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6.4% the Average decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during December 2020 Compared with December 2019

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for December 2020 by 6.4% compared with December 2019. (The Price Index reached 93.4 in December 2020 compared with 99.7 in December 2019). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were Green lettuce 68.9%, cucumber 57.7%, cauliflower 51.2%, squash 36.0%, tomatoes 32.0%, olives 23.6%, colored sweet pepper 23.2%, eggplants 20.2%, spinach 18.0% and dry onion 16.8%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 58.9% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of grapefruit 142.4%, red cabbage 68.6%, tangerine 32.7%, okra 30.4%, carrot 26.2%, clementine 25.2%, peas 25.0%, hot pepper 21.0%, orange 18.6% and pommel 15.9%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 41.1% of the total indicator value) .

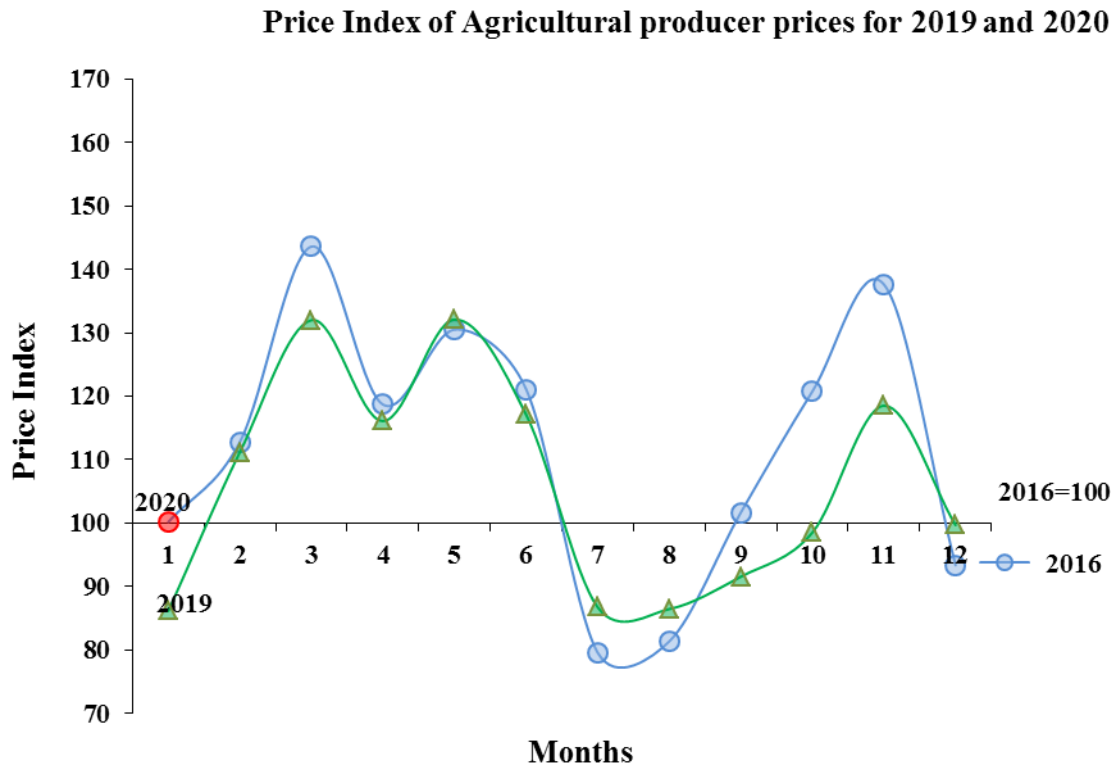
The report also shows that the Price Index has decreased by 93.4 in December 2020 as compared with 137.6 in November 2020 which means a decrease by 32.2. The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease (the total of their relative importance constituted 83.9%) were tomatoes 57.8%, cauliflower 54.3%, cucumber 52.3%, spinach 42.7%, colored sweet pepper 39.2%, green onion 36.4%, green lettuce 36.2%, red cabbage 35.7% and green cabbage 34.6%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of okra 63.9%, local banana 10.7%, broad beans 9.7%, cherry tomatoes 9.5%, potatoes 7.4%, dry onion 6.1%, grapefruit 4.7%, red lettuce 3.4%, mushroom 2.0% and pommel 1.5% with a relative importance reached 16.1% .

On the annual level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates an increase by 5.1% of 2020 compared with the same period of 2019. The annual price number reached 111.8 in 2020 compared with 106.4 for the same period of 2019. The most significant crops that contributed to this average increase were tomatoes 23.6%, squash 9.5%, banana 9.4%, green sweet pepper 9.2% , cauliflower 8.5%, string beans 7.4%, hot pepper 6.8%, cucumber 6.4%, colored sweet pepper 4.9%, and eggplants by 1.5%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 79.1%).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of potatoes 26.9% with a relative importance of 20.9%.

The figure below shows the trend of the price index of the Agricultural Producers for 2019 and 2020



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.