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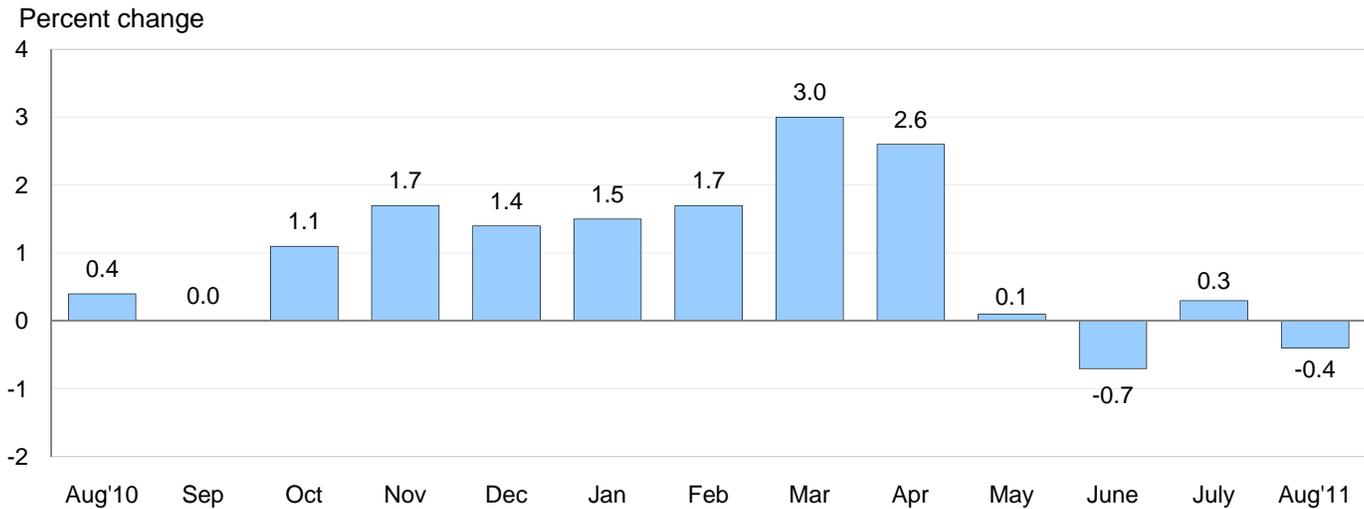
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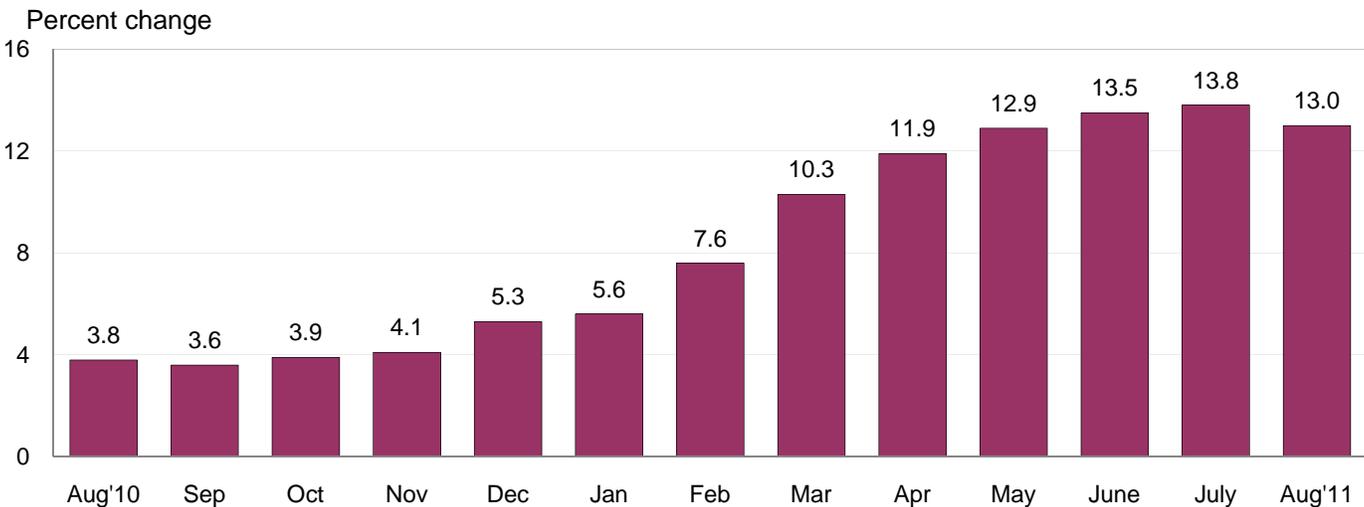
### U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – AUGUST 2011

U.S. import prices declined 0.4 percent in August, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, led by a 1.8 percent decrease in fuel prices. The August drop in import prices followed a 0.3 percent rise the previous month. In contrast, prices for U.S. exports rose 0.5 percent after declining 0.4 percent in July.

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



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



**All Imports:** The price index for overall imports fell for the second time in three months in August, decreasing 0.4 percent following a 0.3 percent upturn in July and a 0.7 percent drop in June. Import prices declined 0.6 percent over the past four months after rising 13.7 percent between September 2010 and April 2011. Overall, the index increased 13.0 percent for the year ended in August, compared to a 13.8 percent advance for the July 2010-11 period.

**Fuel Imports:** The August drop in overall import prices was driven by a 1.8 percent decline in fuel prices. The decrease was led by a 2.1 percent drop in petroleum prices which more than offset a 3.3 percent advance in the price index for natural gas. Despite declines in three of the past four months, fuel prices rose 41.1 percent over the past year. Prices for petroleum and natural gas each increased over the past 12 months, rising 43.5 percent and 8.0 percent, respectively.

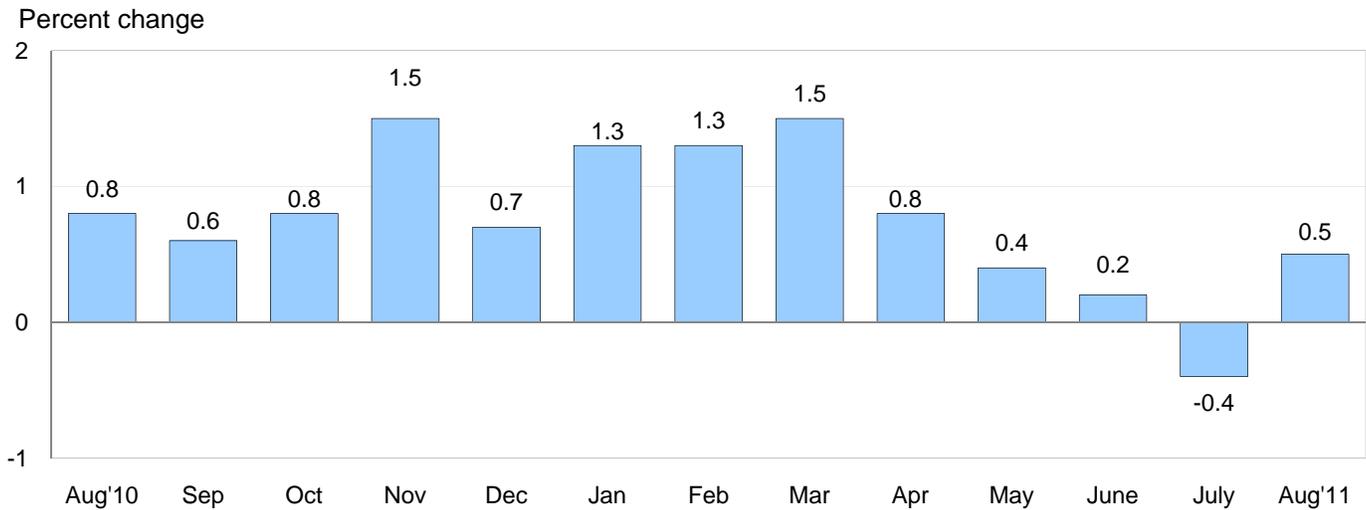
**All Imports Excluding Fuel:** In contrast, nonfuel prices advanced 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month in August. The price indexes for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials, consumer goods, and capital goods all increased in August, while foods, feeds, and beverages prices declined and prices for automotive vehicles remained unchanged. Nonfuel prices rose 5.3 percent for the year ended in August, primarily driven by a 17.1 percent advance in the prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials.

**Table A. Percent changes**

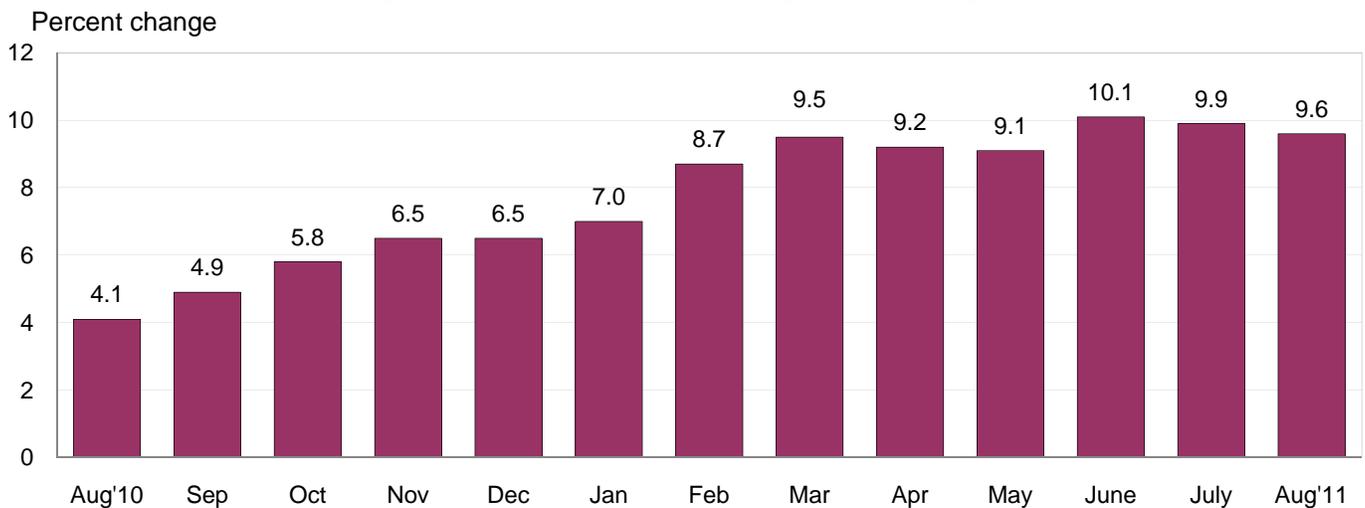
Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
<b>2010</b>						
August.....	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.8	4.2	0.5
September.....	0.0	-1.5	0.3	0.6	2.4	0.4
October.....	1.1	4.3	0.3	0.8	2.8	0.6
November.....	1.7	4.8	0.8	1.5	7.6	0.8
December.....	1.4	5.6	0.3	0.7	2.0	0.6
<b>2011</b>						
January.....	1.5	4.1	0.7	1.3	3.1	1.0
February.....	1.7	5.6	0.5	1.3	4.6	1.0
March.....	3.0	9.7	0.8	1.5	2.2	1.4
April.....	2.6	7.6	0.8	0.8	-0.5	0.9
May.....	0.1 <sup>r</sup>	-0.6	0.3 <sup>r</sup>	0.4	-1.1	0.5 <sup>r</sup>
June.....	-0.7 <sup>r</sup>	-2.3 <sup>r</sup>	0.0 <sup>r</sup>	0.2 <sup>r</sup>	0.7	0.2 <sup>r</sup>
July.....	0.3	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-3.9 <sup>r</sup>	0.1 <sup>r</sup>
August.....	-0.4	-1.8	0.2	0.5	2.2	0.3
Aug. 2009 to 2010.....	3.8	8.4	2.7	4.1	6.4	3.9
Aug. 2010 to 2011.....	13.0	41.1	5.3	9.6	23.9	8.1

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



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



**All Exports:** Export prices resumed an upward trend in August, rising 0.5 percent following a 0.4 percent downturn in July. Higher prices for agricultural and nonagricultural exports each contributed to the overall advance in August. The price index for overall exports also increased over the past year, increasing 9.6 percent.

**Agricultural Exports:** Agricultural export prices advanced 2.2 percent in August after declining 3.9 percent the previous month. In August, rising prices for corn, soybeans, and wheat, up 8.1 percent, 2.3 percent, and 5.6 percent, more than offset an 11.3 percent drop in cotton prices. The price index for agricultural exports advanced 23.9 percent over the past 12 months, primarily led by a 73.7 percent increase in corn prices, although higher prices for soybeans, cotton, meat, and wheat also contributed to the overall increase.

**All Exports Excluding Agriculture:** The price index for nonagricultural prices rose 0.3 percent in August after ticking up 0.1 percent in July. A 0.6 percent advance in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices was the largest contributor to the increase. Prices for consumer goods and automotive vehicles also rose, while capital goods prices recorded no change. Nonagricultural export prices increased 8.1 percent for the year ended in August.

## SELECTED AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

### Import Prices

**Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices advanced 0.9 percent in August following a 0.6 percent rise in July. The August increase was led by higher prices for unfinished metals, notably a 3.2 percent increase in nonmonetary gold prices and a 5.4 percent advance in the price index for other precious metals.

**Finished Goods:** Prices for finished goods were mostly up in August. Consumer goods prices rose 0.3 percent and were driven by a 1.8 percent increase in the price index for cotton apparel and household goods, which also increased 13.1 percent over the past year. Capital goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent despite a 0.4 percent drop in computer, peripheral, and semiconductor prices.

**Foods, Feeds, and Beverages:** Foods, feeds, and beverages prices fell 0.8 percent in August, led by a 12.9 percent drop in coffee prices. Prior to the August downturn, coffee prices had trended up since early 2010, rising 102.2 percent from March 2010 to July 2011.

**Imports by Locality of Origin:** The price index for imports from China ticked up 0.1 percent in August, the smallest monthly increase since the index was unchanged in September 2010. Import prices from China rose 3.6 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month advance since a 4.3 percent increase in October 2008. Import prices from Japan also rose in August, increasing 0.2 percent after a 0.2 percent drop the previous month. In contrast, the price indexes for imports from Mexico, Canada, and the European Union all decreased in August, down 0.9 percent, 0.2 percent, and 0.1 percent, respectively.

**Transportation Services:** The index for import air passenger fares declined 3.0 percent in August, led by a 6.6 percent drop in European fares. Despite the decline, import air passenger fares advanced 7.4 percent over the past 12 months. Import air freight prices increased 0.6 percent in August and 13.9 percent over the past year.

### Export Prices

**Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials:** Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials rose 0.6 percent in August after edging down 0.1 percent in July. The August increase was driven by a 3.0 percent increase in nonferrous metals prices which more than offset lower fuel prices.

**Finished Goods:** The price indexes for consumer goods and automotive vehicles each increased in August. The 0.2 percent increase in consumer goods prices followed a 0.6 percent increase in July. Automotive vehicles prices advanced 0.4 percent in August, led by a 0.6 percent rise in passenger cars.

**Transportation Services:** Export air passenger fares rose 9.7 percent in August after increasing a similar 9.8 percent in July. The August advance was driven by a 24.8 percent jump in Asian fares, while increases in European, Asian, and Latin American/Caribbean fares all contributed to the increase in July. The index for export air passenger fares rose 19.4 percent for the year ended in August. Export air freight prices fell 0.6 percent in August, but increased 16.4 percent over the past 12 months.

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**Import and Export Price Index data for September 2011 are scheduled for release on Friday, October 14, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).**

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

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			July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Monthly			
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<b>All commodities</b> .....		100.000	142.5	142.0	13.0	0.1	-0.7	0.3	-0.4
<b>All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)</b> .....		67.016	103.0	103.3	–	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3
<b>All imports excluding petroleum</b> .....		74.155	116.4	116.8	5.5	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.3
<b>All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)</b> ..		72.730	120.3	120.5	5.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages</b> .....	0	5.714	175.7	174.3	14.4	-0.7	-1.7	0.5	-0.8
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	4.449	197.6	196.0	15.1	-1.1	-2.4	0.3	-0.8
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.265	126.2	125.1	11.8	0.8	0.5	1.4	-0.9
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials</b> .....	1	40.413	267.5	265.0	31.8	0.0	-1.7	0.5	-0.9
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		14.568	172.7	174.5	16.3	1.5	-0.5	0.1	1.0
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		13.143	194.0	195.7	17.1	1.5	-0.4	0.6	0.9
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		7.990	185.5	188.3	17.2	1.7	-1.2	0.5	1.5
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.154	157.7	158.4	15.1	1.2	0.4	-0.3	0.4
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	27.270	360.6	354.0	41.1	-0.6	-2.3	0.4	-1.8
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	25.845	400.7	392.4	43.5	-0.8	-2.4	0.7	-2.1
Crude.....	10000	19.161	408.2	392.4	40.3	-0.9	-2.2	-0.3	-3.9
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.087	129.8	133.6	7.7	2.8	-0.6	-2.6	2.9
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.965	114.4	118.2	8.0	3.1	-0.6	-3.3	3.3
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.641	120.4	118.3	1.8	0.6	-0.1	0.8	-1.7
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.592	175.0	175.2	19.6	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.041	130.6	131.1	4.9	-0.5	-1.6	1.1	0.4
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.902	296.2	302.9	26.6	3.1	-2.5	-0.2	2.3
Finished metals related to durable goods. . .	15	1.563	162.0	164.8	12.9	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.7
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.404	115.3	115.7	7.5	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.3
<b>Capital goods</b> .....	2	20.696	92.8	92.9	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.655	118.3	118.8	5.9	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	16.238	86.3	86.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.803	126.1	126.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines</b> .....	3	9.148	112.8	112.8	3.4	0.9	0.4	-0.4	0.0
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives</b> ..	4	24.029	105.9	106.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.766	111.8	112.2	2.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.234	99.6	99.8	1.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.028	114.3	114.0	10.6	-0.1	2.2	2.2	-0.3

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			July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Monthly			
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<b>All commodities</b> .....		100.000	134.1	134.8	9.6	0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.5
<b>Agricultural commodities</b> .....		11.442	208.6	213.1	23.9	-1.1	0.7	-3.9	2.2
<b>All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)</b> .....		80.638	103.4	103.7	—	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.3
<b>Nonagricultural commodities</b> .....		88.559	128.8	129.2	8.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages</b> .....	0	10.269	203.5	210.4	23.0	-0.4	1.5	-3.4	3.4
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	9.516	205.9	213.3	22.7	-0.8	1.4	-4.1	3.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.753	186.5	187.8	27.6	5.9	3.4	6.0	0.7
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials</b> .....	1	35.230	191.5	192.2	19.2	0.8	-0.5	-0.3	0.4
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		12.398	189.8	192.9	16.9	0.9	0.4	-0.4	1.6
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		22.834	193.3	192.7	20.6	0.7	-1.0	-0.2	-0.3
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials..	10	1.926	226.9	215.9	29.6	-2.3	-2.3	-3.4	-4.8
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials</b> .....		33.305	190.2	191.4	18.7	1.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.6
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	9.094	286.1	284.4	32.5	0.2	-1.3	0.7	-0.6
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	23.354	178.0	180.1	15.3	1.2	-0.1	-0.4	1.2
Selected building materials.....	13	0.857	116.0	115.7	-1.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
<b>Capital goods</b> .....	2	34.376	104.7	104.7	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.374	114.0	114.0	5.0	1.7	0.2	0.4	0.0
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	23.982	94.3	94.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	7.020	145.0	144.8	3.4	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines</b> .....	3	6.683	110.7	111.1	2.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives</b> ..	4	13.442	117.0	117.2	5.9	0.5	1.2	0.6	0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	6.711	114.6	114.8	2.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.2
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.353	112.9	113.1	4.5	-0.9	1.2	0.2	0.2

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		23.419	176.3	170.6	35.2	-0.9	-2.5	-0.3	-3.2
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	2.128	181.3	176.2	14.6	-3.2	-5.8	0.9	-2.8
Crop production.....	111	1.550	188.2	181.7	12.9	-3.6	-7.0	1.2	-3.5
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	21.291	175.4	169.7	37.7	-0.6	-2.2	-0.5	-3.2
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.374	155.5	158.3	13.7	1.0	-0.1	0.3	1.8
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		76.088	117.9	118.5	7.8	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.5
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	10.837	122.8	123.5	11.7	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.6
Food manufacturing.....	311	3.273	156.4	157.2	19.6	0.6	1.0	0.1	0.5
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.887	112.2	111.8	2.9	-0.2	0.1	1.4	-0.4
Textile product mills.....	314	0.859	117.6	117.7	13.8	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.1
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.994	110.2	111.5	9.6	0.5	1.6	1.1	1.2
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.451	114.2	114.2	5.8	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	18.845	140.0	141.6	16.4	-0.1	-0.6	1.4	1.1
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.637	108.3	108.8	6.5	-1.0	-2.7	1.1	0.5
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.166	114.0	113.1	3.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	-0.8
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	5.506	183.6	190.2	54.1	-1.2	-2.5	4.6	3.6
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	8.950	132.4	132.6	5.4	0.5	0.3	-0.2	0.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.729	125.1	125.4	8.2	0.6	0.5	1.4	0.2
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.766	127.5	127.7	4.8	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	46.406	110.0	110.4	4.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.610	190.8	195.0	23.9	2.7	-1.8	-0.3	2.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.454	126.6	127.6	7.2	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.8
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	5.296	118.8	119.4	5.2	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.5
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.270	83.3	83.2	-3.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.427	116.2	116.4	3.3	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	10.215	109.4	109.4	3.1	0.8	0.4	-0.5	0.0
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.187	111.3	111.7	5.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.946	121.8	122.1	8.5	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.2

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		9.189	177.3	180.6	29.3	-0.3	0.2	-4.0	1.9
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	6.654	199.3	204.5	35.4	-1.8	0.7	-6.3	2.6
Crop production.....	111	6.220	206.5	211.6	36.2	-2.0	0.7	-6.9	2.5
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	2.535	127.8	127.5	16.0	3.8	-0.8	2.4	-0.2
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.701	150.4	152.8	17.5	1.9	1.1	5.0	1.6
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		87.198	120.8	121.1	7.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	7.324	144.4	145.6	13.9	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.8
Food manufacturing.....	311	5.079	162.3	164.4	14.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.3
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.541	115.5	114.6	3.0	0.3	2.2	-2.9	-0.8
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.408	114.2	114.2	9.1	0.6	2.4	0.3	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	26.875	136.1	136.3	13.6	0.7	-0.5	0.3	0.1
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.380	114.3	113.8	-0.5	-2.2	-0.9	-0.7	-0.4
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.969	126.0	126.7	3.3	0.1	0.2	-1.2	0.6
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	6.192	175.8	174.4	39.3	-0.4	-1.6	0.2	-0.8
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	15.658	132.6	133.3	9.7	1.3	-0.2	0.2	0.5
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.993	114.6	115.4	7.1	1.1	0.4	2.7	0.7
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.683	110.3	110.2	-2.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	52.999	112.6	112.8	4.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	5.149	179.3	182.3	24.7	1.9	0.3	0.1	1.7
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. ....	332	2.465	127.8	128.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	10.367	117.6	117.7	2.4	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	13.619	89.6	89.5	-2.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.063	113.1	113.2	4.9	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	12.867	114.2	114.4	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.171	124.3	124.6	13.1	1.0	4.0	0.6	0.2

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance July 2011 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Monthly			
						Apr. 2011 to May 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.328	169.1	167.2	14.8	-0.2	-1.4	1.0	-1.1
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.307	209.6	214.6	17.5	-1.5	-2.2	0.1	2.4
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.712	128.0	125.5	13.3	0.7	-0.2	0.9	-2.0
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.837	213.3	209.6	17.8	-2.6	-5.3	1.3	-1.7
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.299	298.0	312.7	-5.1	-11.3	-18.8	-0.6	4.9
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.546	128.7	129.1	19.0	-0.4	-3.6	3.3	0.3
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.502	297.3	268.0	39.0	0.1	-3.1	2.0	-9.9
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.313	144.0	142.9	30.1	0.7	1.2	-7.9	-0.8
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.575	158.2	158.3	10.3	0.5	1.4	0.9	0.1
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.213	99.1	99.6	3.5	2.0	-2.7	0.0	0.5
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.258	127.9	128.4	3.0	1.7	0.3	-0.7	0.4
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.369	161.1	162.5	25.6	0.5	2.1	0.4	0.9
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.861	122.7	122.1	3.4	-0.3	0.1	1.8	-0.5
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	26.812	361.9	355.4	40.3	-0.6	-2.2	0.5	-1.8
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	26.469	358.0	351.2	40.6	-0.7	-2.2	0.5	-1.9
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	8.586	146.5	146.8	5.7	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.100	375.0	373.8	36.2	1.4	0.1	-1.6	-0.3
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.758	136.4	137.5	2.8	0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.8
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.016	110.5	110.5	-6.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	0.0
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.301	150.0	151.6	53.4	1.5	10.3	7.9	1.1
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.420	126.8	126.3	7.2	1.1	-0.3	1.2	-0.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.495	108.9	108.7	16.6	1.0	-0.6	1.0	-0.2
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	2.909	152.8	152.9	11.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.789	141.9	142.2	7.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.2
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.120	173.7	173.6	17.2	-0.6	0.5	1.3	-0.1
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.527	122.0	121.9	6.2	0.5	0.7	0.9	-0.1
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.483	122.3	122.1	6.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	-0.2
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.670	130.9	131.4	6.3	-0.8	-2.3	1.1	0.4
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.271	116.5	115.4	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.6	-0.9
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.844	109.5	109.3	3.4	0.0	0.6	0.7	-0.2
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	5.129	114.1	115.5	11.4	0.5	1.2	1.1	1.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	2.002	107.3	106.8	7.8	0.6	2.1	1.1	-0.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.870	112.2	116.9	13.5	0.5	0.9	1.3	4.2
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.642	111.7	111.6	16.9	0.4	-0.4	0.9	-0.1
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. ...</b>	XII	1.202	113.5	113.5	5.1	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance July 2011 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Apr. 2011 to May 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.027	112.6	112.7	5.0	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.1
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	0.696	129.0	129.3	4.3	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.239	122.0	122.5	3.9	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.4
Ceramic products.....	69	0.202	141.2	141.2	2.3	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.255	123.0	123.2	6.5	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.2
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	3.040	198.4	204.6	28.0	3.6	-0.5	0.2	3.1
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.111	200.7	202.2	13.3	1.0	-1.1	0.3	0.7
Iron and steel.....	72	0.960	263.9	262.8	14.9	1.2	-0.3	0.4	-0.4
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.529	160.3	161.0	6.8	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.4
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.589	405.3	417.9	32.5	-1.4	-3.5	3.3	3.1
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.156	126.4	132.5	11.9	-2.5	-6.4	-5.4	4.8
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.900	155.8	154.9	16.3	3.1	-1.3	-0.7	-0.6
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.313	123.5	123.5	4.6	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.357	131.1	132.0	3.9	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.7
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	22.843	85.8	85.8	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	11.326	88.5	88.6	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	11.517	83.1	83.1	-1.3	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	8.535	114.2	114.3	3.6	1.1	0.5	-0.3	0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	7.586	113.3	113.4	3.7	1.2	0.6	-0.5	0.1
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.860	115.5	115.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.088	105.1	105.2	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.849	102.7	102.8	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.177	128.2	128.6	4.7	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.3
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	3.446	110.4	110.6	3.8	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.695	113.9	114.2	4.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.548	103.3	103.4	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.203	133.0	133.0	9.6	0.2	3.3	0.0	0.0

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance July 2011 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Apr. 2011 to May 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.990	201.4	213.5	23.8	0.4	-2.0	3.4	6.0
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.201	161.8	163.9	13.4	1.5	-1.7	1.3	1.3
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.439	203.4	205.2	34.4	6.4	2.6	7.2	0.9
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	5.802	239.4	248.9	30.7	-1.1	2.1	-6.5	4.0
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.944	129.6	129.8	8.7	-2.4	2.2	-1.1	0.2
Cereals.....	10	2.207	279.0	301.4	52.9	-1.4	3.2	-12.6	8.0
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	2.099	258.3	263.8	22.6	-1.3	2.3	-3.6	2.1
<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....</b>	III	0.539	160.1	160.5	48.1	-1.2	2.4	-0.6	0.2
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.636	150.8	151.0	6.0	0.8	1.2	-0.8	0.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.341	108.5	109.2	3.4	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.6
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.433	117.7	117.8	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.330	105.4	105.7	3.1	-0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.709	223.7	219.3	11.7	2.3	3.1	-4.6	-2.0
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	9.082	340.5	338.9	32.2	0.4	-1.4	0.9	-0.5
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	8.449	336.2	333.9	34.6	0.6	-1.5	0.8	-0.7
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	12.879	155.0	155.5	7.3	0.9	0.0	0.8	0.3
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.002	195.4	196.4	5.6	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.5
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.346	168.5	169.5	10.2	1.0	-0.4	0.2	0.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.879	125.9	125.9	2.4	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.0
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.565	126.9	127.1	9.1	4.1	-0.6	-0.3	0.2
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.759	133.2	133.7	7.7	0.8	1.9	1.5	0.4
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.462	121.7	122.6	2.9	-0.9	0.3	-0.9	0.7
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.853	152.8	152.7	6.6	1.9	0.7	1.4	-0.1
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.284	152.2	153.7	11.7	2.4	-0.5	0.5	1.0
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.207	142.3	143.2	9.3	2.6	-1.2	-0.1	0.6
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.077	199.8	204.0	21.9	2.1	2.8	3.4	2.1
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.427	135.6	135.8	12.3	1.0	-0.6	-1.3	0.1
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.498	108.7	108.8	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.1
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.715	128.5	129.0	6.9	-0.4	0.5	0.1	0.4
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.966	157.6	158.5	18.0	-1.2	1.8	0.4	0.6
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.265	119.7	120.2	2.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.4
Printed material.....	49	0.484	119.2	119.2	2.7	0.1	-0.1	0.9	0.0
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	2.229	144.8	139.9	19.4	-1.8	-3.7	-2.6	-3.4
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.953	215.2	197.0	43.6	-4.9	-8.5	-6.2	-8.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance July 2011 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
					Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Apr. 2011 to May 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec. 2008=100).....</b>	XIII	0.673	115.9	115.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.377	99.0	99.0	1.5	0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.0
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	5.399	280.4	288.2	37.4	3.6	4.2	0.7	2.8
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.819	183.9	184.3	14.3	-0.4	0.0	-1.7	0.2
Iron and steel.....	72	1.853	229.3	230.2	20.0	-0.8	0.4	-6.1	0.4
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.260	170.6	170.4	7.5	0.4	-0.6	0.1	-0.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.759	289.8	291.1	26.0	-3.2	0.7	4.2	0.4
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.955	138.0	138.5	15.3	1.6	-0.8	-0.8	0.4
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.335	127.4	127.4	2.7	0.0	0.2	1.4	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.305	135.7	135.7	8.7	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	26.190	96.4	96.4	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	15.388	108.5	108.5	1.7	0.1	0.6	-0.2	0.0
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	10.802	83.1	83.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	10.585	123.7	123.8	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	5.935	110.2	110.5	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.3
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	5.734	105.4	105.6	-0.9	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	1.374	109.3	109.6	1.8	0.9	0.0	-0.6	0.3
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.652	119.6	120.6	1.8	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.8
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.595	91.0	91.0	-1.5	0.3	0.0	-1.8	0.0

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**Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: August 2010 to August 2011**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Apr. 2011 to May 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	39.494	134.3	134.1	7.4	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.457	252.8	246.7	27.6	0.5	-3.5	0.0	-2.4
Manufactured articles.....	34.670	124.5	124.9	4.7	0.8	-0.2	0.4	0.3
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	60.506	142.2	141.2	14.2	-0.8	-0.4	0.7	-0.7
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.079	366.3	353.4	38.2	-1.3	-2.1	-0.3	-3.5
Manufactured articles.....	48.226	111.8	112.3	7.0	-0.5	0.3	1.1	0.4
<b>Canada</b> .....	14.271	160.2	159.8	13.9	0.9	-2.0	0.2	-0.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.991	241.7	236.7	26.5	0.6	-4.1	-0.4	-2.1
Manufactured articles.....	10.005	142.5	143.6	9.0	1.1	-0.9	0.4	0.8
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	17.186	136.4	136.2	6.2	0.9	0.4	0.5	-0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.256	370.8	359.3	42.5	-1.2	6.0	1.0	-3.1
Manufactured articles.....	16.854	132.8	132.6	5.5	1.0	0.2	0.5	-0.2
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	1.995	120.6	120.5	-0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.1
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	4.510	116.1	115.9	4.1	0.7	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	2.795	135.4	135.3	7.7	0.1	0.8	0.1	-0.1
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	18.406	181.6	179.5	15.4	-1.2	-1.2	0.1	-1.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.479	389.1	375.7	33.8	-2.7	-2.6	-0.6	-3.4
Manufactured articles.....	12.844	136.8	137.2	6.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.3
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	11.380	148.6	147.3	8.5	-1.2	-2.0	-0.3	-0.9
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	1.900	211.4	203.7	38.3	-4.7	-3.6	1.0	-3.6
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	9.437	96.5	96.5	0.9	0.1	-1.4	-0.7	0.0
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	34.852	104.6	104.6	3.5	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.0
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	19.595	104.0	104.1	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
<b>Japan</b> .....	6.198	101.3	101.5	2.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	5.555	91.9	92.0	4.0	0.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.1
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	5.987	104.9	105.5	9.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	3.795	277.8	270.3	33.4	0.1	-0.5	1.4	-2.7

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2009 trade values.

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

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

4 Includes European Union countries.

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

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

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

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

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

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Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

**Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: August 2010 to August 2011**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance July 2011 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		July 2011	Aug. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
				Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2011	Apr. 2011 to May 2011	May 2011 to June 2011	June 2011 to July 2011	July 2011 to Aug. 2011
<b>Air Freight</b>								
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	184.4	185.5	13.9	5.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.627	169.2	169.3	29.8	6.5	-0.9	0.5	0.1
Asia.....	73.405	165.2	166.4	9.8	5.7	0.2	-0.4	0.7
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	146.6	145.7	16.4	3.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.6
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	38.734	132.5	131.8	14.7	3.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	164.1	164.4	12.1	3.8	0.0	-0.6	0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.467	153.1	152.6	24.3	5.1	-0.7	0.3	-0.3
Asia.....	64.263	147.7	148.6	8.5	3.9	0.3	-0.6	0.6
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	141.8	141.4	16.2	2.8	-0.8	-0.4	-0.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	36.115	158.4	158.2	11.7	0.8	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1
Asia.....	45.347	134.1	133.9	21.5	4.1	-1.2	-0.3	-0.1
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>								
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	183.9	178.3	7.4	5.6	6.8	-0.1	-3.0
Europe.....	38.852	195.8	182.9	0.3	8.3	11.4	-5.0	-6.6
Asia.....	26.346	160.9	157.3	5.1	5.3	11.7	0.6	-2.2
Latin America/Caribbean.....	14.500	177.8	181.9	23.8	-1.2	-1.2	6.1	2.3
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	204.9	224.8	19.4	4.4	1.8	9.8	9.7
Europe.....	33.582	267.7	264.4	14.0	6.7	13.9	10.6	-1.2
Asia.....	28.546	176.8	220.7	12.7	12.9	-7.4	8.4	24.8
Latin America/Caribbean.....	18.902	199.8	198.0	17.1	-4.4	0.5	8.9	-0.9

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2009 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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