

Inflation by Commodity Group

Pricing trends for the year and fourth quarter 2008

These 24 select product groups provide a snapshot of inflation trends based on the Producer Price Index from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Fourth quarter 2008 is compared with fourth quarter 2007, third quarter 2008 with fourth quarter 2008, and the full year 2008 with the full year 2007.

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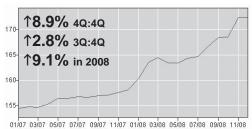
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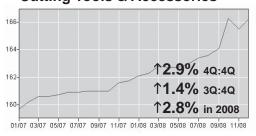
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Cutting Tools & Accessories



Specialty Cleaning, Polish & Sanitary Products Industrial Safety Equipment Softwood Lumber Metal-Forming Machine Tools Metal-Cutting Machine Tools

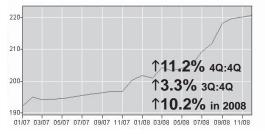
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Hardboard, Particleboard, Fiberboard Products
Hardwood Lumber
General Millwork
Plywood
Construction Products from Plastics
Gypsum Products
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Equipment
Tools, Dies, Jigs, Fixtures, Industrial Molds
Fluid Power Valves
Food Commodities (12 product groups)

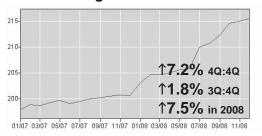
Key

11.6% 4Q:4Q (4Q '07 with 4Q '08) 11.8% 3Q:4Q (3Q '08 with 4Q '08) 14.2% in 2008 (2007 with 2008)

Adhesives & Sealants

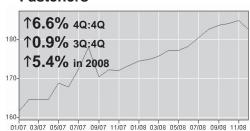


Hand & Edge Tools

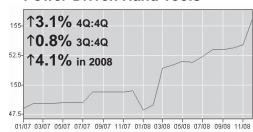




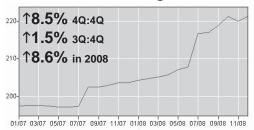
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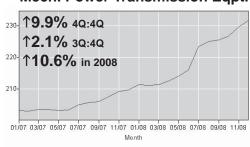
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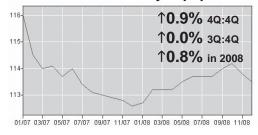
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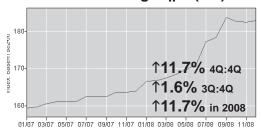
Mech. Power Transmission Eqpt.



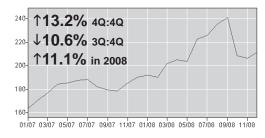
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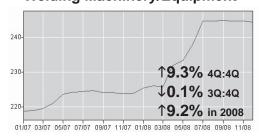
Material Handling Eqpt. (Ind)



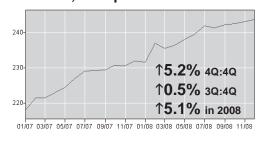
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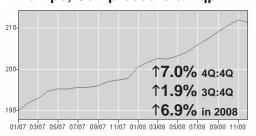
Welding Machinery/Equipment



Valves, Except Fluid Power



Pumps, Compressors & Eqpt.

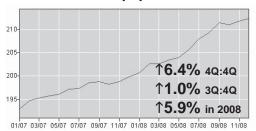


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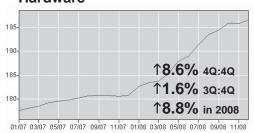


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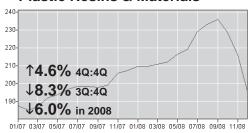
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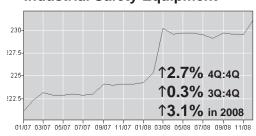
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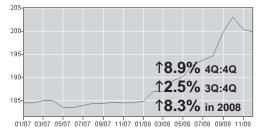
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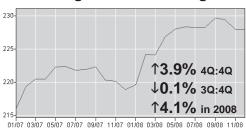
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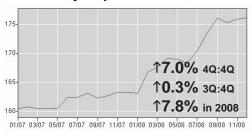
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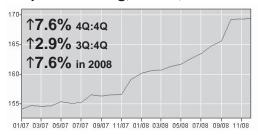
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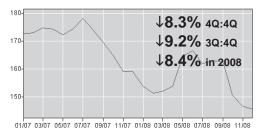
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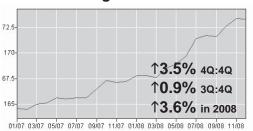
Spec. Cleaning, Polish, San. Products



Softwood Lumber



Metal-Cutting Machine Tools

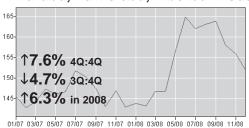


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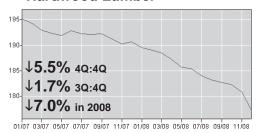
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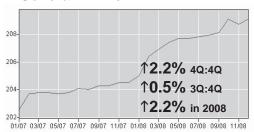
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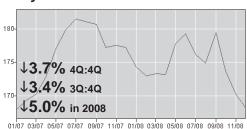
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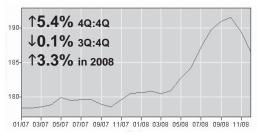
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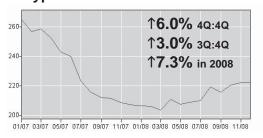
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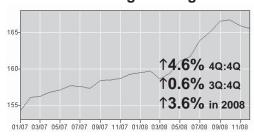
Construction Products from Plastics



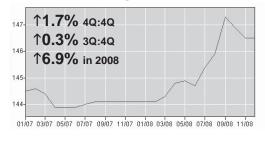
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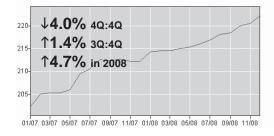
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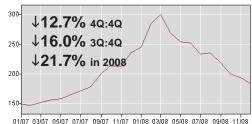
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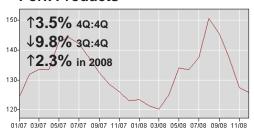
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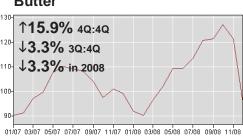
Flour



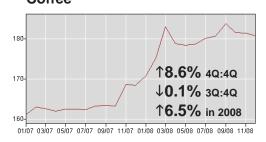
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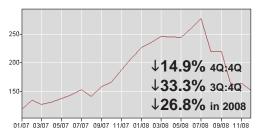
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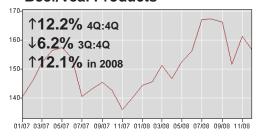
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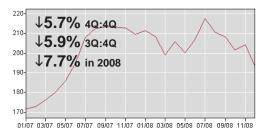
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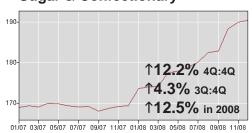
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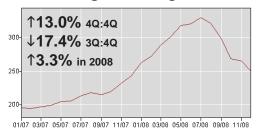
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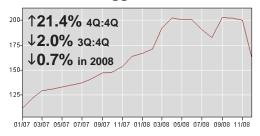
Sugar & Confectionary



Shortening & Cooking Oil



Processed Eggs



Wheat

