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8.3% the Average decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during October 2019 Compared with October 2018

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for October 2019 by 8.3% compared with October 2018. (The Price Index reached 99.2 in October 2019 compared with 108.1 in October 2018). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were colored sweet pepper 49.8%, lettuce 45.1%, hot pepper 44.3%, tomatoes 43.9%, carrot 34.7%, cauliflower 30.3%, okra 27.5%, dry onion 25.8%, peaches 21.4% and grapes by 18.6%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 60.1% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of cherry tomatoes 156.0%, strawberry 81.6%, persimmon 78.4%, green maize 63.4%, string beans 37.0%, grape leaves 35.5%, lemon 27.2%, apple 21.4%, clementine 19.4% and orange 16.7%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 39.9% of the total indicator value) .

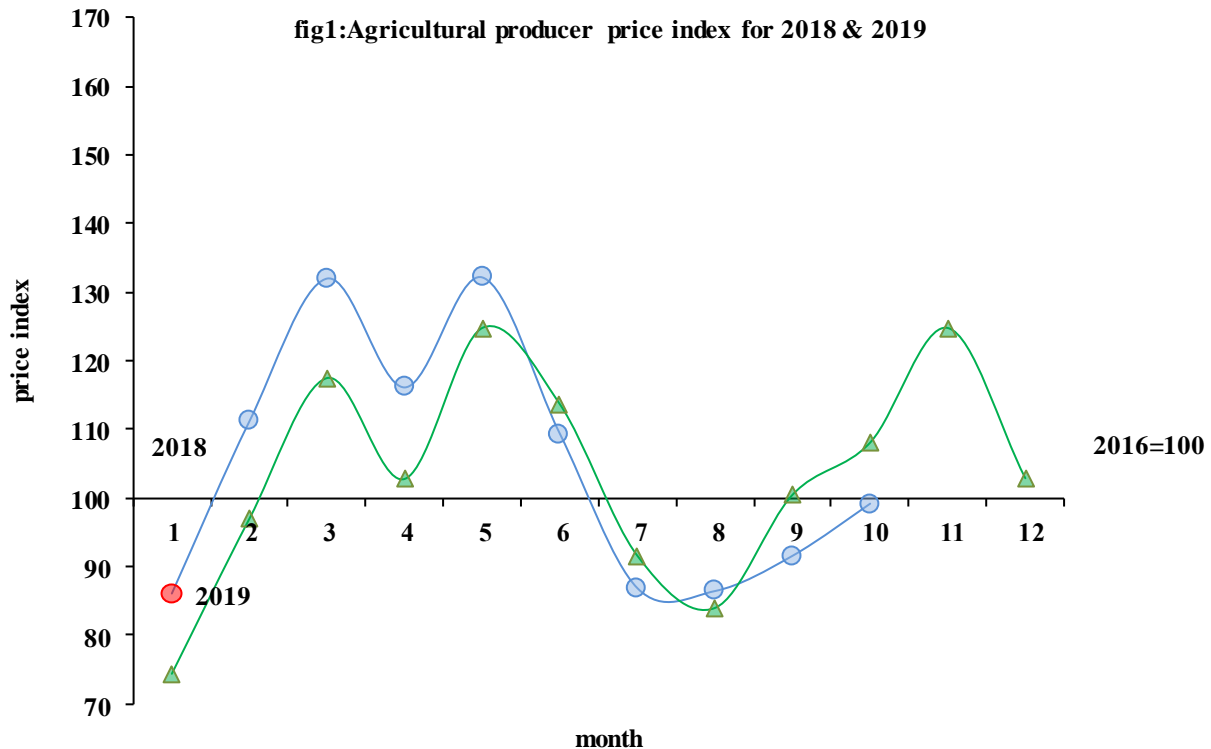
The report also shows that the Price Index has increased by 8.3% in October 2019 as compared with September 2019 (the price index reached 99.2 in October 2019 compared with 91.6 in September 2019). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase (the total of their relative importance constituted 62.4%) were cherry tomatoes 237.5%, dates 106.0%, strawberry 81.4%, colored sweet pepper 64.8%, lettuce 58.1%, olives 49.5%, grapes 42.3%, eggplants 38.9%, guava 33.6% and peaches 18.2%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of carrot 32.3%, mushroom 23.9%, hot pepper 22.6%, grapefruit 13.0%, string beans 10.6%, cauliflower 10.5%, cucumber 9.4%, orange 9.2%, okra 4.2% and spinach 2.8% with a relative importance reached 37.6% .

On the accumulative level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates an increase for the first ten months of 2019 by 3.8% compared with the same period of 2018. The accumulative price number reached 105.1% in 2019 compared with 101.3 for the same period of 2018. The most significant crops that contributed to this average increase were eggplants 32.9%, tomatoes 19.4%, potatoes 17.6%, green sweet pepper 7.1%, string beans 6.2%, colored sweet pepper 3.1% and bananas by 1.0%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 61.4%).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of cucumber 19.1%,cauliflower 16.4%, squash 13.6% and hot pepper by 12.7% with a relative importance of 38.6%.

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.