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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 2019 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of September, 2019 was 108.7. This resulted in no change in the All Items Index from August, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to September, 2019 over the period January to September, 2018, was 1.2%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to September, 2018 over the period January to September, 2017, which was 1.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 115.5 in August, 2019 to 115.2 in September, 2019, reflecting a decrease of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of tomatoes, onions, bodi, cabbage, ochroses, irish potatoes, pimento, pumpkin, lettuce and carrots. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of whole chickens—fresh, cucumber, carite—fresh, king fish—fresh, sweet potatoes, garlic, duck—fresh, celery, other non-alcoholic speciality drinks and mixed fresh seasoning.

Price changes in this section for the month of September, 2019, represented a 0.1 point decrease in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2019, compared with August, 2019, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%, Clothing and Footwear 0.8% and Health 0.5%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of September, 2019, represented a 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in September, 2019, compared with those of September, 2018, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2019—September, 2018
All Items	1.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.4
Clothing and Footwear	-3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Home Ownership	0.0
Rent	2.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	6.5
Transport	2.0
Communication	0.3
Recreation and Culture	0.0
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 2019

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment, Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																
January - September 2017	106.1	112.2	107.5	105.6	100.0	99.6	102.6	100.7	104.0	121.8	104.2	108.4	102.5	110.0	107.3	
January - September 2018	107.2	114.0	107.4	100.3	102.3	102.4	103.8	100.7	104.0	124.2	105.8	106.5	102.5	112.8	108.0	
January - September 2019	108.5	115.0	109.1	97.8	103.4	103.5	105.5	100.7	103.5	131.2	108.2	106.9	102.5	115.0	110.8	
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	102.5	109.2	106.9	
February	106.1	112.8	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	102.5	109.2	106.9	
March	106.1	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.8	104.3	108.4	102.5	109.2	106.9	
April	106.1	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.2	104.5	108.4	102.5	110.4	107.7	
May	106.0	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.4	104.5	108.4	102.5	110.4	107.7	
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.7	104.5	108.4	102.5	110.4	107.7	
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	103.7	108.4	102.5	110.5	107.4	
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	103.7	108.4	102.5	110.5	107.4	
September	106.3	114.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.2	103.7	108.4	102.5	110.5	107.4	
October	106.9	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.8	105.5	106.6	102.5	110.6	108.1	
November	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.6	102.5	110.6	108.1	
December	107.1	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.6	102.5	110.6	108.1	
2018 January	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	102.5	111.8	108.1	
February	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	102.5	111.8	108.1	
March	107.0	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.7	105.8	106.5	102.5	111.8	108.1	
April	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.1	105.8	106.5	102.5	112.8	107.7	
May	107.1	113.1	107.1	99.8	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.6	105.8	106.5	102.5	112.8	107.7	
June	107.0	112.5	107.4	100.1	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	104.1	124.5	105.8	106.5	102.5	113.9	108.2	
July	107.4	113.0	107.2	100.1	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	105.8	106.5	102.5	113.9	108.2	
August	107.4	113.2	107.5	100.3	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	105.8	106.5	102.5	113.9	108.2	
September	107.4	113.5	107.6	100.3	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	105.8	106.5	102.5	113.9	108.2	
October	108.0	114.4	107.8	99.7	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.7	108.5	106.5	102.5	113.7	108.5	
November	108.3	116.2	108.0	99.2	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	102.5	113.7	108.5	
December	108.2	116.1	107.4	98.8	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	102.5	113.7	108.5	
2019 January	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	129.7	108.5	106.9	102.5	113.9	110.0	
February	108.4	115.4	107.7	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	130.5	108.5	106.9	102.5	113.9	110.0	
March	108.6	116.0	108.1	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	131.2	108.5	106.9	102.5	113.9	110.0	
April	108.3	113.9	108.8	98.3	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.5	108.2	106.9	102.5	115.3	110.8	
May	108.3	114.3	108.8	97.4	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.4	108.2	106.9	102.5	115.3	110.8	
June	108.2	114.1	109.5	96.5	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.5	108.2	106.9	102.5	115.3	110.8	
July	108.6	114.7	109.9	97.6	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.7	107.9	106.8	102.5	115.7	111.6	
August	108.7	115.5	110.4	97.2	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.4	107.9	106.8	102.5	115.7	111.6	
September	108.7	115.2	110.5	98.0	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	133.0	107.9	106.5	102.5	115.7	111.6	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2003 = 100) to the new base (January 2015 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.