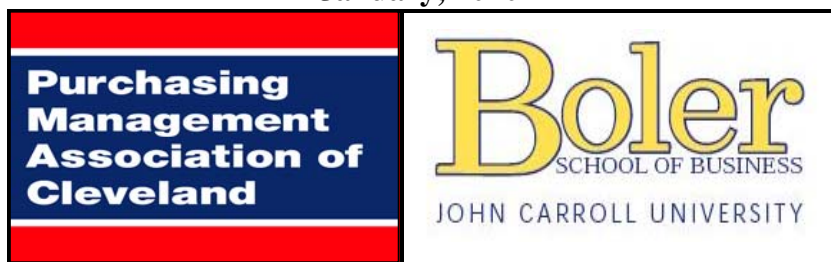


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GENERAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS

The barometer index of 17.55 indicates that economic activity is somewhat greater than last month. A year ago, the economic activity was lower.

The forecast index of -29.50 indicates that manufacturing activity should decrease 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	Jan-10	Dec-09	Nov-09	Jan-09
Cleveland Barometer-%	17.25	11.19	11.42	-35.69
Cleveland Forecast-%	-29.50	-30.25	-9.44	-55.67

PRODUCTION

Production activity increased in January with few respondents reporting lower

The Production Index is now at 58

Production	%Better	%Same	%Worse	Net	Index
January 2010	50	44	6	44	58
December 2009	21	50	29	-8	2
November 2009	18	59	23	-5	-7

NEW ORDERS

New orders increased alongside production

The New Order Index is now 39

New Orders	%Better	%Same	%Worse	Net	Index
January 2010	38	50	12	26	39
December 2009	14	57	29	-15	-4
November 2009	35	35	30	5	8

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EMPLOYMENT

Employment has been rising at a slower rate
The Employment Index is 25

Employment	%Greater	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
January 2010	25	69	6	19	25
December 2009	14	79	7	7	15
November 2009	13	81	6	7	13

INVENTORIES

RAW MATERIALS

Raw material inventories lower with more respondees
reporting lower levels. The Raw Material Index is -47

Raw Material Inventories	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
January 2010	12	44	44	-32	-27
December 2009	0	23	77	-77	-67
November 2009	27	40	33	-6	1

FINISHED GOODS

Finished goods inventories are lower, with more respondees reporting lower inventory
The Finished Goods Index is -34

Finished Goods Inventories	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
January 2010	0	60	40	-40	-34
December 2009	0	38	62	-62	-61
November 2009	13	27	60	-47	-48

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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
January 2010	40	13	27	20	0	0
December 2009	31	38	23	8	0	0
November 2009	44	25	12	19	0	0
MRO SUPPLIES						
January 2010	40	47	13	0	0	0
December 2009	58	33	8	0	0	0
November 2009	78	17	5	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
January 2010	33	0	20	7	13	27
December 2009	40	0	20	10	20	10
November 2009	28	5	11	5	17	33

COMMODITY PRICES

The commodity prices increased again during January
The Commodity Price Index is now 40

Commodity Prices	%Higher	%Same	%Lower	Net	Index
January 2010	44	56	0	44	40
December 2009	25	67	8	17	20
November 2009	35	59	6	29	32

COMMODITY CHANGES:

Prices Up: Wire mesh, rebar, aluminum ingot, HDPE, PVC, copper, steel

Prices Down:

Items in Short Supply bearings

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FROM GENERAL REMARKS:

- " - Still hanging on.
- " - Wire/stock going up.
- " - Continue to develop new products in preparation for upturn in economy.
- " - Business has started out rather aggressively, but we are being cautiously optimistic that it will continue.
- " - The problems with overseas shipments to the U.S. is manpower.
- " - Market seems to have gained a little life but that may be only due to the stimulus package for new home buyers.
- " - It will be interesting to see if this lasts over the next few months.