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Producer Prices: Goods Lead Further Easing

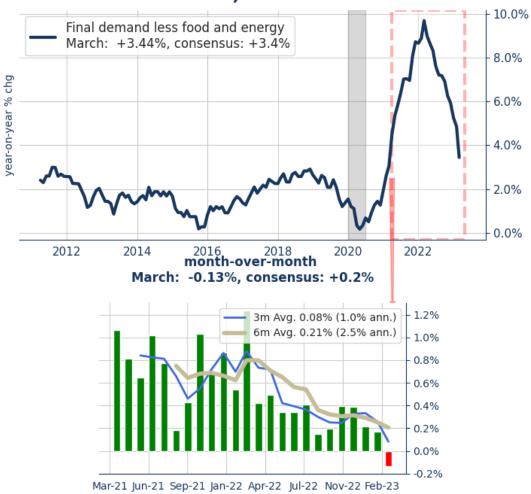
Bottom Line: Producer prices fell for the third time in the last four months in March. With core prices lower, the report was well below expectations. While there were upward revisions to previously reported, the trend remained decidedly lower. Goods prices were sharply lower, while services prices continued the more modest declines we started to see early this year. That said, goods remained the driver of producer prices, with most of the decline in services due to lower prices for services related to goods transportation and warehousing.

Overall, headline producer prices have decelerated sharply, down 0.3% over the last three months and 2.8% over the last twelve months, after gains of 6.6% in the calendar year 2022. Core producer prices were running at just 1% annualized in the three months that ended in March, down from just under 3.5% in the prior twelve. While there will be volatility and lags for these kinds of readings to come through to consumer prices, the disinflationary trend in producer prices suggests we should continue to see a disinflationary trend in consumer prices.

Final Demand
March: +2.79%, consensus: +3.0%



Final demand less food and energy March: +3.44%, consensus: +3.4%



Final demand foods



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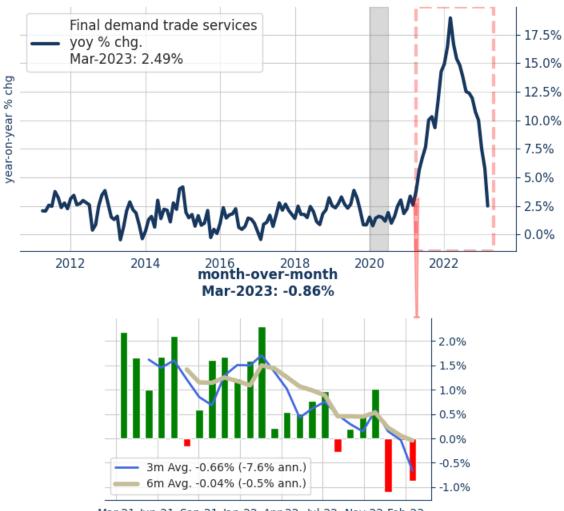
Final demand goods less foods and energy



Final demand services



Final demand trade services



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Final demand transportation and warehousing services



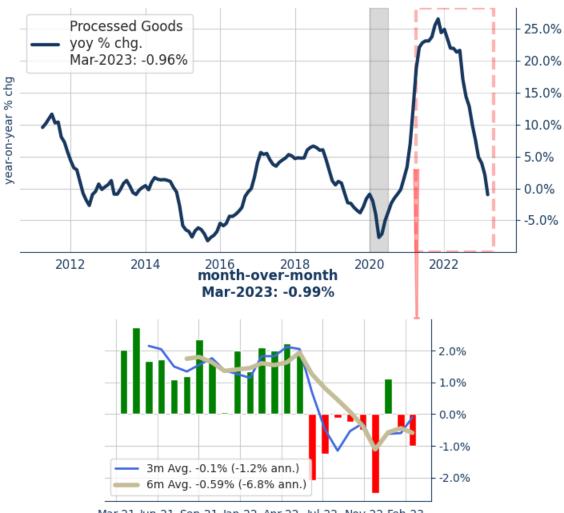
Final demand services less trade, transportation, and warehousing



Final demand construction



Processed Goods



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Unprocessed Goods 60.0% Unprocessed Goods yoy % chg. Mar-2023: -17.03% 40.0% year-on-year % chg 20.0% 0.0% -20.0% 2016 2018 month-over-month 2012 2014 2022 2020 Mar-2023: -4.98% 10.0% 5.0% 0.0% -5.0% 3m Avg. -4.81% (-44.7% ann.)

-10.0%

Contingent Macro Advisors 2023 source: US BEA

6m Avg. -4.28% (-40.9% ann.)

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US Producer Price Inflation	Mar-23	Feb-23	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2022	2021	5 y
Final Demand	-0.50%	-0.00%	-0.28%	0.96%	2.79%	6.59%	10.20%	4.00%
Final demand less food and energy	-0.13%	0.17%	1.00%	2.49%	3.44%	5.93%	8.72%	3.70%
Final demand goods	-1.05%	-0.31%	-0.45%	-1.55%	2.10%	7.87%	13.94%	4.83%
Final demand goods less foods and energy	0.29%	0.29%	4.83%	3.15%	4.35%	5.85%	9.38%	3.97%
Final demand services	-0.27%	0.14%	-0.37%	2.09%	2.83%	5.62%	8.41%	3.48%
Final demand	-0.86%	-0.02%	-7.66%	-0.53%	2.49%	10.01%	14.26%	5.30%

trade services								
Final demand transportation and warehousing services	-1.34%	-0.91%	-10.40%	-6.18%	0.50%	10.84%	17.02%	4.27%
Final demand construction	0.21%	0.03%	8.59%	9.97%	15.62%	18.48%	12.17%	8.51%

Month-over-month % change for most recent months, followed by annualized % changes for periods noted, 5- and 10-year are simple averages of annual % changes.

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US PPI - Details	Mar-23	Feb-23	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2022	2021	5 y	
Processed Goods	-0.99%	-0.43%	-1.27%	-6.89%	-0.96%	4.89%	24.44%	6.00%	
Unprocessed Goods	-4.98%	-4.75%	-44.69%	-41.27%	-17.03%	10.67%	39.89%	5.06%	
Motor Vehicles	0.49%	0.00%	4.22%	3.00%	4.17%	4.64%	2.59%	1.82%	
Pharmaceutical	0.03%	0.46%	4.72%	2.42%	2.62%	1.87%	1.34%	1.63%	
Chemicals	0.41%	-2.00%	-6.09%	-11.48%	-7.60%	-0.71%	39.84%	5.00%	
Lumber	-3.03%	-1.24%	-27.31%	-32.49%	-39.98%	-23.82%	18.92%	3.17%	
Steel Mill Products	1.23%	2.45%	5.32%	-20.04%	-15.09%	-29.81%	128.05%	8.68%	
Outpatient healthcare	0.27%	0.48%	4.61%	2.47%	1.97%	1.73%	3.27%	2.15%	
Inpatient healthcare	0.65%	0.28%	5.90%	5.70%	4.72%	4.63%	2.61%	3.13%	
Food and alcohol retailing	1.94%	2.99%	16.10%	12.15%	18.41%	17.69%	8.38%	6.64%	
Apparel and jewelry retailing	-0.64%	0.32%	6.71%	7.14%	2.82%	0.24%	16.76%	3.26%	
Airline passenger services	1.34%	-1.54%	9.29%	7.60%	11.80%	16.91%	21.95%	3.23%	
Inv Mgmt & Brokerage	-0.20%	4.38%	19.54%	48.87%	31.53%	21.75%	8.43%	5.77%	
Business Loans	-6.95%	6.39%	50.26%	59.32%	85.68%	71.01%	14.17%	13.57%	
Legal Services	0.30%	1.13%	12.76%	8.57%	6.48%	4.90%	4.24%	4.60%	
Truck Transport	-2.91%	-0.95%	-21.87%	-14.27%	-6.72%	8.55%	17.90%	4.60%	
Machinery & Equip. Wholesaling	-2.73%	-1.21%	-18.49%	-0.42%	0.00%	12.38%	14.77%	5.89%	

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