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■ Indices of agricultural prices - December 2012

Overall producer prices of agricultural products slid in December

In December, overall producer prices of agricultural products dipped (-0.6 % compared to November) ; over one year they rose by 14.1 %.

Cereal prices slightly decreased in December (-3.2 %), as a result of ample sales, made by different operators willing to benefit from current levels of prices.

Producer price of cereals



Source : INSEE

Oleaginous prices did not change much this month (-0.4 %), remaining at a high level. The worldwide rape crop, which is the main oleaginous grain grown in France, was also forecast to decrease slightly this season.

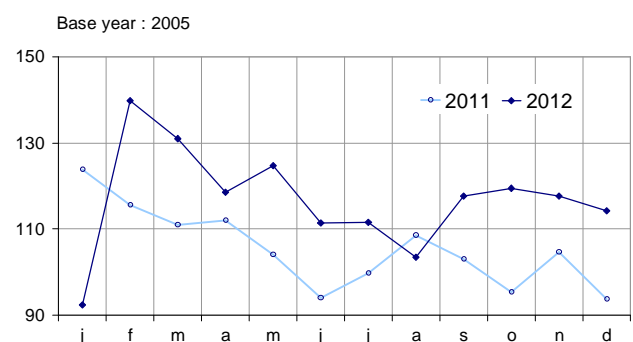
Potato prices doubled in December compared to the same month last year (+119.8 %), due to a marked shortfall of supply in North-Western Europe. The bad weather in August spoiled practically a fifth of the crop in England and led as well to a substantial deficit of production in the Netherlands and in Belgium. The dry weather in France during September decreased the yields.

Prices of quality wines increased in December (+2.1 %). Prices of *other wines* surged by more than 20 % over three months: yields tumbled due to bad weather.

Price of fresh fruits went up strongly in December year-over-year (+39.5 %). Prices of apple and pear were particularly affected, rising respectively by 56 % and

47 %, due to a strong decrease in production in Europe.

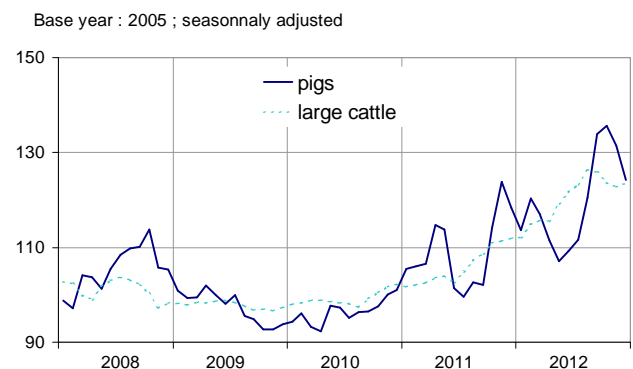
Producer price of fresh vegetables



Source : SSP (Ministry of Agriculture)

Prices of fresh vegetables increased year-over-year (+21.9 %). Salad production was slowed by chilly weather. On the demand side, the domestic consumption was sustained for leeks, carrots and chicories.

Producer prices of pigs and big cattle



Source : INSEE

On a seasonally adjusted basis, price of animals weakened in December (-0.9 %). Pig prices (-5.5 %) fell back for the second month in a row : the North-American competition kept on driving down European exportations in the beginning of this month while the domestic demand remained sluggish. Egg prices continued to rise in December (+5.4 %). The European

supply was low due to a delay in the implementation of new sanitary standards in some neighbouring countries. The price also reflected the cost of investments agreed and the increase in intermediate consumption (cereals).

Indices of producer prices of agricultural products (IPPAP)

Base year 2005

	weights	Dec 2012 raw	Variation as % over		
			a month	3 months seasonally adjusted data	a year
Agricultural goods output	1000	142.8	-0.6	+1.9	+14.1
excluding fruits and vegetables	878	145.2	-0.6	+1.8	+12.9
Crop output (excluding fruits and vegetables)	417	169.9	-0.9	+2.2	+21.5
Cereals	115	241.2	-3.2	-1.2	+35.5
of which soft wheat	63	258.2	-3.5	-0.9	+44.2
grain maize	27	218.8	-2.6	-0.5	+33.6
Potatoes	19	240.4	///	///	+119.8
Wines	161	129.7	+2.1	+8.5	+7.3
quality wines	140	126.9	+1.8	+6.2	+6.2
other wines	21	147.1	+4.1	+22.5	+14.0
Oleaginous	28	219.2	-0.4	-6.8	+14.5
Horticultural products	51	127.2	+0.5	+4.5	+3.8
Other crop products	43	115.6	+0.1	-1.0	+6.0
Fruits and vegetables (1)	122	125.4	///	///	+24.8
Fresh vegetables	61	114.2	///	///	+21.9
Fresh fruits	39	154.1	///	///	+39.5
Animal output	461	122.9	-0.3	+1.4	+3.8
Animals	286	126.0	-0.9	-1.6	+7.4
of which large cattle	108	123.3	+0.7	-1.9	+10.4
calves	29	121.8	+0.4	+2.1	+1.4
pigs	64	117.1	-5.5	-7.2	+5.3
sheep	14	121.6	-3.0	-6.0	-1.2
poultry	59	147.1	+0.4	+2.3	+9.7
of which chicken	26	148.0	+0.7	+1.4	+11.3
Milk	159	107.5	0.0	+5.1	-4.4
of which cow milk (2)	148	106.9	0.0	+5.5	-4.7
Eggs	13	246.5	+5.4	+17.4	+13.4

(1) Including vegetables for industry.

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

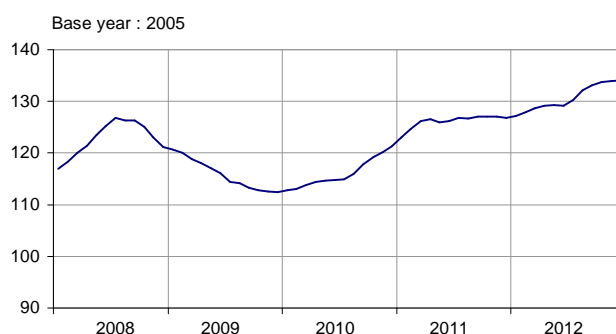
Sources: INSEE - SSP (Ministry of Agriculture)

Purchase price of the means of agricultural production remained stable in December

The prices of intermediate consumptions stabilised in December (+0.1 %). Over one year, prices of animal feed rose by more than 20 %. Investment prices in-

creased slightly (+0.2 %), material for cultivation being more expensive in December.

Purchase price of the means of agricultural production



Sources : INSEE and SSP (Ministry of Agriculture)

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

Base year 2005

	weights	Dec 2012	Variation as % over		
			a month	3 months	a year
Total input	1000	134.1	+0.1	+0.7	+5.7
Goods and services currently consumed in agriculture	758	138.4	+0.1	+0.8	+7.0
Energy (1)	84	152.8	-1.1	-2.2	+3.1
Seeds	51	119.8	+0.4	+1.7	+3.9
Fertilisers and soil improvers	92	167.7	+0.1	+0.3	+1.2
Plant protection products	77	105.8	-0.7	-0.5	+0.6
Animal feed	189	164.7	+0.4	+2.9	+21.7
Veterinary expenses	38	119.0	+0.2	+0.4	+3.0
Small equipment and tools	14	113.7	+0.7	+1.4	+0.4
Maintenance of materials	56	130.9	+0.1	+0.4	+3.5
Maintenance of buildings	9	124.2	0.0	0.0	+1.4
Other goods and services	149	113.1	+0.5	+0.4	+0.5
Goods and services contributing to investment	242	120.5	+0.2	+0.2	+1.3
Material	170	118.0	+0.3	+0.3	+1.7
Tractors	71	113.6	0.0	-0.4	+0.5
Machinery and plant for cultivation	36	122.1	+1.5	+1.8	+3.0
Machinery and plant for harvesting	37	118.9	-0.2	+0.4	+2.4
Utility vehicles	16	114.4	+0.5	+0.5	+1.4
Buildings	72	126.5	0.0	0.0	+0.5

(1) The repayment of 5 cents per litre of fuel of the domestic tax on energy products (TICPE) benefiting farmers has been applied in advance for the year 2012

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 2005, the coefficients for their weights come from national accounts and are based on the year 2005. 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 » : [G1123](#), [G1124](#)

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