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#### **Producer Price Indexes -- March 2003**

The Producer Price Index for Finished Goods advanced 1.5 percent in March, seasonally adjusted, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. This increase followed a 1.0-percent gain in February and a 1.6-percent rise in January. At the earlier stages of processing, prices for intermediate goods moved up 2.0 percent, after increasing 2.1 percent in the prior month. The crude goods index jumped 13.3 percent, following a 4.8-percent gain in February. (See table A.)

Table A. Monthly and annual percent changes in selected stage-of-processing price indexes, seasonally adjusted

			Finished	l goods			
Month	Total	Foods	Energy	Except foods and energy	Change in finished goods from 12 months ago (unadj.)	Inter- mediate goods	Crude goods
2002	10111	10003	Lifeigy	chergy	ago (unauj.)	8 2 2 2 2	8
Mar.	0.8	0.6	4.6	-0.1	-1.6	0.7	5.2
Apr.	1	-2.9	3.1	.1	-2.1	.9	4.3
May	4	3	-2.3	0	-2.9	3	.7
June	.1	.2	.1	.1	-2.3	.2	-3.8
July	0	1	1.1	3	-1.2	.2	.8
Aug.	0	4	1.4	1	-1.5	.4	1.8
Sept.	.3	4	1.2	.3	-1.8	.5	2.2
Oct.	.8	.4	3.4	.3	.7	.7	2.2
Nov.	r3	.4	r -1.6	r1	r 1.0	r1	r 3.7
Dec.	r2	.4	r1	5	1.2	2	r 3.2
2003							
Jan.	1.6	1.6	4.8	.9	2.8	1.3	6.9
Feb.	1.0	.6	7.4	5	3.5	2.1	4.8
Mar.	1.5	.1	5.7	.7	4.2	2.0	13.3

r=revised. Some of the figures shown above and elsewhere in this release may differ from those previously reported because data for November 2002 have been revised to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents.

Over half of the March increase in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods was due to prices for finished energy goods, which rose 5.7 percent after advancing 7.4 percent in February. Most of the remaining upward movement in March's finished goods index can be traced to a 0.7-percent increase in prices for finished goods other than foods and energy, reflecting higher prices for passenger cars and light motor trucks. The finished consumer foods index edged up 0.1 percent in March, after climbing 0.6 percent in February.

During the first quarter of 2003, prices for finished goods advanced at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 17.4 percent, after rising at a 1.2-percent rate during the final three months of 2002. Excluding prices for foods and energy, the finished goods index increased at a 4.6-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate for the three months ended March 2003, following a 1.3-percent rate of decline in the last quarter of 2002. Among prices for raw and partially processed goods, the intermediate goods index moved up at a 23.8-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate during the first quarter of 2003, after advancing at a 1.9-percent rate in the last three months of 2002. The seasonally adjusted annual rate of increase for crude goods prices accelerated from 43.0 percent to 159.9 percent from the final quarter of 2002 to the first quarter of 2003. (See summary below.)

Before seasonal adjustment, the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods increased 1.4 percent to 144.5 (1982 = 100). From March 2002 to March 2003, prices for finished goods rose 4.2 percent. During the same period, the finished energy goods index jumped 26.5 percent and prices for finished goods other than foods and energy moved up 0.9 percent. By contrast, the index for finished consumer foods declined 0.6 percent for the 12 months ended March 2003. At the earlier stages of processing, intermediate goods prices climbed 8.0 percent and the crude goods index soared 47.3 percent.

Summary of December-to-December and 3-month seasonally adjusted annual rates for selected stages of process

		tage cha	_	Seasona	onally adjusted annual rate for 3 months ended in:				
Grouping		ecembe		June	Sept.	Dec.	Mar.		
	2000	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003		
Finished goods	3.6	-1.6	1.2	-1.7	1.2	1.2	17.4		
Finished consumer foods	1.7	1.8	6	-11.4	-3.7	5.0	9.2		
Finished energy goods	16.6	-17.1	11.9	3.3	15.9	6.8	100.1		
Finished goods less foods and energy	1.3	.9	4	.8	5	-1.3	4.6		
Finished consumer goods, excluding									
foods and energy	1.4	1.5	1	1.8	5	8	4.4		
Capital equipment	1.2	0	9	9	6	-1.7	4.7		
Intermediate materials, supplies, and									
components	4.1	-4.0	3.2	3.2	4.8	1.9	23.8		
Intermediate foods and feeds	3.6	.3	4.5	-2.1	13.2	5.9	6.9		
Intermediate energy goods	19.0	-16.9	11.4	11.7	15.6	5.0	158.9		
Intermediate materials less foods and energy	1.6	-1.6	1.6	1.8	2.4	1.2	5.1		
Materials for nondurable manufacturing	4.1	-5.5	4.3	7.5	9.0	.6	24.4		
Materials for durable manufacturing	.2	-4.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	2.6	1.6		
Materials and components for construction	.1	0	.8	1.3	2.1	-1.3	2.1		
Crude materials for further processing	35.5	-32.5	26.1	4.3	20.9	43.0	159.9		
Foodstuffs and feedstuffs	7.4	-7.6	4.4	-26.3	15.4	10.9	15.8		
Crude energy materials	85.6	-52.9	66.1	40.1	37.5	110.8	528.0		
Crude nonfood materials less energy	-5.5	-9.9	12.4	30.2	4.4	7.1	20.3		

NOTE: Late reports and corrections by respondents may cause some indexes to change 4 months after original publication. In addition, seasonally adjusted indexes may be revised for 5 years, due to the recalculation of seasonal factors each January.

#### Finished goods

Prices for finished energy goods moved up 5.7 percent in March, following a 7.4-percent increase in the previous month. The gasoline index rose 4.6 percent, after jumping 18.8 percent in February. Prices for liquefied petroleum gas, home heating oil, diesel fuel, and kerosene also advanced at a slower pace than they did a month earlier. By contrast, the rate of increase in the index for residential natural gas accelerated from 4.8 percent in February to 15.2 percent in March. Prices for residential electric power also rose more than they did in the prior month. The finished energy goods index surged at a 100.1-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate from December 2002 to March 2003, after advancing at a 6.8-percent rate in the final quarter of 2002.

Prices for finished consumer goods other than foods and energy turned up 0.7 percent in March, after falling 0.5-percent in the previous month. The light motor trucks index rose 5.2 percent, compared with a 3.9-percent decrease in February. Prices charged by passenger car manufacturers rose 3.3 percent in March, following a 0.6-percent decline in the prior month. February price declines preceded March increases for women's apparel, pharmaceutical preparations, alcoholic beverages, and men's and boys' apparel. The index for cigarettes moved up, after showing no change in February. On the other hand, prices for sanitary papers and health products dropped 5.2 percent in March, compared with a 0.1-percent decrease a month earlier. The newspaper circulation index showed no change, after going up in the previous month. Prices for soaps and synthetic detergents and jewelry (platinum and karat gold) turned down, following February increases. Prices for finished consumer goods excluding foods and energy advanced at a 4.4-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate in the first quarter of 2003, after posting a 0.8-percent rate of decline in the last quarter of 2002.

Table B. Monthly and annual percent changes in selected price indexes for intermediate goods and crude goods, seasonally adjusted

	goods, sc			al a		C	do acada	
		Interm	ediate goo	us		Cru	de goods	
			Except	Change in intermediate goods from 12 months		Enguerr	Except	Change in crude goods from 12 months
Month	Foods	Energy	foods and energy	ago (unadj.)	Foods	Energy (unadj.)	foods and energy	ago (unadj.)
2002	10045	Energy	cher sy	(unuaj.)	10003	(unuaj.)	chergy	(unadj.)
Mar.	0.4	3.6	0.2	-3.5	-0.5	16.9	0.5	-21.6
Apr.	7	4.5	.2	-2.7	-6.1	19.4	1.9	-18.6
May	9	-2.0	0	-3.2	1	.9	1.9	-16.3
June	1.1	.3	.2	-2.8	-1.2	-9.7	2.8	-12.4
July		0	.2 .2 .2	-1.5	.6	.3	1.7	-6.2
Aug.	.7	1.5		-1.0	1.7	3.2	4	-3.8
Sept.	1.1	2.2	.1	6	1.3	4.6		3.1
Oct.	3	3.4		1.6	.2	5.1	.3	15.4
Nov.	r .5	-1.2		r 2.4	r 1.1	r 7.8		r 13.7
Dec.	r 1.3	-1.0	r 0	3.2	r 1.3	r 6.3	r .1	26.1
2003								
Jan.	1.3	6.1	.3	4.5	5.4	11.0	1.0	29.3
Feb.	.7	8.5	.7	6.7	.7	9.3	2.7	36.8
Mar.	2	10.2	.2	8.0	-2.3	30.5	1.0	47.3

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The capital equipment index increased 0.8 percent in March, following a 0.4-percent decline in the prior month. Prices for light motor trucks, passenger cars, x-ray and electromedical equipment, and printing trades machinery also advanced, following decreases in the previous month. The electronic computer and heavy motor truck indexes fell less in March than they did in February, while civilian aircraft prices climbed at a quicker rate than they did a month earlier. Partially offsetting these accelerating prices for capital equipment, the communication and related equipment index turned down 0.4 percent in March, compared with a 0.5-percent gain in the previous month. Prices for commercial furniture and plastic working machinery also fell, after rising in February. The March index for integrating and measuring instruments rose less than it did in the prior month. During the first three months of 2003, the capital equipment index rose at a 4.7-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, compared with a 1.7-percent rate of decrease in the fourth quarter of 2002.

The finished consumer foods index inched up 0.1 percent in March, following a 0.6-percent increase in the previous month. Rising prices for fresh and dry vegetables, processed young chickens, eggs for fresh use, and for finfish and shellfish outweighed falling prices for fresh fruits and melons, pork, dairy products, processed fruits and vegetables, processed turkeys, and bakery products. The index for finished consumer foods increased at a 9.2-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate in the first quarter of 2003, after moving up at a 5.0-percent rate in the last three months of 2002.

#### **Intermediate goods**

The index for Intermediate Materials, Supplies, and Components advanced 2.0 percent in March, after rising 2.1 percent in February. Price increases for intermediate energy goods and nondurable manufacturing materials more than offset declining prices for materials for durable manufacturing, materials and components for construction, and intermediate foods and feeds in March. The index for intermediate goods other than foods and energy went up 0.2 percent in March, after rising 0.7 percent in February. (See table B.)

The index for intermediate energy goods jumped 10.2 percent in March, following an 8.5-percent advance in the prior month. Prices for utility natural gas led this acceleration. Industrial natural gas prices increased 24.8 percent, after rising 6.1 percent; the commercial natural gas index advanced 20.2 percent, compared with a 5.1-percent gain in February; and prices for natural gas to electric utilities surged 54.7 percent in March, following a 26.4-percent increase in February. Likewise, the indexes for industrial electric power and jet fuels rose at a faster pace in March than they did in the previous month. By contrast, the index for gasoline increased 4.6 percent in March, following an 18.8-percent gain in February. Prices for diesel fuel, residual fuel, liquefied petroleum gas, and home heating oil also rose at a slower rate in March than they did a month earlier. Prices for intermediate energy goods advanced at a 158.9-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate from December 2002 to March 2003, after registering a 5.0-percent rate of increase during the previous three months.

The index for materials for nondurable manufacturing increased 0.7 percent in March, after climbing 3.4 percent in the preceding month. Prices for primary basic organic chemicals rose 1.0 percent, compared with a 19.3-percent gain in February. The indexes for plastic resins and materials and paperboard turned down in March. Prices for both finished fabric and gray fabric dropped at a faster pace in March than they did in the previous month. On the other hand, the fertilizer materials index rose at a faster rate in March than it did in February. Prices for ethanol and medicinal and botanical chemicals also moved up at a faster pace in March. The indexes for inedible fats and oils and synthetic rubber turned up in March. From December 2002 to March 2003, the index for materials for nondurable manufacturing advanced at a 24.4-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, following a 0.6-percent annual rate of increase during the final quarter of 2002.

After posting a 0.6-percent gain in February, the index for materials for durable manufacturing fell 0.3 percent. Hot rolled steel sheet and strip prices turned down 2.0 percent in March, following a 0.3-percent increase in the prior month. The index for primary nonferrous metals (except precious) advanced at a slower pace in March than it did a month earlier. Prices for building paper and board and for copper and brass mill shapes turned down in March. On the other hand, the index for hot rolled steel bars, plates, and structural shapes advanced 0.9 percent, after posting a 0.7-percent decline in February. Prices for semi-finished steel mill products and flat glass also turned up in March. The index for materials for durable manufacturing increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.6 percent during the first quarter of 2003, after rising at a 2.6-percent annual rate in the previous quarter.

The index for materials and components for construction turned down 0.1 percent in March, after posting a 0.3-percent rise in the preceding month. Paving mixture and block prices inched down 0.1 percent, following a 4.1-percent gain in February. The index for softwood lumber fell at faster rate in March than it did in the previous month. Prices for steel mill products, gypsum products, and mineral wool for structural insulation turned down in March. Alternatively, the index for plastic construction products rose 0.7 percent, compared with a 0.1-percent increase in February. Prices for fabricated structural metal products and nonferrous wire and cable turned up in March. The asphalt felts and coatings index advanced at a faster pace in March than it did in February. During the first quarter of 2003, prices for materials and components for construction advanced at a 2.1-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, following a 1.3-percent annual rate of decline during the prior quarter.

Subsequent to a 0.7-percent gain in February, the index for intermediate foods and feeds declined 0.2 percent in March. Beef and veal prices turned down 0.2 percent in March, after rising 2.2 percent in the prior month. The indexes for confectionery materials, flour, and pork also turned down in March. By contrast, dry milk product prices fell 0.2 percent, following a 6.7-percent decline in February. The indexes for fluid milk products and crude vegetable oils decreased at a slower rate in March than they did a month earlier. From December 2002 to March 2003, prices for intermediate foods and feeds rose at a 6.9-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, after increasing at a 5.9-percent annual rate for the previous quarter.

#### **Crude goods**

The Producer Price Index for Crude Materials for Further Processing climbed 13.3 percent in March, following a 4.8-percent increase in February. This is the ninth consecutive gain in crude goods prices and their largest rise since a 17.4-percent advance in January 2001. March's acceleration for the crude goods index was due to prices for crude energy materials, which also rose at a faster pace than they did in February. By contrast, the index for crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs turned down in March, while prices for basic industrial materials advanced at a slower rate than they did a month earlier. (See table B.)

The crude energy materials index moved up 30.5 percent, after advancing 9.3 percent in the previous month. Natural gas prices rose 51.0 percent in March, the largest increase since a 56.4-percent jump in November 2001. In February, natural gas prices rose 11.5 percent. Coal prices turned up 1.0 percent, following a 2.8-percent decline in the preceding month. On the other hand, the crude petroleum index advanced 3.3 percent in March, after rising 10.0 percent a month earlier. During the first quarter of 2003, prices for crude energy materials increased at a 528.0-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, after rising at a 110.8-percent rate for the previous calendar quarter.

The index for crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs moved down 2.3 percent in March, compared with a 0.7-percent gain in February. Corn prices dropped 5.0 percent, after rising 8.1 percent in the previous month. The indexes for slaughter hogs, wheat, and slaughter broilers and fryers also turned down. Prices for fluid milk and slaughter cattle fell more quickly in March than they did a month earlier, while the March index for soybeans increased at a slower pace over the same period. Alternatively, prices for fresh and dry vegetables climbed 15.9 percent, following an 11.7-percent decline in the preceding month. The indexes for unprocessed shellfish and raw cane sugar rose at a faster rate in March than they did in the prior month. Subsequent to a 10.9-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate of advance during the fourth quarter of 2002, prices for crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs increased at a 15.8-percent rate during the first quarter of 2003.

The index for crude nonfood materials less energy, which rose 2.7 percent in February, increased 1.0 percent in March. Prices for iron and steel scrap advanced 5.1 percent, after jumping 11.7 percent in the previous month. Leaf tobacco prices fell at a faster rate in March than they did a month earlier. The indexes for nonferrous metal ores, hides and skins, and pulpwood turned down, following February gains. Price increases for raw cotton slowed in March. Conversely, the index for wastepaper moved up 8.1 percent, after rising 0.3 percent in the preceding month. Prices for phosphates and copper base scrap also advanced at a faster rate than they did in the prior month. For the calendar quarter ended March 2003, the index for crude nonfood materials less energy jumped at a 20.3-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, which followed a 7.1-percent annual rate of increase in the calendar quarter ended December 2002.

#### Net output price indexes for mining, manufacturing, and services industries

*Mining*. The Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Mining Industries jumped 24.3 percent in March, following an 8.9-percent gain in February. (Net output price indexes are not seasonally adjusted.) The index for the natural gas liquids and natural gas residue industry climbed 36.5 percent in March, following an 8.1-percent rise in February. Prices received by the crude petroleum and natural gas industry and the bituminous coal underground mining industry also rose at a faster pace in March than they did a month earlier. The industry indexes for bituminous coal and lignite surface mining and for kaolin and ball clay turned up in March. By contrast, the industry index for oil and gas well drilling posted a 1.6-percent decline, after rising 0.7 percent in February. The industry indexes for gold ores, industrial sand, and anthracite mining turned down in March. In the first quarter of 2003, the Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Mining Industries rose at a 376.6-percent annual rate, compared with a 77.9-percent rate of increase in the last quarter of 2002. In March, this index was 170.8 (December 1984=100), 95.2 percent above its year-ago level.

Manufacturing. The Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Manufacturing Industries increased 0.8 percent in March, following a 1.4-percent advance in February. The petroleum refining and related products industry group index advanced 5.6 percent, after an 18.8-percent gain in the previous month. The industry group indexes for food and kindred products, paper and allied products, and lumber and wood products (except furniture) turned down in March. On the other hand, the industry group index for transportation equipment turned up 1.7 percent in March, following a 0.7-percent decline in the preceding month. The electrical and electronic machinery, equipment, and supplies index also turned up in March. The industry group indexes for rubber and miscellaneous plastic products and for chemicals and allied products rose at a faster rate in March than they did in February. In the first quarter of 2003, the Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Manufacturing Industries rose at a 15.1-percent annual rate, compared with a 2.6-percent rate of decline in the last quarter of 2002. In March, this index was 138.9 (December 1984=100), 4.6 percent above its year-ago level.

*Services.* Among service industries, prices received by the industries for property and casualty insurance, hotels and motels, general medical and surgical hospitals, and trucking, except local, increased in March. Alternatively, the industry indexes for life insurance carriers, operators and lessors of nonresidential buildings, prepackaged software, and passenger car rental fell in February.

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Producer Price Index data for April 2003 will be released on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

#### **NAICS Conversion**

The net output price indexes will be converted from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) basis to the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis with the February 2004 release of January 2004 indexes. The NAICS conversion involves major definitional changes to many of the currently published SIC-based indexes. After the conversion to NAICS, SIC-based indexes will no longer be produced or published. Historical index data based on the NAICS publication structure will be available depending on the scope of the definitional changes between SIC and NAICS.

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#### **Brief Explanation of Producer Price Indexes**

The term Producer Price Index (PPI) refers to a family of indexes that measure the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers of goods and services. PPIs measure price change from the perspective of the seller. This contrasts with other measures, such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI); CPIs measure price change from the purchaser's perspective. Sellers' and purchasers' prices may differ due to government subsidies, sales and excise taxes, and distribution costs.

More than 10,000 PPIs for individual products and groups of products are released each month. PPIs are available for the products of virtually every industry in the mining and manufacturing sectors of the U.S. economy. New PPIs are gradually being introduced for the products of industries in the transportation, utilities, trade, finance, and services sectors of the economy.

More than 100,000 price quotations per month are organized into three sets of producer price indexes: (1) stage-of-processing indexes; (2) commodity indexes; and (3) indexes for the net output of industries and their products. The stage-of-processing structure (tables 1, 2, and 5) organizes products by class of buyer and degree of fabrication. The commodity structure (tables 2 and 3) organizes products by similarity of end-use or material composition. The entire output of various industries is sampled to derive price indexes for the net output of industries and their products (table 4).

Within the stage-of-processing system, finished goods are commodities that will not undergo further processing and are ready for sale to the final demand user, either an individual consumer or business firm. Consumer foods include unprocessed foods such as eggs and fresh vegetables, as well as processed foods such as bakery products and meats. Other finished consumer goods include durable goods such as automobiles, household furniture, and appliances; and nondurable goods such as apparel and home heating oil. Capital equipment includes producer durable goods such as heavy motor trucks, tractors, and machine tools.

The stage-of-processing category for intermediate materials, supplies, and components consists partly of commodities that have been processed but require further processing. Examples of such semifinished goods include flour, cotton yarn, steel mill products, and lumber. The intermediate goods category also encompasses nondurable physically complete items purchased by business firms as inputs for their operations. Examples include diesel fuel, belts and belting, paper boxes, and fertilizers.

Crude materials for further processing are products entering the market for the first time that have not been manufactured or fabricated and that are not sold directly to consumers. Crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs include items such as grains and livestock. Examples of crude nonfood materials include raw cotton, crude petroleum, coal, hides and skins, and iron and steel scrap.

Producer price indexes for the net output of industries and their products are grouped according to the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC). Industry price indexes are compatible with other economic time series organized by SIC codes, such as data on employment, wages, and productivity. Table 4 lists indexes for the net output of major mining and manufacturing industry groups at the 2-digit level.

Producer price indexes are based on selling prices reported by establishments of all sizes selected by probability sampling, with the probability of selection proportionate to size. Individual items and transaction terms from these firms are also chosen by probability proportionate to size. BLS strongly encourages cooperating companies to supply actual transaction prices at the time of shipment to minimize the use of list prices. Prices are normally reported by mail questionnaire for the Tuesday of the week containing the 13th.

Price data are provided on a voluntary and confidential basis; no one but sworn BLS employees are allowed access to individual company price reports. The Bureau publishes price indexes instead of unit dollar prices. All producer price indexes are routinely subject to revision once, 4 months after original publication, to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents.

The BLS periodically updates the PPI sample of survey respondents to better reflect current conditions when the structure, membership, technology, or product mix of an industry shifts significantly and to spread reporting burden among smaller firms. Results of these resampling efforts are incorporated into the PPI every January and July.

As part of an ongoing effort to expand coverage to sectors of the economy other than mining and manufacturing, an increasing number of service sector industries have been introduced into the PPI. The following list of recently introduced service industries includes the month in which an article describing the industry's content appeared in the *PPI Detailed Report*:

		PPI Detailed
Industry	SIC	Report Issue
Wireless Telecommunications.	4812	July 1999
Telephone Communications, Except Radio Telephone	4813	July 1995
Television Broadcasting	4833	July 2002
Grocery Stores	5411	July 2000
Meat and Fish (Seafood) Markets	5421	July 2000
Fruit and Vegetable Markets	5431	July 2000
Candy, Nut, and Confectionery Stores	5441	July 2000
Retail Bakeries	5461	July 2000
Miscellaneous Food Stores	5499	July 2000
New Car Dealers	5511	July 2000
Gasoline Service Stations	5541	January 2002
Boat Dealers	5551	January 2002
Recreational Vehicle Dealers	5561	January 2002
Miscellaneous Retail	59	January 2001
Security Brokers, Dealers, and Investment Bankers	6211	January 2001
Investment Advice	6282	January 2003
Life Insurance Carriers	6311	January 1999
Property and Casualty Insurance	6331	July 1998
Insurance Agencies and Brokerages	6412	January 2003
Operators and Lessors of Nonresidential Buildings	6512	January 1996
Real Estate Agents and Managers	6531	January 1996
Prepackaged Software	7372	January 1998
Data Processing Services.	7374	January 2002
Home Health Care Services.	8082	January 1997
Legal Services.	8111	January 1997
Engineering Design, Analysis, and Consulting Services	8711	January 1997
Architectural Design, Analysis, and Consulting Services	8712	January 1997
Premiums for Property and Casualty Insurance	9331	July 1998

Weights for most traditional commodity groupings of the PPI, as well as all indexes (such as stage-of-processing indexes) calculated from traditional commodity groupings, currently reflect 1992 values of shipments as reported in the *Census of Manufactures* and other sources. From January 1992 through December 1995, PPI weights were derived from 1987 shipment values. Industry indexes shown in table 4 are also now calculated with 1992 net output weights. This periodic update of the value weights used to calculate the PPI is done to more accurately reflect changes in production and marketing patterns in the economy.

Net output values of shipments are used as weights for industry indexes. Net output values refer to the value of shipments from establishments in one industry to establishments classified in another industry. However, weights for commodity price indexes are based on gross shipment values, including shipment values between establishments within the same industry. As a result, broad commodity grouping indexes such as the all commodities index are affected by the multiple counting of price change at successive stages of processing, which can lead to exaggerated or misleading signals about inflation. Stage-of-processing indexes partially correct this defect, but industry indexes consistently correct for this at all levels of aggregation. Therefore, industry and stage-of-processing indexes are more appropriate than broad commodity groupings for economic analysis of general price trends.

Effective with publication of January 1988 data, many important PPI series (including stage-of-processing groupings and most commodity groups and individual items) were placed on a new reference base, 1982=100. From 1971 through 1987, the standard reference base for most PPI series was 1967=100. Except for rounding differences, the shift to the new reference base did not alter any changes to previously published percent changes for affected PPI series. (See "Calculating Index Changes," below.) The new reference base is not used for indexes with a base later than December 1981, nor for indexes for the net output of industries and their products.

For further information on the underlying concepts and methodology of the Producer Price Index, see chapter 14, "Producer Prices," in *BLS Handbook of Methods* (April 1997), Bulletin 2490. Reprints are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on request.

#### **Calculating Index Changes**

Each index measures price changes from a reference period which equals 100.0 (1982 or some later month). An increase of 5.5 percent from the reference period in the Finished Goods Price Index, for example, is shown as 105.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: "Prices received by domestic producers of a systematic sample of finished goods have risen from \$100 in 1982 to \$105.50 today." Likewise, a current index of 90.0 would indicate that prices received by producers of finished goods today are 10 percent lower than they were in 1982.

Movements of price indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than as changes in index points because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period, whereas percent changes are not. The example below shows the computation of index point and percent changes.

#### Index point change

Finished Goods Price Index	107.5
Less previous index	104.0
Equals index point change	3.5
Index percent change	
Index point change	3.5
Divided by the previous index	104.0
Equals	0.034
Result multiplied by 100	0.034 x 100
Equals percent change	3.4

#### **Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data**

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted and unadjusted changes each month. Seasonally adjusted data are preferred for analyzing general price trends in the economy because they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at about the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from normal weather patterns, regular production and marketing cycles, model changeovers, seasonal discounts, and holidays. For these reasons, seasonally adjusted data more clearly reveal underlying cyclical trends.

Unadjusted data are of primary interest to users who need information that can be related to actual dollar values of transactions. Individuals requiring this information include marketing specialists, purchasing agents, budget and cost analysts, contract specialists, and commodity traders. It is the unadjusted data that are generally cited in escalating long-term contracts such as purchasing agreements or real estate leases. (See *Escalation and Producer Price Indexes: A Guide for Contracting Parties*, BLS Report 807, September 1991, available on request from BLS.)

For more information, see (1) "Appendix A: Seasonal Adjustment Methodology at BLS," in the *BLS Handbook of Methods* (April 1997), Bulletin 2490 and (2) "Summary of Changes to the PPI's Seasonal Adjustment Methodology" in the January 1995 issue of *Producer Price Indexes*.

Table 1. Producer price indexes and percent changes by stage of processing (1982=100)

Grouping	     Relative  importance		djusted	index	Unadjus   perce  change  Mar. 20	nt to	percent	lly adjust change fr	
	Dec.	  Nov.  2002 2/		  Mar.  2003 2/	Mar.   2002	   Feb.   2003	Dec. to	  Jan. to   Feb.	  Feb. to   Mar.
Finished goods		139.7	142.5	144.5	4.2	1.4	1.6	1.0	1.5
Finished consumer goods		140.4	144.3	146.7	5.6	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.6
Finished consumer foods	•	139.2 123.2	142.3 117.0	142.6 123.3	6 -23.1	.2 5.4	1.6 7.9	.6 -2.7	.1 5.6
Processed	•	140.5	144.4	144.2	1.6	1	1.1	-2.7	3
Finished consumer goods, excluding foods		140.5	144.8	147.9	8.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.2
Nondurable goods less foods		142.0	148.7	152.5	11.6	2.6	2.2	3.1	2.5
Durable goods	16.213	133.6	132.7	134.5	.7	1.4	1.6	-1.0	1.7
Capital equipment		139.5	139.1	140.1	. 4	. 7	.7	4	.8
Manufacturing industries		140.0	140.0	140.3	0	. 2	.1	1	.2
Nonmanufacturing industries	18.733	139.2	138.7	139.9	.5	. 9	1.0	5	1.1
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.	100.000	129.7	133.6	136.2	8.0	1.9	1.3	2.1	2.0
Materials and components for manufacturing		127.6	129.6	129.9	3.8	.2	.5	1.3	.2
Materials for food manufacturing		125.0	129.6	128.9	4.9	5	1.6	.6	7
Materials for nondurable manufacturing	14.716	132.8	138.2	139.2	10.0	.7	1.4	3.4	.7
Materials for durable manufacturing	•	126.3	127.2	127.0	2.8	2	.1	. 6	3
Components for manufacturing		126.0	125.9	126.1	2	.2	2	.1	. 2
Materials and components for construction		151.2	152.2	152.2	1.0	0 9.7	.3	.3	1
Processed fuels and lubricants		101.2	114.3 113.8	125.4 124.8	37.3 32.2	9.7	6.3 4.9	7.9 5.9	10.3
Nonmanufacturing industries		99.4	114.6	125.8	40.9	9.8	7.1	9.1	10.7
Containers		153.4	153.9	154.1	1.6	.1	.1	.2	.1
Supplies	•	139.6	140.5	141.2	2.1	. 5	.2	. 4	. 4
Manufacturing industries		144.9	145.4	146.3	1.5	.6	.1	.3	.6
Nonmanufacturing industries		137.0	138.1	138.7	2.3	. 4	.3	. 4	. 4
FeedsOther supplies		100.4 141.6	102.0 142.6	103.0 143.1	8.5 1.9	1.0	.5	1.0	1.0
Other Supplies	13.300	141.0	142.0	140.1	1.5	• =	• •	• 1	• 4
Crude materials for further processing		116.1	134.1	152.7	47.3	13.9	6.9	4.8	13.3
Foodstuffs and feedstuffs		99.7	106.3	105.2	2.3	-1.0	5.4	.7	-2.3
Nonfood materials		125.3	151.9	185.7	84.0	22.3	7.9	7.4	22.2
Nonfood materials except fuel 3/		102.6	120.8	123.4	28.0	2.2	8.2	5.8	2.1
Manufacturing 3/		94.1 181.8	111.1 181.1	113.6 181.3	28.8	2.3	8.5 9	5.9 .5	.2
Crude fuel 4/		150.6	188.8	272.2	177.8	44.2	7.4	9.3	44.2
Manufacturing industries		144.1	179.1	256.0	167.2	42.9	7.3	8.8	42.9
Nonmanufacturing industries	26.651	153.9	193.1	278.7	178.7	44.3	7.4	9.3	44.3
Special groupings	 								
Finished goods, excluding foods	ı I5/ 79.318	139.6	142.3	144.7	5.5	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.8
Intermediate materials less foods and feeds		130.3	134.3	137.1	8.1	2.1	1.3	2.1	2.2
Intermediate foods and feeds	16/ 4.025	117.5	121.2	121.0	5.9	2	1.3	.7	2
Crude materials less agricultural products 3/ 7/.	18/ 59.797	126.6	154.3	189.8	86.1	23.0	8.1	7.5	23.0
Finished energy goods	  5/1/1889	91.3	101.5	107.5	26.5	5.9	4.8	7.4	5.7
Finished goods less energy		147.6	148.2	148.9	.5	.5	1.1	3	.6
Finished consumer goods less energy		151.0	152.1	152.7	.5	. 4	1.1	1	.5
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Finished goods less foods and energy		150.9	150.6	151.5	.9	.6	.9	5	.7
Finished consumer goods less foods and energy		158.6	158.4	159.2	1.1 1.6	.5	.9	5 1	.7
Consumer nondurable goods less foods and energy	10/ 21.003	178.9	179.3	179.2	1.0	1	. 4	1	1
Intermediate energy goods	6/ 16.398	101.0	113.8	124.8	37.3	9.7	6.1	8.5	10.2
Intermediate materials less energy		135.5	137.1	137.4	2.7	.2	. 4	.7	.1
Intermediate materials less foods and energy		136.7	138.2	138.5	2.6	.2	.3	.7	.2
	I								
Crude energy materials 3/		120.0	154.8	202.0	124.7	30.5	11.0	9.3	30.5
Crude materials less energy		109.8	116.6	116.1	6.2	4 1 1	3.9	1.4	-1.2
Crude nonfood materials less energy 4/	O	139.8	146.7	148.3	15.0	1.1	1.0	2.7	1.0
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<sup>1/</sup> Comprehensive relative importance figures are initially computed after the publication of December indexes and are recalculated after final December indexes are available. The first-published and final December relative importances initially appear,

respectively, in the release tables containing January and May data.

2/ The indexes for November 2002 have been recalculated to incorporate late reports and corrections by respondents. All indexes are subject to revision 4 months after original publication.

Includes crude petroleum. 3/

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<sup>5/</sup> 

Percent of total intermediate materials.

Formerly titled "Crude materials for further processing, excluding crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs, plant and animal fibers, oilseeds, and leaf tobacco." 8/ Percent of total crude materials.

Table 2. Producer price indexes and percent changes for selected commodity groupings by stage of processing (1982=100 unless otherwise indicated)

Commodity code	 	 	djusted i	ndex	Unadjust   percent  change t  Mar. 200	<u>.</u> .0	Seasona  percent		
code	 	  Nov.  2002 1/	  Feb.   2003 1/		Mar.   2002		  Dec. to   Jan.		  Feb. to   Mar.
	   FINISHED GOODS.   FINISHED CONSUMER GOODS.   FINISHED CONSUMER FOODS.	140.4	142.5 144.3 142.3	144.5 146.7 142.6	4.2 5.6 6	1.4 1.7 .2	1.6 1.9 1.6	1.0 1.5 .6	1.5 1.6 .1
01-11 01-13 01-71-07 02-11 02-13 02-14-02 02-21-04 02-22-03 02-22-03 02-23 02-3 02-4 02-55 02-62 02-62 02-78	Fresh fruits and melons 2/.   Fresh and dry vegetables 2/.   Eggs for fresh use (Dec. 1991=100)   Bakery products 2/.   Milled rice 2/.   Pasta products (June 1985=100) 2/.   Beef and veal 2/.   Pork.   Processed young chickens.   Processed turkeys.   Finfish and shellfish.   Dairy products.   Processed fruits and vegetables 2/.   Confectionery end products 2/.   Soft drinks.   Roasted coffee 2/.   Shortening and cooking oils 2/.	119.7   103.4   190.9   83.0   121.5   111.1   105.4   104.7   93.8   199.7   134.1   133.2   174.8   152.2   121.5	79.4 118.7 89.9 194.9 87.9 126.5 126.7 112.2 112.7 88.6 193.3 133.6 133.7 182.5 153.0 122.3 153.1	72.0 137.6 97.9 194.5 88.1 126.3 126.4 111.7 197.6 132.5 133.2 182.4 152.3	-21.1 -36.5 5.7 2.9 11.9 3.3 4.6 -3.0 4.7 -7.7 6.7 -4.1 .8 4.0 .8	-9.3 15.9 8.9 2 2 2 3 3.3 .1 2.2 8 4 1	2.1 18.2 1.4 1.4 .6 6.3 9.9 4.4 4.3 .4 4.3 .2 1.3 5	3.0 -11.7 3.6 .4 2.3 2.1 2.2 1.1 6.6 .2 1.7 -2 1.6 1.6 -1.0	-9.3 15.9 4.1222222 2.2 2.2 -1.041 .17
	FINISHED CONSUMER GOODS EXCLUDING FOODS	140.5	144.8	147.9	8.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.2
02-61 03-81-01 03-81-02 03-81-03 03-82 04-3 05-41 05-51 05-71 05-73-02-01 06-75 07-12 09-15-01 09-32-01 09-32-01 09-31-01 12-3 12-4 12-5 12-62 12-64 12-62 12-64 11-101 15-11 15-12 15-12 15-2 15-5 15-94-02 15-94-04	Alcoholic beverages  Women's apparel 2/  Men's and boys' apparel 2/.  Girls', children's, and infants' apparel 2/.  Textile housefurnishings 2/  Footwear 2/.  Residential electric power (Dec. 1990=100).  Residential gas (Dec. 1990=100).  Gasoline.  Fuel oil No. 2.  Pharmaceutical preparations (June 2001=100) 2/.  Soaps and synthetic detergents 2/.  Cosmetics and other toilet preparations 2/.  Tires, tubes, tread, etc 2/.  Sanitary papers and health products 2/.  Newspaper circulation 2/.  Periodical circulation.  Book publishing.  Household furniture.  Floor coverings 2/.  Household appliances 2/.  Household pliasware.  Household flatware 2/.  Lawn and garden equip., ex. tractors 2/.  Passenger cars.  Toys, games, and children's vehicles 2/.  Sporting and athletic goods 2/.  Tobacco products 2/.  Mobile homes 2/.  Jewelry, platinum, & karat gold 2/.  Costume jewelry and novelties 2/.	122.9   128.4   119.3   128.4   119.3   146.1   111.3   146.1   111.3   146.1   111.3   146.1   151.0   151.	148.6 120.7 128.4 120.2 121.9 147.1 113.3 152.8 112.7 116.8 105.4 130.1 140.0 97.8 151.0 97.8 151.0 229.9 130.6 103.7 68.3 163.9 145.2 133.5 129.7 125.2 124.3 467.1 166.5 133.4 144.4	149.2 121.6 128.8 120.2 121.9 148.0 114.9 173.5 120.5 129.3 105.5 129.0 140.2 97.8 143.1 229.9 158.2 131.5 67.8 16.9 239.9 16.9 239.9 16.2 131.5 16.2 131.5 16.2 16.2 16.3 16.3 16.3 16.3 16.3 16.3 16.3 16.3	1.9566 2.86 1.5 2.0 36.4 54.7 85.5 3.657 2.4 -2.9 2.2 4.4 -2.7 -1.2 -1.5 -2.0 -1.7 -3.0 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -6.0 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -5.5 -5	.4 .7 .3 .0 .6 1.4 13.5 6.9 10.7 .1 .8 .1 .0 -5.2 .0 -1.3 .2 .7 -1.2 -7 1.5 .0 -1.5 .1 .1 .1 .5 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7 .7	.1 2 1 .3 0 0 .1 2.4 4 13.7 1.9 .2 7 .3 3.0 1.9 .2 .2 .1.0 0 0 3.2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0	1 7 5 0 0 .4 .6 4.88 18.8 25.2 3 .2 0 .7 1 1.9 9 5 0 0 1 3 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	.5 .7 .3 0 0 .6 1.2 15.2 4.6 13.5 .1 8 0 -5.2 0 -1.1 7 7 1.0 0 0 1 13.3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	139.5	139.1	140.1	. 4	.7	.7	4	.8
11-1 11-2 11-37 11-38 11-39 11-41 11-41 11-51 11-62 11-65 11-74 11-76 11-79 11-91 11-92 11-93 12-2 11-93 12-2 14-11-05 14-11-06 14-11-06 14-14 14-21-02 14-31 14-4	Agricultural machinery and equipment 2/  Construction machinery and equipment  Metal cutting machine tools 2/.  Metal forming machine tools 2/.  Tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, and ind. molds 2/  Pumps, compressors, and equipment  Industrial material handling equipment 2/.  Electronic computers (Dec. 1998=100) 2/  Textile machinery 2/  Paper industries machinery (June 1982=100).  Printing trades machinery 2/.  Transformers and power regulators 2/.  Communication & related equip. (Dec. 1985=100) 2/.  X-ray and electromedical equipment 2/.  Oil field and gas field machinery  Mining machinery and equipment 2/.  Office and store machines and equipment 2/.  Commercial furniture 2/.  Light motor trucks  Heavy motor trucks 2/.  Truck trailers 2/.  Civilian aircraft (Dec. 1985=100).  Ships (Dec. 1985=100) 2/.  Railroad equipment 2/.	151.7   150.6   167.3   140.5   161.4   137.1   38.9   157.1   169.6   144.1   131.2   106.8   136.0   152.5   136.0   152.5   112.3   161.9   152.2   138.2   155.2   138.2   155.2   138.2   155.2   138.2   138.2	158.5 153.0 150.2 167.3 140.5 162.0 137.6 35.7 157.3 170.2 142.5 132.2 106.7 99.1 136.8 154.8 162.1 148.6 155.9 138.6 174.6 155.1 135.5	158.5 152.9 150.4 167.3 140.5 162.5 137.8 35.2 157.9 170.3 142.6 132.4 106.3 100.2 136.8 155.0 111.8 162.0 155.1 155.8 139.5 175.8 139.5 175.8	.3 1.1 -1.9 .5 -2 1.3 .4 -22.6 .6 .7 -2.3 -5 -7 -7 2.7 -1.1 .9 3.2 1.4 3.3 5.7 .4	01 .1 0 0 .3 .1 1 -1 .4 4 .1 1 .24 4 1.1 0 .1 01 0 .1 6.5 2.0 .1	.1 .5 3 0 4 2 0 2 2 2 2 5 .4 4.1 0 0 .2 3	.1 1 0 .4 0 .1 -6.3 0 .3 -1.2 .2 .5 -1.1 .1 2 .4 -3.9 4 .2 .2 .2 .5	01 .1 .0 .0111111111111
	INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND COMPONENTS		133.6	136.2	8.0	1.9	1.3	2.1	2.0
02-12-03 02-53 02-54 02-72 02-9	INTERMEDIATE FOODS AND FEEDS.     Flour 2/.     Refined sugar and byproducts 2/.   Confectionery materials 2/.   Crude vegetable oils 2/.   Prepared animal feeds 2/.	   122.2   119.0   122.0   110.3	121.2 125.1 122.5 127.8 112.8 108.9	121.0 123.4 122.5 125.4 110.2 109.7	5.9 8.9 4.4 10.4 54.8 6.4	2 -1.4 0 -1.9 -2.3	1.3 1.7 .2 4 3.2	.7 1.9 1.3 3.0 -4.2	2 -1.4 0 -1.9 -2.3
	INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS LESS FOODS AND FEEDS		134.3	137.1	8.1	2.1	1.3	2.1	2.2
03-1 03-2 03-3 03-4 03-83-03 04-2 05-32	Synthetic fibers 2/.   Processed yarns and threads 2/.   Gray fabrics 2/.   Finished fabrics.   Industrial textile products 2/.   Leather 2/.   Liquefied petroleum gas 2/	102.5   111.9   121.2   131.0   209.0	106.7 102.4 110.5 121.3 131.5 211.3 172.7	106.3 103.0 108.1 120.4 131.1 210.9 178.3	.4 .9 -4.6 7 -1.4 7.4 95.7	4 .6 -2.2 7 3 2 3.2	2 7 8 .7 8 .3	.6 .5 5 1 1 1.1	4 .6 -2.2 -1.5 3 2 3.2

Table 2. Producer price indexes and percent changes for selected commodity groupings by stage of processing - Continued (1982=100 unless otherwise indicated)

Commodity	Grouping	     Unad 	justed i	ndex	Unadjus   percen  change  Mar. 20	t to	percent	ılly adju change	
 				  Mar.   2003 1/			Dec. to		  Feb. to   Mar.
	INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS LESS FOODS AND FEEDS	 	'	.'	'	'	'	.'	.'
05-42	-Continued		135.3	136.7	2.4	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.9
05-43	Industrial electric power	139.5	140.2	142.8	5.2	1.9	.1	.5	1.9
05-52   05-53	Commercial natural gas (Dec. 1990=100)		163.3 170.9	192.0 206.0	46.2 56.2	17.6 20.5	4.3 7.3	5.1 6.1	20.2
05-54	Natural gas to electric utilities (Dec. 1990=100)	127.4	176.0	257.9	180.0	46.5	4.3	26.4	54.7
05-72-03   05-73-03	Jet fuels No. 2 Diesel fuel		105.2 124.2	117.8 129.3	92.8 85.5	12.0 4.1	25.9 17.6	10.4 25.2	15.4 1.4
05-74	Residual fuel 2/	92.7	108.3	113.2	87.1	4.5	16.8	25.9	4.5
06-1   06-21	Industrial chemicals 2/ Prepared paint		146.9 169.0	148.4 169.1	20.6	1.0	4.2	6.4	1.0
06-22	Paint materials 2/	171.7	172.8	173.8	12.6	.6	2	.2	. 6
06-31   06-4	Medicinal and botanical chemicals 2/  Fats and oils, inedible		133.1 115.5	134.3 122.0	1.6 54.0	.9 5.6	.4 11.4	.2	.9 8.2
06-51	Mixed fertilizers	114.2	114.1	120.7	5.9	5.8	3	3	5.3
06-52-01   06-52-02	Nitrogenates Phosphates 2/	1111.7	131.6 102.3	149.4 108.4	45.9 8.2	13.5 6.0	2.3	6.0	13.0 6.0
06-53	Other agricultural chemicals 2/	147.4	148.2	149.2	.3	.7	.2	-1.6	.7
06-6   07-11-02	Plastic resins and materials		143.2 123.3	145.0 124.9	17.8 6.7	1.3	2.1	3.5 5	1 1.3
07-11-02	Plastic construction products		137.2	138.7	4.4	1.1	2.1	.1	.7
07-22	Unsupported plastic film, sheet, & other shapes 2/		139.6	145.8	8.5	4.4	. 4	1.6	4.4
07-26   08-11	Plastic parts and components for manufacturing 2/ Softwood lumber		116.0 168.4	116.1 164.2	1 -7.9	.1 -2.5	4 -1.9	1 1	.1 -4.1
08-12	Hardwood lumber	180.4	183.0	185.6	4.9	1.4	.5	.7	1.3
08-2   08-3	MillworkPlywood 2/		180.0 147.2	180.2 146.0	.6 -8.9	8	.1 3	.2	0 8
09-11	Woodpulp 2/	119.4	116.2	116.1	2.6	1	-1.8	0	1
09-13   09-14	Paper 2/ Paperboard 2/	145.6	145.1 166.8	144.9 164.6	.1 1.2	1 -1.3	4 1	3	1 -1.3
09-15-03	Paper boxes and containers 2/	174.5	174.1	174.1	1.1	0	2	0	0
09-2   09-37	Building paper and board 2/		137.1	132.9 157.6	.5	-3.1 2	.4 1	6.2	-3.1 2
10-15	Foundry and forge shop products		157.9 137.1	137.1	1.0	0	1	.3	2
10-17	Steel mill products		109.8	109.5	9.9	3	.3	1.1	6
10-22   10-25-01	Primary nonferrous metals 2/	100.8	106.6 143.1	107.0 143.3	3.9 -1.4	.4	.2 5	3.5	.4
10-25-02	Copper and brass mill shapes 2/	145.6	151.7	148.1	-3.8	-2.4	.8	2.3	-2.4
10-26   10-3	Nonferrous wire and cable 2/ Metal containers 2/		131.6 109.6	131.8 109.6	-2.6 1.3	.2	6 1.0	5 .1	.2
10-4	Hardware 2/		156.1	155.8	3	2	.3	1	2
10-5   10-6	Plumbing fixtures and brass fittings  Heating equipment 2/		183.1 163.5	183.1 163.1	.7 3.2	0 2	1 2.2	1 1.1	0 2
10-7	Fabricated structural metal products 2/		145.5	145.6	1.2	.1	.2	1	.1
10-88   10-89	Fabricated ferrous wire products (June 1982=100) 2/. Other misc. metal products 2/		129.6 127.0	129.5 127.8	1.1	1 .6	1 5	1	1 .6
11-45	Mechanical power transmission equipment		171.2	171.2	1.0	0	.6	4	0
11-48	Air conditioning and refrigeration equipment 2/	136.9	137.4	137.3	.6	1	.2	0	1
11-49-02   11-49-05	Metal valves, ex.fluid power (Dec. 1982=100) Ball and roller bearings		168.2 171.2	168.9 171.2	1.3	.4	.1	0 2	0.1
11-71	Wiring devices 2/	153.2	153.3	153.5	.3	.1	.3	.1	.1
11-73   11-75	Motors, generators, motor generator sets  Switchgear, switchboard, etc., equipment 2/		147.6 159.4	147.7 158.8	.8	.1 4	1 4	1	1 4
11-78	Electronic components and accessories 2/	92.0	91.6	91.8	-1.5	.2	0	5	.2
11-94   11-95	Internal combustion engines		144.0 140.4	144.0 140.6	1 .4	0.1	-1.5 .1	.3	0.1
13-11	Flat glass 2/	111.6	110.9	111.2	. 4	.3	3	5	.3
13-22   13-3	Cement		153.3 153.6	152.8 153.7	2.3	3 .1	1	.5	.3
13-6	Asphalt felts and coatings	110.4	110.3	112.5	2.9	2.0	4	1.1	2.3
13-7   13-8	Gypsum products 2/	172.3	170.8 138.4	165.7 138.4	2.7	-3.0 0	-1.0 1.2	1.2	-3.0 0
14-12	Motor vehicle parts 2/		111.5	111.5	-1.8	0	9	.2	0
14-23	Aircraft engines & engine parts (Dec. 1985=100)		152.7	152.6	4.4	1	1	4.1	1
14-25   15-42	Aircraft parts & aux.equip.,nec (June 1985=100) Photographic supplies 2/		148.9 118.7	149.3 118.7	-1.3 -8.6	.3	-1.1 .9	.1 -1.2	. 4
15-6 I	Medical/surgical/personal aid devices 2/	151.6	154.0	154.3	2.7	.2	1.5	.1	.2
	CRUDE MATERIALS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING	1116.1	134.1	152.7	47.3	13.9	6.9	4.8	13.3
I I	CRUDE FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDSTUFFS	   99.7 	106.3	105.2	2.3	-1.0	5.4	.7	-2.3
01-21	Wheat 2/		102.7	96.6	16.0	-5.9	-8.3	5.3	-5.9
01-22-02-05  01-31	CornSlaughter cattle 2/		96.8 113.7	94.6 112.4	18.3	-2.3 -1.1	-2.4 9.1	8.1	-5.0 -1.1
01-32	Slaughter hogs	46.8	56.6	56.3	-7.7	5	1.7	2.2	-6.5
01-41-02   01-42	Slaughter broilers/fryers		144.3	145.2 100.8	14.8	.6	21.8	1.4	7
01-42	Fluid milk	88.9	85.9	82.2	-13.4	-4.3	6.9 3.7	1.5 -1.7	-3.9 -5.2
01-83-01-31  02-52-01-01		95.9   118.5	97.4 115.7	97.6 118.1	27.2 10.8	.2 2.1	-2.2 -2.3	4.4	.2 2.1
	CRUDE NONFOOD MATERIALS	I I 125.3	151.9	185.7	84.0	22.3	7.9	7.4	22.2
01-51-01-01	Raw cotton 2/	   73.6	85.8	89.4	64.3	4.2	4.0	6.5	4.2
01-92-01-01	Leaf tobacco 2/	115.2	111.1	93.5	-3.3	-15.8	5	-4.1	-15.8
04-19   05-1	Hides and skins (June 2001=100) 2/		88.1 97.0	87.9 98.0	15.8 -3.4	2 1.0	8 1.9	4.5 -2.8	2 1.0
05-31	Natural gas 2/	167.5	219.6	331.5	245.7	51.0	8.2	11.5	51.0
05-61   08-5	Crude petroleum 2/		94.6 181.0	97.7 181.0	50.3 1.3	3.3	20.4	10.0	3.3
09-12	Wastepaper 2/	190.2	182.7	197.5	44.7	8.1	-3.4	.3	8.1
10-11   10-12	Iron ore 2/ Iron and steel scrap		95.3 167.0	95.3 176.3	1 39.8	0 5.6	.6	3 11.7	0 5.1
-V -L				176.3			. 9		-1.9
10-21	Nonferrous metal ores (Dec. 1983=100) 2/	69.3	74.3	72.9	9.8	-1.9	5.2	2.6	
10-21   10-23-01   10-23-02	Nonferrous metal ores (Dec. 1983=100) 2/	114.3	74.3 119.1 168.4	121.4 170.2	9.8 10.5 8.8	1.9 1.1	5.2 .6 2	2.6 1.4 1.8	1.9

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<sup>2/</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.
3/ Not available.

Table 3. Producer price indexes for selected commodity groupings (1982=100 unless otherwise indicated)

ا  Commodity		Una	adjusted ind	CA 1/
code	Grouping	Nov. 2002	Feb. 2003	March 200
 	Finished Goods (1967=100)	392.0	l 1 399.9	1 405.4
į	All commodities	133.1	137.8	141.4
 	MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS		 	1
1	Farm products and processed foods and feeds	124.1	128.2	128.0
1   2	Farm products  Processed foods and feeds	99.1 136.5	104.2 140.1	103.5
 	Industrial commodities	134.7	   139.5	1 143.7
3 [	Textile products and apparel		119.3	119.2
1 I	Hides, skins, leather, and related products		162.4	162.6
5	Fuels and related products and power		115.2	130.2
6   7	Chemicals and allied products 2/		162.1   128.4	163.4
7 I 8 I	Lumber and wood products		173.2	1 172.7
9 1	Pulp, paper, and allied products		188.7	188.3
0 1	Metals and metal products		128.4	128.7
1 İ	Machinery and equipment		122.3	122.4
2	Furniture and household durables		133.7	133.6
3	Nonmetallic mineral products		147.5	147.5
4	Transportation equipment		144.7	146.7
5   	Miscellaneous products	183.1	183.8 	184.1
İ	Industrial commodities less fuels and related products and power	143.8	   144.8	1 145.4
	products and power	143.0	144.0	
i	OTHER COMMODITY GROUPINGS		!   	
1-1	Fruits and melons, fresh and dry vegetables,	105.4	102.0	106.0
1-2 I	and tree nuts	105.4 98.8	103.0   98.6	106.9
1-2   1-3	Slaughter livestock		98.9	98.1
1-4			133.6	1 134.5
	Plant and animal fibers		87.1	90.6
	Chicken eggs	120.5	106.1	113.9
	Hay, hayseeds, and oilseeds		122.1	122.5
	Oilseeds		108.3	108.8
	Other farm products		165.7	139.4
	Cereal and bakery products		170.3   124.5	169.8
	Meats, poultry, and fish		124.5	125.4
:	Sugar and confectionery		112.3	114.6
	Beverages and beverage materials		149.5	1 149.5
	Packaged beverage materials		124.8	124.8
2-7 i	Fats and oils	136.8	148.1	143.5
3-81	Apparel	125.5	124.6	125.2
	Other leather and related products		148.1	148.3
	Gas fuels	154.7	205.1	290.9
	Electric power		135.1	137.0
5-7   6-3	Refined petroleum products		110.8   271.2	118.6
6-3   6-5	Agricultural chemicals and products		129.3	271.4
6-7 I	Other chemicals and allied products		140.2	1 140.3
	Rubber and rubber products		118.8	119.0
	Rubber, except natural rubber		122.6	124.3
	Miscellaneous rubber products		141.0	140.8
	Plastic products		136.2	138.5
	Lumber		170.7	169.0
9-1	Pulp, paper, and products, excluding building		1 1 5 6 0	1 150 1
9-15 I	paper and board		156.9   165.6	156.1
	Iron and steel		120.1	120.7
	Nonferrous metals		122.6	120.7
	Nonferrous mill shapes		137.1	136.7
	Metalworking machinery and equipment		150.4	150.5
	General purpose machinery and equipment	154.5	155.3	155.4
1-6	Special industry machinery	165.6	166.0	166.2
	Electrical machinery and equipment		115.5	115.5
	Miscellaneous machinery and equipment		136.8	136.9
	Other household durable goods		158.2	158.7
	Concrete ingredients		164.5	164.4
	Motor vehicles and equipment		129.1	131.7
	Toys, sporting goods, small arms, etc		132.8   105.1	133.3
	Other miscellaneous products	140.0	140.9	141.7

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 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{\text{2}}/$  Prices of some items in this grouping are lagged 1 month.

Table 4. Producer price indexes for the net output of major industry groups, not seasonally adjusted

Industry	   Industry 1/	  Index		Index			change 2003_from:
code		base		1		1	
			Nov.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.
			2002 2/	12003 2/	12003 2/	2002	2003
		i	<u> </u>			'	'
	Total mining industries			137.4	170.8	95.2	24.3
10	Metal mining			78.4	77.3	6.0	-1.4
12	Coal mining			92.7	94.0	6	1.4
13	Oil and gas extraction		128.8	170.4	222.6	140.1	30.6
14	Mining and quarrying of non-metallic   minerals, except fuels	112/84	   143.8	145.6	146.3	2.0	.5
		Ì	l				
	Total manufacturing industries			137.8	138.9	4.6	.8
20	Food and kindred products			134.8	134.7	2.0	1
21	Tobacco manufactures			408.7	409.6	4.4	. 2
22	Textile mill products	12/84	115.8	115.2	114.8	9	3
23	Apparel and other finished products made						
	from fabrics and similar materials			125.2	125.5	.2	.2
24	Lumber and wood products, except furniture			155.7	155.3	9	3
25	Furniture and fixtures			147.1	147.3	1.1	.1
26	Paper and allied products			145.2	143.9	.7	9
27	Printing, publishing, and allied industries.	12/84	194.0	196.3	196.5	2.3	.1
28	Chemicals and allied products			162.0	163.7	5.5	1.0
29	Petroleum refining and related products			138.2	146.0	63.7	5.6
30	Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	12/84	125.8	126.9	128.3	3.0	1.1
31	Leather and leather products	12/84	142.1	142.8	143.1	2.2	.2
32	Stone, clay, glass, and concrete products	12/84	137.3	137.8	137.6	1.0	1
33	Primary metal industries	12/84	118.3	117.9	117.8	3.0	1
34	Fabricated metal products, except machinery		1				
	and transportation equipment	12/84	132.2	132.5	132.7	1.1	.2
35	Machinery, except electrical	12/84	116.6	116.3	116.2	-1.3	1
36	Electrical and electronic machinery,		1				
	equipment, and supplies	12/84	105.0	104.0	104.1	-2.3	.1
37	Transportation equipment	12/84	138.3	137.5	139.8	1.4	1.7
38	Measuring and controlling instruments;	1	1				
	photographic, medical, optical goods;		1				
	watches, clocks	12/84	128.8	130.2	129.9	.8	2
39	Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	12/85	133.5	133.8	134.0	.8	.1
	  Services industries						
40	Railroad transportation	12/96	107.1	107.7	107.7	1.3	0.0
42	Motor freight transportation and warehousing	106/93	125.9	126.8	127.3	3.1	. 4
43	United States Postal Service	106/89	155.0	155.0	155.0	6.6	0
44	Water transportation	12/92	141.3	140.8	140.9	9.5	.1
45	Transportation by air	12/92	159.4	159.8	160.3	2.2	.3
46	Pipelines, except natural gas			111.2	111.2	4	0
48	Communications	06/01	97.9	96.9	97.0	.2	.1
54	Food stores	12/99	115.6	118.0	115.6	2.9	-2.0
55	Automotive dealers and gasoline service						
	stations			84.6	87.6	-4.6	3.5
59	Miscellaneous retail			106.1	107.1	3.3	. 9
80	Health services			121.5	121.9	3.0	. 3
81	Legal services	12/96	123.0	125.2	125.1	3.6	1

<sup>1/</sup> Indexes in this table are derived from the net-output-weighted industry price indexes. Because of differences in coverage and aggregation methodology, they will generally not match the movements of similarly-titled indexes which are derived from traditional commodity groupings.

Note: NAICS 2002 replaces the SIC classification system beginning with the release of PPI data for January 2004. See http://www.bls.gov/ppi/ppinaics.htm for details.

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<sup>3/</sup> Not available.

Table 5. Producer price indexes by stage of processing, seasonally adjusted (1982=100)

 			Index	1/		
Grouping	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	   ]
i	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	
Finished goods	140.1	139.7	139.4	141.6	143.0	
Finished consumer goods	141.0	140.5	140.3	143.0	145.2	
Finished consumer foods	138.8	139.3	139.9	142.1	142.9	
Crude	122.2	120.7	111.5	120.3	117.0	
Processed	140.2 141.5	140.8 140.7	142.3 140.2	143.9 143.0	145.1 145.7	
Nondurable goods less foods	143.5	142.7	142.6	145.8	150.3	
Durable goods	133.5	132.7	131.4	133.5	132.2	
Capital equipment	139.3	139.1	138.4	139.4	138.9	
Manufacturing industries	140.0	140.0	139.8	140.0	139.9	
Nonmanufacturing industries	138.9	138.6	137.7	139.1	138.4	
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.	129.8	129.7 127.7	129.5	131.2	133.9	
Materials and components for manufacturing	127.4 123.9	127.7	127.4 127.5	128.0 129.5	129.6 130.3	
Materials for nondurable manufacturing	133.0	133.0	131.7	133.6	130.3	
Materials for durable manufacturing	125.9	126.5	126.5	126.6	127.4	
Components for manufacturing	125.9	126.0	126.0	125.7	125.8	
Materials and components for construction	151.8	151.6	151.5	151.9	152.4	
Processed fuels and lubricants	102.0	101.0	100.7	107.0	115.4	
Manufacturing industries	103.0	103.5	102.4	107.4	113.7	
Nonmanufacturing industries	101.4	99.4	99.7	106.8	116.5	
Containers	153.3 139.5	153.4 139.6	153.4 139.7	153.6 140.0	153.9 140.6	
Manufacturing industries	144.8	144.9	145.0	145.1	145.5	
Nonmanufacturing industries	137.0	137.1	137.1	137.5	138.1	
Feeds	101.8	100.4	100.5	101.0	102.0	
Other supplies	141.4	141.6	141.6	142.1	142.6	
Crude materials for further processing	112.6	116.8	120.5	128.8	135.0	
Foodstuffs and feedstuffs	99.6	100.7	102.2 131.2	107.5	108.3	
Nonfood materials	119.1 107.7	125.8 103.4	105.6	141.5 114.3	152.0 120.9	
Manufacturing 2/	98.8	94.8	96.9	105.1	111.3	
Construction	183.3	182.6	181.8	180.2	181.1	
Crude fuel 3/	126.0	150.6	160.9	172.8	188.8	
Manufacturing industries	121.3	144.1	153.4	164.6	179.1	2
Nonmanufacturing industries	128.7	153.9	164.5	176.7	193.1	
Special groupings						
Finished goods, excluding foods		139.6	139.0	141.3	142.8	-
Intermediate materials less foods and feeds	130.5	130.4	130.1	131.8	134.6	
<pre>Intermediate foods and feeds</pre>	117.2 120.5	117.8 127.2	119.3 132.7	120.8 143.5	121.6 154.3	
	120.5	127.2	132.7	143.3	134.3	
Finished energy goods	94.0	92.5	92.4	96.8	104.0	
Finished goods less energy	147.4 150.8	147.3 150.8	146.9 150.6	148.5 152.3	148.1 152.1	-
Finished goods less foods and energy	150.7	150.5	149.7	151.0	150.3	
Finished consumer goods less foods and energy	158.4	158.2	157.5	158.9	158.1	
Consumer nondurable goods less foods and energy	178.6	178.9	178.8	179.5	179.3	
Intermediate energy goods	102.0	100.8	99.8	105.9	114.9	
Intermediate materials less energy	135.5	135.6	135.7	136.2	137.2	
Intermediate materials less foods and energy	136.7	136.8	136.8	137.2	138.2	
Crude energy materials 2/	111.3	120.0	127.6	141.6	154.8	2
Crude materials less energy	109.8	111.1	112.0	116.4	118.0	-
Crude nonfood materials less energy 3/	139.6	141.5	141.6	143.0	146.9	

<sup>1/</sup> All seasonally adjusted indexes are subject to change up to 5 years after original publication due to the recalculation of seasonal factors each January. The indexes for November 2002 have been recalculated to incorporate late reports and corrections by respondents.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes crude petroleum. 3/ Excludes crude petroleum.