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PRODUCER PRICE INDICES IN Q4 2018 and in the year 2018

In Q4 2018, compared to Q3 2018, agricultural producer prices (+4.4%), industrial producer prices (+0.5%), construction work prices, according to an estimate (+1.0%) and prices of market services for businesses (+1.3%) all went up. In comparison with Q4 2017, agricultural producer prices (+1.6%), prices of industrial producers (+3.4%), construction work prices, according to an estimate (+4.1%) and prices of market services for businesses (+2.0%) were all higher in Q4 2018.

In comparison with the year 2017, on average for the whole year 2018 prices of agricultural producers (+0.1%), industrial producers (+2.0%), construction works, according to an estimate (+3.2%) and market services for businesses (+1.8%) rose.

Compared to **Q3 2018,** **agricultural producer** prices were higher by 4.4% in **Q4 2018**.Increasing were prices of potatoes (+17.0%), cereals (+9.5%), oil plants (+8.7%), milk (+6.3%), poultry (+3.7%), fresh vegetables (+3.4%) and eggs (+3.2%). Lower were prices of fruit
(-10.0%), cattle for slaughter (-3.1%) and pigs for slaughter (-1.2%).

Prices of **agricultural producers** in **Q4 2018** compared to **Q4 2017** increased by 1.6%. Prices of crop products went up by 6.9% and prices of animal products went down by 6.7%. Higher prices in crop products were mainly affected by prices of cereals (+15.1%), fresh vegetables (+54.4%), potatoes (+19.7%) and oil plants (+4.4%). Lower were prices of fresh fruit by 49.6%. Among animal products price decreases were recorded in cattle for slaughter (-3.9%), milk
(-4.0%), pigs for slaughter (-12.3%) and eggs (-33.0%). Prices of poultry rose by 1.4%.

In comparison with Q3 2018, prices of **industrial producers** were higher by 0.5% in **Q4 2018**. Prices rose in ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (+1.1%) and ‘basic pharmaceutical products’ (+1.0%). On the increase were also prices in ‘mining and quarrying’ and ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (+0.9% both). Prices were higher in ‘electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning’ (+0.3%). Prise went down only in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’.

Prices of **industrial producers** increased in **Q4 2018** by 3.4 % y-o-y. Prices were higher primarily in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’. Prices rose in ‘mining and quarrying’ (+8.8%), ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (+7.1%) and ‘basic metals, fabricated metal products’ (+4.0%). Prices went up in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (+0.4%), thereof ‘grain mill products, starches and starch products’ (+8.1%), ‘prepared animal feeds’ (+4.3%) and ‘beverages’ (+3.4%), on the other hand, prices decreased in ‘preserved meat and meat products’ (-2.6%) and ‘other food products’ (-3.0%).

According to an estimate, **construction work** prices in **Q4 2018** compared to **Q3 2018** (after specification) were higher by 1.0% and prices of construction material input grew by 0.9%.

According to an estimate, **construction work** prices **in Q4 2018** **compared to the corresponding period of 2017 (after specification)** rose by 4.1%, prices of construction material input grew by 4.8%.

**In comparison to Q3 2018,** prices of **market services for businesses** went up by 1.3% in **Q4 2018**. Higher were especially prices of ‘advertising and market research services’ (+15.0%), ‘employment services’ (+3.7%) and ‘management consulting services’ (+1.0%). Prices of market services for businesses excluding advertising services grew by 0.4%.

**In Q4 2018,** prices of **market services for businesses** rose by 2.0% in total compared to **Q4 2017**.Price increases were recorded in ‘insurance, reinsurance and pension funding services, except compulsory social security’ (+6.4%), ‘postal and courier services’ (+6.1%), ‘advertising and market research services’ (+5.3%), ‘land transport services’ (+1.6%) and ‘legal and accounting services’ (+1.5%). Lower prices were in ‘warehousing and storage services’ by 2.3%. Prices of market services for businesses excluding advertising services went up by 2.0%.

# Prices in the year 2018

In comparison to 2017, **agricultural producer** prices in 2018 were higher by 0.1%
on average (+7.3% in 2017). Prices of crop products grew by 2.5% and prices of animal products decreased by 2.8%. Prices of potatoes (+3.2%), cereals (+7.4%) and fresh vegetables (+31.4%) went up. Prices of fruit (-26.3%) and oil plants (-5.5%) went down. Among animal products prices decreases were recorded in poultry (-1.3%), eggs (-9.6%) and pigs for slaughter (-16.1%). Prices of milk (+2.1%) and cattle for slaughter (+0.2%) were higher.

Prices of **industrial producers** increased on average by 2.0% in 2018 y-o-y (+1.8% in 2017). Prices went up particularly in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’. Prices were higher in ‘mining and quarrying’ (+7.6%) and ‘basic metals, fabricated metal products’ (+3.4%). Prices rose in ‘electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning’ (+2.2%), thereof ‘'electricity, transmission and distribution services’ (+2.6%). Prices fell in ‘transport equipment’ (-1.7%), thereof ‘parts and accessories for motor vehicles’ (-3.0%), on the other hand, prices increased in ‘motor vehicles’ (+1.8%). Prices went down in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (-0.1%), thereof ‘other food products’ (-4.4%) and ‘preserved meat and meat products’ (-2.8%), on the other hand, prices rose in ‘grain mill products, starches and starch products’ (+3.5%), ‘prepared animal feeds’ (+2.1%) and ‘beverages’ (+2.2%).

According to an estimate, **construction work** prices went up by 3.2% y-o-y (+1.7% in 2017 after the specification). Construction material input prices rose by 3.5% on average for the whole year 2018 (+2.0% in 2017).

**Prices of market services for businesses** grew by 1.8% (+1.3% in 2017). Increasing were prices of ‘employment services’ (+10.5%), ‘postal and courier services’ (+5.1%), ‘insurance, reinsurance and pension funding services, except compulsory social security’ (+4.6%), ‘architectural and engineering services’ (+2.7%), ‘advertising and market research services’ (+2.4%) and ‘land transport services’ (+1.2%). Decreasing were prices of ‘telecommunications services’ (-0.4%) and ‘warehousing and support services for transportation’ (-2.3%). Market services prices for businesses excluding advertising services were higher by 1.8% (+1.1% in 2017).

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