

Information on absolute purchase prices of the means of production in agriculture was collected.

According to the Annual National Program of Statistical Surveys adopted for 2001 a Pilot survey on producer prices in agriculture (farm-gate prices) was carried out for main crop and animal products.

These surveys were aimed to investigate the possibilities for building-up system for collection and processing of statistical information about input and output prices in agriculture according to the requirements of the target EU methodology as regards: the used definitions, nomenclatures and statistical weights for calculating indices, the mode of prices registration into Bulgarian practice e.t.c. This system will be developed in the next years according to European standards on the basis of regular statistical surveys.

The producer price indices on domestic market in industry measure the average price change of industrial products, which are produced by Bulgarian enterprises and sold on domestic market, on the basis of a permanent sample of products' groups, which is representative for the total production.

The surveyed prices do not include VAT (value added tax), excises and subsidies.

The producer price indices are calculated by Laspeyres formula, where 1995 is accepted as a base year, i.e. the price changes in comparison with the base year are weighted with the annual sales' structure in the same base year.

Since 1998 NSI has begun step by step to implement a new methodology for surveying and calculation of producer price indices on domestic market. It is developed in accordance with IMF and Eurostat recommendations and the surveyed price is defined as net revenue, received by a certain enterprise for a certain product, sold at a certain day of the month.

According to the new methodology prices of concrete specific products with identical quality are compared in both periods, and prices are corrected in case of change in quality of the products.

Metadata about consumer price indices and for producer price indices in industry are included in IMF General Data Dissemination System.