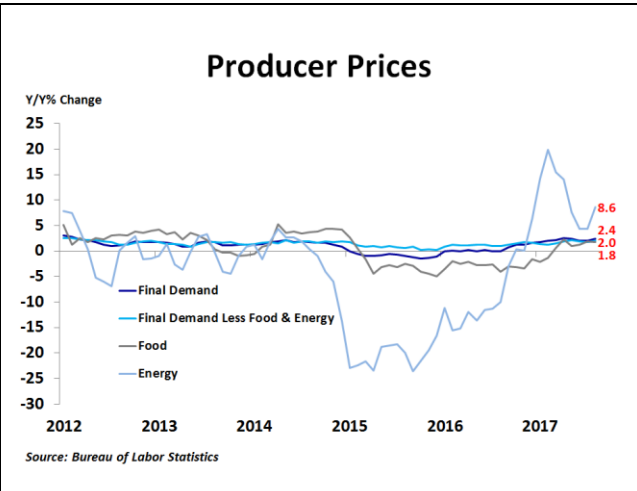
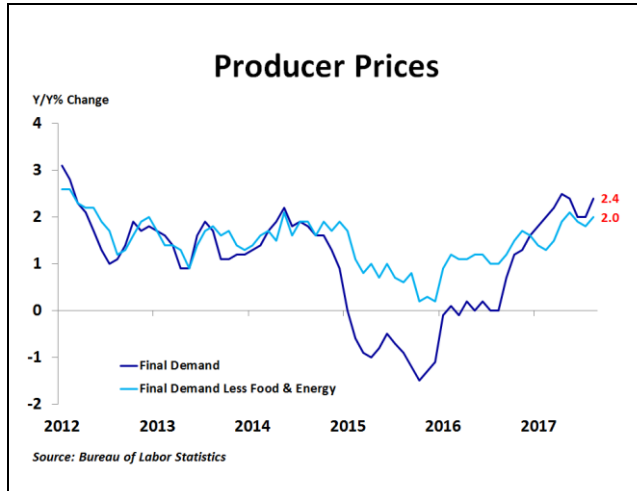




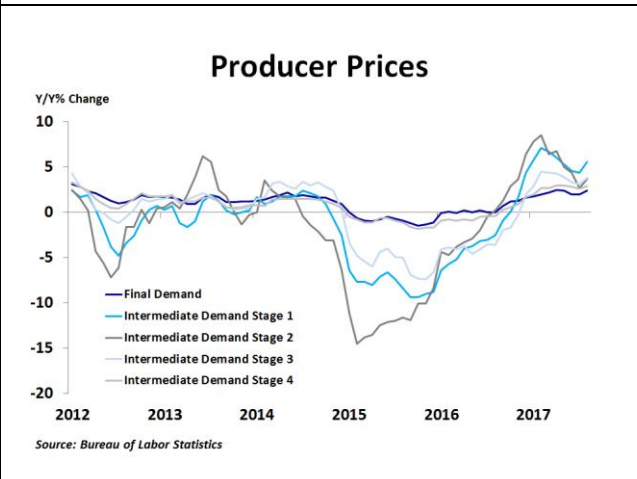
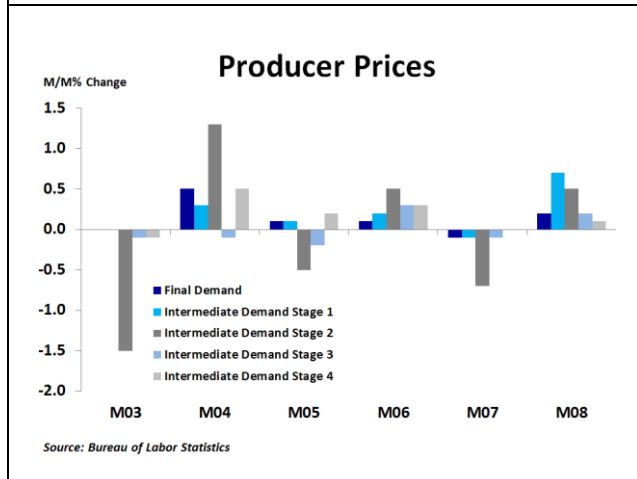
August Producer Prices

Overall and core prices rise but both miss expectations



Producer prices rose 0.2% in August compared to the prior month, less than the 0.3% forecast. Prices were up 2.4% from a year ago. Core prices rose 0.1% and were up 2.0% from a year ago.

The main source of inflation for producers had been energy, but energy prices had dropped in four of the prior five months before jumping 3.3% in August, taking the year-ago rate up to 8.6%.



July saw very little price pressure in all stages of production. In August, prices increased at every stage of production, with the biggest increase coming in stage 1 and the smallest in stage 4.

Compared to a year ago, prices in all stages are higher, and after a noticeable slowdown, all stages saw a faster rate of growth in August. Still, the Fed will likely hold rates steady at this week's meeting.