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The Price Indices for May 2014

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in May 2014 (2011=100) increased 0.14% from the preceding month. Because of heavy rainfall, prices of vegetables went up 10.89%. Prices of garments, cosmetic items, and services for personal care moved down due to special discount for Mother's Day. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, remained unchanged.

The annual change of CPI in May 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, rose 1.61%. Prices of meats and fruits surged 13.95% and 13.55%. Together with the increasing of prices of fish, seafood, and food away from home, prices of food went up 4.18%. Whereas communication fees and prices of consumer electronics products declined. The core CPI advanced 1.46%.

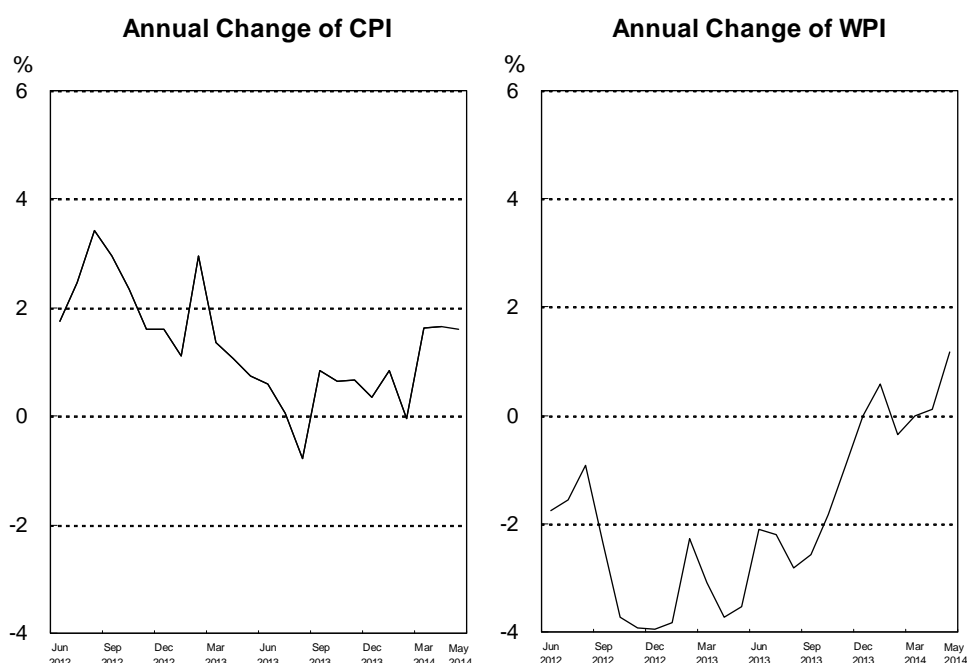
For the first five months, the CPI went up 1.14% over the same period of the previous year. Prices of commodity group rose 1.65%, and prices of service group moved up 0.75%. The core CPI increased 0.91%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in May 2014 increased 0.08% from the preceding month. Among which, prices of basic metals, farm products, petroleum, and coal products moved up, but prices of chemical materials, computers, electronic and optical products, and electronic parts and components dropped to offset the raise.

The annual change of WPI in May 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, went up 1.17% mainly because Taiwan dollar depreciated against US dollar. Prices of petroleum, and coal products mounted 5.67%, and prices of crude petroleum and natural gas advanced 5.41%. However, prices of computers, and electronic and optical products decreased 5.80%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports moved up 2.05%, import price index climbed 1.04%, and export price index rose 0.56%.

For the first five months of 2014, the WPI advanced 0.30% over the same period of the previous year.



Statistical Tables

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