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6.0% is the Average decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during February 2021 Compared with February 2020

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for February 2021 by 6.0% compared with February 2020. (The Price Index reached 106.1 in February 2021 compared with 112.8 in February 2020). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were tomatoes by 74.2%, dry onion by 40.1%, cauliflower by 36.4%, eggplants by 33.8%, green beans by 33.6%, string beans by 33.4%, broccoli by 30.9%, Spinach by 27.5%, green cabbage by 26.7%, and green lettuce by 24.7%. (The total of their relative importance constituted 58.4% of the total indicator value).

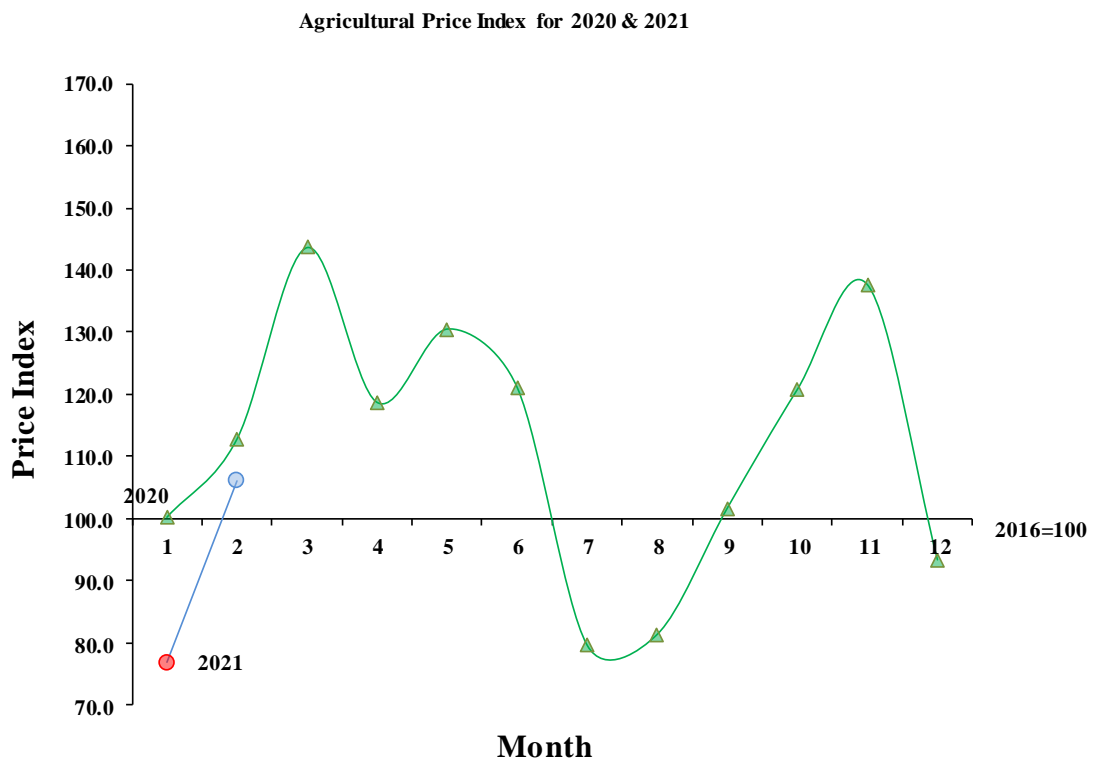
Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of mandarins by 113.6%, grapefruit by 85.9%, pommel by 52.5%, tangerine by 47.3%, clementine by 41.7%, bananas by 35.9%, cherry tomatoes by 33.6%, oranges by 32.0%, mushrooms by 28.9%, and potatoes by 11.2%. (The total of their relative importance constituted 41.6% of the total indicator value).

The report also shows that the price index has increased by 37.9 % in February 2021 compared with January 2021, reaching 106.1 in February 2021 compared with 76.9 January 2021. The most significant crops that contributed to this increase (the total of their relative importance constituted 64.9%) were grape leaves by 157.7%, tomatoes by 78.0%, mandarin by 69.6%, cucumber by 63.4%, pommel by 48.2%, dates by 44.6%, green corn by 39.8%, red cabbages by 31.0%, squash by 27.9% and tangerine by 23.6%.

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of broccoli by 47.3%, green beans by 39.5%, dry onion by 19.3%, green lettuce by 17.2%, potatoes by 12.1%, green cabbages by 11.4%, peas by 10.8%, spinach by 8.6%, grapefruit by 5.0% and colored bell pepper by 4.8% with a relative importance reached 35.1%.

On the accumulative level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates a decrease by 14.1% for the first two months of 2021 compared with the same period of 2020. The accumulative index number has reached 91.5 in 2021 compared with 106.5 for the same period of 2020. The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were tomatoes by 80.6%, cauliflower by 43.0%, cucumber by 39.2%, eggplants by 37.5%, string beans by 32.7%, green bell pepper by 24.8%, squash by 22.9%, colored bell pepper by 20.7% and hot pepper by 3.9% with a relative importance reached 62.6%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the index number of bananas by 18.9% and potatoes by 3.8% with a relative importance reached 37.4%.

The figure below shows the trend of the price index of the Agricultural Producers for 2020 and 2021.



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.