



May - 2010 (FOR RELEASE: June 4, 2010 - 6am EST)

The ISM - Southeast Michigan Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) at 62.1 ↑

ISM-SEM Index: May's reports shows a swing back up from 57.3 to a score of 62.1 Five of the last six months scored above 50.0. The 3 Month average is at 61.2.

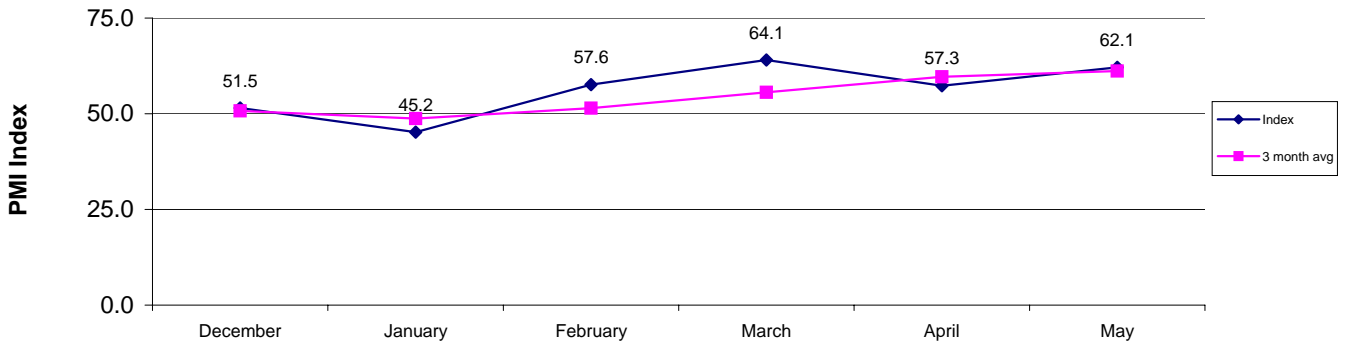
Employment: Employment shows a very favorable increase, from a score of 50.0 to 61.5

Commodity Prices: Commodity Prices dropped from 70.0 to a still high number of 63.5

Items up or down in price: May showed steel, copper, aluminum, paper, and chemical with upward pressure, with crude related products showing some downward pressure.

Economic Issues: The Southeast Michigan economy continues to expand with the ISM-SEM index coming in at 62.1 in May. Economic activity in the form of production and new orders also indicate continued strength, with employment levels showing continued strength for four months in a row now. The national Purchasing Managers Index also showed continued expansion for the 10th straight month in May with Chicago's PMI showing continued strength as well. The employment index also grew nationally to its highest level in six years, suggesting that a sustained recovery in jobs is taking place. The U.S. jobless rate for May was a high 9.9%, with Michigan coming in at 14% from a high of 14.9% reached in January of 2010. Looking six months out, confidence as measured by expectations of the business environment and the stability of the Michigan economy improved to over 95%, a solid indicator of the strength of the budding recovery in the State of Michigan. Commodity prices however showed continued upward pressure, though at a slightly slower rate. Stainless steel, copper, aluminum, high temp alloys, paper and chemicals also show some upward pressure, with crude related products showing some downward pressure. Globally, China's PMI showed slowing economic growth, and the Euro zone 16 nation PMI also slowed from April as a result of the debt crisis in the region. Survey respondents indicated the following showing the slow and steady nature of the growth in the Michigan economy, with "Improvements are slow and marginal. Hope is that Europe will not cause a global back slide", "Everything but Europe points to a more stable economy", "With the US economy so fragile and the crisis in Europe, I am very nervous on the future. Our spends are being scrutinized like never before", "North American automotive capital equipment and retooling expenditures will increase significantly in the coming months", "I still think we have a long way to go. I believe most of the purchasing happening now is companies replenishing their inventories."

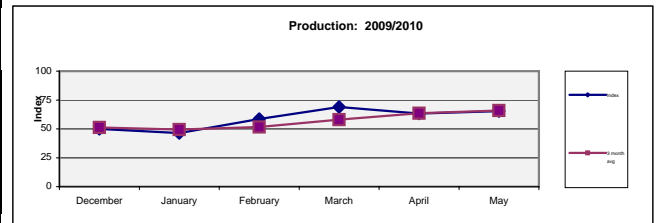
Southeast Michigan Index: 2009/2010



ISM-SEM Index		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
Index		51.5	45.2	57.6	64.1	57.3	62.1
Index	3 month average	50.8	48.7	51.4	55.6	59.7	61.2

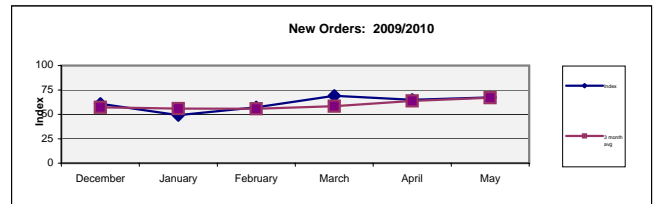
Production		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
	Higher	21.7	35.7	34.3	55.2	40.0	50.0
	Same	56.5	21.4	48.6	27.6	46.7	30.8
	Lower	21.7	42.9	17.1	17.2	13.3	19.2
Index		50.0	46.4	58.6	69.0	63.3	65.4
Index	3 month average	51.2	49.5	51.7	58.0	63.6	65.9

Production shows steady expansion for four months in a row.



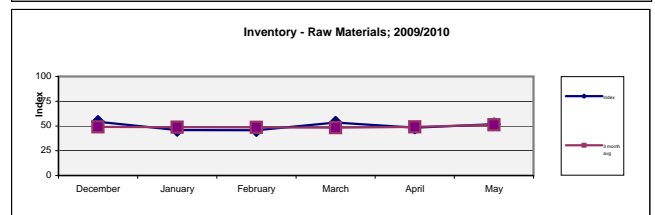
New Orders		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
	Higher	39.1	42.6	31.4	48.3	46.7	50.0
	Same	43.5	13.1	51.4	41.4	36.7	34.6
	Lower	17.4	44.3	17.1	10.3	16.7	15.4
Index		60.9	49.2	57.1	69.0	65.0	67.3
Index	3 month average	57.3	55.9	55.7	58.4	63.7	67.1

New orders show steady growth for four months in a row.



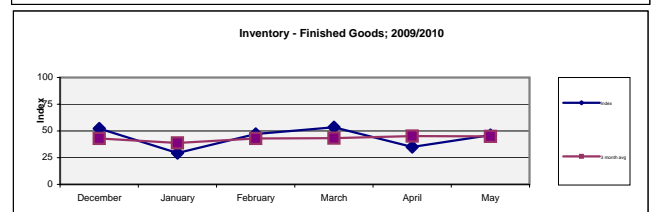
Inventory - Raw Materials		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
	Higher	26.1	28.6	17.1	24.1	20.0	26.9
	Same	56.5	34.7	57.1	58.6	56.7	50.0
	Lower	17.4	36.7	25.7	17.2	23.3	23.1
Index		54.3	45.9	45.7	53.4	48.3	51.9
Index	3 month average	49.1	48.8	48.7	48.4	49.2	51.2

Raw materials inventories back above 50.



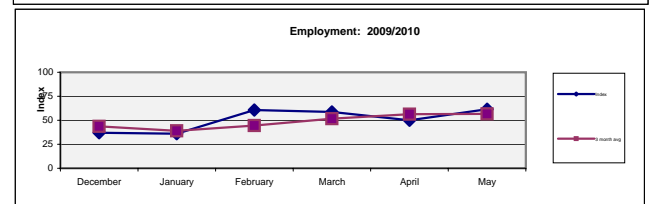
Inventory - Finished Goods		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
	Higher	21.7	11.8	17.1	17.2	3.3	15.4
	Same	60.9	35.3	60.0	72.4	63.3	61.5
	Lower	17.4	52.9	22.9	10.3	33.3	23.1
Index		52.2	29.4	47.1	53.4	35.0	46.2
Index	3 month average	42.9	38.7	42.9	43.3	45.2	44.9

Finished goods inventories fall slightly.



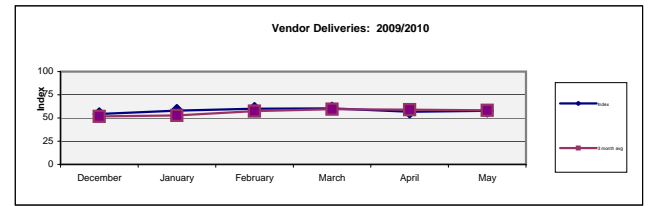
Employment		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
	Higher	8.7	20.0	30.3	31.0	23.3	30.8
	Same	56.5	32.0	60.6	55.2	53.3	61.5
	Lower	34.8	48.0	9.1	13.8	23.3	7.7
Index		37.0	36.0	60.6	58.6	50.0	61.5
Index	3 month average	43.7	39.0	44.5	51.7	56.4	56.7

Employment in strong for four months in a row.



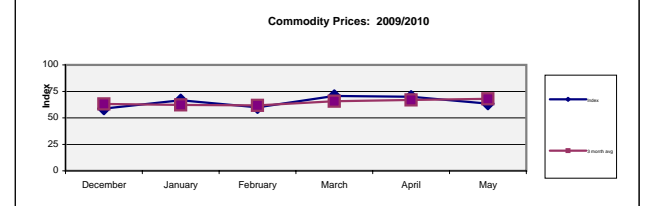
Vendor Deliveries		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
	Faster	8.7	18.2	11.4	3.4	10.0	3.8
	Same	73.9	47.7	57.1	72.4	66.7	76.9
	Slower	17.4	34.1	31.4	24.1	23.3	19.2
Index		54.3	58.0	60.0	60.3	56.7	57.7
Index	3 month average	51.8	52.8	57.4	59.4	59.0	58.2

Deliveries above 50 for six months in a row.



Commodity Prices		2009 / 2010					
		December	January	February	March	April	May
	Higher	21.7	33.3	28.6	48.3	43.3	34.6
	Same	73.9	66.7	62.9	44.8	53.3	57.7
	Lower	4.347826087	0.0	8.6	6.9	3.3	7.7
Index		58.7	66.7	60.0	70.7	70.0	63.5
Index	3 month average	63.2	62.3	61.8	65.8	66.9	68.1

Commodity prices grow less rapidly than prior month.



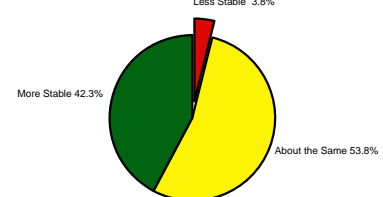
Expectations of Business Environment

6 months into the future:

Less Stable	3.8	percent
About the same	53.8	percent
More Stable	42.3	percent

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Expectations of Business Environment: 2010



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