

The NAPM - Metro Detroit Purchasing Managers index expanding 64.4

Detroit Index: Higher production, more new orders, higher inventories, expanding employment, and slower vendor deliveries drive index sharply upward in August.

Employment: An upward increase in the employment index to 57.1 indicates a return to employment growth.

Production: Wide spread increase in production moves index up to 71.4.

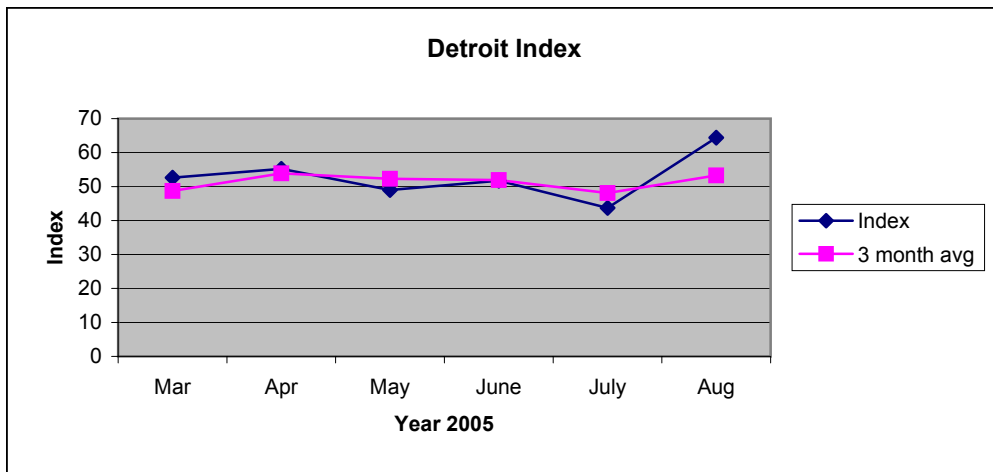
New Orders: In line with the increased production, new orders surged in August to 72.9, to the highest level of 2005.

Inventories: Raw and finished goods inventories continue to expand in August.

Prices: August reports indicate a strong upward movement in prices, to index of 71.4.

Commodities up/down in price: Price increases are driven up by oil prices. Respondents note rising natural gas, diesel, gasoline, plastics, resins, and fuel surcharges. Steel price increases appear to have weakened.

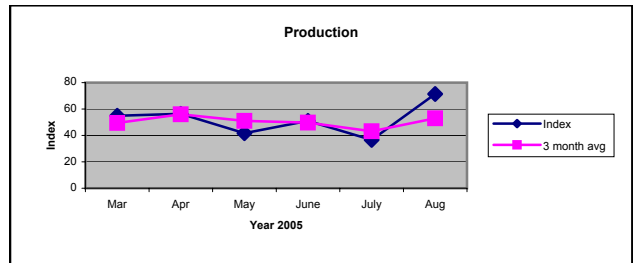
Comments from Respondents: Comments indicate that rising energy costs are the biggest concerns at this time. Energy prices are impacting both material and freight costs. Firms are responding to high prices by looking to alternative suppliers, controlling volume purchase breaks, cost controls and analysis, long-term contracting, and supplier negotiations. The expectation is for more energy price increases in the future.



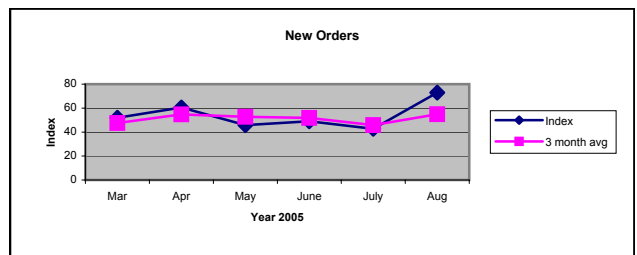
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Detroit Index		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Index		52.6	55.2	49.0	51.7	43.7	64.4
Index	3 month average	48.7	53.9	52.3	51.9	48.1	53.3

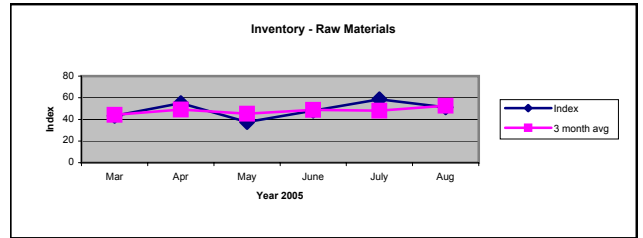
Production		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
	Higher	37	38	25	33	22	57
	Same	35	36	33	37	29	29
	Lower	27	26	42	31	49	14
Index		54.9	56.4	41.7	51	36.6	71.4
Index	3 month average	49.5	56	51	49.7	43.1	53



New Orders		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
	Higher	29	42	28	31	27	60
	Same	46	37	36	37	32	26
	Lower	25	21	36	33	41	14
Index		51.9	60.5	45.8	49	42.7	72.9
Index	3 month average	47.5	54.8	52.7	51.8	45.8	54.9



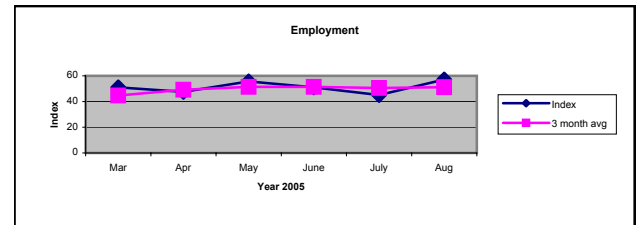
Inventory - Raw Materials		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
	Higher	19	23	14	17	32	34
	Same	48	65	47	62	54	34
	Lower	33	13	39	21	15	31
Index		43.3	55	37.5	48.1	58.5	51.2
Index	3 month average	44.2	49.1	45.3	48.8	48	52.6



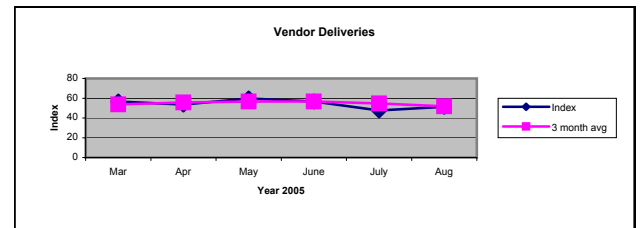
Inventory - Finished Goods		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
	Higher	21	25	19	23	29	31
	Same	50	58	56	65	54	49
	Lower	29	18	25	12	17	20
Index		46.2	53.8	47.2	55.8	56.1	55.7
Index	3 month average	51.4	52.2	49.1	52.3	53	55.9



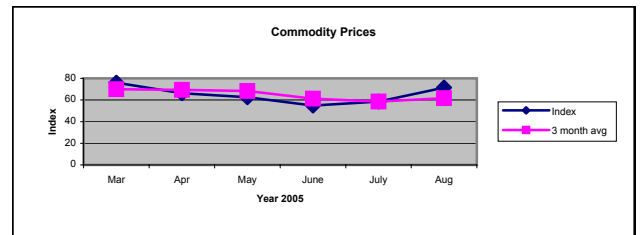
Employment		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
	Higher	21	18	22	13	15	23
	Same	60	60	67	75	61	69
	Lower	19	23	11	12	24	9
Index		51	47.5	55.6	51	45.1	57.1
Index	3 month average	44.7	49.2	51.4	51.4	50.6	51.1



Vendor Deliveries		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
	Faster	6	10	8	4	17	20
	Same	75	73	64	79	71	57
	Slower	19	18	28	17	12	23
Index		56.7	53.6	59.7	56.7	47.6	51.4
Index	3 month average	53.7	55.7	56.7	56.7	54.7	51.9



Commodity Prices		2005					
		Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
	Higher	56	40	36.0	31	32	51
	Same	40	53	53.0	48	54	40
	Lower	4	8	11.0	21	15	9
Index		76	66.3	62.5	54.8	58.5	71.4
Index	3 month average	69.9	69.4	68.3	61.2	58.6	61.6



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