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Producer Price Index of Manufacturing Fourth Quarter 2002

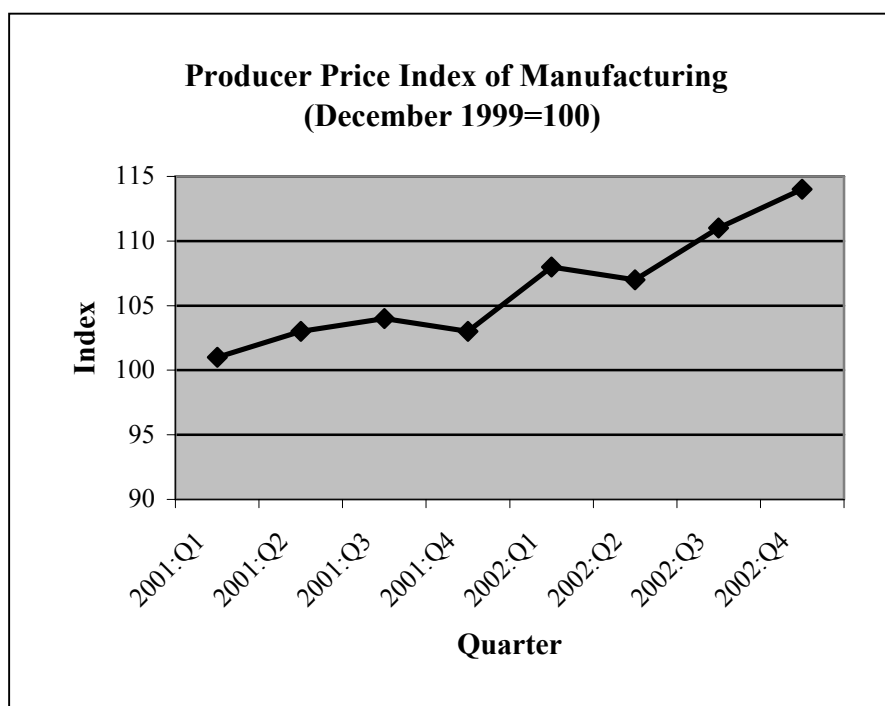
In order to improve the accessibility of statistics to all users and to the public in general, the NBS has started to disseminate series of quarterly short-term social economic indicators through regular "Statistical Release". This release refers to Producer Price Index of manufacturing for the fourth quarter 2002.

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

The graph and the table shows 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 2002 stood at 114. When compared with that of the third quarter 2002 it shows an increase of 2.7 percent. This overall increase was mostly attributed by increases in "Basic metals industries" by 5.6 percent, "Fabricated metal products machinery and equipment" by 4.8 percent and "Food beverages and tobacco" by 3.7 percent.

Comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2001 shows increase of 10.7 percent.



Producer Price Index of Manufacturing (December 1999 = 100)

Activities	Weight	2001 Q4	2002 Q3	2002 Q4	% Change on Previous Quarter	% Change on same Quarter last Year
Food beverages and tobacco	55	100	107	111	3.7	11.0
Textiles and leather	3	97	104	103	-1.0	6.2
Wood and wood products	8	95	98	98	0.0	3.2
Paper and paper products	1	100	109	108	-0.9	8.0
Chemical, petroleum, and plastic products	9	112	126	129	2.4	15.2
Pottery, china, glass and non-metallic products	11	127	137	137	0.0	7.9
Basic metals industries	8	100	107	113	5.6	13.0
Fabricated metal products machinery and equipment	5	54	62	65	4.8	20.4
Manufacturing	100	103	111	114	2.7	10.7

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

**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

The annual average Producer Price Index of manufacturing obtained as an arithmetic mean of the quarterly indices shows an increase of 7.0 in year 2002 compared to the year 2001.

Note:

Producer Price Index of manufacturing covering Tanzania mainland was first produced in year 1993 with reference month December 1992=100.

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