

A cumulative increase of 4.6% in the Agricultural Producer Price Index during the first 3 months of 2025

The Department of Statistics issued its monthly report on the Agricultural Producer Price Index, which recorded a cumulative increase of 4.6% during the first 3 months of 2025, compared to the same period in 2024, it also showed a 3.5% increase in the Agricultural Producer Price Index for March 2025 compared to the same month in 2024, and a 19.7% increase compared to the previous month of the same year.

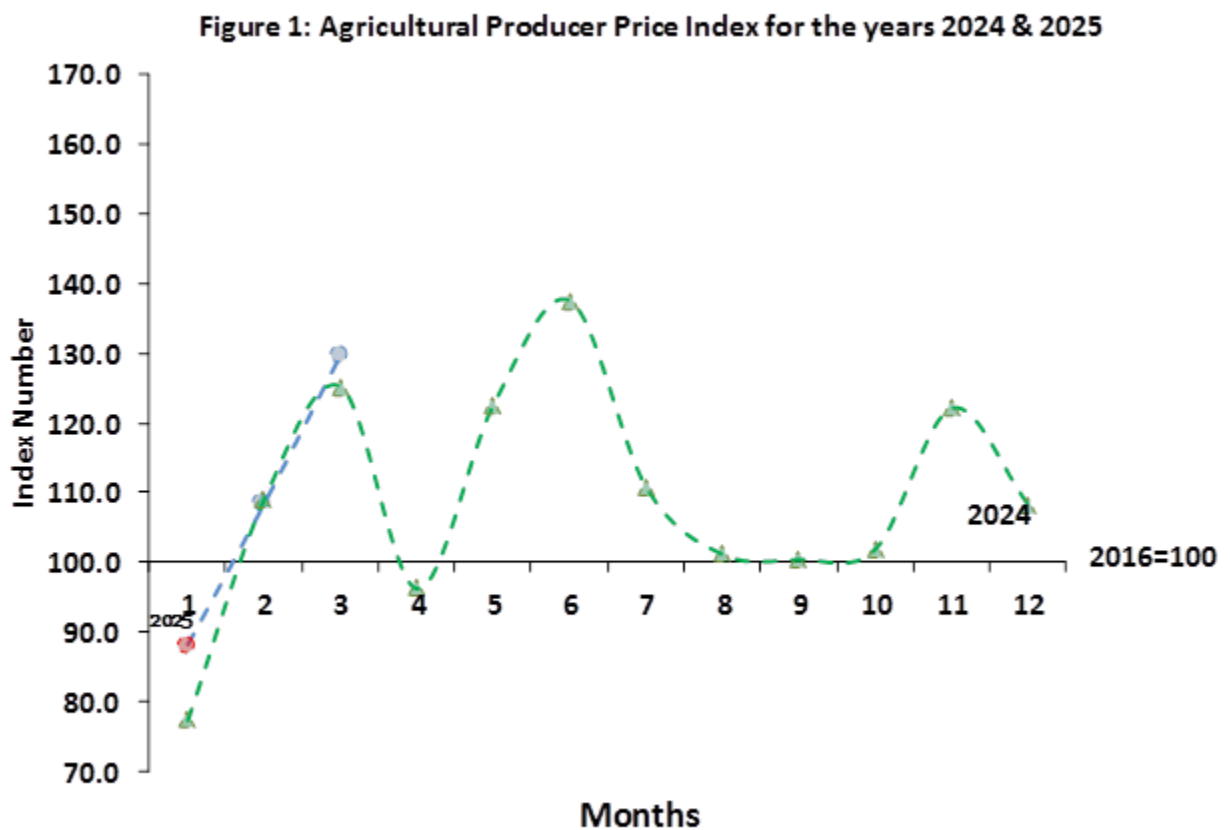
Accordingly, the cumulative Agricultural Producer Price Index for the first 3 months of 2025 has reached 108.7, against 103.9 for the same period in 2024, and 129.6 in March 2025 against 125.2 in March 2024. Meanwhile the Agricultural Producer Price Index for March 2025 has reached 129.6 against 108.3 compared to the previous month of February 2025.

By comparing the cumulative index for the first 3 months of 2025 with the same period in 2024, prices for several agricultural crops increased, most notably Green Sweet Pepper by 47.2%, Cauliflower by 46.2%, and Hot Pepper by 31.9%, which their relative importance constituted 35.1%. Meanwhile, the Index showed a decrease in the prices of Eggplants by (31.0%), Potatoes by (18.1%), and Tomatoes by (16.7%), which their relative importance constituted (64.9%).

In terms of monthly change, the Agricultural Producer Price Index in March 2025 increased compared to the same month in 2024. This is primarily attributed to the increase of the index for several crops, most notably Green Almonds, which increased by 129.6%, Green Garlic by 95.3%, and Loquat by 81.5%, which their relative importance constituted 69.0%. Meanwhile, the index decreased for a number of crops, most notably Dry Onions by (49.9%), Green Maize by (42.8%), and lemons by (42.6%), which their relative importance constituted (31.0%).

Comparing the Index for March 2025 with the previous month of the same year, prices increased for a group of crops that had a relative importance of 63.6%. The most notable increases were for Loquat by 81.5%, Green Sweet Peppers by 58.3%, and Squash by 52.6%. Meanwhile, the index decreased for Green Peas by (40.1%), Grape Leaves by (39.6%), and Thyme by (37.3%), which their relative importance constituted (36.4%).

The figure below shows the trend of the Agricultural Producer Price Index for 2024 and 2025.



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 Price Index for March 2024 compared to March 2025 (Qirsh /Kg)

Crop	Mar.2024	Mar.2025	Relative Change (%)
Green Almonds	1,498.0	3,439.6	+129.6
Green Garlic	365.3	713.5	+95.3
Loquat	1,855.7	3,368.7	+81.5
Squash	318.5	562.4	+76.6
Strawberries	1,293.8	2,122.5	+64.0
Carrots	205.6	318.5	+54.9
Local Lettuce	79.0	107.8	+36.4
Jews Mallow Leaves	7,656.3	9,852.3	+28.7
Dates	1,606.8	1,928.6	+20.0
Hot Peppers	462.5	554.4	+19.9
Dry Onions	270.9	135.5	-50.0
Mushrooms	5,409.4	2,926.2	-45.9
Green Maize	424.8	242.9	-42.8
Lemons	443.0	254.3	-42.6
Tomatoes	125.1	73.4	-41.3
Colored Sweet Peppers	952.9	762.5	-20.0
Baby Cucumber	843.2	703.2	-16.6
Jews Mallow	688.1	579.2	-15.8
Armenian Cucumber	1,375.2	1,206.1	-12.3
Grape Leaves	5,953.4	5,308.8	-10.8

Table 2: Agricultural Producer Price Index for February and March 2025 (Qirsh /Kg)

Crop	Feb.2025	Mar.2025	Relative Change (%)
Loquat	1,855.7	3,368.7	+81.5
Green Sweet Peppers	387.1	612.9	+58.3
Hot Peppers	364.2	554.4	+52.2
Radish	113.1	158.5	+40.0
Lemons	189.0	254.3	+34.6
Eggplants	225.4	286.9	+27.3
Cauliflower	131.0	148.4	+13.3
Carrots	281.6	318.5	+13.1
Red Cabbage	254.1	258.5	+1.8
Bananas	589.2	596.4	+1.2
Green Peas	1,417.1	849.3	-40.1
Grape Leaves	8,782.4	5,308.8	-39.6
Thyme	1,489.0	934.0	-37.3
White Cabbage	166.7	112.3	-32.6
Green Maize	356.1	242.9	-31.8
String Beans	1,005.4	820.2	-18.4
Green Broad Beans	822.0	729.2	-11.3
Green Chickpeas	2,145.5	1,910.3	-11.0
Cherry Tomatoes	1,272.2	1,214.7	-4.5
Mushrooms	2,995.9	2,926.2	-2.3

**Cumulative Agricultural Producer Price Index for March 2025
Compared to March 2024**

Crop	Rate 2025	Rate 2024	Relative Change (%)
Green Sweet Peppers	151.2	102.7	+47.2
Cauliflower	93.2	63.7	+46.2
Hot Peppers	107.5	81.5	+31.9
String Beans	107.8	83.1	+29.8
Colored Sweet Peppers	119.1	97.7	+21.9
Squash	206.2	177.8	+16.0
Bananas	120.3	116.7	+3.1
Eggplants	140.5	203.6	-31.0
Potatoes	78.0	95.3	-18.1
Tomatoes	70.0	84.0	-16.7
Cucumber	148.5	168.0	-11.6

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