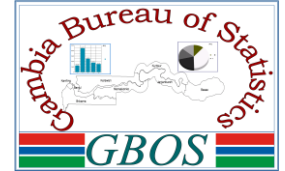




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THE GAMBIA PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI) MARCH 2013



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 2012	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	March 2013	One Month Diff.	Point to Point	Three Months Difference
ALL ITEMS INDEX	124.36	126.25	127.88	126.92	127.12	0.16	2.22	0.69
Cereals	133.42	136.94	138.66	136.94	137.02	0.06	2.70	0.06
Bread	130.12	133.40	133.40	133.40	133.40	0.00	2.52	0.00
Meat	128.01	130.23	130.58	130.55	130.56	0.00	1.99	0.25
Fish	142.35	145.06	148.64	149.03	150.99	1.32	6.08	4.09
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	109.81	111.95	111.95	111.95	111.95	0.00	1.95	0.00
Oil and Fats	117.62	120.13	120.13	120.13	120.13	0.00	2.14	0.00
Process fruits / fruits /Nuts	158.69	166.41	170.98	171.16	171.89	0.43	8.32	3.29
Vegetables / Processed and Tuber Veg.	138.02	140.26	140.26	140.26	140.26	0.00	1.62	0.00
Index 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.	145.05	149.05	149.05	149.05	149.05	0.00	2.76	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	109.36	111.37	116.86	115.93	115.93	0.00	6.01	4.10
Index (Alcoholic Beverages)	155.46	162.62	181.23	2	162.62	0.00	4.60	0.00
Textiles and textile products	102.08	102.08	102.08	8	102.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ornaments	135.33	135.33	135.33	3	135.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manufacture of footwear	100.00	100.00	100.00	0	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Items	112.75	113.02	115.10	2	113.25	0.21	0.45	0.21
Plumbing Items	101.93	101.93	101.93	3	101.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas and Other Fuels	135.95	135.95	135.95	5	135.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Index (Furniture)	132.43	133.50	135.91	3	134.47	0.18	1.54	0.72
Cooking and Household Items	126.93	121.19	121.19	9	121.19	0.00	-4.52	0.00
Index (household Goods and Household Maintenance	124.73	130.72	130.76	1	132.16	1.03	5.96	1.10
Transport	114.94	117.02	117.62	2	117.62	0.00	2.33	0.51
Newspapers, Books and Printing	101.61	101.61	101.61	1	101.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fertilizer	120.00	120.00	120.00	0	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE	123.19	125.09	125.41	125.64	125.87	0.18	1.89	0.62
OVERALL INDEX	124.36	126.25	127.88	126.92	127.12	0.16	2.22	0.69
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	128.40	131.35	132.77	132.58	132.84	0.19	3.45	1.13
NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	120.32	121.15	122.98	121.26	121.40	0.12	0.90	0.21

The producer price index (PPI) has recorded an overall Index of 127.12 for March 2013 whereas it was 124.36 for the same month last year on point to point basis. This gives an inflationary rate of 2.22 percent over the year.

The food index has increased from 128.40 to 132.84, thereby registering an inflationary rate of 3.45 percent. The main contributors for this inflationary rate over the year (Point to point) were due price rise in: fish 6.08 percent, processed fruits & nuts 8.32 and non-alcoholic beverages 6.01 percent.

In the non-food items, the index increased from 120.32 to 121.40 during the year there-by recording an inflationary rate of 0.90 percent (Point to Point). The main consumer products responsible for this inflation were price increases in alcoholic beverages (4.60 percent), household goods and maintenance (5.96 percent). There was also some slight increase in transport (2.33 percent).

However, the March 2013 quarter which registered an overall index of 127.12 compare to December 2012 quarter index of 124.36, thus giving an inflationary rate of 0.69 percent. This was caused by price increases in fish (4.09 percent), processed fruits & nuts (3.29 percent) and non- alcoholic beverages (4.10 percent). In non-Food products and Services price rise was in household goods and maintenance (1.10 percent).

Using the moving-average measure, the overall annual inflation rate for March 2013 is 1.89 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	9.90	9.51	7.93	6.69	6.01	7.27	4.98	4.94	5.47	8.43	6.76	6.97
2012	4.69	3.04	3.47	3.44	2.98	2.05	2.55	2.80	2.45	3.28	1.49	1.82
2013	3.07	2.24	2.22									

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