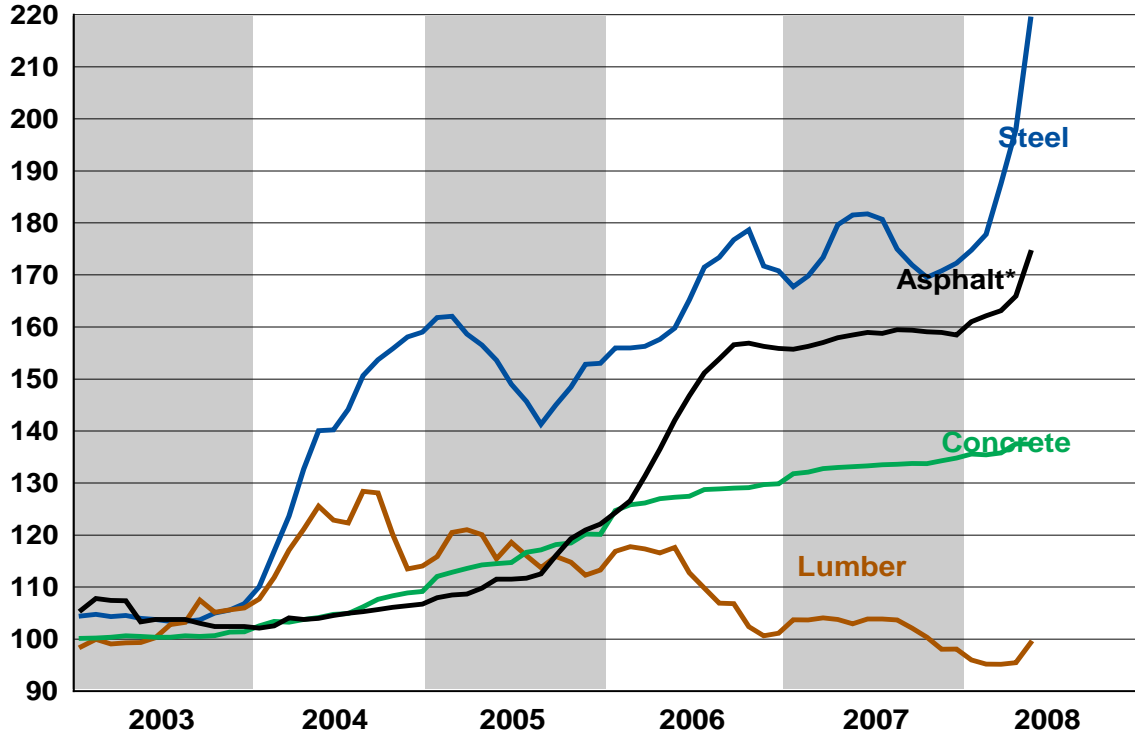


# Market Research

Producer Price Indices – Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2005	2006	2007	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08(p)	Mar-08(p)	Apr-08(p)	May-08(p)
<b>Steel Mill Products</b>	<b>152.3</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>172.3</b>	<b>174.8</b>	<b>177.8</b>	<b>187.6</b>	<b>197.9</b>	<b>219.2</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.5%	9.1%	4.9%	0.9%	4.2%	4.7%	8.2%	10.2%	20.8%
% Change Month Ago				0.9%	1.4%	1.7%	5.5%	5.5%	10.7%
<b>Lumber</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>99.3</b>
% Change Year Ago	-2.5%	-5.1%	-7.5%	-3.0%	-7.5%	-8.1%	-8.6%	-8.0%	-3.6%
% Change Month Ago				0.1%	-2.2%	-0.8%	-0.1%	0.3%	4.0%
<b>Concrete Products</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>135.6</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>137.5</b>
% Change Year Ago	9.9%	10.1%	4.2%	3.8%	2.9%	2.5%	2.3%	3.4%	3.2%
% Change Month Ago				0.4%	0.6%	-0.1%	0.3%	1.3%	0.0%
<b>Asphalt*</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>158.2</b>	<b>158.4</b>	<b>161.0</b>	<b>162.1</b>	<b>163.2</b>	<b>165.9</b>	<b>174.3</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.3%	27.8%	9.2%	1.6%	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	5.1%	10.0%
% Change Month Ago				-0.3%	1.6%	0.7%	0.6%	1.7%	5.1%

(p) = Preliminary data

\* BLS series "Paving Asphalt" through 2003 (discontinued) then "Asphalt Paving Mixtures and Block"

Base Year: 2002 = 100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data rebased to 2002 by PCA Market Research

Steel prices increased for the seventh consecutive month, increasing significantly by 10.7% from April to May. Asphalt prices had a sharp increase as well, 5.1% from the previous month. Lumber prices increased by 4.0% from April to May. Concrete stayed consistent from the previous month with no price change.

Steel prices have increased 20.8% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 10.0% and concrete prices grew by 3.2%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 3.6%.

PCA Market Research provides this information to aid in the promotion of concrete and cement-based products.