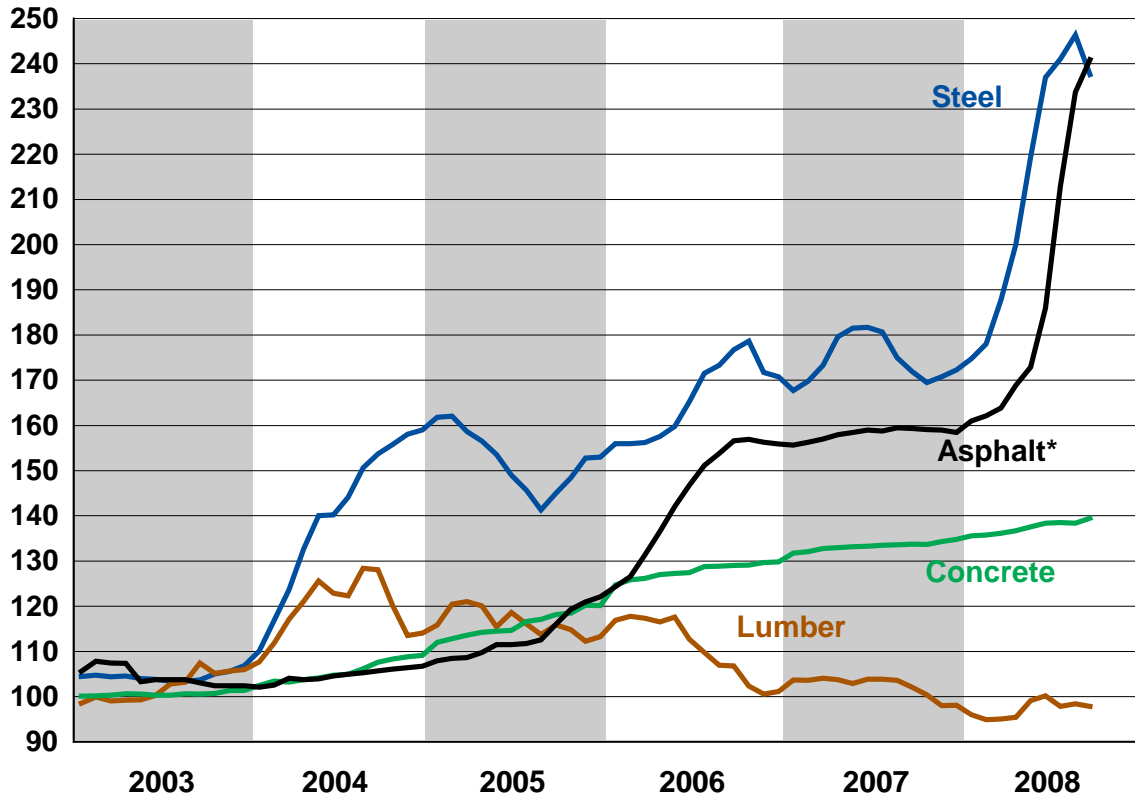


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Producer Price Indices – Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2005	2006	2007	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08(p)	Jul-08(p)	Aug-08(p)	Sep-08(p)
Steel Mill Products	152.3	166.1	174.3	200.0	219.3	237.0	241.1	246.4	237.6
% Change Year Ago	8.5%	9.1%	4.9%	11.4%	20.8%	30.4%	33.4%	40.8%	38.2%
% Change Month Ago				6.5%	9.6%	8.0%	1.7%	2.2%	-3.6%
Lumber	116.5	110.6	102.3	95.4	99.1	100.2	97.9	98.4	97.9
% Change Year Ago	-2.5%	-5.1%	-7.5%	-8.0%	-3.7%	-3.6%	-5.8%	-5.0%	-4.2%
% Change Month Ago				0.4%	3.9%	1.1%	-2.3%	0.6%	-0.6%
Concrete Products	116.1	127.8	133.2	136.7	137.6	138.4	138.5	138.4	139.5
% Change Year Ago	9.9%	10.1%	4.2%	2.8%	3.3%	3.8%	3.8%	3.6%	4.3%
% Change Month Ago				0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.8%
Asphalt*	113.4	144.9	158.2	168.9	172.9	186.0	212.9	233.7	240.9
% Change Year Ago	8.3%	27.8%	9.2%	6.9%	9.1%	17.0%	34.1%	46.6%	51.2%
% Change Month Ago				3.1%	2.4%	7.6%	14.5%	9.8%	3.1%

(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 decreased for the first time in ten months, decreasing by 3.6% from August to September. Asphalt prices increased for the ninth consecutive month, increasing 3.1% from the previous month. Lumber prices decreased by 0.6% from August to September. Concrete prices had a slight increase from the previous month by 0.8%.

Steel prices have increased 38.2% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 51.2% and concrete prices grew by 4.3%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 4.2%.

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