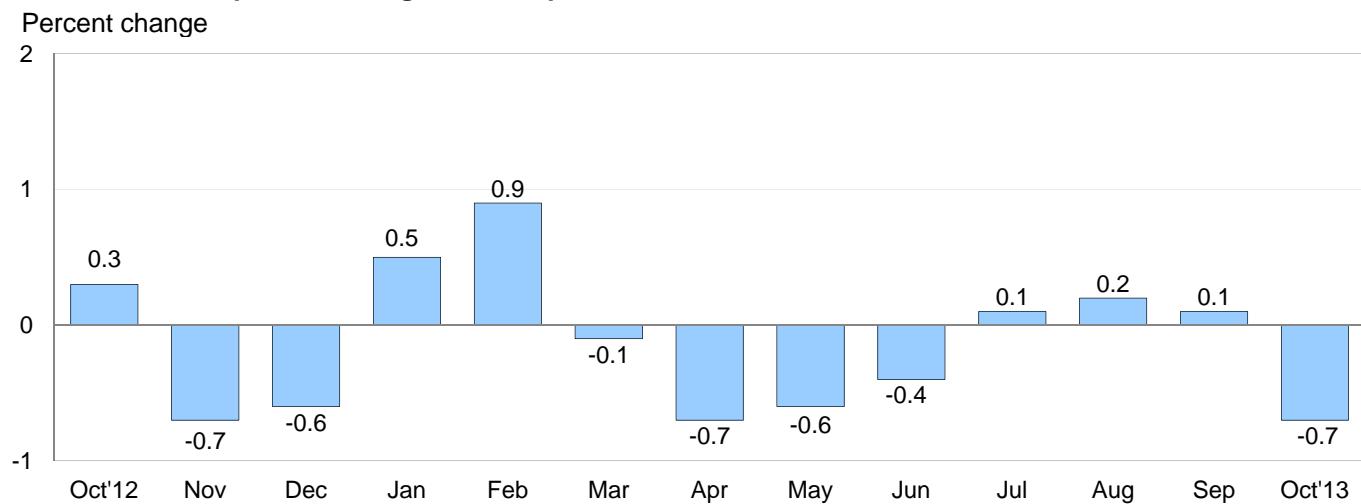
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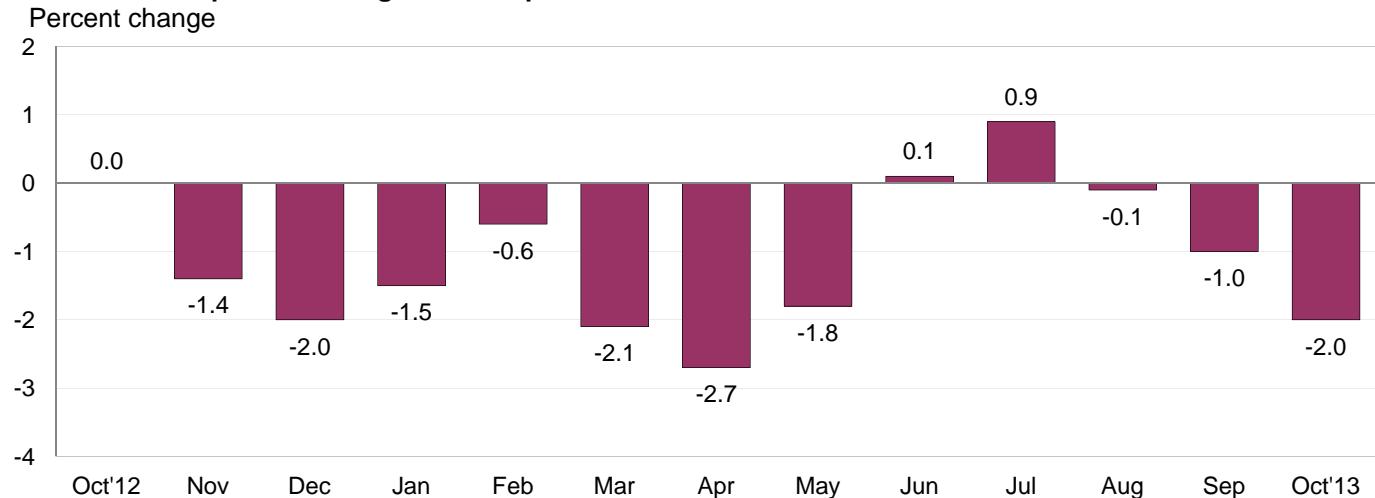
### **U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – OCTOBER 2013**

U.S. import prices declined 0.7 percent in October, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, led by lower fuel prices. The October decrease in overall import prices followed comparatively modest advances in each of the previous 3 months. Prices for U.S. exports fell 0.5 percent in October, after a 0.4 percent increase the previous month.

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



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



**All Imports:** Prices for overall imports declined 0.7 percent in October, after ticking up between 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent in each of the previous 3 months. The October drop was driven by lower fuel prices as nonfuel import prices were unchanged. Import prices decreased 2.0 percent for the year ended in October, the largest 12-month drop since a 2.7 percent decline between April 2012 and April 2013.

**Fuel Imports:** Import fuel prices fell 3.4 percent in October, the largest monthly decline since an 8.5 percent decrease in June 2012. The October drop followed increases of 0.4 percent in September, 1.6 percent in August, and 1.7 percent in July. The price index for import fuel decreased 3.8 percent over the past year. Both the October decline and the drop over the past 12 months were driven by lower petroleum prices, which fell 3.6 percent for the month and 4.1 percent for the year ended in October. Higher natural gas prices, up 5.8 percent in October and 8.1 percent over the past 12 months, partially offset declining petroleum prices.

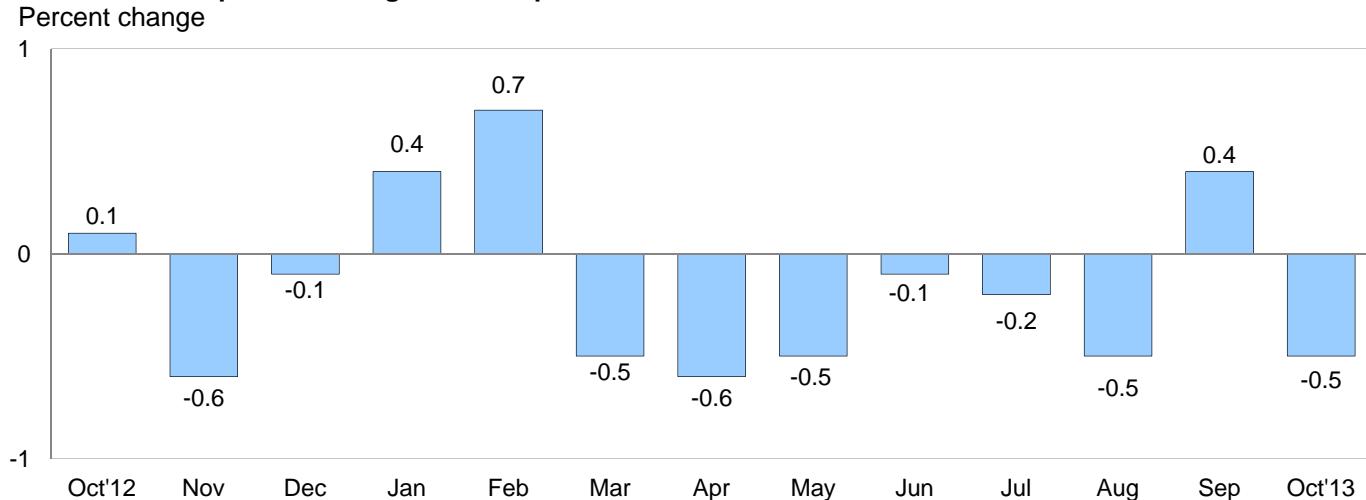
**All Imports Excluding Fuel:** Nonfuel prices recorded no change in October and declined 1.3 percent over the past 12 months. The drop over the past year was led by a 5.1 percent decrease in the price index for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials. Lower prices for each of the major finished goods categories between October 2012 and October 2013 also contributed to the overall decline in nonfuel import prices.

**Table A. Percent change in import and export price indexes, selected categories**

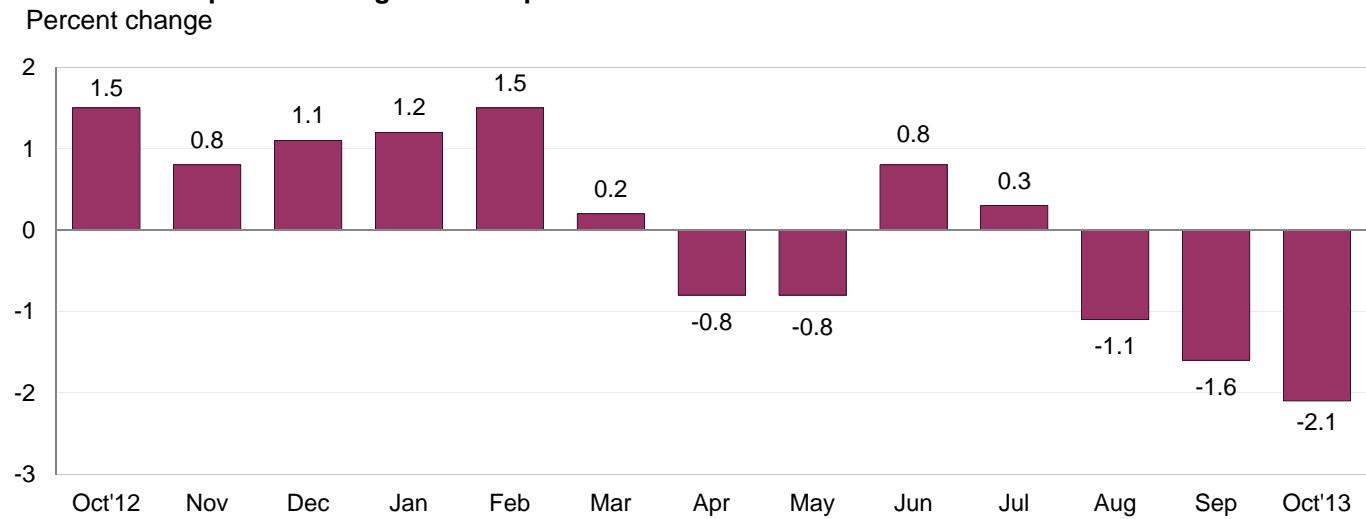
Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
<b>2012</b>						
October.....	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	-1.7	0.3
November.....	-0.7	-2.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.5	-0.7
December.....	-0.6	-2.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
<b>2013</b>						
January.....	0.5	1.9	0.2	0.4	-1.2	0.5
February.....	0.9	3.6	0.1	0.7	2.0	0.6
March.....	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-1.8	-0.3
April.....	-0.7	-2.4	-0.2	-0.6	-2.1	-0.5
May.....	-0.6	-1.7	-0.4	-0.5	1.1	-0.7
June.....	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	-0.2
July.....	0.1 <sup>r</sup>	1.7 <sup>r</sup>	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
August.....	0.2	1.6	-0.2	-0.5	-4.2	0.0
September.....	0.1 <sup>r</sup>	0.4 <sup>r</sup>	0.2 <sup>r</sup>	0.4 <sup>r</sup>	0.6 <sup>r</sup>	0.3
October.....	-0.7	-3.4	0.0	-0.5	-1.5	-0.4
Oct. 2011 to 2012.....	0.0	-0.8	0.1	1.5	11.9	0.2
Oct. 2012 to 2013.....	-2.0	-3.8	-1.3	-2.1	-6.1	-1.6

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



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



**All Exports:** The price index for overall exports decreased 0.5 percent in October, resuming a downward trend following a 0.4 percent increase the previous month. Prior to September, export prices last advanced in February when the index rose 0.7 percent. Export prices also fell over the past 12 months, declining 2.1 percent, the largest year-over-year decrease since a 2.1 percent drop for the year ended in June 2012. The last time the index fell more than 2.1 percent was a 3.6 percent decline between October 2008 and October 2009.

**Agricultural Exports:** Agricultural export prices decreased 1.5 percent in October following a 0.6 percent increase the previous month. The October drop was driven by lower prices for corn and soybeans, down 12.5 percent and 6.0 percent, respectively. The price index for agricultural exports fell 6.1 percent over the past year led by a 35.7 percent decline in corn prices, a 13.3 percent drop in soybean prices, and a 13.6 percent decrease in wheat prices.

**All Exports Excluding Agriculture:** Prices for nonagricultural exports fell 0.4 percent in October, after increasing 0.3 percent in September. Lower prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials and capital goods more than offset rising prices for automotive vehicles. Overall nonagricultural prices declined 1.6 percent from October 2012 to October 2013, driven by lower prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials and consumer goods.

## SELECTED OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Import Prices

**Imports by Locality of Origin:** Import prices from China edged down 0.1 percent in October, after ticking up 0.1 percent the previous month. The price index for imports from China decreased 0.9 percent over the past 12 months. Prices for imports from Japan continued to trend down in October, falling 0.2 percent. Import prices from Japan declined 3.2 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month drop since the index fell 3.2 percent between June 2001 and June 2002. In October, the price indexes for imports from Canada and Mexico decreased 1.3 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, led by lower petroleum prices. In contrast, prices for imports from the European Union increased 0.5 percent.

**Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials ticked up 0.1 percent in October following a 0.6 percent advance in September. Higher prices for iron and steel mill products in October, largely contributed to the increase.

**Finished Goods:** Consumer goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent in October, after declining 0.2 percent in September. The price index for automotive vehicles, which has not recorded a monthly advance since January, edged down 0.1 percent in October. Prices for import capital goods recorded no change for the second consecutive month in October.

**Foods, Feeds, and Beverages:** The import price index for foods, feeds, and beverages rose 0.7 percent in October, the largest monthly advance since a 1.6 percent rise in March. The October increase was led by higher vegetable prices and prices for fish and shellfish.

### Export Prices

**Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials:** The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials decreased 0.8 percent in October, after rising 0.9 percent the previous month. The October drop was mostly led by lower fuel prices.

**Finished Goods:** Finished goods prices were mixed in October. Prices for capital goods declined 0.2 percent, driven by 0.3 percent decreases in both nonelectrical machinery and electrical equipment prices. In contrast, automotive vehicles prices rose 0.4 percent, led by a 0.8 percent advance in passenger car prices that was partially attributable to year-end model changeovers. The export price index for consumer goods was unchanged in October.

### Partial Government Shutdown

Some agencies of the federal government were shut down or were operating at reduced staffing levels from October 1, 2013, through October 16, 2013. All data collection was suspended during that time period. Shortly after the shutdown ended, October data collection began. The Bureau of Labor Statistics delayed publication of this release by 2 days to allow for enough time to collect data. The reference period for the survey was not changed. The response rates for the import and export price surveys were at the normal range for the initial release of the data.

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**Import and Export Price Index data for November 2013 are scheduled for release on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. (EST).**

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Sept. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
			Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013		
All commodities.....		100.000	139.4	138.4	-2.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.7
All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....		73.332	102.0	102.0	-1.5	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.0
All imports excluding petroleum.....		79.237	114.8	114.9	-1.3	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.1
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)..		78.441	119.1	119.1	-1.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	5.109	174.8	176.0	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.862	191.0	191.6	-1.4	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.3
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.247	138.1	140.5	16.7	0.8	1.6	2.3	1.7
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	34.513	250.8	245.6	-4.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	-2.1
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		13.750	157.4	157.8	-4.4	-2.9	-1.1	0.3	0.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		12.954	179.3	179.5	-5.1	-1.7	-0.8	0.6	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		7.635	167.4	167.9	-6.1	-1.8	-0.7	1.0	0.3
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.320	145.4	145.6	-2.3	-4.2	-1.6	-0.4	0.1
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	21.558	341.9	330.4	-3.8	1.7	1.6	0.4	-3.4
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	20.761	383.4	369.6	-4.1	2.6	1.8	0.6	-3.6
Crude.....	10000	15.964	399.0	382.1	-3.2	3.1	1.6	0.6	-4.2
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	0.595	98.7	103.3	6.3	-19.5	-6.2	-4.6	4.7
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.477	84.8	89.7	8.1	-21.8	-7.7	-5.6	5.8
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.563	113.3	114.5	2.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1	1.1
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.836	168.4	168.6	-3.7	-2.0	-1.0	0.1	0.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.003	141.5	142.0	0.3	-1.9	-0.6	1.0	0.4
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.479	239.0	238.8	-11.0	-2.7	-1.1	2.0	-0.1
Finished metals related to durable goods... ..	15	1.560	156.0	155.7	-5.0	-1.8	0.1	0.3	-0.2
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.513	112.3	112.8	-1.2	0.2	-0.8	-0.6	0.4
Capital goods.....	2	24.024	92.5	92.5	-0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.011	119.7	119.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.3
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.144	85.2	85.2	-1.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.869	136.0	136.1	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	12.135	113.5	113.4	-1.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	24.219	107.2	107.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.847	116.1	116.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.048	98.2	98.2	-1.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.324	116.4	117.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6

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

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			Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
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<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	132.4	131.8	-2.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.4	-0.5
Agricultural commodities.....		10.227	215.4	212.2	-6.1	-0.3	-4.2	0.6	-1.5
All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....		81.017	101.9	102.0	-0.9	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.1
Nonagricultural commodities.....		89.774	126.4	125.9	-1.6	-0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.4
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	9.482	215.1	212.2	-7.0	-0.4	-4.3	0.8	-1.3
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	8.810	218.7	215.1	-7.3	-0.5	-4.7	0.7	-1.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.672	184.3	188.5	-3.3	0.6	1.3	1.4	2.3
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	34.026	178.4	176.9	-4.2	-0.6	0.2	0.8	-0.8
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		11.645	172.5	173.9	-7.0	-2.2	-0.8	1.3	0.8
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		22.381	182.5	179.4	-2.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	-1.7
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials...	10	1.417	202.0	201.3	2.0	0.8	-1.2	-0.5	-0.3
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>		32.610	177.7	176.2	-4.4	-0.6	0.2	0.9	-0.8
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	9.502	261.5	251.5	-7.5	1.0	2.2	1.1	-3.8
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	22.050	166.4	167.0	-3.7	-1.3	-0.5	0.8	0.4
Selected building materials.....	13	1.058	125.3	125.8	6.7	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.4
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	35.600	106.5	106.3	0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.519	115.1	114.8	0.3	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	25.857	95.4	95.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.3
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.224	152.0	152.0	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	8.982	113.3	113.7	0.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	11.910	114.5	114.5	-2.1	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.446	113.9	114.1	-1.5	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	0.2
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.104	111.7	111.3	-2.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4

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[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		18.919	170.2	164.8	-1.8	1.5	1.2	0.8	-3.2
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	1.811	171.1	173.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	1.3
Crop production.....	111	1.273	176.4	179.5	-1.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	1.8
Forestry and logging (Dec. 2012=100).....	113	0.182	93.9	93.3	—	-6.6	-4.3	-0.2	-0.6
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	17.108	169.7	163.5	-2.0	1.7	1.4	0.8	-3.7
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.314	129.7	129.3	-7.8	-1.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		80.612	116.0	115.9	-1.9	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	10.581	124.3	124.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.929	157.8	157.4	2.5	0.5	-0.1	1.5	-0.3
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.879	113.9	114.2	2.1	0.4	-0.2	0.4	0.3
Textile mills (Dec. 2011=100).....	313	0.387	100.9	101.0	-1.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Textile product mills.....	314	0.784	114.7	114.7	-0.9	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.940	110.5	110.4	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.661	121.5	121.6	0.7	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	17.772	136.3	135.8	-3.1	0.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.4
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.595	120.9	121.5	1.3	-2.6	-0.8	1.7	0.5
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.037	110.7	111.3	0.8	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.5
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.241	163.1	159.7	-9.1	1.8	2.8	-0.8	-2.1
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.058	133.3	133.5	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	0.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.918	124.5	124.3	-2.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.838	129.5	129.8	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	52.259	108.0	108.0	-2.0	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.0
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.051	156.4	156.6	-11.3	-2.8	-1.1	1.6	0.1
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.628	126.7	126.1	-3.5	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.592	120.9	121.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.954	80.6	80.6	-1.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.017	119.4	119.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.3
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	12.921	111.7	111.7	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.252	114.0	114.9	1.0	0.0	-0.4	0.2	0.8
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.845	120.9	121.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		7.444	160.7	159.7	-9.1	-1.8	-6.3	1.6	-0.6
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	5.465	198.5	194.0	-10.9	-0.7	-7.6	1.8	-2.3
Crop production.....	111	5.028	205.5	200.4	-11.5	-1.0	-8.1	1.6	-2.5
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	1.979	86.8	90.2	-3.3	-5.1	-2.4	1.0	3.9
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.359	100.5	101.1	-9.4	-2.2	-2.3	-0.2	0.6
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		90.195	120.7	120.0	-1.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.6
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	7.055	151.3	150.9	-0.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.960	173.5	173.3	-0.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.563	124.8	122.8	-3.8	-0.9	-0.7	-0.3	-1.6
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	26.851	134.5	132.3	-2.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	-1.6
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.435	121.1	122.7	8.2	2.1	-0.3	1.0	1.3
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.837	122.1	122.1	2.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.0
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	7.309	171.3	161.7	-8.9	2.6	3.2	1.4	-5.6
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.224	130.0	129.9	-1.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.1
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.249	120.5	120.0	1.1	-0.6	0.2	0.3	-0.4
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.797	112.4	112.3	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	56.289	112.3	112.2	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.693	151.5	150.9	-14.0	-3.2	-1.7	2.5	-0.4
Fabricated metal product manufacturing....	332	2.766	131.2	130.9	-0.9	-0.6	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	11.750	122.6	122.6	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.222	88.5	88.0	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.335	114.1	114.1	1.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	14.247	118.0	118.3	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Furniture and related product manufacturing (Dec. 2011=100).....	337	0.323	107.6	107.0	2.4	2.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.6
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.953	121.2	121.0	-0.9	-0.1	-0.6	0.2	-0.2

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmo-nized system	Relative importance Sept. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
			Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013		
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.206	187.0	189.6	17.1	0.8	1.9	1.5	1.4
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.255	221.1	223.9	2.9	1.5	1.3	-2.2	1.3
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.689	142.5	145.7	29.2	0.3	2.4	3.1	2.2
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.576	201.8	200.0	-5.2	-1.1	-0.9	0.9	-0.9
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.385	372.9	384.7	7.0	1.7	0.1	5.5	3.2
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.423	113.9	110.5	-2.1	0.7	1.8	0.6	-3.0
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.349	225.2	222.4	-15.4	-2.2	-0.7	-1.7	-1.2
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.248	115.3	115.5	-6.8	-0.3	-0.8	0.1	0.2
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.426	158.7	159.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.4
Sugars and sugar confectionary (Dec. 2012=100).....	17	0.190	89.9	90.5	-	2.8	-3.9	-0.9	0.7
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.224	99.5	101.2	16.5	1.2	9.6	-0.5	1.7
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.239	130.6	130.7	1.2	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.316	164.9	164.8	-2.1	0.4	-0.7	0.1	-0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.867	124.5	124.8	2.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	21.487	344.1	332.3	-3.9	1.8	1.5	0.2	-3.4
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	21.211	341.0	329.2	-3.8	1.8	1.6	0.3	-3.5
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	8.502	147.9	148.1	-2.1	-0.9	-0.5	-0.1	0.1
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.705	312.1	310.7	-20.9	-5.0	-3.5	-1.8	-0.4
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.615	135.3	135.3	-2.5	-0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.424	125.6	125.5	4.9	0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.341	107.4	105.9	-21.0	-7.9	-4.3	-3.4	-1.4
Tanning extracts; dye, pigments, varnish, paints & putty (Dec. 2011=100).....	32	0.166	94.8	94.1	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	-0.7
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.470	98.9	98.6	-2.7	-1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	3.159	149.5	149.3	-1.8	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.975	148.4	148.4	2.8	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.184	152.9	152.5	-8.7	-1.9	-1.6	-1.4	-0.3
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.597	125.5	125.6	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.565	126.9	127.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.630	146.7	147.1	0.8	-2.9	-1.4	1.8	0.3
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.138	113.9	114.5	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
Pulp wood, waste paper, and paperboard (Dec. 2011=100).....	47	0.178	102.7	105.2	6.7	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	2.4
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.759	107.9	108.1	-0.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	4.964	113.9	113.9	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.941	103.1	102.7	-1.8	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmo-nized system	Relative importance Sept. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
						Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.844	118.3	118.6	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.549	107.9	107.9	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. ....</b>	XII	1.364	120.9	121.0	0.6	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.168	119.9	120.1	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.772	132.6	132.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.249	126.2	126.5	1.4	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.2
Ceramic products.....	69	0.242	140.9	140.9	-1.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.281	128.6	128.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	3.036	183.4	183.0	-12.2	-3.3	-0.3	2.2	-0.2
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	4.925	179.4	179.4	-3.2	-1.2	-0.3	0.4	0.0
Iron and steel.....	72	1.129	214.0	215.3	-2.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.6	0.6
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.473	153.5	152.9	-3.7	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.459	331.9	335.4	-8.3	-5.2	-0.5	3.6	1.1
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)....	75	0.129	87.3	86.1	-15.3	-4.0	-2.5	2.1	-1.4
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.667	135.7	135.8	-1.7	-1.0	-0.7	0.4	0.1
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.387	129.3	129.3	1.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.431	135.3	135.1	-0.9	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	26.363	84.7	84.6	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.685	89.5	89.6	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.678	80.0	79.8	-2.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	10.718	116.0	116.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.773	114.8	114.7	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.874	120.3	120.4	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.359	104.1	104.2	-0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.047	101.0	101.1	-0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.253	141.1	141.4	0.4	0.9	-0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	3.471	113.0	113.5	0.8	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.4
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.939	116.9	117.6	0.9	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.6
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.337	105.2	105.4	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.195	138.5	138.5	1.9	0.1	0.4	-0.4	0.0

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmo-nized system	Relative importance Sept. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
						Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	2.095	219.7	221.9	2.7	1.3	-0.5	1.4	1.0
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100)....	02	1.188	167.9	165.9	-2.0	1.0	-1.3	0.7	-1.2
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.390	194.4	200.2	-6.1	0.9	2.4	2.5	3.0
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	4.998	249.8	243.3	-12.1	-1.4	-8.0	1.3	-2.6
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	1.017	158.0	163.8	13.8	-0.5	3.8	-1.4	3.7
Cereals.....	10	1.807	263.9	252.1	-24.2	-4.7	-8.1	-1.9	-4.5
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.665	281.7	268.4	-11.9	1.8	-13.4	6.7	-4.7
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.281	122.3	120.7	-15.8	-0.8	-5.0	-2.0	-1.3
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	3.020	166.9	165.5	-1.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.8
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100)....	20	0.334	112.8	112.5	1.4	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.609	112.8	112.6	1.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.2
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.757	270.0	262.4	-8.0	1.9	-0.4	-0.5	-2.8
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	9.407	305.1	294.0	-7.7	0.9	2.0	1.3	-3.6
Ores, slag and ash (Dec. 2012=100).....	26	0.436	89.0	89.3	-	-2.3	-4.0	2.1	0.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	8.789	303.5	291.5	-7.7	1.1	2.3	1.3	-4.0
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	11.445	152.6	152.2	-1.9	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.004	180.2	177.9	-3.4	-0.2	-1.5	-1.3	-1.3
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.267	165.8	163.4	-2.0	-0.5	0.9	0.6	-1.4
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.642	120.5	120.8	-3.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.2	0.2
Fertilizers (Dec. 2012=100).....	31	0.350	88.1	86.1	-	-0.8	-3.0	-3.8	-2.3
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.708	135.0	135.2	-0.8	-0.1	-2.0	-0.5	0.1
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.455	120.9	121.4	-1.3	1.2	-0.1	0.1	0.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.772	154.5	154.7	0.5	-1.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.287	149.1	149.8	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.4	0.5
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.300	143.3	144.5	3.1	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.8
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.987	174.1	172.3	-8.7	-1.7	-2.9	-0.2	-1.0
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.394	141.6	145.8	9.6	-0.4	-1.0	-2.1	3.0
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.599	115.6	116.7	6.1	1.1	0.3	0.6	1.0
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.288	122.4	122.8	5.7	0.3	-0.9	0.3	0.3
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.611	126.2	127.4	11.3	-1.4	-3.5	0.4	1.0
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.221	121.0	120.7	2.8	1.1	0.1	0.5	-0.2
Printed material.....	49	0.455	132.0	133.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	1.864	132.4	132.0	5.3	0.5	-0.3	0.6	-0.3
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.536	149.1	148.8	14.2	2.9	-0.9	2.0	-0.2
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.764	118.3	118.6	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Sept. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
						Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.391	97.5	97.4	-1.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	4.713	248.3	246.0	-15.3	-3.7	-1.3	2.9	-0.9
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.266	164.2	168.5	-1.7	-1.2	0.2	0.1	2.6
Iron and steel.....	72	1.453	183.7	198.5	1.6	-2.1	0.1	0.5	8.1
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.320	168.0	169.4	-2.1	-0.7	0.5	-0.7	0.8
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.598	234.9	237.7	-8.0	-2.6	0.5	1.3	1.2
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.836	121.3	120.7	-5.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.3	-0.5
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.408	133.0	135.9	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.2
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.328	147.3	147.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	28.066	97.1	96.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	16.817	111.4	111.3	0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	11.249	81.6	81.2	-1.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	12.088	128.3	128.6	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.188	113.9	114.3	1.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.4
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	5.927	107.1	107.1	0.8	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	1.344	110.3	110.2	-0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.729	121.5	121.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	-0.9	0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.506	89.4	88.7	-2.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.8

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

Description	Relative importance Sept. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change					
		Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly				
				Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	100.000	131.9	131.5	-0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.415	243.7	237.4	3.7	1.8	2.9	-2.7	-2.6	
Manufactured articles.....	86.989	123.0	123.0	-0.9	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.0	
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	100.000	139.5	138.4	-1.4	0.1	0.7	0.3	-0.8	
Nonmanufactured articles.....	23.133	359.3	346.4	-2.3	1.1	2.6	2.2	-3.6	
Manufactured articles.....	76.520	109.9	109.9	-1.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	
<b>Canada</b> .....	100.000	153.7	151.7	-0.1	-0.2	1.2	-0.5	-1.3	
Nonmanufactured articles.....	30.944	234.5	228.3	5.3	2.0	3.0	-2.6	-2.6	
Manufactured articles.....	68.045	136.5	135.4	-2.4	-1.1	0.3	0.5	-0.8	
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	100.000	135.5	136.2	0.7	0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.5	
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.939	324.7	320.0	-16.1	2.2	2.6	-11.2	-1.4	
Manufactured articles.....	98.882	131.9	132.6	0.8	0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.5	
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	121.8	122.1	1.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	116.2	117.3	2.3	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.9	
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	127.2	127.7	-5.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.4	
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	100.000	176.4	174.6	-1.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	-1.0	
Nonmanufactured articles.....	33.267	390.3	376.7	-0.3	1.9	1.7	2.3	-3.5	
Manufactured articles.....	66.340	130.8	131.1	-2.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2	
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	144.2	143.0	-1.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.8	
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	19.714	208.9	203.0	-0.2	2.2	2.2	1.8	-2.8	
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	79.987	93.4	93.1	-1.7	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	100.000	103.0	103.0	-1.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	100.000	103.7	103.6	-0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	
<b>Japan</b> .....	100.000	99.9	99.7	-3.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	100.000	90.5	90.6	-0.7	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	100.000	104.7	104.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.0	
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	100.000	267.6	259.1	-5.6	0.6	2.0	0.5	-3.2	

1 Relative importance 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: October 2012 to October 2013**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Sept. 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change					
		Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013	Annual	Monthly				
				Oct. 2012 to Oct. 2013	June 2013 to July 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	
<b>Air Freight</b>									
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	172.8	174.3	-1.0	0.2	-0.2	0.6	0.9	
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.250	167.0	168.7	3.1	0.9	-1.1	2.3	1.0	
Asia.....	73.435	151.9	153.1	-2.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.8	
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	147.3	147.8	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.8	0.3	
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	35.912	132.5	133.2	2.1	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	161.5	162.8	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.221	149.6	151.0	0.8	0.3	-0.8	1.8	0.9	
Asia.....	67.136	146.0	147.3	-2.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.9	
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	145.8	146.2	-0.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	28.007	160.3	161.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.0	0.3	0.4	
Asia.....	52.316	139.0	139.5	-0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.4	
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>									
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	181.8	189.6	3.4	-3.9	-7.9	0.0	4.3	
Europe.....	44.690	211.3	218.7	10.3	-8.0	-8.1	4.7	3.5	
Asia.....	25.138	146.3	149.6	-1.6	-3.5	-6.3	-6.5	2.3	
Latin America/Caribbean.....	9.249	162.3	164.2	3.1	1.5	-1.5	-6.3	1.2	
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	185.6	182.6	-2.4	3.4	2.0	-10.2	-1.6	
Europe.....	28.737	224.1	216.3	0.5	1.9	-5.2	-10.4	-3.5	
Asia.....	27.650	155.2	149.4	-13.5	-0.8	21.9	-23.4	-3.7	
Latin America/Caribbean.....	21.118	186.4	197.1	-8.2	8.2	-1.2	-8.1	5.7	

1 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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