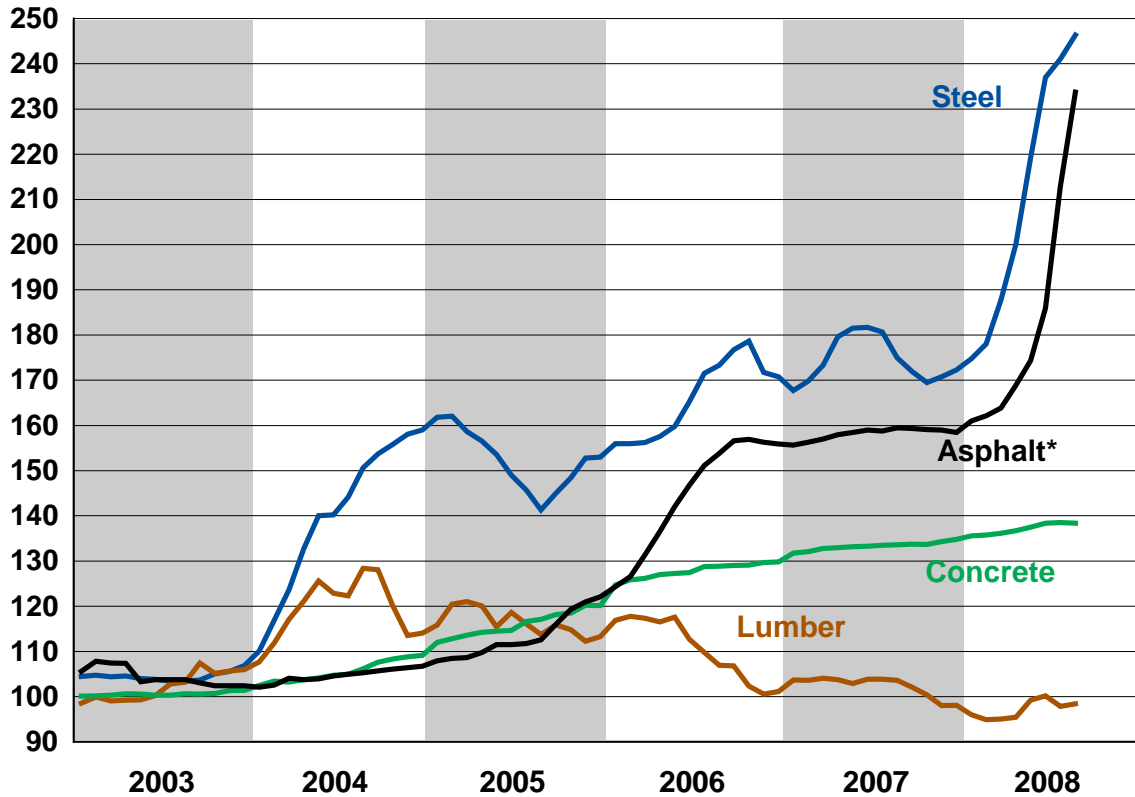


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## Producer Price Indices – Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2005	2006	2007	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08(p)	Jun-08(p)	Jul-08(p)	Aug-08(p)
<b>Steel Mill Products</b>	<b>152.3</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>187.8</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>219.2</b>	<b>237.0</b>	<b>241.1</b>	<b>246.4</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.5%	9.1%	4.9%	8.4%	11.4%	20.8%	30.4%	33.4%	40.8%
% Change Month Ago				5.5%	6.5%	9.6%	8.1%	1.7%	2.2%
<b>Lumber</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>98.4</b>
% Change Year Ago	-2.5%	-5.1%	-7.5%	-8.7%	-8.0%	-3.6%	-3.6%	-5.8%	-5.0%
% Change Month Ago				0.1%	0.4%	4.0%	0.9%	-2.3%	0.6%
<b>Concrete Products</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>138.4</b>
% Change Year Ago	9.9%	10.1%	4.2%	2.6%	2.8%	3.2%	3.8%	3.8%	3.6%
% Change Month Ago				0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.7%	0.1%	-0.1%
<b>Asphalt*</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>158.2</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>168.9</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>233.7</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.3%	27.8%	9.2%	4.4%	6.9%	10.0%	17.0%	34.1%	46.6%
% Change Month Ago				1.1%	3.1%	3.2%	6.7%	14.5%	9.8%

(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 increased for the tenth consecutive month, increasing by 2.2% from July to August. Asphalt prices had another month with a large increase, 9.8% from the previous month. Lumber prices increased by 0.6% from July to August. Concrete prices decreased minimally from the previous month by 0.1%.

Steel prices have increased 40.8% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 46.6% and concrete prices grew by 3.6%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 5.0%.

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