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Agricultural Price Indices (API)^{1,2}

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The Agricultural Price Indices (API) provide information on trends in selling prices of agricultural products (Output Price Index) and in purchase prices of the means of agricultural production (Input Price Index).

Output Price Index (excluding subsidies)

The Output Price Index in October 2007, as compared to October 2006, increased by 14,8%. A year earlier, the index was also increased by 1,5%.

The Output Price Index in October 2007, as compared to September 2007, decreased by 2,2%. A year earlier, the index was also decreased by 0,7%.

Annual rates³

¹The revised Agricultural Price Indices (API-Output and Input Price Indices in Agriculture and Livestock) use the concept of "market price" which is defined as the prices received or paid by the producer excluding the deductible VAT and subsidies (the latter since 1995 and onwards).

² The revised API is calculated on the basis of the Laspeyres formula with base year 2000=100,0. The output weighting coefficients have been calculated on the basis of the average sales value of products produced for the years 1999 and 2000, while the input weighting coefficients take into account the total expenditure payment of the year 2000.

Output Prices in October 2007, as compared to October 2006, recorded a rise of 14,8%, due to the annual changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- □ Crop production goods prices, increased by 19,3%
- □ Animal production goods prices, increased by 2,9%

Monthly rates4

Output Prices in October 2007, as compared to September 2007, decreased by 2,2%, due to the monthly changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- □ Crop production goods prices, decreased by 3,1%
- □ Animal production goods prices, increased by 0,8%

Input Price Index

The Input Price Index in October 2007, as compared to October 2006, recorded a rise of 11,9%. A year earlier, the index was increased by 2,8%.

The Input Price Index in October 2007, as compared to September 2007, increased by 2,8%. A year earlier, the index was also increased by 0,1%.

Annual rates⁵

Input Prices in October 2007, as compared to October 2006, rose by 11,9%, due to the annual changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- □ Intermediate consumption goods prices, grew by 14,7%
- □ Capital formation goods prices, grew by 3,1%

Monthly rates⁶

^[3,5] The annual rates measure the changes of output and input producer prices in agricultural and livestock production, between the current month and the same month of the previous year.

^[4,6] The monthly rates measure the changes of output and input producer prices in agricultural and livestock production, between the two latest months.

Input Prices in October 2007, as compared to September 2007, increased by 2,8%, due to the monthly changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- □ Intermediate consumption goods prices, grew by 3,6%
- □ Capital formation goods prices, grew by 0,1%

More information on the rates of change of the API are presented in the annexed tables (1,2) and graphs (1,2).

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TABLE 1: Output Price Indices in Agricultural and Livestock Production

I. Annual changes of the overall production and by main groups (2000=100,0)

	October		Change	October		Change
	2007	2006	%	2006	2005	%
Overall production	145,3	126,6	14,8	126,6	124,7	1,5
Crop production	154,7	129,7	19,3	129,7	129,2	0,4
Animal production	122,5	119,0	2,9	119,0	113,8	4,6

II. Monthly changes of the overall production and by main groups (2000=100,0)

	October September		Change	October	September	Change
	2007		%	2006		%
Overall production	145,3	148,6	-2,2	126,6	127,5	-0,7
Crop production	154,7	159,8	-3,1	129,7	130,9	-0,9
Animal production	122,5	121,6	0,8	119,0	119,2	-0,1

TABLE 2: Input Price Indices in Agricultural and Livestock Production

I. Annual changes of the Means of production and by main groups (2000=100,0)

	October		Change	October		Change
	2007	2006	%	2006	2005	%
Means of production	144,0	128,7	11,9	128,7	125,2	2,8
Intermediate consumption	149,2	130,0	14,7	130,0	126,5	2,8
Capital formation	128,5	124,7	3,1	124,7	121,3	2,7

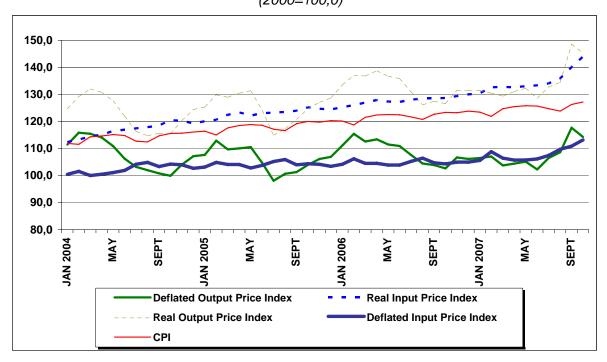
II. Monthly changes of the Means of production and by main groups (2000=100,0)

	October September		Change	October	September	Change
	2007		%	2006		%
Means of production	144,0	140,0	2,8	128,7	128,5	0,1
Intermediate consumption	149,2	143,9	3,6	130,0	129,8	0,2
Capital formation	128,5	128,4	0,1	124,7	124,6	0,1

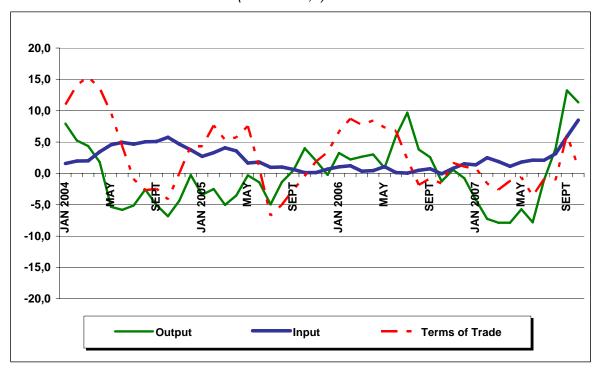
Notes: 1. The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of the indices with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

Graph 1:
Real and Deflated Agricultural Price Indices (Output and Input)
Deflation by CPI (Consumer Price Index)
(2000=100,0)



Graph 2: Output and Input Deflated Indices and Terms of Trade (% change compared to the corresponding month of the previous year) (2000=100,0)



Note: The Agricultural Terms of Trade are calculated by dividing the real output price index by the real input price index