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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES (Base: September, 1993=100)

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### GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for October, 2002

Period	Section Indices												
	General Index	Food	Meals out	Drink and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing			Household operations	Household supplies and services	Health and personal care	Transportation	Reading recreation and education
	All Items					Total	Home ownership	Rent					
Weight	1 000	217	14	24	104	216	196	20	66	77	62	152	68
Annual Average													
2000	134.7	214.3	120.3	129.6	91.7	114.4	114.5	113.8	107.3	108.4	120.6	116.6	125.5
2001	142.2	244.2	120.6	134.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	115.0	107.6	108.1	124.3	119.1	130.5
Average													
Jan-October, 2000	133.9	211.3	120.3	129.3	91.8	114.4	114.5	113.6	107.3	108.5	120.3	116.2	124.5
Jan-October, 2001	141.7	242.5	120.6	132.2	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.5	108.0	124.0	119.1	130.5
Jan-October, 2002	147.6	266.7	120.8	146.8	88.4	114.4	114.2	116.1	108.5	108.7	125.1	121.2	130.5
2000													
January	133.5	211.1	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	118.9	114.9	122.8
February	132.4	205.8	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
March	132.1	204.4	120.5	129.1	92.1	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
April	133.4	210.0	120.5	129.3	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.0	115.1	123.1
May	134.1	213.0	120.5	129.4	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.2	115.1	123.1
June	133.8	211.8	120.5	129.5	91.9	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.3	115.1	123.1
July	133.8	209.0	120.2	129.4	91.6	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.3	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
August	133.9	209.7	120.2	129.5	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
September	135.5	217.1	120.2	129.6	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.2	118.0	125.7
October	136.8	221.3	119.8	129.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
November	136.8	221.1	119.8	131.0	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
December	140.4	237.6	119.8	130.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.9	118.3	130.4
2001													
January	139.9	234.7	120.5	130.4	91.2	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.8	119.1	130.2
February	140.5	237.6	120.5	130.2	91.0	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
March	140.0	235.0	120.5	130.6	90.8	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.8	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
April	140.3	235.9	120.5	130.5	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
May	140.5	236.9	120.5	130.4	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
June	142.4	245.9	120.5	130.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
July	142.7	247.0	120.7	130.7	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
August	143.8	252.0	120.7	130.7	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
September	143.4	249.8	120.7	134.2	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
October	143.7	249.9	120.7	143.7	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.4	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1
November	143.9	250.3	120.7	146.8	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.9	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1
December	144.9	255.4	120.7	146.2	89.7	114.6	114.5	115.7	108.5	108.4	125.8	118.9	130.1
2002													
January	147.2	264.2	120.7	146.5	89.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.6	108.2	125.2	121.8	130.5
February	146.6	261.4	120.7	147.3	89.1	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.0	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5
March	146.0	258.8	120.7	146.5	88.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.3	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5
April	145.9	258.5	120.7	146.6	88.5	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.8	108.8	125.0	121.4	130.1
May	146.5	261.3	120.7	146.5	88.5	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.6	108.8	125.1	121.4	130.1
June	147.6	266.7	120.7	146.8	88.4	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.3	108.8	125.1	121.4	130.1
July	147.3	266.5	120.5	146.8	88.0	113.8	113.6	115.9	108.0	109.0	124.8	121.0	131.0
August	149.0	274.3	120.5	146.9	87.9	113.8	113.6	115.9	108.0	109.0	125.0	121.0	131.0
September	149.9	278.2	120.5	146.8	87.7	113.8	113.6	115.9	108.1	109.0	124.9	121.0	131.0
October	149.7	277.5	121.8	146.9	87.7	114.5	114.0	118.9	108.4	108.9	125.9	120.0	130.3

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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—OCTOBER, 2002

**General Index**

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated for the month of October, 2002 was 149.7 showing a decrease of 0.1% over the Index for September, 2002.

The All Items Index for the period January–October, 2002, showed a 4.2% increase over that for the period January–October, 2001. A similar comparison of the Index for that period between the years 2000 and 2001 showed an increase of 5.8%.

**Section Indices**

**Food:** The index for this section decreased from 278.2 in September, 2002, to 277.5 in October, 2002, indicating a fall of 0.3% in food prices over that period. There were significant decreases in the price of the following market items: chicken, seafood: fish, crab, and shrimp, green bananas and plantains, melongene, tomatoes, and Irish potatoes. However, these price decreases were partly offset by increases in the price of pumpkin, sweet potatoes and citrus fruits.

Price changes in this section accounted for a decrease of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

**Other Sections**

A further review of the data for October, 2002 compared with September, 2002 indicated that increases were recorded for the following: Meals out, 1.1%; Drink and Tobacco, 0.1%; Housing, 0.6%; Household Operations, 0.3%; Health and Personal Care, 0.8%. Decreases were, however, recorded for Household Supplies and Services, 0.1%; Transportation, 0.8%; and Reading, Recreation and Education, 0.5%.

Prices changes in these sections had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in October, 2002, compared with those of October, 2001, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Percentage Change October, 2001–October, 2002</b>
All items	4.2
Food	11.0
Meals out	1.1
Drink and tobacco	2.2
Clothing and footwear	-2.6
Housing	-0.1
Home ownership	-0.4
Rent	2.8
Household operations	0.9
Household supplies and services	0.5
Health and personal care	0.2
Transportation	0.9
Reading, recreation and education	0.2