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PRODUCER PRICE INDICES IN Q1 2018

In Q1 2018, compared to Q4 2017, agricultural producer prices fell by 1.0% and prices of market services for businesses went down by 0.2%. Industrial producer prices increased by 0.5% and construction work prices, according to an estimate were higher by 0.6%. In comparison with Q1 2017, agricultural producer prices (+4.0%), prices of industrial producers (+0.1%), construction work prices, according to an estimate (+2.2%) and prices of market services for businesses (+1.7%) all went up in Q1 2018.

Compared to **Q4 2017,** **agricultural producer** prices were lower by 1.0% in **Q1 2018**.Decreasing were prices of eggs (-18.9%), pigs for slaughter (-11.1%) and oil plants (-2.5%). Lower were also prices of fresh fruit, milk and cattle for slaughter (-0.3% all). Higher were prices of fresh vegetables (+8.3%) and potatoes (+2.9%).

Prices of **agricultural producers** in **Q1 2018** compared to **Q1 2017** increased by 4.0%. Prices of crop products went up by 2.5% and prices of animal products grew by 5.7%. Higher prices in crop products were mainly affected by prices of fresh fruit (+72.1%), fresh vegetables (+16.3%) and cereals (+6.2%). Prices of oil plants fell by 6.7%. Among animal products price increases were recorded in milk (+15.8%), eggs (+10.7%) and cattle for slaughter (+3.3%). Prices of poultry (-3.3%) and pigs for slaughter (-12.3%) dropped.

In comparison with Q4 2017, prices of **industrial producers** were higher by 0.5% in Q1 2018. Prices went up primarily in ‘mining and quarrying’ (+6.6%), ‘water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation services’ (+1.9%) and ‘electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning’ (+1.6%). Prices increased also in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’. Prices decreased only in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (-1.3%), ‘transport equipment’ (-1.2%) and ‘computer, electronic and optical products’ (-0.3%).

Prices of **industrial producers** increased in Q1 2018 by 0.1% y-o-y. Prices rose in ‘mining and quarrying’ (+5.4%), ‘basic metals, fabricated metal products’ (+3.4%) and ‘basic pharmaceutical products’ (+2.8%). Higher were prices in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (+0.5%). Prices decreased in ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (-5.7%), ‘transport equipment’ (-4.1%) and ‘computer, electronic and optical products’ (-3.8%). Lower were prices also in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’.

According to an estimate, **construction work** prices in **Q1 2018** compared to **Q4 2017** (after specification) were higher by 0.6% and prices of construction material input grew by 0.9%.

According to an estimate, **construction work** prices **in Q1 2018** **compared to the corresponding period of 2017 (after specification)** rose by 2.2%, prices of construction material input grew by 1.9%.

**In comparison to Q4 2017,** prices of **market services for businesses** went down by 0.2% in **Q1 2018**. Lower were especially prices of ‘advertising and market research services’ (-11.3%) and ‘warehousing and support services for transportation’ (-2.6%). Prices of ‘postal and courier services’ (+3.5%), ‘real estate services’ (+2.0%), ‘computer programming, consultancy and related services’ (+0.7%) and ‘land transport services and transport services via pipelines’ (+0.4%) went up. Prices of market services excluding advertising services grew by 0.8%.

**In Q1 2018,** prices of **market services for businesses** rose by 1.7% in total compared to **Q1 2017**.Price increases were recorded in ‘publishing services’ (+3.6%), ‘postal and courier services’ (+3.5%), ‘insurance, reinsurance and pension funding services, except compulsory social security’ (+2.4%), ‘legal and accounting services’ (+1.8%), ‘advertising and market research services’ (+1.1%) and ‘land transport services and transport services via pipelines’ (+1.0%). Lower prices were in ‘rental and leasing services’ (-0.4%) and ‘telecommunications services’ (-0.8%). Prices of market services excluding advertising services went up by 1.7%.

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