

## FUTURE COST OF LEAD

You can track the current price and past prices of commodity lead at :

[http://www.kitcometals.com/charts/lead\\_historical.html](http://www.kitcometals.com/charts/lead_historical.html)

As you can see, lead has gone from 20¢/lb four years ago, to 50¢/lb one year ago, to \$1.00/lb three months ago, to \$1.60/lb one month ago. As I write this on August 23, 2007, it has backed off to \$1.42, but September 1st promises to bring us large ammunition cost increases and January will bring even more as ammo makers pass along their increased costs. It doesn't look good.

But wait. There's hope. Here is an article from Bloomberg News:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aqLgXFtUkXX0>

At least it is something to think about as you adjust your shell and reloading inventory. Remember that the lead used in ammunition is less than 2% of the annual usage. Lead/acid batteries account for about 80%.

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