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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 2007 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of September, 2007 was 134.2 representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.3% over the Index for August, 2007.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–September, 2007 over that for the period January–September, 2006 was 7.9%. This is the same as the increase in the average All Items Index reflected for the period January–September, 2006 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2005.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 222.7 in August, 2007 to 225.0 in September, 2007, reflecting an increase of 1.0%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of whole chicken, sweet potatoes, yams, melongene, ripe bananas, green bananas, cucumber, avocado, hot peppers, oranges and mangoes. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in onion, garlic, lime, carrots, tomatoes, pumpkin, ochroes, irish potatoes and crack corn.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2007 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2007 compared with August, 2007 indicated an increase in the general price level for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%. However, a general price decrease was noted for Clothing and Footwear 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of September 2007, had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in September, 2007 compared with those of September, 2006 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2007–September, 2006
All Items	7.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	8.4
Clothing and Footwear	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.9
Home Ownership	4.5
Rent	4.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	4.4
Transport	5.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	5.3
Education	11.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	7.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 2007

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan.2003 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average	1000															
2005	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.8	111.9	102.3	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	108.3	109.1	110.4	103.0	
2006	122.3	185.3	119.5	91.3	108.9	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	110.1	78.5	118.5	122.6	117.3	105.3	
January - August 2005	111.7	145.7	105.9	91.8	105.6	111.3	102.3	100.7	107.2	108.0	87.4	107.2	105.7	109.4	102.6	
January - August 2006	120.3	178.1	115.6	91.5	108.1	115.6	103.6	103.4	117.0	109.4	78.5	117.2	119.5	116.3	104.6	
January - August 2007	130.0	210.0	131.2	92.9	113.0	119.7	105.3	105.8	123.7	113.6	78.5	121.7	133.1	124.4	109.9	
2005	109.4	135.4	105.1	91.8	105.4	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
February	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	105.4	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
March	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	105.6	110.2	102.5	100.6	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
April	111.6	145.0	105.8	92.1	105.6	111.5	102.4	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
May	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.9	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
June	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
July	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	105.9	112.7	102.5	101.0	108.2	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
August	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	105.8	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.1	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
September	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	105.8	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.1	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
October	114.8	156.4	106.6	92.2	106.4	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.9	109.0	87.4	110.0	118.7	112.7	103.8	
November	115.7	161.6	107.2	91.8	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.7	109.0	87.4	110.0	118.7	112.7	103.8	
December	116.7	166.7	107.9	91.3	106.4	113.2	102.4	101.6	110.4	109.0	87.4	110.0	118.7	112.7	103.8	
2006	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	106.9	117.1	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9	
January	117.7	169.6	109.4	91.6	106.9	114.0	102.4	102.8	113.3	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9	
February	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	114.0	103.8	102.8	114.9	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9	
March	119.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	116.4	104.0	103.7	117.9	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6	
April	120.6	179.1	113.2	91.4	108.2	118.4	104.0	103.7	118.0	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6	
May	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.5	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6	
June	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.5	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6	
July	123.3	187.0	121.8	91.3	109.6	116.7	104.0	104.1	120.7	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5	
August	124.0	190.8	122.5	91.3	109.5	116.7	103.9	104.1	120.6	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5	
September	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	109.5	116.7	103.8	104.1	120.8	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5	
October	126.3	197.8	122.6	91.1	109.5	116.7	103.8	104.1	120.8	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5	
November	126.8	200.8	129.4	90.7	110.8	112.2	104.0	105.4	122.3	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3	
December	127.3	203.4	129.7	90.5	110.8	112.2	104.0	105.4	121.5	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3	
2007	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	117.5	103.8	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
January	127.6	203.0	130.5	92.8	111.7	117.5	104.8	105.6	121.8	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
February	128.0	205.3	131.0	92.2	111.9	115.2	105.5	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
March	129.3	205.8	131.6	92.9	113.6	120.8	105.5	106.2	124.2	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
April	130.1	210.0	130.7	92.1	113.7	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.3	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
May	130.7	213.1	131.6	93.4	113.7	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
June	130.7	213.1	131.6	93.4	113.7	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
July	133.1	219.1	132.0	93.4	113.8	115.4	105.7	105.5	125.8	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
August	133.8	222.7	132.7	93.6	113.8	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1993 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.509.