



PRICE INDICES IN AGRICULTURE, THIRD QUARTER OF 2015¹

Producer price indices in agriculture

The producer price index in agriculture in the third quarter of 2015 increased by 6.4% in comparison with the same quarter of 2014. The crop output index increased by 8.8% while the animal output index decreased by 8.5%. In comparison with previous year the prices of agricultural output went down by 2.5%. The crop output index retained almost the same level while the animal output decreased by 10.1% (Table 1).

In third quarter of 2015 compared to the same quarter of 2014 higher were the prices of cereals - by 5.6%, industrial crops - by 19.2%, potatoes - by 13.1%, and fresh fruit - by 0.6%. Lower were the prices of fresh vegetables - by 8.3%. Higher were the prices of soft wheat - by 5.2%, barley - by 6.7%, rape - by 22.0%, cucumbers - by 4.1%, onions - by 10.0%, apples - by 17.6% and apricots - by 10.3%. Lower were the prices of tomatoes - by 23.8%, green pepper - by 11.0%, cherries - by 20.5% and peaches - by 5.3%.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2014 a decrease was observed in the prices of live animals - by 8.3% and in animal products - by 8.6%. Most significant decrease was reported in the price of cattle - by 32.2% and less in the prices of pigs - by 5.6% and poultry - by 3.4%. The prices of sheep and goats went up by 0.2%. Among the animal products decrease was reported in the price of cow milk - by 14.0% while the price of eggs went up - by 11.7% as well as of honey - by 7.5%.

Compared to 2014 in the third quarter of 2015 lower were the prices of cereals - by 2.8%, potatoes - by 3.5%, fresh vegetables - by 22.9% and fresh fruit - by 5.0%. Increase was observed only in the prices of industrial crops - by 10.1%. In the animal output lower were the prices of live animals - by 7.8% as well as of animal products - by 11.4%.

In third quarter of 2015 compared to 2014 lower were the prices of soft wheat - by 5.5%, barley - by 3.9%, tomatoes - by 33.4%, cucumbers - by 20.1%, green pepper - by 27.4% and cherries - by 25.8%. Higher were the prices of rape - by 14.8%, sunflower - by 11.5%, peaches - by 19.4% and apples - by 3.9%.

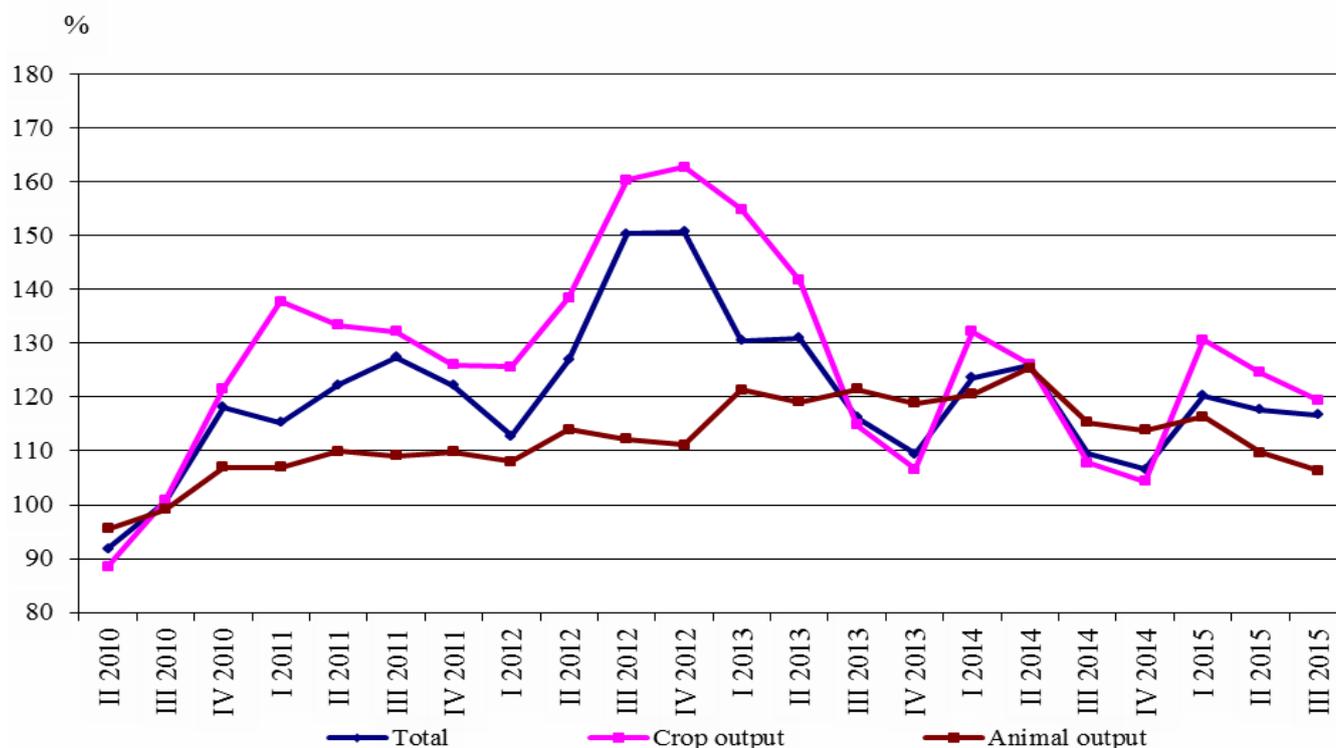
In animal output in third quarter of 2015 compared to 2014 a decrease was observed in all categories of animals. In animal products output decreased the price of cow milk - by 16.3% while the prices of eggs increased by 8.1% as well as the price of honey - by 10.3%.

¹The Agricultural Price Indices were calculated in compliance with requirements of Handbook for EU Agricultural Price Statistics, version 2.0, March 2008. The Handbook was uploaded on the NSI website at the following link: http://www.nsi.bg/sites/default/files/files/metadata/Agr_Handbook_en.pdf

1. Producer prices indices in agriculture in the third quarter of 2015

	2010 = 100	Corresponding quarter of 2014 = 100	(Per cent) 2014 = 100
Total	116.7	106.4	97.5
Crop output	119.4	108.8	100.1
Animal output	106.4	91.5	89.9

Figure 1. Producer prices indices in agriculture, by quarters (2010 = 100)





Price indices of goods and services currently consumed in agriculture

The index of prices of goods and services currently consumed in agriculture in the third quarter of 2015 was 0.9% below the level in the same quarter of previous year and by 2.2% compared to 2014.

In third quarter of 2015 compared to corresponding quarter of 2014 lower were the prices of: energy and fuels - by 10.5%, plant protection products - by 3.1% and animal feeding stuffs - by 1.6%. Higher were the prices of fertilizers - by 22.5%, veterinary products - by 3.2% and seeds and planting stocks - by 1.6%.

Compared to 2014 in third quarter of 2015 the same trend was observed in the variation of prices - index of the prices of energy and fuels decreased by 8.9%, as well as the indices of plant protection products - by 3.9% and animal feeding stuffs - by 2.0%. Higher were the prices of fertilizers - by 8.5%, veterinary products - by 1.2% and of seeds and planting stocks - by 1.1% (Table 2).

2. Prices indices of the goods and services currently consumed in agriculture, third quarter of 2015

(Per cent)

	2010 = 100	Corresponding quarter of 2014 = 100	2014 = 100
Total	108.1	98.1	97.8
Seeds and planting stock	108.3	101.6	101.1
Energy, fuels and others	104.8	89.5	91.1
Fertilizers	127.0	122.5	108.5
Plant protection products	112.9	96.9	96.1
Veterinary medical products	101.9	103.2	101.2
Animal feeding stuffs	107.0	98.4	98.0
Maintenance of materials	104.2	99.1	99.2
Maintenance of buildings	106.3	99.4	99.9
Other goods and services	105.9	100.4	100.0



Figure 2. Prices indices of the goods and services currently consumed in agriculture, by quarters (2010 = 100)

