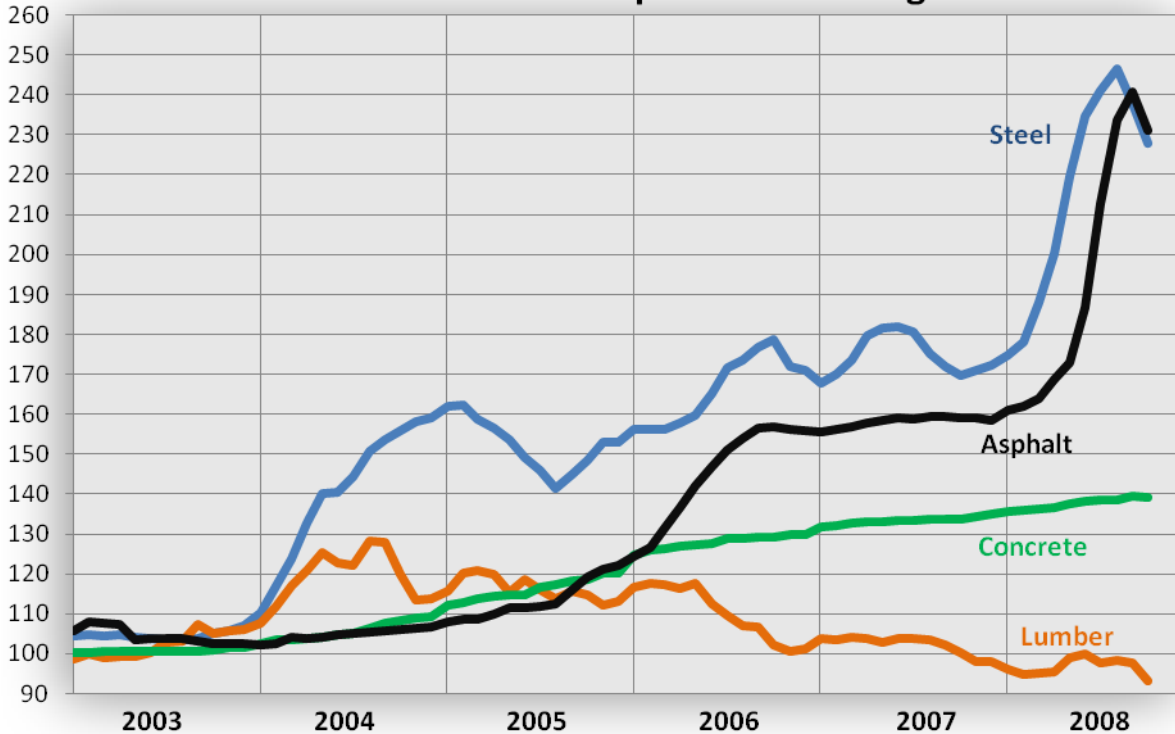


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## Producer Price Indices - Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2005	2006	2007	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08(p)	Aug-08(p)	Sep-08(p)	Oct-08(p)
<b>Steel Mill Products</b>	<b>152.3</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>219.3</b>	<b>234.7</b>	<b>241.1</b>	<b>246.4</b>	<b>237.6</b>	<b>227.7</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.5%	9.1%	4.9%	20.8%	29.1%	33.4%	40.8%	38.2%	34.3%
% Change Month Ago				9.6%	7.0%	2.7%	2.2%	-3.6%	-4.2%
<b>Lumber</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>93.2</b>
% Change Year Ago	-2.5%	-5.1%	-7.5%	-3.7%	-3.8%	-5.8%	-5.0%	-4.2%	-7.1%
% Change Month Ago				3.9%	0.8%	-2.1%	0.6%	-0.6%	-4.7%
<b>Concrete Products</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>139.1</b>
% Change Year Ago	9.9%	10.1%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%	4.3%	4.1%
% Change Month Ago				0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.8%	-0.2%
<b>Asphalt*</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>158.2</b>	<b>172.9</b>	<b>186.9</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>233.7</b>	<b>240.9</b>	<b>231.4</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.3%	27.8%	9.2%	9.1%	17.6%	34.1%	46.6%	51.2%	45.5%
% Change Month Ago				2.4%	8.1%	13.9%	9.8%	3.1%	-4.0%

(p) = Preliminary data

Base Year: 2002 = 100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

All four building materials reported declines in prices in October. Steel prices decreased for the second consecutive month, decreasing by 4.2% from September to October. Asphalt prices decreased for the first time in ten months, decreasing 4.0% from the previous month. Lumber prices decreased by 4.7% from September to October. Concrete prices had a slight decrease from the previous month by 0.2%.

Steel prices have increased 34.3% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 45.5% and concrete prices grew by 4.1%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 7.1%.

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

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