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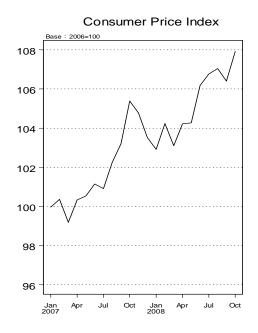
The Price Indices for October 2008

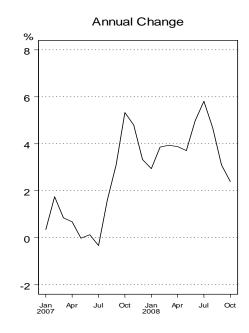
Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in October 2008 was 107.91 (2006=100), rising 1.42% from previous month, due primarily to Vegetables and Fruits prices moved up 49.95% and 4.38% respectively. Whereas, Fuels & Lubricants decreased 11.18% since the sustained decrease in petroleum prices. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, increased slightly 0.55%.

The annual change rate for CPI in October 2008, compared with the same month of previous year, was 2.39%. Prices of Food moved up 5.53%, where Fish & Shellfish went up 16.97%, Meat up 11.19%, Fruits up 4.97% and Vegetables moved up 2.06%. Housing prices rose 2.13%, due mainly to prices of Water, Electricity & Gas Supply went up 8.41%. Transportation & Communication prices fell 0.76%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants declined 6.01%. The core CPI advanced 2.89%.

For the first ten months of 2008, the CPI increased by 3.92% over the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity and Service moved up 5.73% and 2.34% individually. The core CPI up 3.23%.



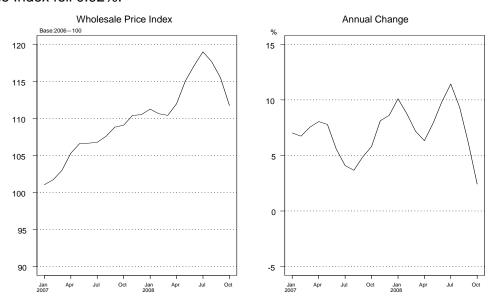


Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in October 2008 was 111.74 (2006=100), decreasing 3.22% from previous month, due primarily to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas moved down 22.02%, Petroleum & Coal Products declined 12.16%, Basic Metal and Chemical Material went down 11.12% and 8.83% individually. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports, Imports and Exports prices declined 2.95%, 6.02% and 0.56% separately.

The annual change rate for WPI in October 2008 advancing 2.43%, due mainly to prices of Fabricated Metal Products advanced 12.63%, Quarrying and Minerals Products rose 8.96%, Machinery and Equipment went up 8.35%, and Petroleum & Coal Products moved up 8.34% respectively. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices went up 5.95% and Imports prices moved up 2.44%, while Exports prices decreased 1.09%.

For the first ten months of 2008, the WPI jumped 7.92% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import Price Index rose 12.78%, while Export Price Index fell 0.92%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Oct. 2008

Oct. 2008						
	Weight (‰)	Index of Oct. 2008	Compared with	Compared with the	The First Ten Months of 2008	
		(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with	
Groups			Month	Month of	the Same Period	
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year	
				Year (%)	(%)	
General Index	1,000.00	107.91	1.42	2.39	3.92	
Basic Group	2.50.02	120.20	.		0.02	
1. Food	260.82	120.39	5.34	5.53	8.93	
Meat	23.08	119.94	-1.96	11.19	16.13	
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	123.74	-0.80	16.97	12.46	
Vegetables	24.81	179.75	49.95	2.06	-3.80	
Fruits	27.59	111.56	4.38	4.97	15.72	
2. Clothing	41.72	111.09	14.38	1.10	2.39	
Garments	26.97	113.46	22.70	0.94	1.32	
3. Housing	279.47	102.91	-0.73	2.13	1.44	
Residential Rent	185.40	100.95	-0.01	0.68	0.64	
Household Keeping Services	14.53	96.25	-3.53	0.30	-0.75	
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	110.68	-3.63	8.41	4.09	
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	102.19	-2.92	-0.76	4.14	
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	104.61	-11.18	-6.01	14.54	
Transportation & Communication Services	80.30	102.68	0.03	1.80	1.53	
and Vehicle Parts	47.41	106.40	0.05	0.00	2.25	
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	106.48	-0.05	0.88	2.35	
Medical Care Services	33.02	101.84	-0.01	1.06	1.22	
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	122.77	-0.20	0.54	5.91	
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	102.50	0.12	1.79	1.37	
Educational Expense	111.25	100.78	0.08	0.12	0.20	
Entertainment Expense	60.22 58.68	105.59 103.37	0.18 -0.54	4.71 1.59	3.07 1.49	
7. Miscellaneous		103.37	0.25	0.55	1.49	
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65 14.78	98.67	-1.87			
Personal Care Services	14.78	98.07	-1.6/	-0.99	-0.51	
Commodity and Service Groups	437.11	112.97	3.23	2.80	5.73	
1. Commodity	264.95	105.19	-0.07	0.81	3.20	
(Excluding Food)	299.12	103.19	2.85	4.29	8.00	
Non-durable Consumer Goods	126.96	107.65	-4.06	1.95	6.04	
(Excluding Food)	62.85	107.03	9.20	1.93	1.82	
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	75.14	97.73	-0.06	-1.73	-1.18	
Durable Consumer Goods 2. Service	562.89	103.76	-0.06 -0.04	2.34	2.34	
	88.66	111.87	0.36	6.24	7.85	
Food	209.54	100.72	-0.27	0.24	0.60	
Housing	76.99	100.72	0.01	1.62	1.28	
Transportation & Communication	33.02	102.27	-0.01	1.02	1.22	
Medical Care	129.64	101.84	0.19	3.46	3.00	
Education & Entertainment						
Miscellaneous	23.83	99.07	-1.16	-0.55	-0.39	
Special Groups General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	105.91	-0.09	3.05	3.83	
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables General Index Excluding Food	739.18	103.41	-0.09	1.30	2.06	
General Index Excluding Food General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,	/ 39.18	103.41	-0.10	1.30	2.00	
Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	105.40	0.55	2.89	3.23	

Note: Due to late reports and corrections by respondents all data are subject to revision 3 months after original publication.

Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices Oct. 2008

Groups	Weight	Index of Oct.	Compared	Compared	The First Ten
	(‰)	2008	with	with the	Months of 2008
		(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with
			Month	Month of	the Same Period
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year
				Year (%)	(%)
General Index	1,000.00			2.43	7.92
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	116.11	-2.95	5.95	11.68
Imports	327.09	115.17	-6.02	2.44	12.78
Exports	365.05	103.25	-0.56	-1.09	-0.92
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal	27.15	137.86	5.41	12.80	25.31
Husbandry Products					
(1)Farm Products	12.87	146.84	13.12	4.59	23.03
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60		-3.39	19.16	30.29
(3)Forest Products	0.41	119.98	2.16	4.71	-4.78
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	128.00		28.31	25.82
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59		-15.80		46.89
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78		-22.02	-4.38	48.75
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56		-1.15	3.40	
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25 890.99	218.64	3.20		57.52
3. Manufacturing Products	18.50		-2.54 -0.70	0.84 9.16	4.17
(1)Foods	5.34		0.08	2.33	13.28 1.70
(2)Beverages (3)Tobaccos	2.49			-0.07	-0.56
(4)Textile Products	21.67	103.02		3.06	2.71
(5)Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65		1.74	0.39	-4.27
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	108.30			-0.80
(7)Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	115.36		9.12	2.94
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	118.31	-1.62	9.35	10.82
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63		-12.16	8.34	31.72
(10)Chemical Material	91.92		-8.83	1.87	12.93
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00		1.19	7.99	3.91
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42		0.53	8.56	5.71
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	118.57	2.37	9.79	7.15
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	124.57	-11.12	-0.69	15.85
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	125.15	-1.54	12.63	8.79
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	85.18	2.07	-9.46	-11.64
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	88.97	1.26	-5.46	-9.81
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	108.68	0.30	0.12	2.67
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	110.45	3.49	8.35	2.62
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	106.47	1.81	5.04	1.69
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20		2.05	11.58	3.83
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	108.65	2.03	6.03	-0.12
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	125.94	3.23	22.63	6.60
By Stage of Processing					
1.Raw Materials	138.48	133.42	-13.12	8.19	37.90
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	114.05	-3.03	3.22	7.87
3.Finished Goods	140.17	109.48	2.81	4.69	3.90
(1)Capital Goods	53.38		3.78	6.23	0.83
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	110.93	2.25	4.05	5.47
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	115.39	-4.53	4.04	12.11
Domestic Products	672.91	109.96	-1.73	2.37	5.44
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	111.84	0.52	6.19	4.23
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	107.60	-3.25	-0.43	4.14

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Oct. 2008

-	Weight	Index of	Compared	Compared	The First Ten
	(‰)	Oct. 2008	with	with the	Months of
	` '	(2006=100)	Previous	Same	2008
			Month	Month of	Compared
Groups			(%)	Previous	with the
				Year (%)	Same Period
					of Previous Year (%)
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Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	115.17	-6.02	2.44	12.78
Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	134.36	-5.01	3.26	17.90
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral	208.51	135.21	-15.78	9.61	47.76
Products					
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	108.46	0.35	1.54	0.16
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	119.55	-1.52	6.25	3.85
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	116.78	-4.61	6.18	8.86
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	113.89	-16.04	-12.24	10.75
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	108.77	5.09	7.35	1.66
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	90.55	2.90	-4.57	-10.67
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	113.28	5.94	11.45	4.65
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	115.21	2.59	6.39	4.55
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	114.71	-8.03	2.06	19.18
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	133.84	-7.04	2.87	24.57
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral	208.51	134.62	-17.58	9.21	56.34
Products 3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	108.01	-1.80	1.16	5.75
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	119.08	-3.62	5.86	9.64
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles	147.68	116.33	-6.65	5.79	14.97
Thereof 6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	113.52	-17.83	-12.56	17.20
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	108.31	2.84	6.95	7.30
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	90.19	0.70	-4.91	-5.70
9.Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	112.80	3.67	11.05	10.46
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	114.73	0.39	6.00	10.37

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Oct. 2008

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Oct. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Ten Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	103.25	-0.56	-1.09	-0.92
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	129.71	0.33	26.98	16.89
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	110.59	1.35	4.44	1.11
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	117.60	-1.80	10.61	10.78
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	115.82	-3.00	4.91	7.72
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	123.41	-2.94	7.66	4.95
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	94.68	2.40	-6.43	-6.57
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	86.58	1.61	-9.14	-10.89
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	106.46	1.55	3.10	-0.88
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	125.02	-6.64	9.54	22.48
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	102.85	-2.70	-1.44	4.67
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	129.17	-1.82	26.51	23.44
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	110.14	-0.83	4.06	6.76
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	117.13	-3.91	10.21	17.05
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	115.38	-5.07	4.53	13.80
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	122.96	-5.03	7.26	10.88
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	94.28	0.19	-6.78	-1.34
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	86.21	-0.58	-9.47	-5.91
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	106.02	-0.63	2.72	4.69
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	124.50	-8.64	9.13	29.52

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