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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – NOVEMBER 2013

U.S. import prices declined 0.6 percent for the second consecutive month in November, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, after rising the previous 3 months. The decrease in each of the past 2 months was led by falling fuel prices. U.S. export prices rose 0.1 percent in November following a 0.6 percent decline in October.

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

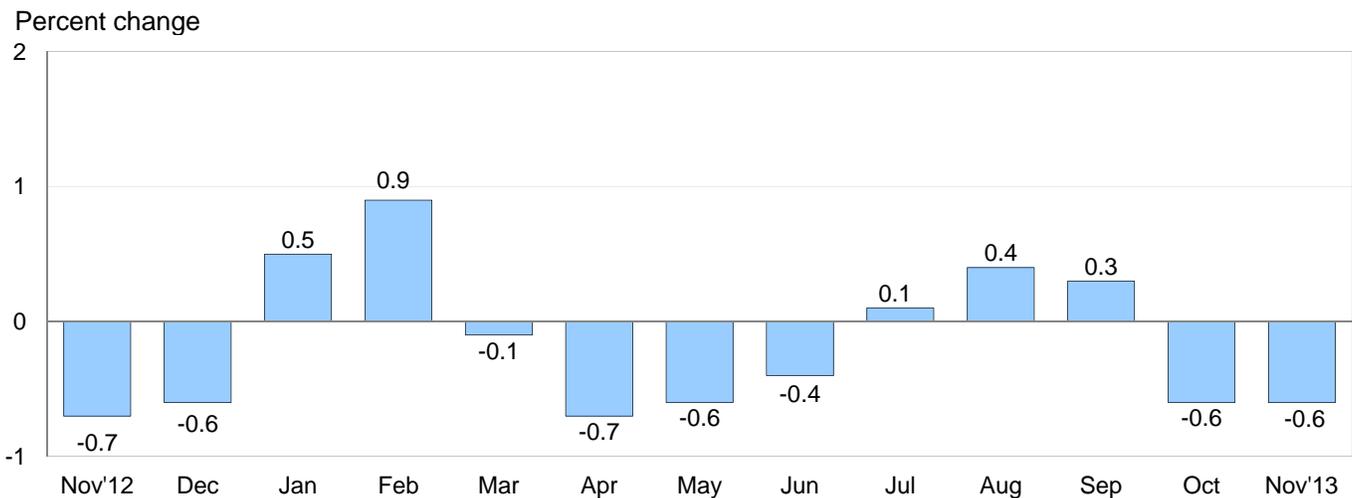
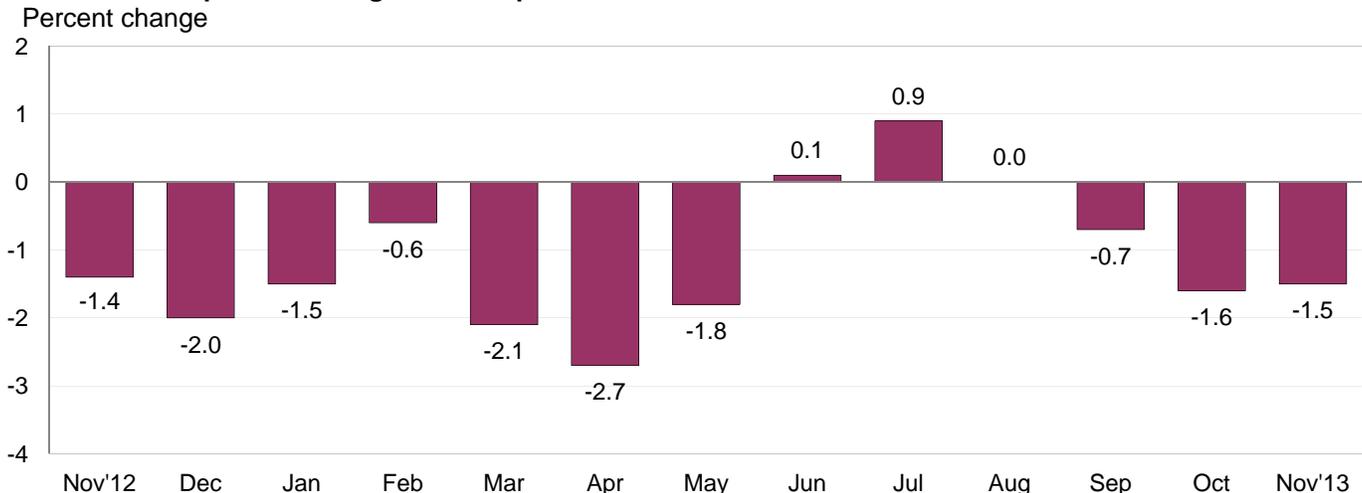


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: November 2012 – November 2013



All Imports: Import prices fell 0.6 percent in November following a 0.6 percent decrease in October. Those were the first monthly declines for the index since a 0.4 percent drop in June. The price index for U.S. imports decreased 1.5 percent over the past 12 months, the third consecutive month of declining year-over-year changes.

Fuel Imports: Fuel prices declined 3.1 percent in November after recording a 2.9 percent decrease in October. The November decline was the largest downturn since an 8.5 percent drop in June 2012. A 3.5 percent decrease in petroleum prices in November more than offset a 9.4 percent advance in natural gas prices. Fuel prices dropped 2.7 percent for the year ended in November, driven by a 2.8 percent decline in petroleum prices. Natural gas prices were unchanged over the past year.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: The price index for nonfuel imports recorded no change in November after rising 0.1 percent in both October and September. For the year ended in November, nonfuel import prices fell 1.2 percent led by a drop in the price index for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials. Most of the major finished goods categories also contributed to the overall 12-month decline as prices for capital goods, consumer goods, and automotive vehicles all fell over the past year. Nonfuel import prices have not recorded a year-over-year increase since a 0.1 percent advance between February 2012 and February 2013.

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
2012						
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
2013						
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	1.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
August.....	0.4 ^r	2.6 ^r	-0.2	-0.5	-4.2	0.0
September.....	0.3 ^r	1.0 ^r	0.1 ^r	0.4	0.6	0.3
October.....	-0.6 ^r	-2.9 ^r	0.1 ^r	-0.6 ^r	-1.4 ^r	-0.6 ^r
November.....	-0.6	-3.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Nov. 2011 to 2012.....	-1.4	-6.2	0.2	0.8	10.6	-0.3
Nov. 2012 to 2013.....	-1.5	-2.7	-1.2	-1.6	-6.7	-1.0

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

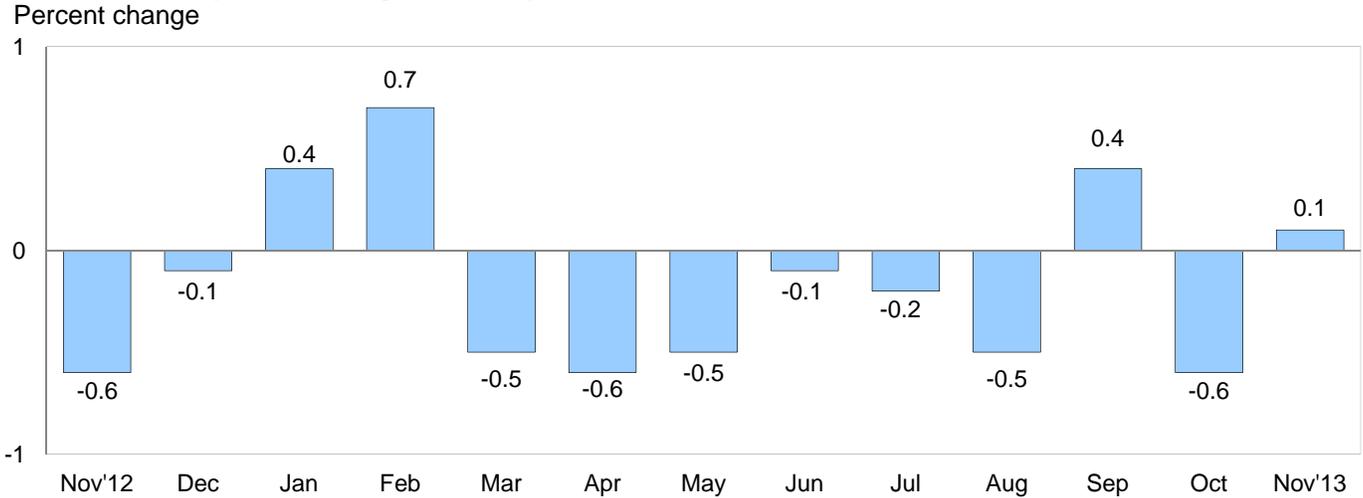


Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: November 2012 – November 2013



All Exports: Prices for overall exports advanced 0.1 percent in November after falling 0.6 percent in October. The increase was driven by higher nonagricultural prices which more than offset a decline in agricultural prices. Despite the November increase, the price index for overall exports fell 1.6 percent over the past year.

Agricultural Exports: The price index for agricultural exports decreased 0.2 percent in November following a 1.4 percent decline the previous month. A 2.9 percent drop in soybean prices and a 3.4 percent fall in wheat prices in November were the largest contributors to the decline. Prices for agricultural exports fell 6.7 percent for the year ended in November. The drop was led by lower prices for corn, soybeans, and wheat.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: Nonagricultural export prices advanced 0.1 percent in November after a 0.6 percent decline in October. Higher prices for capital goods and consumer goods drove the monthly increase. Prices for nonagricultural exports fell 1.0 percent for the November 2012-13 period driven by a 3.0 percent drop in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials.

SELECTED NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Import Prices

Imports by Locality of Origin: Prices for imports from China were unchanged in November following a 0.1 percent decrease in October and a 0.1 percent advance in September. Import prices from China fell 0.9 percent over the past year. The price index for imports from Japan continued to trend down in November, declining 0.1 percent. Over the past year, import prices from Japan decreased 3.2 percent. Prices from Canada and Mexico also declined in November, led by lower fuel prices. The price index for imports from Canada fell 0.6 percent following decreases of 2.0 percent and 0.3 percent the 2 previous months. Import prices from Mexico decreased 0.8 percent in November after a 0.8 percent drop in October. In contrast, import prices from the European Union advanced 0.2 percent in November.

Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials: Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices recorded no change in November after ticking up 0.1 percent the previous month. Over the past year, prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials fell 4.7 percent, led by a 24.6 percent drop in nonmonetary gold prices.

Finished Goods: Finished goods prices were mostly up in November as capital goods prices increased 0.2 percent and prices for consumer goods ticked up 0.1 percent. Prices for automotive vehicles were unchanged. The November advance in capital goods prices was driven by a 0.4 percent increase in the price index for computers, peripherals, and semiconductors.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: Prices for import foods, feeds, and beverages decreased 0.6 percent in November following a 0.6 percent rise in October. The November decline was driven by 1.8 percent drops in fruit prices and vegetable prices.

Transportation Services: Import air passenger fares increased 3.4 percent in November after rising 4.3 percent in October. Higher European and Latin American/Caribbean fares in November more than offset decreasing Asian fares. Import air passenger fares rose 7.9 percent for the year ended in November. Prices for import air freight advanced 1.5 percent in November and decreased 0.1 percent over the past 12 months.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials were unchanged in November after falling 1.3 percent in October.

Finished Goods: Finished goods prices increased overall in November. Prices for capital goods advanced 0.2 percent, led by rising prices for computers, peripherals, and semiconductors. Higher prices for medicinal, dental, and pharmaceutical preparatory materials drove the price index for consumer goods up 0.2 percent. Automotive vehicles prices recorded no change in November.

Transportation Services: Export air passenger fares declined 1.2 percent in November following a 2.8 percent decrease the previous month. The monthly decline was driven by lower Latin American/Caribbean and Asian fares. Export air passenger fares fell over the past year, decreasing 2.6 percent. Prices for export air freight were unchanged in November and declined 0.2 percent over the past year.

Import and Export Price Index data for December 2013 are scheduled for release on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	Monthly			
						July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
All commodities		100.000	139.0	138.1	-1.5	0.4	0.3	-0.6	-0.6
All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)		73.525	101.9	102.0	-1.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
All imports excluding petroleum		79.520	114.9	115.0	-1.2	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)		78.682	119.1	119.1	-1.2	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	5.157	175.9	174.9	3.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	-0.6
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.885	191.6	190.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.272	140.4	139.6	15.1	1.6	2.3	1.7	-0.6
Industrial supplies & materials	1	34.307	248.5	243.7	-3.6	1.3	0.8	-1.9	-1.9
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		13.828	157.8	158.5	-4.6	-1.1	0.3	0.3	0.4
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		12.990	179.3	179.3	-4.7	-0.8	0.6	0.1	0.0
Industrial supplies & materials, durable....		7.674	167.7	167.7	-5.8	-0.7	0.9	0.2	0.0
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.316	145.9	147.4	-3.0	-1.6	-0.5	0.5	1.0
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	21.317	337.1	326.5	-2.7	2.6	1.0	-2.9	-3.1
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	20.479	377.0	363.7	-2.8	2.9	1.1	-3.2	-3.5
Crude.....	10000	15.741	392.2	374.3	-2.5	3.0	1.4	-3.8	-4.6
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	0.647	106.9	115.4	-0.7	-6.2	-4.5	8.2	8.0
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.529	93.6	102.4	0.0	-7.7	-5.6	10.4	9.4
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.571	114.6	114.3	1.9	0.0	-0.1	1.1	-0.3
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.843	168.2	168.6	-3.1	-1.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
Selected building materials.....	13	1.009	141.9	142.6	0.8	-0.6	1.0	0.3	0.5
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.484	238.7	237.9	-10.5	-1.1	1.9	-0.1	-0.3
Finished metals related to durable goods.....	15	1.564	155.9	155.8	-4.4	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.519	112.4	112.7	-1.5	-0.8	-0.7	0.2	0.3
Capital goods	2	24.065	92.4	92.6	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.009	119.2	119.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.180	85.1	85.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.876	136.1	136.1	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	12.161	113.4	113.4	-1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Consumer goods, excluding automobiles	4	24.309	107.3	107.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.888	116.2	116.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.084	98.2	98.2	-1.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.338	117.3	117.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	-0.3

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Description	End Use	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	Monthly			
						July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
All commodities		100.000	131.6	131.7	-1.6	-0.5	0.4	-0.6	0.1
Agricultural commodities		10.146	212.4	211.9	-6.7	-4.2	0.6	-1.4	-0.2
All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)		81.442	101.9	101.8	-0.9	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.1
Nonagricultural commodities		89.853	125.7	125.8	-1.0	0.0	0.3	-0.6	0.1
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	9.415	212.3	212.0	-7.7	-4.2	0.8	-1.3	-0.1
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	8.726	215.3	215.0	-8.1	-4.7	0.7	-1.6	-0.1
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.689	187.6	187.2	-2.1	1.3	1.4	1.8	-0.2
Industrial supplies & materials	1	33.795	176.2	176.1	-2.8	0.2	0.8	-1.2	-0.1
Industrial supplies & materials, durable....		11.724	172.6	172.2	-7.2	-0.8	1.3	0.1	-0.2
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		22.070	178.9	179.1	-0.2	0.7	0.6	-2.0	0.1
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.420	201.3	199.5	3.0	-1.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials		32.374	175.4	175.4	-3.0	0.2	0.9	-1.3	0.0
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	9.142	250.1	253.0	-1.5	2.2	1.1	-4.3	1.2
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	22.163	166.2	165.5	-4.1	-0.5	0.8	-0.1	-0.4
Selected building materials.....	13	1.069	125.8	126.2	7.0	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.3
Capital goods	2	35.747	106.3	106.5	0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.533	114.8	114.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	25.955	95.2	95.4	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.259	151.9	151.8	1.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	9.061	113.6	113.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.0
Consumer goods, excluding automotives	4	11.982	114.5	114.7	-1.6	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.487	114.1	114.2	-1.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.122	111.4	111.4	-2.5	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0

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[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

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			Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Nonmanufactured articles.....		18.800	168.6	162.5	-1.5	2.3	1.4	-2.7	-3.6
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	11	1.843	173.6	171.2	3.1	-0.2	0.0	1.3	-1.4
Crop production.....	111	1.301	179.8	175.4	2.5	-0.1	-0.1	1.8	-2.4
Forestry and logging (Dec. 2012=100).....	113	0.182	93.3	93.5	—	-4.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.2
Mining.....	21	16.957	167.7	161.3	-1.9	2.7	1.5	-3.1	-3.8
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.314	129.5	130.0	-6.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.4
Manufactured articles.....		80.731	115.8	115.9	-1.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.603	124.2	124.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.927	157.2	156.5	2.0	-0.1	1.5	-0.4	-0.4
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.885	114.3	114.6	2.0	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3
Textile mills (Dec. 2011=100).....	313	0.389	101.0	101.1	-1.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Textile product mills.....	314	0.787	114.8	114.5	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.949	110.4	110.5	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing.....	316	1.667	121.6	121.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	17.747	135.7	135.8	-1.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.1
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.600	121.4	122.3	1.6	-0.8	1.7	0.4	0.7
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.045	111.2	111.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.0
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.164	159.7	159.2	-4.7	2.8	-0.8	-2.1	-0.3
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.089	133.4	133.6	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3	0.2	0.1
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.922	124.4	124.6	-2.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.2
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.843	129.9	130.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	52.381	108.0	108.0	-1.7	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.067	156.6	156.1	-10.6	-1.1	1.6	0.1	-0.3
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.....	332	2.624	126.1	126.4	-3.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.616	121.0	121.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.972	80.5	80.6	-1.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.017	119.0	118.9	-0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing.....	336	12.955	111.7	111.7	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.264	114.7	114.7	0.8	-0.4	0.2	0.6	0.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.867	121.1	121.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0

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					Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Nonmanufactured articles.....		7.395	158.6	158.0	-10.1	-6.3	1.6	-1.2	-0.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	11	5.378	194.1	192.6	-11.5	-7.6	1.7	-2.2	-0.8
Crop production.....	111	4.934	200.5	198.5	-12.5	-8.1	1.6	-2.4	-1.0
Mining.....	21	2.017	87.9	88.4	-6.4	-2.5	0.9	1.5	0.6
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.367	100.5	100.5	-6.6	-2.5	-0.4	0.4	0.0
Manufactured articles.....		90.215	119.9	120.0	-0.8	0.0	0.3	-0.7	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	7.080	150.9	150.4	-1.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.986	173.3	172.4	-1.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.558	122.8	125.0	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-1.6	1.8
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	26.567	132.3	132.6	-0.2	0.5	0.5	-1.6	0.2
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.444	122.7	122.8	7.9	-0.3	1.0	1.3	0.1
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.849	122.1	122.7	3.1	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.5
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	6.932	161.5	164.5	0.4	3.2	1.4	-5.7	1.9
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.277	129.7	129.1	-1.5	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.263	120.6	120.4	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.2
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.802	112.3	112.7	1.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	0.4
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	56.568	112.2	112.2	-1.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.703	150.9	150.0	-13.5	-1.7	2.5	-0.4	-0.6
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.....	332	2.781	131.1	131.2	-0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	11.831	122.7	122.9	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.234	88.0	88.2	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.2
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.355	114.1	113.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.4
Transportation equipment manufacturing.....	336	14.362	118.2	118.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Furniture and related product manufacturing (Dec. 2011=100).....	337	0.325	107.7	107.6	2.8	0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.976	121.0	121.4	-0.5	-0.6	0.2	-0.2	0.3

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

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Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.228	189.9	189.4	15.3	1.9	1.5	1.6	-0.3
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.259	223.9	221.1	1.2	1.3	-2.2	1.3	-1.3
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.706	145.5	144.5	26.1	2.4	3.1	2.1	-0.7
Vegetable products.....	II	1.572	200.6	196.5	-2.7	-0.9	1.1	-0.7	-2.0
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.400	386.5	376.4	7.4	0.1	6.1	3.0	-2.6
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.412	110.6	108.3	-1.1	1.9	0.5	-2.9	-2.1
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.345	222.4	217.8	-6.4	-0.7	-1.7	-1.2	-2.1
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.249	115.7	116.4	-4.1	-0.7	0.3	0.1	0.6
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.440	159.1	159.3	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1
Sugars and sugar confectionary (Dec. 2012=100).....	17	0.190	89.3	89.0	-	-3.9	-1.1	-0.4	-0.3
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.229	101.3	100.8	14.2	9.8	-0.6	1.8	-0.5
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.240	130.7	130.6	1.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.317	164.8	165.4	-1.9	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.872	124.8	125.2	2.1	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Mineral products.....	V	21.251	339.3	328.3	-2.7	2.6	0.8	-3.0	-3.2
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	20.975	336.1	325.1	-2.6	2.7	0.8	-3.1	-3.3
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.534	148.1	148.3	-2.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.704	310.4	311.9	-20.5	-3.6	-1.9	-0.4	0.5
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.614	134.9	134.8	-3.8	0.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.1
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.438	125.7	125.9	5.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.337	105.8	107.1	-18.4	-4.4	-3.4	-1.4	1.2
Tanning extracts; dye, pigments, varnish, paints & putty (Dec. 2011=100).....	32	0.165	94.1	94.3	1.2	0.0	0.4	-0.7	0.2
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.470	98.6	98.7	-3.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	3.164	149.3	149.4	-1.3	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.981	148.4	148.5	3.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.183	152.3	152.6	-7.8	-1.6	-1.3	-0.5	0.2
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.599	125.6	126.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.567	127.0	127.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.634	147.1	148.5	1.6	-1.4	1.8	0.3	1.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.146	114.4	114.4	0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.0
Pulp wood, waste paper, and paperboard (Dec. 2011=100).....	47	0.183	105.3	105.3	7.7	-0.6	-0.8	2.5	0.0
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.761	108.0	107.9	-0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	4.977	113.9	113.9	-0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.937	102.6	103.3	-1.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.855	118.6	118.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.3
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.551	107.9	107.6	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc...	XII	1.369	121.0	121.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.172	120.1	120.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.776	133.0	133.1	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.250	126.2	126.1	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Ceramic products.....	69	0.242	140.9	140.9	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.284	129.6	130.0	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	3.038	183.0	181.7	-12.2	-0.3	2.2	-0.2	-0.7
Base metals and articles of base metals. ...	XV	4.942	179.5	179.8	-2.4	-0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2
Iron and steel.....	72	1.138	215.0	215.5	-2.5	0.2	-0.7	0.6	0.2
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.474	153.1	153.4	-2.9	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.466	335.4	333.3	-5.9	-0.5	3.6	1.1	-0.6
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100).....	75	0.127	86.1	87.3	-16.1	-2.5	2.1	-1.4	1.4
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.670	135.8	136.0	-0.6	-0.7	0.4	0.1	0.1
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.388	129.3	129.8	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.432	135.2	135.5	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	26.407	84.5	84.6	-1.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.712	89.4	89.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.695	79.8	79.9	-2.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	10.747	116.0	116.0	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.798	114.7	114.7	-0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.877	120.3	120.4	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.375	104.3	104.5	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.062	101.2	101.3	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.254	141.4	142.1	0.8	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	3.491	113.4	113.3	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.952	117.4	117.3	0.6	-0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.1
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.344	105.4	105.4	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.195	138.5	138.6	2.1	0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.1

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2011 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Live animals; animal products.....	I	2.127	221.7	223.8	1.6	-0.5	1.4	0.9	0.9
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100)...	02	1.181	165.9	166.8	-1.1	-1.3	0.7	-1.2	0.5
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.402	199.3	198.6	-4.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.4
Vegetable products.....	II	4.902	243.5	244.0	-12.4	-8.0	1.3	-2.5	0.2
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	1.064	164.4	176.5	17.9	3.8	-1.4	4.1	7.4
Cereals.....	10	1.737	252.1	246.4	-26.4	-8.1	-1.9	-4.5	-2.3
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.596	268.4	260.9	-13.9	-13.4	6.7	-4.7	-2.8
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.280	121.3	116.3	-13.1	-4.4	-2.5	-0.9	-4.1
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	3.014	165.6	165.1	-1.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.3
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.336	112.7	112.5	1.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.613	112.8	113.0	2.2	0.0	0.3	-0.3	0.2
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.739	262.2	259.9	-9.7	-0.5	-0.6	-2.8	-0.9
Mineral products.....	V	9.058	292.0	296.4	-1.3	2.0	1.3	-4.3	1.5
Ores, slag and ash (Dec. 2012=100).....	26	0.440	89.3	90.5	-	-4.0	2.1	0.3	1.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	8.433	289.4	293.9	-1.0	2.3	1.3	-4.6	1.6
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	11.453	151.8	151.0	-2.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.005	178.7	177.5	-4.3	-1.4	-1.1	-1.1	-0.7
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.217	161.8	160.4	-3.4	0.8	0.7	-2.4	-0.9
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.673	120.8	121.3	-2.9	-0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.4
Fertilizers (Dec. 2012=100).....	31	0.344	86.0	79.7	-	-3.0	-3.8	-2.4	-7.3
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.717	135.4	135.5	-0.7	-2.0	-0.4	0.2	0.1
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.461	121.4	121.4	-1.2	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.791	154.8	154.0	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.5
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.356	150.1	149.7	1.0	-0.5	0.4	0.7	-0.3
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.373	144.9	144.2	3.3	0.1	0.5	1.1	-0.5
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.983	172.3	173.4	-8.0	-2.9	-0.2	-1.0	0.6
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.409	145.9	145.7	7.9	-1.0	-1.8	2.7	-0.1
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.608	116.7	117.1	6.5	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.3
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.309	122.8	123.1	5.0	-0.9	0.3	0.3	0.2
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.621	127.4	128.4	9.0	-3.5	0.4	1.0	0.8
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.226	120.7	120.8	2.9	0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.1
Printed material.....	49	0.462	133.0	133.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	1.870	132.0	131.1	4.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.7
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.538	148.8	144.8	11.6	-0.9	2.0	-0.2	-2.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
					Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.771	118.6	118.6	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.394	97.4	97.5	-1.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	4.697	246.0	244.6	-14.6	-1.3	2.9	-0.9	-0.6
Base metals and articles of base metals. ...	XV	5.328	165.2	165.2	-3.5	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.0
Iron and steel.....	72	1.476	185.5	187.0	-6.3	0.1	0.3	1.1	0.8
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.338	169.3	168.0	-2.4	0.5	-0.7	0.8	-0.8
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.609	237.7	237.1	-4.1	0.5	1.3	1.2	-0.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.836	120.7	121.2	-3.7	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	0.4
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.414	134.1	134.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.330	147.3	147.3	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	28.162	96.9	97.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	16.915	111.4	111.8	1.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	11.247	81.1	81.1	-1.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	12.187	128.5	128.5	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.266	114.3	114.3	1.2	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	5.964	107.1	107.3	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.352	110.3	109.8	-1.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	-0.5
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.738	122.2	121.3	0.1	0.0	-0.9	0.6	-0.7
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.505	88.7	88.5	-2.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.8	-0.2

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

Description	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual	Monthly			
				Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Industrialized Countries²	100.000	131.3	131.1	-0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.5	-0.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.006	234.6	228.6	-0.5	2.8	-1.8	-4.6	-2.6
Manufactured articles.....	87.392	123.0	123.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other Countries³	100.000	139.0	137.7	-1.0	0.7	0.3	-0.4	-0.9
Nonmanufactured articles.....	22.839	353.3	339.1	-1.5	2.6	2.1	-1.6	-4.0
Manufactured articles.....	76.824	109.9	109.9	-0.9	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Canada	100.000	150.9	150.0	-1.5	1.2	-0.3	-2.0	-0.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	30.208	224.8	219.2	0.4	3.0	-2.0	-4.7	-2.5
Manufactured articles.....	68.757	135.4	135.6	-2.3	0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.1
European Union⁴	100.000	136.4	136.7	1.1	-0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	1.030	358.4	350.8	-5.3	2.6	1.5	-3.4	-2.1
Manufactured articles.....	98.788	132.7	133.0	1.1	-0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2
France (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	122.1	122.5	1.7	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	117.3	117.5	2.3	-0.1	0.3	0.9	0.2
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	128.8	129.1	-3.9	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.2
Latin America⁵	100.000	175.0	172.5	-0.6	0.6	0.3	-0.4	-1.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	32.597	379.4	364.1	1.3	1.6	1.0	-1.5	-4.0
Manufactured articles.....	67.033	131.1	130.8	-1.4	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	142.8	141.7	-0.8	0.3	0.1	-0.8	-0.8
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	19.132	200.8	191.9	0.2	2.2	1.0	-3.1	-4.4
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	80.564	93.2	93.2	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	100.000	103.0	103.1	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	103.6	103.6	-0.9	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Japan	100.000	99.7	99.6	-3.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Asian NICs⁷	100.000	90.6	90.8	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	100.000	105.0	104.7	0.8	-0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.3
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	100.000	261.5	253.7	-6.8	2.1	0.5	-2.2	-3.0

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.

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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: November 2012 to November 2013

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Oct. 2013 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Annual Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013	Monthly			
					July 2013 to Aug. 2013	Aug. 2013 to Sept. 2013	Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2013	Oct. 2013 to Nov. 2013
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	174.3	177.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	0.9	1.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.285	168.7	176.3	5.8	-1.1	2.3	1.0	4.5
Asia.....	73.419	153.1	154.3	-1.6	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8
Export Air Freight	100.000	147.8	147.8	-0.2	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.0
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	35.952	133.2	132.5	1.9	0.2	0.5	0.5	-0.5
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	162.8	164.9	-2.1	0.0	0.6	0.8	1.3
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.260	151.0	155.3	2.3	-0.8	1.8	0.9	2.8
Asia.....	67.167	147.3	148.6	-3.8	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.9
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	146.2	146.8	-1.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	28.032	161.0	163.9	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.4	1.8
Asia.....	52.321	139.5	139.3	-2.7	0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	189.6	196.1	7.9	-7.9	0.0	4.3	3.4
Europe.....	44.341	218.7	223.9	10.3	-8.1	4.7	3.5	2.4
Asia.....	24.650	149.6	149.4	1.3	-6.3	-6.5	2.3	-0.1
Latin America/Caribbean.....	8.970	164.2	170.6	0.8	-1.5	-6.3	1.2	3.9
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	180.3	178.1	-2.6	2.0	-10.3	-2.8	-1.2
Europe.....	28.538	216.3	221.4	2.3	-5.2	-10.4	-3.5	2.4
Asia.....	27.382	149.4	148.7	-10.3	21.9	-23.4	-3.7	-0.5
Latin America/Caribbean.....	22.783	195.5	191.3	-11.2	-1.2	-8.1	4.9	-2.1

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2011 trade values.

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

Dash = Not available

TECHNICAL NOTE

Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes -- All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are not seasonally adjusted. Price indexes are reweighted annually, with a two-year lag in the weights. Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp>, or by calling (202) 691-7101.

Merchandise Goods Classification Systems -- The merchandise price indexes are published using three classification systems. Items are classified by end use according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis Classification System, by industry according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), and by product category according to the Harmonized System (HS). While classification by end use and product category are self-explanatory, some notes are in order for classifying items by industry. In the NAICS imports and exports tables, items are classified by output industry, not input industry. As an example, NAICS import index 326 (plastics and rubber products manufacturing) include outputs such as manufactured plastic rather than inputs such as petroleum. The NAICS classification structure also matches the classification system used by the PPI (Producer Price Index) to produce the NAICS primary products indexes.

Import Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (TSUSA). Import prices are based on U.S. dollar prices paid by the U.S. importer. The prices are generally either "free on board" (f.o.b.) foreign port or "cost, insurance, and freight" (c.i.f.) U.S. port transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. The index for crude petroleum is calculated from data collected by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Export Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Schedule B classification system of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The prices used are generally either "free alongside ship" (f.a.s.) factory or "free on board" (f.o.b.) transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. Prices used in the grain index, excluding rice, are obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Services Price Indexes -- Starting in September 2008 the Import Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by foreign carriers from U.S. residents and are calculated from data obtained from an airline consulting service. These data include tickets sold by travel agencies and travel websites. Tickets sold directly by the airlines are excluded, as are frequent flyer tickets generally. Starting in January 2008 the Export Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by U.S. carriers from foreign residents and are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data include frequent flyer tickets and those sold by consolidators. Taxes and fees are included in the Import Air Passenger Fares Index and excluded from the Export Air Passenger Fares Index. The Air Freight Indexes are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data exclude mail and passenger baggage. The scope of the service being priced is the movement of freight from airport to airport only, and does not include any ground transportation or port service. The Air Freight Indexes are presented using two definitions: Balance of Payments (which represent transactions between U.S. and foreign residents) and International (which represent transactions inbound to and outbound from the U.S.). Fact sheets specifying detailed information for each services industry are available at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp> under "MXP Publications."

Import Indexes by Locality of Origin -- Prices used in these indexes are a subset of the data collected for the Import Price Indexes. Beginning with January 2002, the indexes are defined by locality of origin using a nomenclature based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Nonmanufactured goods are defined as NAICS 11 and 21 and manufactured goods are defined as NAICS 31-33.

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