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21.7% the Average decrease in Agricultural Producers' Prices during November 2021 Compared with November 2020

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for November 2021 by 21.7% compared with November 2020. (The Price Index reached 107.7 in November 2021 compared with 137.6 in November 2020). The most significant crops that contributed to this decrease were tomatoes 71.9%, spinach 51.4%, cauliflower 48.3%, guava 44.7%, green onion 38.5%, green cabbage 34.6%, lemon 33.3%, clementine 27.7%, orange 21.1% and cherry tomatoes by 15.4%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 71.4% of the total indicator value).

Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of green sweet pepper 54.2%, green lettuce 48.5%, watermelon 47.5%, squash 36.1%, okra 26.2%, carrot 25.2%, potatoes 24.7%, dry onion 8.1%, pomelo 7.9% and local banana 7.1%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 28.6% of the total indicator value) .

The report also shows that the Price Index has increased by 10.5% in November 2021 as compared with October 2021 (the price index reached 107.7 in November 2021 compared with 97.4 in October 2021). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase (the total of their relative importance constituted 31.2%) were watermelon 170.3%, colored sweet pepper 44.9%, dry onion 29.9%, pomegranate 29.4%, carrot 18.8%, cucumber 18.2%, eggplant 16.0%, green broad beans 15.5%, guava 12.1% and olives 11.6%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of cauliflower 47.2%, green onion 39.3%, green cabbage 34.1%, spinach 30.8%, string beans 26.8%, tomatoes

23.6%, lemon 19.5%, apple 17.6%, mushroom 15.5% and green lettuce 13.8% with a relative importance reached 68.8% .

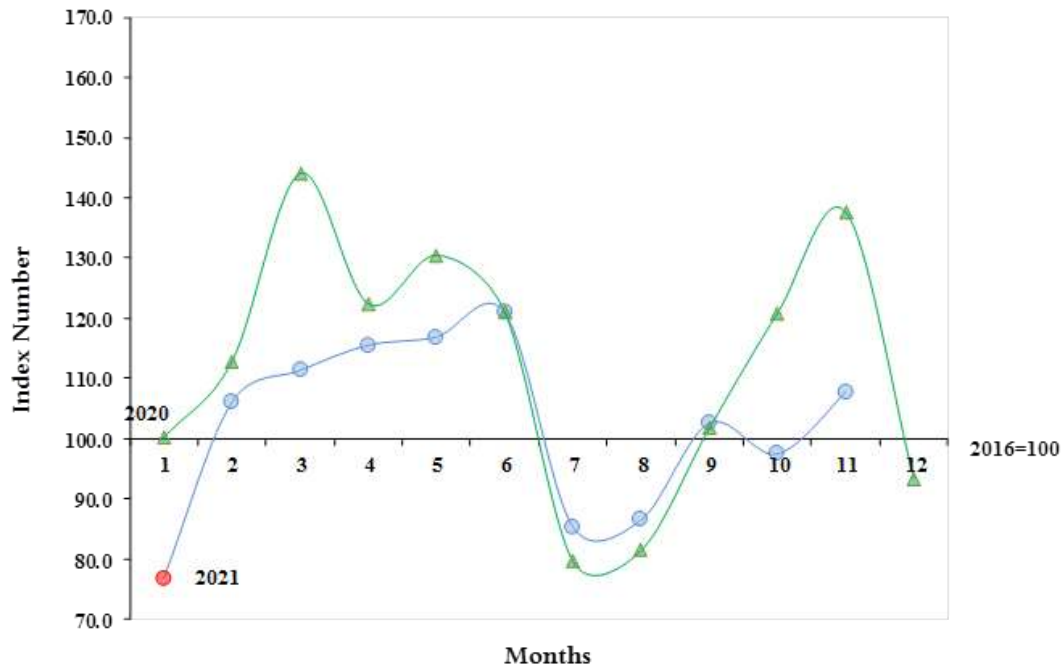
On the accumulative level the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index indicates a decrease for the first eleven months of 2021 by 10.0% compared with the same period of 2020. The accumulative price number reached 102.4% in 2021 compared with 113.8 for the same period of 2020. The most significant crops that contributed to this average decrease were tomatoes 59.3%, cauliflower 30.6%, eggplants 24.2%, colored sweet pepper 23.9%, cucumber 11.9%, green sweet pepper 11.9% string beans 11.8% squash 9.7% and hot pepper by 9.4%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 71.7%).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of potatoes 14.3% and banana by 13.8% with a relative importance of 28.3%.

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

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.