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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 2006 (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 April, 2006 was 119.3 representing an increase of 0.8 point or 0.7 % over the Index for March, 2006.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—April, 2006 over that for the period January—April, 2005 was 6.8%. This compares with the same increase of 6.8 % observed in the average All Items Index for January—April 2005 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2004.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 172.8 in March, 2006 to 173.1 in April, 2006, an increase of 0.2%. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of whole chicken, oranges, mangoes, melongene, christophene, green pigeon peas, bodie, lettuce, carrots, yam, dasheen, irish potatoes, green bananas and potato chips. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in king fish carite, cavali, pawpaw, grapes, limes, tomatoes, cucumber, ochroes, sweet potatoes, celery and hot peppers.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of April, 2006, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2006 compared with March, 2006 indicated increases in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 1.1%; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.9%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.9%; Health, 2.6%; Transport 0.3%; Education, 1.1%; Recreation and Culture, 1.6%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants, 0.4%; and Miscellaneous, 0.7%. However, a general price decrease was noted for Clothing and Footwear, 1.0%.

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Growth in consumer prices in April, 2006, compared with those of April, 2005 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

| Sections | Percentage Change April 2006—April 2005 |
|---|--|
| All Items | 6.9 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 19.4 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 5.2 |
| Clothing and Footwear | -0.7 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 2.5 |
| Home Ownership | 2.5 |
| Rent | 4.4 |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 1.6 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | 3.2 |
| Health | 9.6 |
| Transport | 1.1 |
| Communication | -10.2 |
| Recreation and Culture | 9.5 |
| Education | 12.0 |
| Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant | 6.8 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 1.5 |

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 2006

| Period | Section Indices | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|---|--------|-----------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--|
| | All Items Jan 2003 =100 | Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | Childs and Furniture | Clothing, Footwear and Other Goods | | | Furniture, Household Equipment and Maintenance of the House | Health | Transport | Communication | Recreation and Culture | Education | Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants | Miscellaneous Goods and Services | | |
| Weights | 100 | 180 | 25 | 53 | 282 | 181 | 24 | 58 | 54 | 51 | 41 | 187 | 41 | 18 | 30 | 38 | |
| Annual Average | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2004 | 105.7 | 122.3 | 102.8 | 58.4 | 103.2 | 103.4 | 105.5 | 101.7 | 100.1 | 103.8 | 58.5 | 105.3 | 104.1 | 103.1 | 104.1 | 100.6 | |
| 2005 | 112.0 | 150.4 | 108.8 | 51.8 | 105.8 | 108.2 | 111.0 | 102.8 | 100.9 | 108.1 | 87.4 | 108.8 | 109.1 | 108.8 | 110.4 | 108.0 | |
| Average | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January - April 2004 | 103.7 | 115.3 | 101.8 | 54.8 | 101.8 | 101.1 | 104.5 | 101.5 | 100.1 | 102.7 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 102.2 | 100.8 | |
| January - April 2005 | 110.7 | 141.7 | 105.8 | 51.5 | 105.5 | 108.0 | 110.5 | 102.1 | 100.8 | 108.1 | 87.4 | 107.8 | 105.4 | 104.9 | 108.4 | 102.1 | |
| January - April 2006 | 118.2 | 170.5 | 110.1 | 51.8 | 107.5 | 107.7 | 114.8 | 103.2 | 103.0 | 114.8 | 78.5 | 109.2 | 105.4 | 105.0 | 115.5 | 104.1 | |
| 2004 January | 103.3 | 114.5 | 100.8 | 54.5 | 101.0 | 100.5 | 104.8 | 100.8 | 100.2 | 102.5 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| February | 103.4 | 114.8 | 101.5 | 54.7 | 101.1 | 100.5 | 104.8 | 101.4 | 100.2 | 102.6 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| March | 103.8 | 115.4 | 102.0 | 54.4 | 101.2 | 100.5 | 104.8 | 101.4 | 100.2 | 102.6 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| April | 104.8 | 118.4 | 102.2 | 54.4 | 102.5 | 103.0 | 105.2 | 101.7 | 99.5 | 103.0 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| May | 106.0 | 119.0 | 102.8 | 54.8 | 102.8 | 103.0 | 105.2 | 101.4 | 99.9 | 103.2 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| June | 105.2 | 121.7 | 102.4 | 53.8 | 102.8 | 103.0 | 105.2 | 101.4 | 99.9 | 103.2 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| July | 105.8 | 121.1 | 102.5 | 53.8 | 102.5 | 103.0 | 108.2 | 102.0 | 99.8 | 103.8 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| August | 108.1 | 122.7 | 103.0 | 53.1 | 103.5 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 102.0 | 99.8 | 103.8 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| September | 108.7 | 125.8 | 103.7 | 53.8 | 103.5 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 101.5 | 99.8 | 104.3 | 58.1 | 103.7 | 100.1 | 103.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | |
| October | 107.5 | 127.0 | 104.8 | 52.8 | 105.1 | 105.5 | 107.2 | 101.8 | 100.7 | 105.2 | 87.4 | 107.7 | 101.1 | 103.8 | 108.0 | 101.8 | |
| November | 108.1 | 131.8 | 104.4 | 51.4 | 105.1 | 105.5 | 107.2 | 101.8 | 100.7 | 105.3 | 87.4 | 107.7 | 101.1 | 103.8 | 108.0 | 101.8 | |
| December | 108.5 | 138.0 | 104.0 | 51.0 | 105.1 | 105.9 | 107.2 | 101.8 | 100.7 | 105.3 | 87.4 | 107.7 | 101.1 | 103.8 | 108.0 | 101.8 | |
| 2005 January | 105.4 | 135.4 | 105.1 | 51.8 | 105.4 | 106.0 | 110.2 | 101.8 | 100.8 | 105.4 | 87.4 | 107.7 | 105.1 | 103.9 | 108.4 | 101.7 | |
| February | 110.5 | 141.5 | 105.8 | 51.5 | 105.4 | 106.0 | 110.2 | 101.8 | 100.8 | 105.4 | 87.4 | 107.7 | 105.1 | 103.9 | 108.4 | 101.7 | |
| March | 111.2 | 146.0 | 105.8 | 50.0 | 105.8 | 106.0 | 110.2 | 101.5 | 100.8 | 105.7 | 87.4 | 107.7 | 105.1 | 103.9 | 108.4 | 101.7 | |
| April | 111.8 | 145.0 | 105.8 | 50.1 | 105.8 | 106.0 | 111.5 | 101.4 | 100.5 | 105.7 | 87.4 | 107.8 | 105.1 | 103.9 | 108.5 | 101.8 | |
| May | 111.7 | 145.0 | 105.8 | 50.5 | 105.8 | 106.0 | 111.5 | 101.5 | 100.5 | 107.8 | 87.4 | 108.2 | 106.1 | 103.1 | 108.5 | 101.8 | |
| June | 112.1 | 147.8 | 106.1 | 50.8 | 105.9 | 106.0 | 111.5 | 101.8 | 100.5 | 107.8 | 87.4 | 108.2 | 106.1 | 103.1 | 108.5 | 101.8 | |
| July | 113.5 | 151.8 | 106.2 | 51.4 | 105.8 | 106.0 | 111.5 | 101.5 | 101.0 | 108.7 | 87.4 | 108.1 | 111.5 | 103.2 | 108.2 | 101.8 | |
| August | 113.8 | 153.0 | 106.5 | 50.0 | 105.8 | 106.0 | 111.7 | 101.5 | 101.0 | 109.2 | 87.4 | 108.1 | 111.5 | 103.2 | 108.2 | 101.8 | |
| September | 114.1 | 154.0 | 106.5 | 50.1 | 105.8 | 106.0 | 111.7 | 101.4 | 101.0 | 109.1 | 87.4 | 108.1 | 111.5 | 103.1 | 108.2 | 101.8 | |
| October | 114.8 | 158.4 | 106.8 | 50.2 | 106.4 | 106.8 | 113.2 | 101.4 | 101.8 | 109.5 | 87.4 | 108.0 | 111.7 | 103.8 | 108.8 | 101.8 | |
| November | 115.7 | 161.8 | 107.2 | 51.8 | 108.4 | 108.8 | 113.2 | 101.4 | 101.8 | 109.7 | 87.4 | 108.0 | 111.7 | 103.8 | 108.8 | 101.8 | |
| December | 118.7 | 168.7 | 107.5 | 51.5 | 108.4 | 108.8 | 113.2 | 101.4 | 101.8 | 110.4 | 87.4 | 108.0 | 111.7 | 103.8 | 108.8 | 101.8 | |
| 2006 January | 117.1 | 168.3 | 107.7 | 51.8 | 108.5 | 107.4 | 114.0 | 102.4 | 102.8 | 112.2 | 78.5 | 109.1 | 114.4 | 103.9 | 108.0 | 101.8 | |
| February | 117.7 | 165.8 | 107.4 | 51.8 | 108.5 | 107.4 | 114.0 | 102.4 | 102.8 | 112.2 | 78.5 | 109.1 | 114.4 | 103.9 | 108.0 | 101.8 | |
| March | 118.5 | 172.8 | 110.1 | 50.4 | 107.5 | 107.4 | 114.0 | 103.8 | 102.8 | 114.9 | 78.5 | 109.1 | 114.4 | 103.9 | 108.0 | 101.8 | |
| April | 119.8 | 173.1 | 111.3 | 51.5 | 108.2 | 108.5 | 116.4 | 104.0 | 103.7 | 117.5 | 78.5 | 109.2 | 116.2 | 103.0 | 108.0 | 101.8 | |

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 1.593.