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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 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 July, 2006 was 123.3 representing an increase of 1.5 points or 1.2% over the Index for June, 2006.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—July, 2006 over that for the period January—July, 2005 was 7.5%. This compares with an increase of 6.7% observed in the average All Items Index for January—July 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 185.8 in June, 2006 to 187.0 in July 2006, an increase of 0.6%. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of carite, powered whole cream milk, oranges, avocados, tomatoes, pumpkin bodie, cabbage, irish potatoes, and celery. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in whole chickens, ripe bananas, mangoes, pawpaw, yams, sweet potatoes, chive/thyme and sweet peppers.

Price changes in this section, for the month of July, 2006 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2006 compared with June, 2006 indicated increases in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.9%; Home Ownership 1.8%; Rent 0.3%; Furniture 0.4%; Health 1.9%; Transport 0.3%; Recreation and Culture 5.8%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 1.8% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.9%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of July, 2006 accounted for a net overall increase of 1.3 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change July 2006—July 2005
All Items	8.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	23.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	14.7
Clothing and Footwear	-0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.6
Home Ownership	4.2
Rent	3.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.1
Health	11.0
Transport	1.5
Communication	-10.2
Recreation and Culture	9.8
Education	12.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	5.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.2

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for July, 2006

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	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																	
2004	105.7	122.3	102.8	93.4	103.2	103.4	105.9	101.7	100.1	103.8	105.3	93.9	100.5	103.1	104.1	100.9	
2005	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.8	106.2	111.9	102.3	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	108.3	109.1	110.4	103.0	
<b>Average</b>																	
January - July 2004	104.4	117.7	102.0	94.3	102.2	102.1	105.2	101.5	100.0	103.1	104.0	96.1	100.2	103.0	103.2	100.6	
January - July 2005	111.4	144.6	105.8	91.8	105.6	105.9	111.1	102.3	100.6	106.9	108.0	87.4	106.5	105.5	109.0	102.5	
January - July 2006	119.8	176.2	114.6	91.6	107.9	108.3	115.4	103.5	103.4	116.5	109.3	78.5	116.4	119.4	116.0	104.4	
2004	103.3	114.5	100.8	94.9	101.0	100.5	104.8	100.8	100.2	102.5	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
January	103.4	114.8	101.5	94.7	101.1	100.5	104.8	101.4	100.2	102.6	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
February	103.6	115.4	102.0	94.4	101.2	100.5	104.8	102.0	100.2	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
March	104.3	116.4	102.2	94.4	103.0	102.9	105.2	101.7	99.9	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
April	104.9	119.9	102.4	94.3	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
May	105.2	121.7	102.4	95.8	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
June	105.8	121.1	102.5	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	103.8	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
July	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
August	106.7	125.8	103.7	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	101.9	99.6	104.3	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
September	107.5	127.9	104.3	92.6	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.2	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
October	108.1	131.8	104.4	91.4	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
November	108.9	136.0	104.0	91.0	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
December	109.4	135.4	105.1	91.8	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
2005	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
January	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	105.6	106.0	110.2	102.5	100.5	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
February	111.6	145.0	105.8	92.1	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.4	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	108.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
March	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	108.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
April	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	108.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
May	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	112.7	102.5	100.5	107.8	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
June	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	112.7	102.5	100.5	107.8	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
July	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.7	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
August	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	109.2	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
September	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	109.1	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
October	114.8	156.4	106.6	92.2	106.4	106.8	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	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	106.8	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	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9	
January	117.7	166.6	108.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	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	107.4	114.0	103.6	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	108.5	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	119.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	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	108.6	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	108.6	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	110.4	116.7	104.0	104.1	120.7	109.7	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6	

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.