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HIGHER ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR SEPTEMBER 1996

The production price index (PPI) for all commodities for South African consumption shows an annual increase of 7,6% at September 1996, i.e for the period September 1995 to September 1996. This rate is 0,2 of a percentage point higher than the annual rate of increase at August 1996, which was 7,4%.

The monthly increase in this index for the period August 1996 to September 1996 is 0,4%, and 0,7% in the seasonally adjusted index.

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR LOCALLY PRODUCED COMMODITIES SLIGHTLY HIGHER

The annual rate of increase in the PPI for locally produced commodities is 8,6% at September 1996. This rate is 0,1 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 8,5% at August 1996. The monthly increase in this index was 0,4%, while the seasonally adjusted index increased by 1,0%.

ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE IN THE PPI FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES IS HIGHER

The PPI for imported commodities reflects an annual rate of increase of 4,7% at September 1996, 0,2 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 4,5% at August 1996. From August 1996 to September 1996 this index increased by 0,1%, while the seasonally adjusted index increased by 0,2% during this period.

MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE PPI FOR ALL COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

Relatively large monthly increases occurred in the price indices for agricultural products (+2,1%), fishing (+4,6%), food at manufacturing (+0,7%), textiles and made-up goods (+0,8%), wearing apparel (+2,5%), products of petroleum and coal (+1,7%) and non-electrical machinery and equipment (+1,0%). Against these, relatively large monthly decreases occurred in the price indices for mining and quarrying products (-2,1%) and electricity (-0,9%).

MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE PPI FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES

Monthly increases occurred in the import prices of products of the manufacturing industry, namely notably non-electrical machinery and equipment (+2,2%) and also food (+4,0%), beverages (+0,2%), paper, paper products and printing (+0,3%), chemicals and chemical products (+0,5%) and transport equipment (+0,1%). Against these, relatively large decreases occurred in the import prices of products of the primary industries, namely notably mining and quarrying products (-1,9%, due to a decrease of 2,2% in the prices of imported crude petroleum) and also agricultural food (-4,5%) and other agriculture (-0,6%).

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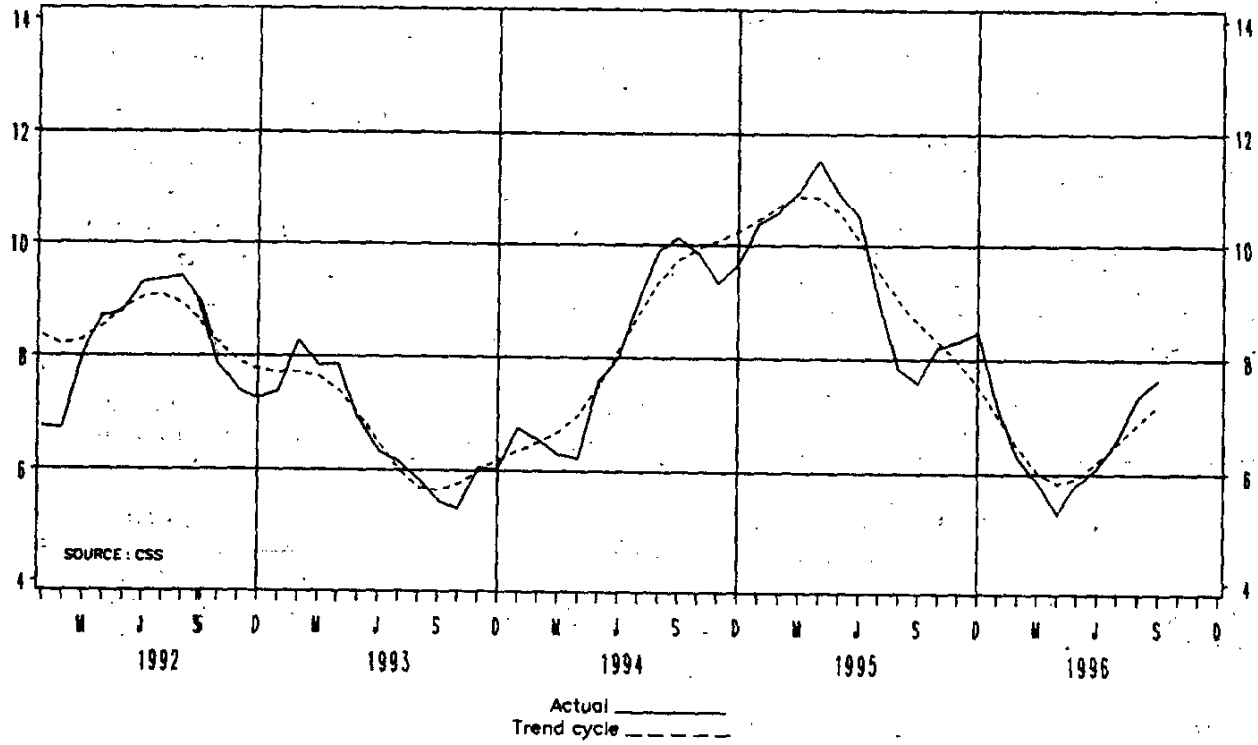
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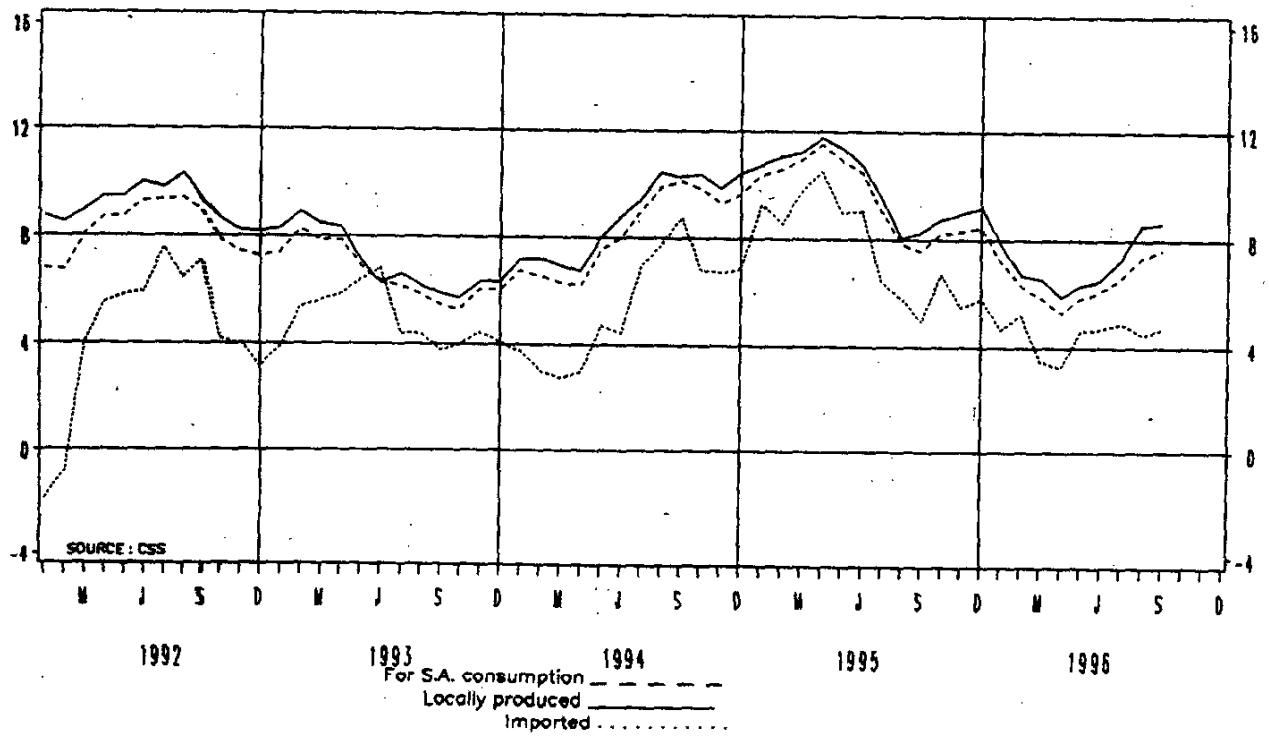
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PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX
COMMODITIES FOR S.A. CONSUMPTION

ANNUAL CHANGE
PERCENTAGE



ANNUAL CHANGE
PERCENTAGE



PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX

BASE : June 1995 = 100

DESCRIPTION	INDICES			PERCENTAGE CHANGE COMPARED WITH -		
	Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sep. 1995
				Actual %	Seasonally adjusted %	Actual %
A) commodities for consumption in South Africa	108,4	108,0	100,7	+0,4	+0,7	+7,6
Locally produced commodities	109,6	109,2	100,9	+0,4	+1,0	+8,6
Imported commodities	104,9	104,8	100,2	+0,1	+0,2	+4,7
Output of South African industry						
Total output	110,6	110,1	101,2	+0,5	+1,0	+9,3
For South African consumption	109,6	109,2	100,9	+0,4	+1,0	+8,6

PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES

GROUP	WEIGHT	MONTHLY % CHANGE	
		Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996
ALL GROUPS	100,00	+0,1	+0,1
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	10,08	-1,9	-1,7
1.1 Agriculture	1,02	-3,0	-2,2
1.1.1 Food	0,58	-4,5	-3,3
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,44	-0,6	-0,3
1.2 Forestry	0,76	0,0	0,0
1.3 Fishing	0,06	0,0	0,0
1.4 Mining and quarrying, including crude petroleum	8,24	-1,9	-1,7
2. MANUFACTURING	89,88	+0,4	+0,3
2.1 Food	1,71	+4,0	+1,2
2.2 Beverages	0,52	+0,2	0,0
2.3 Tobacco products	0,05	0,0	0,0
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,79	+0,0	+0,1
2.5 Wearing apparel	0,38	0,0	0,0
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,38	0,0	+15,4
2.7 Footwear	0,26	0,0	0,0
2.8 Wood and wood products	0,48	0,0	0,0
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	2,30	+0,3	+1,3
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	0,95	0,0	0,0
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	9,54	+0,5	-0,0
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	1,36	0,0	0,0
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	0,75	0,0	0,0
2.14 Basic metals	1,83	0,0	0,0
2.15 Metal products	1,78	0,0	+6,4
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	10,96	+2,2	+0,3
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	2,68	0,0	0,0
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,54	0,0	0,0
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,97	0,0	0,0
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	2,48	0,0	0,0
2.21 Transport equipment	10,51	+0,1	0,0
2.22 Furniture	0,11	0,0	0,0
2.23 Other manufactures	33,55	0,0	+0,0
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	0,04	0,0	0,0
3.1 Electricity	0,04	0,0	0,0

+0,0 increase smaller than 0,1
-0,0 decrease smaller than 0,1

It should be noted that, in calculating the percentage change in a group of commodities, the CSS does not weigh the percentage changes, but rather weigh the underlying indices for the respective months and then calculates the percentage change in the weighted indices.

TABLE 1.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
ALL GROUPS	100,00	108,4	108,0	100,7	+0,4	+7,6
South African	80,74	109,6	109,2	100,9	+0,4	+8,6
Imported	19,26	104,9	104,8	100,2	+0,1	+4,7
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	17,90	111,5	111,4	100,9	+0,1	+10,5
1.1 Agriculture	8,17	110,2	107,9	100,2	+2,1	+10,0
1.1.1 Food	7,70	110,7	108,2	100,4	+2,3	+10,3
Grain	1,57	113,4	113,9	101,3	-0,4	+11,9
Sugar cane	0,55	97,7	97,8	97,3	-0,1	+0,4
Oil seeds	0,28	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Vegetables and dried beans	0,75	125,3	109,8	95,7	+14,1	+30,9
Fruit	0,50	140,6	137,6	141,4	+2,2	-0,6
Meat	2,63	106,8	106,3	95,9	+0,5	+11,4
Milk and eggs	1,08	111,6	106,9	96,3	+4,4	+15,9
Other	0,34	79,2	79,2	100,0	0,0	-20,8
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,47	102,5	102,2	96,2	+0,3	+6,5
1.2 Forestry	2,39	99,8	99,8	100,0	0,0	-0,2
1.3 Fishing	0,21	111,1	106,2	100,0	+4,6	+11,1
1.4 Mining and quarrying	7,13	116,9	119,4	102,0	-2,1	+14,6
Coal	1,93	117,9	123,4	104,3	-4,5	+13,0
Metal ores	0,87	102,5	102,6	100,6	-0,1	+1,9
Other minerals	4,33	119,3	121,0	101,2	-1,4	+17,9
2. MANUFACTURING	76,30	108,1	107,7	100,8	+0,4	+7,2
South African	59,93	110,5	110,1	101,0	+0,4	+9,4
Imported	16,37	102,6	102,2	100,1	+0,4	+2,5
2.1 Food	9,45	115,9	115,1	101,5	+0,7	+14,2
Meat	1,72	114,3	115,1	100,0	-0,7	+14,3
Fresh meat	1,30	115,5	116,8	99,8	-1,1	+15,7
Meat products	0,42	110,3	109,8	100,4	+0,5	+9,9
Fish and fish products	0,40	118,7	117,3	102,2	+1,2	+16,1
Fruit and vegetable products	0,58	109,2	109,4	100,5	-0,2	+8,7
Fats and oils	0,83	109,5	109,5	100,1	0,0	+9,4
Milk products	0,51	118,1	115,7	101,2	+2,1	+16,7
Grain mill products	1,82	120,5	118,6	101,7	+1,6	+18,5
Sugar	0,48	104,9	104,9	100,2	0,0	+4,7
Coffee and tea	0,20	113,6	111,1	103,3	+2,3	+10,0
Other	2,91	118,1	117,2	102,8	+0,8	+14,9
2.2 Beverages	3,27	107,9	107,9	100,1	0,0	+7,8
Alcoholic	2,57	106,9	106,9	100,0	0,0	+6,8
Non-alcoholic	0,70	111,3	111,3	100,0	0,0	+11,3
2.3 Tobacco products	0,59	107,5	107,5	100,1	0,0	+7,4
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	3,11	106,0	105,2	103,5	+0,8	+2,4
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,86	105,9	105,1	103,6	+0,8	+2,2
Other textiles	1,25	106,2	105,5	103,4	+0,7	+2,7
2.5 Wearing apparel	2,11	107,9	105,3	100,8	+2,5	+7,0
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,49	108,9	106,2	101,4	+2,5	+7,4
Wearing apparel	1,62	107,6	105,1	100,6	+2,4	+7,0
Men's and boys' clothing	0,74	107,1	104,9	101,1	+2,1	+5,9
Women's and girls' clothing	0,83	108,1	105,1	100,0	+2,9	+8,1
Other, including articles of fur	0,05	108,6	106,6	103,2	+1,9	+5,2
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,32	118,5	118,5	100,4	0,0	+18,0
2.7 Footwear	0,84	114,2	114,2	103,8	0,0	+10,0
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,20	109,4	109,4	100,6	0,0	+8,7
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,62	112,0	112,0	100,7	0,0	+11,2
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,58	106,6	106,6	100,5	0,0	+6,1
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,40	111,7	111,6	103,5	+0,1	+7,9
Paper and paper products	2,90	113,7	113,8	104,9	-0,1	+8,4
Publishing and printing	1,50	107,7	107,5	101,7	+0,2	+5,9
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	5,20	123,7	121,6	98,6	+1,7	+25,5
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	8,52	106,4	106,3	100,8	+0,1	+5,6
Basic chemicals	4,12	108,3	107,9	101,3	+0,4	+6,9
Fertilizers	0,49	114,0	113,3	100,3	+0,6	+13,7
Other	3,63	107,8	107,6	101,6	+0,2	+6,1
Other chemical products	4,40	105,0	105,0	100,3	0,0	+4,7
Pharmaceutical products	1,40	104,1	104,1	100,3	0,0	+3,8
Other	3,00	105,8	105,8	100,3	0,0	+5,5
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,49	110,5	110,5	101,5	0,0	+8,9
Rubber products	0,85	109,4	109,4	101,2	0,0	+8,1
Plastic products	1,64	111,1	111,1	101,7	0,0	+9,2

TABLE 1.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR COMMODITIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,52	109,0	109,0	100,9	0,0	+8,0
Glass and glass products	0,49	104,7	104,7	100,0	0,0	+4,7
Other	2,03	110,1	110,1	101,2	0,0	+8,8
2.14 Basic metals	4,39	105,5	105,5	100,7	0,0	+4,8
Ferrous	3,29	107,4	107,4	100,8	0,0	+6,5
Non-ferrous	1,10	99,9	99,9	100,3	0,0	-0,4
2.15 Metal products	3,93	109,2	109,2	100,4	0,0	+8,8
Structural metal products	1,61	108,0	108,0	100,0	0,0	+8,0
Other	2,32	110,1	110,1	100,7	0,0	+9,3
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	6,95	104,5	103,5	100,0	+1,0	+4,5
General purpose machinery	2,12	101,9	101,9	100,1	0,0	+1,8
Special purpose machinery	4,30	105,9	104,2	99,9	+1,6	+6,0
Household appliances	0,53	103,7	103,7	100,6	0,0	+3,1
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	0,77	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,45	105,0	105,0	100,2	0,0	+4,8
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,63	105,1	105,1	100,1	0,0	+5,0
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,54	104,1	104,1	99,9	0,0	+4,2
Insulated wire and cable	0,58	105,9	105,9	100,6	0,0	+5,3
Other	0,70	105,1	105,1	100,0	0,0	+5,1
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,52	103,1	103,1	99,8	0,0	+3,3
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,82	101,0	101,0	100,3	0,0	+0,7
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,66	100,9	100,9	100,2	0,0	+0,7
Other, including watches and clocks	0,16	101,4	101,4	100,6	0,0	+0,8
2.21 Transport equipment	9,34	104,8	104,8	100,1	0,0	+4,7
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	8,20	105,5	105,4	100,1	+0,1	+5,4
Motor vehicles	6,19	104,6	104,6	99,9	0,0	+4,7
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,23	108,9	108,9	100,9	0,0	+7,9
Parts and accessories	1,78	108,1	107,9	101,0	+0,2	+7,0
Other transport equipment	1,14	100,3	100,3	100,0	0,0	+0,3
2.22 Furniture	1,13	107,8	107,8	100,9	0,0	+6,8
2.23 Other manufactures	0,98	100,7	100,7	100,5	0,0	+0,2
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	5,80	102,0	102,7	99,7	-0,7	+2,3
3.1 Electricity	5,02	100,0	100,9	99,2	-0,9	+0,8
3.2 Gas and water	0,78	114,8	114,8	102,9	0,0	+11,6

Note: Weights are based on the value of South African production minus exports plus imports

Indices reflect prices of locally produced and sold commodities as well as prices of imported commodities

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.1 - TOTAL OUTPUT

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
ALL GROUPS	100,00	110,6	110,1	101,2	+0,5	+9,3
South African	100,00	110,6	110,1	101,2	+0,5	+9,3
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	29,85	114,0	113,0	101,8	+0,9	+12,0
1.1 Agriculture	8,61	110,2	108,1	99,4	+1,9	+10,9
1.1.1 Food	7,94	110,6	108,7	99,7	+1,7	+10,9
Grain	1,66	110,7	110,6	101,0	+0,1	+9,6
Sugar cane	0,52	97,7	97,8	97,3	-0,1	+0,4
Oil seeds	0,28	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Vegetables and dried beans	0,71	124,9	109,6	95,8	+14,0	+30,4
Fruit	0,88	131,4	133,7	115,9	-1,7	+13,4
Meat	2,58	106,5	106,0	96,1	+0,5	+10,8
Milk and eggs	1,01	111,6	108,9	96,3	+4,4	+15,9
Other	0,30	77,8	77,8	100,0	0,0	-22,2
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,67	106,0	101,8	95,5	+4,1	+11,0
1.2 Forestry	2,07	99,8	99,8	100,0	0,0	-0,2
1.3 Fishing	0,25	108,9	105,0	100,0	+3,7	+8,9
1.4 Mining and quarrying	18,92	117,3	116,7	103,1	+0,5	+13,8
Coal	3,54	126,5	127,0	101,2	-0,4	+25,0
Metal ores	11,91	116,9	115,7	104,0	+1,0	+12,4
Other minerals	3,47	109,4	109,8	102,3	-0,4	+6,9
2. MANUFACTURING	64,59	109,7	109,4	101,0	+0,3	+8,6
South African	64,59	109,7	109,4	101,0	+0,3	+8,6
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.1 Food	9,22	115,2	114,5	101,3	+0,6	+13,7
Meat	1,64	113,9	-114,8	100,0	-0,8	+13,9
Fresh meat	1,25	115,1	116,3	99,8	-1,0	+15,3
Meat products	0,39	110,3	109,8	100,4	+0,5	+9,9
Fish and fish products	0,32	113,2	112,6	102,8	+0,5	+10,1
Fruit and vegetable products	0,75	107,6	107,7	100,5	-0,1	+7,1
Fats and oils	0,73	110,1	110,1	100,2	0,0	+9,9
Milk products	0,48	117,9	115,5	101,1	+2,1	+16,6
Grain mill products	1,65	120,3	118,9	101,1	+1,2	+19,0
Sugar	0,75	107,4	107,1	100,2	+0,3	+7,2
Coffee and tea	0,18	113,5	110,9	103,3	+2,3	+9,9
Other	2,72	118,2	117,3	102,8	+0,8	+15,0
2.2 Beverages	3,02	108,1	108,1	100,1	0,0	+8,0
Alcoholic	2,34	107,3	107,3	100,1	0,0	+7,2
Non-alcoholic	0,68	110,9	110,9	100,0	0,0	+10,9
2.3 Tobacco products	0,55	107,5	107,5	100,0	0,0	+7,5
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,30	107,0	106,0	104,3	+0,9	+2,6
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,46	106,8	105,7	104,3	+1,0	+2,4
Other textiles	0,84	107,5	106,5	104,3	+0,9	+3,1
2.5 Wearing apparel	1,97	108,3	105,6	100,8	+2,6	+7,4
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,45	109,0	106,3	101,4	+2,5	+7,5
Wearing apparel	1,52	108,0	105,4	100,6	+2,5	+7,4
Men's and boys' clothing	0,71	107,5	105,3	101,1	+2,1	+6,3
Women's and girls' clothing	0,76	108,5	105,4	100,0	+2,9	+8,5
Other, including articles of fur	0,05	109,3	107,0	103,3	+2,1	+5,8
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,35	103,6	103,6	98,9	0,0	+4,8
2.7 Footwear	0,72	115,0	115,0	104,2	0,0	+10,4
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,10	109,8	109,8	100,6	0,0	+9,1
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,53	113,6	113,6	100,8	0,0	+12,7
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,57	106,3	106,3	100,4	0,0	+5,9
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,19	108,6	108,6	103,3	0,0	+5,1
Paper and paper products	3,01	112,2	112,2	104,6	0,0	+7,3
Publishing and printing	1,18	106,6	106,6	102,0	0,0	+4,5
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	5,06	124,6	122,7	98,4	+1,5	+26,6
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	6,40	108,2	108,2	101,1	0,0	+7,0
Basic chemicals	3,33	110,0	110,0	101,9	0,0	+7,9
Fertilizers	0,48	113,2	113,2	100,2	0,0	+13,0
Other	2,85	110,4	110,4	101,8	0,0	+8,4
Other chemical products	3,07	106,6	106,6	100,4	0,0	+6,2
Pharmaceutical products	0,72	106,2	106,2	100,5	0,0	+5,7
Other	2,35	106,1	106,1	100,3	0,0	+5,8
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,05	110,7	110,7	101,6	0,0	+9,0
Rubber products	0,67	108,4	108,4	101,0	0,0	+7,3
Plastic products	1,38	111,8	111,8	101,9	0,0	+9,7

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS
1.2.1 - TOTAL OUTPUT (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,29	109,4	109,4	101,0	0,0	+8,3
Glass and glass products	0,43	105,2	105,2	100,0	0,0	+5,2
Other	1,86	110,4	110,4	101,2	0,0	+9,1
2.14 Basic metals	6,61	105,1	105,1	101,7	0,0	+3,3
Ferrous	5,10	107,0	107,0	102,5	0,0	+4,4
Non-ferrous	1,51	98,7	98,7	98,8	0,0	-0,1
2.15 Metal products	3,59	107,5	107,5	100,4	0,0	+7,1
Structural metal products	1,51	109,6	109,6	100,0	0,0	+9,6
Other	2,08	105,9	105,9	100,7	0,0	+5,2
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	3,90	104,9	104,9	100,1	0,0	+4,8
General purpose machinery	0,78	105,8	105,8	100,3	0,0	+5,5
Special purpose machinery	2,73	104,6	104,6	99,9	0,0	+4,7
Household appliances	0,39	104,7	104,7	100,8	0,0	+3,9
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	0,05	100,1	100,1	100,0	0,0	+0,1
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,74	107,0	107,0	100,2	0,0	+6,8
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,44	106,9	106,9	100,2	0,0	+6,7
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,29	108,6	108,6	99,9	0,0	+8,7
Insulated wire and cable	0,53	106,0	106,0	100,6	0,0	+5,4
Other	0,48	107,5	107,5	100,0	0,0	+7,5
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	0,94	104,9	104,9	99,7	0,0	+5,2
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,15	105,8	105,8	102,0	0,0	+3,7
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,12	105,4	105,4	101,7	0,0	+3,6
Other, including watches and clocks	0,03	107,3	107,3	103,1	0,0	+4,1
2.21 Transport equipment	6,44	105,4	105,4	100,2	0,0	+5,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	5,96	105,7	105,7	100,2	0,0	+5,5
Motor vehicles	4,40	105,7	105,7	99,9	0,0	+5,8
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,30	109,5	109,5	101,0	0,0	+8,4
Parts and accessories	1,26	104,9	104,9	101,0	0,0	+3,9
Other transport equipment	0,48	101,7	101,7	100,0	0,0	+1,7
2.22 Furniture	1,08	107,7	107,7	100,9	0,0	+6,7
2.23 Other manufactures	0,87	107,4	107,4	106,0	0,0	+1,3
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	5,56	101,9	102,7	99,7	-0,8	+2,2
3.1 Electricity	4,83	100,0	100,8	99,2	-0,8	+0,8
3.2 Gas and water	0,73	114,8	114,8	102,9	0,0	+11,6

Note: Weights are based on the value of South African production

Indices reflect prices of locally produced commodities (both locally sold and exported)

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS (CONCLUDED)
1.2.2 - FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION

BASE : June.1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
ALL GROUPS	100,00	109,6	109,2	100,9	+0,4	+8,6
South African	100,00	109,6	109,2	100,9	+0,4	+8,6
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
1. AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND MINING	18,61	108,8	108,2	100,9	+0,6	+7,8
1.1 Agriculture	9,80	110,3	107,8	100,2	+2,3	+10,1
1.1.1 Food	9,34	110,6	108,0	100,4	+2,4	+10,2
Grain	1,83	112,9	112,8	101,2	+0,1	+11,6
Sugar cane	0,68	97,7	97,8	97,3	-0,1	+0,4
Oil seeds	0,33	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Vegetables and dried beans	0,92	125,6	109,9	95,6	+14,3	+31,4
Fruit	0,60	141,8	138,7	142,6	+2,2	-0,6
Meat	3,26	106,8	106,3	95,9	+0,5	+11,4
Milk and eggs	1,33	111,6	106,9	96,3	+4,4	+15,9
Other	0,39	77,4	77,4	100,0	0,0	-22,6
1.1.2 Other agriculture	0,46	104,4	103,9	96,3	+0,5	+8,4
1.2 Forestry	2,68	99,8	99,8	100,0	0,0	-0,2
1.3 Fishing	0,24	112,1	106,7	100,0	+5,1	+12,1
1.4 Mining and quarrying	5,89	110,2	112,7	102,5	-2,2	+7,5
Coal	2,35	118,2	123,7	104,4	-4,4	+13,2
Metal ores	1,00	102,7	102,8	100,7	-0,1	+2,0
Other minerals	2,54	105,6	106,4	101,5	-0,8	+4,0
2. MANUFACTURING	74,23	110,5	110,1	101,0	+0,4	+9,4
South African	74,23	110,5	110,1	101,0	+0,4	+9,4
Imported	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.1 Food	11,10	115,9	115,3	101,3	+0,5	+14,4
Meat	2,09	114,4	115,2	100,0	-0,7	+14,4
Fresh meat	1,57	115,7	117,0	99,8	-1,1	+15,9
Meat products	0,52	110,3	109,8	100,4	+0,5	+9,9
Fish and fish products	0,35	113,1	112,7	102,4	+0,4	+10,4
Fruit and vegetable products	0,70	109,4	109,6	100,5	-0,2	+8,9
Fats and oils	0,86	110,4	110,4	100,1	0,0	+10,3
Milk products	0,61	118,1	115,7	101,2	+2,1	+16,7
Grain mill products	2,14	120,2	118,9	101,1	+1,1	+18,9
Sugar	0,58	105,0	105,0	100,2	0,0	+4,8
Coffee and tea	0,24	113,7	111,1	103,3	+2,3	+10,1
Other	3,53	118,4	117,5	102,8	+0,8	+15,2
2.2 Beverages	3,86	108,2	108,2	100,1	0,0	+8,1
Alcoholic	3,00	107,3	107,3	100,1	0,0	+7,2
Non-alcoholic	0,86	111,3	111,3	100,0	0,0	+11,3
2.3 Tobacco products	0,72	107,6	107,6	100,0	0,0	+7,6
2.4 Textiles and made-up goods	2,86	107,4	106,4	104,6	+0,9	+2,7
Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles	1,81	107,1	106,1	104,6	+0,9	+2,4
Other textiles	1,05	107,8	106,8	104,5	+0,9	+3,2
2.5 Wearing apparel	2,48	108,3	105,6	100,9	+2,6	+7,3
Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	0,58	109,2	106,4	101,5	+2,6	+7,6
Wearing apparel	1,90	108,1	105,4	100,7	+2,6	+7,3
Men's and boys' clothing	0,89	107,3	105,1	101,2	+2,1	+6,0
Women's and girls' clothing	0,95	108,8	105,5	100,0	+3,1	+8,8
Other, including articles of fur	0,06	109,2	107,2	103,3	+1,9	+5,7
2.6 Leather and leather products	0,26	104,6	104,6	100,6	0,0	+4,0
2.7 Footwear	0,95	115,0	115,0	104,2	0,0	+10,4
2.8 Wood and wood products	1,33	110,4	110,4	100,6	0,0	+9,7
Sawmilling and planing of wood	0,67	113,5	113,5	100,8	0,0	+12,6
Products of wood, cork and plaiting materials	0,66	107,2	107,2	100,4	0,0	+6,8
2.9 Paper, paper products and printing	4,63	111,6	111,6	104,0	0,0	+7,3
Paper and paper products	3,10	114,1	114,1	105,0	0,0	+8,7
Publishing and printing	1,53	106,5	106,5	102,0	0,0	+4,4
2.10 Products of petroleum and coal	6,10	125,0	122,9	98,5	+1,7	+26,9
2.11 Chemicals and chemical products	7,15	108,7	108,7	101,1	0,0	+7,5
Basic chemicals	3,46	111,3	111,3	102,0	0,0	+9,1
Fertilizers	0,54	114,2	114,2	100,3	0,0	+13,9
Other	2,92	110,8	110,8	102,3	0,0	+8,3
Other chemical products	3,69	106,6	106,6	100,4	0,0	+6,2
Pharmaceutical products	0,87	106,2	106,2	100,5	0,0	+5,7
Other	2,82	106,2	106,2	100,3	0,0	+5,9
2.12 Rubber and plastic products	2,61	110,9	110,9	101,6	0,0	+9,2
Rubber products	0,84	108,6	108,6	101,0	0,0	+7,8
Plastic products	1,77	111,9	111,9	101,9	0,0	+9,8

TABLE 1.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR OUTPUT OF SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRY GROUPS -
1.2.2 - FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUMPTION (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

GROUP	WEIGHT	INDICES			% CHANGE	
		Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
2.13 Non-metallic mineral products	2,86	109,9	109,9	101,0	0,0	+8,8
Glass and glass products	0,49	105,9	105,9	100,0	0,0	+5,9
Other	2,37	110,7	110,7	101,2	0,0	+9,4
2.14 Basic metals	4,79	106,3	106,3	100,8	0,0	+5,5
Ferrous	3,67	108,3	108,3	100,9	0,0	+7,3
Non-ferrous	1,12	99,9	99,9	100,3	0,0	-0,4
2.15 Metal products	4,23	107,3	107,3	100,5	0,0	+6,8
Structural metal products	1,90	108,4	108,4	100,0	0,0	+8,4
Other	2,33	106,4	106,4	100,9	0,0	+5,5
2.16 Non-electrical machinery and equipment	4,70	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
General purpose machinery	0,81	106,0	106,0	100,3	0,0	+5,7
Special purpose machinery	3,39	104,5	104,5	99,9	0,0	+4,6
Household appliances	0,50	104,9	104,9	100,8	0,0	+4,1
2.17 Office, accounting and computing machinery	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.18 Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,13	107,2	107,2	100,2	0,0	+7,0
Electric motors, generators and transformers	0,56	107,1	107,1	100,2	0,0	+6,9
Electricity distribution and control apparatus	0,33	108,5	108,5	99,8	0,0	+8,7
Insulated wire and cable	0,66	106,4	106,4	100,6	0,0	+5,8
Other	0,58	107,7	107,7	100,0	0,0	+7,7
2.19 Radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	1,19	104,9	104,9	99,7	0,0	+5,2
2.20 Medical, precision and optical instruments	0,13	107,5	107,5	102,4	0,0	+5,0
Medical appliances and instruments for measuring, checking, testing and navigating	0,10	107,1	107,1	102,0	0,0	+5,0
Other, including watches and clocks	0,03	108,9	108,9	103,6	0,0	+5,1
2.21 Transport equipment	7,83	105,4	105,4	100,2	0,0	+5,2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	7,35	105,6	105,6	100,2	0,0	+5,4
Motor vehicles	5,60	105,6	105,6	99,9	0,0	+5,7
Bodies, trailers and semi-trailers	0,26	109,6	109,6	101,0	0,0	+8,5
Parts and accessories	1,49	105,0	105,0	101,1	0,0	+3,9
Other transport equipment	0,48	100,9	100,9	100,0	0,0	+0,9
2.22 Furniture	1,36	107,8	107,8	100,9	0,0	+6,8
2.23 Other manufactures	0,96	109,2	109,2	107,1	0,0	+2,0
3. ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER	7,16	102,0	102,8	99,7	-0,8	+2,3
3.1 Electricity	6,20	100,0	100,9	99,2	-0,9	+0,8
3.2 Gas and water	0,96	114,8	114,8	102,9	0,0	+11,6

Note: Weights are based on the value of South African production minus exports

Indices reflect prices of locally produced and sold commodities

TABLE 2.1 - PRICE INDICES FOR MATERIALS USED IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE	
	Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
Building and construction	111,0	*110,9	100,8	+0,1	+10,1
Building industries	110,2	*110,1	100,8	+0,1	+9,3
Civil engineering	109,9	*109,9	100,6	0,0	+9,2
Mechanical engineering	106,0	105,4	101,3	+0,6	+4,6
Electrical engineering	105,3	105,1	100,4	+0,2	+4,9

TABLE 2.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MATERIALS

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE	
	Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
Wool, auction prices, 18 types	98,8	91,9	91,4	+7,5	+8,1
Coal, bituminous	118,1	123,6	104,4	-4,4	+13,1
Coal, bituminous - for local sales	113,6	110,6	103,3	+2,7	+10,0
- Cobbles, grade A	126,5	127,3	101,8	-0,6	+24,3
- Cobbles, grade B	113,4	114,2	99,4	-0,7	+14,1
- Large nuts, grade A	126,8	133,9	100,6	-5,3	+26,0
- Large nuts, grade B	124,1	123,9	106,7	+0,2	+16,3
- Small nuts, grade A	123,8	121,9	98,6	+1,6	+25,6
- Small nuts, grade B	97,6	96,2	100,0	+1,5	-2,4
- Peas, grade A	118,9	117,5	100,8	+1,2	+18,0
- Peas, grade B	113,3	114,2	100,3	-0,8	+13,0
Anthracite - for local sales					
- Grade SP	105,7	114,3	92,1	-7,5	+14,8
- Grade A	106,4	112,1	92,1	-5,1	+15,5
Wood products, excluding pinewood	103,8	103,8	99,6	0,0	+4,2
SA Pine, kiln dried	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Paper, newsprint	141,3	141,3	119,9	0,0	+17,8
Kraft paper	115,4	115,6	109,5	-0,2	+5,4
Boxes, corrugated cardboard	111,5	111,5	100,0	0,0	+11,5
Leather, bovine hide	101,0	101,0	100,0	0,0	+1,0
Rubber crude	99,5	99,5	100,9	0,0	-1,4
- Natural	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
- Synthetic	98,9	98,9	101,8	0,0	-2,8
- Synthetic - Local	98,9	98,9	101,9	0,0	-2,9
Tyres and tubes	106,7	106,7	101,1	0,0	+5,5
Plastic bottles	104,1	104,1	100,0	0,0	+4,1
Plastic, bulk forms	103,7	103,7	102,4	0,0	+1,3
Sulphuric acid	114,0	114,0	100,0	0,0	+14,0
Glycerine	95,5	95,5	101,0	0,0	-5,4
Paints	109,3	109,3	100,9	0,0	+8,3
Foam insulation materials	108,5	108,5	101,9	0,0	+6,5
- Polyurethane	116,1	116,1	103,6	0,0	+12,1
- Polystyrene	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Petro-chemical building materials	106,4	105,5	100,4	+0,9	+6,0
Waterproofing	101,8	101,8	100,5	0,0	+1,3
Resilient floor coverings	103,9	103,6	101,2	+0,3	+2,7
Petrol, 93 octane - Coast	112,3	114,0	94,6	-1,5	+18,7
- Witwatersrand	112,3	114,0	94,6	-1,5	+18,7
Diesel oil - Coast	130,1	127,3	98,2	+2,2	+32,5
- Witwatersrand	130,1	127,3	98,2	+2,2	+32,5
Transformer oil	93,4	90,0	100,0	+3,8	-6,6
Bitumen	109,8	109,8	100,0	0,0	+9,8
Tar	120,6	122,0	103,7	-1,1	+16,3
Bricks - Stock	111,3	111,3	99,5	0,0	+11,9
- Face	129,3	129,3	110,4	0,0	+17,1
Sand	102,7	102,7	100,0	0,0	+2,7
Aggregated crushed stone	113,7	113,7	100,5	0,0	+13,1
Cement	110,4	110,4	101,3	0,0	+9,0
Ordinary and extended cement	103,2	103,2	103,1	0,0	+0,1
Natural stone, cut and sawn	106,1	105,6	100,4	+0,5	+5,7
Glass, for building industry	111,6	111,6	108,5	0,0	+2,9

TABLE 2.2 - PRICE INDICES FOR SELECTED MATERIALS (CONCLUDED)

BASE : June 1995 = 100

ITEM	INDICES			% CHANGE	
	Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sep. 1995
Ironmongery	104,4	104,4	100,6	0,0	+3,8
Drainage	113,6	113,6	100,0	0,0	+13,6
Plumbing	100,8	100,8	100,0	0,0	+0,8
Ceramic and encaustic wall and floor tiles and mosaics	107,7	107,7	100,1	0,0	+7,6
Ceiling materials	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
Partitioning materials	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
Fibrous insulation - Preformed pipe sections	107,0	107,0	100,0	0,0	+7,0
- Batten board	108,0	108,0	100,0	0,0	+8,0
- Mattresses	108,0	108,0	100,0	0,0	+8,0
- Ceiling insulation	108,1	108,1	100,0	0,0	+8,1
Insulator, porcelain	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Containers, glass	104,7	104,7	100,0	0,0	+4,7
Billets, mild steel	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Angles, mild steel	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Structural steel, unworked	104,8	104,8	100,0	0,0	+4,8
Reinforcing steel	111,0	*111,0	100,0	0,0	+11,0
Plate, mild steel	109,4	109,4	101,3	0,0	+8,0
Sheet, uncoated	105,5	105,5	100,0	0,0	+5,5
Sheet, galvanized	109,4	109,4	101,3	0,0	+8,0
Tinplate	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Steel tubes, pipes and fittings	104,4	104,4	100,0	0,0	+4,4
Copper, basic forms	98,8	98,8	100,0	0,0	-1,2
Aluminium - Anodising	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
- Basic forms	94,6	94,6	100,0	0,0	-5,4
- Extruded products	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
- Sheeting	78,2	78,2	100,0	0,0	-21,8
Bearings, ball and roller	112,9	112,9	100,0	0,0	+12,9
Electrical contracting materials	108,7	108,5	100,2	+0,2	+8,5
Construction machinery (excluding trucks)	115,3	115,3	100,0	0,0	+15,3
Trucks	97,5	97,2	100,0	+0,3	-2,5
Mining machinery	106,4	106,4	101,1	0,0	+5,2
Rubber industry's indices:					
Natural rubber (imported)	83,5	83,5	82,4	0,0	+1,3
SBR tyres 1500 (local)	155,7	155,7	146,4	0,0	+6,4
Acrylonitrile butadiene rubber KRYNOC 805	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Polychloroprene rubber WRT type (imported)	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Carbon black - N774 (local)	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
- N660	110,8	110,8	105,4	0,0	+5,1
Accelerator ORAC NS (local)	126,7	126,7	106,8	0,0	+18,6
Anti-oxidant OROX - HR (local)	109,0	109,0	108,3	0,0	+0,6
- Q	135,6	135,6	100,0	0,0	+35,6
Anti-ozonant ORFLEX PP (local)	126,4	126,4	116,7	0,0	+8,3
Bulk yarn - Nylon	105,5	105,5	104,3	0,0	+1,2
- Cotton	103,9	103,9	101,9	0,0	+2,0
Stearic acid (local)	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Plasticiser D00P (local)	122,3	122,3	122,3	0,0	0,0
Coumarone indene resin (imported)	120,0	120,0	100,0	0,0	+20,0
Chlorobutyl rubber (imported)	101,0	101,0	100,0	0,0	+1,0
EPDM Vistalon 5600 (imported)	97,0	97,0	100,0	0,0	-3,0
Zinc oxide	101,0	101,0	100,0	0,0	+1,0
Synthetic rubber - 1502	117,7	117,7	110,8	0,0	+6,2
- 1712	113,6	113,6	113,2	0,0	+0,4
Polybutadiene	112,5	112,5	112,9	0,0	-0,4
Processing oil	105,4	105,4	100,0	0,0	+5,4
Bead wire	107,9	107,9	100,0	0,0	+7,9
Steel cord wire	118,5	118,5	118,5	0,0	0,0
Nylon fabric - 940 X 2	103,3	103,3	100,0	0,0	+3,3
- 1400 X 2	103,1	103,1	100,0	0,0	+3,1
Rayon fabric - 1840 X 2	104,9	104,9	100,0	0,0	+4,9

TABLE 3 - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES

DESCRIPTION	Sep. 1996	Aug. 1996	Jul. 1996	Jun. 1996	May 1996
All commodities for consumption in South Africa	108,2	107,4	106,5	105,9	105,0
Locally produced commodities	109,5	108,4	107,2	106,3	105,6
Imported commodities	104,2	104,0	104,2	104,3	103,7
Output of South African industry					
Total output	110,4	109,3	108,0	107,3	106,3
For South African consumption	109,5	108,4	107,2	106,3	105,6
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	107,6	105,1	102,3	102,0	101,5
Tobacco and Beverages	108,6	107,9	107,0	105,5	104,5
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	109,6	108,8	108,2	107,1	106,7
Machinery and Transport equipment	105,9	105,0	104,1	103,4	102,9
Mining, Electricity, Gas and Water	106,0	107,1	106,3	105,0	104,2
Basic metals and Metal products	107,3	106,5	104,7	104,0	103,5
Food	115,9	114,1	112,2	111,0	110,6
Total Manufacturing	110,7	109,6	108,4	107,6	106,7
Total South African	109,5	108,4	107,2	106,3	105,6

NOTES1. **WEIGHTING BASIS**

TABLE 1.1: Commodities for South African consumption

- Value of South African production, minus exports plus imports

TABLE 1.2: Output of South African industry groups

- Total output

- Value of South African production

- For South African consumption

- Value of South African production minus exports

TABLE 2.1: Materials used in certain industries

- Value of materials used

2. **PRICING BASIS**

All indices are based on producer prices at the point of production in the case of commodities produced in South Africa, and wholesale prices "ex-warehouse", in the case of imported commodities. Prices "delivered" or "free on rail" are accepted if this is the normal basis of quotation. Price information refers to the first seven days of the relevant month. General sales tax is excluded but can be accounted for by multiplying a particular index by 1,04 prior to March 1982; 1,05 from March 1982; 1,06 from September 1982; 1,07 from February 1984; 1,10 from July 1984; 1,12 from April 1985; and 1,13 from April 1989. Value added tax can be added by multiplying the relevant index by 1,10 from October 1991; and by 1,14 from April 1993.

THE PRICES OF ALL ITEMS EXCLUDE VAT.

Further details are provided in the **Bulletin of Statistics** and the annual statistical release on production prices of commodities (P0142.3).

SYMBOLS USED

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- = nil or not applicable.

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