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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – APRIL 2011

U.S. import prices increased 2.2 percent in April, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, after rising 2.6 percent the previous month. Higher fuel and nonfuel prices contributed to the advances in each month. Prices for U.S. exports increased 1.1 percent in April following a 1.5 percent advance the previous month.

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

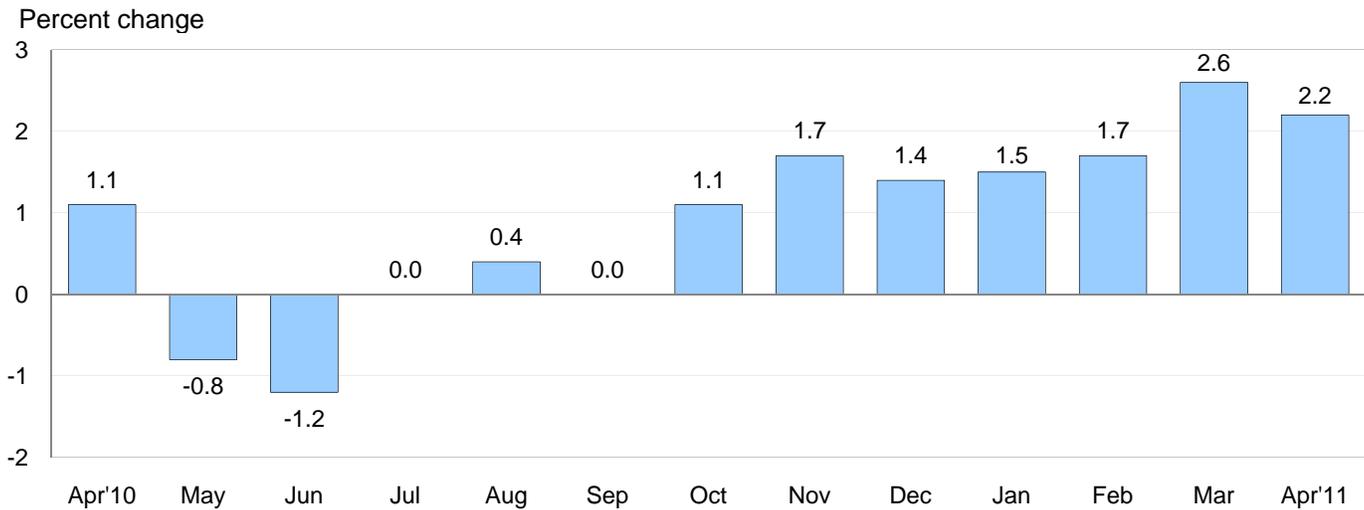
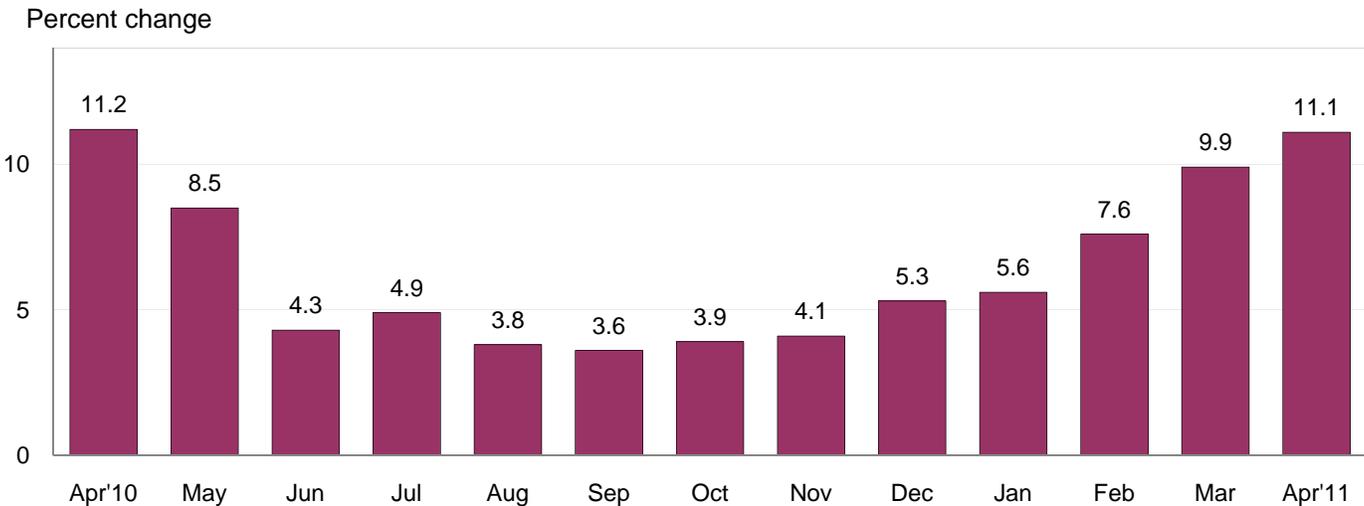


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: April 2010 – April 2011



All Imports: Import prices rose 2.2 percent in April following a 2.6 percent advance in March, the first time import prices increased by more than two percent in consecutive months since June 2008. The price index for overall imports recorded an increase each month since October and rose 11.1 percent over the past year. The 12-month advance in April was the largest year-over-year increase since an 11.2 percent gain between April 2009 and April 2010.

Fuel Imports: Import fuel prices advanced 6.7 percent in April and accounted for approximately 80 percent of the overall increase in import prices. In April, a 7.2 percent jump in petroleum prices more than offset a 2.7 percent drop in natural gas prices. Prices for import fuel rose 34.8 percent for the year ended in April, driven by a 36.8 percent advance in petroleum prices. In contrast, natural gas prices ticked down 0.1 percent over the past 12 months.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: Nonfuel import prices increased 0.6 percent in April. The price index for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials, up 1.7 percent in April was the largest contributor to both the monthly and yearly advances in nonfuel import prices. Each of the major finished goods categories also rose for the month. Prices for nonfuel imports recorded a second consecutive 12-month increase of 4.3 percent in April, the largest year-over-year advances since a 4.8 percent rise for the year ended in October 2008.

Table A. Percent changes

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
2010						
April.....	1.1	2.6	0.6	1.1	-0.4	1.3
May.....	-0.8	-5.1	0.4	0.5	1.6	0.3
June.....	-1.2	-3.8	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	-0.8
July.....	0.0	1.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
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
2011						
January.....	1.5	4.1	0.7	1.3 ^r	3.1 ^r	1.0
February.....	1.7 ^r	5.6 ^r	0.5	1.4	4.6	1.0
March.....	2.6 ^r	8.5 ^r	0.7 ^r	1.5	2.2 ^r	1.4 ^r
April.....	2.2	6.7	0.6	1.1	0.6	1.0
Apr. 2009 to 2010.....	11.2	54.4	3.2	5.5	3.5	5.7
Apr. 2010 to 2011.....	11.1	34.8	4.3	9.6	35.3	6.9

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

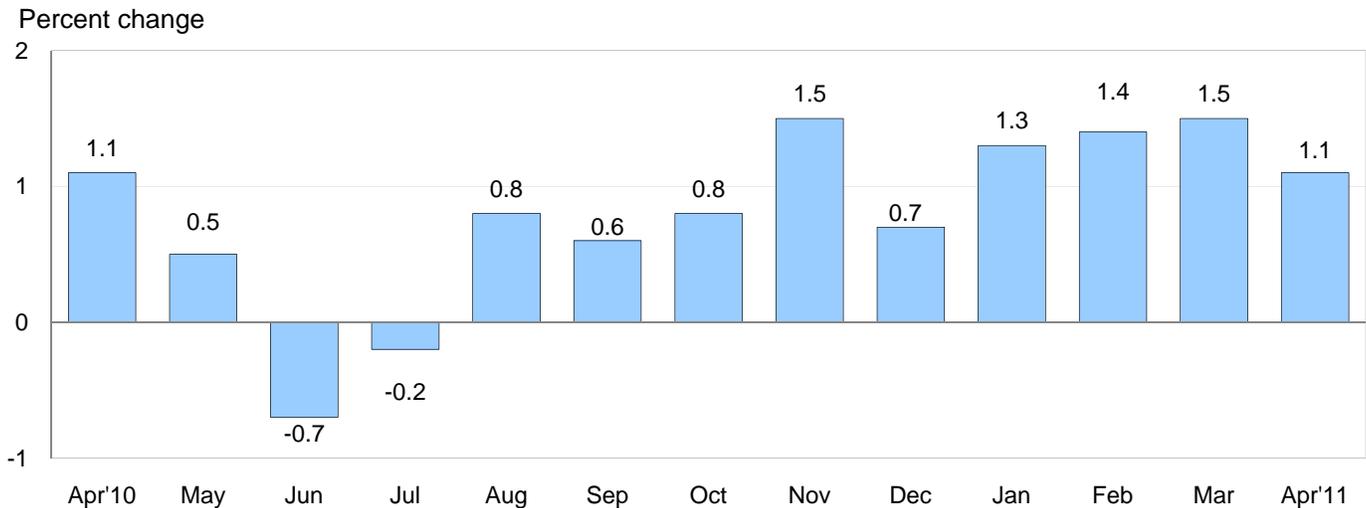
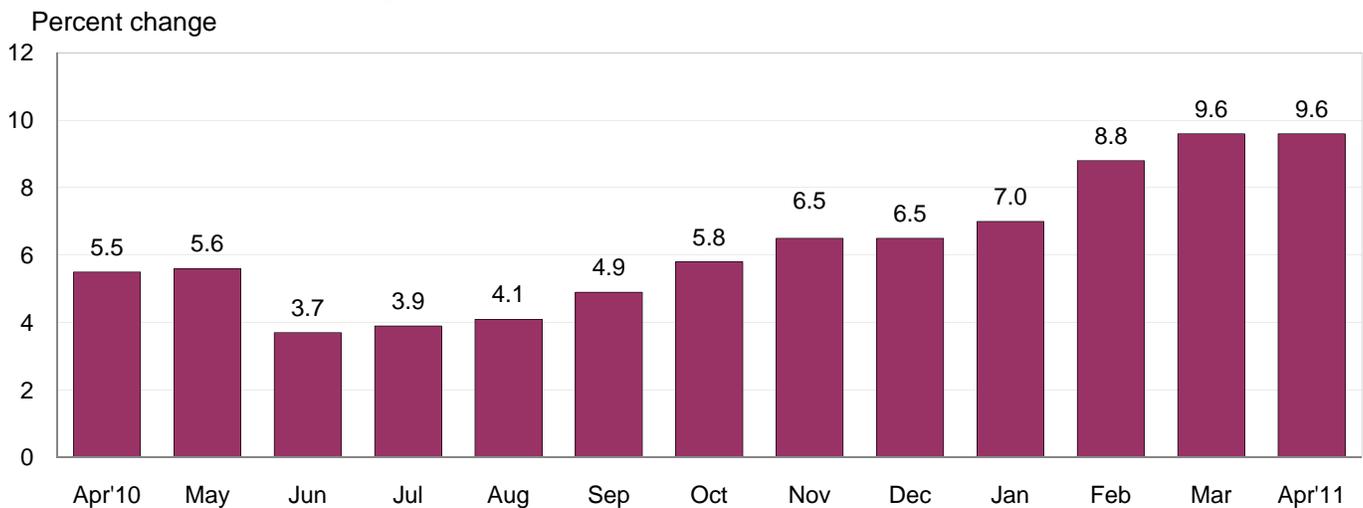


Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: April 2010 – April 2011



All Exports: U.S. export prices advanced 1.1 percent in April, after rising 1.5 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively, in March and February. Higher prices for agricultural exports and nonagricultural exports contributed to the increases in each of the three months. Export prices rose 9.6 percent over the past year, matching the 12-month advance in March; those were the largest year-over-year increases since export prices jumped 10.2 percent in July 2008.

Agricultural Exports: Prices for agricultural exports rose 0.6 percent in April, the smallest monthly advance since the index last recorded a decline in July 2010. A 2.6 percent increase in corn prices and a 2.1 percent rise in meat prices more than offset declining prices for nuts and a downturn in cotton prices. Agricultural prices increased 35.3 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month gain since the July 2007-08 period. The increase for the year ended in April was led by a 96.3 percent advance in corn prices and a 142.5 percent jump in cotton prices.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: The price index for nonagricultural exports rose 1.0 percent in April, led by a 2.5 percent increase in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices. Each of the major finished goods categories also advanced in April. Nonagricultural export prices increased 6.9 percent for the year ended in April, the third consecutive month where the 12-month advance was greater than six percent.

SELECTED APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Import Prices

Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials: The price index for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials rose 1.7 percent in April following a 2.0 percent rise the previous month. Both increases were led by higher chemical and unfinished metals prices, which increased 2.4 percent and 1.7 percent, respectively, in April. The rise in chemical prices was driven by a 6.6 percent advance in plastics prices, and the largest contributors to the rise in unfinished metals prices were prices for gold and other precious metals.

Finished Goods: Each of the major finished goods categories increased in April. Prices for consumer goods and automotive vehicles each rose 0.4 percent for the month. Capital goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent, as a 0.5 percent decline in the price index for computers, peripherals, and semiconductors partially offset a 0.4 percent increase in capital goods prices, excluding computers, peripherals, and semiconductors.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: Foods, feeds, and beverages prices advanced 1.8 percent in April after a 4.2 percent rise in March. The April increase was driven by a 22.8 percent jump in coffee prices.

Imports by Locality of Origin: Prices for imports from China advanced 0.4 percent in April, following a 0.6 percent increase the previous month. Import prices from China rose 2.8 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month increase since a similar 2.8 percent advance in December 2008. Import prices from Japan increased 0.3 percent in April and 3.2 percent over the past 12 months. The price indexes for imports from Canada, Mexico, and the European Union all advanced in April, rising 2.4 percent, 2.5 percent, and 0.8 percent, respectively; each index was led by higher petroleum prices.

Transportation Services: Import air passenger fares rose 1.2 percent in April, the first monthly advance since December. The April increase was led by a 2.8 percent advance in European fares and a 5.4 percent rise in Latin American/Caribbean fares. The overall index for import air passenger fares advanced 4.5 percent for the year ended in April. Import air freight prices rose 1.2 percent in April and 9.0 percent over the past year.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices increased 2.5 percent in April following a 3.2 percent rise in March. The April advance was driven by a 3.9 percent increase in fuel prices and a 2.9 percent rise in chemical prices.

Finished Goods: Prices for capital goods rose 0.2 percent in April. Consumer goods prices increased 0.4 percent, led by a 0.5 percent increase in the price index for medicinal, dental, and pharmaceutical prices. Prices for automotive vehicles ticked up 0.1 percent.

Transportation Services: Export air passenger fares advanced 2.4 percent in April, driven by a 10.2 percent jump in European fares. The index for export air passenger fares rose 9.0 percent over the past year. Prices for export air freight increased 2.7 percent in April and 15.5 percent over the past 12 months.

Import and Export Price Index data for May 2011 are scheduled for release on Friday, June 10, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
All commodities		100.000	138.8	141.9	11.1	1.5	1.7	2.6	2.2
All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)		67.755	101.4	101.9	–	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5
All imports excluding petroleum		75.104	114.9	115.6	4.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.6
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100) ..		73.597	118.6	119.3	4.3	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	5.842	175.0	178.2	19.6	2.5	0.7	4.2	1.8
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	4.600	199.0	203.5	21.6	2.7	0.9	5.2	2.3
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.242	120.7	120.8	12.6	2.0	-0.1	0.9	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials	1	39.460	254.4	267.2	26.8	3.4	4.0	6.3	5.0
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		14.564	168.3	170.5	12.0	2.9	2.0	0.7	1.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		13.057	187.7	190.8	12.8	2.1	1.3	2.0	1.7
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		8.018	181.3	183.6	12.0	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.3
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.039	153.1	155.2	12.1	3.8	2.6	-1.2	1.4
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	26.403	340.1	362.9	34.8	4.1	5.6	8.5	6.7
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	24.896	376.0	403.0	36.8	3.7	5.5	9.8	7.2
Crude.....	10000	18.372	381.2	413.3	36.9	4.2	5.5	8.2	8.4
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.130	131.5	128.6	-0.1	9.5	8.1	-11.7	-2.2
Gas-natural.....	10110	1.009	116.7	113.6	-0.1	10.4	8.7	-12.8	-2.7
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.636	116.3	119.5	9.1	0.2	-1.9	0.7	2.8
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.466	165.7	169.4	14.6	2.3	1.6	1.5	2.2
Selected building materials.....	13	1.076	131.5	131.8	1.3	2.0	0.3	1.2	0.2
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.921	290.0	294.9	19.6	3.1	1.9	3.8	1.7
Finished metals related to durable goods. . .	15	1.556	157.2	158.6	8.5	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.9
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.402	112.1	113.2	5.4	1.6	0.9	0.6	1.0
Capital goods	2	21.143	92.3	92.4	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.653	115.2	116.7	4.8	0.7	0.2	0.4	1.3
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	16.685	86.4	86.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.805	123.0	123.2	1.4	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.2
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	9.168	110.1	110.5	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4
Consumer goods, excluding automotives ..	4	24.387	104.7	105.1	0.6	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.4
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.913	110.2	110.6	1.4	0.1	0.4	-0.6	0.4
Durables, manufactured.....	41	11.478	99.1	99.5	-0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.4
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	0.995	107.8	109.5	7.4	2.2	1.2	0.5	1.6

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Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2010 to April 2011

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Description	End Use	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
All commodities		100.000	132.8	134.2	9.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.1
Agricultural commodities		12.121	218.9	220.2	35.3	3.1	4.6	2.2	0.6
All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)		80.556	102.2	103.0	–	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.8
Nonagricultural commodities		87.879	126.6	127.9	6.9	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.0
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	10.547	207.0	208.8	28.4	3.3	3.0	1.7	0.9
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	9.902	212.2	213.8	29.9	3.3	3.7	1.7	0.8
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.645	158.1	161.4	9.2	3.5	-6.5	1.4	2.1
Industrial supplies & materials	1	35.002	188.4	192.8	20.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	2.3
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		12.262	185.9	188.7	13.9	2.5	2.5	1.3	1.5
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		22.740	190.7	195.9	24.5	2.7	3.2	4.4	2.7
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials..	10	2.219	258.8	258.3	64.4	2.2	8.6	4.5	-0.2
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials		32.783	185.4	190.0	18.5	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.5
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	8.897	277.1	287.9	37.6	4.7	3.7	9.1	3.9
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	23.024	173.8	177.3	13.5	2.1	2.3	1.2	2.0
Selected building materials.....	13	0.862	115.5	116.2	-1.4	0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.6
Capital goods	2	34.524	104.1	104.3	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.326	111.3	111.7	2.7	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	24.152	94.0	94.2	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	7.046	144.2	144.1	3.4	1.1	0.6	0.1	-0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	6.689	109.7	109.8	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.1
Consumer goods, excluding automotives ..	4	13.238	114.1	114.5	3.2	-0.3	0.7	0.8	0.4
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	6.718	113.6	114.2	1.7	-1.0	0.2	0.4	0.5
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.413	113.0	112.6	4.2	0.1	0.8	1.0	-0.4

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Table 3. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2010 to April 2011

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Nonmanufactured articles.....		22.813	167.3	179.8	34.3	4.6	5.2	6.8	7.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	2.285	189.6	197.6	32.0	4.2	1.4	8.2	4.2
Crop production.....	111	1.665	197.0	206.1	33.2	3.6	0.4	11.0	4.6
Mining.....	21	20.528	164.8	177.7	34.6	4.6	5.5	6.7	7.8
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.362	146.7	153.0	15.7	3.3	0.6	0.4	4.3
Manufactured articles.....		76.691	115.8	116.6	5.5	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.7
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.731	118.5	119.8	10.3	1.4	0.7	1.6	1.1
Food manufacturing.....	311	3.250	151.3	153.1	22.9	2.9	0.8	2.8	1.2
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.897	110.4	111.0	1.6	-0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5
Textile product mills.....	314	0.856	114.1	115.2	14.3	1.0	0.9	5.0	1.0
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.931	105.7	106.9	5.3	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.433	109.9	111.5	4.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	1.5
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	18.834	136.3	138.4	11.7	1.3	1.7	3.8	1.5
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.668	110.6	110.9	1.8	3.4	0.2	1.8	0.3
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.163	110.8	112.6	7.3	0.5	-0.7	0.4	1.6
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	5.381	174.8	179.5	35.0	1.7	5.2	16.2	2.7
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.046	130.4	131.6	3.8	0.9	0.8	-1.0	0.9
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.702	120.1	122.0	7.0	2.1	0.6	0.4	1.6
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.779	126.2	126.8	5.1	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.5
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	47.126	108.9	109.2	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.635	186.9	189.6	16.8	2.6	1.9	3.0	1.4
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.452	123.3	124.0	5.4	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.6
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	5.361	117.2	117.7	4.0	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.4
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.838	84.4	84.1	-4.0	-0.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.4
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.458	114.2	115.4	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	10.250	106.9	107.1	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.193	109.0	110.1	4.1	0.2	0.7	0.6	1.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.939	118.5	119.9	7.0	2.5	0.8	0.3	1.2

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[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Nonmanufactured articles.....		9.722	185.8	186.7	46.0	5.9	3.8	2.3	0.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	7.372	218.6	218.2	55.2	5.4	6.6	2.6	-0.2
Crop production.....	111	6.980	229.4	228.3	58.5	5.6	6.7	2.8	-0.5
Mining.....	21	2.350	117.3	120.5	24.5	6.9	-4.0	1.2	2.7
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.549	135.6	137.7	27.3	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.5
Manufactured articles.....		86.480	118.7	120.0	6.8	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.1
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	7.255	141.6	143.8	14.9	1.3	1.5	1.9	1.6
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.975	157.5	160.6	14.4	0.7	1.0	1.8	2.0
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.545	115.2	115.5	11.6	-0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.399	110.6	110.6	8.2	2.6	2.8	0.2	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	26.504	132.9	136.2	13.6	1.0	2.3	3.2	2.5
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.406	121.0	122.1	6.2	-2.6	4.9	1.9	0.9
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.974	125.2	127.1	10.2	1.3	0.6	0.1	1.5
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	6.117	172.0	179.0	39.8	3.4	6.4	11.8	4.1
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	15.401	129.1	132.2	8.4	0.6	1.3	1.1	2.4
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.916	109.1	110.2	4.1	0.3	1.0	0.1	1.0
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.690	110.3	110.7	-2.8	-1.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.4
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	52.721	110.9	111.3	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.949	170.7	176.0	23.2	3.0	1.3	2.0	3.1
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.454	126.0	127.3	4.9	1.2	1.1	0.6	1.0
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	10.329	116.0	116.4	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	13.889	90.5	90.0	-3.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.032	110.8	111.4	3.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	12.905	113.5	113.5	2.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.861	115.7	116.9	5.8	-0.3	1.2	1.6	1.0

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.347	167.0	169.3	20.4	2.8	2.1	1.8	1.4
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.319	211.9	219.4	21.6	3.5	3.7	2.4	3.5
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.702	122.8	123.0	18.4	2.3	-0.7	1.2	0.2
Vegetable products.....	II	1.904	215.2	226.7	31.6	3.1	0.0	10.2	5.3
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.410	396.8	416.1	26.5	1.7	-11.4	35.4	4.9
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.567	130.0	129.4	15.3	4.6	4.1	4.6	-0.5
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.429	247.6	295.9	72.5	3.6	3.1	6.2	19.5
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.353	157.9	152.9	46.5	11.3	4.7	0.4	-3.2
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.575	154.0	153.5	9.6	0.6	0.3	2.3	-0.3
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.238	107.3	99.7	-0.5	2.6	4.7	3.9	-7.1
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.260	125.4	123.7	10.0	-1.9	-2.8	-1.1	-1.4
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.360	153.2	155.8	20.2	2.1	0.7	0.7	1.7
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.868	120.4	121.0	1.9	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5
Mineral products.....	V	25.922	340.7	363.7	34.1	4.0	5.5	8.5	6.8
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	25.606	337.2	360.0	34.2	4.0	5.6	8.6	6.8
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.722	144.9	145.5	3.6	1.0	0.8	-1.0	0.4
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.094	363.2	374.5	34.1	4.5	3.0	3.3	3.1
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.805	135.1	136.1	1.0	-0.5	0.7	-1.3	0.7
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.158	112.6	111.6	-5.5	0.3	0.2	-3.1	-0.9
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.251	121.6	123.1	15.6	7.5	0.5	0.4	1.2
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.420	123.6	124.3	3.9	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.6
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.501	107.4	107.9	14.1	4.8	1.4	0.7	0.5
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	2.874	147.0	150.6	10.4	1.7	1.1	0.7	2.4
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.766	136.4	139.2	5.7	0.6	0.7	0.4	2.1
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.108	167.3	172.7	18.5	3.6	1.8	1.0	3.2
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.520	117.2	120.2	5.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	2.6
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.491	117.3	120.6	5.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	2.8
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.700	133.0	133.0	1.1	3.2	0.4	1.7	0.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.275	113.8	115.6	6.1	0.2	-0.9	0.3	1.6
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.850	107.4	108.1	5.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.7
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	5.072	109.8	111.0	7.8	1.2	0.8	1.5	1.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.965	102.6	103.0	4.6	1.0	0.7	0.1	0.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.841	107.6	109.6	6.2	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.647	109.7	110.8	19.9	1.1	1.0	6.9	1.0
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc..	XII	1.197	110.1	110.9	4.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.019	109.0	109.7	4.0	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.709	128.0	128.2	3.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.242	120.2	120.4	2.5	0.3	0.5	-0.1	0.2
Ceramic products.....	69	0.208	141.2	141.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.260	122.0	122.3	6.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.912	185.1	191.9	21.4	2.8	0.0	2.2	3.7
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.210	199.3	199.7	9.5	1.6	2.0	2.3	0.2
Iron and steel.....	72	0.956	255.9	259.7	11.2	3.1	3.2	4.0	1.5
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.523	155.5	156.9	7.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.9
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.633	424.3	410.7	18.1	5.7	3.9	1.7	-3.2
Nickel and articles thereof (Dec. 2009=100)...	75	0.193	152.1	146.3	12.2	2.1	5.5	10.3	-3.8
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.902	152.1	154.1	10.4	0.7	2.8	1.9	1.3
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.317	122.1	122.3	3.6	1.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.360	128.7	129.0	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	23.450	85.8	85.7	-1.2	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	11.614	88.4	88.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	11.836	83.2	83.2	-2.7	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	8.555	111.4	111.7	1.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	7.590	110.4	110.7	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.882	115.3	115.4	1.1	0.0	1.3	-0.2	0.1
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.148	104.4	104.7	3.6	2.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.908	102.1	102.4	3.5	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.177	124.9	125.5	2.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	3.474	108.3	108.9	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	1.702	111.4	112.0	2.5	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.571	102.0	102.6	1.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.201	128.4	128.4	7.9	2.2	0.2	0.3	0.0

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2009 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.907	190.8	198.8	18.1	1.1	2.1	3.6	4.2
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	1.181	157.3	161.1	15.4	0.7	4.1	3.7	2.4
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.369	169.2	175.4	14.7	6.3	-9.8	1.8	3.7
Vegetable products.....	II	6.210	253.4	253.7	43.2	6.1	4.5	1.4	0.1
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	1.006	136.5	131.4	-1.4	4.0	0.1	1.7	-3.7
Cereals.....	10	2.477	309.7	313.8	83.6	8.2	6.9	4.6	1.3
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	2.175	264.7	265.6	37.6	5.1	3.1	-2.6	0.3
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.540	158.4	162.0	51.7	7.6	4.2	0.8	2.3
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.623	148.4	148.6	8.2	-0.4	0.6	0.6	0.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.338	106.4	107.0	2.6	-0.2	0.8	1.2	0.6
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.438	117.7	117.8	-0.1	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.333	105.0	105.3	2.4	-0.8	0.3	0.8	0.3
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.712	222.1	219.6	28.5	-1.3	0.8	1.5	-1.1
Mineral products.....	V	8.817	326.9	341.2	37.7	4.6	3.3	8.8	4.4
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	8.191	322.3	336.8	38.9	4.9	3.6	9.5	4.5
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	12.764	151.9	153.7	5.8	0.3	1.3	0.9	1.2
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.049	202.9	209.0	20.2	1.5	1.3	1.8	3.0
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.289	164.3	167.3	6.7	1.2	2.9	2.2	1.8
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.880	125.0	125.6	1.9	-1.4	0.0	0.6	0.5
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.549	122.5	123.2	6.0	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.6
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.735	127.9	127.9	3.1	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.0
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.469	122.5	125.4	7.2	0.1	1.7	-0.4	2.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.775	145.1	146.5	4.0	0.6	0.5	0.0	1.0
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.051	143.9	149.2	8.2	1.1	1.0	0.5	3.7
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.106	137.3	141.3	7.1	1.1	1.0	0.4	2.9
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.945	173.5	185.7	13.0	0.9	0.7	1.1	7.0
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.423	132.6	139.3	15.8	1.5	2.4	3.0	5.1
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.509	109.7	110.1	0.0	-0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.4
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.719	127.2	128.1	11.0	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.7
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.954	154.0	156.5	25.2	2.1	3.3	-0.4	1.6
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.280	119.7	120.0	7.0	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Printed material.....	49	0.484	118.0	118.0	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	2.567	164.9	164.1	44.1	2.0	7.1	5.2	-0.5
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	1.308	292.2	286.8	124.9	2.4	14.9	10.5	-1.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Monthly			
						Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec. 2008=100).....	XIII	0.678	115.5	115.8	-0.9	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.381	99.0	99.3	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	4.886	250.9	257.8	26.1	2.1	0.9	3.0	2.8
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.975	186.8	188.6	12.9	4.5	4.8	1.6	1.0
Iron and steel.....	72	2.000	244.8	249.8	21.2	7.9	11.8	2.0	2.0
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.248	167.0	169.5	7.0	1.9	0.9	1.6	1.5
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.757	285.8	285.2	18.3	7.4	2.3	0.5	-0.2
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.969	138.5	137.8	6.9	2.7	2.6	1.9	-0.5
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.334	125.4	125.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.306	134.7	134.7	8.3	1.7	2.0	4.1	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	26.365	95.9	96.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	15.425	107.6	108.0	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.4
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	10.940	83.3	83.1	-0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.4	-0.2
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	10.650	123.1	123.0	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	5.950	109.2	109.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	5.803	105.5	105.6	-0.8	-1.1	-0.6	0.0	0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.374	108.0	107.4	-0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.6
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.659	119.4	117.9	-0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5	-1.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.608	91.9	91.9	-1.4	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2009 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

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

Description	Percent of U.S. imports ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
				Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Industrialized Countries²	39.494	129.5	131.5	4.2	-0.2	0.9	0.3	1.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.457	221.8	234.5	12.8	2.9	0.5	-1.8	5.7
Manufactured articles.....	34.670	122.0	123.0	2.8	-0.7	1.0	0.7	0.8
Other Countries³	60.506	138.2	141.9	12.7	1.7	2.2	3.1	2.7
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.079	346.6	375.1	38.8	5.0	6.2	7.6	8.2
Manufactured articles.....	48.226	109.9	110.4	4.4	0.7	0.7	1.5	0.5
Canada	14.271	152.4	156.0	8.1	1.1	1.3	0.4	2.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.991	213.6	225.4	11.7	3.2	0.6	-2.6	5.5
Manufactured articles.....	10.005	140.5	141.8	6.5	0.1	1.6	1.9	0.9
European Union⁴	17.186	132.4	133.5	3.7	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.8
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.256	280.5	298.1	14.4	2.1	0.1	0.1	6.3
Manufactured articles.....	16.854	129.6	130.5	3.5	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.7
France (Dec. 2003=100)	1.995	118.5	119.1	-2.1	0.3	0.4	-3.1	0.5
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	4.510	114.6	115.7	2.5	0.2	1.1	0.6	1.0
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	2.795	130.4	131.2	4.2	1.6	0.5	-0.5	0.6
Latin America⁵	18.406	178.4	184.7	15.4	2.1	2.0	4.5	3.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.479	375.6	406.0	38.3	3.9	4.4	10.1	8.1
Manufactured articles.....	12.844	136.0	136.9	3.7	1.1	0.7	1.3	0.7
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	11.380	147.7	151.4	8.3	1.4	1.2	2.9	2.5
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	1.900	200.8	215.7	34.4	4.7	2.6	11.2	7.4
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	9.437	97.3	98.3	1.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.0
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	34.852	103.7	104.1	3.5	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.4
China (Dec. 2003=100)	19.595	102.7	103.1	2.8	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4
Japan	6.198	101.1	101.4	3.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3
Asian NICs⁷	5.555	91.1	92.3	5.8	0.7	0.6	1.7	1.3
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	5.987	104.4	104.6	8.6	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.2
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	3.795	251.5	266.7	24.6	4.1	5.6	2.4	6.0

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: April 2010 to April 2011

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Mar. 2011 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	Annual	Monthly			
				Apr. 2010 to Apr. 2011	Dec. 2010 to Jan. 2011	Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011	Feb. 2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2011
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	172.8	174.8	9.0	-1.7	2.5	0.8	1.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.773	148.8	159.2	20.0	-0.6	1.8	3.1	7.0
Asia.....	73.682	157.7	156.7	5.5	-2.0	2.7	0.2	-0.6
Export Air Freight	100.000	138.9	142.7	15.5	3.5	2.0	2.7	2.7
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	38.836	125.8	129.4	13.5	3.0	0.9	3.3	2.9
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	157.0	159.2	9.9	-0.5	1.5	1.3	1.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	23.181	138.8	146.1	18.4	0.1	1.4	3.2	5.3
Asia.....	64.945	142.8	142.7	6.4	-0.8	1.8	0.3	-0.1
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	135.9	139.5	17.0	2.9	1.8	2.8	2.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	36.815	154.8	158.0	13.7	1.4	1.3	2.7	2.1
Asia.....	44.639	126.5	130.8	21.2	4.4	2.8	3.1	3.4
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	161.2	163.2	4.5	-2.6	-2.4	-0.2	1.2
Europe.....	37.600	166.1	170.8	-0.1	3.6	-2.7	-3.5	2.8
Asia.....	25.747	137.8	136.0	3.9	-9.4	-5.2	2.3	-1.3
Latin America/Caribbean.....	15.178	163.1	171.9	18.2	-7.8	0.5	2.9	5.4
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	172.8	177.0	9.0	5.6	-9.6	7.1	2.4
Europe.....	27.127	182.4	201.0	-2.2	-2.3	-1.6	0.2	10.2
Asia.....	31.235	163.2	158.5	11.0	11.7	-16.4	10.8	-2.9
Latin America/Caribbean.....	20.822	185.6	189.7	13.5	4.7	-10.9	5.2	2.2

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2009 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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Uses of the Data -- The primary use of the indexes is to deflate trade statistics, notably the foreign trade sector of the National Income and Product Accounts constructed by the Department of Commerce. Other published indexes are useful for general market analysis. For trade in international services, Balance of Payments indexes are used for deflating National Income and Product Accounts, while International indexes are more appropriate for market analysis. Merchandise and services indexes also can be used to study U.S. competitiveness and to compute price elasticities, and the merchandise import indexes by country or region of origin are useful in terms of trade analysis.

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