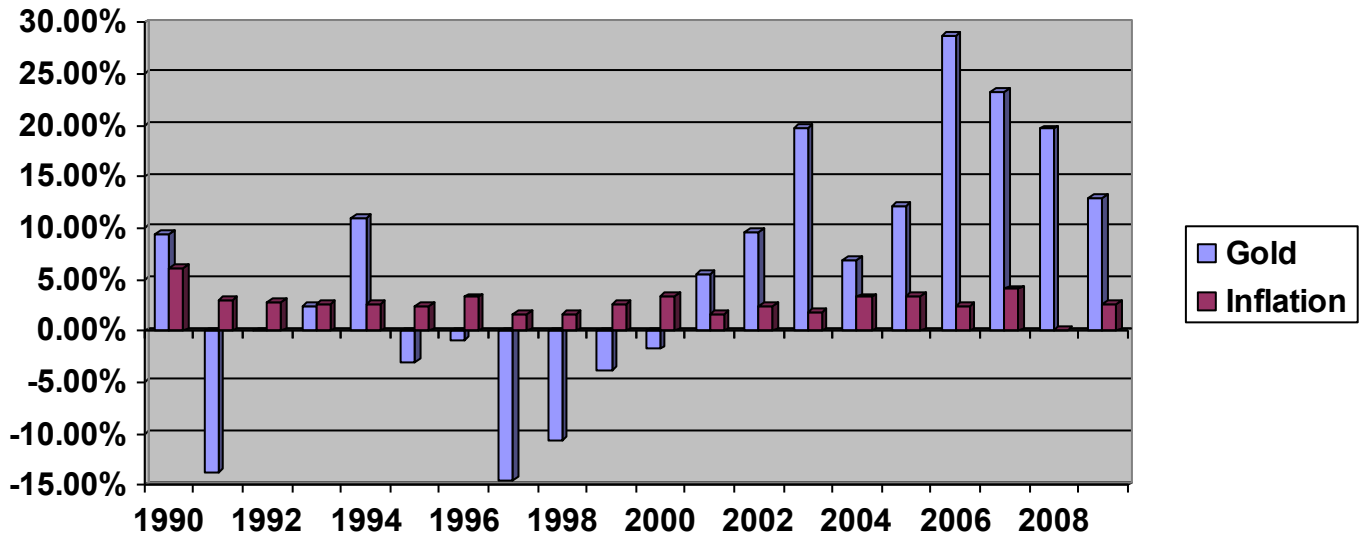


"DOES GOLD TRACK INFLATION?"

Gold prices:

9-24-10	9-28-09	9-26-08	9-27-07	9-27-06	9-27-05	9-27-04
\$1296.3	\$992.5	\$878.9	\$734.45	\$595.78	\$462.63	\$408.96
+30.6%	+12.93%	+19.67%	+23.27%	+28.78%	+12.12%	+6.86%
CPI:	+2.7%	+0.1%	+4.1%	+2.5%	+3.4%	+3.3%
9-26-03	9-26-02	9-26-01	9-27-00	9-27-99	9-28-98	9-26-97
\$382.70	\$319.6	\$291.45	\$276.15	\$281.10	\$292.25	\$326.65
+19.74%	+9.65%	+5.54%	-1.76%	-3.82%	-10.53%	-14.19%
+1.9%	+2.4%	+1.6%	+3.4%	+2.7%	+1.6%	+1.7%
9-27-96	9-27-95	9-27-94	9-27-93	9-28-92	9-27-91	9-27-90
\$380.7	\$383.75	\$395.8	\$356.65	\$348	\$348.45	\$403.95
-0.79%	-3%	+10.98%	+2.49%	-0.13%	-13.74%	+9.47%
+3.3	+2.5%	+2.7%	+2.7%	+2.9%	+3.1%	+6.1%
9-27-89						
\$369						

Percent Change: Price of Gold & Inflation



NOTES: 1. CPI data is all urban consumers, US city average, all items; percent change from December to December.

2. Gold price change is from end of September to end of September (approximately 27th of the month)

3. An investment into **iShares Barclays TIPS Bond** fund (symbol: TIP), which invests in inflation-indexed bonds, would be **up 3.12%**. Investing into **SPDR Gold Trust ETF** (symbol: GLD) would have **returned 179.73%** during the same period (longest available for both investments: 11-26-04 through 9-26-10). An investment of \$100,000 into both funds would have grown to \$103,120 (TIP) and \$279,730 (GLD).

4. These are fairly obvious differences in percent change and dollar change. It looks like gold does not track inflation, especially considering the negative returns & extremely positive returns for gold in some years.