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2.7% the Average Increase in Agricultural Producers' Prices during August 2019 Compared with August 2018

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates an increase in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for August 2019 by 2.7% compared with August 2018. (The Price Index reached 86.5 in August 2019 compared with 84.2 in August 2018) .The most significant crops that contributed to this increase were tomatoes 77.0%, green maize 69.1%, grape leaves 61.1%, string beans 59.3%, watermelon 59.1%, spinach 54.6%, green onions 45.2%, cantaloupe 38.5%, green lettuce 37.8% and cucumber by 29.0%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 55.3% of total crops).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of strawberry by 52.6%, snake cucumber 49.7%, cherry tomatoes 36.8%, hot pepper 32.2%, grapes 31.8%, green sweet pepper 22.9% ,cow peas 21.7%, okra 19.6%, green cabbage 19.1% and colored sweet pepper by 18.3% (the total of their relative importance constituted 44.7% of total crops) .

The report also shows that the Price Index has decreased by 0.48% in August 2019 as compared with July 2019 (the price index reached 86.5 in August 2019 compared with 86.9 in July 2019). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease (the total of their relative importance constituted 41.4%) were dates 72.2%, pomegranate 47.8%, spinach 29.0%, figs 28.5%, cauliflower 27.5%, grapes 25.1%, apples 24.4%, carrot 23.1%, guava 21.4% and green cabbage 19.6%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of green onion by 56.2%, string beans 38.7%, cucumber 32.8%, lemon

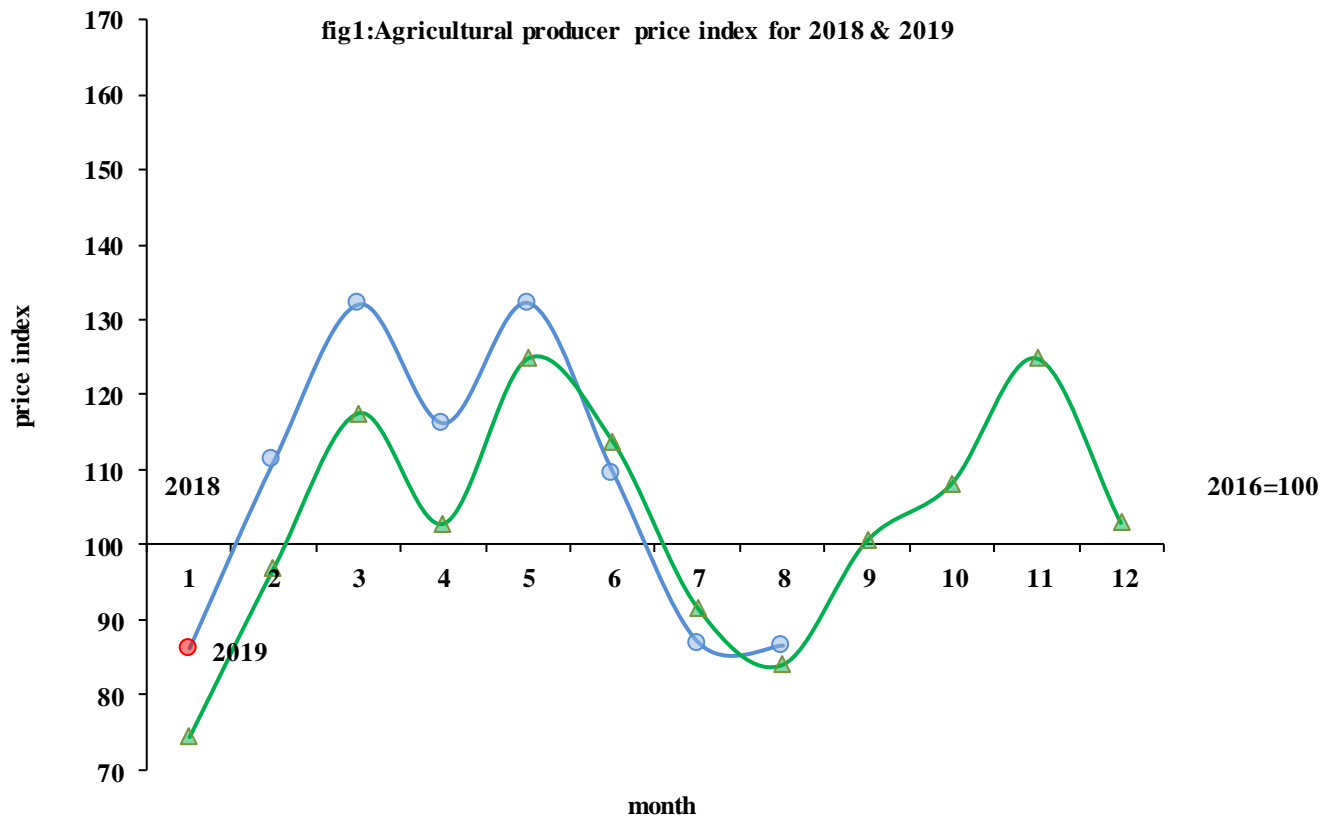
27.3%, tomatoes 26.0%, green maize 25.7%, eggplants 23.7%, potatoes 21.4%, squash 20.9% and dry onions by 17.6% with a relative importance reached 58.6% .

On the accumulative level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates an increase for the first eight months of 2019 by 6.6% compared with the same period of 2018. The accumulative price number reached 107.6% in 2019 compared with 100.9 for the same period of 2018. The most significant crops that contributed to this average increase were eggplants 38.2%, tomatoes 28.9%, potatoes 23.6%, colored sweet pepper 23.5%, green sweet pepper 10.5%,string beans 1.9% and banana by 1.3%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 62.7%).

Meanwhile there was a decrease in the average price index of cucumber by 24.0% ,squash 14.5, cauliflower 13.9% and hot pepper by 8.8% with a relative importance of 37.3% .

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* . 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.