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■ Indices of agricultural prices - March 2014

Overall producer prices of agricultural products rose in March

In March, overall producer prices of agricultural products rose (+1.7 % compared to February) ; over one year they dropped by 4.2 %.

Cereal prices significantly increased in March (+5.5 %). The markets reacted to the geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine. They have taken into account the possibilities of disruptions in the international trade of cereals, in which these two countries massively take part.

Producer prices of cereals

Base year : 2010



Source : INSEE

Oleaginous prices, mainly driven by the price of rape - the main oleaginous seed grown in France - increased in March (+5.7 %). Commercial strains on soy and palm oil drove rape prices up, whose uses are similar. Combined with a significant Asian demand, the soy supply suffered from the drop of yields in Brazil and logistics problems in Argentina, while the drought rarefied palm oil in Malaysia.

Overall prices of wines increased by 13.3 % over one year (and by 21.3 % for PDO wines), further to the drop of crop for two years.

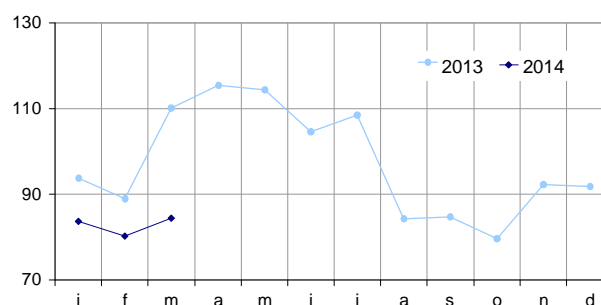
Potato prices tumbled compared to last year (-27.9 %). This was a return to normal as the last but one crop, in 2012, had been particularly weak in North-Western Europe.

Fresh fruit prices decreased year-over-year (-19.3 %). Apple and pear prices tumbled as their production rose sharply in 2013. Strawberry prices dropped as well : the heat and the light, which were more present in this beginning of the season than last year, led to an

increasing production.

Producer prices of fresh vegetables

Base year : 2010

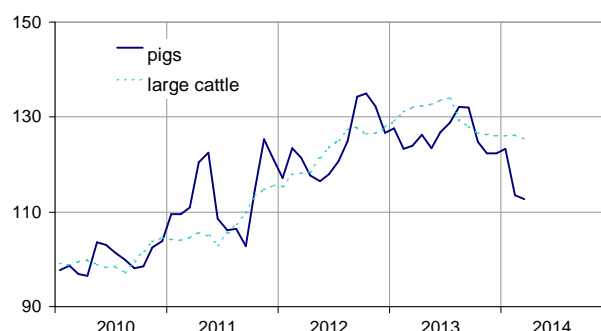


Source : SSP (ministry of agriculture)

Fresh vegetable prices plummeted year-over-year (-23.2 %). Indeed balmy weather allowed to speed up the harvests of leeks and lettuces, filling up the demand. And cauliflower hardly sold despite a reduced supply related to bad weather conditions: the commercial outlets are weak either toward fresh consumption or industry.

Producer prices of pigs and big cattle

Base year : 2010 ; seasonally adjusted



Source : INSEE

On a seasonally adjusted basis, animal prices slightly decreased in March (-0.4 %). Pig prices tumbled by almost 8% over three months due to a sanitary embargo from Russia stopping the exportations from the EU. Milk prices jumped over one year (+16.3%) due to the strong international demand for industrial dairy products.

Indices of producer prices of agricultural products (IPPAP)

Base year 2010

	weights	March 2014 raw	Variation as % over a 3 months Seasonally adjusted		
			a month	3 months	a year
Agricultural goods output	1000	119.0	+1.7	+0.3	-4.2
excluding fruits and vegetables	900	121.4	+1.5	+0.8	-2.7
Crop output (excluding fruits and vegetables)	503	122.9	+2.9	+1.0	-6.0
Cereals	188	121.1	+5.5	+0.5	-15.3
of which soft wheat	112	124.1	+6.9	+0.4	-14.1
grain maize	41	108.8	+4.6	+1.3	-20.6
Potatoes	26	133.9	///	///	-27.9
Wines	177	131.3	+1.7	+3.9	+13.3
Protected designation of origin	84	142.3	+2.9	+6.8	+21.3
other wines	23	132.2	+0.4	+1.5	+6.7
Oleaginous	49	107.4	+5.7	+7.6	-16.8
Horticultural products	30	104.4	-0.2	-0.3	-3.7
Other crop products	33	118.3	+0.5	+3.0	-0.9
Fruits and vegetables (1)	100	97.3	///	///	-18.8
Fresh vegetables	53	84.5	///	///	-23.2
Fresh fruits	35	109.7	///	///	-19.3
Animal output	397	119.6	-0.2	+0.5	+2.1
Animals	235	119.0	-0.4	-2.2	-5.3
of which large cattle	96	124.9	-0.5	-0.4	-4.5
calves	26	115.2	-0.6	+1.0	+0.7
pigs	54	113.8	-0.7	-7.9	-9.1
sheep	10	114.7	+1.3	-2.7	+4.8
poultry	46	115.4	-0.2	-1.3	-7.7
of which chicken	28	115.2	-0.3	-1.4	-7.8
Milk	147	121.2	0.0	+5.6	+16.3
of which cow milk (2)	137	122.4	0.0	+6.0	+17.0
Eggs	15	115.4	+2.8	-5.9	+0.8

1) Including vegetables for industry.

(2) The price for March is not yet known and therefore is estimated by carrying forward the seasonally adjusted price from February

Sources: INSEE - SSP (ministry of agriculture)

Purchase prices of the means of agricultural production rose in March.

Overall prices of intermediate consumptions globally went up in March (+0.2 %). Over one year, animal feed and fertilisers prices decreased by almost 10 %. Investment prices increased as well (+0.4 %) in March.

Purchase price of the means of agricultural production



Sources : INSEE et SSP (ministère chargé de l'Agriculture)

Indices of purchase prices of the means of agricultural production (IPAMPA)

Base year 2010

	weights	March 2014	Variation as % over a 3 months a year		
			a month	3 months	a year
Total input	1000	113.0	+0.2	+0.7	-2.8
Intermediate consumptions	764	115.0	+0.2	+0.6	-3.9
Energy (1)	100	117.0	-1.5	-3.1	-3.6
Seeds	57	109.3	+0.5	+0.9	+1.2
Fertilisers and soil improvers	92	118.3	+1.6	+5.4	-9.0
Plant protection products	78	100.6	+0.6	+0.3	+0.7
Animal feed	205	126.1	+0.3	+0.4	-8.3
Veterinary expenses	43	110.6	0.0	+0.7	+2.7
Small equipment and tools	17	108.3	-0.4	-0.8	+0.1
Maintenance of materials	67	111.2	0.0	+1.8	+2.9
Maintenance of buildings	9	106.8	+0.2	0.0	-0.2
Other goods and services	97	101.7	0.0	+0.1	-0.2
Goods and services contributing to investment	236	107.0	+0.4	+0.8	+1.0
Material	186	107.1	+0.5	+0.8	+1.6
Tractors	79	107.6	+0.8	+0.9	+1.3
Machinery and plant for cultivation	36	108.4	+0.5	+1.9	+3.2
Machinery and plant for harvesting	42	107.2	+0.2	+0.3	+1.7
Utility vehicles	18	103.2	-0.1	+0.1	+0.8
Total input	50	106.7	+0.2	+0.6	-1.2

(1) The repayment of the domestic tax on energy products (TICPE) benefiting farmers has been applied in advance for the year 2014

Sources: INSEE - SSP (ministry of agriculture)

To know more about French indices of agricultural prices:

The index of producer prices for agricultural products (IPPAP) measures the changes in products prices when they are put on the market for the first time. They are set at 100 in 2010, the coefficients for their weights come from national accounts and are based on the year 2010. The weight-coefficients of fresh fruits and vegetables, early potatoes and cut flowers change every month, which reflects their very seasonal pattern. As a result their variations must be interpreted year-over-year. Seasonally adjustments are restricted to cattle, milk, cut flowers as a whole, and to some other aggregates.

The methodology can be found via the link hereafter:

<http://www.insee.fr/fr/publications-et-services/sommaire.asp?codesage=IMET121&nivgeo=0>, and for fresh vegetables and fruits. in *Agriste - Chiffres et Données - n°165 - février 20 05*.

The index of purchase prices of the means of agricultural production (IPAMPA) reflects the variations of goods and services used in the agricultural process. They are based on the survey conducted by the ministry of agriculture at wholesale dealers of fertilisers, feed for animals, phytosanitary products, seeds, veterinary products and services and small equipment; IPAMPA are also based on output prices industry (IPP) for energy and equipment goods; on consumption prices (IPC) for fuel; and on construction index for buildings (BT and TP) and their maintenance. They are based on the year 2010.

Further data (historical data, simplified methodology) are located on the HTML page of this publishing :

<http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=80>

- Find directly historical data in the database « Base de Données Macro-économiques »: [G1465](#), [G1466](#)

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