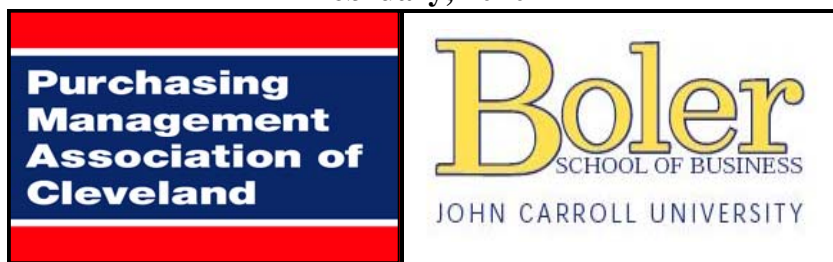


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GENERAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS

The barometer index of 33.38 indicates that economic activity is greater than last month. A year ago, the economic activity was lower.

The forecast index of 9.5 indicates that manufacturing activity should increase somewhat. This is an improvement over the forecast from a year ago.

Barometer readings above "0" indicate that the manufacturing sector of the economy is generally expanding.

Month	Feb-10	Jan-10	Dec-09	Feb-09
Cleveland Barometer-%	33.38	25.31	13.97	-28.31
Cleveland Forecast-%	9.50	-10.00	-19.56	-58.33

PRODUCTION

Production activity increased in February with few respondents reporting lower

The Production Index is now at 21

Production	%Better	%Same	%Worse	Net	Index
February 2010	33	60	7	26	21
January 2010	50	44	6	44	58
December 2009	21	50	29	-8	2

NEW ORDERS

New orders increased alongside production

The New Order Index is now 26

New Orders	%Better	%Same	%Worse	Net	Index
February 2010	46	39	15	31	26
January 2010	38	50	12	26	39
December 2009	14	57	29	-15	-4

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EMPLOYMENT

Employment continues to rise but at a slower rate
The Employment Index is 18

Employment	%Greater	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
February 2010	20	73	7	13	18
January 2010	25	69	6	19	25
December 2009	14	79	7	7	15

INVENTORIES

RAW MATERIALS

Raw material inventories lower with more respondees
reporting lower levels. The Raw Material Index is -19

Raw Material Inventories	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
February 2010	7	67	26	-19	-19
January 2010	12	44	44	-32	-27
December 2009	0	23	77	-77	-67

FINISHED GOODS

Finished goods inventories are lower, with more respondees reporting lower inventory
The Finished Goods Index is -22

Finished Goods Inventories	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
February 2010	7	60	33	-26	-22
January 2010	0	60	40	-40	-34
December 2009	0	38	62	-62	-61

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BUYING POLICIES

Buying policies for Production Materials and MRO are less short term in nature.

Capital expenditures are spread relatively evenly between short term or long term

PERCENT REPORTING

PRODUCTION MATERIALS	Hand to Mouth	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	6 Mos	1 Year
February 2010	50	25	19	6	0	0
January 2010	40	13	27	20	0	0
December 2009	31	38	23	8	0	0
MRO SUPPLIES						
February 2010	64	36	0	0	0	0
January 2010	40	47	13	0	0	0
December 2009	58	33	8	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
February 2010	32	15	15	15	0	23
January 2010	33	0	20	7	13	27
December 2009	40	0	20	10	20	10

COMMODITY PRICES

The commodity prices increased again during February

The Commodity Price Index is now 38

Commodity Prices	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
February 2010	47	38	7	40	38
January 2010	44	56	0	44	40
December 2009	25	67	8	17	20

COMMODITY CHANGES:

Prices Up:

Petroleum waxes, solvents, corrugated & MDI; wire mesh; steel scrap up

Prices Down:

Items in Short Supply:

:bearings; stainless steel; concrete

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FROM GENERAL REMARKS:

- " - Major uncertainty in markets. The buying public is unsure of employment issues so fear is a major issue in getting people to make decisions.
- " - Continue to see some delay in shipments from suppliers due to reduction of their inventory levels.
- " - Waiting for spring pickup. Storms creating sales to power utilities and telecommunication companies.
- " - Hopefully the seasonal needs will stimulate a comprehensive "recovery" like Christmas.
- " - Business has been going well for 2 consecutive months now and we are trying to keep up with demand without adding. Our suppliers seem to have taken the same route so material deliveries are lengthening.