

# Why Prices Can't Rise Fast Enough for Home Builders

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Home builders profess themselves a happy lot. But if they don't start building a lot more houses, their shareholders may not be.

The National Association of Home Builders on Monday reported its housing-market index showed optimism among builders reached its highest level this month since October 2005. What's odd about that: Measured against those waning days of the bubble or prebubble times, builders aren't doing nearly as much...