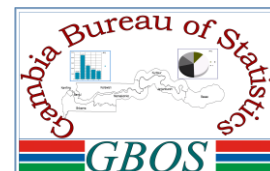




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THE GAMBIA PRODUCER PRICE  
INDEX (PPI) MARCH 2011**



The Gambia Bureau of Statistics is very pleased to deliver to users the new Producer Price Index (PPI) 2009 = 100  
The PPI is published every Quarter by the ending of the first month of the following quarter .

**Brief description of Producer Price Index (P.P.I.).**

**INFLATIONARY TREND**

	Mar. 2010	Dec. 2010	Jan. 2011	Feb. 2011	Mar. 2011	Feb.2011 to Mar. 2011	Mar.2010 To March 2011	Dec. 2010 To Mar. 2011(1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter)
<b>ALL ITEMS INDEX</b>	<b>109.43</b>	<b>114.87</b>	<b>116.38</b>	<b>117.395</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>8.28</b>	<b>3.16</b>
Cereals	102.44	111.73	111.73	111.73	112.38	0.78	9.71	0.58
Bread	102.87	124.64	124.64	124.64	124.77	0.10	21.29	0.10
Meat	109.39	120.71	120.71	120.71	120.93	0.00	10.54	0.18
Fish	106.01	111.18	111.18	111.77	113.70	1.84	7.26	2.26
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	108.36	103.54	103.54	105.32	108.90	0.00	0.50	5.17
Oil and Fats	104.51	111.49	112.30	112.30	113.30	0.89	8.41	1.63
Process fruits / fruits /Nuts	132.78	140.67	141.27	141.27	142.69	1.01	7.47	1.44
Vegetables / Processed and Tuber Veg.	124.88	128.20	128.20	127.74	129.03	-0.41	3.33	0.65
Sugar/Jam/Honey/Syrups/Chocolate and Confectionery	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food Products n.e.c.	106.39	122.47	134.05	134.05	140.72	1.93	32.27	14.90
Non-alcoholic beverages	102.78	104.27	104.98	104.91	105.67	0.00	2.81	1.34
Alcoholic Beverages	134.04	141.62	141.62	141.62	141.62	0.00	5.66	0.00
Textiles and textile products	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ornaments	125.00	135.33	135.33	135.33	135.33	0.00	8.27	0.00
Manufacture of footwear	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Items	106.66	110.75	110.75	111.12	112.73	1.79	5.70	1.79
Plumbing Items	106.41	106.41	106.41	106.41	106.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas and Other Fuels	100.00	107.83	128.56	132.31	134.64	0.00	34.64	24.87
Index (Furniture)	108.20	117.22	117.22	117.22	118.76	0.00	9.76	1.32
Cooking and Household Items	121.37	121.37	121.37	121.37	121.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
household Goods and Household Maintenance	110.01	119.64	122.17	122.17	124.46	1.87	13.13	4.03
Transport	114.94	114.94	114.94	114.94	114.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newspapers, Books and Printing	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fertilizer	100.00	100.00	100.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>	<b>104.88</b>	<b>111.47</b>	<b>112.29</b>	<b>113.15</b>	<b>113.95</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>2.23</b>
<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	<b>109.43</b>	<b>114.87</b>	<b>116.38</b>	<b>117.40</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>8.28</b>	<b>3.16</b>
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>109.13</b>	<b>116.26</b>	<b>117.51</b>	<b>117.68</b>	<b>119.28</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>2.59</b>
<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>109.74</b>	<b>113.47</b>	<b>115.26</b>	<b>117.11</b>	<b>117.71</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>7.26</b>	<b>3.74</b>

The Inflation measured on Quarterly-basis by PPI basket, has gone up during the first quarter of 2011. The PPI shows an inflationary rate for March 2011, end of first quarter of 3.26 percent over the last quarter of December 2010. This inflationary trend is mainly due to the increase in prices food products of 'fish'; 'milk, cheese and eggs', 'oil and fats', 'other food products'; and 'non-alcoholic beverages' which have shown increases of 2.26; 5.17; 1.63; 1.44; 14.90; 1.34 percent respectively. The non-food items; 'gas & fuel'; 'household goods and household maintenance' and 'fertilizer' also shows increases, in particular 'gas & fuel' which recorded an increase of 24.87 percent.

Measuring inflation year-on-year, the data shows an inflationary rate of 8.28 percent. That is, from Index of 109.43 of March 2010 to Index 118.50 of March 2011. The Food, non-Alcoholic beverages increased by 9.30% and Non-Food and Services by 7.26%. The major contributing products for these price acceleration of the food products, were: bread 21.29%, meat 10.54%, fish 7.26%, other food (salt) 32.27%, whereas, the non food products and services were; ornament 8.27%, gas and other fuel 34.64%, household maintenance (washing soap and candle) 13.13% and fertilizer 20.00%.

Using the 12 month-moving-average, the inflation rate is 7.88 percent in March 2011 compared to the 7.93 percent that was recorded for February 2011 showing a de-acceleration of the inflationary pressure. However, the overall index from March 2011 to February 2011 has increase by only 0.43 percent

Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months – Comparison with the same month for the previous year)

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2010	6.50	6.33	8.51	8.87	8.99	8.83	9.61	8.96	8.54	5.96	7.13	9.47
2011	9.28	10.11	8.28									

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