

The Price Indices for August 2015

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in August 2015 (2011=100) increased 0.63% from the preceding month. In addition to the need of Ghost Festival, the influence of typhoon and heavy rainfall brought prices of vegetables and fruits rising 25.07% and 14.13%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants moved down 5.19%, and prices of garments fell 3.30% for promotion. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.16%.

The annual change of CPI in August 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, moved down 0.45%. Prices of fuels and lubricants dropped 27.40%. The lowering prices of gas and electricity brought prices of water, electricity, and gas supply declining 11.41%. In the other hand, prices of vegetables, fruits, meat, and food away from home rose 14.07%, 4.62%, 3.38%, and 1.70%. The core CPI increased 0.61%.

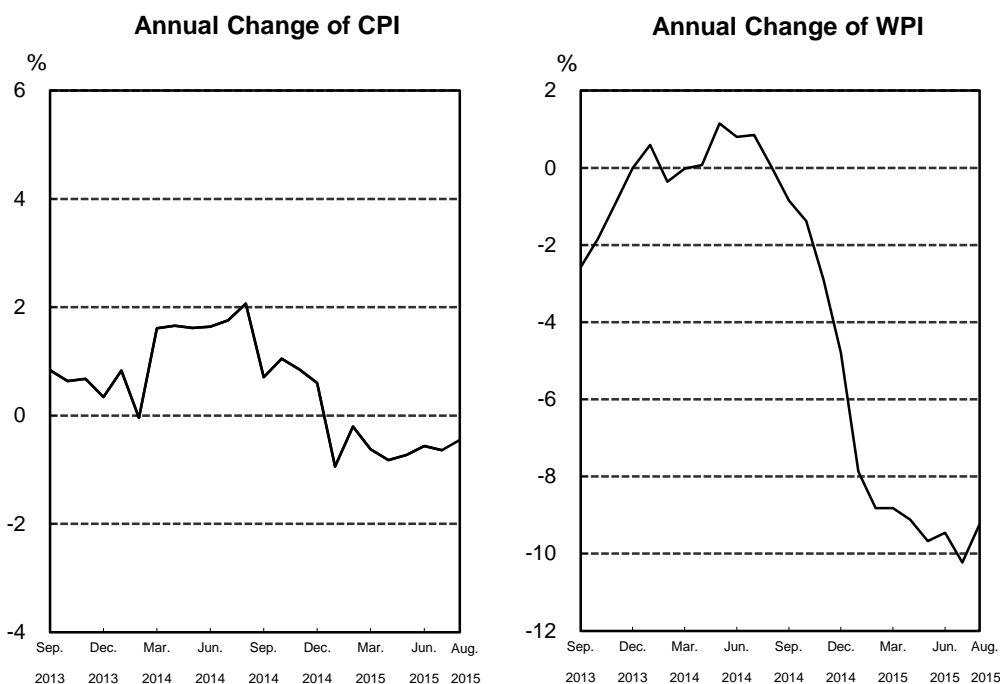
For the first eight months, the CPI decreased 0.62% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodities fell 2.81%, but prices of services rose 1.03%. The core CPI increased 0.82%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in August 2015 increased 0.70% from the preceding month, mainly because the Taiwan dollar depreciated against the US dollar. Prices of farm products went up 15.32%. Prices of electronic parts and components rose 2.75%, prices of machinery and equipment advanced 2.56%, and prices of computers and electronic and optical products increased 1.77%. However, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas moved down 10.09%, prices of petroleum and coal products declined 6.36%, and prices of chemical materials fell 2.13%.

The annual change of WPI in August 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, decreased 9.23%, the smallest decline for the latest four months. Since the Taiwan dollar fell against the greenback, the decrease of annual change diminished. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas dropped 47.54%. Prices of petroleum and coal products went down 37.73%, prices of chemical materials declined 20.29%, and prices of basic metals fell 18.31%. Prices of water supply, electricity, and gas moved down 13.22%, but prices of electronic parts and components rose 1.61%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 10.97%, import price index fell 13.47%, and export price index declined 3.98%.

For the first eight months, the WPI went down 9.15% over the same period of previous year.



Statistical Tables

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

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