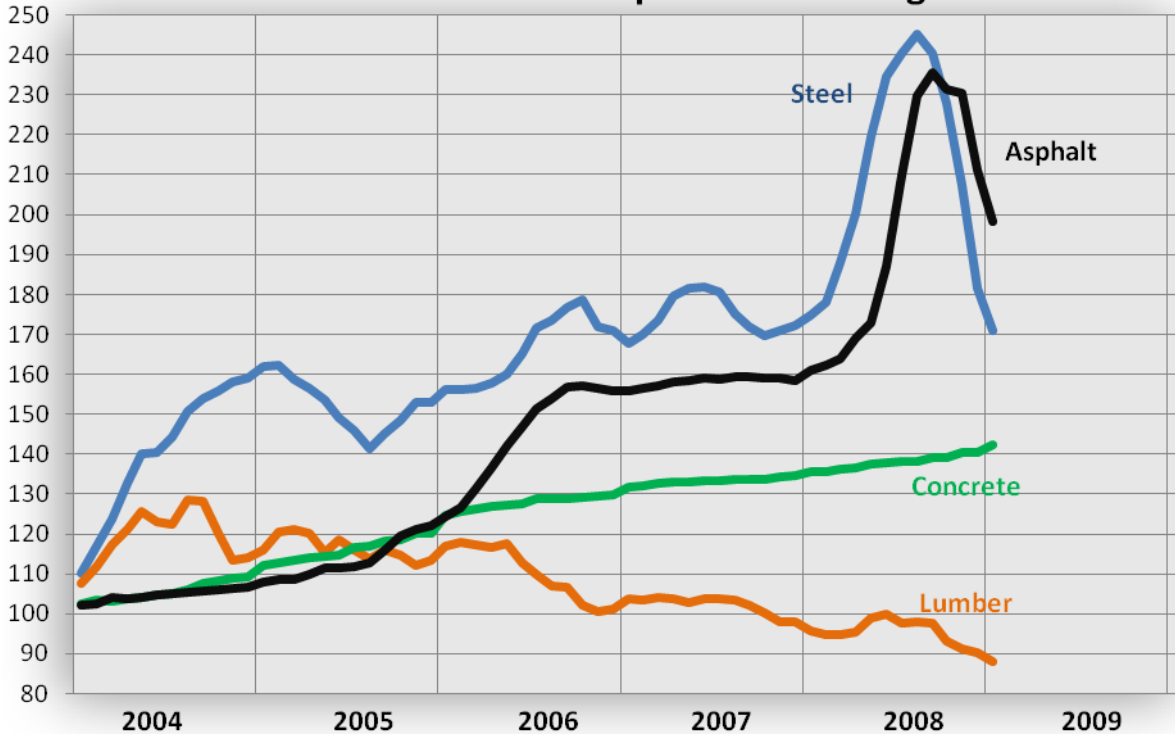


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Producer Price Indices - Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2006	2007	2008(p)	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08(p)	Nov-08(p)	Dec-08(p)	Jan-09(p)
<b>Steel Mill Products</b>	166.1	174.5	211.2	245.2	240.2	227.7	207.1	181.4	171.0
% Change Year Ago	9.1%	5.0%	21.0%	40.1%	39.7%	34.3%	21.3%	5.3%	-2.2%
% Change Month Ago				2.1%	-2.0%	-5.2%	-9.0%	-12.4%	-5.8%
<b>Lumber</b>	110.6	102.4	95.8	98.1	97.7	93.2	91.5	90.5	88.2
% Change Year Ago	-5.1%	-7.4%	-6.4%	-5.4%	-4.3%	-7.1%	-6.6%	-7.8%	-8.1%
% Change Month Ago				0.2%	-0.4%	-4.6%	-1.8%	-1.2%	-2.5%
<b>Concrete Products</b>	127.8	133.3	138.0	138.3	139.1	139.1	140.5	140.5	142.4
% Change Year Ago	10.1%	4.3%	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.1%	4.6%	4.2%	5.0%
% Change Month Ago				0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.4%
<b>Asphalt*</b>	144.9	158.2	197.4	229.8	235.5	231.4	230.2	211.2	198.2
% Change Year Ago	27.8%	9.2%	24.8%	44.1%	47.8%	45.5%	44.8%	33.3%	23.1%
% Change Month Ago				9.6%	2.5%	-1.7%	-0.5%	-8.3%	-6.2%

(p) = Preliminary data

Base Year: 2002 = 100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Steel prices decreased for the fifth consecutive month, decreasing by 5.8% from December to January. Asphalt prices decreased considerably, decreasing 6.2% from the previous month. Lumber prices hit new lows, decreasing by 2.5% from December to January. Concrete prices increased slightly by 1.4% from the previous month.

Steel prices have decreased 2.2% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 23.1% and concrete prices grew by 5.0%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 8.1%.

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