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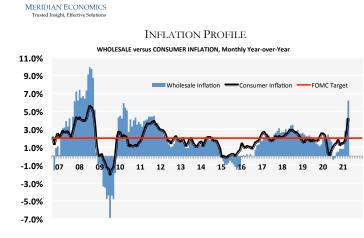
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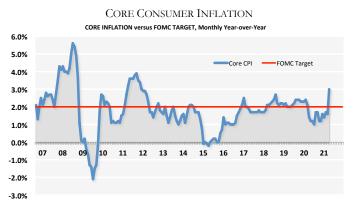
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		Annual Rates					Monthly Year-over-Year						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
Wholesale Inflation													
Overall Wholesale Inflation	0.4%	1.7%	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	1.7%	2.8%	4.2%	6.2%	
Core Wholesale Inflation	-1.0%	1.8%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	0.8%	0.9%	1.1%	2.0%	2.2%	3.1%	4.6%	
Consumer Inflation													
Overall Consumer Inflation	0.7%	2.1%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	1.7%	2.6%	4.2%	
Food	0.8%	-0.2%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%	3.5%	2.4%	
- Food at Home - Food Away from Home	-0.4% 2.6%	-2.0% 2.3%	0.9% 2.5%	0.6% 2.8%	0.6% 2.8%	4.0% 3.9%	3.6% 3.8%	3.9% 3.9%	3.7% 3.9%	3.5% 3.7%	3.3% 3.7%	1.2% 3.8%	
Energy	-12.6%	5.4%	6.9%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-9.2%	-9.4%	-7.0%	-3.6%	2.4%	13.2%	25.1%	
- Gasoline	-19.7%	9.1%	10.7%	-2.1%	-2.1%	-18.0%	-19.3%	-15.2%	-8.6%	1.5%	22.5%	49.6%	
Core Consumer Inflation	2.1%	2.2%	1.8%	2.2%	2.2%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%	3.0%	
- New Vehicles - Used Vehicles - Apparel - Medical care	0.2% 0.4% -0.9% 1.5%	0.3% -3.5% -0.1% 4.7%	-0.5% -1.0% -1.6% 2.3%	-0.3% 1.4% -0.1% -0.5%	-0.3% 1.4% -0.1% -0.5%	1.5% 11.5% -5.5% -0.8%	1.6% 10.9% -5.2% -1.1%	2.0% 10.0% -3.9% -2.5%	1.4% 10.0% -2.5% -2.3%	1.2% 9.3% -3.6% -2.5%	1.5% 9.4% -2.5% -2.4%	2.0% 21.0% 1.9% -1.7%	

(May 2021) ... U.S. consumer prices are increasing at a 4.2 percent annualized pace while core consumer inflation, which excludes commodity driven food and energy prices, increasing 3.0 percent. Overall inflation was impacted by a 2.4 percent increase in food costs, fueled by a 3.8 percent increase in food away from home prices, but more greatly impacted by a 25.1 percent increase in energy prices, including a 49.6 percent increase in gasoline. Wholesale inflation increased 6.2 percent percent pace

A certain level of inflation is needed in a growing economy to increase the value of goods and services produced - contributing to the nation's GDP growth profile.

Strategically... During this rate cycle, the current pace of inflation, dominated by the pandemic, is also putting upward pressure on long-term treasury rates - benchmarks to real estate and long-term capital investment financing.

The Federal Reserve will most likely monitor inflation - hoping that it is a shirt-term impact from trillions of dollars injected by the federal government. Competitive loan rates have been compromised by larger credit unions face historical high levels of loan P&I run-off each month.

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