

## **The Price Indices for December 2016**

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

The CPI in December 2016 (2011=100) decreased 1.00% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of vegetables went down 28.20%. Prices of eggs fell 5.18%, and prices of garments declined 3.22%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants advanced 6.28%, and prices of fruits increased 4.03%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.15%.

The annual change of CPI in December 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 1.70%. Prices of vegetables increased 16.78%, prices of fuels and lubricants rose 15.48%, and prices of fruits went up 15.18%. Prices of fish and seafood advanced 5.32%, prices of meats increased 1.98%, and prices of food away from home went up 1.28%. Prices of eggs fell 9.12%, and prices of water, electricity and gas supply declined 8.30% to offset the rise. The core CPI went up 0.81%.

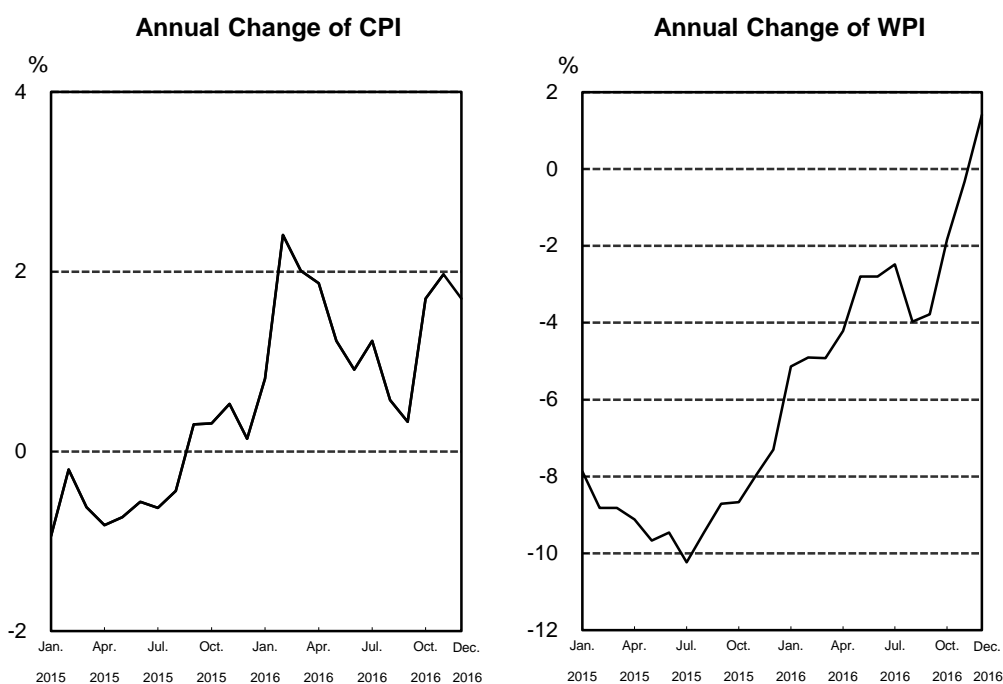
In 2016, the CPI advanced 1.40% over the previous year. Prices of commodity moved up 2.22%, and prices of service rose 0.78%. The core CPI increased 0.84%.

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

The WPI in December 2016 increased 1.09% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas rose 13.77%, prices of petroleum and coal products went up 4.77%, and prices of chemical materials advanced 4.37%. Prices of basic metals moved up 3.14%, prices of electronic parts and components increased 0.41%, but prices of farm products fell 14.45%.

The annual change of WPI in December 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, increased 1.41%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas rose 31.90%, prices of quarrying products and other mineral products went up 21.47%, and prices of basic metals advanced 12.83%. Prices of farm products increased 9.19%, prices of chemical materials moved up 8.31%, and prices of petroleum and coal products rose 6.28%. However, prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 9.82%, and prices of computers and electronic and optical products declined 4.19%, and prices of electronic parts and components went down 2.90%. However, The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports increased 2.62%, import price index moved up 3.05%, but export price index fell 0.77%.

In 2016, the WPI decreased 3.01% over the 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

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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