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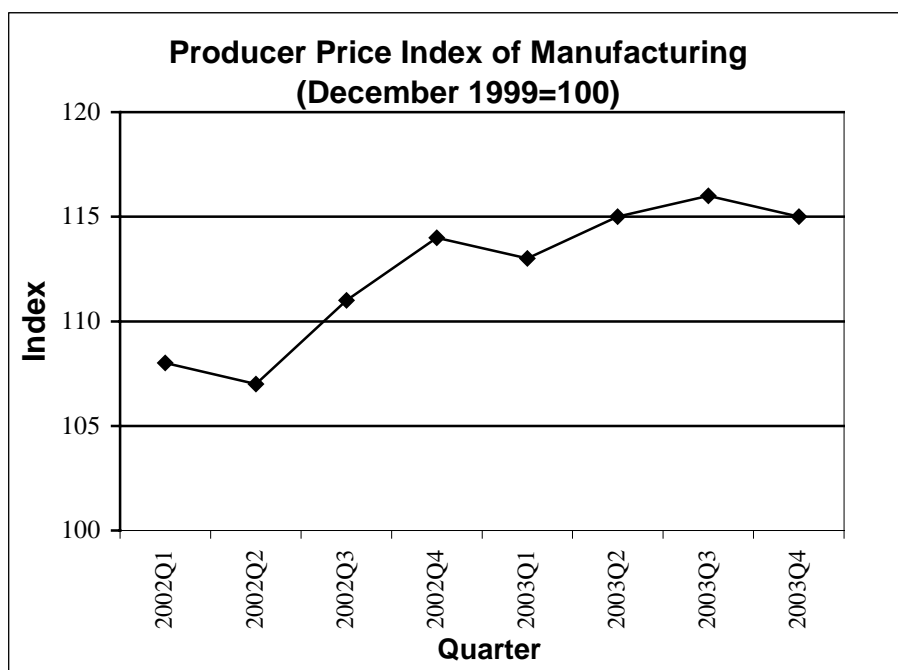
Producer Price Index of Manufacturing Fourth Quarter 2003

In order to improve the accessibility of statistics to all users and to the public in general, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) disseminates a series of quarterly short-term social and economic indicators through regular "Statistics Releases". This release refers to the Producer Price Index of manufacturing for the fourth quarter 2003.

The Producer Price Index of manufacturing measures changes in the selling prices of commodities produced as part of their output, and sold in the domestic market. It reflects the price trends of a constant basket of goods, produced by selected establishments where the majority engage 50 or more workers.

The graph and the table show the evolution of the index on a quarterly basis. The quarterly index was obtained as an arithmetic mean of the monthly indices.

The Producer Price Index of manufacturing for the fourth quarter of 2003 stood at 115. When compared with that of the third quarter 2003, which was 116, it shows a decrease of 0.9 percent. This overall decrease was mainly caused by decrease in prices for "Paper and paper products" by 2.6 percent, "Food, Beverages and tobacco" by 1.8 percent and "Basic metal industries" by 1.6 percent. On the other hand "Textiles and leather" recorded an increase of 5.4 percent followed by "Wood and wood products" with an increase of 1.0 percent.



Producer Price Index of Manufacturing (December 1999 = 100)

Industrial Group	Weight	2002 Q4	2003 Q3	2003 Q4	% Change on Previous Quarter	% Change on same Quarter Previous Year
Food, beverages and tobacco	55	111	112	110	-1.8	-0.9
Textiles and leather	3	103	92	97	5.4	-5.8
Wood and wood products	8	98	98	99	1.0	1.0
Paper and paper products	1	108	116	113	-2.6	4.6
Chemical, petroleum, and plastic products	9	129	128	129	0.8	0.0
Pottery, china, glass and non-metallic products	11	137	138	138	0.0	0.7
Basic metals industries	8	113	128	126	-1.6	11.5
Fabricated metal products machinery and equipment	5	65	122	121	-0.8	86.2
Manufacturing	100	114	116	115	-0.9	0.9

Note: Q1 = 1st Quarter; Q2 = 2nd Quarter; Q3 = 3rd Quarter; Q4 = 4th Quarter

However, a comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2002, the index for the fourth quarter shows an increase of 0.9 percent. This overall increase was caused by price increases in “Fabricated metal products machinery and equipment”, 86.2 percent and “Basic metals industries”, 11.5 percent. The two groups account for 13 percent of the total weight. Groups that showed decrease are “Textile and leather” by 5.8 percent and “Food, beverages and tobacco”, 0.9 percent.

**Producer Price Index of Manufacturing
(December 1999 = 100)**

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual average
2001	101	103	104	103	102.8
2002	108	107	111	114	110.0
2003	113	115	116	115	114.8

The annual average Producer Price Index of manufacturing obtained as an arithmetic mean of the quarterly indices shows an increase of 4.4 percent in year 2003 compared to the year 2002.

Note:

Producer Price Index of manufacturing covering Tanzania Mainland was first produced in year 1993 with reference month December 1992=100 is available on request.

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