



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

IMPORT PRICE INDEX – June 2019 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2009 quarter = 100.0)

Highlights of the quarter

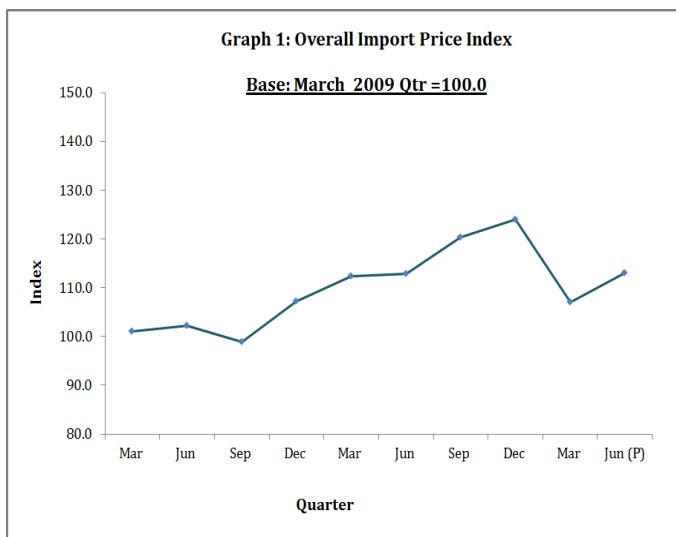
(June 2019 quarter compared with March 2019 quarter)

- Import Price Index increased 5.6 percent from March 2019 quarter.
- Mineral Products index recorded the largest increase (up 15.9 percent).

Overview

The Import Price Index for the June 2019 quarter showed an overall increase of 5.6 percent from the March 2019 quarter. Mineral Product index recorded the largest increase (up 15.9 percent). In comparison with the June 2018 quarter, the current import price index increased 0.2 percent.

The four quarters ending June 2019 showed a 7.6 percent increase in the overall import price index compared with the four quarters ending June 2018 quarter. See table 1 and graph 1.

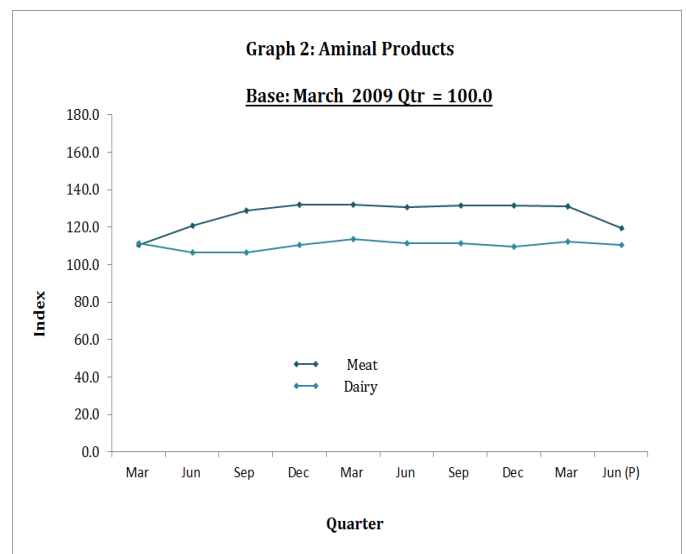


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products prices fall 7%.

Import Prices for Live Animals and Animal products in the June 2019 quarter fell 7.0 percent from the previous quarter. The current decrease was mainly driven by lower prices of meat products (down 8.9 percent) reflecting lower prices of sheep meat (down 10.8 percent) and chicken meat (down 5.9 percent). Dairy products prices were also decreased (down 1.6 percent), with eggs the main driver of the current decrease (down 10.4 percent).

Reviewing the four quarters ending June 2019 over the four quarters ending June 2018, the current overall live animals and animal products index decreased 1.3 percent. See tables 1 and 2 and graph 2.



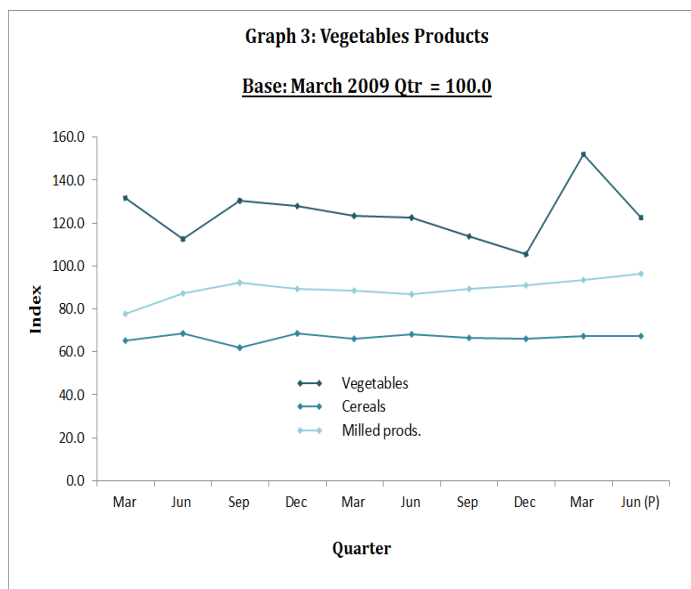
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HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices fell 3.7%.

Import Prices for Vegetables Products in the June 2019 quarter fell 3.7 percent from the

March 2019 quarter. The current fall was influenced by lower prices of vegetables (down 19.4 percent), reflecting lower prices of potatoes (down 24.7 percent) and onions (down 11.7 percent).

Reviewing the four quarters ending June 2019 over the four quarters ending June 2018, the current overall vegetable products index increased 1.7 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3.

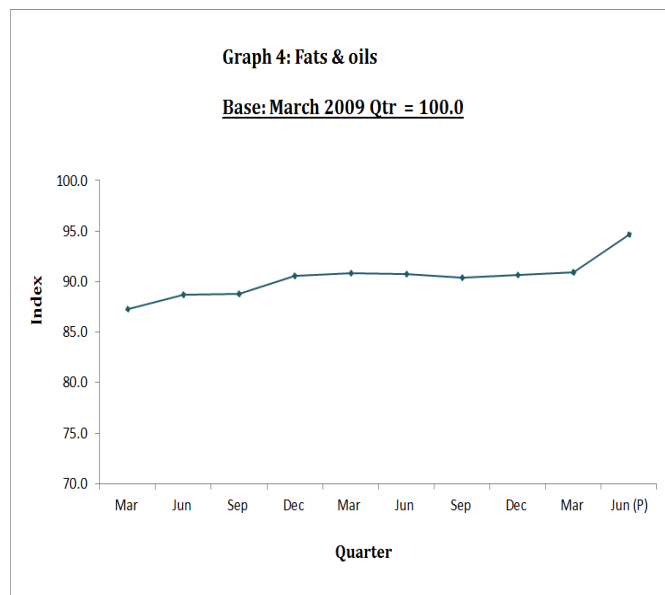


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HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices rise 4.1%.

Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices rose 4.1 percent in the June 2019 quarter from the previous quarter. The current increase was driven by higher prices of margarine (up 11.4 percent). In comparison with the June 2018 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oils index increased 4.3 percent.

The four quarters ending June 2019 showed a 1.6 percent increase in the overall animal or vegetable fats and oils index over the four quarters ending June 2018. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4.

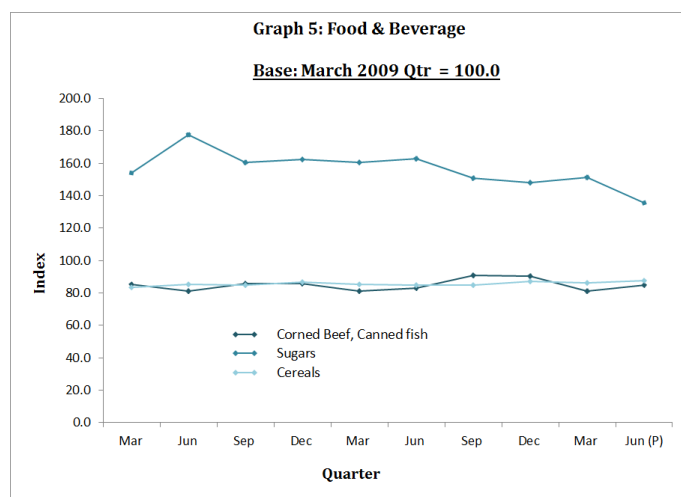


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HS Section 4: Food and Beverages prices fall 2.0%.

In the June 2019 quarter, the Food and Beverages import prices fell 2.0 percent from the previous quarter. This fall was driven by lower prices of sugar (down 10.2 percent). In comparison with the June 2018 quarter, the current food and beverages index decreased 4.9 percent.

When comparing the four quarters ending June 2019 over the four quarters ending June 2018, the overall food and beverages index decreased 2.0 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5.



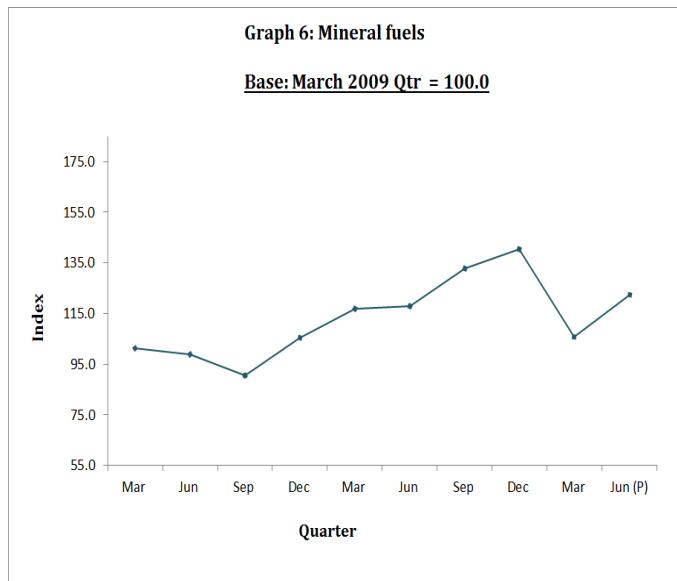
Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 5: Mineral Products price rise 15.9%.

The Import Prices for mineral fuel products in the June 2019 quarter increased 15.9 percent from March 2019 quarter. When compare with

the June 2018 quarter, the current mineral products index increased 3.9 percent.

The overall mineral products index in the four quarters ending June 2019 was 16.4 percent higher than the four quarters ending June 2018. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 6.



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The Import Price Index (MPI) measures changes in the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) prices of imports of merchandise into Samoa. It is a fixed weight index with March 2009 quarter = 100.0 and is calculated on a quarterly basis using the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS). The items included in the index were selected on the basis of their importance to the total import.

The scope of the MPI relates to the following sections of the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS): 1. Live Animals: Animal Products, 2. Vegetable Products, 3. Animal or Vegetable fats and oils, 4. Food and Beverages and 5. Mineral Products, The index represents 50 percent of total Imports.

The September 2019 quarter MPI report is expected to be available on 11th November 2019.

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Technical Notes

IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: March 2009 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight	2017				2018				2019		% Change	
			Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Jun 19 / Mar 19	Jun 19 / Jun 18
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	18.9	110.9	116.7	122.3	125.6	126.6	125.1	125.5	125.2	125.7	116.9	-7.0	-6.6
2	Meat	71.2	110.6	120.6	128.6	131.7	131.8	130.7	131.3	131.6	131.1	119.4	-8.9	-8.6
4	Dairy	28.8	111.6	106.9	106.6	110.5	113.7	111.5	111.3	109.4	112.3	110.5	-1.6	-0.9
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	9.7	83.0	85.5	89.1	89.4	87.2	86.9	86.2	85.7	95.1	91.6	-3.7	5.4
7	Vegetables	17.0	131.5	112.5	130.5	127.7	123.3	122.5	113.7	105.4	151.9	122.4	-19.4	-0.1
10	Cereals	31.7	65.2	68.7	62.0	68.8	66.4	68.4	66.7	66.4	67.3	67.5	0.3	-1.3
11	Milled prods.	51.3	77.9	87.0	92.1	89.4	88.2	86.5	89.2	91.0	93.5	96.3	2.9	11.2
III.	FATS & OILS	1.9	87.3	88.6	88.8	90.5	90.8	90.7	90.4	90.6	90.9	94.6	4.1	4.3
15	Fats & oils	100.0	87.3	88.6	88.8	90.5	90.8	90.7	90.4	90.6	90.9	94.6	4.1	4.3
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	19.8	101.2	105.8	103.3	104.2	101.5	102.7	103.2	103.0	99.7	97.7	-2.0	-4.9
16	Corned Beef, Canned fish	43.6	85.4	81.7	85.7	85.6	81.2	83.1	90.8	90.5	81.7	84.5	3.5	1.7
17	Sugars	24.0	154.0	177.5	160.3	162.4	160.5	162.7	150.7	147.9	151.0	135.6	-10.2	-16.7
19	Cereals	32.4	83.3	85.0	84.7	86.3	85.1	84.7	84.8	86.7	85.9	87.4	1.7	3.2
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	49.6	101.4	98.9	90.6	105.5	117.2	118.0	132.9	140.6	105.8	122.6	15.9	3.9
27	Mineral fuels	100	101.4	98.9	90.6	105.5	117.2	118.0	132.9	140.6	105.8	122.6	15.9	3.9
	Total, All groups	100	101.1	102.1	99.0	107.2	112.4	112.8	120.3	123.9	107.0	113.0	5.6	0.2

Sources: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

(P) Provisional figures

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Table 2

	2017				2018				2019		%
	Mar 2017	Jun 2017	Sep 2017	Dec 2017	Mar 2018	Jun 2018	Sep 2018	Dec 2018	Mar 2019	Jun 2019	Jun 19 / Mar 19
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS											
02 Meat	110.6	120.6	128.6	131.7	131.8	130.7	131.3	131.6	131.1	119.4	-8.9
0204 Sheep	182.5	198.7	209.0	212.9	224.6	221.4	220.6	227.3	237.0	211.4	-10.8
0207 Poultry	74.0	80.9	87.7	90.5	84.7	84.5	85.9	82.9	77.3	72.7	-5.9
04 Dairy	111.6	106.9	106.6	110.5	113.7	111.5	111.3	109.4	112.3	110.5	-1.6
0401 Milk	93.6	92.9	92.6	95.2	100.2	96.6	96.7	93.7	95.9	95.4	-0.5
0402 Milk, conc.	127.1	122.8	131.2	124.9	128.7	125.2	125.1	123.2	127.4	124.1	-2.6
0405 Butter	96.4	96.5	100.9	96.0	99.0	98.2	96.1	94.6	97.9	104.8	7.1
0407 Eggs	164.2	141.6	124.4	156.2	154.4	155.3	156.8	157.7	160.1	143.5	-10.4
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS											
07 Vegetables	131.5	112.5	130.5	127.7	123.3	122.5	113.7	105.4	151.9	122.4	-19.4
0701 Potatoes	125.7	123.1	153.8	151.8	134.5	135.9	131.1	101.6	158.6	119.4	-24.7
0703 Onions	139.0	98.7	100.3	96.5	108.8	105.1	91.2	110.4	143.1	126.4	-11.7
10 Cereals	65.2	68.7	62.0	68.8	66.4	68.4	66.7	66.4	67.3	67.5	0.3
1006 Rice	65.2	68.7	62.0	68.8	66.4	68.4	66.7	66.4	67.3	67.5	0.3
11 Milled prods.	77.9	87.0	92.1	89.4	88.2	86.5	89.2	91.0	93.5	96.3	2.9
1101 Wheat	77.9	87.0	92.1	89.4	88.2	86.5	89.2	91.0	93.5	96.3	2.9
III. FATS & OILS											
15 Fats & oils	87.3	88.6	88.8	90.5	90.8	90.7	90.4	90.6	90.9	94.6	4.1
1507 Soya-bean	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
1516 Hydrogenated	75.9	80.7	78.5	85.8	84.2	85.8	86.1	87.8	86.7	87.0	0.3
1517 Margarine	89.1	87.9	90.6	88.0	90.4	88.5	87.3	86.2	88.2	98.3	11.4
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO											
16 Meat, fish	85.4	81.7	85.7	85.6	81.2	83.1	90.8	90.5	81.7	84.5	3.5
1602 Corned Beef	119.7	113.6	117.2	113.0	113.4	112.6	120.7	112.6	105.8	108.9	2.9
1604 Canned fish	70.1	67.4	71.6	73.3	66.7	69.8	77.3	80.6	70.8	73.6	3.9
17 Sugars	154.0	177.5	160.3	162.4	160.5	162.7	150.7	147.9	151.0	135.6	-10.2
1701 Cane, beet	154.0	177.5	160.3	162.4	160.5	162.7	150.7	147.9	151.0	135.6	-10.2
19 Cereals	83.3	85.0	84.7	86.3	85.1	84.7	84.8	86.7	85.9	87.4	1.7
1902 Pasta	82.0	82.6	79.0	82.0	80.1	79.7	79.8	83.0	80.4	80.8	0.5
1905 Bread	84.9	88.0	91.9	91.8	91.5	90.9	91.2	91.4	93.0	95.8	3.1
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS											
27 Mineral fuels	101.4	98.9	90.6	105.5	117.2	118.0	132.9	140.6	105.8	122.6	15.9
2710 Petroleum oils	101.4	98.9	90.6	105.5	117.2	118.0	132.9	140.6	105.8	122.6	15.9

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