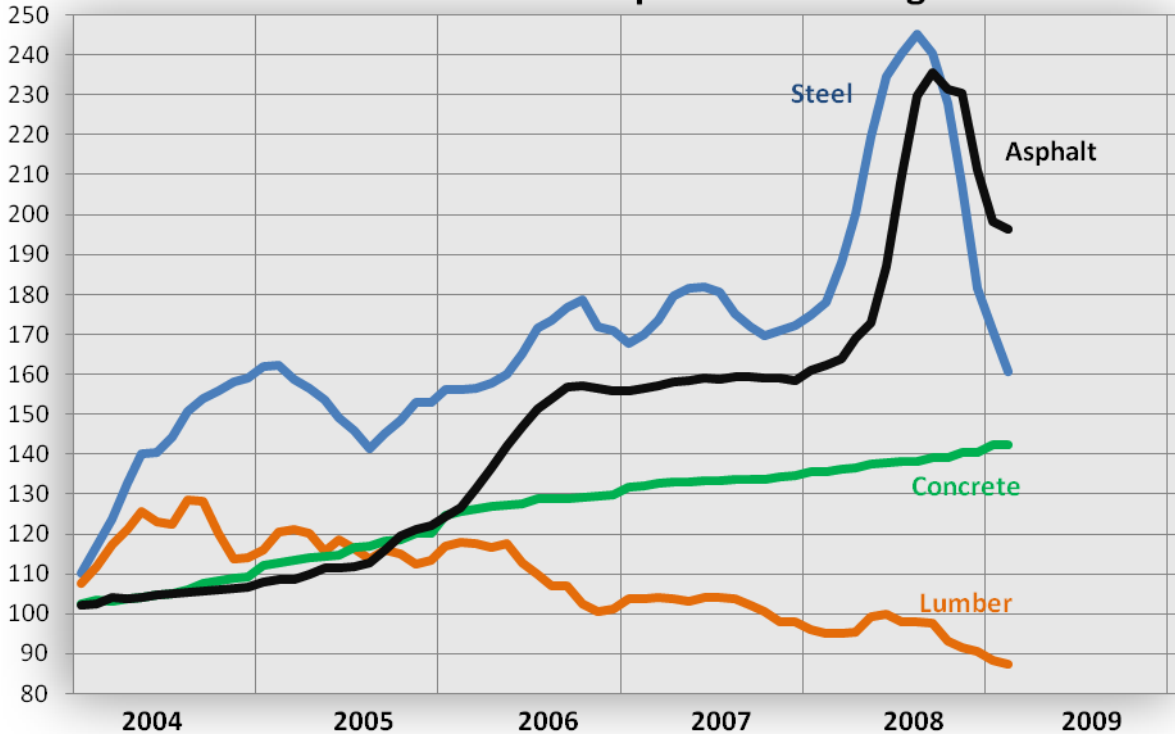


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Producer Price Indices - Competitive Building Materials



| | Annual | | | Monthly | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008(p) | Sep-08 | Oct-08 | Nov-08(p) | Dec-08(p) | Jan-09(p) | Feb-09(p) |
| Steel Mill Products | 166.1 | 174.5 | 211.2 | 240.2 | 220.7 | 207.1 | 181.4 | 171.0 | 160.6 |
| % Change Year Ago | 9.1% | 5.0% | 21.0% | 39.7% | 30.2% | 21.3% | 5.3% | -2.2% | -9.8% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | -2.0% | -8.1% | -6.2% | -12.4% | -5.8% | -6.1% |
| Lumber | 110.6 | 102.4 | 95.8 | 97.7 | 93.5 | 91.5 | 90.5 | 88.2 | 87.4 |
| % Change Year Ago | -5.1% | -7.4% | -6.4% | -4.3% | -6.9% | -6.6% | -7.8% | -8.1% | -8.0% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | -0.4% | -4.4% | -2.1% | -1.2% | -2.5% | -0.9% |
| Concrete Products | 127.8 | 133.3 | 138.0 | 139.1 | 139.8 | 140.5 | 140.5 | 142.4 | 142.3 |
| % Change Year Ago | 10.1% | 4.3% | 3.5% | 4.0% | 4.6% | 4.6% | 4.2% | 5.0% | 4.8% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 1.4% | -0.1% |
| Asphalt* | 144.9 | 158.2 | 197.4 | 235.5 | 229.7 | 230.2 | 211.2 | 198.2 | 196.1 |
| % Change Year Ago | 27.8% | 9.2% | 24.8% | 47.8% | 44.4% | 44.8% | 33.3% | 23.1% | 21.0% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | 2.5% | -2.4% | 0.2% | -8.3% | -6.2% | -1.0% |

(p) = Preliminary data

Base Year: 2002 = 100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

All four materials showed declines in February 2009. Steel prices decreased for the sixth consecutive month, decreasing by 6.1% from January to February. Asphalt prices decreased 1.0% from the previous month. Lumber prices hit new lows, decreasing by 0.9% from January to February. Concrete prices decreased minimally by 0.1% from the previous month.

Steel prices have decreased 9.8% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 21.0% and concrete prices grew by 4.8%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 8.0%.

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