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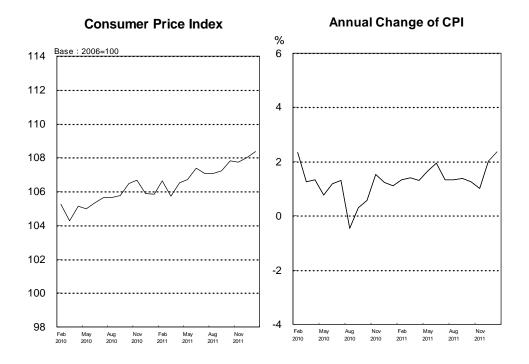
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The Price Indices for January 2012

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in January 2012 (2006=100) increased 0.33% from December 2011, mainly because during Chinese New Year's Festival, nurse and maid service costs increased which brought Household Operations prices to go up 39.61%. Besides, tour fees, taxi fees and hairdressing service charges went up, brought the prices of Entertainment Expense, Transportation Fees and Personal Care Services to move up 2.76%, 2.55% and 1.52% respectively. Additionally, Fish & Shellfish and Fruits prices rose 4.98% and 2.04% individually. Nevertheless, prices of Vegetables declined 9.35%, and Clothing prices decreased 5.64% for winter promotion. The headline CPI excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.55%.

The annual change of CPI in January 2012, comparing with the same month of 2011, was 2.37%. Food prices went up 4.54%, of which Vegetables prices advanced 42.03% because of the weather. Eggs and Dairy Products moved up 14.69% and 7.31% separately, while Fruits prices went down 7.34%. Clothing prices rose 3.00%, mainly because Garments prices increased 2.17%. Housing prices rose 2.83% for prices of Gas moved up 6.53%, additionally, nurse and maid service fees went up which brought Household Operations prices to rise 39.74% during this Chinese New Year's Festival. Hairdressing service charges raised, and Tobacco prices rose gradually since March 2011, brought Miscellaneous prices to go up 2.73%. The General Index excluding Fruits and Vegetables increased 1.82%, the core CPI rose 1.86%.



CPI for Households in Different Disposable Income Groups

In January 2012, the CPI for Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group moved up 2.08% comparing with the same month of 2011, CPI for Middle 60% Disposable Income Group and CPI for Highest 20% Disposable Income Group increased 2.33% and 2.74% individually.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in January 2012 increased 0.01% from previous month. Mainly because prices of Fishery Products, Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Chemical Material, Petroleum & Coal Products and moved up 3.45%, 2.29%, 1.78% and 1.59% respectively, while prices of imported iron ores went down which brought Other Mineral Products prices to decline 12.36%. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports increased 0.34%. Export price index moved up 0.06%, while Import price index decreased 0.33%.

The annual change of WPI in January 2012, comparing with the same month of 2011, was 4.28%. Mainly because prices of Fishery Products rose 29.19%, in addition, Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products and Machinery & Equipment went up 25.08%, 13.13% and 7.96%

respectively. Nevertheless, prices of Basic Metal decreased 4.21%. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports rose 0.69%. Import price index moved up 7.60% and Export price index went up 4.35%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Jan. 2012

	Jan. 2012	1	1	
Groups	Weight	Index of Jan.		Compared
	(‰)	2012	with Previous	
		(2006=100)	Month (%)	Same Month
				of Previous
				Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	108.36	0.33	2.37
Basic Group				
1. Food	260.82	117.63	-0.60	4.54
Cereals & Cereal Products	19.72	121.46	-1.12	3.99
Meat	23.08	125.59	0.52	1.14
Eggs	2.00	143.89	3.20	14.69
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	150.20	4.98	3.90
Vegetables	24.81	120.07	-9.35	42.03
Fruits	27.59	99.01	2.04	-7.34
Dairy Products	10.51	134.69	0.29	7.31
2. Clothing	41.72	110.26	-5.64	3.00
Garments	26.97	107.45	-7.95	2.17
3. Housing	279.47	105.21	1.9	2.83
Residential Rent	185.40	101.21	0.06	0.35
Household Appliances	27.89	106.52	-0.82	2.27
Household Operations ¹	14.53	135.28	39.61	39.74
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	110.67	0.00	1.97
Gas	9.70	131.75	-0.02	6.53
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	103.37	0.33	-0.83
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	118.23	-0.45	-0.45
Transportation Fees	20.86	106.77	2.55	2.52
Communication Fees	31.77	86.03	-0.57	-7.38
Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	109.80	-0.01	1.28
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	131.23	-0.08	2.24
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	101.11	0.93	0.65
Educational Expense	111.25	98.22	-0.12	0.14
Entertainment Expense	60.22	106.35	2.76	1.52
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	111.44	0.85	2.73
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	133.49	1.08	3.59
Personal Care Services	14.78	99.80	1.52	5.2
Commodity and Service Groups				
1. Commodity	437.11	111.89	-0.98	3.04
(Excluding Food)	264.95	106.75	-1.00	1.15
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	117.78	-0.57	3.84
(Excluding Food)	126.96	115.32		1.28
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	105.55	-4.12	1.57
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	92.11	0.07	0.45
2. Service	562.89	105.37	1.42	1.82
Food	88.66	113.72	0.15	2.14
Housing	209.54	103.61	2.73	3.02
Transportation & Communication	76.99	98.38	0.60	-1.74
Medical Care	33.02	103.94	0.01	0.84
Education & Entertainment	129.64	108.46		1.68
Miscellaneous	23.83	100.28	1.29	3.82
Special Groups General Index Evaluding Fruits & Vacatables	947.60	108.30	0.59	1.82
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables General Index Excluding Food	739.18	108.30	0.39	1.82
General Index Excluding Food General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,	866.64	104.98	0.70	1.86
Fish, Shellfish & Energy	000.04	107.00	0.55	1.00

Note: 1.includes nannies, housecleaning expenses and services paid for keeping household running efficiently.

2.All data are subject to revision 3 months after original publication due to late reports and corrections by respondents.

Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices Jan. 2012

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
Comment Indian	1000.00	112.66	0.01	4.28
General Index	307.86	115.62	0.01	0.69
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	327.09	125.22	-0.33	7.60
Imports Exports	365.05	97.26	0.06	4.35
Basic Group	303.03	71.20	0.00	7.55
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal				
Husbandry Products	27.15	145.28	0.16	9.56
(1)Farm Products	12.87	127.15	-2.27	3.11
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	138.99	0.01	-0.21
(3)Forest Products	0.41	104.51	2.13	-9.92
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	183.55	3.45	29.19
2. Quarrying & Minerals Products	57.59		-1.22	19.71
(1)Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78	169.20	2.29	25.08
(2)Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56	101.80	-0.16	2.81
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25	220.60	-12.36	5.24
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	106.51	0.13	2.75
(1)Foods	18.50	133.32	-0.44	2.05
(2)Beverages	5.34	104.12	-0.05	2.09
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	126.73	3.28	5.94
(4)Textile Products	21.67	128.71	-0.19	0.02
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65	104.98	-0.46	10.05
(6)Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97	115.84	-0.48	8.14
(7)Wood & Bamboo Products	2.15	115.65	-0.21	3.37
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	115.61	-0.71	-4.19
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	145.57	1.59	13.13
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	124.49	1.78	0.11
(11)Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00	112.72	-1.19	3.48
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	117.89	-0.11	5.42
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	105.77	0.22	1.04
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	117.39	0.06	-4.21
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	111.67	-0.33	1.01
(16)Electronic Parts & Components	261.17	75.34	-0.44	2.50
(17)Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	64.22	78.56	-0.41	5.24
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	109.78	0.05	0.56
(19)Machinery & Equipment	67.61	116.35	-0.16	7.96
(20)Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78	111.48	-0.18	3.63
(21)Furniture & Fixtures	5.20	112.03	-0.36	7.71
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	113.11	0.09	6.40
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	126.29	0.00	0.17
By Stage of Processing				
1.Raw Materials	138.48	157.95	0.16	9.52
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	112.18	-0.03	1.39
3.Finished Goods	140.17	113.05	-0.23	4.88
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	112.71	0.03	6.76
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	112.77	-0.38	3.76
Special Groups				
Domestic Sales	634.95	120.28	-0.02	4.25
Domestic Products	672.91	106.46	0.20	2.47
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	116.21	-0.28	2.32
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	104.32	0.25	2.87

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Jan. 2012

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2012 (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	125.22	-0.33	7.60
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	149.20	-0.86	1.76
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	174.21	-0.59	18.91
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	142.51	0.88	-0.87
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	112.43	-0.84	-3.33
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	122.24	-0.16	5.73
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	117.35	0.04	-4.65
7.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	117.10	0.08	7.78
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	82.47	-0.59	4.87
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	128.69	-0.17	6.86
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	120.94	-0.65	1.54
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	135.62	0.39	4.27
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	161.61	-0.14	-1.39
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	188.61	0.14	15.24
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	154.33	1.62	-3.93
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	121.77	-0.12	-6.32
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	132.41	0.57	2.47
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	127.19	0.77	-7.59
7.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	126.80	0.80	4.44
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	89.32	0.13	1.64
9.Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	139.34	0.56	3.55
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	130.97	0.08	-1.60

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Jan. 2012

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2012 (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	97.26	0.06	4.35
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	180.28	3.82	37.62
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	123.16	-0.14	2.58
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	116.03	-0.85	-3.93
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	116.74	0.36	-0.19
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	104.81	-0.40	-2.73
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	87.36	-0.73	4.86
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	75.73	-0.37	3.43
8.Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	110.03	-0.43	4.52
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	131.11	2.17	20.38
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	105.37	0.78	1.10
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	195.27	4.59	33.35
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	133.41	0.60	-0.60
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	125.69	-0.14	-6.92
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	126.49	1.10	-3.28
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	113.60	0.34	-5.73
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	94.62	0.00	1.61
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	82.02	0.37	0.22
8.Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	119.19	0.31	1.27
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	142.02	2.92	16.65

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