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## **12.4% the Average Increase in Agricultural Producers' Prices during Mar 2019 Compared with Mar 2018**

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates an increase in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for Mar 2019 by 12.4% compared with Mar 2018. (The Price Index reached 132.0 in Mar 2019 compared with 117.5 in Mar 2018). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase were tomatoes 217.3%, green lettuce 157.6%, green onions 93.0%, eggplants 82.4%, green almond 72.7%, grapes leaves 71.4%, potatoes 34.8%, cucumber 17.0%, Jews mallow 16.3% and colored sweet pepper by 15.2%.

( the total of their relative importance constituted 70.3% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of hot pepper, fennel, spinach, cauliflower, strawberry, green cabbage, dry onion, chickpeas ,lemon and broad beans by (50.4%), (43.8%), (36.3%), (21.9%), (16.4%), (16.2%), (13.4%), (9.3%), (8.2%) and (6.5%) respectively (the total of their relative importance constituted 29.7% of the total indicator value ) .

The report also shows that the Price Index has increased by 18.6% in Feb 2019 as compared with Mar 2019 (the price index reached 132.0 in Mar 2019 compared with 111.2 in Feb 2019). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase (the total of their relative importance constituted 51.0%) were broccoli 72.9%, tomatoes 63.7%, fennel 51.6%, lemon 49.3%, hot pepper 41.5%, carrot 27.2%, colored sweet pepper 23.4%, cauliflower 20.2%, cucumber 18.9% and potatoes 6.9%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of grape leaves, broad beans, green cabbage, chick peas,

thyme, eggplants, spinach, orange, dry onion and strawberry by (44.8%), (44.3%), (39.5%), (37.7%), (24.9%), (12.5%), (11.0%), (10.1%), (6.6%) and (6.2%) respectively with a relative importance reached 49.0% .

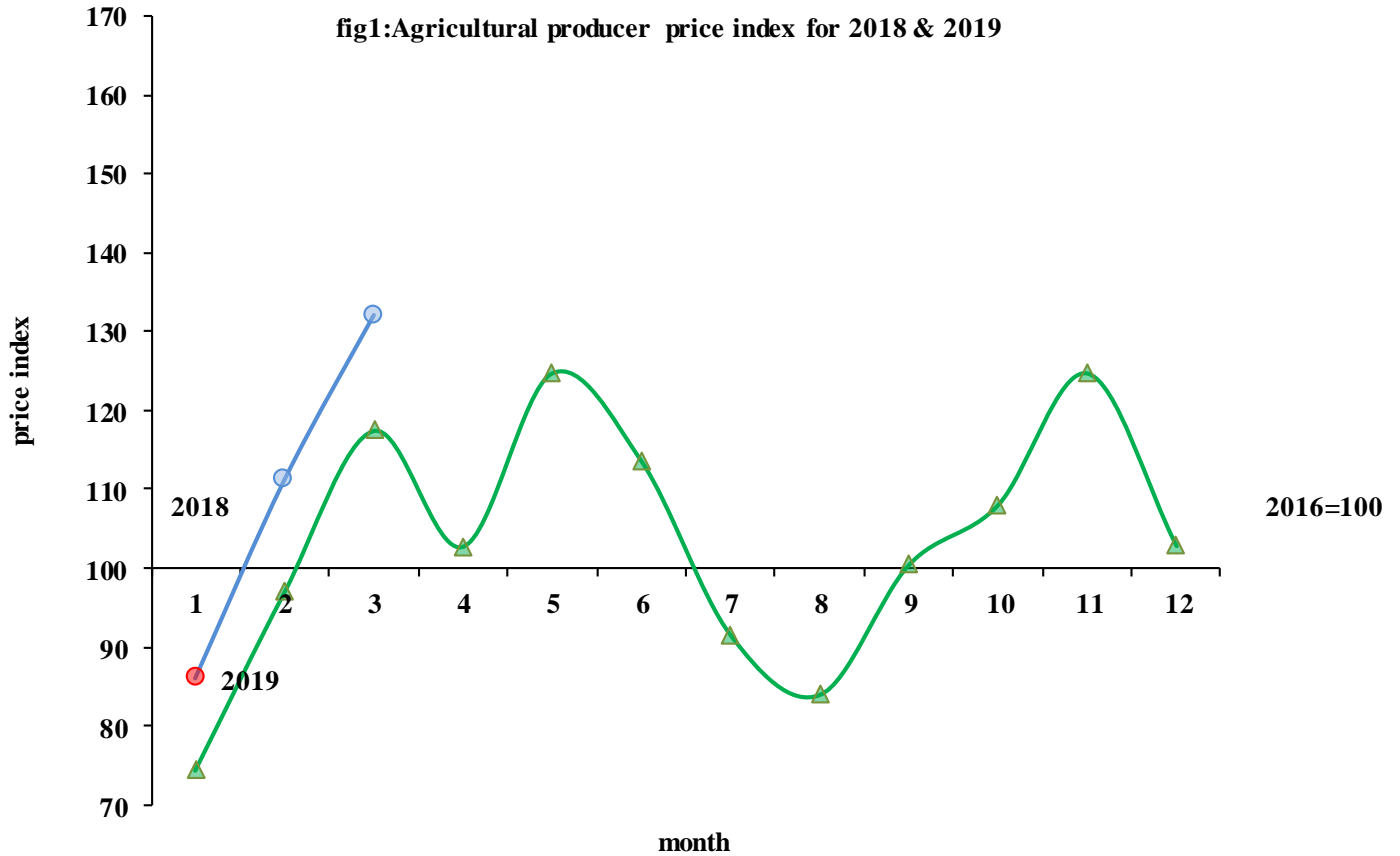
The agricultural crops, which their prices did not have any change, during this period are dates and gundelia and their relative importance is very tiny.

On the accumulative level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates an increase for the first quarter of 2019 by 14.1% compared with the same period of 2018. The accumulative price number reached 109.8% in 2019 compared with 96.2 for the same period of 2018. The most significant crops that contributed to this average increase were eggplants 105.5%, tomatoes 88.6%, green sweet pepper 27.2%, cauliflower 24.0%, squash 19.6%, potatoes 12.5%, string beans 11.4%, colored sweet pepper 6.8% and bananas by 1.5%.

( the total of their relative importance constituted 81.0% ).

Meanwhile the average price index of cucumber and hot pepper decreased by (16.2%) and hot pepper by (13.3% ) with a relative importance of 19.0% respectively.

The figure below shows the trend of the price index of the Agricultural Producers for 2018 and 2019



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.