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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – OCTOBER 2015

U.S. import prices declined 0.5 percent in October, after falling 0.6 percent the previous month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Lower prices for both fuel and nonfuel imports contributed to the October decrease. Prices for U.S. exports fell 0.2 percent in October, following a 0.6-percent drop in September.

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

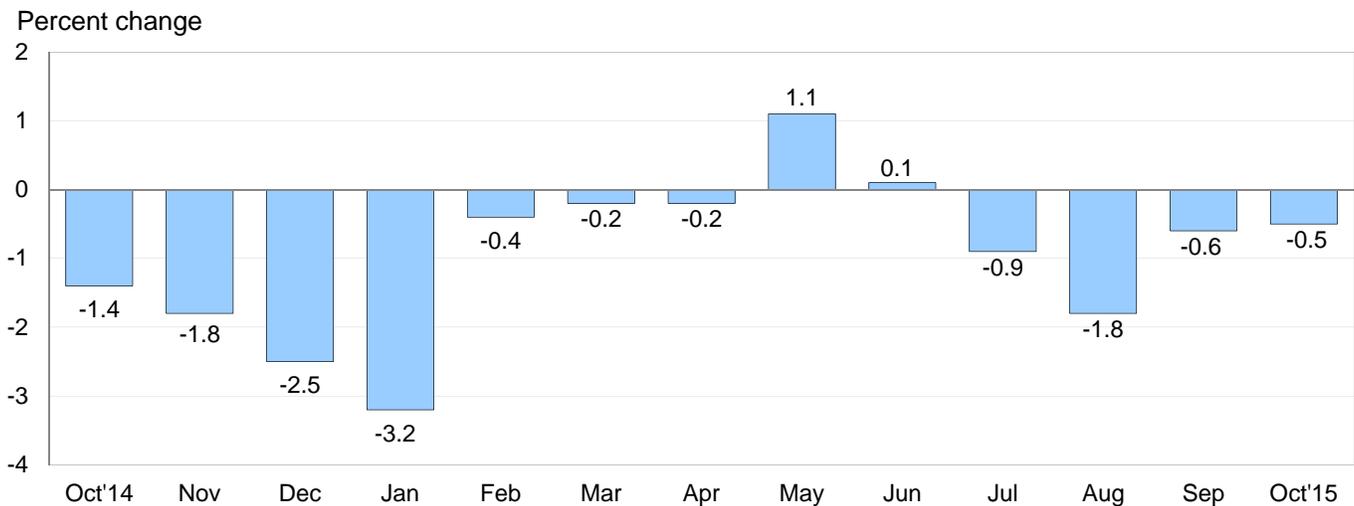
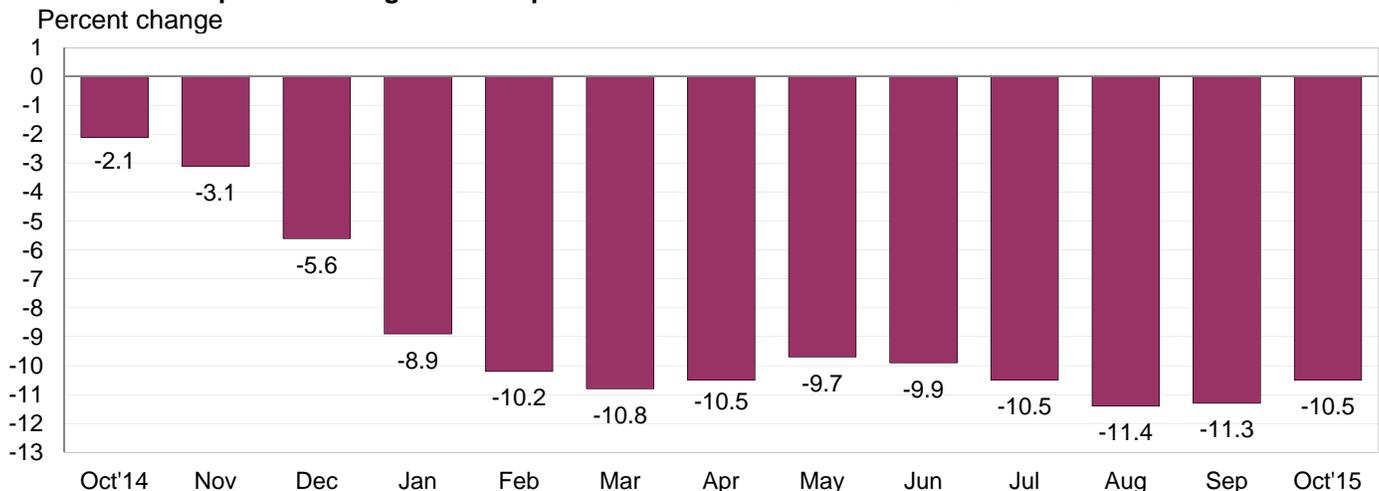


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: October 2014 – October 2015



All Imports: Overall import prices decreased 0.5 percent in October, continuing a downward trend for the index in 2015. Prices for U.S. imports previously decreased 0.6 percent in September, 1.8 percent in August, and 0.9 percent in July. The price index for overall imports declined 10.5 percent between October 2014 and October 2015, after decreasing 2.1 percent for the year ending in October 2014.

Fuel Imports: Import fuel prices decreased 2.0 percent in October, following a 5.4-percent decline the previous month. In October, both a 2.1-percent drop in petroleum prices and a 2.5-percent decrease in natural gas prices contributed to the overall drop in import fuel prices. Fuel prices declined 46.6 percent over the past 12 months. Prices for petroleum fell 48.0 percent for the year ending in October, while natural gas prices decreased 30.3 percent over the same period.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: Nonfuel import prices also continued to decline in October, falling 0.3 percent, after a 0.2-percent drop the previous month. The price index for nonfuel imports has not recorded a monthly advance since the index ticked up 0.1 percent in July 2014. In October, lower prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials; foods, feeds, and beverages; automotive vehicles; and capital goods all contributed to the overall decrease in nonfuel import prices. Nonfuel import prices declined 3.2 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month drop for the index since a 4.2-percent decrease between September 2008 and September 2009.

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
2014						
October.....	-1.4	-6.8	-0.1	-0.9	-2.2	-0.7
November.....	-1.8	-9.3	-0.3	-0.9	0.1	-1.0
December.....	-2.5	-15.0	-0.1	-0.9	-0.7	-1.0
2015						
January.....	-3.2	-20.1	-0.7	-1.7	-1.4	-1.8
February.....	-0.4	-1.9	-0.2	-0.2	-2.2	0.2
March.....	-0.2	1.5	-0.4	0.0	-1.6	0.2
April.....	-0.2	1.8	-0.3	-0.6	-0.9	-0.7
May.....	1.1	10.8	0.0	0.5	-1.3	0.6
June.....	0.1	1.5	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6	-0.1
July.....	-0.9 ^r	-6.1 ^r	-0.3	-0.4	1.0	-0.6
August.....	-1.8 ^r	-12.7 ^r	-0.3 ^r	-1.4	-2.5	-1.3
September.....	-0.6 ^r	-5.4 ^r	-0.2 ^r	-0.6 ^r	-1.3 ^r	-0.5 ^r
October.....	-0.5	-2.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3
Oct. 2013 to 2014.....	-2.1	-11.2	0.3	-0.7	-4.6	-0.3
Oct. 2014 to 2015.....	-10.5	-46.6	-3.2	-6.7	-11.8	-6.1

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Chart 3. One-month percent change in the Export Price Index: October 2014 – October 2015

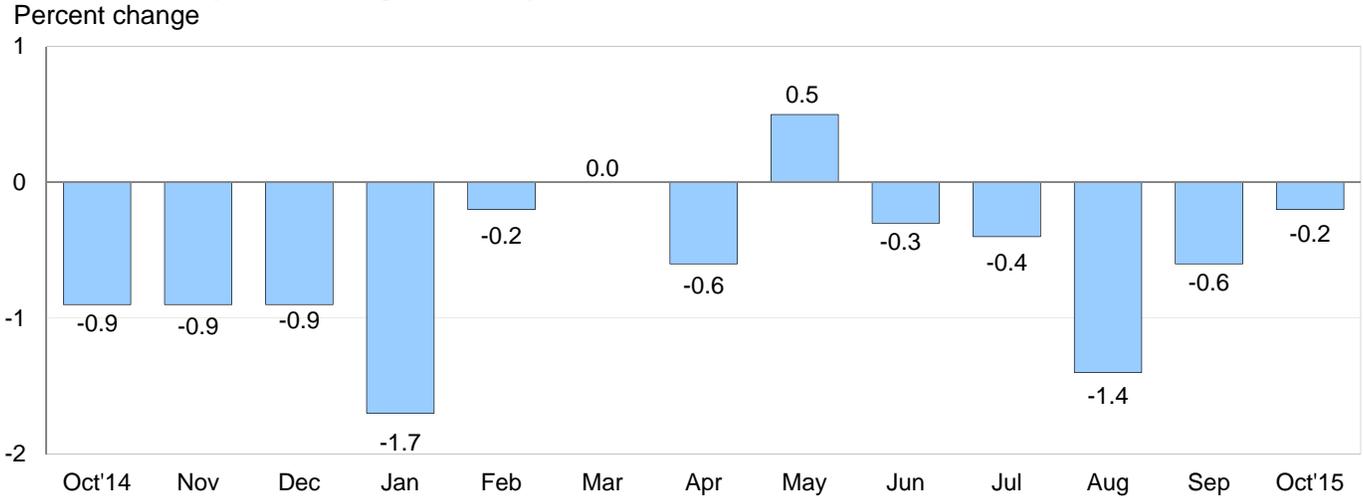
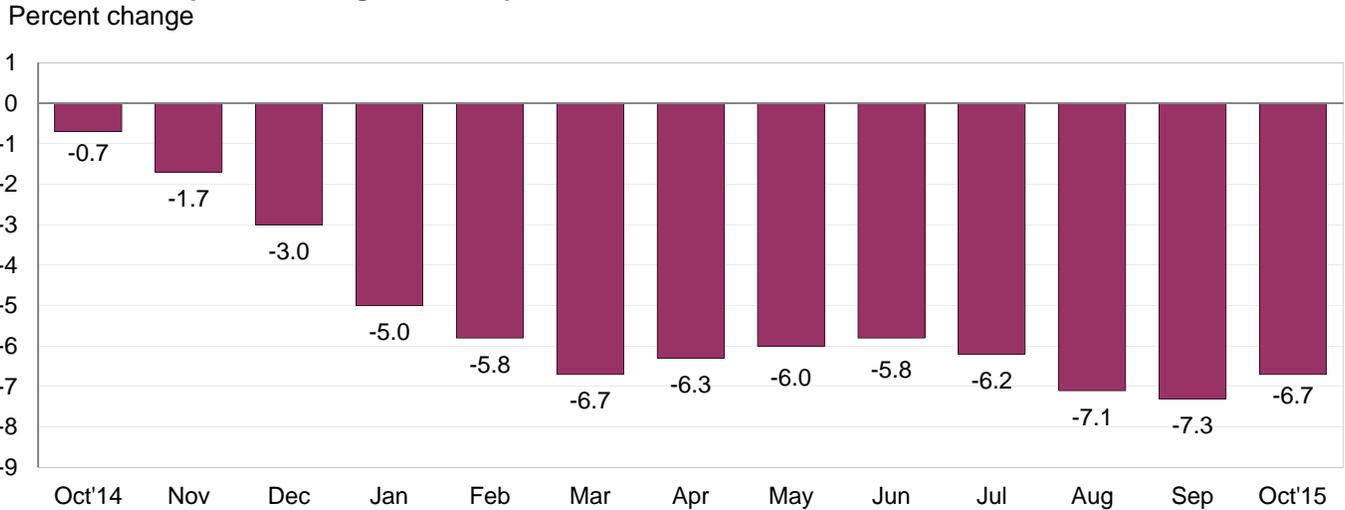


Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: October 2014 – October 2015



All Exports: The price index for U.S. exports declined 0.2 percent in October, following decreases of 0.6 percent in September and 1.4 percent in August. Lower prices for both agricultural exports and nonagricultural exports factored into the overall decrease in October. Overall export prices also declined over the past 12 months, decreasing 6.7 percent after a 0.7-percent decline for the year ending in October 2014.

Agricultural Exports: Prices for agricultural exports edged down 0.1 percent in October, after decreasing 1.3 percent the previous month. A 2.7-percent decline for meat prices led the October decrease, although lower prices for vegetables and nuts also contributed. In contrast, prices for wheat and corn rose in October, partially offsetting the declines. Agricultural export prices fell 11.8 percent over the past year, driven by declining prices for meat, soybeans, and wheat.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: Nonagricultural export prices decreased 0.3 percent in October, following a 0.5-percent drop in September. In October, the decline was driven by lower prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials, consumer goods, and automotive vehicles. The price index for nonagricultural exports declined 6.1 percent for the year ending in October.

SELECTED OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Import Prices

Imports by Locality of Origin: Import prices from China edged down 0.1 percent in October, after falling 0.2 percent in September. Prices for imports from China have not recorded a monthly increase since the index ticked up 0.1 percent in December, and the index fell 1.4 percent over the past 12 months. Driven by lower fuel prices, the price indexes for imports from Canada and Mexico also declined in October, falling 1.0 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively. In contrast, import prices from the European Union ticked up 0.1 percent in October, while prices for imports from Japan recorded no change.

Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials: Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices decreased 1.0 percent in October, following a 0.9-percent drop in September. The October decline was led by a 5.9-percent decrease in fertilizer prices and a 2.9-percent fall in the price index for industrial organic chemicals. Nonfuel industrial supplies and materials prices fell 10.4 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month decline since the index decreased 11.3 percent in October 2009.

Finished Goods: Prices for the major finished goods categories were mostly down in October. Automotive vehicles prices declined 0.3 percent while prices for capital goods decreased 0.1 percent. The drop in automotive vehicles prices was driven by a 3.1-percent decline in transport vehicles prices and was the largest monthly decrease since the index fell 0.4 percent in February. In contrast, consumer goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent in October.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: The price index for foods, feeds, and beverages decreased 1.0 percent in October, after a 0.7-percent decline the previous month. The October drop was led by an 8.0-percent decrease in meat prices and a 4.3-percent decline in vegetable prices.

Transportation Services: Import air passenger fares rose 5.2 percent in October, the first monthly advance since the index increased 8.9 percent in June. The index decreased 4.5 percent in September, 5.1 percent in August, and 4.1 percent in July. Despite the October upturn, import air passenger fares decreased 4.7 percent over the past 12 months. Import air freight prices advanced 6.5 percent in October, while the index declined 2.6 percent over the past year.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: Prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials decreased 0.7 percent in October, following a 1.6-percent decline the previous month. Both decreases were led by falling fuel prices, which decreased 1.5 percent in October and 5.0 percent in September.

Finished Goods: Finished goods prices declined in October. Both the price indexes for consumer goods and automotive vehicles edged down 0.1 percent. Capital goods prices recorded no change for the second consecutive month in October.

Transportation Services: Export air passenger fares advanced 0.5 percent in October, after decreasing 10.6 percent in September. The October rise was driven by a 5.6-percent increase in Latin American/Caribbean fares. Despite the October increase, export air passenger fares fell 13.1 percent over the past year. The price index for export air freight declined 0.3 percent in October and 1.7 percent over the past 12 months.

Import and Export Price Index data for November 2015 are scheduled for release on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (EST).

Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: October 2014 to October 2015

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Sept. 2015 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	Monthly			
						June 2015 to July 2015	July 2015 to Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2015	Sept. 2015 to Oct. 2015
All commodities		100.000	122.3	121.7	-10.5	-0.9	-1.8	-0.6	-0.5
All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)		84.181	99.1	98.9	-3.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2
All imports excluding petroleum		90.994	111.9	111.5	-3.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)		90.225	116.0	115.6	-3.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	6.044	174.6	172.9	-5.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.7	-1.0
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	4.709	193.5	190.8	-4.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	-1.4
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.335	131.7	132.1	-6.6	-0.4	1.8	-0.9	0.3
Industrial supplies & materials	1	23.074	162.5	160.2	-30.6	-3.3	-6.9	-2.9	-1.4
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		14.068	143.3	141.8	-11.0	-1.0	-1.8	-0.7	-1.0
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		13.299	162.2	160.5	-10.4	-1.0	-1.9	-0.9	-1.0
Industrial supplies & materials, durable....		7.773	148.2	147.6	-11.2	-1.5	-2.3	-0.8	-0.4
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.525	136.8	134.3	-10.7	-0.5	-1.1	-0.6	-1.8
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	9.776	162.7	159.4	-46.6	-6.1	-12.7	-5.4	-2.0
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	9.007	174.9	171.3	-48.0	-6.3	-13.6	-6.0	-2.1
Crude.....	10000	6.465	176.2	173.7	-49.1	-7.6	-15.1	-5.1	-1.4
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	0.577	99.6	97.8	-24.4	-1.2	0.0	4.3	-1.8
Gas-natural.....	10110	0.416	83.5	81.4	-30.3	-1.7	0.0	6.1	-2.5
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.603	109.9	109.3	-3.2	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.5
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.992	156.6	153.6	-9.6	-0.2	-1.3	-1.3	-1.9
Selected building materials.....	13	1.199	133.4	133.1	-5.9	0.7	-1.5	-1.6	-0.2
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.098	189.8	188.8	-19.3	-3.3	-4.4	-0.9	-0.5
Finished metals related to durable goods.....	15	1.700	149.0	147.8	-6.6	-0.7	-1.0	-0.7	-0.8
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.707	109.1	109.0	-2.7	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.1
Capital goods	2	27.976	90.3	90.2	-2.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.418	117.7	117.1	-2.6	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.5
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	22.073	82.8	82.7	-2.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.485	136.9	136.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	15.658	111.1	110.8	-1.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.3
Consumer goods, excluding automobiles	4	27.248	107.3	107.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	13.021	119.3	119.3	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	12.734	95.6	95.6	-1.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.493	116.7	116.9	-3.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.6	0.2

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			Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	Monthly			
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All commodities.....		100.000	122.3	122.0	-6.7	-0.4	-1.4	-0.6	-0.2
Agricultural commodities.....		8.744	179.1	178.9	-11.8	1.0	-2.5	-1.3	-0.1
All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....		84.793	99.3	99.2	-2.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1
Nonagricultural commodities.....		91.256	118.0	117.7	-6.1	-0.6	-1.3	-0.5	-0.3
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	8.074	179.7	180.4	-12.2	1.6	-2.9	-1.3	0.4
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.419	180.6	181.1	-12.8	1.5	-2.9	-1.4	0.3
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.655	177.7	181.4	-5.4	2.5	-3.2	-0.1	2.1
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	30.042	145.5	144.4	-15.9	-1.5	-3.7	-1.6	-0.8
Industrial supplies & materials, durable....		10.794	153.0	152.9	-8.9	-1.6	-2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		19.247	142.3	140.6	-19.6	-1.5	-4.2	-2.4	-1.2
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.325	174.7	171.6	-5.7	-1.8	-0.4	-1.0	-1.8
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		28.717	144.5	143.5	-16.4	-1.5	-3.7	-1.6	-0.7
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	7.133	158.0	155.7	-34.9	-2.5	-8.4	-5.0	-1.5
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	20.599	151.9	151.1	-8.4	-1.2	-2.1	-0.5	-0.5
Selected building materials.....	13	0.985	113.3	113.4	-6.5	-0.2	-1.3	-0.7	0.1
Capital goods.....	2	38.762	107.4	107.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.878	113.2	112.8	-2.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.7	-0.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	26.477	94.9	94.7	-0.6	0.0	-0.3	0.1	-0.2
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	8.407	162.3	163.4	3.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.7
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	10.409	113.8	113.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Consumer goods, excluding automotives.....	4	12.713	112.0	111.9	-2.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.629	107.7	107.5	-3.7	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.432	110.1	110.0	-1.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1

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Nonmanufactured articles.....		9.222	89.3	88.0	-42.3	-6.1	-11.3	-3.1	-1.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	11	2.091	175.8	171.7	-7.3	-0.5	-0.3	0.3	-2.3
Crop production.....	111	1.682	186.4	184.2	-5.7	-0.5	-0.3	0.8	-1.2
Animal production (Dec. 2014=100).....	112	0.218	87.0	77.3	—	-3.0	-2.2	-2.4	-11.1
Forestry and logging (Dec. 2012=100).....	113	0.115	65.8	61.3	-10.9	1.7	2.0	-0.6	-6.8
Mining.....	21	7.131	78.8	77.8	-47.6	-7.3	-14.0	-4.1	-1.3
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.211	98.1	97.7	-17.3	-4.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
Manufactured articles.....		90.482	110.2	109.8	-4.9	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	12.169	123.9	123.4	-2.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Food manufacturing.....	311	3.341	150.8	149.2	-7.6	-0.3	0.5	-1.2	-1.1
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	1.116	118.3	118.3	0.8	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Textile mills (Dec. 2011=100).....	313	0.410	100.3	100.1	-3.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Textile product mills.....	314	0.903	111.8	111.3	-2.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.4
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	4.454	111.7	111.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing.....	316	1.945	124.6	124.6	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	17.329	118.5	117.1	-12.5	-0.6	-2.0	-1.7	-1.2
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.704	110.0	109.4	-9.4	1.2	-2.3	-2.6	-0.5
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.111	107.1	106.7	-3.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.401	82.0	78.5	-44.1	-2.6	-9.7	-9.0	-4.3
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.685	132.8	131.5	-4.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-1.0
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.223	118.7	118.6	-2.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.996	130.3	130.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	60.984	104.4	104.3	-3.0	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	3.776	128.3	127.7	-17.8	-2.9	-3.6	-1.0	-0.5
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.....	332	3.078	125.8	124.9	-2.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.7
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	7.355	118.7	118.6	-1.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	17.973	77.6	77.5	-2.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.786	117.2	117.0	-1.8	-0.4	-0.3	0.4	-0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing.....	336	16.830	110.2	110.0	-1.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.611	115.6	115.6	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.575	119.3	119.3	-1.8	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.0

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Nonmanufactured articles.....		6.216	126.3	124.7	-12.8	2.8	-3.9	-2.7	-1.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	11	4.088	155.9	158.5	-5.7	3.8	-5.1	-2.5	1.7
Crop production.....	111	3.853	161.7	164.4	-5.5	3.7	-5.2	-2.6	1.7
Mining.....	21	2.128	70.4	65.4	-24.6	1.0	-1.5	-3.0	-7.1
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.136	82.0	79.8	-16.9	-2.3	-3.1	-2.3	-2.7
Manufactured articles.....		92.369	112.8	112.5	-5.9	-0.4	-1.2	-0.4	-0.3
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	6.927	136.7	134.8	-13.0	-1.1	-0.4	-0.3	-1.4
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.715	153.6	151.2	-16.5	-1.3	-0.5	-0.3	-1.6
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.585	108.8	106.6	-1.2	-0.6	-0.5	-1.4	-2.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	23.831	109.6	108.9	-15.2	-1.2	-3.3	-1.5	-0.6
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.913	123.9	123.5	-1.8	0.2	-1.9	1.6	-0.3
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.799	92.0	90.8	-39.4	-3.2	-10.4	-5.5	-1.3
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	13.221	117.6	116.9	-8.1	-0.7	-1.4	-0.9	-0.6
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.263	117.1	116.9	-1.8	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.836	112.2	112.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	61.611	111.8	111.8	-0.7	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.0
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.648	133.6	134.1	-7.3	-1.3	-3.9	1.1	0.4
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.....	332	3.076	129.8	129.7	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	-0.1
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	11.742	125.4	125.4	1.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	14.440	85.3	85.2	-2.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.771	113.3	113.3	-1.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.0
Transportation equipment manufacturing..	336	17.874	121.8	122.2	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3
Furniture and related product manufacturing (Dec. 2011=100).....	337	0.391	110.0	109.9	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.669	122.7	122.3	-2.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3

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Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: October 2014 to October 2015

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Sept. 2015 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	June 2015 to July 2015	July 2015 to Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2015	Sept. 2015 to Oct. 2015
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.356	183.8	178.1	-12.5	-0.5	1.4	-1.6	-3.1
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.326	237.2	221.2	-17.1	1.2	0.9	-1.0	-6.7
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.694	128.3	129.1	-9.0	-0.6	3.2	-1.7	0.6
Vegetable products.....	II	2.022	203.2	201.0	-3.4	-0.3	-1.0	2.0	-1.1
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.642	529.6	498.6	11.9	2.2	1.4	11.1	-5.9
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.473	91.6	94.7	-0.6	1.6	-2.9	-2.8	3.4
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.363	230.1	230.7	-12.6	-3.9	0.2	-1.5	0.3
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.270	103.1	105.3	-6.4	-1.5	1.9	-3.0	2.1
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.855	160.4	159.7	-2.0	0.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Sugars and sugar confectionary (Dec. 2012=100).....	17	0.180	85.7	84.9	-5.8	0.1	-5.5	0.1	-0.9
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.268	116.0	114.0	-4.0	1.8	-0.2	2.6	-1.7
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.286	132.2	132.2	-1.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.330	153.0	152.9	-7.4	0.2	0.3	-2.2	-0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	1.081	128.2	128.2	0.2	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Mineral products.....	V	9.696	163.7	160.2	-46.6	-6.1	-12.7	-5.3	-2.1
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	9.457	160.7	157.3	-47.0	-6.2	-13.0	-5.4	-2.1
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.871	147.5	146.7	-4.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.667	291.8	288.2	-13.2	-1.1	-0.1	-0.8	-1.2
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.490	122.0	120.8	-10.1	1.9	-0.9	-2.4	-1.0
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.627	138.2	138.7	3.5	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.4
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.356	100.5	91.5	-21.7	-1.0	-7.1	-1.6	-9.0
Tanning extracts; dye, pigments, varnish, paints & putty (Dec. 2011=100).....	32	0.211	99.6	99.4	-6.2	-0.9	0.0	1.0	-0.2
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.565	90.2	90.4	-2.6	-0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	3.435	139.7	138.7	-5.2	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	2.225	143.3	142.6	-5.1	-1.0	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.210	135.0	133.4	-5.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-1.2
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.737	127.7	127.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.4
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.698	130.7	130.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.732	134.1	133.5	-8.9	1.2	-2.1	-2.3	-0.4
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal (Dec. 2014=100).....	44	0.694	91.9	91.5	-	1.3	-2.2	-2.4	-0.4
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.178	111.2	110.9	-1.9	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.3
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.783	105.1	105.2	-1.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	5.596	114.1	114.0	-0.9	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: October 2014 to October 2015 — Continued
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Sept. 2015 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual	Monthly			
					Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	June 2015 to July 2015	July 2015 to Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2015	Sept. 2015 to Oct. 2015
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	2.246	104.0	103.9	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	2.008	119.6	119.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.651	106.0	105.5	-1.9	-0.8	-0.2	0.4	-0.5
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc...	XII	1.543	123.6	123.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.342	122.9	122.8	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.922	132.1	132.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Ceramic products.....	69	0.276	138.6	138.3	-2.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.324	129.8	129.9	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.994	163.9	165.2	-6.2	-1.8	-2.9	0.7	0.8
Base metals and articles of base metals. ...	XV	5.200	160.9	159.1	-13.1	-1.6	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1
Iron and steel.....	72	1.062	173.4	167.3	-24.9	-1.9	-1.2	-1.5	-3.5
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.690	145.9	144.6	-7.1	-0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.9
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.420	256.1	259.7	-19.0	-5.7	-4.9	-4.8	1.4
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.720	125.1	124.0	-12.9	-1.4	-2.3	-1.3	-0.9
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.454	127.6	127.3	-1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.533	138.2	138.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	30.262	82.2	82.0	-2.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	15.399	87.4	87.1	-2.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.3
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	14.863	77.1	77.1	-2.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	14.122	114.7	114.5	-1.0	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	12.762	113.3	113.1	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.265	119.7	119.7	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.976	103.3	103.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.646	100.1	100.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.266	141.6	140.3	-0.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	4.121	112.7	112.7	-1.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.481	117.2	117.1	-1.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.377	104.7	104.7	-0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.264	134.1	134.0	-1.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1

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Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: October 2014 to October 2015

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Sept. 2015 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	Monthly			
						June 2015 to July 2015	July 2015 to Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2015	Sept. 2015 to Oct. 2015
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.820	187.6	184.0	-25.9	-2.2	-1.5	0.6	-1.9
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100)...	02	1.067	145.8	141.7	-28.5	-2.9	-1.6	1.1	-2.8
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.391	198.9	201.3	-4.0	1.3	-3.7	-0.1	1.2
Vegetable products.....	II	3.832	197.7	201.6	-7.7	3.3	-4.7	-2.6	2.0
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	1.118	170.5	174.2	-8.3	-2.3	1.0	-1.3	2.2
Cereals.....	10	0.938	181.6	195.9	-5.5	8.4	-12.7	-1.3	7.9
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.329	193.6	193.8	-10.0	6.3	-4.1	-7.2	0.1
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.197	91.8	90.2	-14.5	0.2	-5.5	-1.8	-1.7
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.952	151.5	150.4	-6.8	-0.2	0.1	-1.0	-0.7
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100)....	20	0.412	118.3	118.2	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.515	108.3	109.8	-0.1	-3.4	1.7	-1.7	1.4
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.717	210.5	201.9	-13.2	1.7	0.2	-3.7	-4.1
Mineral products.....	V	6.987	181.1	176.9	-35.5	-2.3	-8.0	-4.7	-2.3
Ores, slag and ash (Dec. 2012=100).....	26	0.437	76.4	73.1	-23.5	-4.2	-2.7	-2.4	-4.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	6.365	174.3	170.4	-36.8	-2.2	-8.5	-5.0	-2.2
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	10.886	140.2	139.3	-6.3	-0.5	-1.2	-0.9	-0.6
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.910	183.6	182.7	6.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.826	137.0	134.7	-17.6	-1.6	-1.6	-4.0	-1.7
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.615	110.4	110.1	-3.8	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.803	135.6	135.4	1.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.486	113.0	112.2	-5.0	0.9	-2.2	0.3	-0.7
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.927	151.1	150.6	-1.7	-0.3	-2.4	2.2	-0.3
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.208	140.9	139.3	-7.7	-0.6	-0.7	-0.1	-1.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.257	136.8	135.2	-7.5	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	-1.2
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.951	157.7	156.6	-8.6	-1.5	-0.3	-0.8	-0.7
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.394	128.6	123.4	-22.8	-8.1	-0.7	0.7	-4.0
Raw hides and skins other than furskins and leather (Dec.2014=100).....	41	0.225	76.8	71.5	-	-13.1	-1.2	1.9	-6.9
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, baskets and wickerwork (Dec. 2014=100).....	IX	0.616	95.0	95.2	-	-1.0	-0.8	-0.2	0.2
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.287	123.4	123.4	-1.9	0.6	-1.6	0.8	0.0
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.651	126.9	126.2	-2.3	2.3	-4.9	3.3	-0.6
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.223	122.4	122.4	-2.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Printed material (Dec. 2014=100).....	49	0.413	98.4	98.9	-	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.5
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	1.817	121.9	121.0	-4.9	0.2	0.1	-0.6	-0.7

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Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: October 2014 to October 2015 — Continued
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Sept. 2015 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	Monthly			
						June 2015 to July 2015	July 2015 to Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2015	Sept. 2015 to Oct. 2015
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.466	119.1	117.5	-8.3	1.8	-0.2	-1.3	-1.3
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.837	122.1	122.2	1.8	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.431	98.8	98.8	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	4.696	226.0	226.8	-6.1	-1.3	-3.3	1.3	0.4
Base metals and articles of base metals. ...	XV	5.109	146.9	146.2	-10.0	-1.9	-1.4	-0.8	-0.5
Iron and steel.....	72	1.144	150.4	148.4	-21.6	-4.5	-3.5	-1.4	-1.3
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.464	167.5	167.5	-18.7	-5.0	-7.1	-0.8	0.0
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.828	107.2	106.5	-14.5	-2.5	-2.0	-2.8	-0.7
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.341	148.6	148.6	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	29.458	96.6	96.7	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	17.760	113.2	113.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.4
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	11.698	78.7	78.5	-1.8	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	14.924	131.3	131.2	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.247	115.0	115.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	6.330	107.3	107.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.517	111.1	111.6	0.4	0.2	-0.7	0.4	0.5
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.867	123.9	124.5	1.0	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.5
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.489	89.5	89.8	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.3

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Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: October 2014 to October 2015
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Sept. 2015 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual	Monthly			
				Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	June 2015 to July 2015	July 2015 to Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2015	Sept. 2015 to Oct. 2015
Industrialized Countries²	100.000	117.3	116.9	-10.0	-1.0	-2.1	-1.2	-0.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	7.090	118.9	118.0	-46.1	-7.8	-16.4	-4.7	-0.8
Manufactured articles.....	92.503	116.8	116.5	-5.1	-0.3	-0.8	-0.9	-0.3
Other Countries³	100.000	120.2	119.6	-11.0	-1.0	-1.6	-0.9	-0.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	10.237	182.6	180.6	-41.7	-5.3	-9.8	-4.6	-1.1
Manufactured articles.....	89.546	104.3	103.8	-4.7	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5
Canada	100.000	118.8	117.6	-20.5	-2.2	-5.1	-2.2	-1.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	20.197	113.1	112.5	-46.8	-8.0	-17.0	-4.8	-0.5
Manufactured articles.....	79.133	124.5	123.2	-8.7	-0.3	-1.2	-1.6	-1.0
European Union⁴	100.000	132.9	133.0	-2.9	-0.1	-0.5	-0.9	0.1
Manufactured articles.....	99.408	129.4	129.6	-2.7	-0.1	-0.5	-1.0	0.2
France (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	121.7	121.5	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	116.8	116.9	-1.8	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	121.2	121.2	-7.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.0
Latin America⁵	100.000	142.6	141.2	-14.7	-1.5	-2.7	-1.1	-1.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	17.087	200.0	198.6	-39.3	-5.6	-10.9	-2.8	-0.7
Manufactured articles.....	82.524	122.2	121.0	-6.2	-0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-1.0
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	127.9	127.2	-8.4	-0.8	-1.5	-0.8	-0.5
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	9.143	108.8	109.5	-38.7	-4.6	-11.5	-5.6	0.6
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)...	90.541	90.0	89.4	-3.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	100.000	99.8	99.7	-2.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	102.4	102.3	-1.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Japan	100.000	95.2	95.2	-3.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Asian NICs⁷	100.000	86.0	85.9	-3.3	-0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	100.000	98.2	98.3	-3.8	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	0.1
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	100.000	154.9	152.4	-37.5	-4.0	-7.7	-5.3	-1.6

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2013 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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Dash = Not available

Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: October 2014 to October 2015

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Sept. 2015 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Sept. 2015	Oct. 2015	Annual	Monthly			
				Oct. 2014 to Oct. 2015	June 2015 to July 2015	July 2015 to Aug. 2015	Aug. 2015 to Sept. 2015	Sept. 2015 to Oct. 2015
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	157.5	167.8	-2.6	-3.4	-2.0	-2.2	6.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.038	145.3	144.6	-16.4	-0.8	-1.7	-0.5	-0.5
Asia.....	63.996	139.3	153.8	2.7	-4.8	-2.3	-3.3	10.4
Export Air Freight	100.000	156.6	156.1	-1.7	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	33.138	149.7	148.9	4.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	150.8	156.3	-4.1	-2.0	-1.9	-0.9	3.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	26.180	137.7	136.7	-12.0	0.1	-1.6	-0.4	-0.7
Asia.....	59.498	134.5	143.0	-2.1	-3.2	-2.4	-2.1	6.3
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	148.6	145.3	-5.0	1.4	-1.0	-0.5	-2.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	31.133	158.1	157.6	-8.4	0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.3
Asia.....	44.775	142.6	136.0	-6.1	3.0	-1.9	-0.6	-4.6
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	179.3	188.6	-4.7	-4.1	-5.1	-4.5	5.2
Europe.....	44.671	213.1	221.3	0.4	-6.9	-8.9	3.9	3.8
Asia.....	22.877	135.3	142.2	-5.0	-3.2	-4.6	-7.7	5.1
Latin America/Caribbean.....	8.945	148.9	149.0	-13.0	3.1	-0.4	-9.2	0.1
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	158.4	159.2	-13.1	3.6	1.5	-10.6	0.5
Europe.....	32.070	214.7	209.7	-9.4	4.0	-10.1	0.2	-2.3
Asia.....	26.974	133.2	134.2	-11.2	0.4	20.6	-23.2	0.8
Latin America/Caribbean.....	21.973	156.8	165.6	-10.1	2.1	-1.8	-8.9	5.6

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2013 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the 3 months after original publication. Dash = Not available

TECHNICAL NOTE

Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes - All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are not seasonally adjusted. Price indexes are reweighted annually, with a 2-year lag in the weights. Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained at www.bls.gov/mxp or by calling (202) 691-7101.

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

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

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

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

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 (NIPA) 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 NIPA, 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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