Prices for U.S. imports fell 0.4 percent in November following a 0.3-percent decline in October, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. A decrease in import fuel prices drove the November decline in the price index for overall imports. U.S. export prices declined 0.6 percent in November, after a 0.2-percent decrease the previous month.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in the Import Price Index: November 2014 – November 2015

Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: November 2014 – November 2015
All Imports: Overall import prices decreased 0.4 percent in November, after falling 0.3 percent in October and 1.1 percent in September. Import prices have trended down throughout 2015, declining each month with the exception of May and June. Prices for imports fell 9.4 percent for the year ended in November, and have not increased on a 12-month basis since the index rose 0.9 percent in July 2014.

Fuel Imports: Fuel prices resumed a downward trend in November, declining 2.5 percent following a 0.1-percent uptick the previous month. The price index for import fuel decreased 24.9 percent between June and September. A 2.5-percent drop in petroleum prices and a 4.6-percent decline in natural gas prices both contributed to the November decline in overall import fuel prices. Prices for overall fuel fell 43.2 percent over the past 12 months, after decreasing 15.9 percent between November 2013 and November 2014. Petroleum prices declined 44.5 percent over the past year, while prices for natural gas fell 32.3 percent.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: The price index for nonfuel imports also decreased in November, falling 0.2 percent following 0.3-percent declines in each of the previous 4 months. Lower prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials; foods, feeds, and beverages; capital goods; and automotive vehicles all factored into the November decline in nonfuel import prices. Prices for nonfuel imports decreased 3.2 percent for the year ended in November. Prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials; foods, feeds, and beverages; and each of the major finished goods categories all fell over the past 12 months.

Table A. Percent change in Import and Export Price Indexes, selected categories

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All Exports: Prices for U.S exports declined 0.6 percent in November, following a 0.2-percent decline in October and a 0.6-percent decrease in September. Lower prices for both agricultural and nonagricultural exports contributed to the November decline in overall export prices. The price index for overall exports only recorded 1 monthly advance over the past year and declined 6.3 percent between November 2014 and November 2015.

Agricultural Exports: Agricultural prices decreased 1.1 percent in November, after rising 0.1 percent the previous month. In November, the decline was led by a 6.6-percent drop in nut prices and a 2.4-percent decrease in soybean prices which more than offset a 4.0-percent advance in fruit prices. Prices for agricultural exports fell 12.8 percent over the past year. A 24.5-percent decrease in meat prices was the primary factor for the 12-month drop in overall agricultural prices.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: The price index for nonagricultural exports decreased 0.6 percent in November, following a 0.3-percent drop in October. In November, falling prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials, capital goods, and automotive vehicles more than offset higher consumer goods prices. Nonagricultural prices fell 5.7 percent over the past year.
import prices

imports by locality of origin: Prices for imports from China declined 0.3 percent in November, matching a 0.3-percent decrease in May. Those were the largest monthly drops since the index fell 0.6 percent in May 2013. Import prices from China decreased 1.5 percent over the past 12 months, the largest year-over-year drop since the index declined 1.7 percent for the year ended in January 2010. The price indexes for imports from Canada, the European Union, and Mexico all fell in November declining 0.5 percent, 0.4 percent, and 0.3 percent, respectively. All were led by lower fuel prices. Prices for imports from Japan recorded no change for the second consecutive month in November.

Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials: Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices fell 0.9 percent in November, after declining 1.0 percent in October. Both declines were driven by lower prices for unfinished metals and chemicals. Prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials fell 10.5 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month decrease since the index fell 11.3 percent between October 2008 and October 2009.

finished goods: The price indexes for capital goods and automotive vehicles each edged down 0.1 percent in November, following declines of 0.2 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, the previous month. Capital goods prices fell 2.3 percent on a 12-month basis for the second consecutive month, the largest year-over-year declines since the index fell 2.4 percent in December 2002.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages declined 0.5 percent in November, after falling 1.1 percent in October. Both decreases were driven by lower vegetable prices.

transportation services: Import air passenger fares increased 3.7 percent in November, following a 5.2-percent rise the previous month. The November advance was led by a 5.1-percent increase in European fares which more than offset a 0.7-percent drop in Asian fares. Overall import air passenger fares fell 2.2 percent over the past 12 months despite the recent increases. Import air freight prices rose 0.8 percent in November and fell 1.5 percent over the past year.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices decreased 1.6 percent in November, following a 0.7-percent drop the previous month. Falling prices for fuel, metals, and chemicals drove the November decline.

Finished Goods: Finished goods prices were mixed in November. Capital goods prices edged down 0.1 percent for the fourth consecutive month in November and have not recorded a monthly advance since the index rose 0.2 percent in February. Prices for automotive vehicles fell 0.2 percent. The last time the index fell more than 0.2 percent was a 0.3-percent drop in August 2012. In contrast, consumer goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent in November.

Transportation Services: Export air passenger fares declined 0.8 percent in November, following a 1.4-percent decrease in October and an 11.5-percent drop in September. The November decline was driven by a 1.0-percent decrease in Asian fares. Export air passenger fares fell 11.9 percent for the year ended in November. Export air freight prices rose 0.4 percent in November and decreased 1.1 percent over the past 12 months.

Import and Export Price Index data for December 2015 are scheduled for release on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. (EST).
Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2014 to November 2015
[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

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1 Relative importance figures are based on 2013 trade values.
NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the 3 months after original publication.
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## Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: November 2014 to November 2015

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

| Description                                                                 | Harmonized system | Relative importance Oct. 2015 | Index | Percent change | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Live animals; animal products.                                             | I                 | 1.323                         | 178.1 | 177.8         | -1.17 | 1.4 | -1.6 | -3.0 | -0.2 |
| Meat and edible meat offal.                                                 | 02                | 0.306                         | 221.2 | 218.9         | -16.8 | 0.9 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -0.7 |
| Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.             | 03                | 0.703                         | 129.1 | 127.2         | -8.8 | 3.2 | -1.8 | 0.7 | -1.5 |
| Vegetable products.                                                         | II                | 2.010                         | 200.7 | 198.6         | -2.7 | -1.0 | 2.0 | -1.2 | -1.0 |
| Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.                                      | 07                | 0.609                         | 498.6 | 479.1         | 16.0 | 1.4 | 11.1 | -5.9 | -3.9 |
| Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.                      | 08                | 0.492                         | 94.7  | 95.3          | -4.3 | -2.9 | -2.8 | 3.4 | 0.6 |
| Coffee, tea, mate and spices.                                               | 09                | 0.363                         | 228.6 | 226.8         | -11.7 | 0.2 | -1.5 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).                          | III               | 0.272                         | 103.0 | 102.4         | -8.7 | 1.9 | -3.0 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.                               | IV                | 2.863                         | 159.8 | 160.0         | -1.2 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| Sugars and sugar confectionary (Dec. 2012=100).                            | 17                | 0.180                         | 85.0  | 85.3          | -5.3 | -5.5 | 0.1 | -0.8 | 0.4 |
| Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).                              | 18                | 0.265                         | 114.0 | 115.9         | 4.5 | -0.2 | 2.6 | -1.7 | 1.7 |
| Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100). | 19                | 0.288                         | 132.2 | 132.0         | -1.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.          | 20                | 0.332                         | 152.8 | 155.7         | -6.4 | 0.3 | -2.1 | -0.2 | 1.9 |
| Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.                                           | 22                | 1.089                         | 128.2 | 128.2         | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mineral products.                                                           | V                 | 9.447                         | 158.4 | 154.4         | -43.3 | -12.7 | -8.4 | 0.0 | -2.5 |
| Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes. | 27                | 9.208                         | 155.5 | 151.4         | -43.8 | -12.9 | -8.6 | 0.1 | -2.6 |
| Products of the chemical or allied industries.                             | VI                | 8.860                         | 146.4 | 146.0         | -4.4 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| Inorganic chemicals.                                                        | 28                | 0.661                         | 287.4 | 283.6         | -16.7 | -0.1 | -1.0 | -1.4 | -1.3 |
| Organic chemicals.                                                          | 29                | 2.483                         | 120.8 | 120.2         | -10.0 | -1.0 | -2.4 | -0.9 | -0.5 |
| Pharmaceutical products.                                                    | 30                | 3.654                         | 138.3 | 138.3         | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).                                                | 31                | 0.327                         | 91.6  | 92.4          | -19.7 | -7.1 | -1.6 | -8.9 | 0.9 |
| Tanning extracts; dye, pigments, varnish, paints & putty (Dec. 2011=100).   | 32                | 0.209                         | 97.9  | 97.9          | -7.5 | 0.0 | 0.8 | -1.5 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous chemical products.                                           | 38                | 0.570                         | 90.4  | 90.4          | -2.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.                 | VII               | 3.432                         | 138.7 | 138.3         | -5.6 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| Plastics and articles thereof.                                              | 39                | 2.272                         | 142.5 | 142.1         | -5.6 | -0.9 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Rubber and articles thereof.                                                | 40                | 1.205                         | 133.6 | 133.1         | -5.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -1.0 | -0.4 |
| Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.                     | VIII              | 0.738                         | 127.1 | 127.0         | -0.6 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.         | 42                | 0.699                         | 130.0 | 130.0         | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.                | IX                | 0.734                         | 133.5 | 135.9         | -6.4 | -2.1 | -2.3 | -0.4 | 1.8 |
| Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal (Dec. 2014=100).                    | 44                | 0.696                         | 91.5  | 93.2          | -2.2 | -2.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 1.9 |
| Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.                              | X                 | 1.183                         | 110.9 | 110.9         | -1.9 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.          | 48                | 0.789                         | 105.2 | 104.9         | -1.8 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Textile and textile articles.                                               | XI                | 5.629                         | 114.0 | 113.9         | -1.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

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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.

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1 Relative importance figures are based on 2013 trade values.
NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the 3 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 2-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 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 Producer Price Index (PPI) 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 indexes and excluded from the export air passenger fares indexes. 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 www.bls.gov/mxp under "MXP Publications."
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