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3.7% the Average increase in Agricultural Producers' Prices during September 2017 compared with September 2016

The Data issued by the Department of Statistics indicates an increase in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for Sep 2017 by 3.7% compared with Sep 2016. (The Price Index reached 103.7 in Sep 2017 compared with 100.0 in Sep 2016). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase were tomatoes 85.8%, colored sweet pepper 128.4%, cabbage 115.0%, peach 19.6%, green sweet pepper 77.0%, lemon 13.2%, okra 28.0%, pomegranate 17.2%, cherry 155.6% and cauliflower 13.5%. (the total of their relative importance constituted 48.0% of the total indicator value).

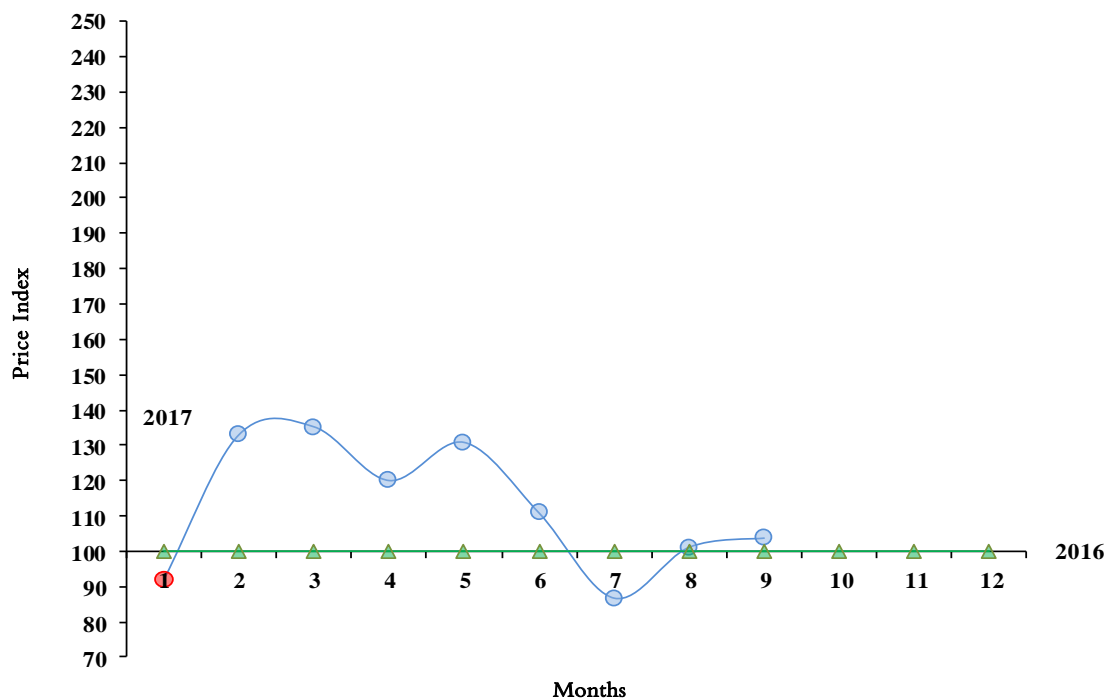
Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of squash, onion, cucumber, guava, Jews mallow, cantaloupe, dates, maize, cut Jews mallow leaves and parsley by 40.3%, 19.2%, 8.1%, 12.2%, 30.9%, 43.9%, 12.3%, 17.3%, 18.7% and 27.5% respectively (the total of their relative importance constituted 52.0% of the total indicator value).

The report also shows that the Price Index has increased by 2.7% in Sep 2017 as compared with Aug 2017 (the price index reached 103.7 in Sep 2017 compared with 101.1 in Aug 2017). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase (the total of their relative importance constituted 39.0%) were onion 27.0%, tomato 22.6%, cauliflower 13.6%, pomegranate 10.9%, colored sweet pepper 27.5%, cherry 126.2%, okra 5.4%, banana 4.3%, potato 1.6% and carrot 12.4%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of cucumber, grapes, squash, apple, lemon, spinach, green sweet pepper, cabbage, figs and orange by 39.4%, 22.6%, 23.5%, 34.0%, 8.4%, 55.4%, 33.1%, 38.6%, 52.8% and 22.8% respectively with a relative importance of 61.0%.

On the accumulative level, the Price Index of Agricultural Producers has increased by 12.6% for the first nine months of 2017 as compared with the same period of 2016 (the accumulative price index reached 112.6 for 2017 compared with 100.0 for the same period of 2016). The most significant crops whose Price Index Average contributed to this increase were tomatoes by 75.6%, green sweet pepper 43.8%, hot pepper 35.8%, colored sweet pepper 32.5, eggplants 20.3%, string beans 18.8%, squash 11.8%, cauliflower 10.4%, potato 4.8% and cucumber 2.2% whose relative importance constituted 94.8%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of banana by 1.7% with a relative importance of 5.2%.

The figure below shows the trend of the price index of the Agricultural Producers for 2016 and 2017.

Fig 1: Agricultural Producers Price Index for 2016 & 2017



It is worthy to mention that the Department of Statistics (DOS) had reviewed the methodology of agricultural prices data collection through a specialized technical committee from DOS and the Ministry of Agriculture upon recommendations of the *Permanent Agricultural Statistics Expert Committee* emanating from the *National Agricultural Strategy (2002-2010)*. In order to improve the data quality, we rely on the

data on agricultural prices for all corps coming from the central markets each month, (2016 is the base year, 100 = 2016) using (Laspeure) formula to derive the price index.