



February - 2013 (FOR RELEASE: March 1, 2013 - 6 am EST)

The ISM - Southeast Michigan Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) at 51.7 ↓

ISM-SEM Index: In February the PMI reflects a small decrease, from 55.3 to 51.7. The three month average remains essentially unchanged at 52.9, and has remained between 50 and 55 for seven consecutive reports, indicating relative stability and modest expansion in the local economy.

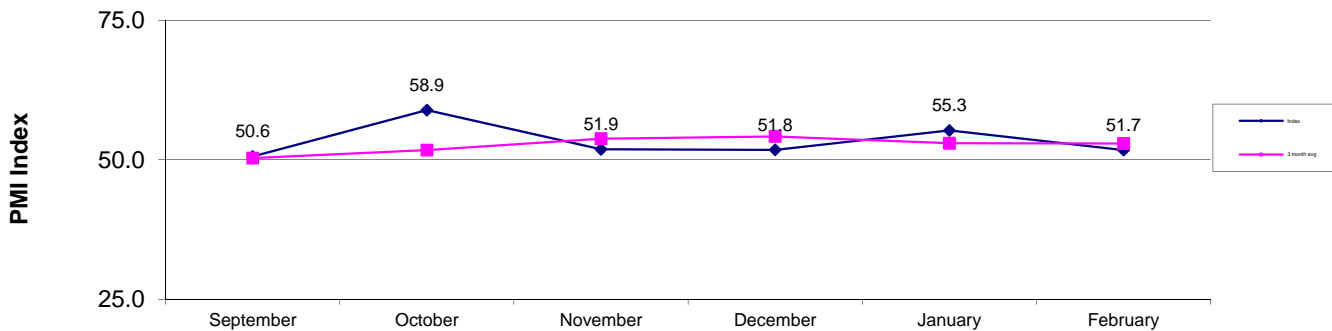
Employment: The Employment component also shows stability, changing from 55.4 in January to 54.2 in February. The three month average is the same as the January index of 54.2.

Commodity Prices: The commodity price index rose in February from 58.9 to 66.7, the highest point since October 2011. The three month has now increased to 60.0.

Items up or down in price: February shows plywood, plastics, copper, aluminum, stainless steel, electrical components, zinc and oil based commodities up in price. The only commodity reported down in price is steel.

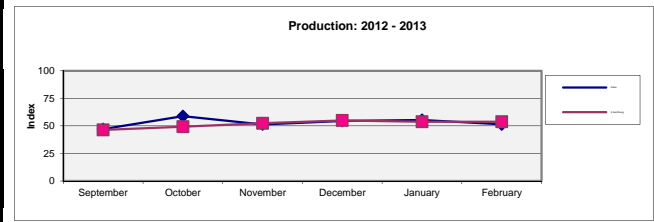
Economic Issues: The February survey shows the Southeast Michigan Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) remained in the economic growth range with an index value of 51.7 -- an index value greater than 50 generally indicates an expanding economy. The index dropped slightly from the January index value of 55.3. The Southeast Michigan PMI has maintained a value of over 50.0 for 35 of the past 36 months, indicating a steady strengthening of the regional economy. Economic factors contributing to the current PMI value includes the Production Index, Employment Index, and Vendor Delivery Index, each of which showed modestly strong index values of 51.4, 54.2, and 55.6, respectively. The New Orders Index value fell below 50.0 to 46.6, which indicates that there was a reduction in new orders from January within the region. The Commodity Prices index increased sharply to 66.7 from the January index of 58.9. Commodities reported up in price include plywood, plastics, copper, aluminum, stainless steel, and electrical components. Steel was the only commodity reported down in price. 77.8% of respondents indicated that they believe the economy will remain about the same or become more stable over the next six months. 22.2% of respondents report that the economy will become less stable over the next six months. Comments from respondents include, "The heavy truck industry (Class 6 - 8) has been in a downturn, OEM's like Daimler Trucks are laying off", and "Watching our supply base in Asia much more closely than previously. More analysis of logistics cost and lead times". In the health sector, there is concern over, "the health industry and how it works with the new health legislation that is getting implemented".

Southeast Michigan Index: 2012 - 2013



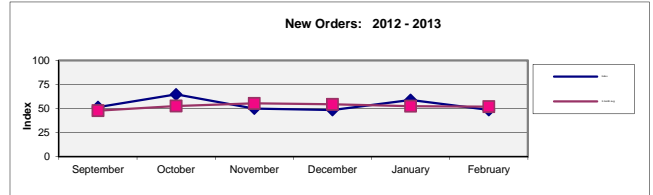
ISM-SEM Index		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
Index		50.6	58.9	51.9	51.8	55.3	51.7
Index	3 month average	50.3	51.7	53.8	54.2	53.0	52.9
Production		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
	Higher	17.6	35.3	24.3	36.4	25.0	25.0
	Same	58.8	47.1	54.1	36.4	60.7	52.8
	Lower	23.5	17.6	21.6	27.3	14.3	22.2
Index		47.1	58.8	51.4	54.5	55.4	51.4
Index	3 month average	46.3	49.3	52.4	54.9	53.8	53.8

Production declined to 51.4, yet has remained above 50 for 5 months.



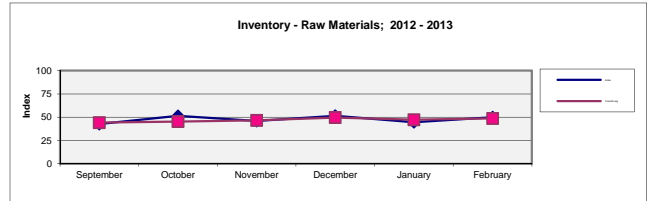
New Orders		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
	Higher	23.5	44.1	24.3	27.3	32.1	25.0
	Same	55.9	41.2	51.4	42.4	53.6	47.2
	Lower	20.6	14.7	24.3	30.3	14.3	27.8
Index		51.5	64.7	50.0	48.5	58.9	48.6
Index	3 month average	47.8	52.7	55.4	54.4	52.5	52.0

New orders fell slightly to 52, remaining above 50 for five months.



Inventory - Raw Materials		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
	Higher	17.6	23.5	10.8	21.2	7.1	19.4
	Same	50.0	55.9	70.3	60.6	75.0	61.1
	Lower	32.4	20.6	18.9	18.2	17.9	19.4
Index		42.6	51.5	45.9	51.5	44.6	50.0
Index	3 month average	44.2	45.4	46.7	49.6	47.4	48.7

Raw materials inventories improved to 50.0



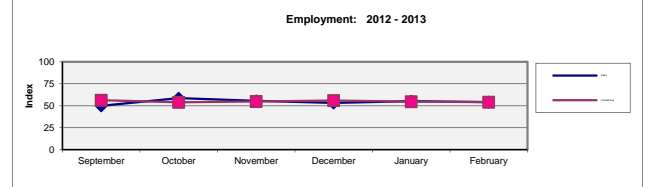
Inventory - Finished Goods		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
	Higher	17.6	14.7	10.8	18.2	14.3	16.7
	Same	64.7	67.6	70.3	63.6	64.3	69.4
	Lower	17.6	17.6	18.9	18.2	21.4	13.9
Index		50.0	48.5	45.9	50.0	46.4	51.4
Index	3 month average	51.1	47.9	48.2	48.2	47.5	49.3

Finished goods inventories improved to above 50.0, to 51.4.



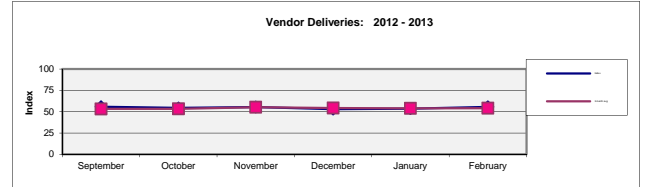
Employment		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
	Higher	17.6	38.2	22.9	19.4	25.0	25.0
	Same	64.7	41.2	65.7	67.7	60.7	58.3
	Lower	17.6	20.6	11.4	12.9	14.3	16.7
Index		50.0	58.8	55.7	53.2	55.4	54.2
Index	3 month average	56.4	54.0	54.8	55.9	54.8	54.2

Employment declined slightly to 54.2, yet maintain period of expansion.



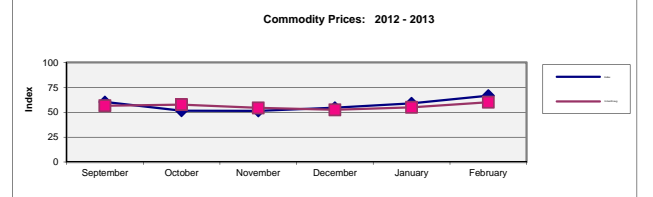
Vendor Deliveries		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
	Faster	2.9	8.8	2.7	9.1	3.6	8.3
	Same	82.4	73.5	83.8	75.8	85.7	72.2
	Slower	14.7	17.6	13.5	15.2	10.7	19.4
Index		55.9	54.4	55.4	53.0	53.6	55.6
Index	3 month average	53.3	53.4	55.2	54.3	54.0	54.1

Deliveries increased to 55.6, maintaining period of expansion.



Commodity Prices		2012 - 2013					
		September	October	November	December	January	February
	Higher	20.6	20.6	13.5	21.2	21.4	36.1
	Same	79.4	61.8	75.7	66.7	75.0	61.1
	Lower	0.0	17.6	10.8	12.1	3.6	2.8
Index		60.3	51.5	51.4	54.5	58.9	66.7
Index	3 month average	56.5	57.7	54.4	52.5	54.9	60.0

Commodity prices increased to 66.7, continuing trend of increasing prices.



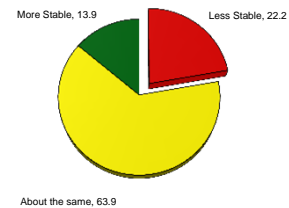
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6 months into the future:

Less Stable	22.2	percent
About the same	63.9	percent
More Stable	13.9	percent

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