

Producer Price Index

Reporting Your Data By Mail

Mining and Manufacturing

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Thank you for participating in the Producer Price Index (PPI) program. The PPI is a measure of the average change in selling prices received by domestic producers of goods and services. The data you provide will be used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to construct the PPI.

This handout is intended to assist in completing the PPI forms you will use to provide data. An example of how to fill out a form is included on the back of this page, and the following are things to keep in mind about providing data.

Receiving the forms:

- Expect to receive the forms on or before the 15th of the month.

Completing the forms:

- Follow the steps in the instructions sheet sent with the forms to provide monthly updates.
- If at any point someone will be completing the forms in your place, enter the information for the person who will take your place in section 5. You may also call the PPI Analyst listed in section 1 of the forms and provide him or her with the name and phone number of the new person who will complete the forms.
- If a product is no longer offered, select a substitute that is as similar as possible to the original product. Choose one that you expect to be available for some time. Update the description, adjustments to price, and terms of transaction to reflect the substitution, and explain in section 5. You may also contact the PPI Analyst listed in section 1 to discuss choosing a replacement.
- Enter your updates as clearly as possible in black or blue ink, as your completed forms are scanned electronically when received by BLS.

Returning the forms:

- Complete and return all forms, **even if the price has not changed**.
- Please return the forms within **five** business days.
- You may return the forms either by mail or fax. The fax number and return address are provided in section 1 of the forms.
- If you wish to submit prices via web, please call the PPI Analyst listed in section 1 of the form or indicate your request and provide your email address in section 5 of the completed form.

Example form:

- The example on the next page is an illustration of a completed form. The information that appears in the example is different from what will appear on your forms.
- The example illustrates how one should complete the form in a case in which the item description and contact information have changed, there is a correction to a previously reported price, and there is a new price change.

If you have any questions, contact the PPI analyst using the phone number or email address provided on each form. A full list of Producer Price Index contacts can be found at www.bls.gov/ppi/ppicon.htm.



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1. **Instructions:** Complete the form and fax to (555) 555-5555 or return to U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Code 47, Washington, DC 20212. For assistance, contact Joe Analyst at (202) 555-5555 or Analyst.J@bls.gov.

Use the information in this section to return the form. Contact the analyst listed here for assistance.

2. Have the **Description, Adjustments to Price, or Terms of Transaction** changed? Yes No → If Yes, please update below

Synthetic ammonia: Synthetic anhydrous ammonia. Private label. Total nitrogen content: 82% ^{89%}. Liquid form. Anhydrous grade. For use as a fertilizer. Packaged in bulk. Tank truck.

Write in changes to the item information, if necessary, and note the date the changes went into effect. If the change made to the description resulted in a change to production costs, provide an estimated value of the change in section 5.

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Adjustments to Price		Reflected in the price below?	Terms of Transaction	
Type of Discount	Value/Terms		Type of Sale:	Market Sale
Competitive	None currently	No	Domestic/Foreign Buyer:	Domestic buyer
Type of Surcharge	Value/Terms		Type of Buyer:	Dealer
Surcharge	None currently	No	Contract Terms:	Purchase Order
			Size of Shipment:	Min. 1500 lbs.
			Unit of Measure:	Ton
			Freight:	FOB Factory

Correct previously reported prices in section 3.

If the price has changed, enter it in section 4.

3. Are there any updates to the **Previously Reported Prices**? Yes No → If yes, please update below.

April 15, 2014	\$730.000			
May 13, 2014	\$730.000			
June 10, 2014	\$735.000			
July 15, 2014	\$735.000		740	0900

4. Has the price changed between **July 15, 2014** and **August 12, 2014**? Yes No → If yes, please update below.

\$ _____, _____, 750. 0000 cents
Per: Ton
Type of Price: Net Transaction (actual shipment)

5. Please provide the reason(s) for any significant price changes and/or any other remarks.
The 7% increase in nitrogen content corresponds to a \$7 increase in production costs. Also the email address should be doe.john@abcfakename.com

Please review your current contact information and make corrections in Section 5.

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