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Producer prices rose again significantly

Producer price indices – May 2021

Agricultural producer prices (+2.9%), industrial producer prices (+0.9%) and construction work prices (+0.3%) all went up, month-on-month. Service producer prices in the business sphere remained stable. From the year-on-year perspective, agricultural producer prices (+4.4%), industrial producer prices (+5.1%), construction work prices (+2.7%) and service producer prices in the business sphere (+1.1%) increased.

# Month-on-month comparison

**Agricultural producer prices** were higher by 2.9%. Increasing were prices of oleaginous crops (+4.2%), poultry (+3.7%), pigs for slaughter (+2.5%), cereals (+2.0%), cattle for slaughter (+0.9%) and milk (+0.2%). Decreasing were prices of potatoes by 8.3%.

Prices of **industrial producers** increased by 0.9%. Prices rose significantly in ‘basic metals, fabricated metal products’ (+3.7%). Higher were prices in ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (+6.0%) and ‘coke, refined petroleum products’. Prices rose in ‘wood, wood product, paper, printing’ (+1.7%). On the increase were also prices in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (+0.2%), thereof ‘dairy products’ (+1.1%) and ‘vegetable and animal oils and fats’ (+4.2%). Prices decreased in ‘transport equipment’ (-0.8%).

According to an estimate, **construction work prices** rose by 0.3% and prices of construction material and products input were higher by 1.9%.

**Service producer prices in the business sphere** remained stable. On the increase were prices of ‘management consulting services’ (+1.7%), ‘real estate services’ (+0.6%) and ‘land transport services’ (+0.5%). Prices of ‘employment services’ (-1.3%), ‘information services’ (-1.1%) and ‘advertising and market research services’ (-0.7%) fell. Service producer prices in the business sphere, excluding advertising services rose by 0.1%, m-o-m.

# Year-on-year comparison

**Agricultural producer prices** went up by 4.4% (+1.3% in April). Prices in the crop production grew by 10.4%. On the increase were prices of cereals (+12.9%) and oleaginous crops (+10.5%). Prices of potatoes (-31.9%), fruit (-11.2%) and vegetables (-4.8%) decreased. Prices in animal products fell by 1.5%. Prices of pigs for slaughter were lower by 17.7%. On the increase were prices of eggs (+6.3%) and cattle for slaughter (+4.4%). Prices of milk and poultry both grew by 2.3%.

Prices of **industrial producers** grew by 5.1%, it was the fourth increase in a row in the year 2021 (in April they rose by 4.6%). Prices rose particularly in ‘coke, refined petroleum products’. Higher were prices in ‘chemicals and chemical products’ (+43.3%), thereof ‘basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms’ (+54.4%), mainly due to the low comparative bas in May 2020. Prices rose in ‘basic metals, fabricated metal products’ (+10.4%) and ‘wood, wood products, paper, printing’ (+4.3%). On the decrease were prices in ‘transport equipment’ (-3.7%), thereof ‘parts and accessories for motor vehicles’ (-5.3%). Prices were lower in ‘food products, beverages, tobacco’ (-0.7%), thereof ‘preserved meat and meat products’ (-7.1%). On the other hand, higher were prices in ‘vegetable and animal oils and fats’ (+11.2%) and ‘grain mill products, starches and starch products’ (+7.8%). Lower were prices also in ‘computer, electronic and optical products’ (-4.0%).

Among the main industrial groupings, higher were primarily prices of ‘intermediate goods’ (+10.1%) and ‘energy’ (+9.9%).

According to an estimate, **construction work prices** rose by 2.7% (+2.5% in April) and prices for construction material and products input increased by 7.8% (+6.2% in April).

**Service producer prices in the business sphere**were higher by 1.1% (+0.8% in April). Prices for ‘employment services’ (+6.5%), ‘security and investigation services’ (+3.7%), ‘computer programming, consultancy and related services’ (+3.6%) and ‘management consulting services’ (+3.5%) rose. Prices of ‘publishing services’ and ‘postal and courier services’ both went up by 2.0%. Lower were prices of ‘information services’ (-5.2%) and ‘advertising and market research services’ (-1.9%). Service producer prices in the business sphere, excluding advertising services, grew by 1.3% (+1.0% in April).

**Industrial producer prices in the EU – April 2021**

According to the Eurostat News Releases, industrial producer prices increased in April by 0.9% (in March they rose by 1.2%) in EU27, **month-on-month.** The highest increase was recorded in Ireland (+6.2%). Prices were higher in Poland and Austria (+1.0% both), Czechia and Germany (+0.8% both) and Slovakia (+0.4%). The only decreases were observed in Croatia (-0.4%) and France (-0.3%).

Industrial producer prices increased in April by 7.6% (in March they rose by 4.5%) in EU27, **year-on-year**. The highest increase was recorded in Ireland (+34.1%). Prices went up in Poland (+7.2%), Austria (+4.9%), Czechia (+4.6%), Germany (+4.4%) and Slovakia (+0.8%). The only decrease was observed in Cyprus (-2.2%).

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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 2015)

Graph 5 Industrial Producer Price Indices, International Comparison (changes to the base year 2015)