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Producer Price Indexes -- February 2002

The Producer Price Index for Finished Goods increased 0.2 percent in February, seasonally adjusted, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. This rise followed a 0.1-percent advance in January and a 0.6-percent decrease in December. At the earlier stages of processing, prices for intermediate goods edged down 0.1 percent in February, after a similar decline in the prior month, and the crude goods index turned down 0.8 percent, following a 3.7-percent increase in January. (See table A.)

Among finished goods, the rate of increase in prices for finished consumer foods accelerated from 0.8 percent in January to 1.0 percent in February. Prices for finished energy goods also rose faster in February than in the prior month -- 0.4 percent compared with 0.1 percent. The index for finished goods other than foods and energy showed no change, compared with a 0.1-percent decline in the previous month.

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

		F	inished go			 	
	Total	 Foods	 Energy	foods an	Change in finished goods d from 12 months ago(unadj.)	s mediate	Crude goods
2001							
Feb.	0.2	0.9	0.5	-0.2	4.0	-0.2	-14.3
Mar.	2	.6	-2.7	.1	3.0	3	-6.9
Apr.	.3	.5	. 4	.2	3.7	2	.6
May	.2	0	.5	.2	3.9	.1	-2.0
June	5	4	-2.6	.1	2.6	2	-8.1
July	-1.2	4	-7.3	.1	1.4	-1.1	-5.3
Aug.	. 4	.7	1.4	0	2.0	2	7
Sept.	. 4	.1	1.5	.1	1.6	.1	-4.4

Nov.	r6	r -1.0	r -3.2	.1	r3 -1.1 -1.8	r6	r 7.6
2002 Jan. Feb.					-2.6 -2.6		3.7 8

r=revised. Some of the figures shown above and elsewhere in this release may differ from those previously reported because data for October 2001 have been revised to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents.

Before seasonal adjustment, the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods rose 0.1 percent to stand at 137.7 (1982=100). From February 2001 to February 2002, prices for finished goods decreased 2.6 percent. Over the same period, the finished energy goods index dropped 20.4 percent, prices for finished goods other than foods and energy gained 0.5 percent, and the index for finished consumer foods increased 1.9 percent. Prices received by producers of intermediate goods declined 4.4 percent for the 12 months ended in February, and the crude goods index dropped 30.9 percent during the same period.

Finished goods

Finished consumer food prices rose 1.0 percent in February, following a 0.8-percent gain in the prior month. The beef and veal index increased 7.4 percent, after falling 1.4 percent in January. The index for soft drinks also turned up, compared with a decline in the previous month. Prices for finfish and shellfish, fresh and dry vegetables, and bakery products advanced at a faster rate in February than they did a month ago. Partly offsetting these increases, prices for eggs for fresh use decreased 10.8 percent in February, following a 21.8-percent jump in January. The indexes for dairy products and for shortening and cooking oils also turned down in February, after increasing a month earlier. Prices for processed young chickens showed no change, following a 3.6-percent increase in January.

The index for finished energy goods advanced 0.4 percent, after inching up 0.1 percent in January. February's increase in finished energy goods prices was led by the gasoline index -- which rose 4.5 percent in February. Price increases for home heating oil and liquefied petroleum gas also contributed to the advance. On the other hand, prices for residential natural gas, residential electric power, and diesel fuel fell in February.

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

		Intermedi	ate goods		Crude goods						
	Foods	1	 Except foods and	Change in interme- diate goods from 12 months ago (unadj.)	 	Energy		l ago			
May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	1 .6 1.0 .6 1.8 8 r4	-2.0 -2.1 6 .4 6 -5.0 3 1.1 r -6.2 r -2.4 -4.0	0.1 .1 1 0 1 5 3 1 4 2	-2.9	0 .6 6 .8 r -3.5 r -5.0	-14.0 2.1 -3.2 -15.8 -12.4 5	-1.4 -1.0 -2.6 5 -1.0 1.0 -1.8 .2 -1.5 6	28.0 17.1 19.6 13.3 -4.0 -7.3 -4.5 -14.6 r -25.1 -18.4 -32.4			
2002 Jan. Feb.	1 0	6 7	0	-4.6 -4.4	4.0	5.6 -6.5	5 1.5				

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The capital equipment index increased 0.1 percent, after edging down 0.1 percent in January. Light motor truck prices rose 0.6 percent in February, following a 0.6-percent decline a month earlier. Prices for integrating and measuring instruments also turned up in February. The indexes for communication and related equipment, heavy motor trucks, and ships advanced, after showing no change in the previous month. The index for civilian aircraft posted no change, following a decline in January. By contrast, electronic computer prices decreased 4.1 percent, after rising 1.5 percent a month ago. The indexes for passenger cars, commercial furniture, and welding machines and equipment also turned down in February. Prices for x-ray and electromedical equipment and for industrial molds fell

more quickly than they did in the prior month.

For the second consecutive month, the index for finished consumer goods other than foods and energy decreased 0.1 percent. Declining prices for book publishing, sanitary papers and health products, floor coverings, passenger cars, and household appliances slightly outweighed rising prices for light motor trucks, pharmaceutical preparations, periodical circulation, tires, and sporting and athletic goods.

Intermediate goods

For the second straight month, the seasonally adjusted Producer Price Index for Intermediate Materials, Supplies, and Components inched down at a 0.1-percent rate and the index for intermediate goods less foods and energy showed no change. In February, falling prices for intermediate energy goods, components for manufacturing, and construction materials slightly outweighed rising prices for nondurable manufacturing materials. The indexes for durable manufacturing materials and intermediate foods and foods were unchanged in February. (See table B.)

Prices for intermediate energy goods declined at a slightly quicker pace in February than in the prior month -- down 0.7 percent, after falling 0.6 percent. Among the utility natural gas indexes, industrial natural gas, commercial natural gas, and natural gas to electric utilities fell in February. Prices for commercial electric power, industrial electric power, jet fuels, and diesel fuel also decreased. Partly offsetting these declines, the indexes for gasoline and liquefied petroleum gas advanced in February.

The Producer Price Index for Components for Manufacturing inched down 0.1 percent in February, after registering a 0.3-percent increase in January. Leading this downturn, prices for printed circuit assemblies fell 3.9 percent, following an 11.0-percent jump in the previous month. The indexes for plastic parts for transportation equipment; unsupported plastic film, sheet, and shapes; electronic filters, crystals, and transducers; and for pressed and blown glassware also fell, after rising in the prior month. Prices for aircraft parts and auxiliary equipment showed no change, following a January advance. On the other hand, the index for aircraft engines and engine parts rose 0.8 percent in February, after declining 1.2 percent a month earlier. Prices for tires also turned up in February.

Prices for construction materials edged down 0.1 percent, after rising 0.2 percent in January. The index for plastic construction products fell 1.0 percent in February, following a 0.2-percent gain in the prior month. Prices for hardwood lumber also turned down in February. The indexes for

softwood lumber and for metal valves (except fluid power) increased less than they did in the previous month, while February prices for nonferrous wire and cable declined at a faster pace than they did in January. The index for asphalt felts and coatings showed no change, after advancing in the prior month. Conversely, prices for fabricated structural metal products showed no change, following a 0.3-percent decrease in January. The plywood index rose at a faster pace in February than it did a month earlier. Prices for gypsum products and for millwork increased, after falling in the previous month.

The index for materials for nondurable manufacturing moved up 0.6 percent in February, following a 1.2-percent drop a month earlier. Prices for plastic resins and materials rose 2.8 percent, after posting a 4.1-percent decline in January. The indexes for basic organic chemicals and for inedible fats and oils also turned up in February. Prices for medicinal and botanical chemicals and finished fabrics fell less, while paint materials prices increased more than they did in the prior month. By contrast, the index for gray fabrics decreased at a faster pace in February, 2.0 percent, compared with a 0.2-percent rate of decline in the previous month. Paper prices also fell more in February than they did a month earlier. The index for fertilizer materials turned down in February.

Subsequent to a 0.1-percent gain in January, prices for materials for durable manufacturing were unchanged in February. The indexes for cold rolled steel sheet and strip, plywood, building paper and board, gold, aluminum mill shapes, semi-finished steel mill products, flat glass, and cement exhibited rising prices in February. On the other hand, prices for hot rolled steel sheet and strip, primary aluminum (except extrusion billet), prepared paint, hardwood lumber, and silver fell in February.

The index for intermediate foods and feeds showed no change in February, after edging down 0.1 percent in the prior month. February's rising prices for beef and veal; natural, processed, and imitation cheese; and sausages and deli meats were offset by falling prices for prepared animal feeds; crude vegetable oils; fluid milk products; confectionery materials; dry, condensed, and evaporated milk products; and butter.

Crude goods

The Producer Price Index for Crude Materials for Further Processing turned down 0.8 percent in February, following a 3.7-percent increase in January. Prices for crude energy materials also fell in February, after advancing in the prior month. The crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs index rose at a slower rate than it did in January. By contrast, prices for basic industrial materials turned up, after falling in the previous month.

(See table B.)

The index for crude energy materials declined 6.5 percent in February, after increasing 5.6 percent in January. Natural gas prices dropped 20.7 percent, following a 4.9-percent rise in the prior month. The coal index turned down 1.6 percent, after advancing 3.2 percent a month earlier. By contrast, prices for crude petroleum jumped 13.3 percent, following an 8.1-percent gain in January.

The crude foodstuffs and feedstuffs index increased 2.3 percent in February, after registering a 4.0-percent gain in January. Rising February prices for slaughter cattle, fresh vegetables (except potatoes), unprocessed finfish, fluid milk, and unprocessed shellfish outweighed decreasing prices for slaughter hogs, fresh fruits and melons, wheat, slaughter turkeys, alfalfa hay, and soybeans.

The index for crude nonfood materials less energy turned up 1.5 percent in February, after posting a 0.5-percent decline in January. Prices for iron and steel scrap rose 5.2 percent, following a 0.7-percent advance in the previous month. The indexes for raw cotton and gold ores also increased at a faster pace than they did in January. Prices for pulpwood and iron ore showed no change, after falling in January. The indexes for softwood logs, bolts, and timber and for construction sand, gravel, and crushed stone turned up, after declining in the prior month. On the other hand, aluminum base scrap prices decreased 0.7 percent in February, following a 0.7-percent gain in the previous month. The indexes for wastepaper and hardwood logs, bolts, and timber also turned down in February. Prices for phosphates rose less than they did in January. The leaf tobacco index declined at a faster rate than it did in the prior month.

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

Mining. The Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Domestic Mining Industries declined 4.5 percent in February, following a 4.6-percent advance in January. (Net output price indexes are not seasonally adjusted.) Accounting for most of the downturn in mining prices, the crude petroleum, natural gas, and natural gas liquids industry index fell 7.6 percent in February, after posting a 7.0-percent gain in the previous month. The industry indexes for bituminous coal and lignite surface mining; bituminous coal underground mining; construction sand and gravel; and coal mining services also turned down in February. Industry prices for potash, soda, and borate minerals increased at a slower pace in February than they did in January. By contrast, the industry index for oil and gas well drilling fell 1.1 percent in February, following a 3.0-percent decline

in the prior month. Prices for the iron ores industry also declined at a slower rate in February than they did in January. The gold ores industry index increased more in February than they did in the previous month. In February, the Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Mining Industries stood at 77.9 (December 1984 = 100), 47.9 percent below its yearago level.

Manufacturing. A 0.2-percent increase in the Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Manufacturing Industries followed a similar rise in January. Rising prices for the petroleum refining and related products, food and kindred products, chemicals and allied products, and transportation equipment industry groups outweighed falling prices for the machinery, except electrical; rubber and miscellaneous plastic products; textile mill products; and the paper and allied products industry groups. In February, the Producer Price Index for the Net Output of Total Manufacturing Industries stood at 132.0 (December 1984 = 100), 2.1 percent lower than a year ago.

Services. Among service industries in February, engineering design, analysis, and consulting services; passenger car rental; operators and lessors of nonresidential buildings; help supply services; and courier services, except by air, posted rising prices. Alternatively, falling prices were registered by the industries for data processing services; prepackaged software; telephone communications, except radiotelephone; travel agencies; railroads, line-haul operating; advertising agencies; and for truck rental and leasing.

Producer Price Index data for March 2002 will be released on Friday, April 12, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. (E.D.T.)

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

Grouping	 Relative importance		adjusted	index	Unadjus perce change Feb. 20	nt to					
	Dec.	l		1	_	<u> </u>	_				
	 2001 1/ 	Oct. 2001 2	Jan. / 2002 2/ 	Feb. / 2002 2/ 	Feb. ' 2001	Jan. 2002 	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	•		
Finished goods		139.7		137.7 137.6	-2.6 -3.4	0.1	-0.6 7	0.1	0.2		

Finished consumer foods	21.004	142.2	141.1	142.7	1.9	1.1	0	.8	1.0
Crude	1.556	122.3	138.8	145.7	6.4	5.0	3.9	8.3	5.1
Processed	19.448	143.8	141.2	142.3	1.5	.8	3	.2	.7
Finished consumer goods, excluding foods	51.934	138.9	135.5	135.4	-5.5	1	-1.1	.1	0
Nondurable goods less foods	35.348	139.2	134.5	134.5	-7.6	0	-1.5	.1	.1
Durable goods	16.585	134.3	134.0	133.6	2	3	1	.2	1
Capital equipment	27.063	140.0	139.6	139.6	0	0	0	1	.1
Manufacturing industries	7.945	140.4	140.1	140.3	.1	.1	0	2	.1
Nonmanufacturing industries	19.118	139.7	139.3	139.2	1	1	1	0	0
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Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.	100.000	127.7	125.6	125.5	-4.4	1	8	1	1
Materials and components for manufacturing	47.159	125.9	124.6	124.8	-3.1	.2	4	2	.2
Materials for food manufacturing	2.914	126.4	122.6	123.3	2.2	. 6	-1.0	.3	.5
Materials for nondurable manufacturing	14.182	128.4	124.9	125.7	-7.4	. 6	9	-1.2	.6
Materials for durable manufacturing	9.183	123.2	122.7	122.7	-3.1	0	2	.1	0
Components for manufacturing	20.880	126.2	126.5	126.4	2	1	.1	.3	1
Materials and components for construction	13.125	150.3	150.3	150.3	.1	0	2	.2	1
Processed fuels and lubricants	14.837	97.7	90.4	89.6	-18.5	9	-4.1	4	7
Manufacturing industries	6.118	101.4	96.5	95.4	-13.0	-1.1	-2.6	-1.3	6
Nonmanufacturing industries	8.719	95.4	86.7	86.0	-21.6	8	-4.9	.3	9
Containers	3.429	152.5	152.5	152.3	5	1	0	. 2	1
Supplies	21.450	138.4	138.3	138.1	4	1	1	.1	1
Manufacturing industries	4.735	145.0	144.9	144.4	6	3	1	.1	3
Nonmanufacturing industries	16.715	135.6	135.5	135.3	4	1	1	.1	1
Feeds	1.088	97.7	94.4	93.1	-5.3	-1.4	9	-1.3	-1.4
Other supplies	15.627	140.2	140.5	140.3	1	1	1	.2	0
	13.027	140.2	140.5	140.5	• ±	• ±	• ±	• 2	O
Crude materials for further processing	100.000	97.6	98.1	97.6	-30.9	 5	-9.6	3.7	8
Foodstuffs and feedstuffs	46.246	104.1	99.5	102.3	-1.9	2.8	-1.9	4.0	2.3
Nonfood materials	53.754	89.6	93.6	90.4	-44.0	-3.4	-14.4	3.2	-3.4
Nonfood materials except fuel 3/	32.086	91.5	84.3	88.6	-20.6	5.1	-8.8	2.2	5.0
Manufacturing 3/	31.041	83.7	76.8	80.9	-21.3	5.3	-9.2	2.3	5.2
Construction	1.045	180.6	178.5	178.8	3	.2	2	-1.2	2
Crude fuel 4/	21.668	79.9	99.0	83.4	-61.5	-15.8	-20.4	4.8	-15.8
Manufacturing industries	1.994	77.6	96.8	82.2	-62.0	-15.1	-19.9	4.8	-15.1
Nonmanufacturing industries	19.674	81.5	101.0	85.0	-61.5	-15.8	-20.4	4.8	-15.8
Special groupings									
Finished goods, excluding foods	5/ 78.996	138.8	136.3	136.2	-3.9	1	7	0	0
Intermediate materials less foods and feeds		128.2	126.3	126.2	-4.6	1	8	1	1
Intermediate foods and feeds		117.5	113.9	114.0	.1	.1	-1.0	1	0
Crude materials less agricultural products 3/ 7/.		90.1	94.1	90.8	-44.6	-3.5	-15.0	3.4	-3.5
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Finished energy goods	5/ 13.761	90.0	81.7	81.8	-20.4	.1	-3.9	.1	.4

Finished goods less energy 5/ 86.239	148.1	147.6	147.9	.7	.2	1	.1	.3
Finished consumer goods less energy	151.5	151.0	151.5	1.1	.3	0	. 2	.3
Finished goods less foods and energy	150.5	150.3	150.1	. 5	1	0	1	0
Finished consumer goods less foods and energy 5/ 38.173	157.5	157.5	157.2	.7	2	0	1	1
Consumer nondurable goods less foods and energy 5/ 21.588	176.0	176.1	176.0	1.4	1	0	2	1
<pre>Intermediate energy goods6/ 14.961</pre>	97.4	90.0	89.2	-18.5	9	-4.0	6	7
<pre>Intermediate materials less energy6/ 85.039</pre>	134.2	133.4	133.5	-1.8	.1	2	1	.1
Intermediate materials less foods and energy 6/ 81.037	135.3	134.7	134.8	-1.8	.1	2	0	0
Crude energy materials 3/ 8/ 32.249	75.4	81.0	75.7	-54.2	-6.5	-20.5	5.6	-6.5
Crude materials less energy 8/ 67.751	109.3	105.9	108.6	-3.5	2.5	-1.5	2.7	2.0
Crude nonfood materials less energy 4/ 8/ 21.505	125.8	125.4	127.4	-6.9	1.6	3	 5	1.5
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^{1/} 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.

- 3/ Includes crude petroleum.
- 4/ Excludes crude petroleum.
- 5/ Percent of total finished goods.
- 6/ Percent of total intermediate materials.
- 7/ 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	 Grouping	Unadjusted index				ndex	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from:		 Seasonally adjusted percent change from: :		
code		 Oct. 2001 _		 Jan. 2002		Feb.	Feb.	 Jan. 2002 	 Nov. to Dec. 		
	FINISHED GOODS	140	.0	137. 137. 141.	3	137.7 137.6 142.7	-2.6 -3.4 1.9	0.1 .2 1.1	-0.6 7 0	0.1	0.2 .4 1.0

^{2/} The indexes for October 2001 have been recalculated to incorporate late reports and corrections by respondents. All indexes are subject to revision 4 months after original publication.

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01-11	Fresh fruits and melons 2/	101.9	107.0	92.8	1.1	-13.3	13.4	-7.2	-13.3
01-13	Fresh and dry vegetables 2/		144.8	176.9	22.9	22.2	12.4	20.2	22.2
01-71-07	Eggs for fresh use (Dec. 1991=100)		89.4	74.5	-16.9	-16.7	-8.2	21.8	-10.8
02-11	Bakery products 2/		188.9	189.7	2.3	. 4	3	.1	. 4
02-13	Milled rice 2/		84.7	82.3	-10.9	-2.8	4	.1	-2.8
02-14-02	Pasta products (June 1985=100) 2/		122.2	122.2	. 4	0	0	0	0
02-21-01	Beef and veal 2/		111.7	120.0	-4.5	7.4	2.1	-1.4	7.4
02-21-04	Pork		111.9	115.0	5.2	2.8	-2.0	6	0
02-22-03	Processed young chickens	123.0	116.4	115.8	4.1	5	-2.2	3.6	0
02-22-06	Processed turkeys		96.8	94.6	2.5	-2.3	-1.0	.8	.1
02-23	Finfish and shellfish		183.1	202.1	-4.0	10.4	-3.6	3.2	10.1
02-3	Dairy products		140.9	139.8	2.9	8	-1.5	1.6	 3
02-4	Processed fruits and vegetables 2/		131.7	132.4	3.1	.5	.5	.2	.5
02-55	Confectionery end products 2/		174.5	175.3	2.7	.5	.5	.6	.5
02-62	Soft drinks		149.3	151.5	2.0	1.5	.1	4	1.0
02-63-01	Roasted coffee 2/		123.3	123.3	-2.2	0	.1	1	0
02-78	Shortening and cooking oils 2/		133.3	131.8	1.9	-1.1	.8	.1	-1.1
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ì	FINISHED CONSUMER GOODS EXCLUDING FOODS	138.9	135.5	135.4	-5.5	1	-1.1	.1	0
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02-61	Alcoholic beverages	146.2	146.1	146.5	1.8	.3	.1	4	.1
03-81-01	Women's apparel 2/		122.6	122.4	-1.6	2	2	.2	2
03-81-02	Men's and boys' apparel 2/		130.7	130.8	-1.8	.1	5	 5	.1
03-81-03	Girls', children's, and infants' apparel 2/		117.0	117.0	. 5	0	0	0	0
03-82	Textile housefurnishings 2/		122.1	122.0	2	1	5	5	1
04-3	Footwear 2/		146.0	146.0	.1	0	0	.2	0
05-41	Residential electric power (Dec. 1990=100)		113.2	112.8	1	4	.1	-1.4	3
05-51	Residential gas (Dec. 1990=100)		131.4	127.9	-32.6	-2.7	-3.2	1.7	-1.6
05-71	Gasoline		62.0	65.2	-30.7	5.2	-8.3	3.4	4.5
05-73-02-01	Fuel oil No. 2	78.3	59.0	60.3	-34.2	2.2	-13.7	4.9	2.8
06-38	Pharmaceutical preparations (June 2001=100) 2/		100.6	101.0	(3)	. 4	.3	.8	. 4
06-71	Soaps and synthetic detergents 2/		131.2	131.2	. 7	0	0	.2	0
06-75	Cosmetics and other toilet preparations 2/	138.6	138.5	138.5	1	0	2	.2	0
07-12	Tires, tubes, tread, etc 2/	94.8	93.4	94.7	1.1	1.4	.1	-2.2	1.4
09-15-01	Sanitary papers and health products 2/	148.9	148.7	147.4	1.2	9	1.4	-1.1	9
09-31-01	Newspaper circulation 2/	221.5	222.9	223.6	3.1	.3	.1	.3	.3
09-32-01	Periodical circulation	200.4	205.2	208.1	3.8	1.4	6	1.8	1.2
09-33	Book publishing	225.4	230.9	227.4	2.5	-1.5	1.2	1.5	-1.3
12-1	Household furniture		156.0	156.4	1.6	.3	.1	.3	.2
12-3	Floor coverings 2/	130.2	130.9	128.4	-2.9	-1.9	3	1.7	-1.9
12-4	Household appliances		105.3	104.6	-1.6	7	0	.1	6
12-5	Home electronic equipment 2/		69.5	69.7	-2.1	.3	1	3	.3
12-62	Household glassware		170.1	169.8	.8	2	.1	0	1
12-64	Household flatware 2/	143.2	143.2	143.7	1.2	.3	0	0	.3

12-66	Lawn and garden equip., ex. tractors 2/	1 132 8	131.9	131.3	-1.1	5	8	1	5
14-11-01	Passenger cars		131.9	131.0	-1.4	7	4	.7	2
15-11	Toys, games, and children's vehicles 2/		124.6	124.5	1.3	1	.2	. 4	1
15-12	Sporting and athletic goods 2/		125.1	124.3	.2	.8	0	1.0	.8
15-2	Tobacco products 2/		447.9	448.1	5.0	0	0	-1.7	0
15-5	Mobile homes 2/		165.9	165.8	2.2	1	.1	3	1
15-94-02	Jewelry, platinum, & karat gold 2/		130.0	130.1	2.4	.1	1	.3	.1
15-94-02	Costume jewelry and novelties 2/		144.0	144.0	1	0	0	0	0
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	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	140.0	139.6	139.6	0	0	0	1	.1
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11-1	Agricultural machinery and equipment 2/		156.5	156.6	1.2	.1	1	.1	.1
11-2	Construction machinery and equipment		149.0	149.2	.2	.1	4	0	.1
11-37	Metal cutting machine tools 2/		153.8	153.9	-5.4	.1	5	1	.1
11-38	Metal forming machine tools 2/		165.6	167.0	2.2	.8	.2	0	.8
11-39	Tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, and ind. molds 2/		141.0	140.6	-1.1	3	0	1	3
11-41	Pumps, compressors, and equipment		159.8	160.1	2.7	.2	.1	.3	.3
11-44	Industrial material handling equipment 2/		137.4	137.4	1.0	0	.1	0	0
11-51	Electronic computers (Dec. 1998=100) 2/		48.3	46.3	-28.4	-4.1	-3.1	1.5	-4.1
11-62	Textile machinery 2/		159.8	157.1	.1	-1.7	1.1	0	-1.7
11-64	Paper industries machinery (June 1982=100)		167.8	167.7	1.2	1	.1	.1	1
11-65	Printing trades machinery 2/		143.0	142.7	6	2	0	2	2
11-74	Transformers and power regulators 2/		133.3	133.3	-1.3	0	2	.2	0
11-76	Communication & related equip. (Dec. 1985=100) 2/		109.0	109.5	 7	. 5	.2	0	.5
11-79-05	X-ray and electromedical equipment 2/		100.7	99.6	2	-1.1	. 7	1	-1.1
11-91	Oil field and gas field machinery		135.5	135.5	1.6	0	.1	9	1
11-92	Mining machinery and equipment 2/		150.2	151.1	2.4	. 6	. 5	.2	.6
11-93	Office and store machines and equipment $2/\ldots$		112.9	112.8	. 4	1	.5	2	1
12-2	Commercial furniture 2/		160.5	160.3	. 4	1	2	.1	1
14-11-05	Light motor trucks		153.3	153.5	7	.1	6	6	.6
14-11-06	Heavy motor trucks 2/		149.6	150.3	2.7	.5	. 4	0	.5
14-14	Truck trailers 2/		138.1	138.1	6	0	7	.1	0
14-21-02	Civilian aircraft (Dec. 1985=100)		169.8	169.6	2.1	1	.2	4	0
14-31	Ships (Dec. 1985=100) 2/	148.9	148.8	150.1	1.0	. 9	.2	0	. 9
14-4	Railroad equipment 2/	134.6	134.1	134.4	-1.1	.2	1	3	.2
	INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND COMPONENTS	127.7	125.6	125.5	-4.4	1	8	1	1
	INTERMEDIATE FOODS AND FEEDS	117.5	113.9	114.0	.1	.1	-1.0	1	0
02-12-03	Flour 2/	 110 7	110 5	110 5	5 5	0	-1.4	3 5	0
02-12-03		•	113.5	113.5	5.5	-		3.5 2.0	0 0
	Refined sugar 2/		115.9	115.9	5.5	0	2.9		
02-54	Confectionery materials 2/		113.8	112.7	6.7	-1.0	. 6	1.8	-1.0
02-72	Crude vegetable oils 2/		75.2	70.1	18.6	-6.8	0	1.9	-6.8
02-9	Prepared animal feeds 2/	105.5	102.6	101.4	-4.8	-1.2	9	-1.0	-1.2

	INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS LESS FOODS AND FEEDS 128.2	126.3	126.2	-4.6	1	8	1	1
03-1	Synthetic fibers 2/ 107.3	106.2	106.0	-4.8	2	5	5	2
03-2	Processed yarns and threads 2/ 103.4	102.5	102.2	-5.5	3	0	0	3
03-3	Gray fabrics 2/ 113.0	112.4	110.1	-4.3	-2.0	.3	2	-2.0
03-4	Finished fabrics 122.6	120.7	120.4	-1.1	2	 5	7	2
03-83-03	Industrial textile products 2/ 133.2	133.8	133.3	1.6	4	.2	0	4
04-2	Leather 2/ 199.1	193.8	197.4	1.3	1.9	 5	1.5	1.9
05-32	Liquefied petroleum gas 2/ 90.8	81.0	82.4	-52.6	1.7	-19.3	9.0	1.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

					Unadjus	ted					
					percen	t	Seasona	lly adju	sted		
		Una	djusted i	ndex	change	to	percent	change :	from:		
Commodity					Feb. 20	02 from:					
code	Grouping	l			1		1				
			1		1			1			
		Oct.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Nov. to	Dec. to	Jan. to		
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	 INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS LESS FOODS AND FEEDS										
	-Continued	1									
05-42	Commercial electric power		134.3	133.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7	-0.6		
05-43	Industrial electric power		139.7	139.1	2.0	4	1	6	- .2		
05-52	Commercial natural gas (Dec. 1990=100)		134.0	130.7	-38.6	-2.5	-4.7	0	-1.5		
05-53	Industrial natural gas (Dec. 1990=100)		136.6	132.0	-44.6	-3.4	-4.0	2.7	-2.3		
05-54	Natural gas to electric utilities (Dec. 1990=100)		75.6	71.8	-69.9	-5.0	-4.8	9	-5.2		
05-72-03	Jet fuels		61.3	57.6	-33.3	-6.0	-9.3	12.2	-7.3		
05-73-03	No. 2 Diesel fuel	75.9	59.2	59.8	-35.3	1.0	-17.8	7.2	-1.1		
05-74	Residual fuel 2/	68.6	57.6	57.6	-27.5	0	-7.6	-9.1	0		
06-1	Industrial chemicals 2/	123.8	118.6	120.6	-10.5	1.7	-1.7	-1.2	1.7		
06-21	Prepared paint	164.1	166.4	166.3	1.3	1	.1	. 7	6		
06-22	Paint materials 2/	147.8	149.5	156.2	2.7	4.5	9	1.2	4.5		
06-31	Medicinal and botanical chemicals 2/	140.1	131.3	131.2	-9.1	1	2	-6.1	1		
06-4	Fats and oils, inedible		74.2	74.1	6.9	1	9.2	-10.4	9.7		
06-51	Mixed fertilizers	•	112.9	111.8	-4.6	-1.0	0	-2.3	-1.3		
06-52-01	Nitrogenates		104.7	102.2	-44.9	-2.4	-5.2	-4.0	-5.2		
06-52-02	Phosphates 2/		96.4	97.8	. 8	1.5	-5.7	6.8	1.5		
06-53	Other agricultural chemicals 2/	148.1	148.8	148.3	.3	 3	-1.3	.1	3		

06-6	Plastic resins and materials 2/	128 3	120.1	123.5	-11.3	2.8	-2.8	-4.1	2.8
07-11-02	Synthetic rubber 2/		119.2	118.2	-4.4	8	 3	4	8
07-21	Plastic construction products		131.2	130.4	-2.2	6	. 4	.2	-1.0
07-22	Unsupported plastic film, sheet, & other shapes 2/		135.4	133.8	-3.9	-1.2	0	. 4	-1.2
07-26	Plastic parts and components for manufacturing 2/		117.0	116.6	6	3	.3	.2	3
08-11	Softwood lumber 2/		171.4	173.4	6.0	1.2	-2.2	6.9	1.2
08-12	Hardwood lumber		177.4	176.0	-4.9	8	8	.6	8
08-2	Millwork 2/		178.9	179.2	1.2	.2	1	2	.2
08-3	Plywood 2/		148.4	153.5	5.4	3.4	-1.5	.2	3.4
09-11	Woodpulp 2/		114.4	116.6	-18.5	1.9	.2	1.7	1.9
09-11	Paper 2/		146.0	144.6	-10.3 -4.9	-1.0	0	6	-1.0
09-13	Paperboard 2/		146.0	163.9	-4.9 -7.2	-1.0 7	. 4	-1.0	-1.0 7
09-14			173.9		-1.4	7 5	0	-1.0 1	/ 5
09-13-03	Paper boxes and containers 2/			173.1			•		
	Building paper and board 2/		124.5	126.6	.2	1.7	2.6	8	1.7
09-37	Commercial printing (June 1982=100) 2/		157.0	156.9	2	1	3	0	1
10-15	Foundry and forge shop products		136.8	136.9	1	.1	1	3	1
10-17	Steel mill products 2/		98.2	97.9	-4.7	3	9	6	3
10-22	Primary nonferrous metals 2/		102.0	101.6	-9.9	4	1.9	2.4	4
10-25-01	Aluminum mill shapes 2/		145.2	145.3	-3.6	.1	1	.1	.1
10-25-02	Copper and brass mill shapes 2/		150.6	150.7	-7.6	.1	3	1	.1
10-26	Nonferrous wire and cable 2/		138.0	135.9	-4.8	-1.5	. 4	6	-1.5
10-3	Metal containers 2/		106.9	108.9	3.1	1.9	.3	. 6	1.9
10-4	Hardware 2/		156.5	156.2	2.2	2	.3	. 5	2
10-5	Plumbing fixtures and brass fittings		179.9	181.9	4	1.1	1	3	.3
10-6	Heating equipment 2/		157.2	157.4	3	. 1	.2	3	.1
10-7	Fabricated structural metal products		144.0	144.0	7	0	.1	3	0
10-88	Fabricated ferrous wire products (June 1982=100) 2/.		128.8	128.9	-1.0	.1	.3	7	.1
10-89	Other misc. metal products 2/		126.8	126.9	.1	.1	0	2	.1
11-45	Mechanical power transmission equipment		169.1	169.3	1.6	.1	. 2	0	.1
11-48	Air conditioning and refrigeration equipment $2/\ldots$		136.2	136.7	. 9	. 4	.1	.1	. 4
11-49-02	Metal valves, ex.fluid power (Dec. 1982=100) 2/		165.9	166.3	1.7	.2	2	. 7	.2
11-49-05	Ball and roller bearings		169.3	170.0	4	. 4	0	3	. 4
11-71	Wiring devices 2/		152.0	152.9	7	. 6	8	.1	. 6
11-73	Motors, generators, motor generator sets	146.4	146.5	146.7	.1	.1	0	1	.1
11-75	Switchgear, switchboard, etc., equipment	157.8	157.7	158.5	1.9	.5	1	.3	.2
11-78	Electronic components and accessories 2/	92.4	94.2	93.8	-1.6	4	. 5	1.1	4
11-94	Internal combustion engines		144.2	144.2	.3	0	0	0	.1
11-95	Machine shop products 2/	140.4	140.6	139.6	2	7	0	.1	7
13-11	Flat glass 2/	112.1	111.0	111.2	4	.2	6	4	.2
13-22	Cement		150.4	150.1	. 5	2	.3	3	.1
13-3	Concrete products	152.8	153.4	153.5	1.9	.1	.3	.1	1
13-6	Asphalt felts and coatings		110.5	110.1	5.4	4	.2	.5	0
13-7	Gypsum products 2/	161.5	164.0	167.0	. 4	1.8	-3.3	-1.4	1.8
13-8	Glass containers 2/		135.3	134.8	3.0	4	.2	1.7	4
14-12	Motor vehicle parts 2/	113.2	112.9	113.2	3	.3	1	. 4	.3

14-23	Aircraft engines & engine parts (Dec. 1985=100)		145.4	146.6	1.7	.8	.2	-1.2	.8
14-25	Aircraft parts & aux.equip., nec (June 1985=100)		150.4	150.4	1.6	0	.2	1.3	0
15-42	Photographic supplies 2/		130.1	130.0	3.2	1	0	. 6	1
15-6	Medical/surgical/personal aid devices 2/	149.1	150.1	150.2	1.6	.1	.3	.3	.1
	 CRUDE MATERIALS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING	 97.6	98.1	97.6	-30.9	5	-9.6	3.7	8
	CRUDE FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDSTUFFS	104.1	99.5	102.3	-1.9	2.8	-1.9	4.0	2.3
01-21	Wheat 2/		86.7	84.9	2	-2.1	3	1.2	-2.1
01-22-02-05	•		80.2	79.2	2.6	-1.2	1.9	-4.5	4
01-31	Slaughter cattle 2/		98.9	108.4	-6.3	9.6	.2	4.3	9.6
01-32	Slaughter hogs		63.1	62.3	-2.5	-1.3	-11.1	26.4	-6.8
01-41-02	Slaughter broilers/fryers		132.9	127.9	-2.9	-3.8	-4.4	5.6	1
01-42	Slaughter turkeys		100.4	96.0	-4.8	-4.4	-1.3	10.4	-3.2
01-6	Fluid milk 2/		99.5	100.1	2.7	. 6	-4.7	-2.1	. 6
01-83-01-31	•		74.5	73.8	-1.6	9	-1.5	1.2	9
02-52-01-01	Cane sugar, raw 2/	110.6	111.7	109.4	-2.2	-2.1	1.6	-1.0	-2.1
	CRUDE NONFOOD MATERIALS	89.6	93.6	90.4	-44.0	-3.4	-14.4	3.2	-3.4
01-51-01-01	 Raw cotton 2/	l I 47.5	54.4	55.9	40 1	2.8	7	2	2.8
01-91-01			113.8	111.1	-40.1 -8.5	-2.4	.7 -1.0	.2 -1.2	-2.4
01-92-01-01	Hides and skins (June 2001=100) 2/			71.3		-2.4 1	-1.0 -5.0		
04-19	Coal 2/		71.4 99.2	97.6	(3) 2.1	ı -1.6	-5.0 -5.5	6 3.2	1 -1.6
05-31	,		99.2	77.7	-70.4	-1.6 -20.7	-3.3 -24.7	3.2 4.9	-1.6 -20.7
05-61	Natural gas 2/		46.6	52.8	-70.4 -34.6	13.3	-24.7 -21.6	4.9 8.1	13.3
08-5	Crude petroleum 2/		174.6	175.0	-34.6	13.3	-21.6 .1	-3.5	5
09-12	Logs, timber, etc		142.0	140.0	-3.8 -18.4	-1.4	0		3 -1.4
10-11	Wastepaper 2/ Iron ore 2/		95.0	95.0	-10.4 6	-1.4 0	0	.1 -1.3	-1.4 0
10-11	•				6	ŭ	ŭ		5.2
10-12	Iron and steel scrap		115.2 62.5	119.9 67.1	2.3	4.1 7.4	-4.6 5	.7 4.9	5.2 7.4
10-21			106.1	107.5	-12.6	1.3	s 1	1.0	1.3
10-23-01	Copper base scrap 2/			151.7	-12.6 -9.6	2.2	ı 1.4	.7	1.3 7
10-23-02	Aluminum base scrap		148.5	171.4	-9.6 2.5	2.2 .5	1.4 .2		/ .4
13-21	Construction sand, gravel, and crushed stone	1 109./	170.6	⊥/⊥.4	2.5	. 5	• 2	2	• 4

^{1/} The indexes for October 2001 have been recalculated to incorporate late reports and corrections by respondents. All indexes are subject to revision 4 months after original publication.

Table 3. Producer price indexes for selected commodity groupings

^{2/} Not seasonally adjusted.

^{3/} Not available.

Commodity		Unadjusted index 1/					
code	Grouping	Oct. 2001	Jan. 2002 	Feb. 2002			
 	Finished Goods (1967=100)	392.0 130.3	385.8 128.5	 386.5 128.6			
ĺ	MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS		 				
01 02	Farm products and processed foods and feeds Farm products	126.2 101.2 138.5	 123.9 99.7 135.8	 125.4 102.0 136.9			
03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15	Industrial commodities. Textile products and apparel. Hides, skins, leather, and related products. Fuels and related products and power. Chemicals and allied products 2/. Rubber and plastic products. Lumber and wood products. Pulp, paper, and allied products. Metals and metal products. Machinery and equipment. Furniture and household durables. Nonmetallic mineral products. Transportation equipment. Miscellaneous products.	153.8 89.2 149.1 126.6 172.3 183.9 124.1 123.3 133.2 145.2	129.4 120.1 152.4 84.0 146.3 126.8 172.1 184.9 123.7 123.6 133.4 145.6 145.2 182.4	129.2 119.7 153.5 82.9 147.8 125.5 172.9 184.6 123.9 123.5 133.0 145.5 145.3 182.4			
 	Industrial commodities less fuels and related products and power	142.6	 142.2 	 142.2 			
01-1 01-2 01-3 01-4 01-5	Fruits and melons, fresh and dry vegetables, and tree nuts		1 127.7 82.2 89.7 124.7 54.9	1 133.5 81.0 96.4 119.9 56.6			

01-8 Hay, hayseds, and oilseeds. 106.0 103.6 102.7 01-83 Oilseeds. 86.7 86.3 85.7 01-9 Other farm products. 167.0 169.6 165.7 02-1 Cereal and bakery products. 163.3 166.4 163.6 02-2 Meats, poultry, and fish. 125.7 119.7 124.1 02-2 Processed poultry. 121.0 116.4 115.5 02-5 Sugar and confectionery. 137.2 140.6 140.6 140.6 02-6 Bewerages and beverage materials. 146.7 146.7 147.8 140.6 02-6 Bewerages and beverage materials. 124.4 124.2 124.1 02-7 Fats and oils. 107.9 108.2 105.9 03-81 Apparel. 126.5 122.8 125.8 04-4 Other leather and related products 148.0 147.8 148.3 05-3 Gas fuels. 76.5 92.4 78.2 05-4 Electric power. 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined	01-7	Chicken eggs	86.5	100.0	85.0
167.0 169.6 165.7 102-1 169.6 165.7 102-1 169.6 165.7 102-1 169.6 165.7 102-1 169.6 163.3 163.4 163.6 163.6 169.2 169.	01-8	Hay, hayseeds, and oilseeds	106.0	103.6	102.7
02-1 Cereal and bakery products. 163.3 163.4 163.6 02-2 Meats, poultry, and fish. 125.7 119.7 124.1 02-2 Processed poultry. 121.0 116.4 115.5 02-5 Sugar and confectionery. 137.2 140.6 140.6 140.6 02-6 Beverages and beverage materials. 146.7 146.7 147.8 02-63 Packaged beverage materials. 124.4 124.2 124.1 02-7 Fats and oils. 107.9 108.2 105.9 03-81 Apparel. 126.5 125.8 125.8 04-4 Other leather and related products. 148.0 147.8 148.3 05-3 Gas fuels. 76.5 92.4 78.2 05-4 Electric power. 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined petroleum products. 75.6 61.3 62.8 06-3 Drugs and pharmaceuticals and products. 123.4 122.4 122.1 06-7 Other chemicals	01-83	Oilseeds	86.7	86.3	85.7
02-2 Meats, poultry, and fish. 125.7 119.7 124.1 02-22 Processed poultry. 121.0 116.4 115.5 02-5 Sugar and confectionery. 137.2 140.6 140.6 02-6 Beverages and beverage materials. 146.7 146.7 147.8 02-63 Packaged beverage materials. 124.4 124.2 124.1 02-7 Fats and oils. 107.9 108.2 105.9 03-81 Apparel. 126.5 125.8 125.8 125.8 04-4 Other leather and related products. 148.0 147.8 148.3 05-3 Gas fuels. 76.5 92.4 78.2 05-4 Electric power. 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined petroleum products. 75.6 61.3 62.8 06-3 Drugs and pharmaceuticals. 261.9 261.6 263.2 06-5 Agricultural chemicals and products. 139.8 139.8 139.8 07-1 Rubber and rubber	01-9	Other farm products	167.0	169.6	165.7
02-22 Processed poultry. 121.0 116.4 115.5 02-5 Sugar and confectionery. 137.2 140.6 140.6 02-6 Beverages and beverage materials. 146.7 146.7 147.8 02-63 Packaged beverage materials. 124.4 124.2 124.1 02-7 Fats and oils. 107.9 108.2 105.9 03-81 Apparel. 126.5 125.8 125.8 04-4 Other leather and related products. 148.0 147.8 148.3 05-3 Gas fuels. 76.5 92.4 78.2 05-4 Electric power. 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined petroleum products. 75.6 61.3 62.8 06-3 Drugs and pharmaceuticals. 261.9 261.6 263.2 06-5 Agricultural chemicals and products. 123.4 122.4 122.1 06-7 Other chemicals and allied products. 139.8 139.8 139.8 07-1 Rubber and rubber products. <td>02-1</td> <td> Cereal and bakery products</td> <td>163.3</td> <td>163.4</td> <td> 163.6 </td>	02-1	Cereal and bakery products	163.3	163.4	163.6
02-5 Sugar and confectionery. 137.2 140.6 140.6 02-6 Beverages and beverage materials. 146.7 146.7 147.8 02-63 Packaged beverage materials. 124.4 124.2 124.1 02-7 Fats and oils. 107.9 108.2 105.9 03-81 Apparel. 126.5 125.8 125.8 04-4 Other leather and related products. 148.0 147.8 148.3 05-3 Gas fuels. 76.5 92.4 78.2 05-4 Electric power. 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined petroleum products. 75.6 61.3 62.8 06-3 Druga and pharmaceuticals. 261.9 261.6 263.2 06-5 Agricultural chemicals and products. 123.4 122.4 122.1 06-7 Other chemicals and allied products. 139.8 139.8 139.8 07-1 Rubber and rubber products. 119.3 118.6 116.4 07-1 Plastic products.	02-2	Meats, poultry, and fish	125.7	119.7	124.1
02-6 Beverages and beverage materials 146.7 146.7 147.8 02-63 Packaged beverage materials 124.4 124.2 124.1 02-7 Fats and oils 107.9 108.2 105.9 03-81 Apparel 126.5 125.8 125.8 04-4 Other leather and related products 148.0 147.8 148.3 05-3 Gas fuels 76.5 92.4 78.2 05-4 Electric power 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined petroleum products 75.6 61.3 62.8 06-3 Drugs and pharmaceuticals 261.9 261.6 263.2 06-5 Agricultural chemicals and products 123.4 122.4 122.1 06-7 Other chemicals and allied products 139.8 139.8 139.8 07-11 Rubber and rubber products 116.6 116.1 116.4 07-12 Rubber, except natural rubber 119.3 118.6 117.5 07-13 Miscellaneous rubber produ	02-22	Processed poultry	121.0	116.4	115.5
02-63	02-5	Sugar and confectionery	137.2	140.6	140.6
02-7	02-6	Beverages and beverage materials	146.7	146.7	147.8
02-7	02-63	Packaged beverage materials	124.4	124.2	124.1
04-4 Other leather and related products. 148.0 147.8 148.3 05-3 Gas fuels. 76.5 92.4 78.2 05-4 Electric power. 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined petroleum products. 75.6 61.3 62.8 06-3 Drugs and pharmaceuticals. 261.9 261.6 263.2 06-5 Agricultural chemicals and allied products. 123.4 122.4 122.1 06-7 Other chemicals and allied products. 139.8 139.8 139.8 139.8 07-1 Rubber and rubber products. 116.6 116.1 116.4 07-11 Rubber, except natural rubber 119.3 118.6 117.5 07-13 Miscellaneous rubber products. 139.9 140.5 140.4 07-14 Rubber, except natural rubber 139.9 140.5 140.4 07-1 Plastic products. 139.9 140.5 140.4 07-2 Plastic products. 139.9 140.5 140.5 140.5 </td <td>02-7</td> <td> Fats and oils</td> <td>107.9</td> <td>108.2</td> <td> 105.9 </td>	02-7	Fats and oils	107.9	108.2	105.9
05-3 Gas fuels	03-81	Apparel	126.5	125.8	125.8
05-4 Electric power. 140.1 134.7 134.1 05-7 Refined petroleum products. 75.6 61.3 62.8 06-3 Drugs and pharmaceuticals. 261.9 261.6 263.2 06-5 Agricultural chemicals and products. 123.4 122.4 122.1 06-7 Other chemicals and allied products. 139.8 139.8 139.8 07-1 Rubber and rubber products. 116.6 116.1 116.4 07-11 Rubber, except natural rubber. 119.3 118.6 117.5 07-13 Miscellaneous rubber products. 139.9 140.5 140.4 07-2 Plastic products. 134.5 135.0 133.0 08-1 Lumber. 167.3 170.7 171.4 09-1 Pulp, paper, and products, excluding building 167.3 170.7 171.4 09-1 Pulp, paper, and paperboard products. 164.5 164.2 163.3 10-1 Iron and steel. 10.6 107.0 107.2 10-2	04 - 4	Other leather and related products	148.0	147.8	148.3
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06-3 Drugs and pharmaceuticals. 261.9 261.6 263.2 1 06-5 Agricultural chemicals and products. 123.4 122.4 122.1 1 06-7 Other chemicals and allied products. 139.8 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.4 140.	05-4	Electric power	140.1	134.7	134.1
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06-7 Other chemicals and allied products. 139.8 139.9 140.4 167.1 116.6 119.3 118.6 117.5 140.4 170.7 171.4 140.5 140.4 139.9 140.5 140.4 133.0	06-3	Drugs and pharmaceuticals	261.9	261.6	263.2
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09-1 Pulp, paper, and products, excluding building 155.6 154.7 153.8 09-15 Converted paper and paperboard products 164.5 164.2 163.3 10-1 Iron and steel 108.6 107.0 107.2 10-2 Nonferrous metals 119.6 119.8 120.2 10-25 Nonferrous mill shapes 138.6 138.1 138.1 11-3 Metalworking machinery and equipment 150.5 150.3 150.3 11-4 General purpose machinery and equipment 153.1 153.6 153.9 11-6 11-6 Special industry machinery 164.8 164.2 164.7 117.4 117	07-2	Plastic products	134.5	135.0	133.0
paper and board	08-1	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	167.3	170.7	171.4
09-15 Converted paper and paperboard products 164.5 164.2 163.3 10-1 Iron and steel 108.6 107.0 107.2 10-2 Nonferrous metals 119.6 119.8 120.2 10-25 Nonferrous mill shapes 138.6 138.1 138.1 11-3 Metalworking machinery and equipment 150.5 150.3 150.3 11-4 General purpose machinery and equipment 153.1 153.6 153.9 11-6 Special industry machinery 164.8 164.2 164.7 11-7 Electrical machinery and equipment 116.7 117.4 117.4 11-9 Miscellaneous machinery and equipment 136.2 136.3 135.9 12-6 Other household durable goods 157.5 157.3 157.0 13-2 Concrete ingredients 159.9 160.3 160.6 14-1 Motor vehicles and equipment 132.0 131.0 131.0	09-1	Pulp, paper, and products, excluding building			
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10-2 Nonferrous metals	09-15	Converted paper and paperboard products	164.5		163.3
10-25 Nonferrous mill shapes	10-1	· ·		107.0	
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11-7 Electrical machinery and equipment	11-4			153.6	153.9
11-9 Miscellaneous machinery and equipment 136.2 136.3 135.9 12-6 Other household durable goods 157.5 157.3 157.0 13-2 Concrete ingredients 159.9 160.3 160.6 14-1 Motor vehicles and equipment 132.0 131.0 131.0 15-1 Toys, sporting goods, small arms, etc 133.5 133.3 134.0 15-4 Photographic equipment and supplies 111.8 112.3 111.6	11-6	Special industry machinery	164.8	164.2	164.7
12-6 Other household durable goods	11-7	Electrical machinery and equipment		117.4	117.4
13-2 Concrete ingredients	11-9			136.3	135.9
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15-9 Other miscellaneous products 139.1 139.2 139.3			111.8	•	111.6
	15-9	Other miscellaneous products	139.1	139.2	139.3
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^{1/} Data for October 2001 have been revised to reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents. All data are subject to revision 4 months after original

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		Percent change to Feb. 2002 from:		
code	Industry 1/	Index base	· —————			l co_reb2		
000.0			lOct.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	
				2002 2/	•		2002	
		-		.	·	I		
	Total mining industries			81.6	77.9	-47.9	-4.5	
10	Metal mining			69.7	73.8	2.6	5.9	
12	Coal mining			94.6	91.8	1.9	-3.0	
13	Oil and gas extraction	12/85	79.1	84.0	78.0	-55.4	-7.1	
14	Mining and quarrying of non-metallic		1					
	minerals, except fuels	12/84	141.8	142.3	143.0	2.2	.5	
	Total manufacturing industries	112/84	133.7	131.7	132.0	-2.1	.2	
20	Food and kindred products	12/84	134.1	131.5	132.2	1.1	. 5	
21	Tobacco manufactures	12/84	391.1	391.7	391.8	5.2	0	
22	Textile mill products	12/84	116.5	116.5	115.2	-2.0	-1.1	
23	Apparel and other finished products made		1					
	from fabrics and similar materials	12/84	125.9	125.3	125.3	4	0	
24	Lumber and wood products, except furniture	12/84	154.6	154.3	154.9	. 7	. 4	
25	Furniture and fixtures	12/84	145.5	145.6	145.8	1.0	.1	
26	Paper and allied products	12/84	145.1	144.2	143.4	-2.4	6	
27	Printing, publishing, and allied industries.	12/84	189.4	192.0	192.3	2.6	. 2	
28	Chemicals and allied products	12/84	155.7	153.6	154.5	-4.3	.6	
29	Petroleum refining and related products	12/84	94.6	77.9	79.6	-28.7	2.2	
30	Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products	12/84	125.5	125.6	124.5	-1.0	9	
31	Leather and leather products	12/84	141.2	140.3	140.8	.3	. 4	
32	Stone, clay, glass, and concrete products	12/84	136.6	136.9	136.8	.9	1	
33	Primary metal industries			113.7	113.5	-3.6	2	
34	Fabricated metal products, except machinery	1						
	and transportation equipment	12/84	131.0	131.1	131.3	.5	.2	
35	Machinery, except electrical	12/84	117.9	117.8	117.4	4	3	
36	Electrical and electronic machinery,			1000	100.1	_		
	equipment, and supplies			107.2	107.1	5	1	
37	Transportation equipment	12/84	138.5	137.7	137.8	.1	.1	

Measuring and controlling instruments;						
photographic, medical, optical goods;	1					
watches, clocks	12/84	127.6	128.2	128.4	1.3	.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	12/85	132.7	132.5	132.9	.7	.3
Services industries						
Railroad transportation	12/96	105.8	107.4	106.6	2.7	-0.7
Motor freight transportation and warehousing	06/93	123.6	123.4	123.3	.7	1
United States Postal Service	06/89	145.4	145.4	145.4	2.9	0
Water transportation	12/92	133.5	129.6	129.5	2.0	1
Transportation by air	12/92	158.9	158.0	159.0	2.5	.6
Pipe lines, except natural gas	12/86	111.8	111.2	111.3	2.0	.1
Food stores	12/99	115.3	114.6	112.2	5.0	-2.1
Miscellaneous retail	06/00	100.1	99.8	101.7	.7	1.9
Health services	12/94	117.3	118.0	117.8	1.9	2
Legal services	12/96	118.6	119.7	120.4	2.7	.6
	photographic, medical, optical goods; watches, clocks	photographic, medical, optical goods;				

^{1/} 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.

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

Grouping - - - - - -		 Index 1/							
			Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002			
Finished goods	141.1	139.2	138.4	137.6	137.8	138.1			
Finished consumer goods	141.8	139.6	138.5	137.5	137.8	138.3			
Finished consumer foods	142.2	142.1	140.7	140.7	141.8	143.2			
Crude	126.4	121.2	122.8	127.6	138.2	145.3			
Processed	143.4	143.8	142.1	141.7	142.0	143.0			
Finished consumer goods, excluding foods	141.5	138.4	137.4	135.9	136.0	136.0			
Nondurable goods less foods	142.7	138.9	137.4	135.4	135.5	135.6			
Durable goods	134.6	133.2	133.4	133.2	133.5	133.3			
Capital equipment	140.1	139.5	139.4	139.4	139.3	139.4			

^{2/} The indexes for October 2001 have been recalculated to incorporate late reports and corrections by respondents. All indexes are subject to revision 4 months after original publication.

Manufacturing industries		140.3	140.3	140.3	140.0	140.2
Nonmanufacturing industries	139.9	139.1	139.1	139.0	139.0	139.0
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components.	129.3	127.6	126.8	125.8	125.7	125.6
Materials and components for manufacturing	126.7	126.0	125.3	124.8	124.6	124.8
Materials for food manufacturing	126.7	126.3	124.2	122.9	123.3	123.9
Materials for nondurable manufacturing	129.7	128.5	127.6	126.4	124.9	125.6
Materials for durable manufacturing	124.4	123.3	122.8	122.6	122.7	122.7
Components for manufacturing	126.3	126.3	126.0	126.1	126.5	126.4
Materials and components for construction	150.9	150.3	150.4	150.1	150.4	150.3
Processed fuels and lubricants	103.8	97.3	95.1	91.2	90.8	90.2
Manufacturing industries	104.9	101.3	99.9	97.3	96.0	95.4
Nonmanufacturing industries	102.8	94.7	92.0	87.5	87.8	87.0
Containers	152.9	152.5	152.2	152.2	152.5	152.3
Supplies	138.7	138.5	138.3	138.2	138.3	138.1
Manufacturing industries	145.2	145.0	144.9	144.8	144.9	144.5
Nonmanufacturing industries	135.9	135.6	135.5	135.3	135.5	135.3
Feeds	98.5	97.7	96.5	95.6	94.4	93.1
Other supplies	140.5	140.3	140.2	140.1	140.4	140.4
Crude materials for further processing	107.6	98.1	105.6	95.5	99.0	98.2
Foodstuffs and feedstuffs	108.8	105.0	99.7	97.8	101.7	104.0
Nonfood materials	102.9	89.9	105.9	90.6	93.5	90.3
Nonfood materials except fuel 2/	103.2	91.9	90.4	82.4	84.2	88.4
Manufacturing 2/	94.7	84.1	82.6	75.0	76.7	80.7
Construction	183.5	181.8	180.7	180.4	178.2	177.9
Crude fuel 3/	94.3	79.9	118.7	94.5	99.0	83.4
Manufacturing industries	92.4	77.6	115.3	92.4	96.8	82.2
Nonmanufacturing industries	96.2	81.5	121.1	96.4	101.0	85.0
Special groupings						
Finished goods, excluding foods	140.6	138.3	137.6	136.6	136.6	136.6
Intermediate materials less foods and feeds	129.9	128.2	127.5	126.5	126.4	126.3
Intermediate foods and feeds	118.0	117.5	115.7	114.5	114.4	114.4
Crude materials less agricultural products 2/	103.8	90.4	106.9	90.9	94.0	90.7
Finished energy goods	95.8	89.4	86.5	83.1	83.2	83.5
Finished goods less energy	148.2	147.7	147.5	147.4	147.6	148.0
Finished consumer goods less energy	151.6	151.2	150.8	150.8	151.1	151.6
Finished goods less foods and energy	150.6	150.0	150.1	150.1	150.0	150.0
Finished consumer goods less foods and energy	157.6	157.0	157.3	157.3	157.2	157.0
Consumer nondurable goods less foods and energy	175.9	176.0	176.4	176.4	176.1	175.9

<pre>Intermediate energy goods</pre>		97.0 134.2	94.7 133.8	90.9 133.5	90.4 133.4	89.8 133.5
Intermediate materials less foods and energy		135.3	135.0	134.7	134.7	134.7
Crude energy materials 2/	113.6	75.4 110.3 126.8	96.5 106.3 126.1	76.7 104.7 125.7	81.0 107.5 125.1	75.7 109.6 127.0

1/ 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 October 2001 have been recalculated to incorporate late reports and corrections by respondents.

- 2/ Includes crude petroleum.
- 3/ Excludes crude petroleum.
 Technical Note

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:

Industry	SIC	PPI Detailed Report Issue
Wireless Telecommunications	4812	July 1999
Telephone Communications, Except		
Radio Telephone	4813	July 1995
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
Life Insurance Carriers	6311	January 1999
Property and Casualty Insurance	6331	July 1998
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

3.5		
	Х	100
1	0.034 0.034	104.0

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.