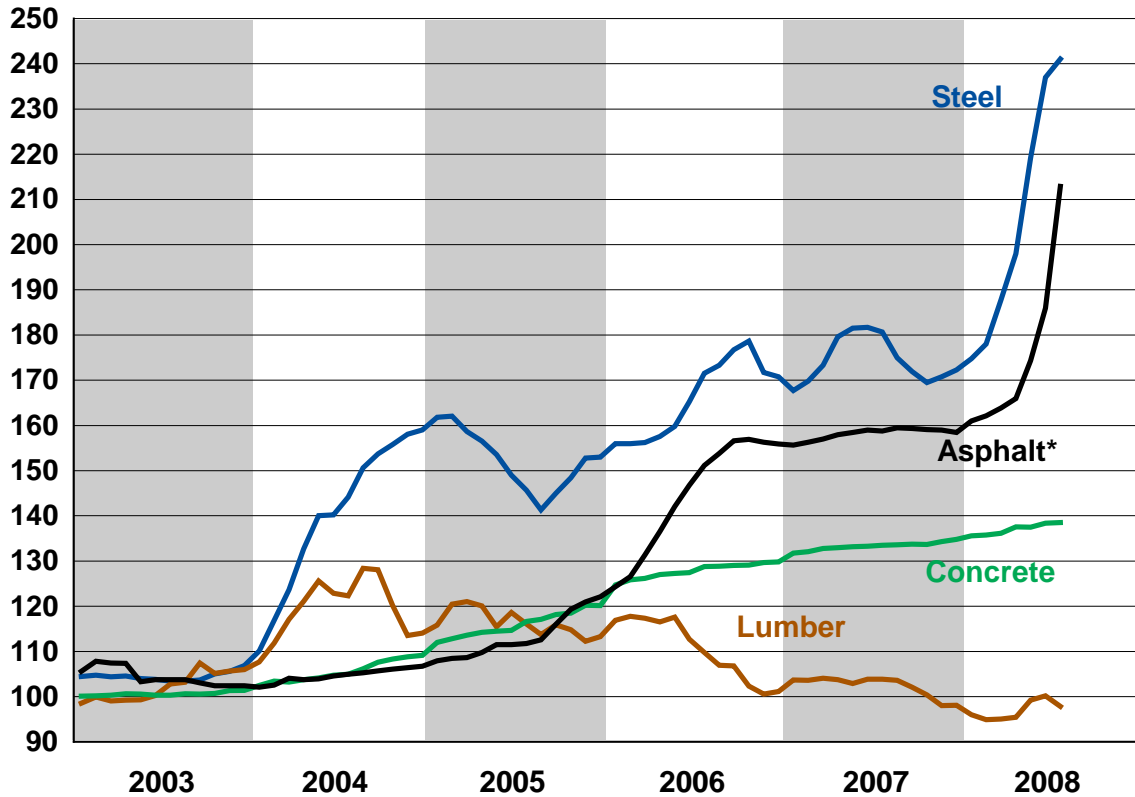


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## Producer Price Indices – Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2005	2006	2007	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08(p)	May-08(p)	Jun-08(p)	Jul-08(p)
<b>Steel Mill Products</b>	<b>152.3</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>178.0</b>	<b>187.8</b>	<b>197.9</b>	<b>219.2</b>	<b>237.0</b>	<b>241.1</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.5%	9.1%	4.9%	4.8%	8.4%	10.2%	20.8%	30.4%	33.4%
% Change Month Ago				1.9%	5.5%	5.4%	10.7%	8.1%	1.7%
<b>Lumber</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>97.9</b>
% Change Year Ago	-2.5%	-5.1%	-7.5%	-8.4%	-8.7%	-8.0%	-3.6%	-3.6%	-5.8%
% Change Month Ago				-1.1%	0.1%	0.4%	4.0%	0.9%	-2.3%
<b>Concrete Products</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>138.5</b>
% Change Year Ago	9.9%	10.1%	4.2%	2.8%	2.6%	3.4%	3.2%	3.8%	3.8%
% Change Month Ago				0.1%	0.3%	1.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.1%
<b>Asphalt*</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>158.2</b>	<b>162.1</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>165.9</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>212.9</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.3%	27.8%	9.2%	3.7%	4.4%	5.1%	10.0%	17.0%	34.1%
% Change Month Ago				0.7%	1.1%	1.3%	5.1%	6.7%	14.5%

(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 ninth consecutive month, increasing by 1.7% from June to July. Asphalt prices had a double digit increase, 14.5% from the previous month. Lumber prices decreased by 2.3% from June to July. Concrete prices increased minimally from the previous month by 0.1%.

Steel prices have increased 33.4% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 34.1% and concrete prices grew by 3.8%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 5.8%.

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