



### **23.2% the Average Decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during January 2021 Compared with January 2020**

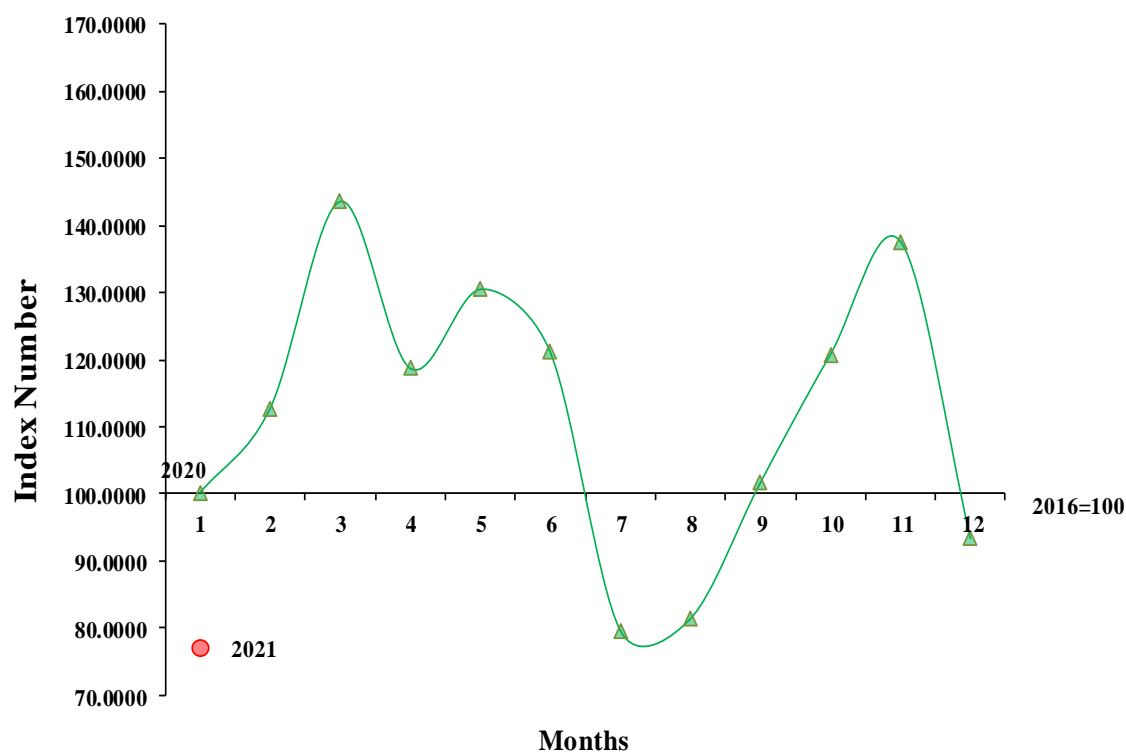
The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for January 2021 by 23.2% compared with January 2020. (The Price Index reached 76.9 in January 2021 compared with 100.2 in January 2020). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were Tomatoes by 90.2%, Cucumber by 61.5%, Cauliflower by 52.7%, Spinach by 47.1%, Green Lettuce by 46.8%, Eggplants by 43.6%, Green Cabbage 41.1%, squash 38.8%, String Beans by 31.9% and Green Corn 31.0%. (The total of their relative importance constituted 76.1% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of Grapefruit by 117.3%, Mandarin by 29.6%, Dates by 28.4%, Clementine by 26.7%, Mandarin Oranges by 24.4%, Oranges by 12.4%, Cherry Tomato by 6.7%, Bananas by 4.9%, Green Onions by 3.8% and Mushrooms by 1.9%. (The total of their relative importance constituted 23.9% of the total indicator value).

The report also shows that the Price Index has decreased by 17.6% in January 2021 as compared with December 2020 (the price index reached 76.9 in January 2021 compared with 93.4 in December 2020). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease (the total of their relative importance constituted 76.2%) were Tomatoes by 87.3%, Spinach by 43.5%, Red Cabbage by 41.2%, Green Cabbage by 34.4%, Cauliflower by 33.1%, Carrots by 33.0%, Bell pepper by 30.9%, Green Broad Beans by 26.9%, String Beans by 23.6% and Fennel by 22.4%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in Cucumber by 64.9%, Thyme by 35.6%, Green Lettuce by 15.1%, Baby cucumber by 12.2%, Bananas by 10.8%, Mandarin Oranges by 10.3%, Dates by 9.1%, Mandarin by 8.5%, Squash by 3.3% and Apples by 1.8%. (The total of their relative importance constituted 23.8%).

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

Figure 1: Agricultural Producer Price Index 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* emanated 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.