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Competitive Materials Report Update :

Producer Price Indices - Competitive Building Materials

(Base: -)

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Steel
Lumber
Concrete
Asphalt

Executive Summary

In June, the Producer Price Index (PPI) for concrete products increased year-over-year. Asphalt posted the lowest increase, rising compared to the same month last year. Meanwhile, lumber and steel mill products saw the greatest increases, rising and , respectively.

Oil prices have a strong correlation to asphalt prices. A recent drop suggests weakness in the price of oil in the near term, which could lead to a decrease in asphalt prices. Lumber prices are correlated with housing construction. Lumber's PPI is expected to remain relatively subdued until residential construction rebounds.

Over the last 5 years concrete's competitive position (PPI relative to other competing materials) has eroded. Concrete products have increased in their relative index by , meaning that same period asphalt's PPI has increased , lumber increased by , and Steel mill products increased .

	Annual			Monthly			
Steel Mill Products	193.4	176.3	173.8	183.7	197.4	186.5	
% Change Year Ago	-16.2%	-8.8%	-6.0%	2.0%	9.2%	5.1%	
% Change Month Ago			6.8%	5.6%	7.5%	-5.5%	
Lumber	229.3	172.4	169.8	186.3	183.7	180.4	178.2
% Change Year Ago	-1.3%	-24.8%	-1.5%	10.6%	7.7%	7.6%	6.5%
% Change Month Ago			3.4%	-1.4%	-1.8%	-1.2%	
Concrete Products	154.2	171.1	179.8	183.1	183.4	184.7	184.4
% Change Year Ago	12.7%	11.0%	5.1%	1.5%	2.1%	2.8%	3.0%
% Change Month Ago			-0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	-0.2%	
Asphalt	140.6	147.0	150.7	167.5	152.7	149.7	150.0
% Change Year Ago	16.7%	4.5%	2.5%	6.9%	2.3%	1.4%	1.0%
% Change Month Ago			0.2%	-8.8%	-2.0%	0.2%	

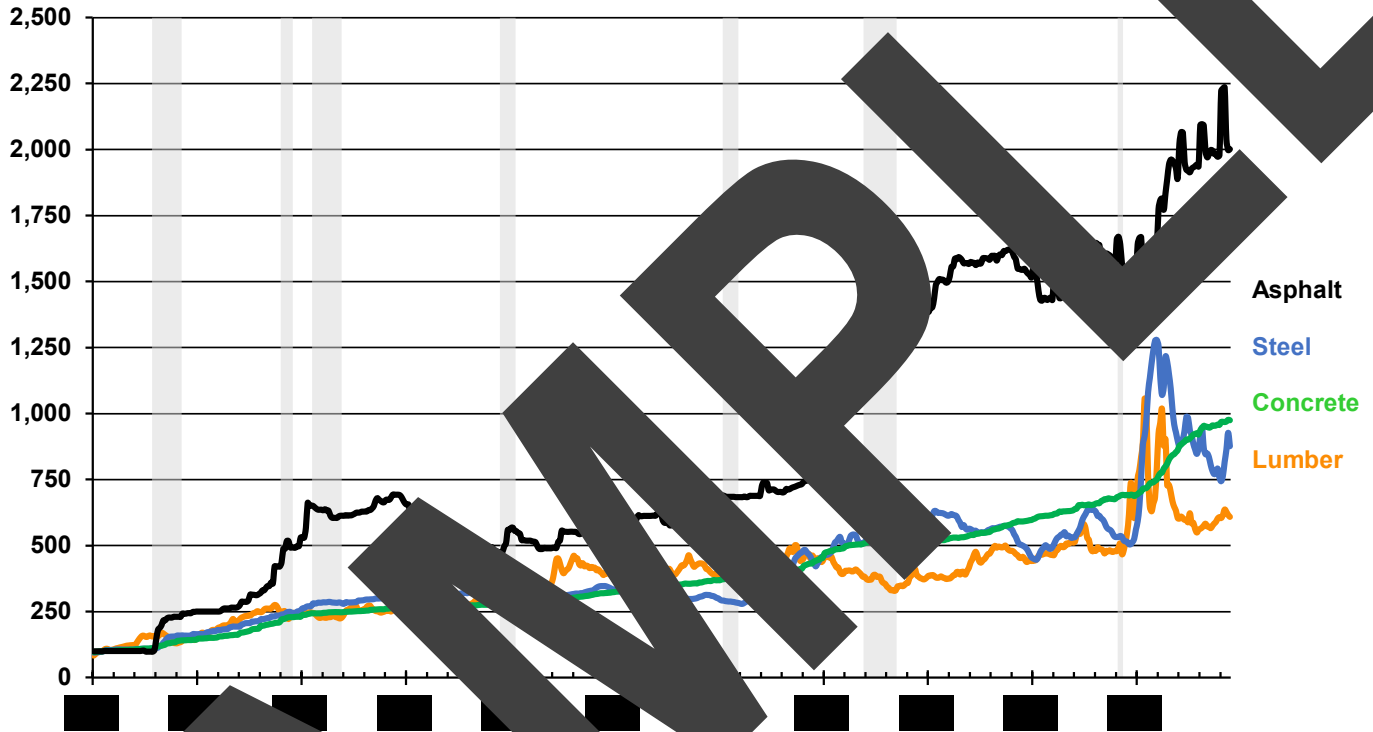
Base Year: - = -

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The indices on this page are based to [redacted] as opposed to [redacted]. The series represent the same data, with the base year being the only difference. This is intended to provide a long-term overview of the price indices for the competing materials. [redacted] allows for analysis of pricing volatility on a much larger scale.

Producer Price Indices - Competitive Building Materials

(Base: [redacted] = [redacted])

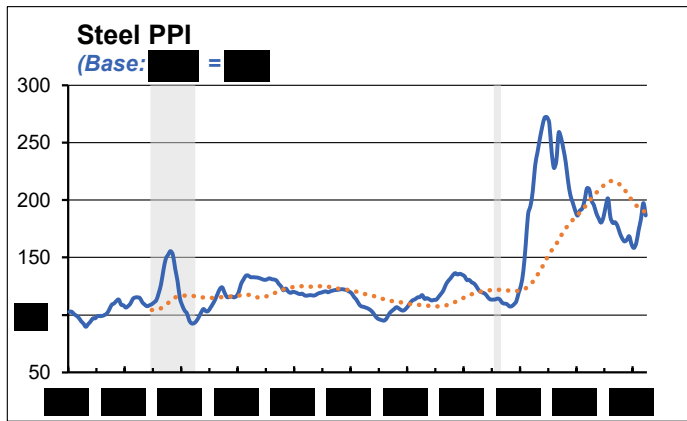


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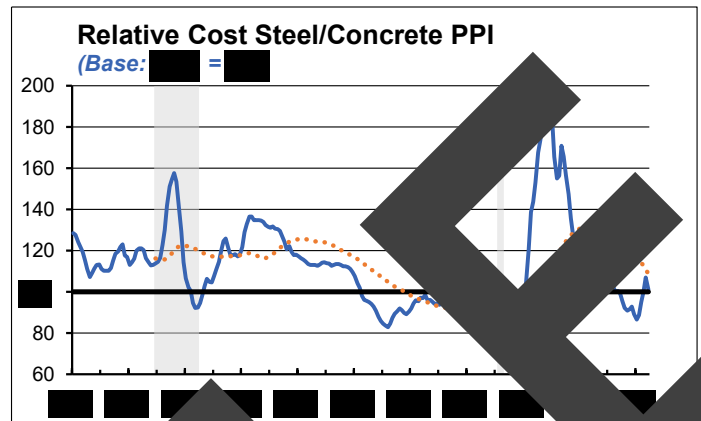
	Annual						
Mill Products	12.9	318.8	545.0	997.5	1,084.7	908.6	828.4
% Change Year Ago	-	-2.1%	16.0%	0.9	8.7%	-16.2%	-8.8%
Steel	16	284.7	382.4	793.1	783.2	588.7	579.8
% Change Year Ago	-	-0.9%	12.0%	0.4	-1.3%	-24.8%	-1.5%
Concrete Products	93.1	280.4	520.3	723.5	815.1	904.4	950.8
% Change Year Ago	-	2.1%	-1.6%	0.0	12.7%	11.0%	5.1%
Asphalt	82.3	497.4	1,385.7	1,608.2	1,876.5	1,961.3	2,011.2
% Change Year Ago	-	0.9%	3.8%	0.0	16.7%	4.5%	2.5%

Base Year: 1971 = [redacted]

Relative Steel Price

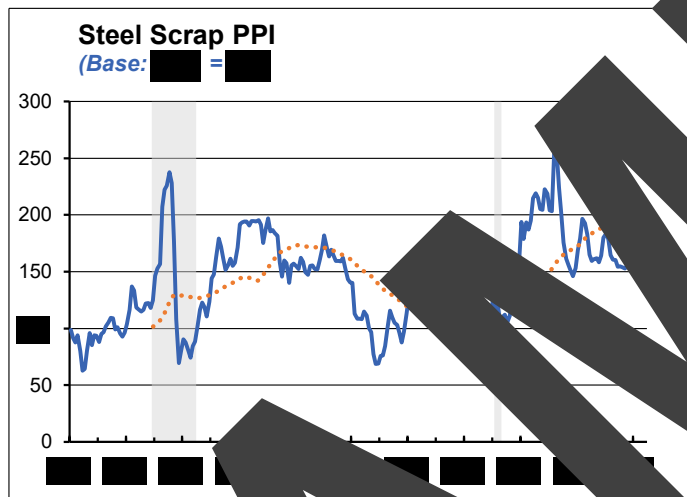


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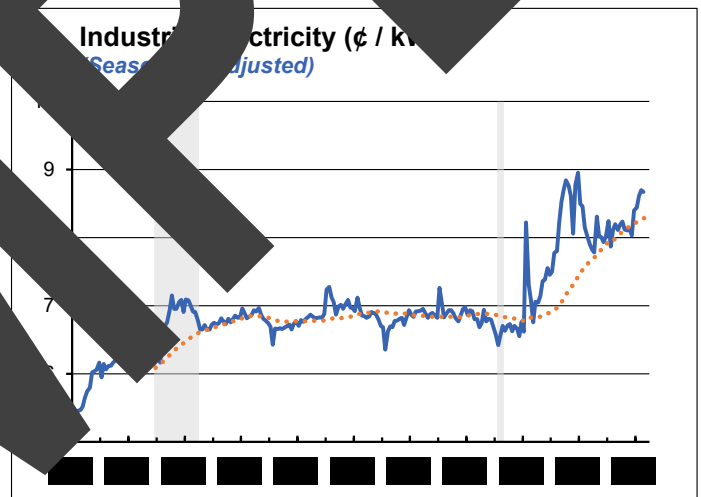


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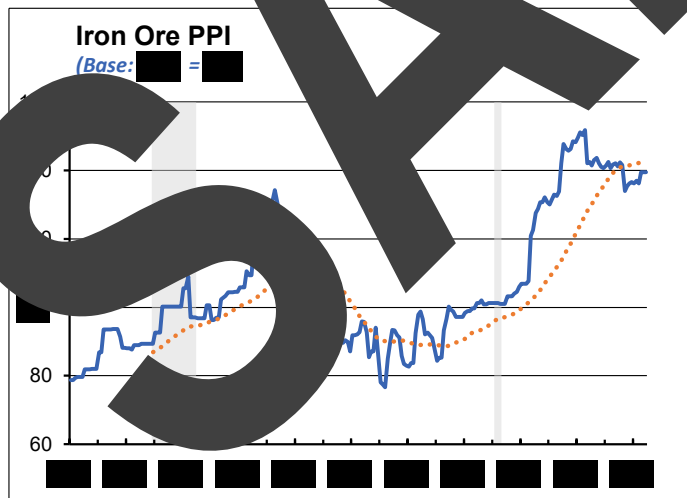
Steel Industry PPI & Cost Indices



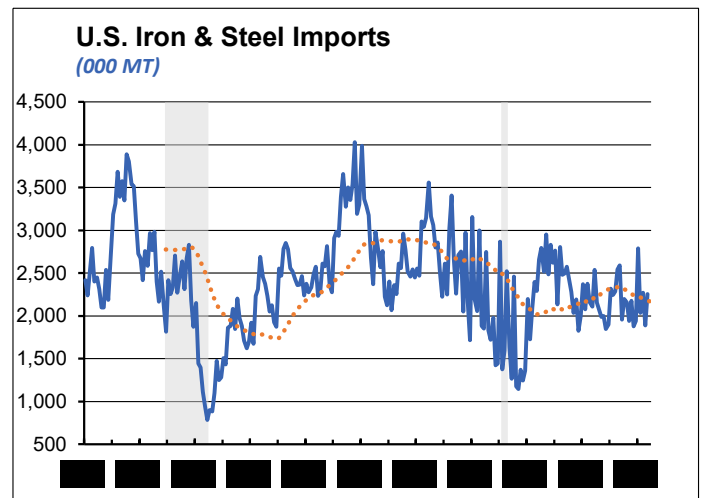
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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

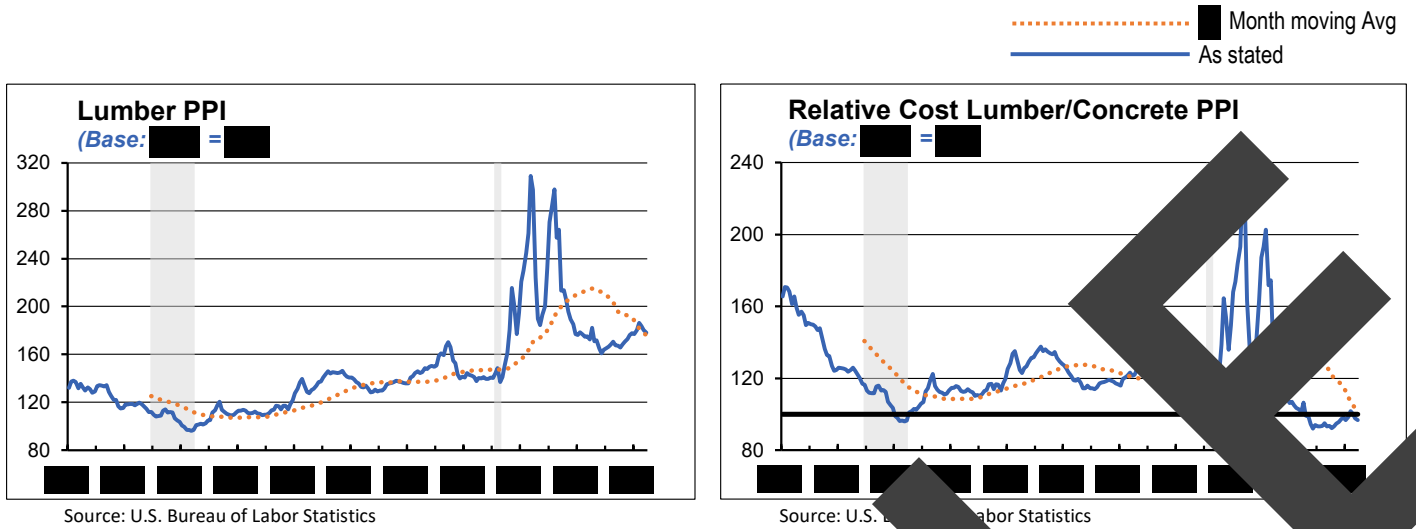


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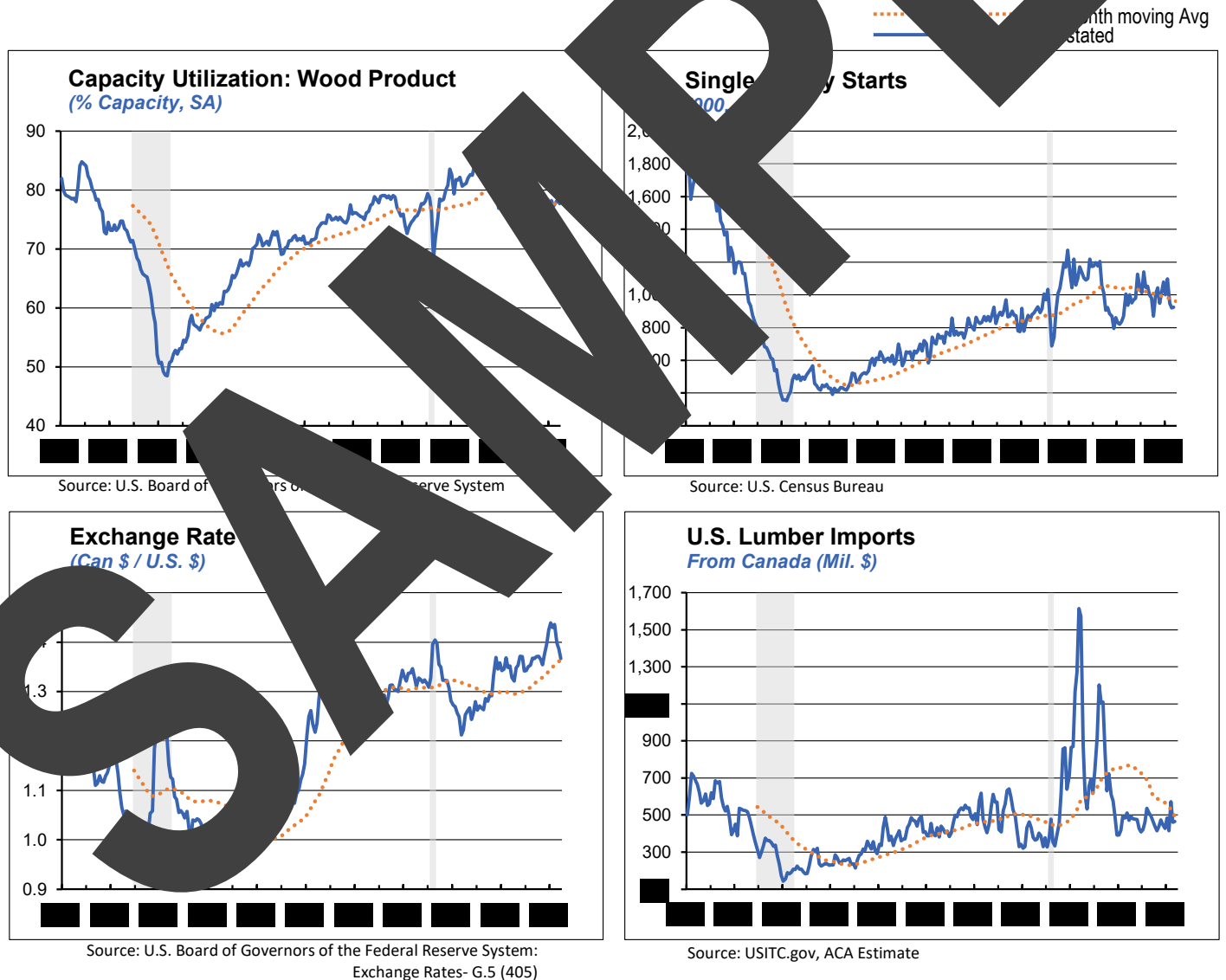


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Relative Lumber Price

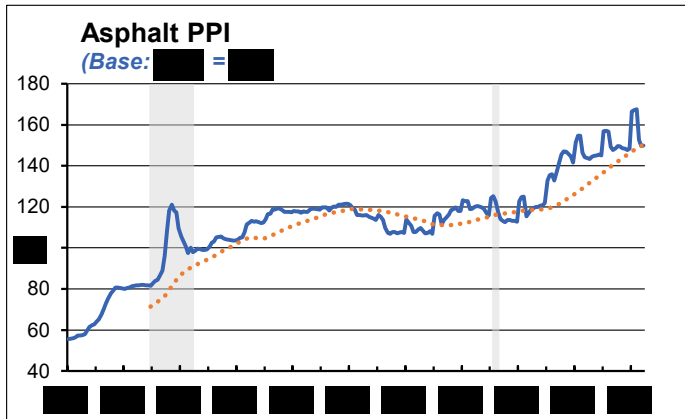


Lumber Industry PPI & Cost Indicators

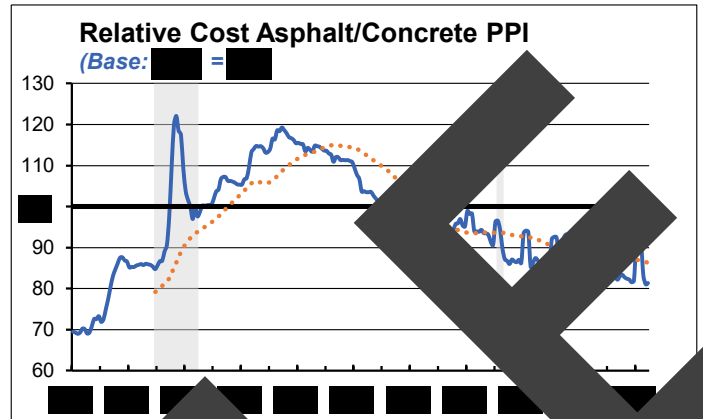


Relative Asphalt Price

Month moving Avg
As stated



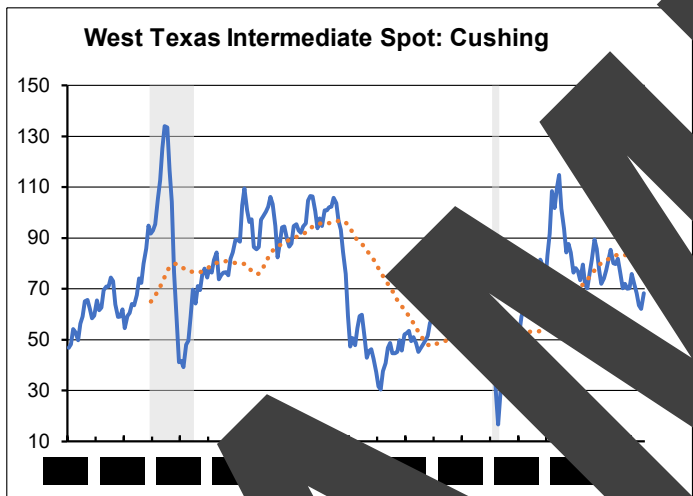
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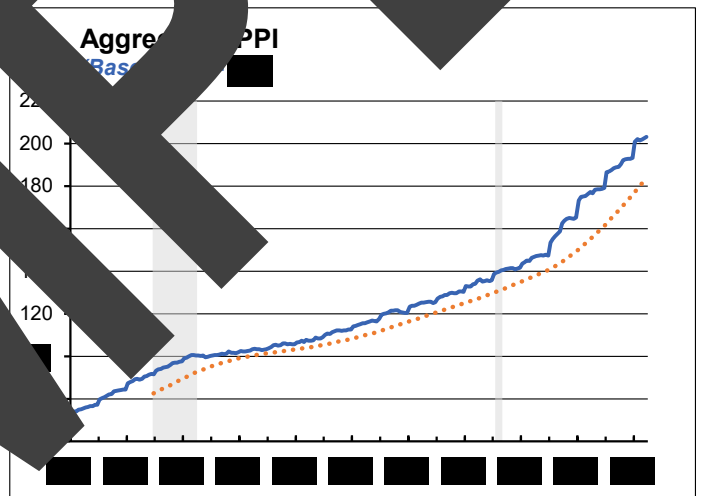
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Asphalt Industry PPI & Cost Indexers

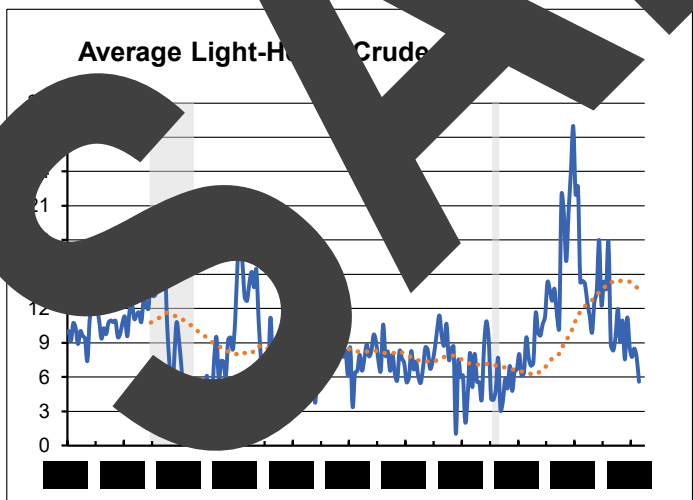
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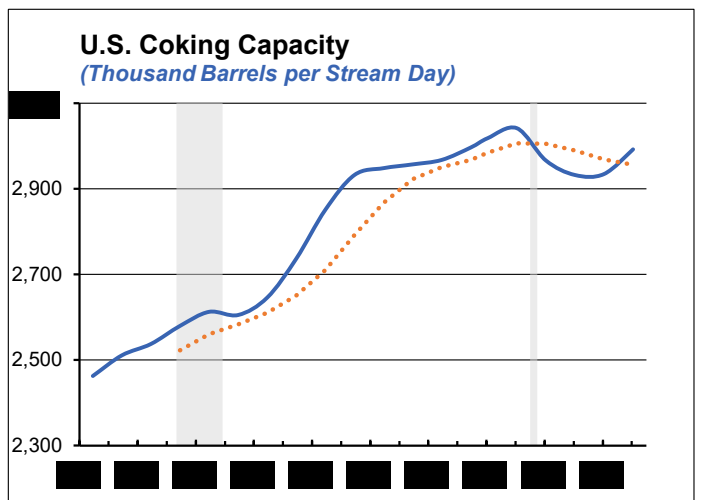
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