

Producer Price Index - Agriculture (PPI-A)

(1st Quarter 1999)

Introduction

The Producer Price Index Agriculture (PPI-A) measures the average change in the selling prices which producers receive for their agricultural products. This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators provides monthly indices of agricultural prices for the period January to March 1999 as well as revised figures for 1998 and 1997.

It is recalled that the indices are calculated using calendar year 1993 as the reference period and that the quarterly and annual indices are not simple averages of the monthly indices but have been computed using weights for the base year.

2. Structure of the PPI-A

The Producer Price Index Agriculture (PPI-A) consists of two sub groups, namely Crop Products and Animals & Animal products. The sub group Crop Products is further divided into Sugar cane and Other Crop Products. The Overall and the Crop Products indices are heavily influenced by sugar cane which represents 82.6% of the weight of the sub-group Crop products and 71.9% of the total. The price of sugar cane obtained is itself available in a final form only at the end of the crop year (July to June). This price is assumed to have prevailed during every month of the crop year.

2.1 Changes in the monthly index

During the first quarter of 1999, the Overall monthly Producer Price Index Agriculture (PPI-A) increased by 4.6 points or 3.0% rising steadily from 151.5 in December to 153.9 in January, 154.8 in February and 156.1 in March.

The index for Crop Products, which is heavily influenced by sugar cane, showed a 2.5% increase as the price of sugar cane is kept constant over a crop year. The index for Other Crop Products (Crop Products excluding sugar cane) rose by 17.0% from 130.3 in December to 152.5 at the end of March. This substantial rise was the combined effect of price increases mainly in the following: 18.0% increase in the price of fresh vegetables in January, 24.7%, in root crops in February and 34.6%, in fruits in March.

As regards the sub group Animal and Animal Products, the index which stood at 122.1 in December reached 131.1 in March showing a rise of 7.4%. Decreases in the price of pigs (9.5% in January) and in that of cattle (2.8% in March) were offset by the continuous rise in the prices of eggs (34.7%) and honey (3.9%) during the period under review.

Table 1 and chart 1 show the evolution of the Overall and Sub group monthly indices.

For more details of changes on a month-to-month basis, refer to Table 2 and Table 3. The net contributions of commodity groups and products that have affected the index are also given in Table 4.

2.2 *Changes in the quarterly index*

Table 5 gives the evolution of the Producer Price Index (PPI-A) on a quarterly basis. The Overall index for the fourth quarter of 1998 works out to 151.1 and that for the first quarter of 1999, to 154.4. Compared to the previous quarter, an increase of 2.2% is noted but compared to the first quarter of 1998, a rise of 7.0% is observed.

Table 6 shows percentage changes on a quarterly basis and the net contributions of commodity groups and products to the change.

2.3 *Changes in the annual index, 1998 (revised)*

The annual index of the PPI-A for 1998 obtained as a weighted average of twelve months has been revised slightly down to 147.6 instead of 147.7. Compared to 139.4 in 1997, this represents a 6.0% increase in the producer prices of agricultural products in 1998. Details of changes that have occurred are shown in Table 7.

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(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 1: Monthly indices by commodity groups and products, January 1997 - March 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	1997											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Crop Products	871.0	149.9	147.5	145.8	145.5	149.2	148.8	142.4	142.3	141.1	140.1	138.7	138.7
Sugar cane	719.3	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0
Other Crop Products	151.7	149.4	135.5	126.1	124.2	145.2	143.2	130.0	129.6	122.6	117.1	108.8	109.1
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	125.4	160.3	172.4	173.9	183.0	160.6	139.6	158.1	161.6	153.3	157.8	157.2
Fruits	21.9	134.9	132.9	187.7	177.4	167.5	164.6	176.1	174.3	159.4	135.6	119.1	107.5
Fresh vegetables	68.2	177.7	138.9	98.3	97.8	145.5	147.4	116.8	112.1	100.1	97.6	84.1	88.7
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	115.3	116.7	112.2	107.5	108.4	107.7	107.7	107.7	109.7	109.5	104.8	104.4
Tea	21.2	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	145.3 ¹	145.3 ¹	145.3 ¹	145.3 ¹	145.3 ¹	145.3 ¹
Tobacco	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	105.5	107.0	108.3	113.6	116.1	119.0	118.5	115.2	110.2	108.4	110.5	117.7
Cattle	5.5	122.2	122.2	122.2	122.2	122.2	122.2	113.0	113.0	106.4	102.6	102.6	102.6
Pigs	7.0	98.9	98.9	98.9	105.6	105.6	105.6	112.3	112.3	112.3	139.7	139.7	139.7
Goat	4.0	129.4	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	132.0
Sheep	0.3	112.9	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7
Deer	6.4	111.4	111.4	112.7	112.7	112.7	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.2	120.1	120.1	120.1
Poultry	56.9	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	114.6
Eggs	33.8	87.9	87.3	91.9	110.8	120.3	130.6	128.6	116.0	98.1	85.7	93.7	117.6
Milk	14.7	106.7	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0
Honey	0.4	127.8	127.8	127.8	127.8	127.8	127.8	129.6	129.6	129.6	129.6	129.6	122.6
Overall Index	1,000.0	144.2	142.3	141.0	141.4	144.9	145.0	139.3	138.8	137.1	136.0	135.1	136.0

¹ Revised

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(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 1 (Cont'd) : Monthly indices by commodity groups and products, January 1997 - March 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	1998											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Crop Products	871.0	141.7	144.8	161.1	159.0	145.3	142.1	154.3	155.0	155.7	155.8	154.8	155.9
Sugar cane	719.3	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3
Other Crop Products	151.7	126.0	144.0	237.2	225.3	146.8	128.1	121.1	125.2	129.4	129.5	124.3	130.3
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	158.1	191.8	200.6	189.1	225.0	190.1	159.0	159.1	162.4	154.6	157.7	158.1
Fruits	21.9	133.5	96.2	139.2	138.2	137.5	125.9	140.5	146.0	149.2	144.5	130.9	114.9
Fresh vegetables	68.2	115.2	159.4	351.3	327.9	145.2	115.7	102.1	109.5	116.8	118.8	110.8	129.8
Flowers,Ornamental plants	11.2	109.8	109.2	107.8	106.6	106.0	104.8	108.3	107.6	109.0	119.3	118.7	115.1
Tea ¹	21.2	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3
Tobacco ¹	11.3	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	118.3	118.3	118.8	126.8	129.5	130.5	130.1	130.4	130.3	124.0	121.4	122.1
Cattle	5.5	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	95.4	95.4	95.4	97.2	97.2	97.2	97.2
Pigs	7.0	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7
Goat	4.0	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9
Sheep	0.3	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7
Deer	6.4	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	126.6	124.5	124.5	124.5	126.3	126.3	126.3
Poultry	56.9	122.1	122.1	122.1	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6
Eggs	33.8	105.2	105.2	107.4	126.8	137.1	140.8	139.8	141.0	140.0	115.7	105.9	108.5
Milk	14.7	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0
Honey	0.4	131.3	131.3	131.3	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8	134.8
Overall Index	1,000.0	138.7	141.4	155.6	154.8	143.3	140.6	151.2	151.8	152.4	151.7	150.5	151.5

¹ Revised

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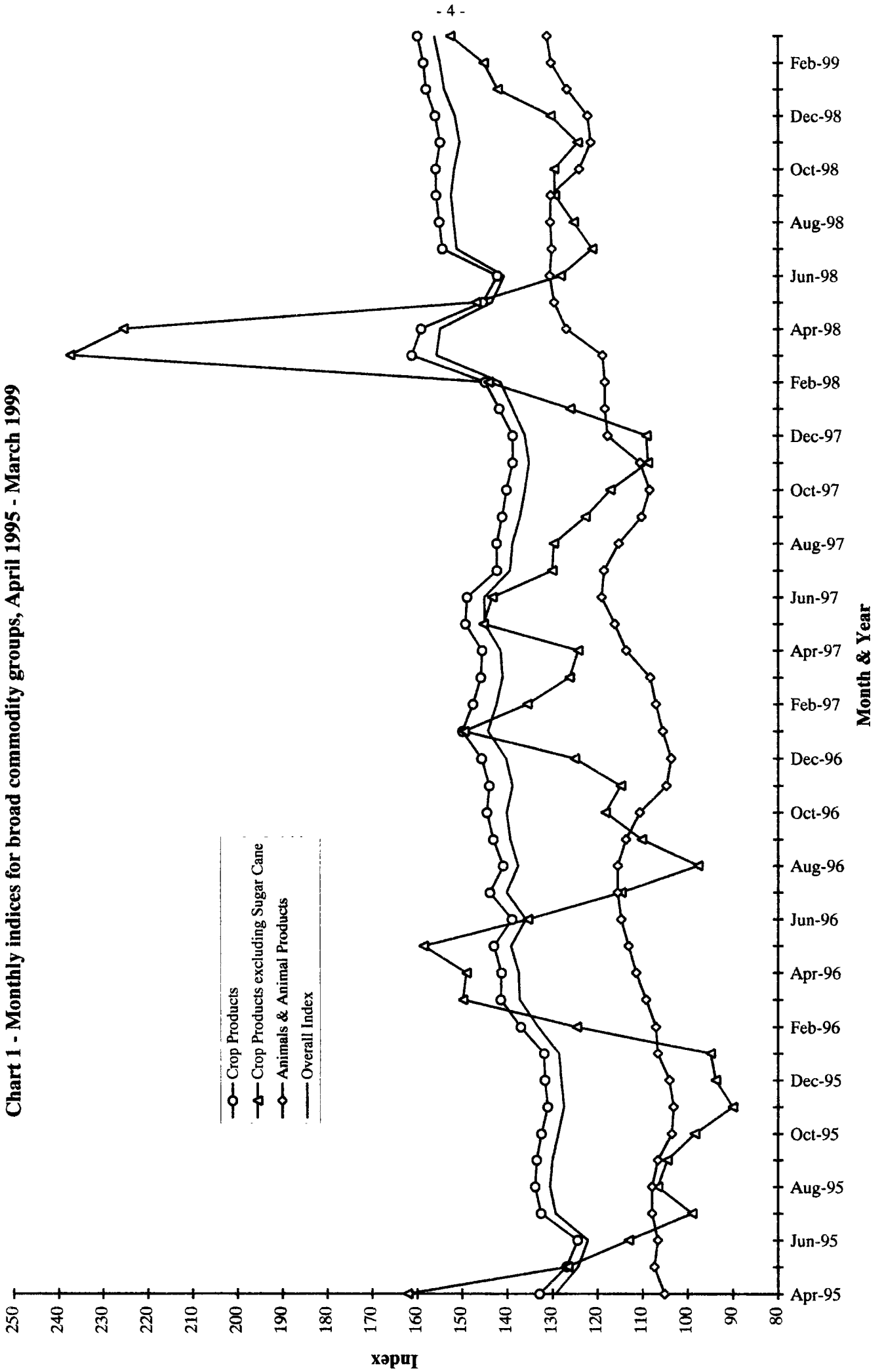
(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 1 (Cont'd) : Monthly indices by commodity groups and products, January 1997 - March 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	1999 ¹		
		January	February	March
Crop Products	871.0	157.9	158.5	159.8
Sugar cane	719.3	161.3	161.3	161.3
Other Crop Products	151.7	142.0	145.1	152.5
Cereal	1.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Root Crops	16.0	159.3	198.6	188.9
Fruits	21.9	121.8	125.7	169.2
Fresh vegetables	68.2	153.2	149.7	154.5
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	116.0	116.0	116.0
Tea	21.2	145.3	145.3	145.3
Tobacco	11.3	116.7	116.7	116.7
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	126.7	130.2	131.1
Cattle	5.5	97.2	97.2	94.5
Pigs	7.0	126.4	126.4	126.4
Goat	4.0	147.9	147.9	147.9
Sheep	0.3	116.7	116.7	116.7
Deer	6.4	126.3	126.3	126.3
Poultry	56.9	128.6	128.6	128.6
Eggs	33.8	128.8	142.3	146.1
Milk	14.7	120.0	120.0	120.0
Honey	0.4	140.0	140.0	140.0
Overall Index	1,000.0	153.9	154.8	156.1

¹ Provisional

Chart 1 - Monthly indices for broad commodity groups, April 1995 - March 1999



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Table 2 : Percentage changes from previous month by commodity groups and products , April 1998 - March 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage Changes from																							
		Mar 98 to Apr 98		Apr 98 to May 98		May 98 to June 98		June 98 to July 98		Jul 98 to Aug 98		Aug 98 to Sep 98		Sep 98 to Oct 98		Oct 98 to Nov 98		Nov 98 to Dec 98		Dec 98 to Jan 99		Jan 99 to Feb 99		Feb 99 to Mar 99	
		Mar 98	Apr 98	Apr 98	May 98	May 98	June 98	June 98	July 98	July 98	Aug 98	Aug 98	Sep 98	Sep 98	Oct 98	Oct 98	Nov 98	Nov 98	Dec 98	Dec 98	Jan 99	Jan 99	Feb 99	Feb 99	Mar 99
Crop Products	871.0	-1.3	-8.6	-2.2	8.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.6	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.8												
Sugar cane	719.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0												
Other Crop Products	151.7	-5.0	-34.8	-12.7	-5.5	3.4	3.4	0.1	-4.0	4.8	9.0	2.2	5.1												
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	-5.7	19.0	-15.5	-16.4	0.1	2.1	-4.8	2.0	0.3	0.8	24.7	-4.9												
Fruits	21.9	-0.7	-0.5	-8.4	11.6	3.9	2.2	-3.2	-9.4	-12.2	6.0	3.2	34.6												
Fresh vegetables	68.2	-6.7	-55.7	-20.3	-11.8	7.2	6.7	1.7	-6.7	17.1	18.0	-2.3	3.2												
Flowers,Ornamental plants	11.2	-1.1	-0.6	-1.1	3.3	-0.6	1.3	9.4	-0.5	-3.0	0.8	0.0	0.0												
Tea	21.2	0.0	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	0.0	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	6.7	2.1	0.8	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	-4.8	-2.1	0.6	3.8	2.8	0.7												
Cattle	5.5	0.0	0.0	-7.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.8												
Pigs	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.5	0.0	0.0												
Goat	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0												
Deer	6.4	0.0	0.0	5.4	-1.7	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0												
Poultry	56.9	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0												
Eggs	33.8	18.1	8.1	2.7	-0.7	0.9	-0.7	-17.4	-8.5	2.5	18.7	10.5	2.7												
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	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0												
Overall Change	1,000.0	-0.5	-7.4	-1.9	7.5	0.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	0.7	1.6	0.6	0.8												

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Table 3 : Percentage changes from corresponding month of previous year by commodity groups and products , April 1998 - March 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage Changes from											
		Apr 97 to Apr 98	May 97 to May 98	Jun 97 to Jun 98	Jul 97 to Jul 98	Aug 97 to Aug 98	Sep 97 to Sep 98	Oct 97 to Oct 98	Nov 97 to Nov 98	Dec 97 to Dec 98	Jan 98 to Jan 99	Feb 98 to Feb 99	Mar 98 to Mar 99
Crop Products	871.0	9.3	-2.6	-4.5	8.4	8.9	10.3	11.2	11.6	12.4	11.4	9.5	-0.8
Sugar cane	719.3	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
Other Crop Products	151.7	81.4	1.1	-10.5	-6.8	-3.4	5.5	10.6	14.2	19.4	12.7	0.8	-35.7
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	8.7	23.0	18.4	13.9	0.6	0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.6	0.8	3.5	-5.8
Fruits	21.9	-22.1	-17.9	-23.5	-20.2	-16.2	-6.4	6.6	9.9	6.9	-8.8	30.7	21.6
Fresh vegetables	68.2	235.3	-0.2	-21.5	-12.6	-2.3	16.7	21.7	31.7	46.3	33.0	-6.1	-56.0
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	-0.8	-2.2	-2.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	8.9	13.3	10.2	5.6	6.2	7.6
Tea	21.2	5.7	5.7	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco	11.3	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	11.6	11.5	9.7	9.8	13.2	18.2	14.4	9.9	3.7	7.1	10.1	10.4
Cattle	5.5	-16.0	-16.0	-21.9	-15.6	-15.6	-8.6	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3	-7.9
Pigs	7.0	32.3	32.3	32.3	24.4	24.4	24.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.5	-9.5	-9.5
Goat	4.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sheep	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deer	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.1	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Poultry	56.9	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	12.2	5.3	5.3	5.3
Eggs	33.8	14.4	14.0	7.8	8.7	21.6	42.7	35.0	13.0	-7.7	22.4	35.3	36.0
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	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	10.0	6.6	6.6	6.6
Overall Change	1,000.0	9.5	-1.1	-3.0	8.5	9.4	11.2	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.0	9.5	0.3

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Table 4 : Net contributions of commodity groups and products that have affected the index from month to month, April 1998 - March 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	Mar. 98	Apr. 98	May. 98	Jun. 98	Jul. 98	Aug. 98	Sep. 98	Oct. 98	Nov. 98	Dec. 98	Jan. 99	Feb. 99	Mar. 99
		Apr. 98	May. 98	Jun. 98	Jul. 98	Aug. 98	Sep. 98	Oct. 98	Nov. 98	Dec. 98	Jan. 99	Feb. 99	Mar. 99	
Crop Products	871.0	-1.81	-11.92	-2.83	10.65	0.61	0.64	0.04	-0.81	0.92	1.78	0.48	1.12	
Sugar cane	719.3	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Crop Products	151.7	-1.81	-11.92	-2.83	-1.07	0.61	0.64	0.04	-0.81	0.92	1.78	0.48	1.12	
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	0.00
Root Crops	16.0	-0.18	0.57	-0.56	-0.50	0.00	0.05	-0.12	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.63	-0.16	
Fruits	21.9	-0.02	-0.02	-0.25	0.32	0.12	0.07	-0.10	-0.30	-0.35	0.15	0.09	0.95	
Fresh vegetables	68.2	-1.60	-12.46	-2.01	-0.93	0.50	0.50	0.14	-0.55	1.30	1.60	-0.24	0.33	
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.04	-0.01	0.02	0.12	-0.01	-0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	
Tea	21.2	0.00	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	0.00	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	1.03	0.35	0.13	-0.04	0.04	-0.02	-0.81	-0.33	0.09	0.60	0.46	0.12	
Cattle	5.5	0.00	0.00	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	
Pigs	7.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.09	0.00	0.00	
Goat	4.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.04	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Poultry	56.9	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Eggs	33.8	0.66	0.35	0.13	-0.03	0.04	-0.03	-0.82	-0.33	0.09	0.69	0.46	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	1,000.0	-0.78	-11.57	-2.70	10.61	0.65	0.62	-0.77	-1.14	1.01	2.38	0.94	1.24	

Quarterly Producer Price Index - Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 5: Quarterly indices¹ by commodity groups and products, 2nd Quarter 1997 - 1st Quarter 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	1997				1998				1999
		2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	
Crop Products	871.0	147.9	141.9	139.0	148.1	148.2	155.0	155.3	158.1	
Sugar cane	719.3	150.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	161.3	161.3	161.3	
Other Crop Products	151.7	138.0	127.3	110.6	162.8	163.2	125.3	127.0	142.9	
Cereal	1.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Root Crops	16.0	170.0	153.6	156.4	162.0	199.4	159.9	157.0	162.9	
Fruits	21.9	169.5	169.7	113.5	124.4	133.5	145.2	122.2	127.9	
Fresh vegetables	68.2	131.9	109.4	90.1	199.3	189.0	109.7	119.9	152.5	
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	107.9	108.4	106.2	108.9	105.8	108.3	117.7	116.0	
Tea	21.2	137.4	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	
Tobacco	11.3	106.5	106.5	106.5	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	116.2	114.6	112.2	118.5	128.9	130.3	122.5	129.4	
Cattle	5.5	122.2	110.8	102.6	102.6	100.2	96.0	97.2	96.3	
Pigs	7.0	105.6	112.3	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	126.4	
Goat	4.0	132.0	132.0	132.0	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	
Sheep	0.3	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	116.7	
Deer	6.4	114.5	118.2	120.1	120.1	122.3	124.5	126.3	126.3	
Poultry	56.9	112.4	112.4	113.1	122.1	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6	
Eggs	33.8	120.6	114.2	99.0	105.9	134.9	140.3	110.0	139.1	
Milk	14.7	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	
Honey	0.4	127.8	129.6	127.3	131.3	134.8	134.8	134.8	140.0	
Overall Index	1,000.0	143.8	138.4	135.5	144.3	145.7	151.8	151.1	154.4	

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

Quarterly Producer Price Index -Agriculture (PPI-A)

(Base period: Year 1993=100)

Table 6: Quarterly changes (%) and Net Contributions of commodity groups and products to the change, 1st Quarter 1998 - 1st Quarter 1999

Commodity Group	Weight	Percentage Changes from								Percentage Changes from corresponding								Net Contributions from					
		previous quarter				quarter of previous year				quarter of previous year				quarter of previous year				1st Qr 98 to 2nd Qr 98		3rd Qr 98 to 4th Qr 98		4th Qr 98 to 1st Qr 99	
		1st Qr 98 to 2nd Qr 98	2nd Qr 98 to 3rd Qr 98	3rd Qr 98 to 4th Qr 98	4th Qr 98 to 1st Qr 99	2nd Qr 97 to 3rd Qr 97	3rd Qr 97 to 4th Qr 97	4th Qr 97 to 1st Qr 98	1st Qr 98 to 2nd Qr 98	2nd Qr 98 to 3rd Qr 98	3rd Qr 98 to 4th Qr 98	4th Qr 98 to 1st Qr 99	1st Qr 98 to 2nd Qr 98	2nd Qr 98 to 3rd Qr 98	3rd Qr 98 to 4th Qr 98	4th Qr 98 to 1st Qr 99	1st Qr 98 to 2nd Qr 98	2nd Qr 98 to 3rd Qr 98	3rd Qr 98 to 4th Qr 98	4th Qr 98 to 1st Qr 99			
Crop Products	871.0	0.1	4.6	0.2	1.8	0.2	9.2	11.7	6.8	0.07	5.97	0.26	2.41	0.07	5.97	0.26	2.41	0.07	5.97				
Sugar cane	719.3	0.0	11.2	0.0	0.0	-3.3	11.2	11.2	11.2	0.00	11.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.72				
Other Crop Products	151.7	0.2	-23.2	1.4	12.5	18.3	-1.6	14.8	-12.2	0.07	-5.75	0.26	2.41	0.07	-5.75	0.26	2.41	0.07	-5.75				
Cereal	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Root Crops	16.0	23.1	-19.8	-1.8	3.8	17.3	4.1	0.4	0.6	0.60	-0.63	-0.05	0.09	0.60	-0.63	-0.05	0.09	0.60	-0.63				
Fruits	21.9	7.3	8.8	-15.8	4.7	-21.2	-14.4	7.7	2.8	0.20	0.26	-0.50	0.12	0.20	0.26	-0.50	0.12	0.20	0.26				
Fresh vegetables	68.2	-5.2	-42.0	9.3	27.2	43.3	0.3	33.1	-23.5	-0.70	-5.41	0.70	2.22	-0.70	-5.41	0.70	2.22	-0.70	-5.41				
Flowers,Ornamental plants	11.2	-2.8	2.4	8.7	-1.4	-1.9	-0.1	10.8	6.5	-0.03	0.03	0.11	-0.02	-0.03	0.03	0.11	-0.02	-0.03	0.03				
Tea	21.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Tobacco	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	0.0	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	8.8	1.1	-6.0	5.6	10.9	13.7	9.2	9.2	1.35	0.17	-1.00	0.89	1.35	0.17	-1.00	0.89	1.35	0.17				
Cattle	5.5	-2.3	-4.2	1.3	-0.9	-18.0	-13.4	-5.3	-6.1	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.02				
Pigs	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-9.5	32.3	24.4	0.0	-9.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.09	0.00	0.00				
Goat	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Sheep	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Deer	6.4	1.8	1.8	1.4	0.0	6.8	5.3	5.2	5.2	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00				
Poultry	56.9	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.4	14.4	13.7	5.3	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00				
Eggs	33.8	27.4	4.0	-21.6	26.5	11.9	22.9	11.1	31.4	0.98	0.18	-1.02	0.98	0.98	0.18	-1.02	0.98	0.98	0.18				
Milk	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Honey	0.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	3.9	5.5	4.0	5.9	6.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Total	1,000.0	1.0	4.2	-0.5	2.2	1.3	9.7	11.5	7.0	1.42	6.14	-0.74	3.30	1.42	6.14	-0.74	3.30	1.42	6.14				

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, 1995 - 1998

Commodity Group	Weight	Annual Index ¹			Percentage Changes from			Net Contributions from			
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1995 to 1996	1996 to 1997	1997 to 1998	1995 to 1996	1996 to 1997	1997 to 1998
Crop Products	871.0	129.0	140.6	143.4	151.0	9.0	2.0	5.3	9.9	2.3	6.6
Sugar cane	719.3	133.2	144.8	147.5	153.2 ²	8.7	1.9	3.9	8.3	1.9	4.1
Other Crop Products	151.7	109.2	120.6	123.7	140.4	10.4	2.6	13.5	1.6	0.4	2.5
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	108.5	124.0	152.1	159.9	14.3	22.7	5.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Fruits	21.9	122.5	136.9	132.0	126.0	11.8	-3.6	-4.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Fresh vegetables	68.2	108.5	117.9	115.0	149.2	8.7	-2.5	29.7	0.6	-0.2	2.3
Flowers, Ornamental plants	11.2	107.9	113.6	109.3	110.2	5.3	-3.8	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0
Tea	21.2	101.1	126.0	141.4 ²	145.3 ²	24.6	12.2	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.1
Tobacco	11.3	108.3	102.3	106.5	116.7 ²	-5.5	4.1	9.6	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Animals & Animal Products	129.0	104.8	110.5	112.5	125.0	5.4	1.8	11.1	0.6	0.3	1.6
Cattle	5.5	117.5	119.0	112.9	98.7	1.3	-5.1	-12.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Pigs	7.0	101.8	88.9	115.3	139.7	-12.7	29.7	21.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Goat	4.0	118.1	127.3	131.8	147.9	7.8	3.5	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Sheep	0.3	107.5	110.2	116.3	116.7	2.5	5.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deer	6.4	105.8	109.4	116.2	123.3	3.4	6.2	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poultry	56.9	107.9	111.6	112.6	127.0	3.4	0.9	12.8	0.2	0.1	0.8
Eggs	33.8	95.4	111.4	105.7	122.8	16.8	-5.1	16.2	0.5	-0.2	0.6
Milk	14.7	106.7	106.7	118.9	120.0	0.0	11.4	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.0
Honey	0.4	113.7	121.0	128.1	134.8	6.4	5.9	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	1,000.0	125.9	136.7	139.4	147.6	8.6	2.0	5.9	10.5	2.6	8.2

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

² Provisional