

Product and Material Prices: Useful Resources – 27 June 2022

Summary

This document provides useful links to freely accessible and authoritative market information on product and materials pricing. It lists the resource, provides a link and the author and gives an overview of what to expect. The NFB hopes that this will help members with cost planning, negotiations and as a general insight into trends of product categories.

Suggestions for additions to these listings are welcome and should be sent to policy@builders.org.uk

CLC Product Availability Statement – [click here](#) [listed in news stories]

Provider: *Construction Leadership Councils' Product Availability Group (CLC PAG)*

Overview: During the COVID-19 Pandemic the Construction Leadership Council put together a Product Availability Group to help feed key information to and from Government and industry, to help manage expectations in regard to supply chain difficulties. The group now attracts over 60 regular participants and each month the co-chairs (who are the CEOs of the Builders Merchants Federation (BMF) and the Construction Products Association (CPA)) issue a joint statement, giving a market overview of pinch points, issues with specific categories, lead-times and forecast future difficulties. NFB Members can access the statement for free.

Building Materials and Components: Monthly Statistics – [click here](#)

Provider: *Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, UK Government*

Overview: The UK Government collects data on a set construction 'basket of goods' to provide price data over time. The resources provide detailed information on selected building materials and contains monthly data on price indices, bricks, cement and concrete blocks. It also contains quarterly data on sand and gravel, slate, concrete roofing tiles, ready-mixed concrete and imports and exports of construction products. Further analysis is provided within the commentary reports regarding the economic background of the economy as a whole and also specifically in regard to the construction sector.

How to use: Members should click on the link above, scroll down the page to find the latest data release (listed by month) and click through. Under each month a number of downloads (usually 3) are available and the NFB recommends the PDF 'Commentary' document as the most useful starting point, the other documents are data tables.

Builders Merchant Building Index – [click here](#).

Provider: *Builders Merchants Federation (BMF)*

Overview: Once a month the BMF working in collaboration with GfK and MRA Research publish a overview of the economic activity of RMI building activity using the BMF's members. The reports include sales activity patterns by volume and value, trend data and product category data. NFB Members can access the full report, a summary report and subscribe to receive the monthly updates for free.

HBA Newsletter – [click here](#) [requires member login]

Provider: *National Federation of Builders House Builders Association (NFB HBA)*

Overview: The NFB provides housebuilding members with a fortnightly newsletter called the HBA Newsletter. This is available to all members in the MyNFB area under 'Newsletters and Publications' and is emailed directly to all HBA members. The newsletter contains all the latest news and announcements for the housebuilding sector, including political, regulatory and technical updates as well as market intelligence covering the macroeconomic situation, housebuilding sector sales, sector output for construction and manufacturing and products and materials pricing information. Members who do not directly receive the fortnightly newsletter, but would like to (whether house builders or not) can ask their account managers to be added to the circulation list.

