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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Agricultural Price Indices (API)<sup>1,2</sup>**

**March 2008**

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 March 2008, as compared to March 2007, increased by 13,3%. A year earlier, the index was decreased by 4,4%.

The Output Price Index in March 2008, as compared to February 2008, decreased by 2,0%. A year earlier, the index was increased by 1,7%.

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<sup>1</sup>The 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

### Annual rates<sup>3</sup>

Output Prices in March 2008, as compared to March 2007, recorded a rise of 13,3%, due to the annual changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- ❑ Crop production goods prices, increased by 17,3%
- ❑ Animal production goods prices, increased by 2,4%

### Monthly rates<sup>4</sup>

Output Prices in March 2008, as compared to February 2008, decreased by 2,0%, due to the monthly changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- ❑ Crop production goods prices, decreased by 2,5%
- ❑ Animal production goods prices, decreased by 0,3%

### Input Price Index

The Input Price Index in March 2008, as compared to March 2007, recorded a rise of 15,6%. A year earlier, the index was increased by 4,6%.

The Input Price Index in March 2008, as compared to February 2008, increased by 1,4%. A year earlier, the index was also increased by 0,1%.

### Annual rates<sup>5</sup>

Input Prices in March 2008, as compared to March 2007, rose by 15,6%, due to the annual changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate consumption goods prices, grew by 19,4%
- ❑ Capital formation goods prices, grew by 3,3%

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[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.

## Monthly rates<sup>6</sup>

Input Prices in March 2008, as compared to February 2008, increased by 1,4%, due to the monthly changes of the main groups of prices, as following:

- ❑ Intermediate consumption goods prices, grew by 1,7%
- ❑ Capital formation goods prices, grew by 0,3%

*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)**

	March		Change %	March		Change %
	2008	2007		2007	2006	
Overall production	148,1	130,7	13,3	130,7	136,8	-4,4
Crop production	158,8	135,4	17,3	135,4	144,7	-6,5
Animal production	122,4	119,5	2,4	119,5	117,7	1,5

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

	March	February	Change %	March	February	Change %
	2008			2007		
Overall production	148,1	151,2	-2,0	130,7	128,6	1,7
Crop production	158,8	162,9	-2,5	135,4	132,6	2,1
Animal production	122,4	122,8	-0,3	119,5	118,9	0,5

**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)**

	March		Change %	March		Change %
	2008	2007		2007	2006	
Means of production	153,5	132,8	15,6	132,8	127,0	4,6
Intermediate consumption	161,2	134,9	19,4	134,9	128,2	5,2
Capital formation	130,5	126,3	3,3	126,3	123,2	2,5

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

	March	February	Change %	March	February	Change %
	2008			2007		
Means of production	153,5	151,3	1,4	132,8	132,7	0,1
Intermediate consumption	161,2	158,4	1,7	134,9	134,9	0,0
Capital formation	130,5	130,1	0,3	126,3	126,0	0,2

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

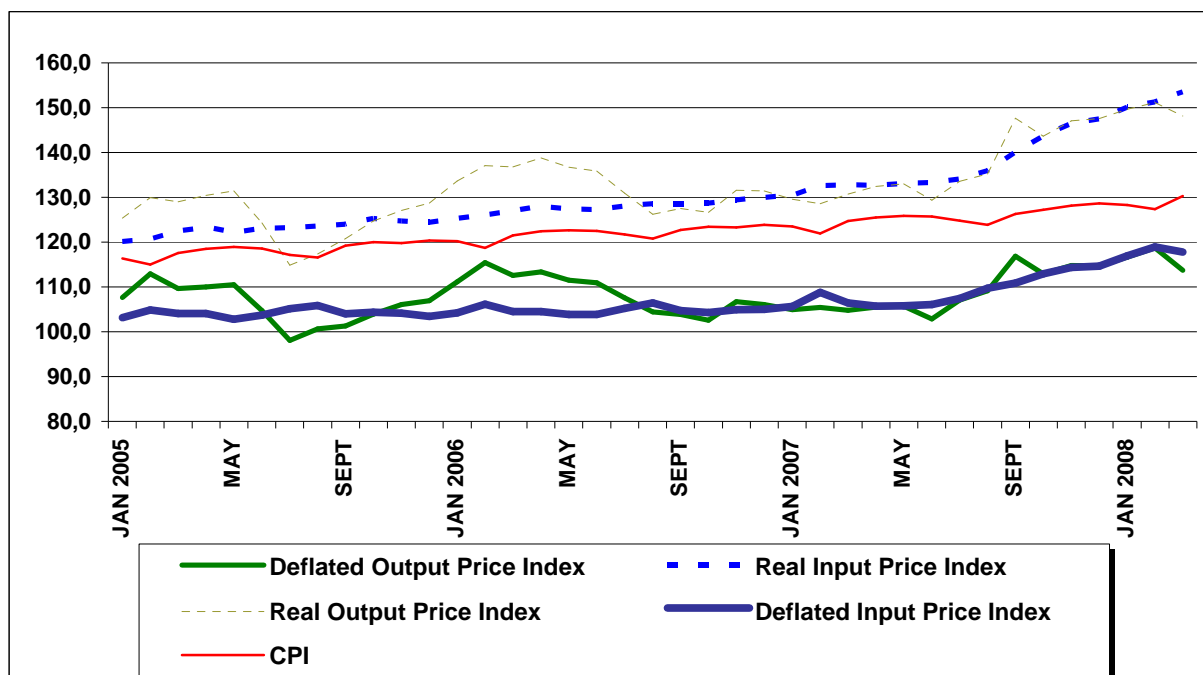
2. Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of the indices with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

**Graph 1:**

**Real and Deflated Agricultural Price Indices (Output and Input)**

**Deflation by CPI (Consumer Price Index)**

(2000=100,0)

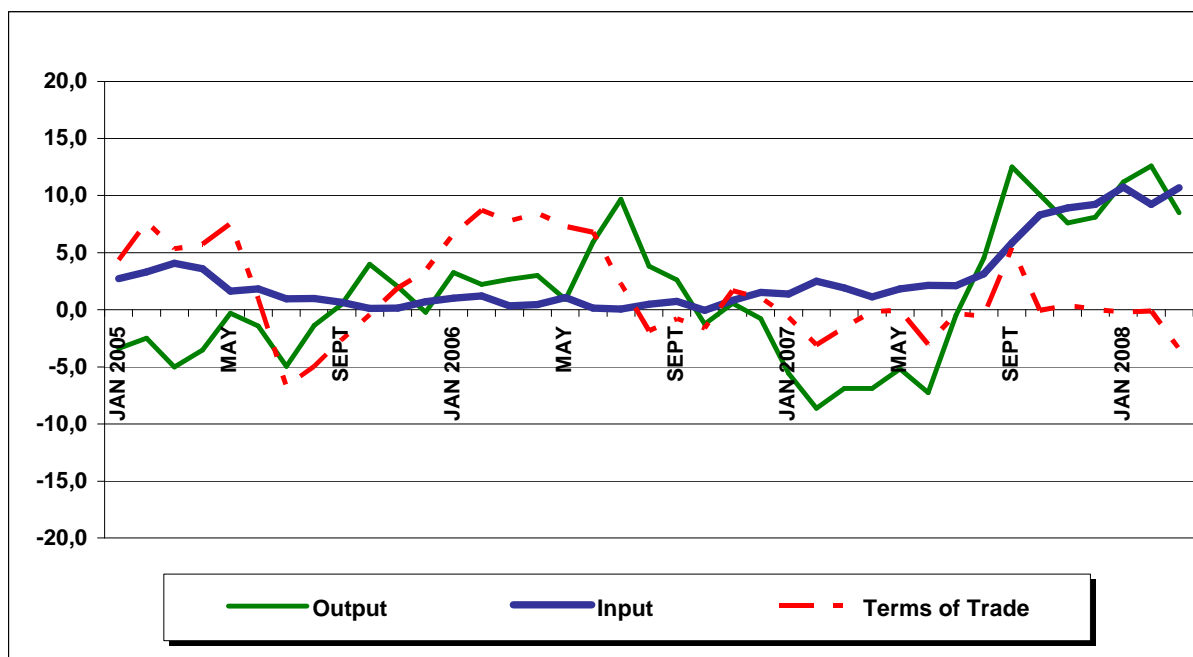


**Graph 2:**

**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*