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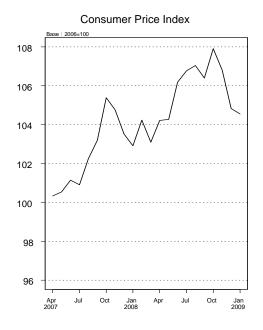
The Price Indices for January 2009

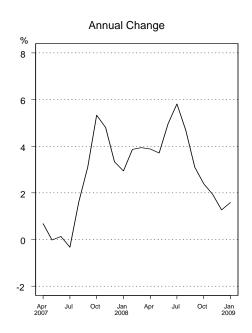
Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in January 2009 was 104.55 (2006=100), falling 0.27% from previous month. Due mainly to sufficient supply of Vegetables which price declined 31.35%, and Clothing down 5.11% for promotion, while Fuels & Lubricants went up 5.60% to reflect the increase of international Crude Oil prices. Besides, Entertainment Expense rose 4.16%, for traveling fee became expensive during winter vacation. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, went up 0.49%.

The annual change rate for CPI in January 2009, compared with the same month of previous year, was 1.59%. Prices of Food moved up 5.46%, where Fish & Shellfish went up 15.24%, Meat up 8.12% and Vegetables moved up 17.35%, whereas Fruits prices decreased 9.49%. Housing prices rose 2.45%, of which prices of Water, Electricity & Gas Supply went up 1.42%. Transportation & Communication prices fell 6.43%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants declined greatly 26.59%.

The CPI for Commodity and Service groups moved up 0.08% and 2.80% individually. The core CPI advanced 2.59%.

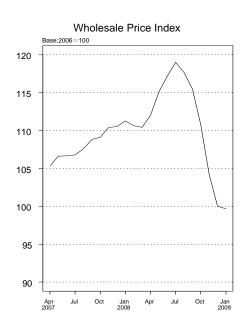


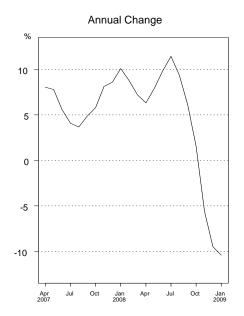


Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in January 2009 was 99.67 (2006=100), decreasing 0.35% from previous month, due primarily to prices of Farm Products declined 5.39%, Other Minerals Products and Basic Metal went down 4.45% and 3.35% respectively, while Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas moved up 6.57%. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports and Exports prices moved down 1.17% and 0.70% separately, while Imports prices rose 0.77%.

The annual change rate for WPI in January 2009 decreasing 10.43%, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas went down 46.67%, Petroleum & Coal Products, Chemical Material and Basic Metal moved down 35.88%, 31.89% and 23.45% respectively. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices fell 10.15% and Imports and Exports prices went down 11.91% and 9.19% individually.





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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Jan. 2009

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	Weight	Index of Jan.	1	Compared
	(‰)	2009		with the Same
Groups		(2006=100)	Month (%)	
				Previous Year
				(%)
General Index	1,000.00	104.55	-0.27	1.59
Basic Group				
1. Food	260.82	110.70	-2.83	5.46
Meat	23.08	119.98	0.82	8.12
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	128.24	5.63	15.24
Vegetables	24.81	81.79	-31.35	17.35
Fruits	27.59	105.35	-0.41	-9.49
2. Clothing	41.72	101.98	-5.11	-1.97
Garments	26.97	100.11	-7.11	-2.83
3. Housing	279.47	103.40	1.42	2.45
Residential Rent	185.40	100.74	-0.12	0.19
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	103.57	-1.03	1.42
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	97.28	1.13	-6.43
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	84.12	5.60	-26.59
Transportation & Communication Services	80.30	102.99	0.58	1.61
and Vehicle Parts				
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	106.30	-0.32	0.81
Medical Care Services	33.02	101.73	-0.08	0.37
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	122.36	-0.92	2.14
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	102.93	1.43	1.75
Educational Expense	111.25	100.31	-0.11	-0.28
Entertainment Expense	60.22	107.66		
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	103.91	0.02	
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	105.21	0.89	1.2
Commodity and Service Groups				
1. Commodity	437.11	103.91	-2.20	
(Excluding Food)	264.95	99.81	-0.71	-3.67
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	106.09	-2.21	1.02
(Excluding Food)	126.96	100.77	0.89	-5.26
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	101.84	-3.55	
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	95.63	-0.94	
2. Service	562.89	104.80		
Food	88.66	111.92		
Housing	209.54	102.81	2.19	
Transportation & Communication	76.99	102.57	0.60	
Medical Care	33.02	101.73	-0.08	
Education & Entertainment	129.64	106.93	1.94	
Miscellaneous	23.83	98.40	-0.76	0.31
Special Groups	0.47 50	105 11	0.47	1.60
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	105.11	0.67	
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	102.28	0.75	
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,	866.64	105.51	0.49	2.59
Fish, Shellfish & Energy				

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

Jan. 2009

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	99.67	-0.35	-10.43
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	100.42	-1.17	-10.15
Imports	327.09	103.55	0.77	-11.91
Exports	365.05	94.04		-9.19
Basic Group				
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal	27.15	120.67	2.11	2.07
Husbandry Products	27.15	120.67	-2.11	-3.07
(1)Farm Products	12.87	113.33	-5.39	-15.24
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	128.99		6.59
(3)Forest Products	0.41	107.32		-1.06
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	125.20		14.38
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	97.33		-30.47
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	75.54		-46.67
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	120.72		-5.87
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25	198.86		41.82
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	98.01	-0.47	-9.69
(1)Foods	18.50	117.23		-1.43
(2)Beverages	5.34	102.65		1.50
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	103.29		0.40
(4)Textile Products	21.67 4.65	107.28 100.94		-0.23 2.38
(5) Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.03	100.94		-0.07
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products (7)Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	109.85		2.52
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	107.56		-3.65
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	82.63		-35.88
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	80.98		-31.89
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	112.28		6.62
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	112.33		5.40
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	118.79	-1.56	8.28
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	97.58	-3.35	-23.45
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	111.60	-1.50	-0.60
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	84.55		-7.26
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	89.47		-2.70
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	99.60	-1.33	-5.96
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	115.36	0.10	10.24
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	110.23	0.04	7.36
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	112.77	-0.93	8.80
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	111.09		8.10
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas By Stage of Processing	24.28	120.01	0.13	16.85
1.Raw Materials	138.48	98.71	0.92	-28.93
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	103.37	-0.66	-8.10
3.Finished Goods	140.17	107.42	0.05	3.04
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	111.64	0.28	9.43
(2)Consumer Goods Special Groups	86.79	104.35	-0.11	-0.77
Domestic Sales	634.95	101.81	-0.17	-11.08
Domestic Products	672.91	97.68		-9.65
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	109.57	-0.35	2.17
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	95.37	-0.50	-12.45

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Jan. 2009

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	-
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	103.55	0.77	-11.91
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	122.40	-0.58	-13.50
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	97.24	3.06	-31.13
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	108.66	-0.06	1.36
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	109.07	-1.12	-4.30
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	101.70	0.05	-10.91
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	95.43	-0.16	-25.68
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	116.84	0.65	11.37
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	90.60	0.34	-1.69
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	122.01	1.15	14.83
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	111.86	-0.32	-1.29
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	101.31	0.47	-14.27
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	119.77	-0.87	-15.81
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	95.10	2.77	-32.97
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	106.30	-0.36	-1.35
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	106.71	-1.42	-6.87
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	99.51	-0.25	-13.30
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	93.43	-0.46	-27.67
7.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	114.28	0.34	8.39
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	88.63	0.05	-4.32
9.Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	119.34	0.85	11.75
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	109.43	-0.61	-3.92

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Jan. 2009

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)				_
General Index	1,000.00	94.04	-0.70	-9.19
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	114.47	-9.42	6.01
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	106.15	-0.02	-0.52
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	102.33	-1.87	-7.96
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	93.84	-0.80	-17.06
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	100.66	-3.01	-11.12
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	93.92	-0.23	-5.33
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	85.58	0.16	-7.18
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	112.43	-0.75	7.84
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	90.36	-0.90	-22.08
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	92.01	-1.00	-11.62
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	111.97	-9.69	3.18
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	103.83	-0.33	-3.20
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	100.11	-2.16	-10.42
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	91.81	-1.11	-19.29
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	98.52	-3.30	-13.51
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	91.87	-0.53	-7.86
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	83.70	-0.14	-9.66
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	109.98	-1.04	4.95
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	88.39	-1.20	-24.17

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