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7.2% the Average Increase in Agricultural Producers' Prices during July 2021 Compared with July 2020

The data issued by the Department of Statistics indicates an increase in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for July 2021 by 7.2% compared with July 2020. (The Price Index reached 85.3 in July 2021 compared with 79.6 in July 2020). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase were Green lettuce 167.1%, cucumber 109.5%, squash 64.8%, apricot 30.1%, carrots 28.5%, peach 27.4%, nectarine 25.6%, red cabbage 24.0%, pears 23.9% and potatoes by 23.8%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 50.5% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of green cabbage by 42.1%, sweet colored pepper 39.6%, cauliflower 33.7%, green garlic 31.3%, cantaloupe 29.5%, strawberry 28.6%, lemon 24.8%, sweet pepper 24.5%, broccoli 22.4% and dry garlic by 21.9% (the total of their relative importance constituted 49.5% of the total indicator value).

The report also shows that the Price Index has decreased by 29.4% in July 2021 as compared with June 2021 (the price index reached 85.3 in July 2021 compared with 120.9 in June 2021). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease (the total of their relative importance constituted 62.5%) were Cactus 56.2%, apple 50.4%, grapes 40.5%, cauliflower 38.8%, cantaloupe 26.9%, tomatoes 24.2%, okra 21.5%, green beans 16.8%, hot pepper 16.3% and cherry tomatoes 14.4%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of green onion 39.5%, cucumber 36.6%, watermelon 32.8%, baby

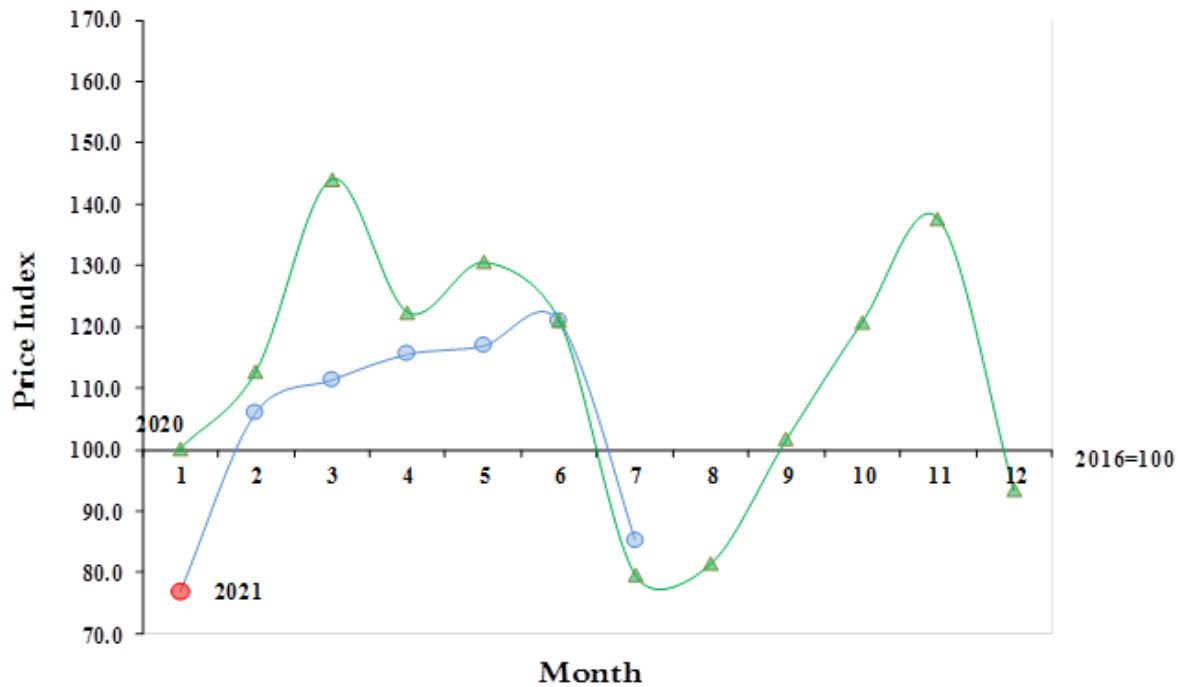
cucumber 29.3%, squash 22.5%, banana 21.0%, spinach 17.9% , green garlic 16.3%, thyme 13.4% and apricot by 7.6% with a relative importance reached 37.5% .

On the accumulative level, the Price Index of Agricultural Producers has decreased by 9.6% for the first seven months of 2021 as compared with the same period of 2020 (the accumulative price index reached 104.7% for 2021 compared with 115.8 for the same period of 2020).

The most significant crops whose Price Index Average contributed to this decrease were tomato by 66.5%, cauliflower 33.4%, eggplants 26.0%, string beans 25.2%, sweet colored pepper 22.8%, sweet green pepper 18.3%, squash 17.2% ,cucumber 2.8% and hot pepper 2.6% whose their relative importance constituted 67.3%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of potatoes by 7.4% and banana 9.3% with a relative importance of 32.7%.

The figure below shows the trend of the price index of the Agricultural Producers for 2020 and 2021 (Adopting 2016 as the base year).

Fig 1: Agricultural Producer Price Index for 2020 & 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.