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5.5% the Average decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during December 2019 Compared with December 2018

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for December 2019 by 5.5% compared with December 2018. (The Price Index reached 99.7 in December 2019 compared with 105.6 in December 2018). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were hot pepper 67.1%, sweet pepper 44.3%, potatoes 43.8%, green cabbage 41.1%, tomatoes 33.5%, colored sweet pepper 23.4%, squash 22.7%, string beans 14.7%, spinach 11.1% and eggplants by 10.4%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 48.9% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of fennel 131.3%, cauliflower 83.6%, cucumber 83.5%, lemon 67.8%, carrot 46.9%, strawberry 32.5%, radish 27.8%, green maize 19.0%, clementine 15.9% and orange 15.0%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 51.1% of the total indicator value) .

The report also shows that the Price Index has decreased by 15.9% where it reached 99.7 in December 2019 as compared with 118.5 in November 2019. The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease (the total of their relative importance constituted 65.6%) were green onion 27.5%, orange 19.9%, string beans 19.3%, coloured sweet pepper 17.8%, spinach 8.2%, paprika 7.8%, potatoes 7.0%, banana 6.5%, squash 4.1% and eggplants 3.4%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of tomatoes 63.9%, carrot 23.0%, green lettuce 22.7%, mandarin 21.8%, mushrooms 18.9%, clementine

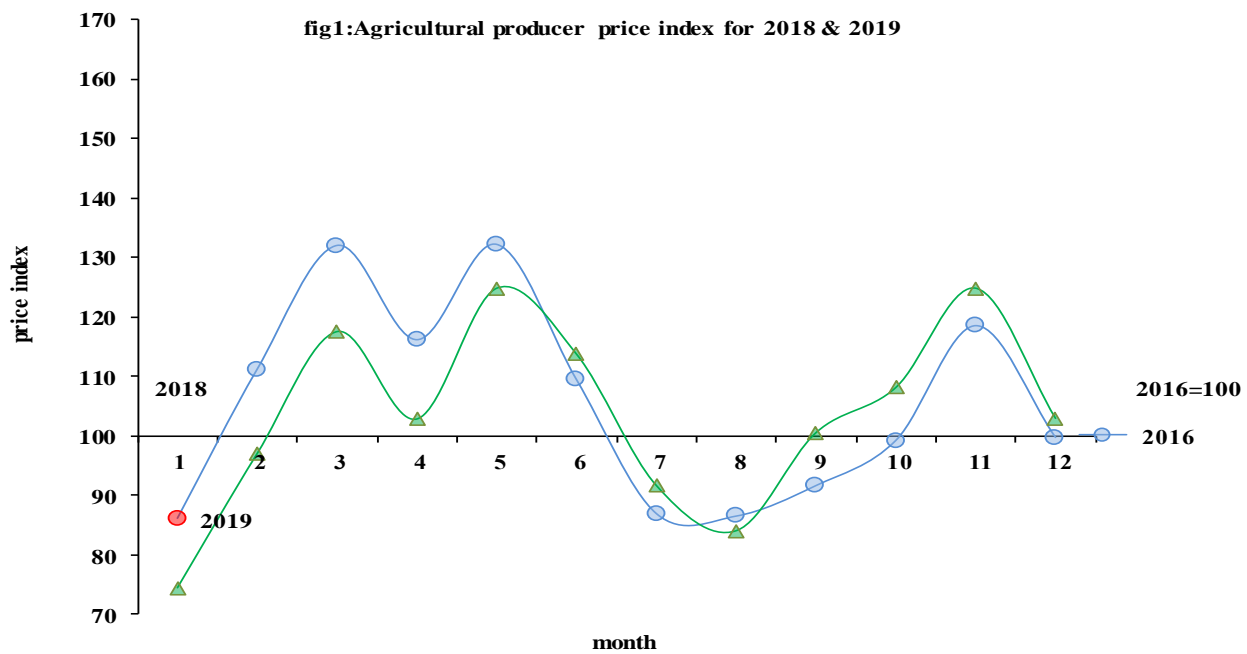
14.7%, Chinese lettuce 12.1%, cucumber 8.1%, lemon 8.0% and green cabbage 7.8% with a relative importance reached 34.4% .

On the annual level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates an increase by 2.1% of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018. The annual price number reached 105.8 in 2019 compared with 103.6 for the same period of 2018. The most significant crops that contributed to this average increase were eggplants 25.3%, potatoes 7.0%, string beans 5.1%, tomatoes 2.5% and bananas by 1.9%.

(The total of their relative importance constituted 55.4%).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of hot pepper 21.8%, squash 16.9%, cucumber 15.3% ,cauliflower 10.1%, colored sweet pepper 4.0% and green sweet pepper by 2.0% with a relative importance of 44.6%.

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 crops coming from the central markets each month, (2016 is the base year, 100 = 2016) using (Laspeure) formula to derive the price index.