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9.3% the Average Decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during December 2017 Compared with December 2016

The data issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for December 2017 by 9.3% compared with December 2016. (The Price Index reached 90.7 in December 2017 compared with 100.0 in December 2016). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were eggplants (48.3%), green sweet pepper (68.5%), cucumber (44.0%), cauliflower (59.7%), squash (42.7%), string beans (32.2%), spinach (41.0%), maize (43.7%), hot pepper (35.9%) and carrot (32.3%). (the total of their relative importance constituted 59.8% of the total number of the commodities in the indicator).

Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of tomato, orange, colored sweet pepper, clementine, pommel, apple, mandarin, strawberries, mint and mushroom by (54.4%), (26.2%), (153.2%), (11.1%), (16.8%), (17.8%), (30.1%), (9.3%), (75.1%) and (33.9%) respectively (the total of their relative importance constituted 40.2% of the total number of the commodities in the indicator).

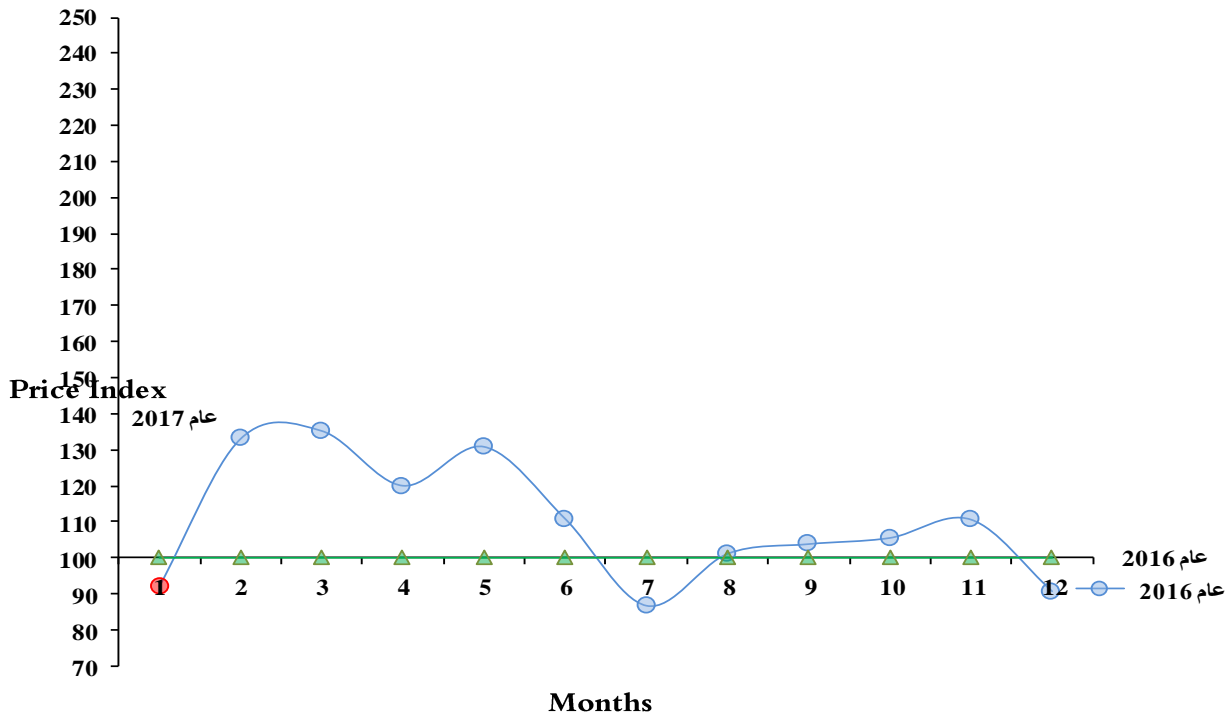
The report also shows that the Price Index has decreased by 18.0% in December 2017 as compared with November 2017 (the price index reached 90.7 in December 2017 compared with 110.6 in November 2017). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease (the total of their relative importance constituted 66.3%) were eggplants (21.5%), green sweet pepper (33.6%), orange (11.3%), cauliflower (35.7%), tomato (13.7%), string beans (26.5%), squash (19.4%), spinach (28.1%), fennel (52.1%) and hot pepper (31.5%). Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of cucumber, clementine, colored sweet pepper, potato, maize, mint, roquette, mallow, pommel and

olives by (56.1%),(13.6%),(40.4%),(3.3%),(7.8%),(111.6%),(65.7%),(73.8%),(5.0%) and (7.2%) respectively with a relative importance of 33.7%.

On the accumulative level, the Price Index of Agricultural Producers has increased by 10.0% for 2017 as compared with 2016 (the accumulative price index reached 110.0 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 cauliflower by 6.7%, hot pepper 28.3%, colored sweet pepper 45.0%, green sweet pepper 34.6%, eggplants 14.6%, tomato 65.5%, squash 6.6%, string beans 9.8% and potato 5.8%, whose relative importance constituted 77.4%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of cucumber and banana by (8.0%) and (2.0%) respectively with a relative importance of 22.6%.

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

Agricultural Producer's 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.



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