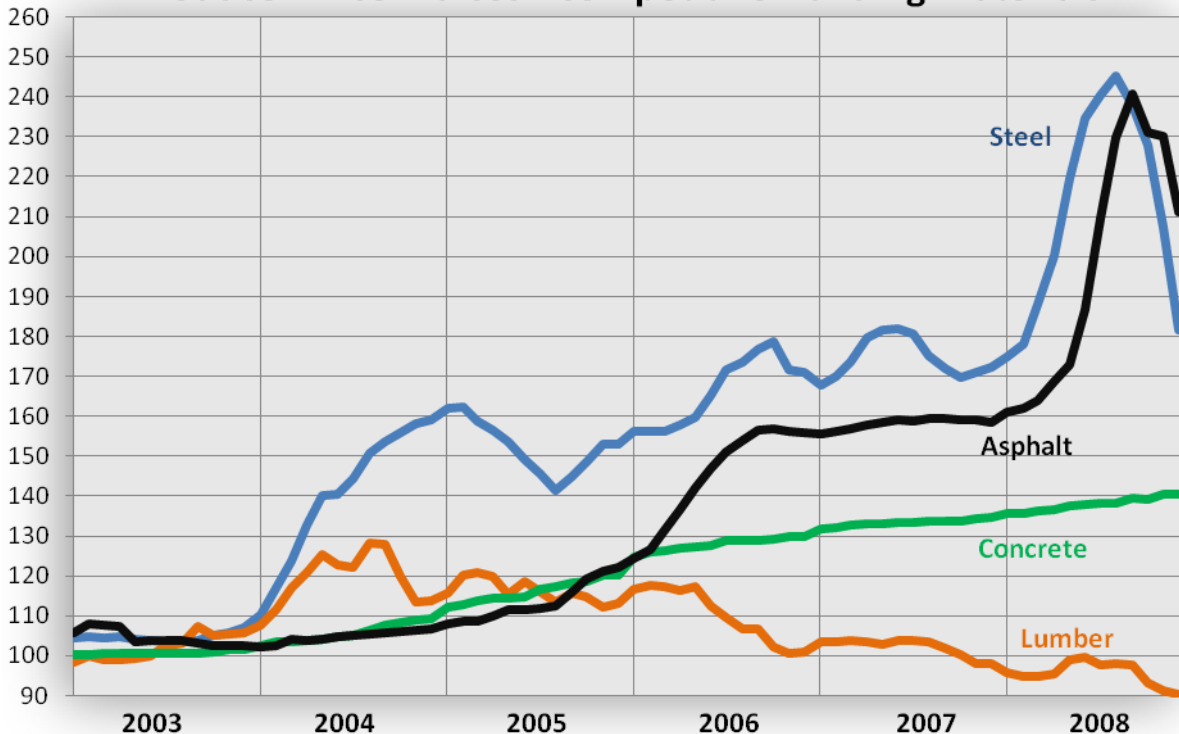


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Producer Price Indices - Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2006	2007	2008(p)	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08(p)	Oct-08(p)	Nov-08(p)	Dec-08(p)
Steel Mill Products	166.1	174.5	211.2	240.2	245.2	237.6	227.7	207.1	181.4
% Change Year Ago	9.1%	5.0%	21.0%	32.9%	40.1%	38.2%	34.3%	21.3%	5.3%
% Change Month Ago				2.4%	2.1%	-3.1%	-4.2%	-9.0%	-12.4%
Lumber	110.6	102.4	95.8	97.9	98.1	97.9	93.2	91.5	90.5
% Change Year Ago	-5.1%	-7.4%	-6.4%	-5.8%	-5.4%	-4.2%	-7.1%	-6.6%	-7.8%
% Change Month Ago				-2.1%	0.2%	-0.2%	-4.7%	-1.8%	-1.2%
Concrete Products	127.8	133.3	138.0	138.2	138.3	139.5	139.1	140.5	140.5
% Change Year Ago	10.1%	4.3%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	4.3%	4.1%	4.6%	4.2%
% Change Month Ago				0.1%	0.0%	0.9%	-0.2%	1.0%	0.0%
Asphalt*	144.9	158.2	197.4	209.8	229.8	240.9	231.4	230.2	211.2
% Change Year Ago	27.8%	9.2%	24.8%	32.1%	44.1%	51.2%	45.5%	44.8%	33.3%
% Change Month Ago				12.2%	9.6%	4.8%	-4.0%	-0.5%	-8.3%

(p) = Preliminary data

Base Year: 2002 = 100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Steel prices decreased for the fourth consecutive month, decreasing significantly by 12.4% from November to December. Asphalt prices decreased considerably as well, decreasing 8.3% from the previous month. Lumber prices decreased by 1.2% from November to December. Concrete prices stayed the same from the previous month.

Steel prices have increased 5.3% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 33.3% and concrete prices grew by 4.2%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 7.8%.

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

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