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### **6.3% the Average decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during September 2019 Compared with September 2018**

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for September 2019 by 6.3% compared with September 2018. (The Price Index reached 91.6 in September 2019 compared with 97.7 in September 2018). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were colored sweet pepper 46.5%, apple 30.6%, grapes 30.2%, Jews mallow 25.6%, okra 23.8%, cauliflower 22.6%, pomegranate 17.8%, dry onion 17.6%, squash 16.2% and hot pepper by 15.6%.

( the total of their relative importance constituted 55.0% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of string beans by 72.1%, grape leaves 59.4%, cucumber 43.4%, tomatoes 30.4%, Jews mallow leaves 23.8%, lemon 21.4%, guava 16.3%, green maize 13.8%, orange 8.8% and egg plants by 8.4%, (the total of their relative importance constituted 45.0% of the total indicator value ) .

The report also shows that the Price Index has increased by 5.8% in September 2019 as compared with August 2019 (the price index reached 91.6 in September 2019 compared with 86.5 in August 2019). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase (the total of their relative importance constituted 30.4%) were strawberry 108.4%, cherry tomatoes 33.6%, hot pepper 28.8%, dry onion 23.3%, string beans 19.1%, green onions 15.8%, eggplants 9.1%, squash 7.0%, sweet pepper 6.2% and potatoes 4.1%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of green lettuce by 61.9%, pomegranate 38.8%,

tomatoes 36.8%, spinach 23.5%, lemon 17.6%, green maize 15.5%, cucumber 10.8%, guava 10.2%, cauliflower 9.8% and grapes 2.5%.

( the total of their relative importance constituted 69.6% ).

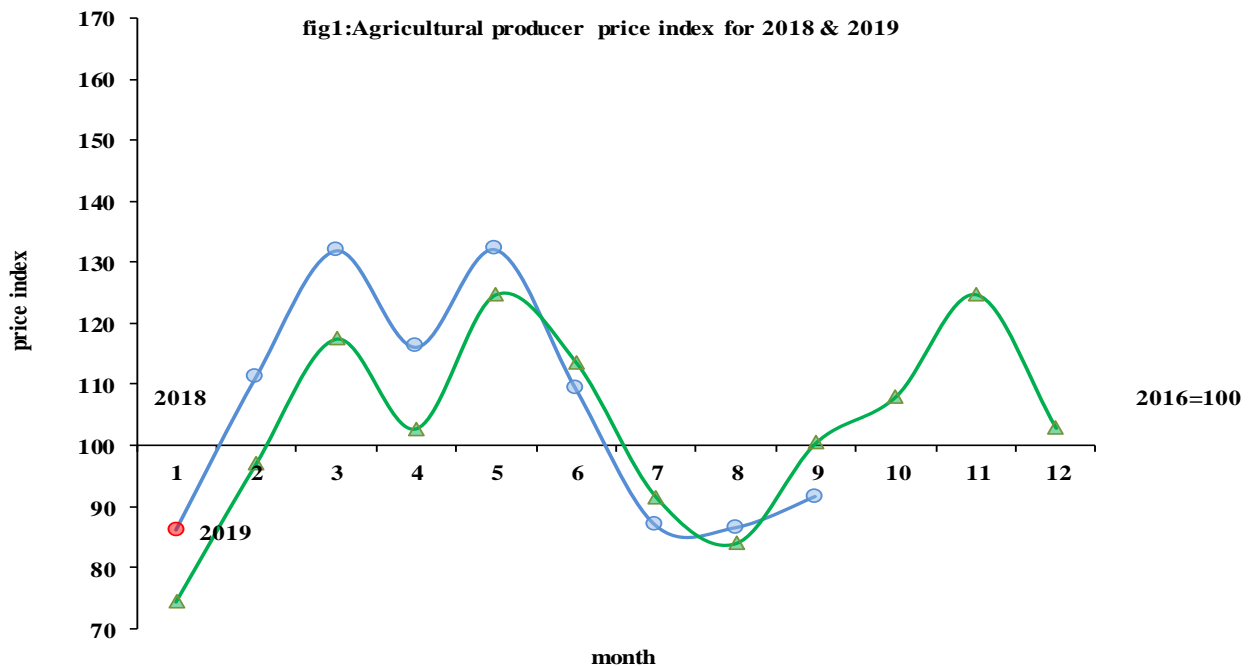
On the accumulative level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates an increase for the first nine months of 2019 by 5.2% compared with the same period of 2018. The accumulative price number reached 105.8% in 2019 compared with 100.6 for the same period of 2018. The most significant crops that contributed to this average increase were eggplants 35.3%, tomatoes 29.0%, potatoes 21.6%, colored sweet pepper 12.3%, green sweet pepper 9.0%, string beans 4.7% and bananas by 1.1%.

( the total of their relative importance constituted 61.8% ).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the average price index of cucumber by 19.4%, cauliflower 14.8%, squash 14.6% and hot pepper 9.4% .

( the total of their relative importance constituted 38.2% ).

**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.