

## **The Price Indices for May 2016**

### **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in May 2016 (2011=100) decreased 0.37% from the preceding month. Prices of vegetables went down 16.41% because of sufficient supply. Price of eggs fell 12.74%, and prices of garments declined 2.38%. Nonetheless, prices of fuels and lubricants moved up 7.22%, and prices of fruits advanced 1.28% to offset the decline. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.06%.

The annual change of CPI in May 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 1.24%. Prices of fruits, vegetables, and food away from home rose 31.18%, 20.02%, and 1.33%. Besides, prices of fish and seafood increased 4.08%, and prices of meats advanced 3.27%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants dropped 10.78%, and the lowering prices of gas and electricity pulled prices of water, electricity and gas supply declining 11.91%. The core CPI increased 0.91%.

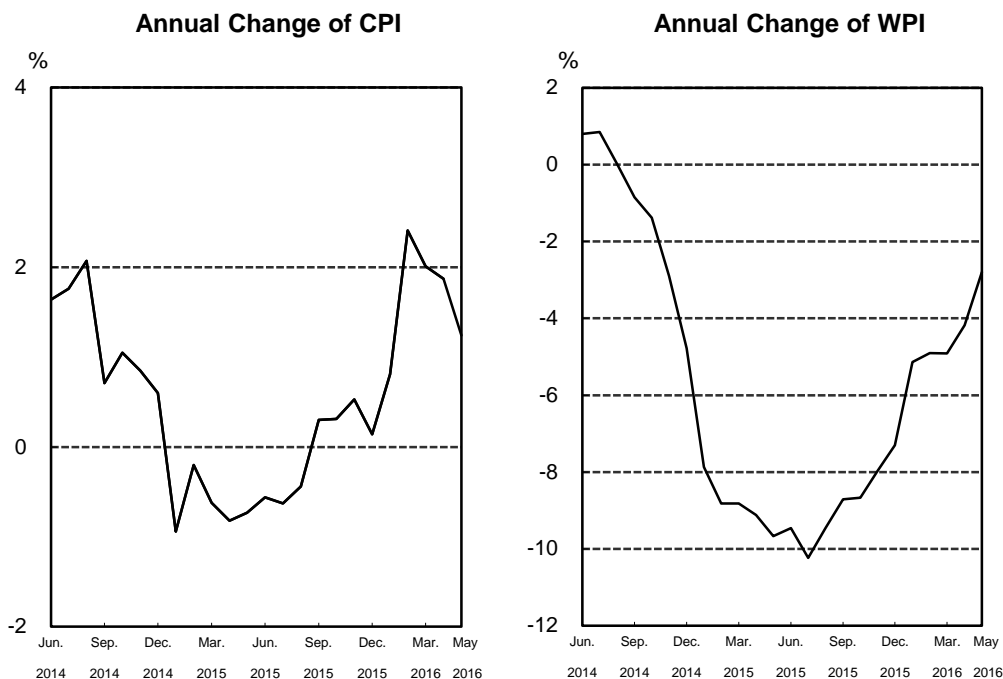
For the first five months of 2016, the CPI increased 1.67% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity move up 2.86%, and prices of service rose 0.81%. The core CPI increased 0.82%.

### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in May 2016 increased 0.94% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas moved up 10.12%, prices of petroleum and coal products rose 7.65%, and prices of basic metals increased 1.00%. Prices of electronic parts and components advanced 0.36%, but prices of farm products fell 1.15%.

The annual change of WPI in May 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, decreased 2.80%. Since prices of crude petroleum and natural gas dropped 24.83%, prices of petroleum and coal products went down 22.94%, and prices of chemical materials fell 10.90%. Prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 14.05%, and price of basic metals declined 7.61%. However, prices of farm products increased 12.40%, prices of machinery and equipment rose 5.46%, and prices of electronic parts and components advanced 2.14%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 4.93%, import price index fell 2.57%, and export price index declined 1.27%.

For the first five months of 2016, the WPI decreased 4.39% over the same period of previous year.



**Statistical Tables**

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