



PRICE INDICES IN AGRICULTURE, FIRST QUARTER OF 2015¹

Producer price indices in agriculture

The **index of producer prices in agriculture** in the first quarter of 2015 decreased by 5.1% as comparison with the same quarter of 2014. The crop output index decreased by 5.6%, and the animal output index - by 4.6%. Compare to previous year the prices of agricultural output increased by 0.6%. In the crop output they increased by 3.0%, and in the livestock they decreased by 1.7% (Table 1).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2014 a decrease was registered in the prices of soft wheat - by 8.0%, maize - by 10.5%, barley - by 1.7%, potatoes - by 14.9%. Higher was the price of sunflower - by 13.1%, tomatoes - by 9.6%, and cucumbers - by 16.9%. In the livestock decrease was registered in the price of pigs - by 7.7%, poultry - by 3.1%, and cow's milk - by 6.1%.

Compared to 2014 higher was the price of soft wheat - by 1.4%, barley - by 8.3%, and sunflower - by 15.2%. In the livestock lower was the price of pigs - by 7.4%, and poultry - by 6.2%. The prices increased of eggs - by 7.2%.

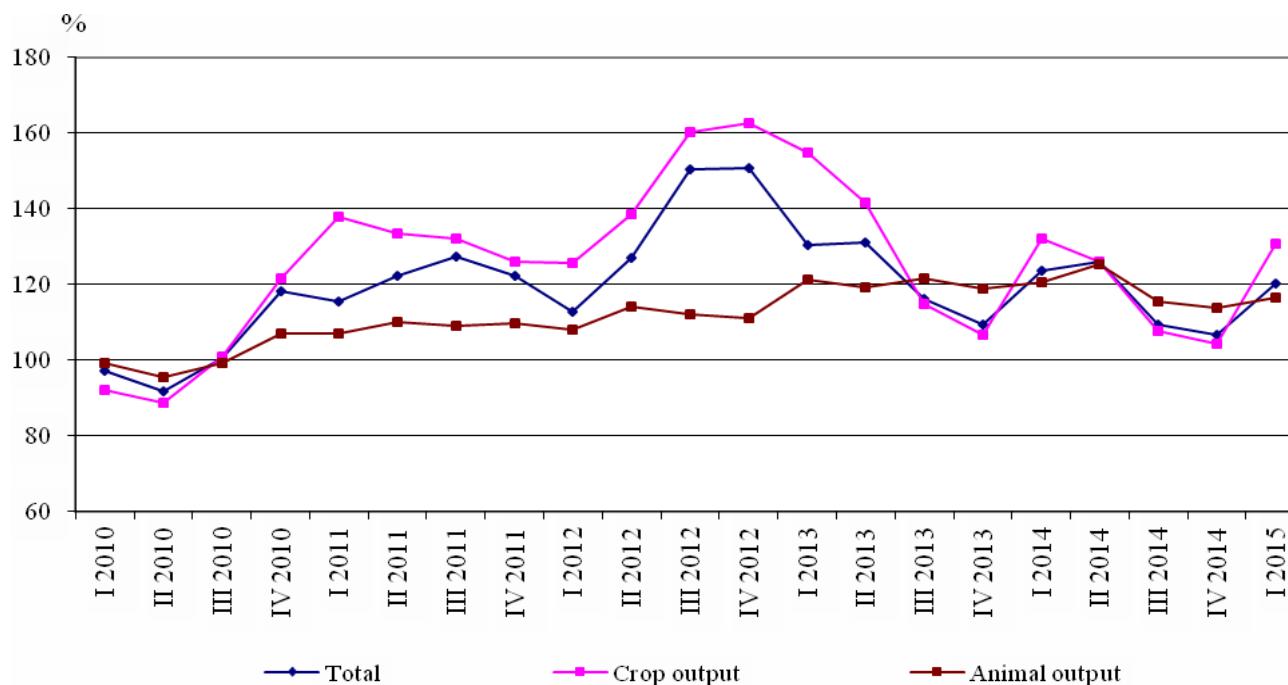
1. Producer price indices in agriculture, first quarter of 2015

	2010 = 100	Corresponding quarter of 2014 = 100	(Per cent) 2014 = 100
Total	120.3	94.9	100.6
Crop output	130.6	94.4	103.0
Animal output	116.4	95.4	98.3

¹ The 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



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





Price indices of goods and services currently consumed in agriculture

The price index of goods and services currently consumed in agriculture in the first quarter of 2015 was 4.1% below the level in the same quarter of previous year and by 4.9% compared to 2014.

A decrease was registered compared to the same quarter of 2014 in the prices of: energy and fuels - by 17.1%, plant protection products - by 1.3%, veterinary medical products - by 0.7%, and animal feeding stuffs - by 3.9%.

The same trend was observed compared 2014. A decrease was registered in the prices of energy - by 14.9%, plant protection products - by 1.1%, and animal feeding stuffs - by 6.2% (Table 2).

2. Price indices of the goods and services currently consumed in agriculture, first quarter of 2015

	2010 = 100	Corresponding quarter of 2014 = 100	(Per cent) 2014 = 100
Total	105.7	95.9	95.1
Seeds and planting stock	105.6	96.0	98.2
Energy, fuels and others	98.4	82.9	85.1
Fertilizers	124.6	118.8	105.5
Plant protection products	117.4	98.7	98.9
Veterinary medical products	103.0	99.3	102.0
Animal feeding stuffs	104.2	96.1	93.8
Maintenance of materials	104.8	99.7	99.7
Maintenance of buildings	106.7	99.4	100.3
Other goods and services	105.2	99.3	99.3

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

