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Y-o-y industrial producer prices unchanged

Producer price indices – March 2024

Agricultural producer prices rose by 3.2% month-on-month (m-o-m) and went down by 13.2% year-on-year (y-o-y). Industrial producer prices decreased by 0.1% m-o-m and remained at the same level y‑o‑y. Construction work prices grew by 0.3% m-o-m and were higher by 1.6% y-o-y. Service producer prices in the business sphere increased by 0.7% m-o-m and rose by 4.1% y-o-y.

*“In a year-on-year comparison, prices in industry remained stable. Prices in agriculture went down already for eleventh month in a row year-on-year, this time more than by 13 %. Construction work prices increased by 1.6% year-on-year and service producer prices in the business sphere by 4.1%,”* noted Vladimir Klimes, head of Industrial and International Trade Prices Statistics Unit of CZSO.

**Agricultural producer** prices increased by 3.2% **m-o- m**1). Rising were prices of apples (+6.9%), pigs for slaughter (+3.0%), cattle for slaughter (+2.3%) and eggs (+1.9%). Falling prices were recorded for cereals (-1.2%) and poultry (-1.4%). **Y-o-y**, **agricultural producer** prices were lower by 13.2% (‑18.7% in February). In crop production, prices fell by 15.5%. Prices for vegetables (‑10.2%), oilseeds (-18.1%) and cereals (-31.3%) were lower. Prices of fruit (+59.0%) and potatoes (+24.2%) increased. In animal production, prices were lower by 10.5%. Decrease occurred in prices of eggs (‑25.8%), milk (‑14.4%) and poultry (-9.0%). Prices for pigs for slaughter (+2.3%) and cattle for slaughter (+1.3%) were higher.

Prices of **industrial producers** decreased by 0.1% **m-o-m.** Prices fell in ‘electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning’ (-1.5%), there of ‘electricity, transmission and distribution services’ (-2.1%). Prices went down in ‘fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment’ (-0.8%), ‘wood and products of wood and cork’ (-0.9%) and ‘crude petroleum and natural gas’ (-1.3%). On the increase were prices in ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (+3.0%), ‘basic metals’ (+1.2%) and ‘food products’ (+0.7%), thereof ‘preserved meat and meat products’ (+1.1%). Prices of **industrial producers** stayed unchanged in total **y-o-y** (in February they decreased by 0.9%). Prices fell in ‘food products’ (-5.0%), thereof particularly ‘vegetable and animal oils and fats’ (-22.2%), ‘grain mill products, starches and starch products’ (-19.8%) and ‘prepared animal feeds’ (-17.8%). Lower were prices in ‘basic metals’ (-8.5%), ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (-5.1%) and ‘wood and products of wood and cork’ (-14.7%). Prices rose in ‘motor vehicles, trailers and semi trailers’ (+3.7%), ‘repair and installation services of machinery and equipment’ (+5.4%) and ‘electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning’ (+2.6%). Among **the** **main industrial groupings**, prices of ‘intermediate goods’ (-4.6%) and ‘non-durable consumer goods’ (-0.9%) fell. Prices of ’energy’ (+2.6%) rose. Prices of **industrial producers excluding energy** dropped by 1.1% **y-o-y** (-1.7% in February).

**Construction work** prices, as estimated,and prices of construction materials and products input increased equally by 0.3% **m-o-m**. According to the estimate, **y-o-y construction work** prices rose by 1.6% (as in February). Prices for construction materials and products input fell by 1.8% (-1.9% in February).

**Service producer** prices **in the business sphere** increased by 0.7% **m-o-m** due to rising prices for ‘advertising and market research services’ (+9.7%). Prices for ‘employment services’ (+2.6%) and ‘real estate services’ (+0.6%) increased. Service producer prices in the business sphere, excluding advertising services rose by 0.1%. **Service producer** prices **in the business sphere**went up by 4.1% **y-o‑y** (+4.9% in February). Prices for ‘advertising and market research services’ and ‘employment services‘ rose by the same level (+10.3%). Prices were also higher for ‘real estate services‘ (+8.0%), ‘legal and accounting services‘ (+6.5%) and ‘computer programming, consultancy and related services’ (+6.4%). Service producer prices in the business sphere, excluding advertising services, increased by 3.7% (+4.3% in February).

**Industrial producer prices in the EU – February 2024 (preliminary data)**

According to the Eurostat News Releases, **industrial producer** prices decreased in February by 0.9%, like in January, **m-o-m.** The largest decreases were recorded in Estonia (-7.2%), Slovakia (-5.6%) and Ireland (-4.2%). Prices were lower in Austria (-0.9%) and Germany (-0.4%) and higher in Czechia (+0.5%) and Poland (+0.3%). The highest increase was observed in Belgium (+1.4%). **Industrial producer** prices fell in February by 8.1% (in January they went down by 7.9%) in EU27, **y-o-y**. On the decrease were prices particularly in Slovakia (-25.5%), Ireland (-24.2%) and Italy (-14.2%). Prices were lower in Austria (-10.5%), Poland (-10.0%), Germany (-4.1%) and Czechia (-0.9%). The highest increase was observed in Luxembourg (+17.2%).

1) The month-on-month agricultural producer price index is also affected by changes in the structure of weights.

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*011044 – 24 Industrial Producer Price Indices*

*011045 – 24 Agricultural Producer Price Indices*

*011046 – 24 Service Producer Prices in the Business Sphere*

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Graph 1 Industrial Producer Price Indices (year-on-year changes and changes to the base year 2015)

Graph 2 Construction Work Price Indices (year-on-year changes and changes to the base year 2015)

Graph 3 Service Producer Price Indices in the Business Sphere (year-on-year changes and changes to the base year 2015)

Graph 4 Agricultural Producer Price Indices (year-on-year changes and changes to the base year 2020)

Graph 5 Industrial Producer Price Indices, International Comparison (changes to the base year 2021)