

Producer Price Index - Agriculture (PPI-A) (June - December 1996)

Introduction

The Producer Price Index (Agriculture) measures the average change in the selling prices which the producers receive for their agricultural products. This is the third issue of the Economic Indicators on the subject and it presents indices of agricultural producer prices for the period June to December 1996. Revised figures for the previous months are also given. It is recalled that the indices are computed using calendar year 1993 as the reference period. It is to be noted also that the quarterly and annual indices are not simple (unweighted) averages of the monthly indices but have been calculated using weights for the base year.

2. Changes in the PPI-A

2.1 *Changes in the monthly index*

Table 1 and Chart 1 show the evolution of the monthly index.

The overall index as well as the "Crop products" index are heavily affected by sugar cane which accounts for 82.6% of the weight of the sub-group "crop products" and 71.9% of the total weight. The price of sugar cane itself is available in final form only at the end of the crop year and this price is taken to have prevailed during every month of the crop year. Furthermore, it is worthwhile to note that the index for "crop products" followed the same trend as the overall index since, as mentioned above, both are influenced by sugar cane.

The overall monthly index which was 135.8 in June 1996 advanced by 3.2% to attain 140.2 in December 1996. Changes in the successive months from July to December 1996 were +3.2%, -1.8%, +1.2%, +0.6%; -0.9% and +1.0%. The index for "crop products", which follows the same trend as the overall index, went up by 4.8% from 138.9 in June 1996 to 145.6 in December 1996 with changes of +3.5%, -2.0%, +1.6%, +1.0%, -0.4% and +1.2% over the consecutive months of the period under review. The new price of sugar cane for the crop year, which takes effect at the beginning of each crop year (July), brought up the index for sugar cane to 150.0 in July 1996 from 139.6 in June, i.e an increase of 7.4%.

The index for "other crop products" has its own pattern of change as shown in Table 2. Significant decreases were recorded for the months of July (-15.3%) and August (-14.8%) mainly due to a substantial fall of 30.5% in the prices of fresh vegetables in July and an additional fall of 35.9% in August. Higher production of fresh vegetables noted in July and August was the main reason for the sharp decline in prices. The drop of 2.9% registered in November 1996 was principally, the result of a fall of 4.1% recorded in the price of fruits, 5.1% in fresh vegetables and 4.5% in flowers. On the other hand, price increases of 12.8%, 7.3% and 8.9% registered for the months of September, October and December 1996 were largely

attributable to higher prices of fresh vegetables of the order of +41.0%, +20.8% and +19.2% respectively, resulting mainly from lower production. It is important to note that cyclone Daniella which visited Mauritius in the beginning of the second week of December 1996 affected the production of some foodcrops.

As regards the sub-group "animal and animal products", the index which was 114.7 in June 1996 decreased by 9.7% to reach 103.6 in December 1996. Apart from a slight increase of 0.7% noted in July 1996 and no change in August 1996, the index decreased continuously by 1.6%, 2.7%, 5.3% and 1.1% in the following four months mainly as a consequence of a reduction in the price of eggs caused, to a large extent, by an increase in production (Table 2).

The overall index for each month compared with that of the same month of the previous year shows increases which oscillated between 5.4% and 9.5% for the period under review (Table 3).

Table 4 presents the net contribution of the commodity groups and products that have affected the index from month to month for the period January 1996 - December 1996.

2.2 *Changes in the quarterly index*

Table 5 gives the evolution of the Producer Price Index on a quarterly basis. The overall index increased from 137.3 in the second quarter of 1996 to 139.0 in the third quarter and 139.7 in the fourth quarter of 1996.

The increase of 1.2% in the overall index observed in the third quarter of 1996 mainly reflects the new price of sugar cane for the crop year which comes into effect as from that quarter.

The marginal rise of 0.5% in the aggregate index observed in the fourth quarter of 1996 was largely the net result of a sharp increase of 33.0% in the price of fresh vegetables which outweighed a significant decrease of 27.8% for eggs.

Other details on changes that have occurred at the group and sub-group level are given in Table 6.

When compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year, increases in the quarterly overall indices were 7.0% and 9.3% in the third and fourth quarters of 1996 (Table 6).

The net contribution of commodity groups and products that have affected the quarterly index from quarter to quarter in the third and fourth quarter of 1996 are shown in Table 6.

2.3 *Changes in the annual index*

The weighted average monthly index for the twelve months of 1996 works out to 136.6 compared to 125.9 in 1995, showing an annual increase of 8.5%. This increase was the result of the combined effect of a 8.9% increase in the price of crop products and 5.4% in those of animals and animal products (Table 7).

Sub-indices for different commodity groups and products as well as the net contribution of the latter to the annual changes are also included in Table 7.

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Table 1: Monthly indices by commodity groups and products, January 1995 - December 1996

Commodity Group	Weight	1995											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Crop Products	871.0	124.5	125.2	131.9	132.9	126.8	124.4	132.5	133.8	133.5	132.4	131.0	131.6
Sugar cane	719.3	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6
Other crop products	151.7	113.5	117.6	155.9	162.1	126.6	113.1	99.0	106.6	104.5	98.4	90.0	93.8
Cereal	1.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Root Crops	16.0	104.3	115.6	146.8	111.3	146.0	131.7	111.5	110.0	110.1	105.8	106.9	107.3
Fruits	21.9	147.5	127.9	134.6	137.5	134.6	131.4	132.2	157.2	151.4	135.7	108.7	100.4
Fresh vegetables	68.2	110.3	123.9	200.2	229.7	134.5	109.0	82.2	91.3	88.1	79.4	70.4	81.8
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	112.3	106.7	103.7	107.1	107.6	105.9	106.2	106.5	109.3	115.7	108.0	106.2
Tea ¹	21.2	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1
Tobacco	11.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	100.9	100.9	104.1	105.1	107.4	106.6	107.9	107.9	106.6	103.5	103.1	104.0
Cattle	5.5	100.0	100.0	127.0	127.0	127.0	127.0	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4
Pigs	7.0	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.9	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3
Goat	4.0	113.5	113.5	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8
Sheep	0.3	104.2	104.2	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3
Deer	6.4	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	107.4	107.4	107.4	107.4	107.4	107.4	107.4
Poultry	56.9	106.9	106.9	106.9	106.9	106.9	106.9	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8
Eggs	33.8	83.0	82.9	90.2	93.9	102.5	104.0	107.2	107.1	102.2	90.5	89.0	92.5
Milk	14.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7
Honey	0.4	107.8	107.8	107.8	107.8	113.1	114.8	120.7	120.7	120.7	115.5	113.7	113.7
Overall Index	1,000.0	121.5	122.1	128.3	129.3	124.3	122.1	129.3	130.5	130.0	128.7	127.4	128.0

¹ Indices revised in the light of final price for green tea leaf

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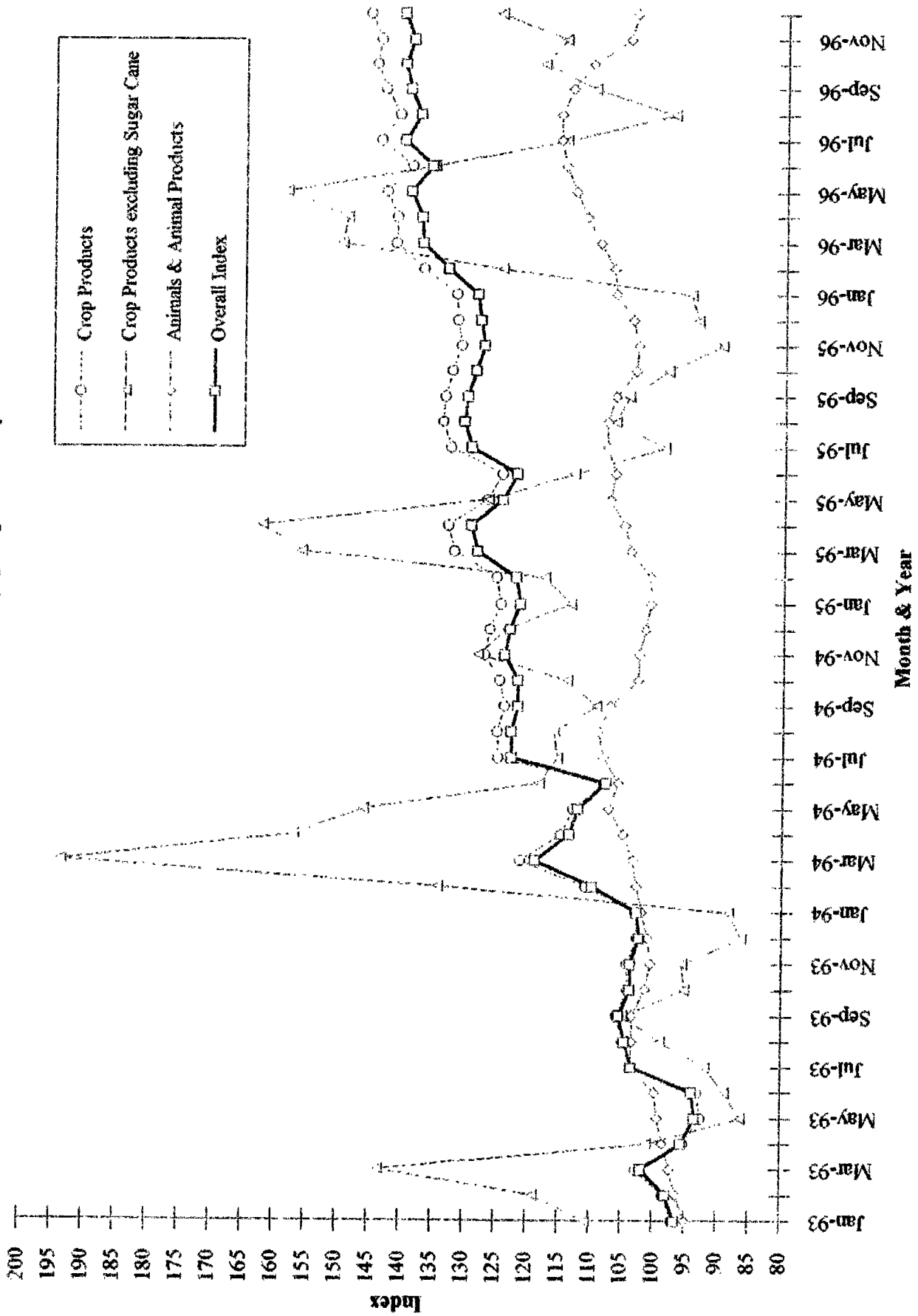
(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 1 (Cont'd): Monthly indices by commodity groups and products, January 1995 - December 1996

Commodity Group	Weight	1996											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Crop Products	871.0	131.8	137.0	141.4	141.2	142.9	138.9	143.8	140.9	143.1	144.5	143.9	145.6
Sugar cane	719.3	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Other crop products	151.7	94.9	124.6	149.8	149.0	158.5	135.4	114.7	97.7	110.2	118.2	114.8	125.0
Cereal	1.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Root Crops	16.0	107.6	148.1	137.8	140.6	161.0	139.8	130.2	126.7	127.3	121.6	124.9	125.3
Fruits	21.9	105.2	122.1	152.1	147.0	142.7	150.1	147.0	143.5	147.1	145.2	139.2	147.4
Fresh vegetables	68.2	76.8	126.7	176.0	175.7	193.0	144.0	100.1	64.2	90.5	109.3	103.8	123.7
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	103.7	112.2	108.9	106.8	109.1	110.4	116.7	117.0	118.2	123.2	117.6	118.8
Tea ¹	21.2	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1
Tobacco	11.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	106.6	107.0	109.2	111.4	113.1	114.7	115.5	115.5	113.7	110.6	104.7	103.6
Cattle	5.5	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	122.2	122.2	122.2
Pigs	7.0	92.3	92.3	92.3	85.5	85.5	85.5	85.5	85.5	85.5	92.3	92.3	92.3
Goat	4.0	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4
Sheep	0.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	112.9	112.9	112.9	112.9	112.9	112.9
Deer	6.4	107.4	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	111.4	111.4	111.4
Poultry	56.9	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	111.6	111.6	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4
Eggs	33.8	98.9	100.1	108.5	118.3	123.0	128.6	129.8	129.8	122.8	108.5	85.9	82.0
Milk	14.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7
Honey	0.4	111.1	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	128.3	130.4	130.4	125.2	122.6	127.8	127.8
Overall Index	1,000.0	128.5	133.1	137.2	137.4	139.1	135.8	140.1	137.6	139.3	140.1	138.8	140.2

¹ Provisional

Chart 1 - Monthly indices for broad commodity groups, January 1993 - December 1996



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Table 2: Percentage changes from previous month by commodity groups and products, January 1996 - December 1996

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage Changes from											
		Dec 95 to Jan 96	Jan 96 to Feb 96	Feb 96 to Mar 96	Mar 96 to Apr 96	Apr 96 to May 96	May 96 to Jun 96	Jun 96 to Jul 96	Jul 96 to Aug 96	Aug 96 to Sep 96	Sep 96 to Oct 96	Oct 96 to Nov 96	Nov 96 to Dec 96
Crop Products	871.0	0.2	3.9	3.2	-0.1	1.2	-2.8	3.5	-2.0	1.6	1.0	-0.4	1.2
Sugar cane	719.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other crop products	151.7	1.2	31.3	20.2	-0.5	6.4	-14.6	-15.3	-14.8	12.8	7.3	-2.9	8.9
Cereal	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Root Crops	16.0	0.3	37.6	-7.0	2.0	14.5	-13.2	-6.9	-2.7	0.5	-4.5	2.7	0.3
Fruits	21.9	4.8	16.1	24.6	-3.4	-2.9	5.2	-2.1	-2.4	2.5	-1.3	-4.1	5.9
Fresh vegetables	68.2	-6.1	65.0	38.9	-0.2	9.8	-25.4	-30.5	-35.9	41.0	20.8	-5.0	19.2
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	-2.4	8.2	-2.9	-1.9	2.2	1.2	5.7	0.3	1.0	4.2	-4.5	1.0
Tea	21.2	22.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco	11.3	-5.5	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	129.0	2.5	0.4	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.4	0.7	0.0	-1.6	-2.7	-5.3	-1.1
Cattle	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0
Pigs	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
Goat	4.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sheep	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deer	6.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0
Poultry	56.9	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eggs	33.8	6.9	1.2	8.4	9.0	4.0	4.6	0.9	0.0	-5.4	-11.6	-20.8	-4.5
Milk	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Honey	0.4	-2.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6	1.6	0.0	-4.0	-2.1	4.2	0.0
Overall Change	1,000.0	0.4	3.6	3.1	0.1	1.2	-2.4	3.2	-1.8	1.2	0.6	-0.9	1.0

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Table 3: Percentage changes from corresponding month of previous year by commodity groups and products, January 1996 - December 1996

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage Changes from											
		Jan 95 to Jan 96	Feb 95 to Feb 96	Mar 95 to Mar 96	Apr 95 to Apr 96	May 95 to May 96	Jun 95 to Jun 96	Jul 95 to Jul 96	Aug 95 to Aug 96	Sep 95 to Sep 96	Oct 95 to Oct 96	Nov 95 to Nov 96	Dec 95 to Dec 96
Crop Products	871.0	5.9	9.4	7.2	6.2	12.7	11.7	8.5	5.3	7.2	9.1	9.8	10.6
Sugar cane	719.3	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Other crop products	151.7	-16.4	6.0	-3.9	-8.1	25.2	19.7	15.9	-8.3	5.5	20.1	27.6	33.3
Cereal	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Root Crops	16.0	3.2	28.1	-6.1	26.3	10.3	6.2	16.8	15.2	15.6	14.9	16.8	16.8
Fruits	21.9	-28.7	-4.5	13.0	6.9	6.0	14.2	11.2	-8.7	-2.8	7.0	28.1	46.8
Fresh vegetables	68.2	-30.4	2.3	-12.1	-20.4	43.5	32.1	21.8	-29.7	2.7	37.7	47.4	51.2
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	-7.7	5.2	5.0	-0.3	1.4	4.2	9.9	9.9	8.1	6.5	8.9	11.9
Tea	21.2	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7
Tobacco	11.3	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	5.6	6.0	4.9	6.0	5.3	7.6	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.9	1.6	-0.4
Cattle	5.5	17.4	17.4	-7.6	-7.6	-7.6	-7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	4.1	4.1
Pigs	7.0	-21.0	-21.0	-21.0	-26.9	-26.9	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Goat	4.0	9.3	9.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Sheep	0.3	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Deer	6.4	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.7	3.7	3.7
Poultry	56.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Eggs	33.8	19.2	20.7	20.3	26.0	20.0	23.7	21.1	21.2	20.2	19.9	-3.5	-11.4
Milk	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Honey	0.4	3.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	-1.0	11.8	8.0	8.0	3.7	6.1	12.4	12.4
Overall Change	1,000.0	5.8	9.0	6.9	6.3	11.9	11.2	8.4	5.4	7.2	8.9	8.9	9.5

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Table 4: Net contributions of commodity groups and products that have affected the index from month to month, January 1996 - December 1996

Commodity Group	Weight	Dec 95 to Jan 96	Jan 96 to Feb 96	Feb 96 to Mar 96	Mar 96 to Apr 96	Apr 96 to May 96	May 96 to Jun 96	Jun 96 to Jul 96	Jul 96 to Aug 96	Aug 96 to Sep 96	Sep 96 to Oct 96	Oct 96 to Nov 96	Nov 96 to Dec 96
Crop Products	871.0	0.16	4.52	3.82	-0.11	1.44	-3.51	4.25	-2.55	1.89	1.21	-0.52	1.56
Sugar cane	719.3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other crop products	151.7	0.16	4.52	3.82	-0.11	1.44	-3.51	-3.23	-2.55	1.89	1.21	-0.52	1.56
Cereal	1.9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Root Crops	16.0	0.00	0.65	-0.16	0.04	0.31	-0.34	-0.17	-0.05	0.01	-0.09	0.05	0.01
Fruits	21.9	0.11	0.37	0.66	-0.11	-0.09	0.16	-0.08	-0.07	0.08	-0.04	-0.13	0.18
Fresh vegetables	68.2	-0.34	3.40	3.36	-0.02	1.19	-3.34	-3.04	-2.43	1.79	1.28	-0.38	1.36
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	-0.03	0.10	-0.04	-0.02	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.06	-0.06	0.01
Tea	21.2	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tobacco	11.3	-0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	0.34	0.05	0.28	0.28	0.22	0.21	0.10	0.00	-0.24	-0.39	-0.76	-0.13
Cattle	5.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00
Pigs	7.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
Goat	4.0	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sheep	0.3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deer	6.4	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Poultry	56.9	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eggs	33.8	0.22	0.04	0.28	0.33	0.16	0.19	0.04	0.00	-0.24	-0.48	-0.76	-0.13
Milk	14.7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honey	0.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,000.0	0.50	4.57	4.10	0.17	1.66	-3.30	4.35	-2.55	1.65	0.82	-1.28	1.43

Quarterly Producer Price Index - Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 5: Quarterly indices ¹ by commodity groups and products, 1st Quarter 1995 - 4th Quarter 1996

Commodity Group	Weight	1995				1996			
		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Crop Products	871.0	126.7	127.8	133.3	131.4	135.7	140.9	142.6	144.7
Sugar cane	719.3	126.8	126.8	139.6	139.6	139.6	139.6	150.0	150.0
Other crop products	151.7	126.5	132.3	103.4	92.8	117.3	147.0	107.3	119.6
Cereal	1.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Root Crops	16.0	107.0	130.6	110.5	106.7	111.3	145.8	127.9	124.1
Fruits	21.9	141.0	134.3	146.7	106.4	114.6	146.7	145.9	145.1
Fresh vegetables	68.2	141.3	150.9	87.4	77.2	122.1	169.7	84.5	112.4
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	107.6	106.9	107.3	110.0	108.3	108.8	117.3	119.9
Tea	21.2	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	124.1	124.1	124.1	124.1
Tobacco	11.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	102.0	106.3	107.4	103.5	107.6	113.0	114.9	106.3
Cattle	5.5	109.0	127.0	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4	122.2
Pigs	7.0	116.9	108.7	92.3	92.3	92.3	85.5	85.5	92.3
Goat	4.0	115.3	118.8	118.8	118.8	124.1	124.1	129.4	129.4
Sheep	0.3	105.6	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	112.9	112.9
Deer	6.4	103.6	104.9	107.4	107.4	108.0	108.7	109.6	111.4
Poultry	56.9	106.9	106.9	108.8	108.8	110.5	111.2	112.4	112.4
Eggs	33.8	85.4	100.1	105.5	90.7	102.5	123.3	127.5	92.1
Milk	14.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7
Honey	0.4	107.8	111.9	120.7	114.3	111.7	117.4	128.7	126.1
Overall Index	1,000.0	123.5	125.0	130.0	127.8	132.1	137.3	139.0	139.7

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

Annual Producer Price Index - Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 7: Annual indices , Annual changes (%) and Net contributions of commodity groups and products to the change, 1993 - 1996

Commodity Group	Weight	Annual Index ¹				Percentage Changes from			Net Contributions from		
		1993	1994	1995	1996	1993 to 1994	1994 to 1995	1995 to 1996	1993 to 1994	1994 to 1995	1995 to 1996
Crop Products	871.0	100.0	117.8	129.0	140.5	17.8	9.5	8.9	15.5	9.9	10.0
Sugar cane	719.3	100.0	116.4	133.2	144.8	16.4	14.4	8.7	11.9	12.1	8.3
Other crop products	151.7	100.0	124.2	109.2	120.4	24.2	-12.1	10.3	3.6	-2.2	1.7
Cereal	1.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Root Crops	16.0	100.0	102.0	108.5	124.0	2.0	6.4	14.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
Fruits	21.9	100.0	158.9	122.5	136.9	58.9	-22.9	11.8	1.3	-0.7	0.3
Fresh vegetables	68.2	100.0	132.8	108.5	117.9	32.8	-18.3	8.7	2.2	-1.7	0.7
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	100.0	111.7	107.9	113.6	11.7	-3.4	5.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Tea	21.2	100.0	98.3	101.1	124.1 ²	-1.7	2.8	22.7	0.0	0.0	0.5
Tobacco	11.3	100.0	102.6	108.3	102.3	2.6	5.6	-5.5	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	100.0	104.9	104.8	110.5	4.9	-0.1	5.4	0.6	-0.1	0.7
Cattle	5.5	100.0	100.0	117.5	119.0	0.0	17.5	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
Pigs	7.0	100.0	109.7	101.8	88.9	9.7	-7.2	-12.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Goat	4.0	100.0	111.4	118.1	127.3	11.4	6.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sheep	0.3	100.0	103.0	107.5	110.2	3.0	4.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deer	6.4	100.0	103.6	105.8	109.4	3.6	2.1	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poultry	56.9	100.0	104.7	107.9	111.6	4.7	3.1	3.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Eggs	33.8	100.0	103.6	95.4	111.4	3.6	-7.9	16.8	0.1	-0.3	0.6
Milk	14.7	100.0	106.7	106.7	106.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Honey	0.4	100.0	103.5	113.7	121.0	3.5	9.9	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	1,000.0	100.0	116.1	125.9	136.6	16.1	8.4	8.5	16.1	9.8	10.7

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

² Provisional