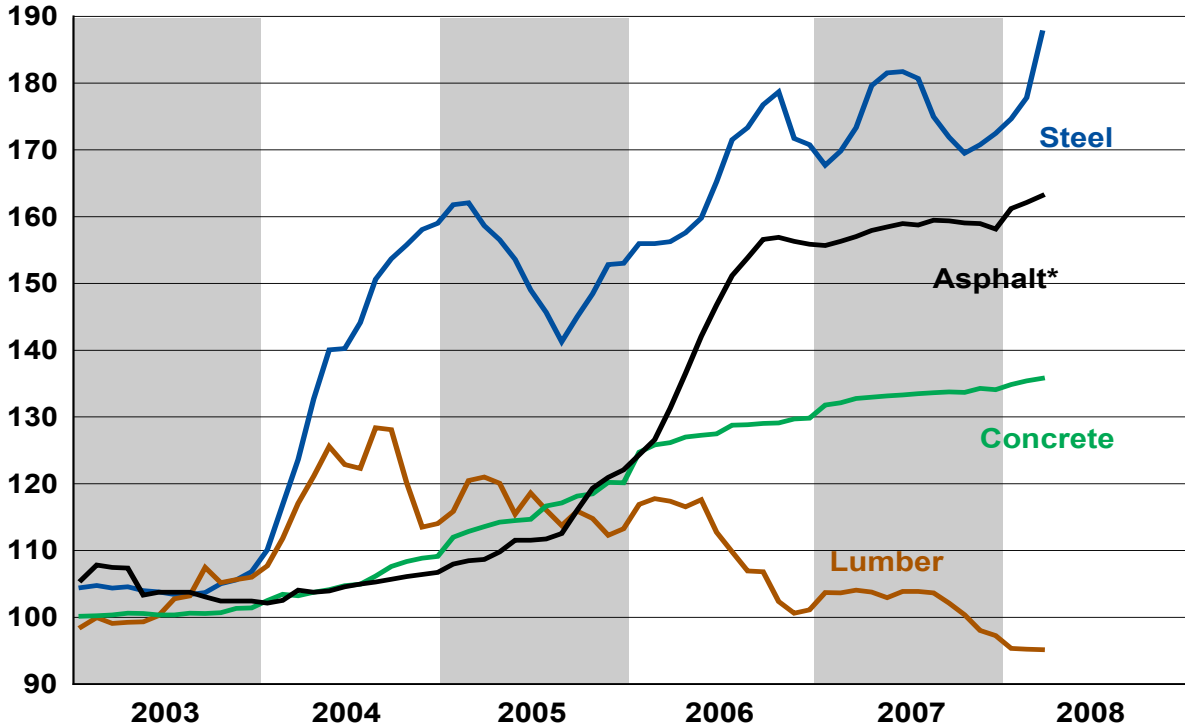


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## Producer Price Indices – Competitive Building Materials



	Annual			Monthly					
	2005	2006	2007	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07(p)	Jan-08(p)	Feb-08(p)	Mar-08(p)
<b>Steel Mill Products</b>	<b>152.3</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>169.5</b>	<b>170.8</b>	<b>172.5</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>177.8</b>	<b>187.6</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.5%	9.1%	4.9%	-5.1%	-0.6%	1.0%	4.2%	4.7%	8.2%
% Change Month Ago				-1.4%	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	1.8%	5.5%
<b>Lumber</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>110.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>95.2</b>
% Change Year Ago	-2.5%	-5.1%	-7.5%	-1.9%	-2.6%	-3.8%	-8.1%	-8.1%	-8.6%
% Change Month Ago				-1.7%	-2.3%	-0.8%	-2.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%
<b>Concrete Products</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>134.3</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>135.8</b>
% Change Year Ago	9.9%	10.1%	4.2%	3.6%	3.5%	3.3%	2.3%	2.5%	2.3%
% Change Month Ago				0.0%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%
<b>Asphalt*</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>158.2</b>	<b>159.1</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>158.1</b>	<b>161.2</b>	<b>162.1</b>	<b>163.2</b>
% Change Year Ago	8.3%	27.8%	9.2%	1.4%	1.7%	1.4%	3.6%	3.7%	3.9%
% Change Month Ago				-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.5%	1.9%	0.6%	0.6%

(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 sharply 5.5% from February to March. Asphalt prices increased as well, 0.6% from the previous month. Concrete increased slightly 0.3% from February to March. Lumber prices decreased for the eighth consecutive month, declining slightly at 0.1% from the previous month.

Steel prices have increased 8.2% within the last year. Asphalt prices have grown 3.9% and concrete prices grew by 2.3%. Over the last year lumber prices have declined by 8.6%.

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