

The Price Indices for May 2017

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in May 2017 (2011=100) increased 0.10% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of vegetables, services for nursery and nursing care, and fish and seafood rose 8.24%, 5.85%, and 1.53% respectively. Nonetheless, prices of eggs, garments, fuels and lubricants, and fruits fell 6.88%, 2.15%, 2.15%, and 2.06% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) increased 0.05%.

The annual change of CPI in May 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, rose 0.59%. Prices of fish and seafood, services for nursery and nursing care, and meats increased 6.58%, 4.56%, and 2.53% respectively. Additionally prices of fuels and lubricants, medical care services, and food away from home rose 2.43%, 2.20%, and 2.08%. On the other hand, prices of vegetables, fruits, and communication fees fell 15.19%, 3.37%, and 1.59%. The core CPI increased 1.11%.

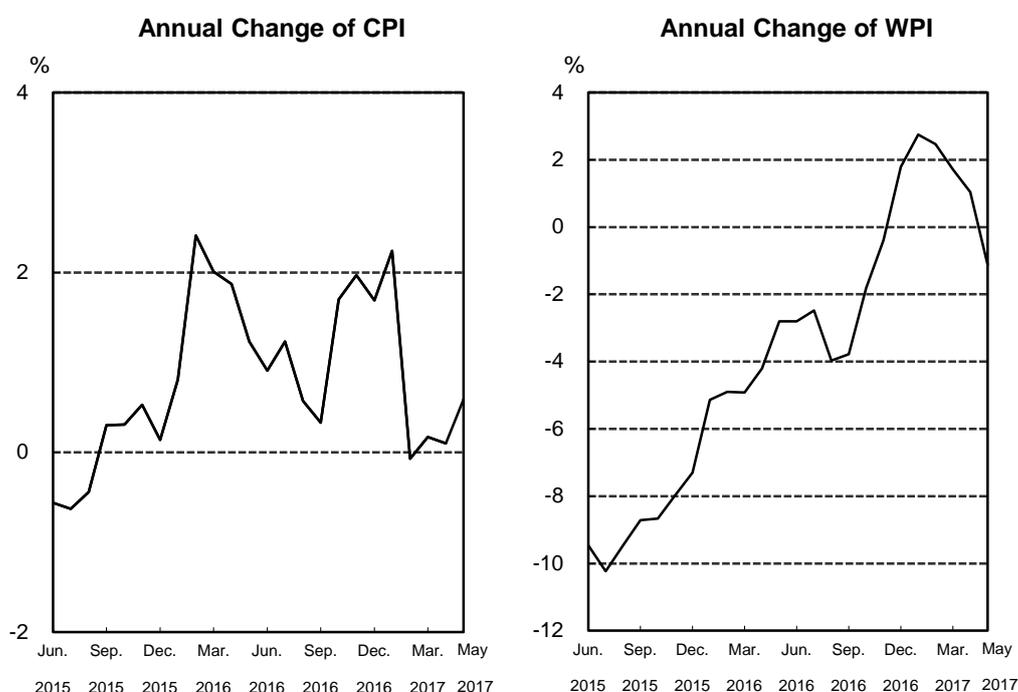
For the first five months of 2017, the CPI increased 0.60% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services rose 0.09% and 0.98% respectively. The core CPI increased 0.97%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in May 2017 decreased 1.20% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, chemical materials, and basic metals fell 4.25%, 4.05%, 3.57%, and 2.34% respectively. However, prices of farm products increased 4.91% to offset the decrease.

The annual change of WPI in May 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, decreased 1.12%. Prices of machinery and equipment, non-metallic mineral products, electronic parts and components, and computer, electronic and optical products decreased 6.03%, 5.98%, 5.51%, and 4.78%. However, prices of quarrying products and other mineral products, basic metals, petroleum and coal products, and crude petroleum and natural gas rose 34.21%, 9.90%, 7.27%, and 6.93%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports increased 2.59%, but import and export price indices decreased 1.91% and 3.38%.

For the first five months of 2017, the WPI increased 1.36% over the same period of previous year.



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