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■ Indices of agricultural prices - March 2013

Foreword : starting from March 2013, the indices of agricultural prices are based on year 2010. They have also been re-referenced to 100 for average year 2010. The new series start in January 2005.

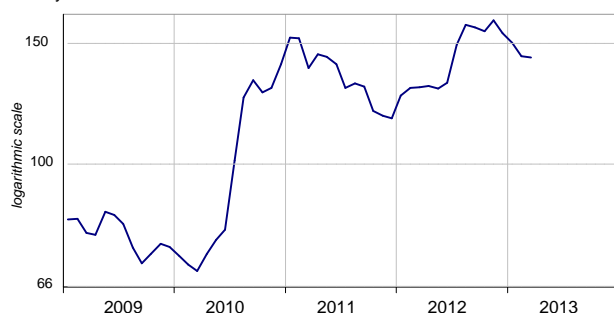
Overall producer prices of agricultural products increased in March

In March 2013, overall producer prices increased (+0.6 % compared to February) ; over one year they rose by 7.1 %.

Cereals prices did not change much this month (-0.4 %). The good forecast of crops of wheat and maize in 2013 weighed slightly on the prices.

Producer prices of cereals

Base year : 2010



Source : INSEE

Oleaginous prices showed a slight increase in March (+0.5 %). The cold weather which had been going on slowed the growing of rape, but the demand for grinding stayed moderate. Moreover, problems in Brazil in the supply chain troubled the deliveries of soy.

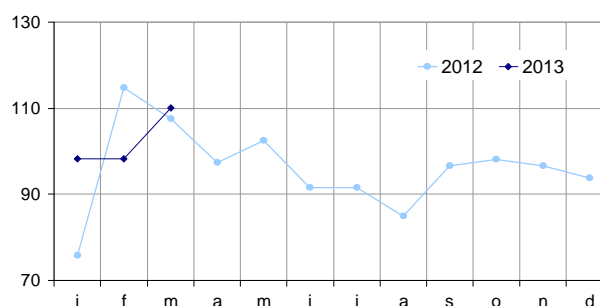
Potato prices doubled in March compared to the same month last year (+98.6 %), due to a marked shortfall of supply in North-Western Europe.

The wines were more expensive in March (+1.1 %). Over one year their prices surged by more than 10 %. The prices, for some of them with protected designation of origin, were sustained by the export demand. The less significant crop last autumn led to a rise in prices for common wines.

Fresh fruits prices leapt sharply year-over-year (+39.9 %). The price of apple increased by 52 % due to a considerable slump in production in Europe. Kiwi became more expensive too, but less noticeably.

Producer price of fresh vegetables

Base year : 2010

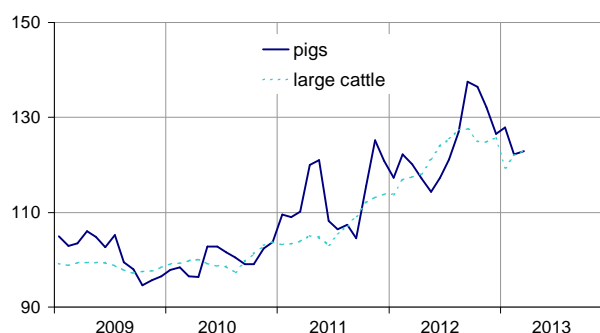


Source : SSP (Ministry of Agriculture)

The prices of fresh vegetables increased year-over-year (+2.3 %). The late arrival of spring hindered the consumption of salad while it favoured these of leeks and cauliflowers, which are usually more consumed during the cold season. The supply is less abundant this year for onions.

Producer prices of pigs and large cattle

Base year : 2010 ; seasonally adjusted



Source : INSEE

On a seasonally adjusted basis, price of animals increased a little in March (+0.5 %). Prices of big cattle rose due to a decreasing supply. Pig prices showed a more contained increase as a result of the limitation of the export demand. The early calendar for easter celebrations sped up the demand for sheep. Egg prices

kept on tumbling, decreasing halfly year-over-year. The strong rebound of supply is the consequence of the recovery of the production capacities.

Indices of producer prices of agricultural products (IPPAP)

base year : 2010

	weights	March 2013 raw	Variation as % over		
			a month	3 month seasonally adjusted data	a year raw
Agricultural goods output excluding fruits and vegetables	1000	123.1	+0.6	-1.8	+7.1
	907	123.7	+0.2	-2.8	+6.5
Crop output (excluding fruits and vegetables)	500	131.2	+0.5	-2.9	+13.3
Cereals	190	143.2	-0.4	-7.9	+10.6
of which soft wheat	113	144.5	-0.5	-6.5	+14.3
grain maize	42	137.1	+0.2	-9.9	+8.6
Potatoes	26	185.9	///	///	+98.6
Wines	171	117.4	+1.1	+1.5	+11.5
Protected designation of origine	134	115.6	+1.1	+1.6	+10.5
other wines	36	124.2	+1.1	+1.2	+15.2
Oleaginous	49	129.1	+0.5	-0.7	+2.1
Horticultural products	31	109.0	+3.0	+4.5	+7.3
Other crop products	34	115.3	-1.4	-1.5	+7.6
Fruits and vegetables (1)	93	117.0	///	///	+14.2
Fresh vegetables	51	110.0	///	///	+2.3
Fresh fruits	34	128.3	///	///	+39.9
Animal output	407	114.5	-0.2	-2.6	-1.9
Animals	244	122.1	+0.5	-0.9	+5.4
of which large cattle calves	96	123.2	+0.9	-2.2	+4.8
pigs	26	114.4	+0.5	+3.7	+4.5
sheep	54	125.2	+0.5	-2.9	+2.2
poultry	10	109.4	+2.6	+1.3	0.0
of which chicken	54	123.5	-0.4	+1.2	+11.6
Milk	28	124.6	-0.1	+2.0	+13.0
of which cow milk (2)	148	101.9	0.0	-0.6	-4.4
Eggs	138	102.4	0.0	-0.7	-4.7
	15	114.5	-13.4	-33.4	-50.1

(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 almost stagnated in March.

Prices of intermediate consumptions dipped in March (-0.3 %) due mainly to the move of energy prices. Prices of investment were almost stable (+0.2 %). Prices for animals feed increased by almost 20 % over one year.

Purchase price of the means of agricultural production



Sources: INSEE - SSP (Ministry of Agriculture)

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

Base year 2010

	weights	March 2013	Variation as % over		
			a month	3 month	a year
Total input	1000	116.7	-0.2	+0.2	+5.1
Intermediate consumptions	748	119.8	-0.3	+0.1	+5.8
Energy	101	121.0	-1.9	+1.1	-3.0
Seeds	66	108.1	+0.6	+1.8	+4.7
Fertilisers and soil improvers	99	129.9	+0.3	+0.2	+0.6
Plant protection products	83	100.4	+0.6	+0.4	+0.8
Animal feed	209	137.6	-0.7	-1.3	+17.6
Veterinary expenses	50	107.7	0.0	+1.4	+2.3
Small equipment and tools	16	107.5	+0.4	-0.6	+2.8
Maintenance of materials	64	108.1	+0.2	+1.2	+3.5
Maintenance of buildings	8	106.2	0.0	0.0	+0.7
Other goods and services	52	105.4	+0.1	+0.5	+1.7
Goods and services contributing to investment	252	105.4	+0.2	+0.5	+2.5
Material	191	105.3	+0.2	+0.6	+2.7
Tractors	81	106.0	+0.3	+0.7	+2.8
Machinery and plant for cultivation	37	104.8	0.0	+1.0	+3.3
Machinery and plant for harvesting	43	105.5	+0.2	+0.2	+3.1
Utility vehicles	19	102.3	-0.3	-0.6	+0.2
Buildings	61	107.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

(1) The repayment of the domestic tax on energy products (TICPE) benefiting farmers has been applied in advance for the year 2013

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 *Agreste - Chiffres et Données - n°165 - février 2005*.

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 2005.

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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