

Producer Price Index – Agriculture (PPI-A)

First quarter 2012

(Base period year 2007 = 100)

1. Introduction

The Producer Price Index-Agriculture (PPI-A) gives a measure of the average change in the selling prices which producers receive for their agricultural products.

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents monthly PPI-A indices for the months of January, February and March 2012 as well as figures for preceding months updated in the light of additional information that have now become available. Monthly weights by commodity group and product are given in Table 12.

The methodology for the construction of PPI-A is annexed.

2. Producer Price Index - Agriculture: First Quarter 2012

2.1 Structure of PPI-A (Base period: 2007=100)

PPI-A covers two sub-groups, namely: "Crop products" and "Animals and animal products". "Crop products" is further subdivided into "Sugar cane" and "Other crop products". Sugar cane heavily influences both the "overall" index and that of sub-group "Crop products", of which it constitutes 57.1% and 75.5% of the respective weights.

2.2 Changes in the monthly index

Fig 1: Overall monthly indices, April 2011 – March 2012



Figure 1 shows the monthly evolution of PPI-A for the period April 2011 to March 2012.

PPI-A, which was 108.1 in December 2011, went up by 2.6% to reach 110.9 in March 2012. This rise was due to the combined effects of a decrease of 1.1% in January followed by increases of 1.4% and 2.3% in February and March respectively. (Table 5)

The index for the sub-group "Crop products", which carries 75.6% of the total weight, decreased by 2.7% in January, increased by 1.7% in February and 4.2% in March.

2.2.1 Sugar cane

The index for "Sugar cane" for the period July 2011 to March 2012 was 87.6 based on the provisional price of sugar for the 2011 crop. This represents an increase of 18.2% over the 2010 crop. It is assumed that the same price prevails during the whole of the crop year. It is to be noted that the index may be revised at the end of June 2012 when the final price is available.

2.2.2 Other crop products

The index for "Other crop products" went down by 9.0% in January, mainly due to a decrease of 16.5% in the prices of fresh vegetables (creepers, other fresh vegetables, brinjal and beans).

In February, the index registered an increase of 6.2% mainly due to the combined effect of an increase of 19.2% in the prices of fresh vegetables (tomato, carrot, creepers and brinjal) and a decrease of 16.3% in the prices of fruits.

In March, the index rose by 13.9% mainly attributable to a rise of 20.8% in the prices of fresh vegetables (tomato, other fresh vegetables, beans and brinjal).

2.2.3 Animals and animal products

The index for the sub-group "Animals and animal products" went up by 2.0% in January, mainly due to increases in the prices of poultry (+2.1%) and eggs (+2.2%).

In February, the index increased by 0.8% due to increases in the prices of poultry (+1.0%) and eggs (+0.3%).

In March, the index decreased by 1.4% as a result of decreases in the prices of poultry (-1.8%) and eggs (-0.6%).

More details of changes on a month-to-month basis are given in Table 5 and changes over the corresponding month of the previous year in Table 6.

2.3 Changes in the quarterly index

Fig 2: Overall quarterly indices, 2nd quarter 2010 – 1st quarter 2012

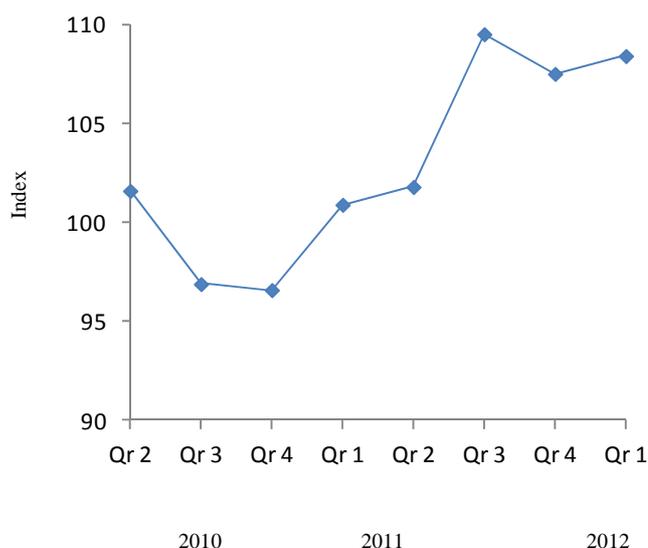


Figure 2 and Table 7 show the movement of PPI-A covering the periods 2010, 2011 and 2012 on a quarterly basis.

The overall index for the first quarter of 2012 went up by 0.8% compared to the previous

quarter and rose by 7.4% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011. Percentage changes on a quarterly basis and the net contributions of commodity groups and products are given in Table 8.

2.4 Changes in the yearly index

Average prices which producers received from the sale of agricultural products in the year 2011 were 5.1% higher compared to the previous year. The annual indices for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011, annual changes and the net contributions of commodity groups and products to the change are presented in Table 9.

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Monthly Producer Price Index -Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period:Year 2007=100)

Table 1 : Monthly indices by commodity group and product, January 2012 - March 2012

Commodity Group	Weight	2012		
		January	February	March
Crop Products	755.9	93.0	94.6	98.6
Sugar cane ¹	570.5	87.6	87.6	87.6
Other crop products	185.4	109.5	116.3	132.5
Root Crops ²	24.7	137.0	118.4	127.2
Potato	22.4	144.0	...	...
Other root crops	2.3	118.0	118.4	127.2
Fruits ²	21.6	142.4	119.2	115.3
Banana	7.1	76.4	76.4	76.4
Pineapple	8.4	177.7	157.3	149.4
Other fruits	6.1	158.6	114.7	128.6
Fresh vegetables ²	119.3	96.9	115.5	139.5
Beans	3.4	109.4	121.9	172.3
Brinjal	2.7	58.4	139.0	180.4
Cabbage	4.2	181.1	101.1	87.9
Cauliflower	2.6	130.0	130.0	130.0
Carrot	7.2	146.7	188.1	182.9
Onion	8.1	...	...	...
Tomato	30.1	71.1	111.0	186.7
Creepers	37.0	96.1	103.3	100.5
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	116.0	118.6	142.6
Flowers, ornamental plants	8.5	117.2	118.6	118.6
Anthurium	5.1	96.5	98.8	98.8
Rose	3.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Other flowers	0.4	135.0	135.0	135.0
Tea ¹	8.1	108.3	108.3	108.3
Tobacco	3.2	124.7	124.7	124.7
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	149.8	151.0	148.9
Cattle	2.0	120.0	120.0	120.0
Pigs	3.2	94.4	94.4	94.4
Goat	0.7	167.8	167.8	167.8
Deer	4.9	143.1	143.1	143.1
Poultry	174.2	152.8	154.4	151.6
Eggs	55.0	142.5	142.9	142.0
Milk	4.1	184.5	184.5	184.5
Overall Index	1,000.0	106.9	108.4	110.9

¹ Provisional

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² The indices are computed based on the method of variable baskets with fixed monthly weights in the base year as explained at paragraph 11 of Annex. The composition of these baskets is shown in Table 12.

Monthly Producer Price Index -Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period:Year 2007=100)

Table 2 : Monthly indices by commodity group and product, January 2011 - December 2011

Commodity Group	Weight	2011											
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Crop Products	755.9	82.7	87.2	87.4	87.4	86.2	83.2	93.8	94.4	93.6	95.7	95.0	95.6
Sugar cane	570.5	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	87.6¹	87.6¹	87.6¹	87.6¹	87.6¹	87.6¹
Other crop products	185.4	109.1	127.7	128.4	128.3	123.3	111.3	113.0	115.4	112.1	120.6	117.7	120.3
<i>Root Crops</i> ²	24.7	136.0	111.8	114.9	123.6	120.6	129.2	142.6	143.5	143.2	142.5	143.0	142.0
Potato	22.4	142.7	...	...	...	...	144.0	144.0	144.0	144.0	144.0	144.0	144.0
Other root crops	2.3	117.8	111.8	114.9	123.6	120.6	123.1	128.0	134.9	124.3	124.2	116.2	115.5
<i>Fruits</i> ²	21.6	118.3	130.9	122.3	112.9	131.0	121.3	111.6	112.1	123.4	122.3	109.8	124.3
Banana	7.1	71.5	71.5	71.5	75.6	82.2	83.8	75.6	75.2	75.2	78.9	77.7	77.7
Pineapple	8.4	171.3	196.6	167.2	145.2	179.1	156.4	148.9	151.5	173.6	170.1	164.4	186.6
Other fruits	6.1	117.5	94.0	125.7	128.6	132.1	135.2	128.3	125.3	125.6	130.0	100.2	120.3
<i>Fresh vegetables</i> ²	119.3	100.9	132.4	134.4	134.4	124.0	105.3	106.8	110.3	103.1	116.8	114.4	116.0
Beans	3.4	128.3	146.2	174.4	153.3	136.2	101.5	116.5	113.2	112.5	113.9	118.7	150.7
Brinjal	2.7	156.0	137.6	94.4	162.1	184.5	180.0	123.4	82.9	108.7	174.4	185.7	119.2
Cabbage	4.2	111.0	109.7	131.2	196.5	153.6	142.0	74.6	53.9	51.0	67.0	100.4	154.1
Cauliflower	2.6	122.1	122.1	122.1	122.1	171.0	132.7	117.4	90.7	92.5	130.0	130.0	130.0
Carrot	7.2	138.2	146.2	283.1	203.6	207.8	223.5	140.7	79.0	54.7	58.6	65.9	91.2
Onion	8.1	...	...	...	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5
Tomato	30.1	54.5	139.8	191.1	258.2	146.3	68.9	77.3	115.3	83.0	84.2	60.6	69.0
Creepers	37.0	115.3	129.5	88.6	80.6	94.2	84.4	101.8	111.3	115.4	114.7	121.0	135.7
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	123.3	122.5	102.9	104.8	115.7	116.7	129.1	125.0	126.5	148.7	160.2	135.0
<i>Flowers, ornamental plants</i>	8.5	117.5	118.0	118.6	115.4	115.4	115.4	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.2
Anthurium	5.1	100.0	100.8	101.8	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5 ³	96.5 ³	96.5 ³
Rose	3.0	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Other flowers	0.4	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	135.0	135.0	135.0	135.0	135.0	135.0
<i>Tea</i>	8.1	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3¹	108.3¹	108.3¹	108.3¹	108.3¹	108.3¹
<i>Tobacco</i>	3.2	127.5	127.5	127.5	124.7³	124.7^{3}	124.7^{3}	124.7^{3}	124.7^{3}	124.7^{3}	124.7^{3}	124.7^{3}	124.7^{3}
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	147.4	148.7	149.6	152.6	152.6	154.3	157.3	157.3	157.3	141.5	145.7	146.9
Cattle	2.0	110.5	110.5	110.5	117.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0
Pigs	3.2	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	67.5	95.3	95.3	95.3	95.3	95.3	96.3
Goat	0.7	150.6	150.6	150.6	154.9	154.9	154.9	159.2	159.2	159.2	159.2	159.2	159.2
Deer	4.9	132.4	132.4	132.4	132.4	132.4	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	143.1	143.1	143.1
Poultry	174.2	150.4	151.6	152.8	152.8	152.8	152.8	152.8	152.8	152.8	144.1	148.1	149.6
Eggs	55.0	140.5	142.7	142.9	155.9	156.0	164.6	176.1	176.0	175.9	133.0	139.1	139.4
Milk	4.1	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5
Overall Index	1,000.0	98.5	102.2	102.6	103.3	102.4	100.6	109.3	109.8	109.1	106.9	107.4	108.1

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(Base period:Year 2007 =100)

Table 3 : Monthly indices by commodity group and product, January 2010 - December 2010

Commodity Group	Weight	2010											
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Crop Products	755.9	89.8	95.1	94.8	92.2	87.1	86.8	84.5	84.5	80.0	83.6	85.5	81.2
Sugar cane	570.5	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1
Other crop products	185.4	119.9	141.7	140.2	129.8	108.8	107.8	116.7	116.6	98.0	112.9	120.4	103.0
<i>Root Crops</i> ¹	24.7	121.1	91.3	111.2	123.6	107.7	117.8	140.4	141.1	141.0	139.5	141.0	141.0
Potato	22.4	130.7	...	...	...	...	142.7	142.7	142.7	142.7	142.7	142.7	142.7
Other root crops	2.3	95.0	91.3	111.2	123.6	107.7	107.5	116.4	112.4	101.9	100.5	105.1	104.9
<i>Fruits</i> ¹	21.6	122.4	132.5	117.0	95.1	89.5	90.0	94.0	97.5	98.7	113.8	146.3	103.8
Banana	7.1	71.5	69.1	59.2	60.4	60.4	60.4	62.9	62.9	62.9	60.4	60.4	64.1
Pineapple	8.4	160.4	173.9	168.4	124.8	116.3	114.8	125.8	134.3	133.7	174.0	293.7	188.3
Other fruits	6.1	130.2	160.6	114.0	119.3	118.3	117.3	111.1	112.7	107.8	121.3	120.1	93.2
<i>Fresh vegetables</i> ¹	119.3	120.9	159.1	155.5	140.0	111.8	108.1	116.0	115.2	86.0	106.8	112.6	93.0
Beans	3.4	194.6	181.5	170.7	164.9	132.6	139.0	169.0	143.4	96.8	119.8	142.2	125.3
Brinjal	2.7	179.1	88.3	102.1	137.7	175.3	180.7	214.8	190.3	64.9	170.4	160.8	84.2
Cabbage	4.2	139.2	170.9	183.9	193.8	93.2	81.4	93.8	109.2	97.5	123.7	102.8	73.6
Cauliflower	2.6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	129.1	129.1	129.4	113.6	98.8	115.8	122.1	102.6
Carrot	7.2	102.2	145.3	250.2	324.8	265.9	154.8	151.1	82.3	47.4	47.4	84.4	98.2
Onion	8.1	...	...	...	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5
Tomato	30.1	94.0	220.7	227.3	244.9	142.6	98.1	82.9	100.2	60.9	51.2	80.0	69.3
Creepers	37.0	118.6	131.4	111.5	81.6	76.1	93.0	118.0	118.7	94.7	114.1	125.0	93.2
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	149.7	126.4	125.0	114.6	97.0	118.7	118.7	124.6	101.8	122.6	98.9	112.0
<i>Flowers, ornamental plants</i>	8.5	107.1	108.6	107.9	115.3	114.7	114.0	118.9	117.8	118.1	118.4	113.5	116.0
Anthurium	5.1	99.0	101.6	100.4	101.8	100.8	99.6	107.8	105.9	106.5	106.9	98.8	102.9
Rose	3.0	118.2	118.2	118.2	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4	136.4
Other flowers	0.4	125.0	125.0	125.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0
<i>Tea</i>	8.1	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3
<i>Tobacco</i>	3.2	124.7	124.7	124.7	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	136.1	141.0	140.9	143.6	142.5	141.8	139.8	139.8	139.7	137.0	137.0	138.7
Cattle	2.0	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5
Pigs	3.2	131.6	131.6	131.6	131.6	131.6	131.6	121.9	121.9	121.9	96.3	96.3	96.3
Goat	0.7	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5	147.5
Deer	4.9	124.3	124.3	124.3	124.3	124.3	130.8	130.8	130.8	130.8	132.4	132.4	132.4
Poultry	174.2	137.1	142.6	142.6	144.2	142.6	140.2	141.0	141.0	141.0	140.2	140.2	142.6
Eggs	55.0	131.5	135.8	135.3	142.3	142.7	146.1	135.6	135.4	135.3	127.0	126.8	126.8
Milk	4.1	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5
Overall Index	1,000.0	101.1	106.3	106.1	104.7	100.6	100.2	98.0	98.0	94.6	96.6	98.1	95.2

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Table 4 : Monthly indices by commodity group and product, January 2009 - December 2009

Commodity Group	Weight	2009											
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Crop Products	755.9	98.8	106.1	108.3	103.6	100.8	100.5	86.6	85.8	84.8	83.7	85.3	83.4
Sugar cane	570.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	95.5	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
Other crop products	185.4	108.8	138.6	147.6	128.5	117.2	115.9	107.0	103.7	99.4	95.0	101.6	93.9
<i>Root Crops</i> ¹	24.7	119.1	91.2	92.9	98.8	85.7	112.8	128.1	129.4	129.1	128.3	129.0	128.0
Potato	22.4	124.5	...	...	...	...	124.5	130.7	130.7	130.7	130.7	130.7	130.7
Other root crops	2.3	104.2	91.2	92.9	98.8	85.7	107.9	101.9	104.7	93.5	98.4	97.0	87.3
<i>Fruits</i> ¹	21.6	113.1	123.1	121.2	95.5	94.3	107.8	95.0	103.7	103.1	114.4	109.7	105.7
Banana	7.1	82.6	82.6	80.1	72.7	75.2	75.2	75.2	75.2	75.2	78.9	78.9	78.9
Pineapple	8.4	160.5	157.8	158.0	114.9	111.8	140.1	114.6	134.3	130.0	161.2	159.2	117.5
Other fruits	6.1	106.9	121.9	108.2	112.3	112.8	109.6	111.9	112.7	111.5	108.2	102.0	108.8
<i>Fresh vegetables</i> ¹	119.3	105.5	155.9	169.6	143.6	128.8	118.6	104.1	97.1	90.6	81.7	93.1	82.0
Beans	3.4	141.6	193.0	213.4	157.7	128.7	123.9	118.0	100.1	69.1	82.7	110.4	87.5
Brinjal	2.7	76.5	81.9	55.3	145.3	131.9	249.2	228.8	190.1	122.3	97.2	93.6	41.6
Cabbage	4.2	120.7	229.1	198.2	157.1	166.0	143.5	132.5	78.3	42.9	42.0	71.4	94.4
Cauliflower	2.6	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.8	101.7	111.5	129.1	105.2	105.2
Carrot	7.2	187.9	340.0	308.0	306.1	181.6	133.2	61.8	55.8	42.1	38.2	67.4	74.8
Onion	8.1	...	...	...	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.5	116.5
Tomato	30.1	108.4	172.4	263.4	196.2	192.8	93.8	85.9	75.7	63.5	33.3	82.5	63.3
Creepers	37.0	90.5	121.6	120.2	110.2	88.9	113.8	105.2	106.8	111.9	91.2	90.0	82.9
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	103.1	131.2	113.5	125.4	110.8	135.1	120.6	110.2	108.9	94.1	87.9	95.0
<i>Flowers, ornamental plants</i>	8.5	107.2	106.9	109.8	108.4	112.4	112.5	111.6	111.2	111.3	113.8	107.8	108.0
Anthurium	5.1	99.2	98.8	103.5	101.2	107.8	108.0	106.7	105.9	106.1	110.2	100.2	100.6
Rose	3.0	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2
Other flowers	0.4	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0
<i>Tea</i>	8.1	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2
<i>Tobacco</i>	3.2	131.9	131.9	131.9	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.7
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	127.6	127.6	127.6	132.1	133.8	134.2	132.3	132.4	131.4	129.2	130.3	130.8
Cattle	2.0	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5
Pigs	3.2	151.6	151.6	151.6	136.6	136.6	136.6	118.1	118.1	118.1	131.6	131.6	155.3
Goat	0.7	129.8	129.8	135.2	135.2	135.2	137.7	138.6	138.6	138.6	138.6	138.6	138.6
Deer	4.9	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.4	120.4	124.3	124.3	124.3
Poultry	174.2	133.6	133.6	133.6	135.0	134.3	134.3	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0
Eggs	55.0	104.5	104.6	104.6	120.7	130.5	132.0	132.0	132.2	127.8	117.1	121.9	122.6
Milk	4.1	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5
Overall Index	1,000.0	105.8	111.3	113.0	110.6	108.9	108.7	97.8	97.2	96.2	94.8	96.3	95.0

¹ The indices are computed based on the method of variable baskets with fixed monthly weights in the base year as explained at paragraph 11 of Annex. The composition of these baskets is shown in Table 12.

... Not applicable

Monthly Producer Price Index -Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period:Year 2007=100)

Table 5 : Percentage changes from previous month by commodity group and product , April 2011 - March 2012

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage changes from											
		Mar 11 to Apr 11	Apr 11 to May 11	May 11 to Jun 11	Jun 11 to Jul 11	Jul 11 to Aug 11	Aug 11 to Sep 11	Sep 11 to Oct 11	Oct 11 to Nov 11	Nov 11 to Dec 11	Dec 11 to Jan 12	Jan 12 to Feb 12	Feb 12 to Mar 12
Crop Products	755.9	0.0	-1.4	-3.5	12.7	0.6	-0.8	2.2	-0.7	0.6	-2.7	1.7	4.2
Sugar cane	570.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other crop products	185.4	-0.1	-3.9	-9.7	1.5	2.1	-2.9	7.6	-2.4	2.2	-9.0	6.2	13.9
<i>Root Crops</i>	24.7	7.6	-2.4	7.1	10.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	0.4	-0.7	-3.5	-13.6	7.4
Potato	22.4	...	...	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...
Other root crops	2.3	7.6	-2.4	2.1	4.0	5.4	-7.9	-0.1	-6.4	-0.6	2.2	0.3	7.4
<i>Fruits</i>	21.6	-7.7	16.0	-7.4	-8.0	0.4	10.1	-0.9	-10.2	13.2	14.6	-16.3	-3.3
Banana	7.1	5.7	8.7	1.9	-9.8	-0.5	0.0	4.9	-1.5	0.0	-1.7	0.0	0.0
Pineapple	8.4	-13.2	23.3	-12.7	-4.8	1.7	14.6	-2.0	-3.4	13.5	-4.8	-11.5	-5.0
Other fruits	6.1	2.3	2.7	2.3	-5.1	-2.3	0.2	3.5	-22.9	20.1	31.8	-27.7	12.1
<i>Fresh vegetables</i>	119.3	0.0	-7.7	-15.1	1.4	3.3	-6.5	13.3	-2.1	1.4	-16.5	19.2	20.8
Beans	3.4	-12.1	-11.2	-25.5	14.8	-2.8	-0.6	1.2	4.2	27.0	-27.4	11.4	41.3
Brinjal	2.7	71.7	13.8	-2.4	-31.4	-32.8	31.1	60.4	6.5	-35.8	-51.0	138.0	29.8
Cabbage	4.2	49.8	-21.8	-7.6	-47.5	-27.7	-5.4	31.4	49.9	53.5	17.5	-44.2	-13.1
Cauliflower	2.6	0.0	40.0	-22.4	-11.5	-22.7	2.0	40.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Carrot	7.2	-28.1	2.1	7.6	-37.0	-43.9	-30.8	7.1	12.5	38.4	60.9	28.2	-2.8
Onion	8.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Tomato	30.1	35.1	-43.3	-52.9	12.2	49.2	-28.0	1.4	-28.0	13.9	3.0	56.1	68.2
Creepers	37.0	-9.0	16.9	-10.4	20.6	9.3	3.7	-0.6	5.5	12.1	-29.2	7.5	-2.7
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	1.8	10.4	0.9	10.6	-3.2	1.2	17.5	7.7	-15.7	-14.1	2.2	20.2
<i>Flowers, ornamental plants</i>	8.5	-2.7	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0
Anthurium	5.1	-5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0
Rose	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other flowers	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Tea</i>	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Tobacco</i>	3.2	-2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	2.0	0.0	1.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	-10.0	3.0	0.8	2.0	0.8	-1.4
Cattle	2.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pigs	3.2	0.0	0.0	-31.7	41.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	-2.0	0.0	0.0
Goat	0.7	2.9	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0
Deer	4.9	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poultry	174.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5.7	2.8	1.0	2.1	1.0	-1.8
Eggs	55.0	9.1	0.1	5.5	7.0	-0.1	-0.1	-24.4	4.6	0.2	2.2	0.3	-0.6
Milk	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Overall Change	1,000.0	0.7	-0.9	-1.8	8.6	0.5	-0.6	-2.0	0.5	0.7	-1.1	1.4	2.3

... Not applicable

Monthly Producer Price Index -Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period:Year 2007=100)

Table 6 : Percentage changes from corresponding month of previous year by commodity group and product , April 2011 - March 2012

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage changes from											
		Apr 10 to Apr 11	May 10 to May 11	Jun 10 to Jun 11	Jul 10 to Jul 11	Aug 10 to Aug 11	Sep 10 to Sep 11	Oct 10 to Oct 11	Nov 10 to Nov 11	Dec 10 to Dec 11	Jan 11 to Jan 12	Feb 11 to Feb 12	Mar 11 to Mar 12
Crop Products	755.9	-5.2	-1.0	-4.1	11.0	11.7	17.0	14.5	11.1	17.7	12.5	8.5	12.8
Sugar cane	570.5	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2
Other crop products	185.4	-1.2	13.3	3.2	-3.2	-1.0	14.4	6.8	-2.2	16.8	0.4	-8.9	3.2
<i>Root Crops</i>	24.7	0.0	12.0	9.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.4	0.7	0.7	5.9	10.7
Potato	22.4	...	...	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	...	...
Other root crops	2.3	0.0	12.0	14.5	10.0	20.0	22.0	23.6	10.6	10.1	0.2	5.9	10.7
<i>Fruits</i>	21.6	18.7	46.4	34.8	18.7	15.0	25.0	7.5	-24.9	19.7	20.4	-8.9	-5.7
Banana	7.1	25.2	36.1	38.7	20.2	19.6	19.6	30.6	28.6	21.2	6.9	6.9	6.9
Pineapple	8.4	16.3	54.0	36.2	18.4	12.8	29.8	-2.2	-44.0	-0.9	3.7	-20.0	-10.6
Other fruits	6.1	7.8	11.7	15.3	15.5	11.2	16.5	7.2	-16.6	29.1	35.0	22.0	2.3
<i>Fresh vegetables</i>	119.3	-4.0	10.9	-2.6	-7.9	-4.3	19.9	9.4	1.6	24.7	-4.0	-12.8	3.8
Beans	3.4	-7.0	2.7	-27.0	-31.1	-21.1	16.2	-4.9	-16.5	20.3	-14.7	-16.6	-1.2
Brinjal	2.7	17.7	5.2	-0.4	-42.6	-56.4	67.5	2.3	15.5	41.6	-62.6	1.0	91.1
Cabbage	4.2	1.4	64.8	74.4	-20.5	-50.6	-47.7	-45.8	-2.3	109.4	63.2	-7.8	-33.0
Cauliflower	2.6	16.1	32.5	2.8	-9.3	-20.2	-6.4	12.3	6.5	26.7	6.5	6.5	6.5
Carrot	7.2	-37.3	-21.9	44.4	-6.9	-4.0	15.4	23.6	-21.9	-7.1	6.2	28.7	-35.4
Onion	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Tomato	30.1	5.4	2.6	-29.8	-6.8	15.1	36.3	64.5	-24.3	-0.4	30.5	-20.6	-2.3
Creepers	37.0	-1.2	23.8	-9.2	-13.7	-6.2	21.9	0.5	-3.2	45.6	-16.7	-20.2	13.4
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	-8.6	19.3	-1.7	8.8	0.3	24.3	21.3	62.0	20.5	-5.9	-3.2	38.6
<i>Flowers, ornamental plants</i>	8.5	0.1	0.6	1.2	-1.4	-0.5	-0.8	-1.0	3.3	1.0	-0.3	0.5	0.0
Anthurium	5.1	-5.2	-4.3	-3.1	-10.5	-8.9	-9.4	-9.7	-2.3	-6.2	-3.5	-2.0	-2.9
Rose	3.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Other flowers	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
<i>Tea</i>	8.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Tobacco</i>	3.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	6.3	7.1	8.8	12.5	12.5	12.6	3.3	6.4	5.9	1.6	1.5	-0.5
Cattle	2.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Pigs	3.2	-24.9	-24.9	-48.7	-21.8	-21.8	-21.8	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	-4.5	-4.5	-4.5
Goat	0.7	6.5	6.5	6.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	7.9	11.4	11.4	11.4
Deer	4.9	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Poultry	174.2	6.0	7.2	9.0	8.4	8.4	8.4	2.8	5.6	4.9	1.6	1.8	-0.8
Eggs	55.0	9.6	9.3	12.7	29.9	30.0	30.0	4.7	9.7	9.9	1.4	0.1	-0.6
Milk	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Overall Change	1,000.0	-1.3	1.8	0.4	11.5	12.0	15.3	10.7	9.5	13.6	8.5	6.1	8.1

... Not applicable

Quarterly Producer Price Index -Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period:Year 2007=100)

Table 7 : Quarterly indices ¹ by commodity group and product, 2nd Quarter 2010 - 1st Quarter 2012

Commodity Group	Weight	2010			2011				2012
		2 nd Qr	3 rd Qr	4 th Qr	1 st Qr	2 nd Qr	3 rd Qr	4 th Qr	1 st Qr
Crop Products	755.9	88.3	83.0	83.4	85.5	85.1	94.0	95.5	95.0
Sugar cane	570.5	80.0	74.1	74.1	74.1	74.1	87.6 ²	87.6 ²	87.6 ²
Other crop products	185.4	113.7	110.5	112.1	120.5	119.1	113.5	119.7	117.6
<i>Root Crops</i> ³	24.7	118.1	140.9	140.5	127.2	125.8	143.2	142.6	131.7
Potato	22.4	142.7	142.7	142.7	142.7	144.0	144.0	144.0	144.0
Other root crops	2.3	114.1	110.3	102.8	114.9	122.8	129.2	119.9	122.0
<i>Fruits</i> ³	21.6	91.6	96.8	118.0	123.2	121.5	116.0	119.7	128.8
Banana	7.1	60.4	62.9	61.6	71.5	80.5	75.3	78.1	76.4
Pineapple	8.4	119.0	131.3	218.4	179.6	159.6	158.4	174.5	160.5
Other fruits	6.1	117.9	109.7	102.2	112.9	133.4	126.1	115.8	149.5
<i>Fresh vegetables</i> ³	119.3	116.8	105.9	104.7	119.5	118.2	106.7	115.7	113.1
Beans	3.4	142.0	134.3	128.6	142.9	125.2	114.0	126.7	125.4
Brinjal	2.7	166.3	151.5	138.1	136.7	176.1	104.2	159.7	113.1
Cabbage	4.2	100.0	99.5	102.2	114.6	152.7	60.9	103.5	134.6
Cauliflower	2.6	129.0	116.8	108.6	122.1	139.7	102.7	130.0	130.0
Carrot	7.2	217.8	100.4	66.2	183.7	215.4	97.3	63.3	172.1
Onion	8.1	140.5	140.5	140.5	...	140.5	140.5	140.5	...
Tomato	30.1	141.3	81.2	67.8	110.9	131.0	91.5	70.5	107.0
Creepers	37.0	84.0	110.7	110.4	113.5	86.6	109.3	124.2	99.7
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	110.6	114.9	111.6	118.2	113.3	126.8	147.6	123.1
<i>Flowers, ornamental plants</i>	8.5	114.7	118.3	116.0	118.0	115.4	117.2	117.2	118.1
Anthurium	5.1	100.7	106.7	102.9	100.9	96.5	96.5	96.5 ⁴	98.0
Rose	3.0	136.4	136.4	136.4	145.5	145.5	150.0	150.0	150.0
Other flowers	0.4	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	135.0	135.0	135.0
<i>Tea</i>	8.1	106.2	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3 ²
<i>Tobacco</i>	3.2	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	124.7 ⁴	124.7 ⁴	124.7 ⁴	124.7
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	142.6	139.8	137.6	148.6	153.2	157.3	144.7	149.9
Cattle	2.0	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	117.0	120.0	120.0	120.0
Pigs	3.2	131.6	121.9	96.3	98.8	88.4	95.3	95.6	94.4
Goat	0.7	145.5	145.5	146.2	150.6	154.9	159.2	159.2	167.8
Deer	4.9	126.5	130.8	132.4	132.4	134.9	140.0	143.1	143.1
Poultry	174.2	142.3	141.0	141.0	151.6	152.8	152.8	147.3	152.9
Eggs	55.0	143.7	135.4	126.9	142.0	158.8	176.0	137.2	142.5
Milk	4.1	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5	184.5
Overall Index	1,000.0	101.6	96.9	96.6	100.9	101.7	109.5	107.5	108.4

¹ Using data for base period as weights, and not a simple average of the monthly indices

² Provisional

³ The indices are computed based on the method of variable baskets with fixed monthly weights in the base year as explained

⁴ Revised

at paragraph 11 of Annex. The composition of these baskets is shown in Table 12.

... Not applicable

Quarterly Producer Price Index -Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period:Year 2007=100)

Table 8 : Quarterly changes (%) and net contributions of commodity group and product to the change, 1st Quarter 2011- 1st Quarter 2012

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage changes from previous quarter				Percentage changes from corresponding quarter of previous year				Net contributions from			
		1 st Qr 11	2 nd Qr 11	3 rd Qr 11	4 th Qr 11	2 nd Qr 10	3 rd Qr 10	4 th Qr 10	1 st Qr 11	1 st Qr 11	2 nd Qr 11	3 rd Qr 11	4 th Qr 11
		to 2 nd Qr 11	to 3 rd Qr 11	to 4 th Qr 11	to 1 st Qr 12	to 2 nd Qr 11	to 3 rd Qr 11	to 4 th Qr 11	to 1 st Qr 12	to 2 nd Qr 11	to 3 rd Qr 11	to 4 th Qr 11	to 1 st Qr 12
Crop Products	755.9	-0.5	10.5	1.6	-0.5	-3.6	13.3	14.5	11.1	0.01	6.03	0.70	0.47
Sugar cane	570.5	0.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	-7.4	18.2	18.2	18.2	0.00	7.70	0.00	0.00
Other crop products	185.4	-1.2	-4.7	5.5	-1.8	4.7	2.7	6.8	-2.4	0.01	-1.67	0.70	0.47
Root Crops	24.7	-1.1	13.8	-0.4	-7.6	6.5	1.6	1.5	3.5	0.05	0.01	-0.02	0.00
Potato	22.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other root crops	2.3	6.9	5.2	-7.2	1.8	7.6	17.1	16.6	6.2	0.02	0.01	-0.02	0.00
Fruits	21.6	-1.4	-4.5	3.2	7.6	32.6	19.8	1.4	4.5	0.02	-0.09	0.10	0.08
Banana	7.1	12.6	-6.5	3.7	-2.2	33.3	19.7	26.8	6.9	0.06	-0.04	0.02	-0.01
Pineapple	8.4	-11.1	-0.8	10.2	-8.0	34.1	20.6	-20.1	-10.6	-0.17	-0.01	0.14	-0.12
Other fruits	6.1	18.2	-5.5	-8.2	29.1	13.1	14.9	13.3	32.4	0.13	-0.04	-0.06	0.21
Fresh vegetables	119.3	-1.1	-9.7	8.4	-2.2	1.2	0.8	10.5	-5.4	-0.02	-1.60	0.62	0.38
Beans	3.4	-12.4	-8.9	11.1	-1.0	-11.8	-15.1	-1.5	-12.2	-0.06	-0.04	0.04	0.00
Brinjal	2.7	28.8	-40.8	53.3	-29.2	5.9	-31.2	15.6	-17.3	0.11	-0.19	0.15	-0.13
Cabbage	4.2	33.2	-60.1	70.0	30.0	52.7	-38.8	1.3	17.5	0.16	-0.39	0.18	0.13
Cauliflower	2.6	14.4	-26.5	26.6	0.0	8.3	-12.1	19.7	6.5	0.05	-0.10	0.07	0.00
Carrot	7.2	17.3	-54.8	-34.9	171.9	-1.1	-3.1	-4.4	-6.3	0.23	-0.85	-0.24	0.78
Onion	8.1	...	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tomato	30.1	18.1	-30.2	-23.0	51.8	-7.3	12.7	4.0	-3.5	0.61	-1.19	-0.63	1.10
Creepers	37.0	-23.7	26.2	13.6	-19.7	3.1	-1.3	12.5	-12.2	-1.00	0.84	0.55	-0.91
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	-4.1	11.9	16.4	-16.6	2.4	10.4	32.3	4.1	-0.12	0.32	0.50	-0.59
Flowers, ornamental plants	8.5	-2.2	1.6	0.0	0.8	0.6	-0.9	1.0	0.1	-0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01
Anthurium	5.1	-4.4	0.0	0.0	1.6	-4.2	-9.6	-6.2	-2.9	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
Rose	3.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	3.1	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Other flowers	0.4	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tea	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tobacco	3.2	-2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	3.1	2.7	-8.0	3.6	7.4	12.5	5.2	0.9	1.12	1.00	-3.08	1.28
Cattle	2.0	5.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	5.9	8.6	8.6	8.6	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Pigs	3.2	-10.5	7.8	0.3	-1.3	-32.8	-21.8	-0.7	-4.5	-0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00
Goat	0.7	2.9	2.8	0.0	5.4	6.5	9.4	8.9	11.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Deer	4.9	1.9	3.8	2.2	0.0	6.6	7.0	8.1	8.1	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00
Poultry	174.2	0.8	0.0	-3.6	3.8	7.4	8.4	4.5	0.9	0.21	0.00	-0.96	0.98
Eggs	55.0	11.8	10.8	-22.0	3.9	10.5	30.0	8.1	0.4	0.92	0.95	-2.13	0.29
Milk	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overall	1,000.0	0.8	7.7	-1.8	0.8	0.1	13.0	11.3	7.4	1.13	7.03	-2.38	1.75

... Not applicable

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(Base period:Year 2007=100)

Table 9 : Annual indices, annual changes (%) and net contributions of commodity group and product to the change, 2009 - 2011

Commodity Group	Weight	Annual index ¹			Percentage changes from		Net contributions from	
		2009	2010	2011	2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011	2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011
Crop Products	755.9	93.4	87.1	90.3	-6.7	3.7	-4.79	2.40
Sugar cane	570.5	87.8	77.1	80.9 ²	-12.2	4.9	-6.10	2.17
Other crop products	185.4	110.7	117.8	119.1	6.3	1.1	1.31	0.23
Root Crops ³	24.7	128.5	139.2	141.9	9.2	1.9	0.29	0.06
Potato	22.4	130.6	142.5	144.0	9.1	1.1	0.27	0.03
Other root crops	2.3	97.6	107.1	121.9	9.7	13.8	0.02	0.03
Fruits ³	21.6	108.0	114.1	123.3	3.9	8.1	0.09	0.20
Banana	7.1	77.6	63.0	76.3	-18.8	21.1	-0.10	0.09
Pineapple	8.4	138.3	158.9	168.4	14.9	6.0	0.17	0.08
Other fruits	6.1	108.1	111.8	116.0	3.4	3.8	0.02	0.03
Fresh vegetables ³	119.3	107.4	114.9	114.4	6.9	-0.4	0.89	-0.06
Beans	3.4	114.3	142.3	125.0	24.5	-12.2	0.10	-0.06
Brinjal	2.7	118.7	143.9	142.1	21.2	-1.3	0.07	0.00
Cabbage	4.2	111.6	109.3	103.2	-2.1	-5.6	-0.01	-0.03
Cauliflower	2.6	107.4	116.3	115.5	8.3	-0.7	0.02	0.00
Carrot	7.2	128.0	130.3	133.0	1.8	2.1	0.02	0.02
Onion	8.1	116.5	140.5	140.5	20.6	0.0	0.19	0.00
Tomato	30.1	102.6	106.6	96.1	3.9	-9.8	0.12	-0.32
Creepers	37.0	101.6	107.2	109.6	5.5	2.2	0.21	0.09
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	110.6	117.5	127.7	6.2	8.7	0.17	0.24
Flowers, ornamental plants	8.5	110.1	114.2	117.0	3.8	2.5	0.03	0.02
Anthurium	5.1	104.0	102.7	97.6	-1.3	-5.0	-0.01	-0.03
Rose	3.0	118.2	131.9	147.8	11.6	12.1	0.04	0.05
Other flowers	0.4	125.0	128.8	132.5	3.0	2.9	0.00	0.00
Tea	8.1	106.2	107.3	108.3 ²	1.0	0.9	0.00	0.01
Tobacco	3.2	126.5	126.8	125.4 ⁴	0.2	-1.1	0.00	0.00
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	130.8	139.8	150.9	6.9	7.9	2.21	2.71
Cattle	2.0	109.0	111.0	117.0	1.8	5.4	0.00	0.01
Pigs	3.2	139.5	120.0	95.0	-14.0	-20.8	-0.06	-0.08
Goat	0.7	136.0	146.0	156.0	7.4	6.8	0.01	0.01
Deer	4.9	121.0	128.0	138.0	5.8	7.8	0.03	0.05
Poultry	174.2	133.0	141.3	151.1	6.2	6.9	1.45	1.71
Eggs	55.0	120.9	135.1	153.5	11.7	13.6	0.78	1.01
Milk	4.1	184.5	184.5	184.5	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
Overall	1,000.0	102.5	100.0	105.1	-2.4	5.1	-2.58	5.11

¹ Using data for base period as weights, and not a simple average of the monthly indices

² Provisional

³ The indices are computed based on the method of variable baskets with fixed monthly weights in the base year as explained at paragraph 11 of Annex. The composition of these baskets is shown in Table 12.

⁴ Revised

Table 10 : Monthly and Quarterly Price Indices - Agriculture (PPI-A) : January 2009 - March 2012
(Base period : Year 2007=100)

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	105.8	101.1	98.5	106.9 ¹
February	111.3	106.3	102.2	108.4 ¹
March	113.0	106.1	102.6	110.9 ¹
1st quarter	109.5	104.3	100.9	108.4 ¹
April	110.6	104.7	103.3	
May	108.9	100.6	102.4	
June	108.7	100.2	100.6	
2nd quarter	109.2	101.6	101.7 ²	
July	97.8	98.0	109.3 ²	
August	97.2	98.0	109.8 ²	
September	96.2	94.6	109.1 ²	
3rd quarter	97.1	96.9	109.5 ²	
October	94.8	96.6	106.9 ²	
November	96.3	98.1	107.4 ²	
December	95.0	95.2	108.1 ²	
4th quarter	95.3	96.6	107.5 ²	
Yearly average ³	102.5	100.0	105.1 ²	
Annual change (%)	-3.4	-2.4	5.1	

¹ Provisional

² Revised

³ Using data for base period as weights, and not a simple average of the monthly indices

Table 11 : Monthly Producer Price Index-Agriculture (PPI-A) : January 1996 - March 2012¹*(Base period:Year 2007=100)*

Month	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	60.0	67.2	64.5	71.6	64.1	62.5	73.9	72.8	83.1	82.9	90.9	97.0	101.6	105.8	101.1	98.5	106.9 ³
February	62.1	66.3	65.8	72.1	70.6	64.1	79.3	77.0	83.5	88.1	90.9	101.6	104.8	111.3	106.3	102.2	108.4 ³
March	64.0	65.7	72.5	72.6	70.6	62.7	80.3	81.0	86.4	95.1	98.1	111.7	106.2	113.0	106.1	102.6	110.9 ³
April	64.1	65.9	72.1	74.5	66.7	64.6	73.0	81.4	87.2	101.8	100.1	108.0	111.6	110.6	104.7	103.3	
May	64.9	67.5	66.7	73.4	66.6	66.3	68.9	83.1	84.6	95.0	93.2	101.5	108.6	108.9	100.6	102.4	
June	63.3	67.5	65.4	72.0	65.3	67.6	68.9	80.9	82.3	86.8	91.2	96.2	110.4	108.7	100.2	100.6	
July	65.4	64.9	70.3	68.3	63.3	70.9	74.0	80.7	84.2	87.8	93.8	98.0	106.9	97.8	98.0	109.3 ²	
August	64.2	64.6	70.7	68.3	64.1	69.7	74.7	79.2	83.6	87.5	95.8	99.8	104.7	97.2	98.0	109.8 ²	
September	65.0	63.9	70.5	67.0	63.3	68.4	75.3	77.6	82.1	89.1	93.6	100.9	104.7	96.2	94.6	109.1 ²	
October	65.3	63.3	70.6	67.0	62.1	69.1	75.7	77.3	82.7	91.8	92.5	100.7	105.8	94.8	96.6	106.9 ²	
November	64.7	62.9	70.0	67.3	61.3	68.1	72.9	79.0	82.0	89.0	92.8	100.2	105.3	96.3	98.1	107.4 ²	
December	65.4	63.3	70.5	66.9	61.1	70.1	74.0	78.7	80.9	89.3	93.2	99.1	103.6	95.0	95.2	108.1 ²	
Yearly Average⁴	63.8	64.9	68.7	69.5	64.5	67.3	73.6	78.7	83.0	89.6	93.3	100.0	106.1	102.5	100.0	105.1²	
Annual change (%)	8.6	1.8	5.8	1.2	-7.2	4.3	9.4	6.9	5.5	8.0	4.1	7.1	6.1	-3.4	-2.4	5.1	

¹ The indices for January 1993 to June 2009 previously based on 2002=100 have been converted to the new base 2007=100² Revised³ Provisional⁴ Using data for base period as weights, and not a simple average of the monthly indices

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(Base period:Year 2007 =100)

Table 12 : Weight distribution for the base period and its months by commodity group and product

Commodity Group	Weight												
	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Crop Products	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9	755.9
Sugar cane	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5	570.5
Other crop products	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4
<i>Root Crops</i>	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7
Potato	22.4	18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	22.6	23.4	23.6	22.8	23.7	23.3
Other root crops	2.3	6.6	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	17.5	2.1	1.3	1.1	1.9	1.0	1.4
Fruits	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6
Banana	7.1	5.4	8.0	10.0	9.9	10.4	10.0	10.6	10.7	9.7	9.3	5.9	3.3
Pineapple	8.4	5.0	9.5	11.3	11.3	10.5	10.0	9.7	9.5	9.2	7.6	5.3	3.4
Other fruits	6.1	11.2	4.1	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.7	1.3	1.3	2.7	4.7	10.5	14.9
Fresh vegetables	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3	119.3
Beans	3.4	3.1	2.5	2.3	3.3	4.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.4
Brinjal	2.7	3.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.0
Cabbage	4.2	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.3	5.2	7.4	5.5	4.5	4.9	3.9	2.8	3.4
Cauliflower	2.6	0.3	0.1	0.0 ¹	0.0 ¹	1.4	4.3	7.6	6.1	4.6	2.0	0.8	5.0
Carrot	7.2	6.2	7.6	9.7	5.7	6.2	8.6	10.6	7.9	8.1	6.1	5.3	0.6
Onion	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	1.7	2.6	2.0	3.2	28.2	27.5	8.5
Tomato	30.1	36.7	36.1	28.1	23.5	27.9	30.5	28.1	28.8	29.1	24.9	29.6	35.6
Creepers	37.0	41.4	42.7	48.0	52.6	45.5	36.8	33.7	33.7	32.5	29.5	31.1	38.6
Other fresh vegetables	24.0	24.9	23.3	25.4	27.8	25.7	24.3	25.8	30.4	30.2	18.6	16.5	21.2
Flowers, ornamental plants	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Anthurium	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Rose	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other flowers	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Tea	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Tobacco	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Animals & Animal Products	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1	244.1
Cattle	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Pigs	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Goat	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Deer	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Poultry	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2	174.2
Eggs	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0
Milk	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Total	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0

¹ Due to rounding

Producer Price Index – Agriculture (PPI-A) Methodology for the Construction of PPI-A

1. Introduction

The analysis of price data implies comparison of current and past prices. Comparison over time is required to study the price movement in order to understand the history and to indicate future outlook. While price relatives of single commodities can be studied in isolation, general conclusion can only be derived from averages, covering a given set or class of commodities. The indicators of average price changes are the price indices.

2. Purpose of the agricultural price indices

The purpose of the price indices is to provide information on trends in producer prices of agricultural products and purchase prices of the means of agricultural production.

The selling prices of agricultural products and the purchase of the means of production have a decisive influence on farmer's income. It would, therefore, seem useful to have indicators showing how agricultural revenue and expenditure are influenced by their price component.

The agricultural price indicators are of two types:-

- (i) Price received by farmers represent the producer prices of agricultural products (output prices)
- (ii) Prices paid by farmers are the purchase prices of agricultural requisites (input prices)

The two classes of prices mentioned above, are considered important in the context of economic analysis and agricultural policy decisions. Index numbers based on them show the average changes of these prices.

In the first instance, only the output price index for different groups of commodities has been compiled. Later on, an input price index will be constructed.

3. Uses of agricultural prices indices

The construction of agricultural price index numbers may serve various purposes as shown below:-

- (i) Economic analysis, in particular the estimation of general price trends and their relationship with other pertinent variable, e.g the study of domestic price changes

in relation to prices observed in external markets or the movement of agricultural production.

- (ii) Monitoring the implementation of agricultural price policy decision such as the introduction or modification of support prices
- (iii) Forecasting price movements in connection with market studies or business cycle research.
- (iv) Compilation of national accounts at constant prices. In order to estimate the growth of the real product of the agricultural sector, deflator indices are needed. They are appropriately weighted indices of agricultural commodities or input items

4. Definition of prices

A price is a pure price when the same amount of money refers to what the buyer pays and what the seller receives. Since the price series form the basis for calculation, the index of the output prices must be representative of what the farmer actually receives.

The prices must be recorded at a point in the marketing of the product which is as close as possible to the farmer. This means that the selling prices should be recorded at the farm gate or (if this is not possible) at the next stage of the commodity flow.

5. Price received by agricultural producers

As mentioned earlier, the prices for the index should be farm-gate prices, but this is not possible in many cases. Hence, in lieu of the farm-gate price, the wholesale price of the produce is recorded at the two auction markets located in Vacoas and Port Louis.

As regards sugarcane, there is no actual market price for the product. The final price for a crop is only available after the crop year to which it refers. The solution has been found in such a way that every quarter an updated provisional price of sugar (obtained from Mauritius Sugar Syndicate) is used which, however, is corrected afterwards as soon as the final price is available. The same procedure is applied to tea and tobacco.

6. Weighting Scheme and Choice of the base period

As price data are associated with commercial transaction, it is logical to relate prices to sales rather than total production. However, since value of production for the market (sales) is not available here, the value of the total production is considered as a proxy in calculation of weights. Furthermore, since meteorological conditions and market forces may generate high fluctuations, the weight base is taken as the average of the total production for three years.

It may be noted that 'Food and Agriculture Organisation' and 'Eurostat' recommend that if the quantity weight base is the average of 3 years, then the reference base for prices should be the

middle year. The weights are derived by multiplying the average of production during the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 by the average of unit prices in 2007, the reference period. The weight is assigned to each commodity group on the basis of total production (as a proxy for sales) pertaining to the particular group. At commodity level, the weights are apportioned within the commodity group on the basis of production of each product.

Quarterly and annual indices have been computed using a weighting system based on the production value for the base period.

7. Type of Index

The PPI will be calculated according to a modified Laspeyres formula:

$$I_t = \frac{\sum W_i (P_{ti}/P_{oi})}{\sum W_i} \times 100$$

Where:

- I_t** is the index for the current period t
- P_{ti}** is the price of commodity i in the current period t
- P_{oi}** is the price of the commodity i in the reference period o (2007)
- W_i** is the weight associated with commodity i

8. Commodity Coverage

The bulk of the products in agriculture, with the exception of forestry, fishing and agricultural services, is taken into account in the producer price index. Thus, about 83% of the total value of agricultural production is covered.

9. Observation Units

There are essentially three types of observation units for collecting producer prices: (i) producers (ii) purchasers and (iii) markets. However, in the context of Mauritius, different type of observation units are used for different commodities as shown below:

- (i) For main Commercial crops (sugarcane, tea leaf and tobacco leaf etc) the respective marketing agency is the source of the price data.
- (ii) For vegetables, price data are obtained mainly at the two auction markets which are situated at Vacoas and Port Louis respectively
- (iii) For fruits, prices are recorded from different sources such as planters and first middlemen
- (iv) For animals and animal products, price data are available at sources varying from marketing agencies to producers.

10. Frequency of Price Collection

The frequency of price collection varies from weekly for some commodities to only once a year in others. Broadly speaking, the frequency of price collection is as follows:-

- (i) For vegetables, price data are collected once a week at the two auction markets
- (ii) For commodities for which prices are fairly stable, data suppliers are visited on a quarterly basis, but prices are collected for each month of the quarter. For example Crop products – potato, onion. etc
- (iii) For the main Commercial crops like Sugarcane, tea leaf and tobacco leaf, the reported prices are normally fixed for the crop year by the respective marketing agency.
- (iv) For the remaining type of items not mentioned above, the price data are collected on a monthly basis.

11. Seasonality

Prices and quantities of many agricultural commodities show seasonal variations. As vegetables and fruits are extremely seasonal products, it is therefore decided to use the method of variable baskets with fixed monthly weights in the base year.

There are 12 monthly baskets of representative products. The composition of these baskets varies each month. Certain products whose marketing period covers the whole year appear in all 12 monthly baskets, while others, which are more seasonal, appear only in some of them. However, the composition of the basket for a given month is fixed over time.

12. Missing Prices

There is also in the field of agricultural price observation the case of missing prices for a product which must be taken into account because there is an index weight for respective month. In these cases, the last observed price is carried forward as recommended by the Producer Price Index Manual of The International Monetary Fund.

13. Periodicity

The index is calculated on a monthly, quarterly as well as on an annual basis. While quarterly and annual price indices can normally be calculated as the simple (unweighted) average of the monthly indices, it is recommended that the monthly sales figures for the base year be used as weights to calculate the quarterly and annual indices. If sales figures are not available, total production can be used as a proxy when most of the production is available for sales. Such is the case in Mauritius and the values of total production have been used as weights.