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## **Energy Leads Import Prices Lower in November**

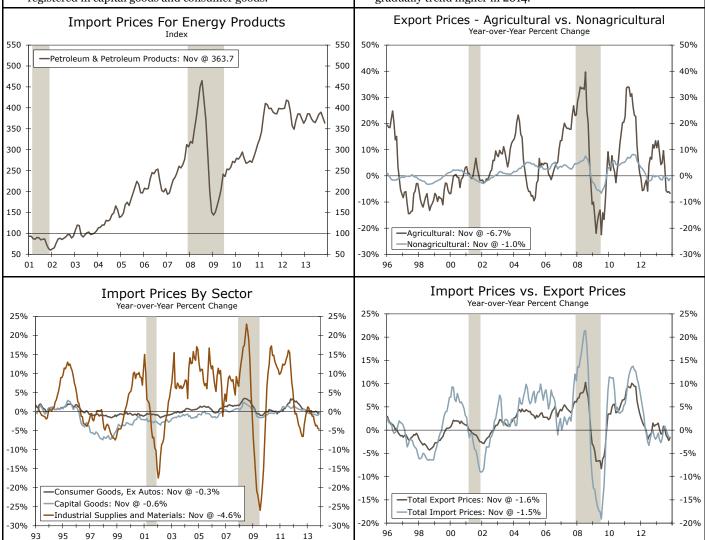
Once again driven by petroleum, prices on traded goods fell substantially for the second month in a row, declining 0.6 percent in November. At present, import prices show little inflationary pressures from abroad.

#### **Energy Dampens Import Prices**

- For the second consecutive month, total import prices fell 0.6 percent in November, largely led by a 3.5 percent decline in petroleum prices. Excluding petroleum, import prices advanced 0.1 percent on the month.
- By component, prices were mixed with industrial supplies and food/beverages down on the month, while modest gains were registered in capital goods and consumer goods.

#### **Export Prices Stabilize**

- Export prices firmed last month, rising 0.1 percent, as gains in non-agricultural prices more than offset a 0.2 percent slide in agricultural prices.
- While year-over-year measures are in negative territory, we expect global economic conditions will continue to strengthen over the current pace and for import and export prices to gradually trend higher in 2014.



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