

## **The Price Indices for May 2021**

### **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

The CPI in May 2021 (2016=100) increased 0.26% from the preceding month, mainly because indices for fruits and vegetables rose 9.36% and 3.24%, respectively. However, the index for eggs fell 3.62%; the index for garments fell 0.80% due to Mother's Day promotions; the index for entertainment expenses also fell 0.58% as hotel charges and domestic package holidays fees fell after the long weekend of Children's Day and Tomb-Sweeping Day in April, offsetting part of the increase. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) rose 0.05%.

The CPI in May 2021, compared with the same month of 2020, increased 2.48%, mainly because indices for fuels and lubricants rose 43.92% due to a relatively lower comparison base, the index for transportation fees rose 15.61% due to the increase in airfares, and indices for vegetables, fruits, as well as eggs rose 7.49%, 4.60%, and 4.60%, respectively. The core CPI increased 1.58%.

For the first five months of 2021, the CPI increased 1.39% over the same period of previous year. Indices for commodity and service moved up 1.45% and 1.34%, respectively. The core CPI increased 1.13%.

### **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**

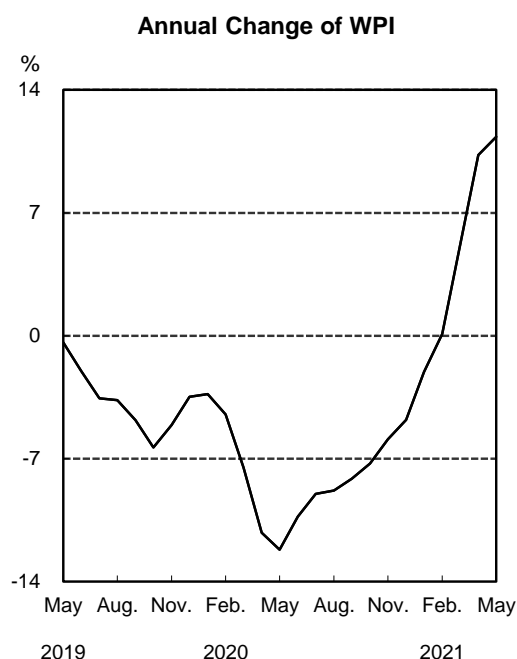
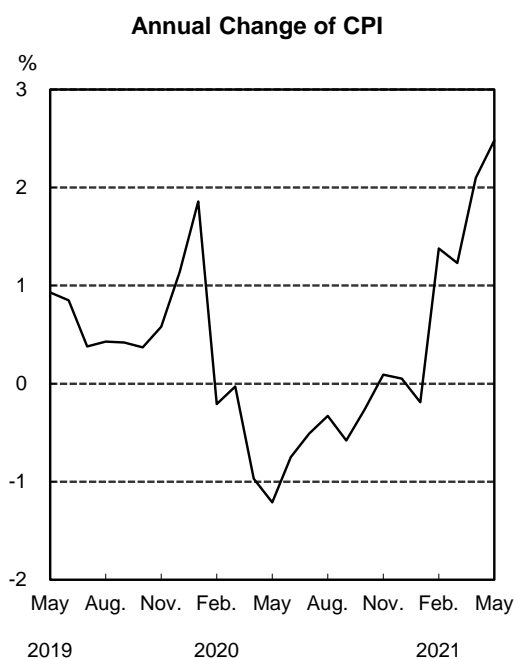
The WPI in May 2021 increased 0.43% from the preceding month. Indices for farm products, basic metals, as well as quarrying and mining products rose 6.91%, 4.71%, and 2.73%, respectively. The index for petroleum and coal products also rose 1.28%.

The WPI in May 2021, compared with the same month of 2020, increased 11.33%. Indices for petroleum and coal products, as well as quarrying and mining products rose 85.88% and 69.70%, respectively. The index for basic metals also rose 36.68%. Moreover, the index for chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals rose 34.24%. However, the NTD appreciated 7.28% against the USD, partly offsetting the increase. The price index for domestic sales excluding imports (DPI) increased 15.36%, import price index (IPI) and export price index (EPI) also rose 13.24% and 6.95%, respectively.

For the first five months of 2021, the WPI increased 4.79% over the same period of previous year. The DPI, IPI, and EPI also rose 8.19%, 5.26%, and 1.90%, respectively.

### Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI, the price index for products domestically produced, in May 2021 increased 0.72% from the preceding month. Indices for farm products, basic metals, as well as fabricated metal products rose 9.59%, 6.39%, and 2.19%, respectively. Moreover, the index for petroleum and coal products rose 1.61%.



## **Statistical Tables**

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Table5 The Changes of Producer Price Indices

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