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The Agricultural Producer's Price Index increased by 1.2% during September 2024 compared to September 2023

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates an increase in the Agricultural Producer's Price Index for September 2024 by 1.2% compared with the same month in 2023. The Price index reached 100.2 in September 2024, compared with 99.0 in September 2023. The most significant crops that contributed to this increase were Grapes by 69.2%, Green Maize by 60.7%, Olives by 41.5%, Potatoes by 35.1%, and Strawberries by 33.7%. The relative importance of the crops with rising prices constituted 55.5% of the total number of commodities in the indicator

Conversely, there was a decrease in the price index of Tomatoes by (55.2%), Green Cabbage by (49.6%), Green Sweet Peppers by (34.6%), Green Onions by (30.6%), and Cauliflower by (23.5%). The relative importance of the crops which prices decreased reached 44.5% of the total number of commodities in the indicator

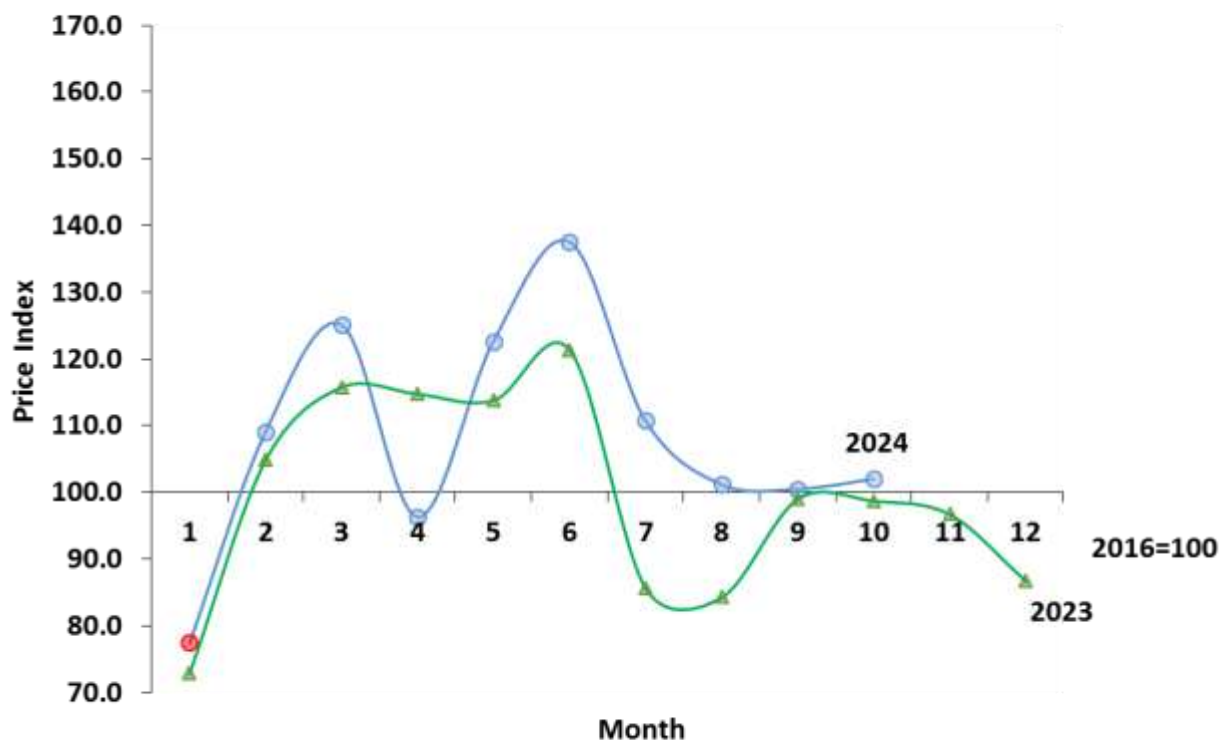
The report also indicates a 0.9% decrease in the price index for September 2024 compared to August 2024, the price index reached 100.2 in September 2024, compared to 101.2 in August 2024. This was mainly due to a decrease in the prices of a group of crops which the total of their relative importance constituted 53.6%. The most significant price decreases were observed in Tomatoes by (60.0%), Figs by (43.9%), Spinach by (39.8%), Pomegranate by (37.4%), and Cauliflower by (36.4%). Meanwhile, the price index for several crops increased, including Strawberries by 100.0%, Pomelo by 59.6%, Squash by 42.9%, Plums by 32.5%, and Green Onions by 22.0%, with a relative importance of 46.4%.

On the accumulative level the Agricultural Producers' Price Index decreased by (17.9%) for the first nine months of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, The accumulative price index number reached 108.9 for 2024 compared to 132.7 for the same period in 2023. This decrease in the average price indices for a number of crops contributed to this decrease, most notably Tomatoes, where the average price index decreased by (23.5%), Colored Sweet Peppers by (16.6%), Green Sweet Pepper by (14.1%), Cauliflower by (10.6%), Bananas by (4.1%), and Hot Peppers by (3.5%), which their relative importance constituted 40.0%.

However, there was an increase in the price indices for other crops, including Potatoes by 43.2%, Squash by 23.0%, Eggplant by 19.8%, Cucumbers by 17.4%, and String Beans by 15.5%, which their relative importance constituted 60.0%.

The figure (1) below shows the trend of the price index of the Agricultural Producers for 2023 and 2024

Fig1 : Agricultural Producer's Price Index for the years 2023 & 2024



It is worth noting that the Department of Statistics has revised its methodology for collecting agricultural price data through a specialized technical committee from the Department of Statistics and the Ministry of Agriculture. This revision was based on the recommendations of the *Permanent Expert Committee for Agricultural Statistics*, which is part of the National Agricultural Strategy. To improve the quality of the data, agricultural price data for all crops have been sourced from central markets on a monthly basis. The year 2016 was adopted as the base year (2016=100), with the Laspeyres formula used to calculate the price index.

Table 1: Agricultural Producer’s Price Index for September 2024 compared to September 2023 (Fils/Kg)

Crop	Sep.2023	Sep. 2024	Relative Change (%)
Grapes	355	600	69.2
Green Maize	239	384	60.7
Olives	814	1,152	41.5
Potatoes	333	450	35.1
Strawberries	1,217	1,627	33.7
Squash	468	607	29.6
Cherry Tomatoes	1,012	1,288	27.3
String Beans	794	1,009	27.0
Guava	1,199	1,490	24.3
Pomegranate	568	584	2.7
Tomatoes	187	84	-55.2
White Cabbage	241	122	-49.6
Green Sweet Peppers	432	283	-34.6
Green Onions	1,347	935	-30.6
Cauliflower	385	294	-23.5
Dates	520	400	-23.1
Red Lettuce	2,867	2,271	-20.8
Hot Peppers (Mixed)	375	300	-19.8
Colored Sweet Peppers	763	619	-18.9
Clementine	661	552	-16.5

Table 2: Agricultural Producer's Price Index for August and September 2024 (Fils/Kg)

Crop	Aug.	Sep.	Relative Change (%)
Tomatoes	210	84	-60.0
Figs	2,640	1,482	-43.9
Spinach	491	295	-39.8
Pomegranate	933	584	-37.4
Cauliflower	462	294	-36.4
Lemon	634	404	-36.3
Jews Mallow	134	90	-33.2
White Cabbage	177	122	-31.3
Broccoli	1,553	1,243	-20.0
Green Sweet Pepper	344	283	-17.9
Strawberries	814	1,627	100.0
Pomelo	426	679	59.6
Squash	425	607	42.9
plums	1,143	1,515	32.5
Green Onions	767	935	22.0
Cut Jews Mallow leaves	1,129	1,367	21.1
Dry Onions	210	252	19.8
Green Maize	324	384	18.5
Oranges	453	532	17.3
Hot Peppers	259	300	15.8

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