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After four consecutive months of increases, manufacturers' prices retreated slightly in November, falling 0.3% from October. On a year-over-year basis, prices rose 2.2%, the second highest increase in the last 18 months. Prices of raw materials were down 3.1% from October but up 11.3% from November 2001.

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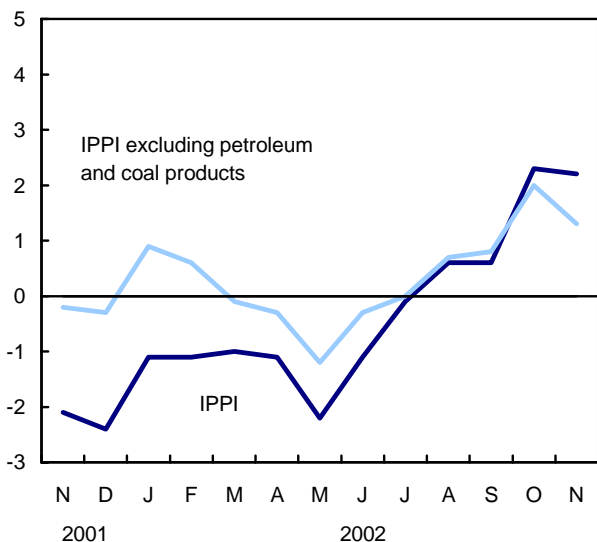
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After four months of increases, manufacturers' prices, as measured by the Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI), fell 0.3% from October. The small drop reflects the weaker pace of growth demonstrated recently by the manufacturing sector. Nevertheless, on a year-over-year basis, prices rose 2.2%, the second highest increase in the last 18 months.

From a monthly perspective, lower prices for petroleum and coal products (-2.6%), lumber and other wood products (-1.0%), pulp and paper products (-0.6%), and meat, fish and dairy products (-0.7%) had a major impact. Higher prices for primary metal products (+1.5%) partly offset these decreases.

Petroleum product prices influence the IPPI

12-month % change



Strong contributors to the year-over-year growth were petroleum and coal products (+16.4%) and primary metal products (+7.3%). Fruit, vegetable and feed products (+5.0%) and chemical products (+2.6%) also contributed to the annual growth in manufacturers' prices. However, lower prices for pulp and paper

Note to readers

The **Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI)** reflects the prices that producers in Canada receive as the goods leave the plant gate. It does not reflect what the consumer pays. Unlike the Consumer Price Index, the IPPI excludes indirect taxes and all the costs that occur between the time a good leaves the plant and the time the final user takes possession of it, including the transportation, wholesale, and retail costs.

Canadian producers export many goods. They often quote their prices in foreign currencies, particularly for motor vehicles, pulp, paper, and wood products. Therefore, a rise or fall in the value of the Canadian dollar against its US counterpart affects the IPPI.

The **Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI)** reflects the prices paid by Canadian manufacturers for key raw materials. Many of these prices are set in a world market. Unlike the IPPI, the RMPI includes goods not produced in Canada.

products (-2.5%) and for lumber and other wood products (-1.7%) dampened the increase.

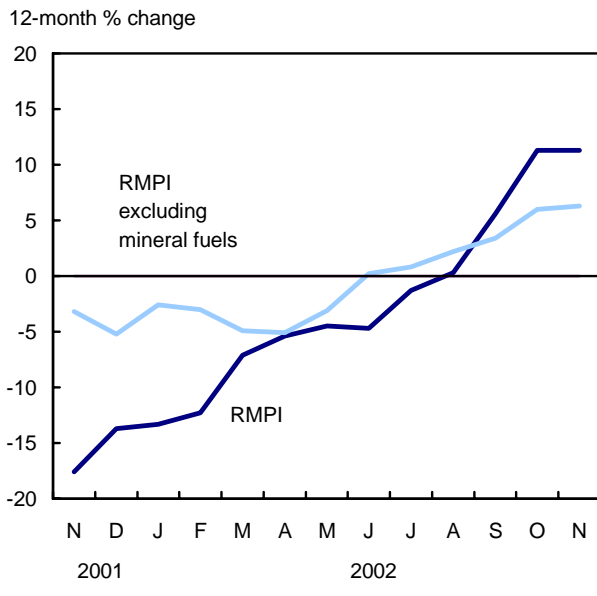
From November 2001 to November 2002, petroleum and coal product prices rose 16.4%, following a year-over-year increase of 7.9% in October. This was the largest increase since April 2001. If petroleum and coal product prices had been excluded, the year-over-year increase would have been 1.3% instead of 2.2%.

Manufacturers paid 11.3% more for their raw materials in November than they did in November 2001, the same increase as in October. Higher prices for mineral fuels and vegetable products, as well as for wood products and non-ferrous metals, were mainly responsible for this annual rise in the Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI). These increases were partly offset by lower prices for animal products (-1.3%). If mineral fuels had been excluded, the RMPI would have increased 6.3%.

On a monthly basis, raw materials prices were down 3.1% from October. Mineral fuels were responsible for most of the monthly drop. Prices for ferrous materials were also down. Higher prices for non-ferrous metals and for vegetable products partly offset the monthly decrease.

The IPPI (1997=100) stood at 108.6 in November, down from its revised level of 108.9 in October. The RMPI (1997=100) fell to 113.3 in November from its revised October level of 116.9.

Crude oil prices continue to influence RMPI



Monthly prices for crude oil and for lumber products fall

In the RMPI, crude oil prices were 9.7% lower in November than in October, mainly because of an increase in production. On a year-over-year basis, crude oil prices were up 32.0%.

In the IPPI, lumber and other wood product prices were down 1.0% from October. Lower prices for softwood lumber were the major factor behind this drop, mainly the result of declining sales. On an annual basis, lumber and other wood products were down 1.7%.

Impact of exchange rate pushes down prices

From October to November, the value of the US dollar weakened against the Canadian dollar, pushing down slightly prices of commodities that are quoted in US dollars. As a result, the total IPPI excluding the effect of the exchange rate would have decreased 0.2% instead of 0.3%.

On a 12-month basis, the influence of the dollar also had a small impact. The IPPI rose 2.2% from November 2001 to November 2002; without the exchange rate effect, it would have increased 2.3%.

Finished goods continue to increase from a year ago

Rising prices for petroleum products, tobacco products, chemical products, machinery and equipment,

and electrical and communication products pushed year-over-year prices for finished goods up 1.7% from November 2001. These increases were partly offset by lower prices for motor vehicles and pulp and paper products.

On a monthly basis, prices for finished goods were down 0.3% from October. Lower prices for petroleum products and motor vehicles were partly offset by higher prices for pulp and paper products.

"Finished goods" are those generally purchased for the purpose of either consumption or investment. Most of the foods and feeds category ends up in the hands of consumers. Most capital goods are equipment and machinery generally bought by companies, government agencies, or governments. Much of the remainder is bought by consumers.

Prices for intermediate goods increase

Producers of intermediate goods received 2.6% more for their goods in November than they did in November 2001; this was a third consecutive year-over-year increase. Higher prices for petroleum products, primary metal products, fruit, vegetable and feed products and chemical products were the major contributors to this annual rise.

Prices for intermediate goods fell 0.2% from October. Lower prices for petroleum products, lumber products, and meat, fish and dairy products were partly offset by higher prices for primary metals.

"Intermediate goods," sometimes referred to as "input goods," are goods that are generally bought by manufacturers to be further used in the production process, that is, to make other goods.

Available on CANSIM: tables 329-0038 to 329-0049 and 330-0006.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2306 and 2318.

The November 2002 issue of *Industry price indexes* (62-011-XPB, \$22/\$217) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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Industrial product price indexes
(1997=100)

	Relative importance	November 2001	October 2002 ^r	November 2002 ^p	November 2001 to November 2002 % change	October to November 2002
Industrial Product Price Index	100.00	106.3	108.9	108.6	2.2	-0.3
Intermediate goods¹	60.14	102.7	105.6	105.4	2.6	-0.2
First-stage intermediate goods ²	7.71	98.9	103.6	104.4	5.6	0.8
Second-stage intermediate goods ³	52.43	103.3	105.9	105.5	2.1	-0.4
Finished goods⁴	39.86	111.6	113.8	113.5	1.7	-0.3
Finished foods and feeds	8.50	106.3	108.6	108.6	2.2	0.0
Capital equipment	11.73	112.1	113.3	113.2	1.0	-0.1
All other finished goods	19.63	113.5	116.3	115.8	2.0	-0.4
Aggregation by commodities						
Meat, fish and dairy products	5.78	105.9	107.7	106.9	0.9	-0.7
Fruit, vegetables, feeds and other food products	5.99	99.1	103.9	104.1	5.0	0.2
Beverages	1.57	112.3	115.1	115.1	2.5	0.0
Tobacco and tobacco products	0.63	132.8	144.3	144.3	8.7	0.0
Rubber, leather and plastic fabricated products	3.30	105.6	105.6	105.6	0.0	0.0
Textile products	1.58	100.3	100.6	100.6	0.3	0.0
Knitted products and clothing	1.51	103.5	103.9	103.9	0.4	0.0
Lumber and other wood products	6.30	91.9	91.2	90.3	-1.7	-1.0
Furniture and fixtures	1.59	106.6	107.8	107.9	1.2	0.1
Pulp and paper products	7.23	109.8	107.8	107.1	-2.5	-0.6
Printing and publishing	1.70	112.5	114.6	114.5	1.8	-0.1
Primary metal products	7.80	91.8	97.0	98.5	7.3	1.5
Metal fabricated products	4.11	104.9	107.5	107.5	2.5	0.0
Machinery and equipment	5.48	106.2	107.2	107.2	0.9	0.0
Motor vehicles and other transport equipment	22.16	115.7	116.2	116.0	0.3	-0.2
Electrical and communications products	5.77	100.0	101.5	101.4	1.4	-0.1
Non-metallic mineral products	1.98	107.5	108.9	108.9	1.3	0.0
Petroleum and coal products ⁵	5.68	114.0	136.2	132.7	16.4	-2.6
Chemicals and chemical products	7.07	106.0	108.8	108.8	2.6	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured products	2.40	106.2	108.2	108.3	2.0	0.1
Miscellaneous non-manufactured products	0.38	88.3	91.3	92.2	4.4	1.0

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Intermediate goods are goods used principally to produce other goods.

² First-stage intermediate goods are items used most frequently to produce other intermediate goods.

³ Second-stage intermediate goods are items most commonly used to produce final goods.

⁴ Finished goods are goods most commonly used for immediate consumption or for capital investment.

⁵ This index is estimated for the current month.

Raw materials price indexes
(1997=100)

	Relative importance	November 2001	October 2002 ^r	November 2002 ^p	November 2001 to November 2002 % change	October to November 2002
Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI)	100.00	101.8	116.9	113.3	11.3	-3.1
Mineral fuels	35.16	126.9	163.7	150.9	18.9	-7.8
Vegetable products	10.28	90.2	108.9	110.4	22.4	1.4
Animals and animal products	20.30	104.5	103.1	103.1	-1.3	0.0
Wood	15.60	79.0	86.7	86.6	9.6	-0.1
Ferrous materials	3.36	87.0	94.1	92.7	6.6	-1.5
Non-ferrous metals	12.93	78.9	79.9	82.5	4.6	3.3
Non-metallic minerals	2.38	109.2	109.8	109.8	0.5	0.0
RMPI excluding mineral fuels	64.84	90.2	95.2	95.9	6.3	0.7

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