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6.2% the Average Increase in Agricultural Producers' Prices during August 2021 Compared with August 2020

The data issued by the Department of Statistics indicates an increase in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for August 2021 by 6.2% compared with August 2020. (The Price Index reached 86.5 in August 2021 compared with 81.4 in August 2020). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase were Green lettuce 114.9 %, Cactus 112.3%, Okra 84.1%, String Beans 63.5%, Jews mallow 59.7%, Green Onion 56.9%, Red lettuce 47.4%, Banana 43.2%, Tomato 37.4%, and Spinach 36.3%. The total of their relative importance constituted 64.7% of the total indicator value.

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in some crops including the sweet colored pepper by 61.6%, Watermelon by 59.9%, Dry Garlic by 43.8%, sweet green pepper by 42.8%, Green Cabbage by 39.9%, Thyme by 35.4%, hot pepper by 24.1%, Grapes by 23.3%, Dry Onion by 18.1%, and Apple 16.0%. The total of their relative importance constituted 35.3% of the total indicator value.

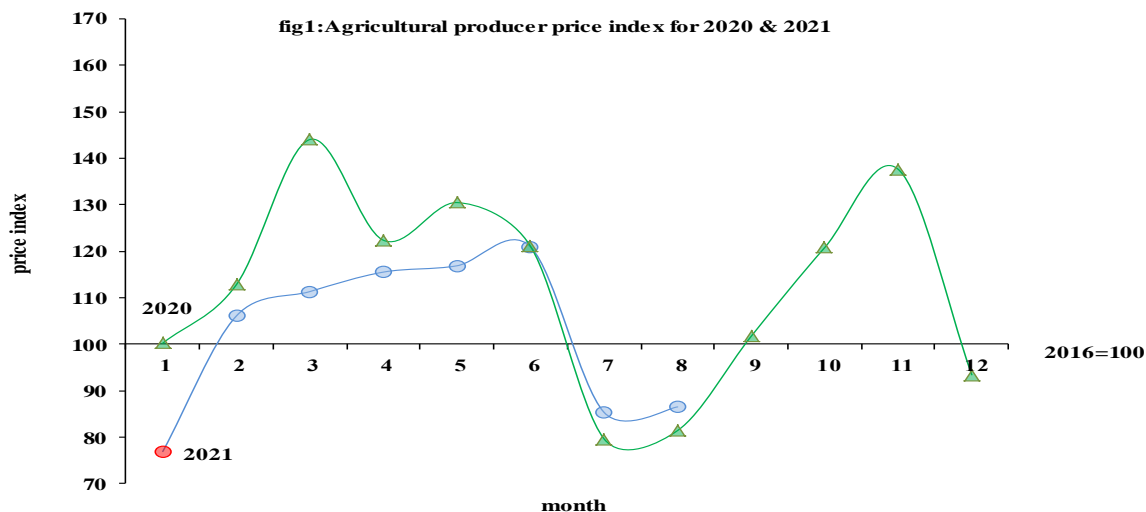
The report also shows that the Price Index has increased by 1.4% in August 2021 as compared with July 2021 (the price index reached 86.5 in August 2021 compared with 85.3 in July 2021). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease (the total of their relative importance constituted 58.2%) were Cauliflower 165.9%, String Beans 90.9%, Green Onion 77.9%, Tomato 70.6%, Strawberry 70.3%, Squash 68.5%, Green Cabbage 67.2%, hot pepper 52.9%, Cantaloupe 46.3%, Corn 29.4%.

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of watermelon by 40.9%, the sweet colored pepper by 38.3%, Grapes by 38.2%, Dates by 33.9%, Dry Garlic by 31.6%, Pomegranate 29.5%, Pear 26.9%, Cucumber 17.3%, Guava 16.5%, and Green lettuce 14.4% with a relative importance reached 41.8% .

On the accumulative level, the Price Index of Agricultural Producers has decreased by 8.1% for the first eight months of 2021 as compared with the same period of 2020 (the accumulative price index reached 102.4% for 2021 compared with 111.5 for the same period of 2020).

The most significant crops whose Price Index Average contributed to this decrease were tomato by 64.0%, cauliflower 29.8%, the sweet colored pepper 28.6%, eggplants 24.3%, sweet green pepper 22.8%, Beans 19.9%, Squash 14.7%, hot pepper 7.3%, and Cucumber 1.1% whose their relative importance constituted 68.9%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of Banana 13.2% and Potatoes 8.8% with a relative importance of 31.1%.

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.

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