

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Palestinian Producer Price Index,

Decrease in the PPI during March 2012

The overall Producer Price¹ Index (PPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its base month (January 2011=100) reached 99.36 in March 2012, it decreased by 1.99% compared to February 2012.

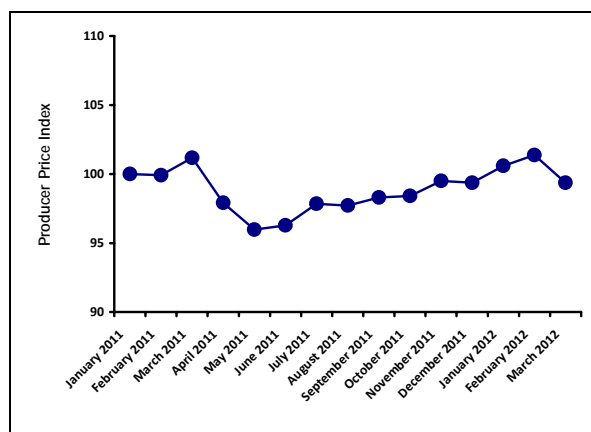
Producer Price Index for exported products (January 2011=100) reached 102.16 in March 2012, which indicates a decrease by 1.04% compared to February 2012.

Producer Price Index for locally consumed products (January 2011=100) reached 99.08 in March 2012, which indicates a decrease by 2.08% compared to February 2012.

The changes of Producer Price Index for March 2012 is traced back to changes in prices of following major activities compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Agriculture goods:	- 5.23%
Fishing:	- 2.27%
Mining and quarrying:	0.00%
Manufacturing group:	- 0.17%

The trend line for the Producer Price Index in the Palestinian Territory, for the period: January 2011 - March 2012 (Base Month January 2011=100)



¹ The producer's price is the amount receivable by the producer from the purchaser for a unit of a good or service produced as output minus any VAT, or similar deductible tax, invoiced to the purchaser. The producer's prices exclude any transport charges invoiced separately by the producer.