

■ Indices of agricultural prices - March 2015

Increase in overall agricultural producer prices in March 2015

In March 2015, overall agricultural prices rebounded by 0.4 % relatively to February ; over one year they decreased by 6.7 %

Overall cereal prices slipped in March (-0.7% after -5.2%), despite the plunge in the price of durum wheat (almost 15%). The high prices of this cereal in 2014 had prompted the farmers to switch to this growing, thus suggesting a more abundant supply this year than in previous years. As for soft wheat and maize, their prices were firm due to a competitive euro against the dollar, despite the abundance of the supply.

Producer prices of cereals

Base year : 2010



Source : Insee

In March, oleaginous prices kept going up (+3.5% after +1.7%) : rape became more expensive as a result of cuts in grown area and therefore a lower expected harvest in Europe.

Wine prices dipped over one year (-1.5 %). The last harvest was good, except in the Languedoc-Roussillon region. Consequently, the prices of common wines, massively produced in this region, rose significantly (+14.1% yoy). Conversely, prices of PDO (protected designation of origin) wines decreased over one year (-6.4%).

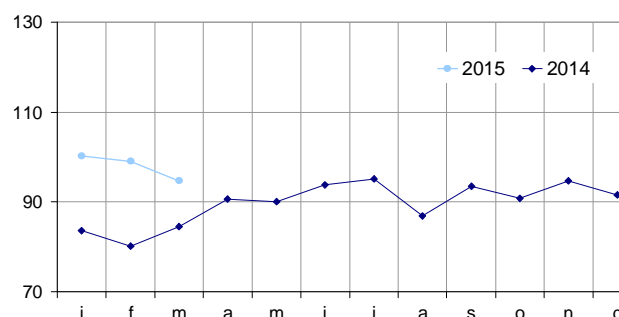
The price of potato plummeted from the previous year (-27.2%): crops in North-West Europe were more abundant in 2014 than in 2013, due to higher yields.

Fresh fruits prices were almost stable compared to last year (+0.2 %). Apple price declined due to the european competition : the crop was abundant in Europe, in addition the exportation market was

burdened by the Russian embargo. Conversely, the strawberry began its marketing season with a higher price than last year at the same period, reflecting a demand driven by a balmy month of March.

Producer prices of vegetables

Base year : 2010

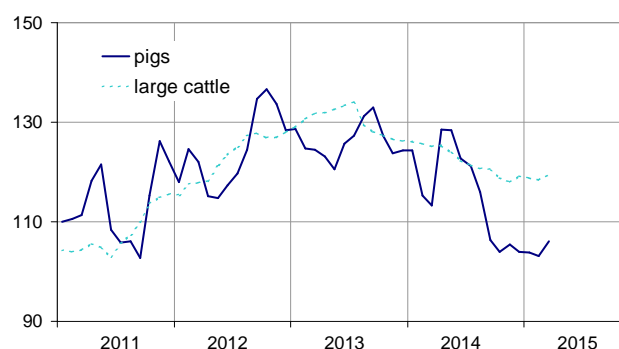


Source : SSP (ministry of agriculture)

Fresh vegetable prices increased (+12.0% after +23.6%). Those for lettuces, endives and cauliflowers rose sharply over one year due to significant cuts in their planted areas.

Producer prices of pigs and large cattle

Base year : 2010 ; seasonally adjusted



Source : Insee

On a seasonally adjusted basis, livestock prices rallied in March (+1.0%), but went down yoy (-4.5%). Pig prices decreased over this period (-6.4 %) as a consequence of the Russian embargo. Price of cow milk sank over one year (-20,1 %) : the Asian demand slowed down while the Russian embargo made the export market overloaded.

Indices of producer prices of agricultural products (IPPAP)

Base year: 2010

	weights	March 2015 raw	Variation as % over a month	Variation as % over 3 months Seasonally adjusted	Variation as % over a year
Agricultural goods output	1000	111.2	+0.4	-2.5	-6.7
excluding fruits and vegetables	900	112.1	+0.5	-3.0	-7.8
Crop output (excluding fruits and vegetables)	505	115.4	+0.5	-1.5	-6.4
Cereals	188	109.3	-0.7	-5.9	-10.0
of which soft wheat	112	108.6	+0.1	-4.5	-12.5
grain maize	41	93.3	+2.9	-2.2	-14.3
Potatoes	26	95.9	///	///	-27.2
Wines	177	129.7	+0.7	+0.1	-1.5
Protected designation of origin	84	134.1	+0.9	-0.5	-6.4
other wines	23	150.4	+1.2	+2.3	+14.1
Oleaginous	49	100.5	+3.5	+7.6	-6.4
Horticultural products	30	105.7	+1.5	+0.9	+1.3
Other crop products	36	119.6	-0.5	-0.6	-2.6
Fruits and vegetables (1)	100	102.7	///	///	+5.3
Fresh vegetables	53	94.6	///	///	+12.0
Fresh fruits	35	109.9	///	///	+0.2
Animal output	395	107.9	+0.5	-4.9	-9.6
Animals	234	113.7	+1.0	+0.6	-4.5
of which large cattle	96	119.4	+1.0	+0.2	-4.4
calves	26	111.0	-0.6	-1.5	-3.7
pigs	54	106.6	+2.8	+2.0	-6.4
sheep	10	121.0	-0.4	+0.9	+5.5
poultry	46	109.6	+0.4	+0.6	-5.0
of which chicken	28	110.0	+0.6	+1.4	-4.6
Milk	147	97.7	0.0	-12.0	-18.8
of which cow milk (2)	137	97.1	0.0	-12.9	-20.1
Eggs	15	118.9	-2.7	-17.1	+3.2

(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)

The purchase price of the means of production increased in March

In March, input prices rose again (+0.4% after +1.3%), due to rebounding energy prices following the previous slip (-10.8 % yoy). Similarly, feed prices had been firming up (+0.3% on one month, -6.1% yoy). Investments prices slightly increased (+0.2%).

Purchase price of the means of agricultural production

Base year : 2010



Sources : Insee - SSP (ministry of agriculture)

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

Base year: 2010

	weights	March 2015	Variation as % over a month	Variation as % over 3 months	Variation as % over a year
Total input	1000	110.7	+0.4	+1.4	-2.0
Intermediate consumptions	764	112.1	+0.4	+1.7	-2.5
Energy	100	104.4	+1.8	+3.8	-10.8
Seeds	57	108.9	+0.1	+0.7	+0.2
Fertilisers and soil improvers	92	122.5	+0.6	+4.4	+3.6
Plant protection products	78	100.4	+0.5	+0.2	+0.2
Animal feed	205	118.4	+0.3	+1.7	-6.1
Veterinary expenses	43	113.2	0.0	+0.8	+2.3
Small equipment and tools	17	107.7	+0.2	-2.0	-0.6
Maintenance of materials	67	112.8	0.0	+1.0	+1.4
Maintenance of buildings	9	106.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.2
Other goods and services	97	102.1	0.0	+0.1	+0.3
Goods and services contributing to investment	236	106.5	+0.2	+0.5	-0.4
Material	186	107.1	+0.3	+0.7	0.0
Tractors	79	106.7	+0.2	+1.1	-0.8
Machinery and plant for cultivation	36	109.7	+0.3	+0.8	+1.8
Machinery and plant for harvesting	42	107.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2
Utility vehicles	18	104.2	+0.3	-0.8	-1.0
Buildings	50	104.0	0.0	-0.1	-2.0

(1) The repayment of the domestic tax on energy products (TICPE) benefiting farmers has been applied in advance for the year 2015
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 2010.

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

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