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Y-o-y growth of agricultural producer prices slowed down significantly

Producer price indices – August 2019

Industrial producer prices (+0.1%), construction work prices (+0.3%) and service producer prices in the business sphere (+0.4%) went up, month-on-month (m-o-m). Agricultural producer prices went down by 6.0%. From the year-on-year perspective, agricultural producer prices (+4.1%), industrial producer prices (+2.1%), construction work prices (+3.8%) and service producer prices in the business sphere (+2.7%)increased.

# Month-on-month comparison

**Agricultural producer prices** fell by 6.0%. Prices of potatoes (-19.0%), oleaginous crops
(-12.0%), vegetables (-11.5%), cereals (-6.3%), poultry (-2.8%), cattle for slaughter (-1.4%) and milk (-1.1%) decreased. Prices of pigs for slaughter increased by 1.6%.

Prices of **industrial producers** increased by 0.1%. Prices went up in ‘transport equipment’ (+0.5%), thereof ‘parts and accessories for motor vehicles’ (+0.8%). Prices grew in ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (+0.8%) and ‘electrical equipment’ (+0.5%). Lower were prices in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’. Prices fell in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (-0.1%), thereof ‘dairy products’ (-0.7%), ‘grain mill products, starches and starch products’ (-1.0%), on the other hand, prices rose in ‘preserved meat and meat products’ (+0.5%).

According to an estimate, **construction work prices** were higher by 0.3% and prices of construction material and products input remained stable.

**Service producer prices in the business sphere**went up by 0.4%. Prices for ‘advertising and market research services’ (+6.0%), ‘warehousing and support services for transportation’ (+0.4%) and ‘legal and accounting services’ (+0.2%) grew. Prices for ‘management consulting services’ (-1.3%) and ‘employment services’ (-0.4%) fell. Service producer prices in the business sphere, excluding advertising services, remained stable.

# Year-on-year comparison

**Agricultural producer prices** rose by 4.1% (in July they increased by 12.1%). Prices in the crop production grew by 2.8%. Prices of potatoes (+75.9%), fruit (+22.3%), vegetables (+18.4%) and cereals (+1.8%) went up. Prices of oleaginous crops dropped by 1.6%. Prices of animal products grew by 5.7%. Prices of pigs for slaughter (+25.0%) and milk (+4.5%) increased. Prices for eggs (-8.6%), poultry (-3.2%) and cattle for slaughter (-2.7%) decreased.

Prices of **industrial producers** rose by 2.1%, like in July. Prices were higher particularly in ‘electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning’ (+7.7%). Prices grew in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (+3.7%), thereof ‘preserved meat and meat products’ (+9.6%). Prices increased in ‘furniture, other manufactured products’ (+4.2%), ‘rubber and plastic products, other non-metallic mineral products’ (+3.0%) and ‘mining and quarrying’ (+6.8%). Prices decreased significantly in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’. Lower were prices also in ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (-2.2%).

Among the main industrial groupings, prices of ‘non-durable consumer goods’ (+3.5%) and ‘energy’ (+3.4%) were higher especially.

According to an estimate, **construction work prices** rose by 3.8% (in July they increased by 3.9%) and prices for construction material and products input grew by 3.2% (in July they increased by 3.1%).

**Service producer prices in the business sphere**were higher by 2.7% (in July they increased by 2.5%). Prices for ‘employment services’ (+9.8%), ‘insurance, reinsurance and pension funding services, except compulsory social security’ (+6.6%) and ‘advertising and market research services’ (+5.9%) went up. Furthermore, prices were higher for ‘management consulting services’ (+4.4%) and ‘land transport services’ (+2.2%). Prices of ‘warehousing and support services for transportation’ were lower by 0.8%. Service producer prices in the business sphere, excluding advertising services, grew by 2.4% (the same way as in July).

**Industrial producer prices in the EU – July 2019 (preliminary data)**

According to the Eurostat News Releases, industrial producer prices increased in July by 0.3% (-0.7% in June) in EU28, **month-on-month.** The highest increase in prices was recorded in Cyprus (+1.7%). Prices rose in Germany, Austria and Poland (+0.1% all), remained stable in Slovakia and fell in the Czech Republic (-0.1%). The largest decrease was observed in Belgium (-1.0%).

Industrial producer prices were higher in July by 0.6% (+0.9% in June) in EU28, **year-on-year**.

The highest increase in prices was recorded in Romania (+6.2%). Prices rose in Slovakia (+2.2%), the Czech Republic (+2.1%), Germany (+1.3%) and Poland (+1.1%) and decreased in Austria (-0.3%). The largest decrease was observed in Denmark (-3.0%).

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*Service producer prices in the business sphere: 20th calendar day of reference month / 9th calendar day of the following month*

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 *011044 – 19 Industrial Producer Price Indices*

 *011045 – 19 Agricultural Producer Price Indices*

 *011046 – 19 Service Producer Prices in the Business Sphere*

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Graph 2 Construction Work Price Indices (year-on-year changes and changes to the base year 2015)

Graph 3 Service Producer Price Indices in the Business Sphere (year-on-year changes and changes to the base year 2015)

Graph 4 Agricultural Producer Price Indices (year-on-year changes and changes to the base year 2015)

Graph 5 Industrial Producer Price Indices, International Comparison (changes to the base year 2015)