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2.8% the Average Increase in Agricultural Producers' Prices during Oct 2018 Compared with Oct 2017

The data issued by the Department of Statistics indicates an increase in the Average Agricultural Producers' Price Index for Oct 2018 by 2.8% compared with Oct 2017. (The Price Index reached 108.1 in Oct 2018 compared with 105.2 in Oct 2017). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase were cucumber 45.8%, colored sweet pepper 144.9%, onion 59.4%, cauliflower 33.5%, peach 50.3%, potato 46.6%, squash 12.0%, pears 68.0%, jewsmallow 88.3% and cantaloupe by 92.6%.

(the total of their relative importance constituted 43.2% of the total indicator value).

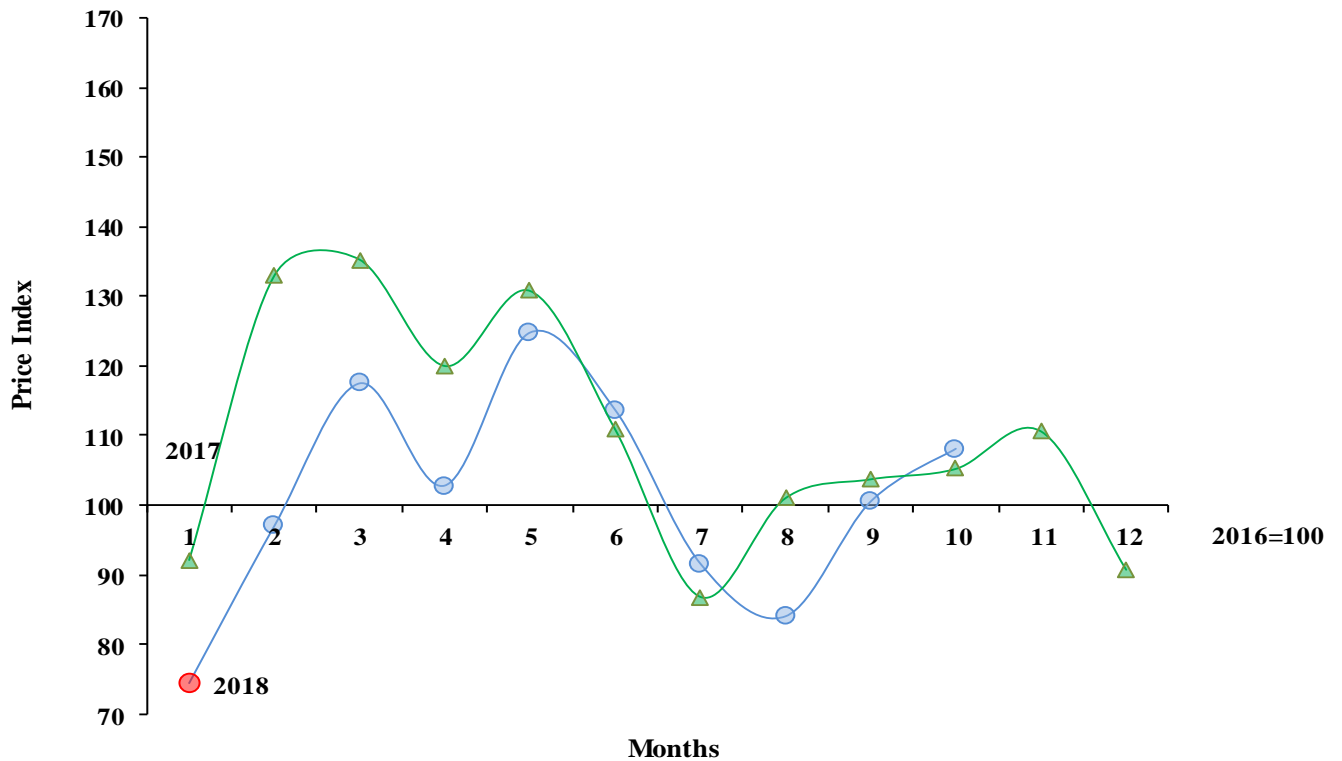
Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of lemon, parsley, grapes, okra, orange, eggplants, maize, pomegranate clementine and green sweet pepper by (14.7%), (66.5%), (17.9%), (33.2%), (16.9%), (18.6%), (20.7%), (12.5%), (10.5%), (28.6%) respectively (the total of their relative importance constituted 56.8% of the total indicator value) .

The report also shows that the Price Index has increased by 7.6% in Oct 2018 as compared with Sep 2018 (the price index reached 108.1 in Oct 2018 compared with 100.5 in Sep 2018). The most significant crops that contributed to this increase (the total of their relative importance constituted 56.0%) were tomato 111.3%, cucumber 41.5%, eggplants 35.0%, colored sweet pepper 75.4%, dates 100.1%, grapes 18.8%, peach 29.5%, potato 21.5%, onion 12.4% and guava 29.8%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the price index of apple, orange, maize, squash, lemon, clementine, lettuce, Chinese lettuce, cauliflower and strawberries by (40.6%), (18.8%), (19.2%), (8.6%), (3.4%), (5.5%), (36.5%), (34.1%), (3.6%) and (29.2%) respectively with a relative importance reached 44.0%.

On the accumulative level, the Price Index of Agricultural Producers has decreased by 9.3% for the first ten months of 2018 as compared with the same period of 2017 (the accumulative price index reached 101.4% for 2018 compared with 111.9 for the same period of 2017). The most significant crops whose Price Index Average contributed to this decrease were tomato by (49.8%), sweet green pepper (20.5%), eggplants (15.9%), string beans (11.8%), potato (4.9%) and hot pepper (4.8%), whose their relative importance constituted 61.9%. Meanwhile, there was an increase in the price index of colored sweet pepper, cucumber, squash, cauliflower and banana by 40.7%, 21.3%, 15.6%, 12.4% and 1.1% respectively with a relative importance of 38.1%.

The figure below shows the trend of the price index of the Agricultural Producers for 2017 and 2018.

Fig 1: Agricultural Producer Price Index for 2017 & 2018



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 (2002-2010)*. In order to improve the data quality, we rely on the data on agricultural prices for all corps coming from the central markets each month, (2016 is the base year, 100 = 2016) using (Laspeure) formula to derive the price index.

