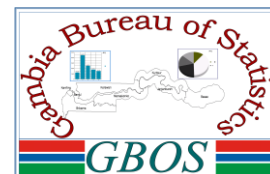




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THE GAMBIA PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI) MARCH 2012



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.

INFLATIONARY TREND	March 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	March 2012	One Month Difference	Point To Point Difference	Three months Difference
ALL ITEMS INDEX	120.2	124.00	124.07	124.14	124.36	0.18	3.47	0.29
Cereals	107	128.50	128.50	129.06	133.42	3.38	24.21	3.82
Bread	128	130.12	130.12	130.12	130.12	0.00	1.40	0.00
Meat	125	125.22	126.85	127.47	128.01	0.43	2.14	2.23
Fish	129	142.35	142.35	142.35	142.35	0.00	10.39	0.00
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	113	109.81	109.81	109.81	109.81	0.00	-3.16	0.00
Oil and Fats	116	117.62	117.62	117.62	117.62	0.00	1.43	0.00
Process fruits / fruits /Nuts	150	158.69	158.69	158.69	158.69	0.00	5.91	0.00
Vegetables / Processed and Tuber Veg.	131	138.02	138.02	138.02	138.02	0.00	5.36	0.00
Sugar/Jam/Honey/Syrups/Chocolate and Confectionery	100	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food Products n,e,c.	152	145.05	145.05	145.05	145.05	0.00	-4.81	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	106	109.36	109.36	109.36	109.36	0.00	3.49	0.00
Alcoholic Beverages	142	155.46	155.46	155.46	155.46	0.00	9.77	0.00
Textiles and textile products	100	102.08	102.08	102.08	102.08	0.00	2.08	0.00
Ornaments	135	135.33	135.33	135.33	135.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manufacture of footwear	100	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Items	114	112.75	112.75	112.75	112.75	0.00	-1.01	0.00
Plumbing Items	101	101.93	101.93	101.93	101.93	0.00	0.51	0.00
Gas and Other Fuels	123	135.95	135.95	135.95	135.95	0.00	10.76	0.00
Index (Furniture)	122	132.09	132.09	132.43	132.43	0.00	8.83	0.26
Cooking and Household Items	124	126.93	126.93	126.93	126.93	0.00	2.70	0.00
household Goods and Household Maintenance	124	124.73	124.73	124.73	124.73	0.00	0.21	0.00
Transport	115	114.94	114.94	114.94	114.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newspapers, Books and Printing	100	101.61	101.61	101.61	101.61	0.00	1.61	0.00
Fertilizer	120	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE	116.54	122.08	122.54	122.84	123.19	0.28	5.14	0.91
OVERALL INDEX	120.2	124.00	124.07	124.14	124.36	0.18	3.47	0.29
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	123.48	127.70	127.85	127.96	128.40	0.35	3.99	0.55
NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	116.90	120.29	120.29	120.32	120.32	0.00	2.93	0.02

The Producer Price Index (PPI) measured on month -to- month basis recorded an index of 124.36 in March 2012 compared to the figure of 120.20 shown in March 2011 the previous year, which gives an inflationary rate of 3.47 percent over the year. However, comparing February 2012 to March 2012, the Monthly changes in prices slightly increased by only 0.18 percent.

The Inflation measured on Quarterly-basis of the PPI basket, has slightly gone up during the first quarter ending of March 2012. The PPI shows an inflationary rate for March 2012, end of first quarter of 0.29 percent. This inflationary trend is mainly due to the increase in prices of cereal; meat and fish of the food items which show an increase of 3.82 and 2.23 percent respectively. For the non-food items only the prices of furniture slightly went up during the period under review.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the inflation rate is 5.14 percent (March 2012).

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	8.36	8.12	7.19	7.44	4.98	4.94	5.47	8.43	6.76	6.97
2012	4.69	3.04	3.47									

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