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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### IMPORT PRICE INDEX – SEPTEMBER 2021 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2018 quarter = 100.0)

#### Highlights of the quarter

(September 2021 quarter compared with June 2021 quarter)

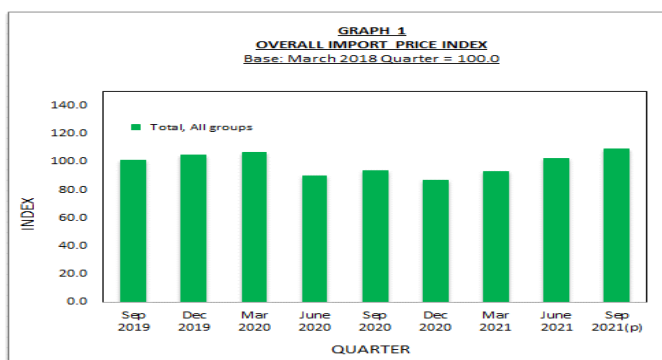
- Import Price Index increased 6.2 percent from June 2021 quarter.
- Mineral products recorded the largest increase (up 11.2 percent).

#### Overview

The Import Price Index for the September 2021 quarter showed an overall increase of 6.2 percent from the previous quarter. The increase was mainly driven by the 11.2 percent increase in the price of mineral products such as petroleum gases (up 14.2 percent) and petroleum oils (up 10.8 percent). The price index for the September 2021 quarter further increased by 16.6 percent compared to the September 2020 quarter.

The overall import price for the four-quarters ending September 2021 decreased by 1.1 percent in comparison to the four quarters ending September 2020.

(See table 1 & 2 and graph 1).



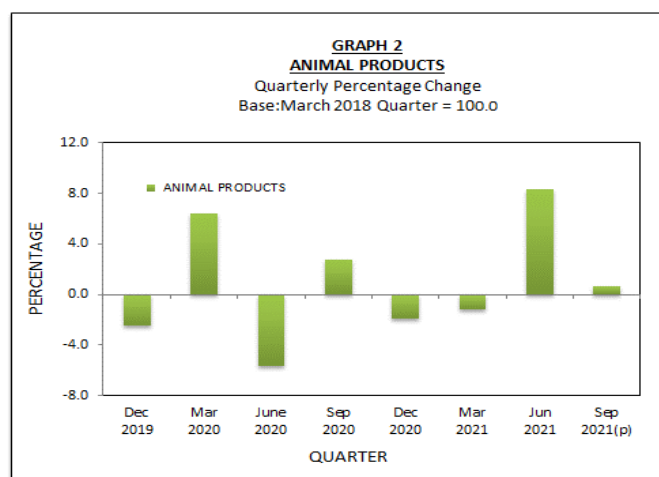
Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

#### HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Product price increased 0.6%.

Import price for Live Animal Products in the September 2021 quarter rose 0.6 percent. This was due to the increase in meat products (up 1.0 percent), reflecting higher prices of chicken meat (up 1.3 percent). In addition, the prices for powder milk increased by 7.0 percent. When compared to the September 2020 quarter, current live animals and animal product index increased by 5.7 percent.

The four-quarters ending September 2021 showed an increase of 2.1 percent in the overall index for live animals and animal products over the four-quarters ending September 2020.

(See tables 1 & 2 and graph 2).



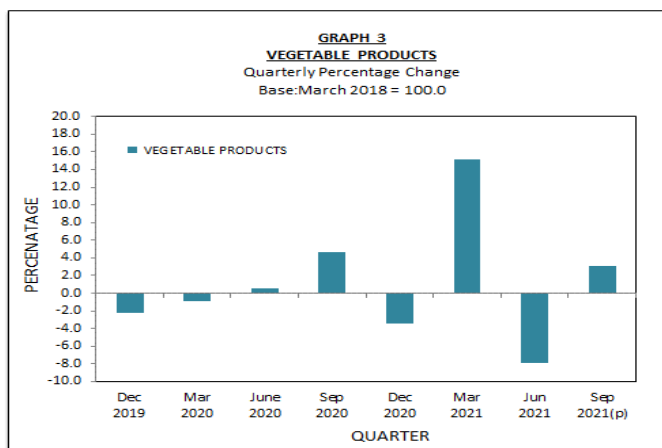
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#### HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices increased 3.1%.

Import price for Vegetable Products in the September 2021 quarter increased by 3.1 percent over the previous quarter. This increase was mainly due to higher prices of wheat (up 10.8 percent) and rice (up 0.8 percent). It further

went up by 5.5 percent in comparison to the same quarter last year.

The overall index in the four quarters ending September 2021 increased by 7.5 percent over the four-quarters ending September 2020. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3).

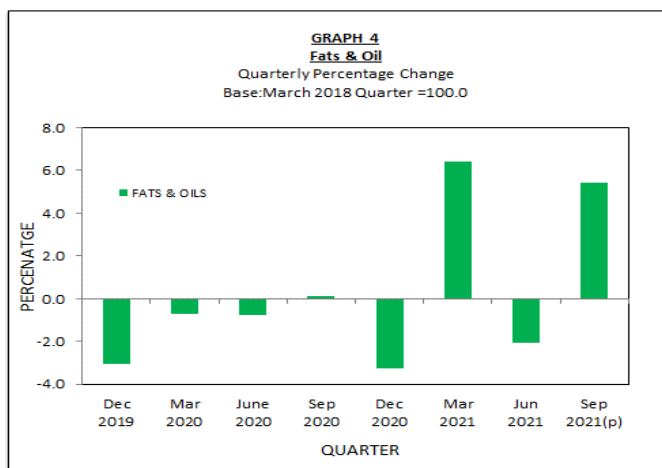


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### **HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices rise 5.5%.**

Animals or Vegetable fats and oils import prices rose 5.5 percent in the September 2021 quarter. This surge was driven by higher prices of vegetable oils (up 10.0 percent) and sunflower oils (up 7.7 percent). In comparison with the September 2020 quarter, the animal or vegetable fats and oils index increased by 6.3 percent.

The index in the four-quarters ending September 2021 increased by 1.2 percent when compared to the four-quarters ending September 2020. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4).



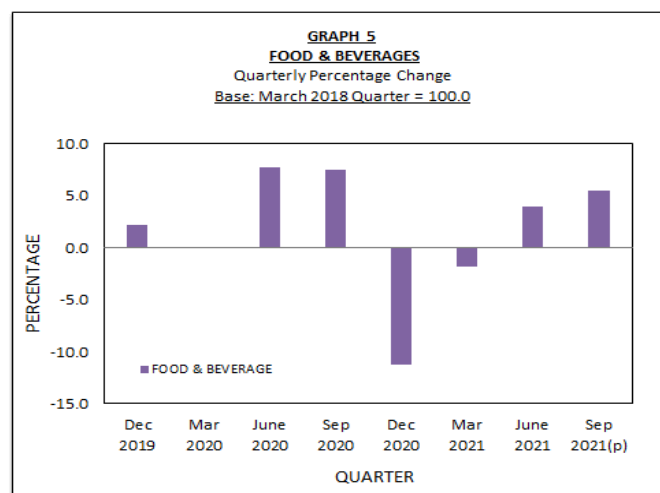
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### **HS Section 4: Food and Beverage prices rise 5.4%.**

In the September 2021 quarter, the Food and Beverage import price index rose 5.4 percent compared to the previous quarter. This increase was influenced by higher prices of pastrycooks products (up 6.7 percent), canned meats (up 5.2 percent) and sugar (up 2.3 percent). However, it was 4.5 percent lower when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020.

The Food and Beverage index decreased by 1.0 percent in the four-quarters ending September 2021 in comparison to the same period ending September 2020.

(See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5).

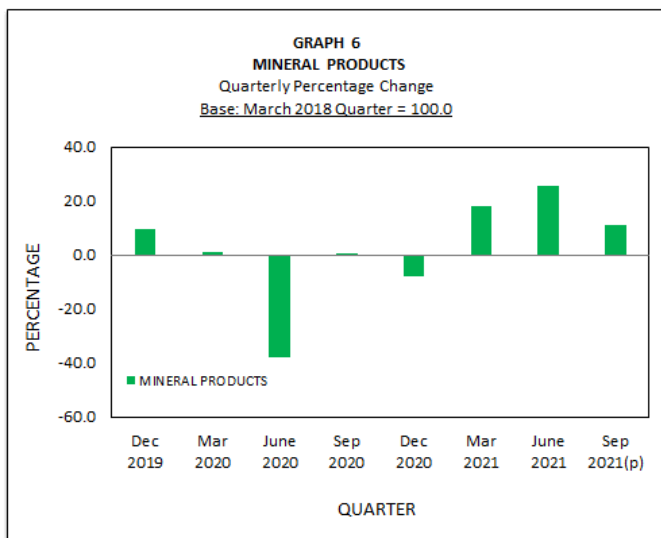


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### **HS Section 5: Mineral Products price rise 11.2%.**

Import price for Mineral Products rose 11.2 percent in the September 2021 quarter. This increase was influenced by higher prices of petroleum gases (up 14.2 percent) and petroleum oils (up 10.8 percent). When compared to the September 2020 quarter, the mineral products index further increased by 51.4 percent.

The four-quarters ending September 2021 declined by 5.7 percent over the four-quarters ending September 2020. (See tables 1 & 2 and graph 6).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### **Technical Notes**

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 2018 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.

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The MPI report for December 2021 is expected to be available on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

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# IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

| CODE | DESCRIPTION              | Weight<br>2018 | 2019         |              | 2020         |              |             |             | 2021        |              |                | % Change           |                   |                        |
|------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|      |                          |                | Sep<br>2019  | Dec<br>2019  | Mar<br>2020  | June<br>2020 | Sep<br>2020 | Dec<br>2020 | Mar<br>2021 | June<br>2021 | Sep<br>2021(p) | Sep 21 /<br>Jun 21 | Sep 21<br>/Sep 20 | 4 Qtr<br>over 4<br>Qtr |
| I    | ANIMAL PRODUCTS          | 100.0          | 108.8        | 106.1        | 113.0        | 106.6        | 109.6       | 107.5       | 106.2       | 115.0        | 115.8          | 0.6                | 5.7               | 2.1                    |
| 2    | Meat                     | 69.1           | 113.9        | 109.2        | 119.3        | 110.9        | 112.2       | 112.8       | 108.4       | 122.0        | 123.1          | 1.0                | 9.8               | 3.2                    |
| 4    | Dairy                    | 30.9           | 97.2         | 99.1         | 98.8         | 97.0         | 103.7       | 95.8        | 101.3       | 99.6         | 99.4           | -0.3               | -4.2              | -0.7                   |
| II.  | VEGETABLE PRODUCTS       | 100.0          | 103.3        | 101.0        | 100.1        | 100.6        | 105.3       | 101.6       | 117.1       | 107.8        | 111.1          | 3.1                | 5.5               | 7.5                    |
| 7    | Vegetables               | 23.1           | 96.5         | 93.2         | 92.2         | 92.2         | 86.6        | 101.8       | 124.9       | 89.9         | 83.7           | -7.0               | -3.4              | 9.9                    |
| 10   | Cereals                  | 41.4           | 108.9        | 103.4        | 102.0        | 104.9        | 115.6       | 94.2        | 115.5       | 112.8        | 113.7          | 0.8                | -1.6              | 2.4                    |
| 11   | Milled products          | 35.5           | 101.2        | 103.4        | 103.2        | 101.2        | 105.4       | 110.1       | 113.8       | 113.7        | 125.9          | 10.8               | 19.4              | 12.2                   |
| III. | FATS & OILS              | 100.0          | 97.4         | 94.4         | 93.8         | 93.1         | 93.2        | 90.1        | 95.9        | 94.0         | 99.1           | 5.5                | 6.3               | 1.2                    |
| 15   | Fats & oils              | 100.0          | 97.4         | 94.4         | 93.8         | 93.1         | 93.2        | 90.1        | 95.9        | 94.0         | 99.1           | 5.5                | 6.3               | 1.2                    |
| IV.  | FOOD & BEVERAGE          | 100.0          | 99.8         | 101.9        | 102.0        | 109.9        | 118.1       | 104.9       | 103.0       | 107.0        | 112.8          | 5.4                | -4.5              | -1.0                   |
| 16   | Canned Meats             | 35.5           | 109.1        | 109.7        | 108.6        | 127.9        | 147.0       | 112.8       | 108.9       | 113.1        | 119.0          | 5.2                | -19.0             | -8.0                   |
| 17   | Sugars                   | 20.7           | 67.8         | 68.2         | 66.9         | 73.8         | 75.3        | 69.2        | 70.4        | 82.7         | 84.6           | 2.3                | 12.4              | 8.0                    |
| 19   | Pastrycook's Products    | 43.8           | 107.4        | 111.6        | 113.3        | 112.4        | 114.9       | 115.3       | 113.5       | 113.5        | 121.1          | 6.7                | 5.4               | 2.5                    |
| V.   | MINERAL PRODUCTS         | 100.0          | 98.1         | 107.8        | 108.9        | 67.8         | 68.1        | 62.6        | 73.9        | 92.7         | 103.0          | 11.2               | 51.4              | -5.7                   |
| 27   | Mineral fuels            | 100.0          | 98.1         | 107.8        | 108.9        | 67.8         | 68.1        | 62.6        | 73.9        | 92.7         | 103.0          | 11.2               | 51.4              | -5.7                   |
|      | <b>Total, All groups</b> | <b>500.0</b>   | <b>101.4</b> | <b>105.1</b> | <b>106.9</b> | <b>90.2</b>  | <b>93.4</b> | <b>87.1</b> | <b>92.8</b> | <b>102.6</b> | <b>108.9</b>   | <b>6.2</b>         | <b>16.6</b>       | <b>-1.1</b>            |

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

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**IMPORT PRICE INDEX**  
**Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0**

**Table 2**

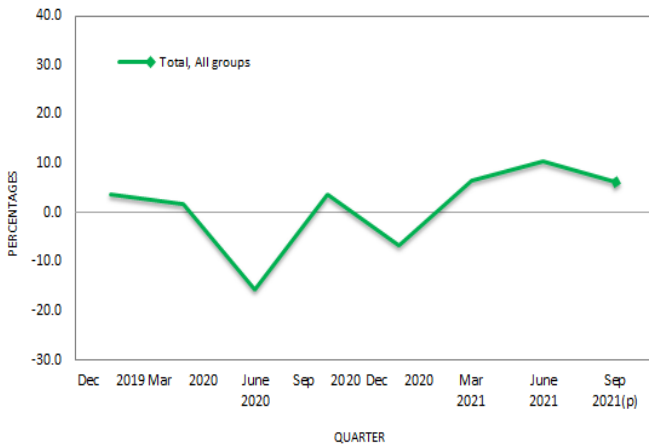
|  | Weight<br>2018 | 2019         |              | 2020         |              |              |              | 2021         |              |                | %Change<br>Sep 21 /<br>Jun 21 |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|  |                | Sep<br>2019  | Dec<br>2019  | Mar<br>2020  | Jun<br>2020  | Sep<br>2020  | Dec<br>2020  | Mar<br>2021  | Jun<br>2021  | Sep<br>2021(p) |                               |
| <b>I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>                |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                |                               |
| <b>02 Meat</b>                           | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>113.9</b> | <b>109.2</b> | <b>119.3</b> | <b>110.9</b> | <b>112.2</b> | <b>112.8</b> | <b>108.4</b> | <b>122.0</b> | <b>123.1</b>   | <b>1.0</b>                    |
| 0204 Sheep                               | 16.0           | 93.5         | 98.3         | 98.7         | 99.0         | 105.3        | 104.9        | 107.6        | 103.4        | 102.3          | -1.1                          |
| 0207 Poultry                             | 84.0           | 117.8        | 111.3        | 123.3        | 113.2        | 113.5        | 114.3        | 108.6        | 125.5        | 127.1          | 1.3                           |
| <b>04 Dairy</b>                          | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>97.2</b>  | <b>99.1</b>  | <b>98.8</b>  | <b>97.0</b>  | <b>103.7</b> | <b>95.8</b>  | <b>101.3</b> | <b>99.6</b>  | <b>99.4</b>    | <b>-0.3</b>                   |
| 0401 Liquid Milk                         | 50.2           | 90.1         | 94.1         | 91.8         | 90.8         | 93.7         | 94.9         | 104.0        | 100.2        | 97.9           | -2.3                          |
| 0402 Powder Milk                         | 17.0           | 99.8         | 99.8         | 101.6        | 100.5        | 99.8         | 101.0        | 103.3        | 103.7        | 111.0          | 7.0                           |
| 0405 Butter                              | 22.2           | 112.2        | 112.1        | 114.3        | 113.8        | 135.7        | 98.3         | 96.1         | 96.5         | 95.5           | -1.0                          |
| 0406 Cheese                              | 10.6           | 95.0         | 94.7         | 94.8         | 85.7         | 90.7         | 86.4         | 96.3         | 96.9         | 95.8           | -1.2                          |
| <b>II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>            |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                |                               |
| <b>07 Vegetables</b>                     | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>96.5</b>  | <b>93.2</b>  | <b>92.2</b>  | <b>92.2</b>  | <b>86.6</b>  | <b>101.8</b> | <b>124.9</b> | <b>89.9</b>  | <b>83.7</b>    | <b>-7.0</b>                   |
| 0701 Potatoes                            | 49.9           | 90.1         | 89.5         | 87.7         | 92.1         | 89.0         | 107.2        | 119.0        | 90.9         | 86.3           | -5.0                          |
| 0703 Onions                              | 50.1           | 102.9        | 96.9         | 96.6         | 92.2         | 84.2         | 96.3         | 130.8        | 89.0         | 81.1           | -8.9                          |
| <b>10 Cereals</b>                        | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>108.9</b> | <b>103.4</b> | <b>102.0</b> | <b>104.9</b> | <b>115.6</b> | <b>94.2</b>  | <b>115.5</b> | <b>112.8</b> | <b>113.7</b>   | <b>0.8</b>                    |
| 1006 Rice                                | 100.0          | 108.9        | 103.4        | 102.0        | 104.9        | 115.6        | 94.2         | 115.5        | 112.8        | 113.7          | 0.8                           |
| <b>11 Milled prods.</b>                  | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>101.2</b> | <b>103.4</b> | <b>103.2</b> | <b>101.2</b> | <b>105.4</b> | <b>110.1</b> | <b>113.8</b> | <b>113.7</b> | <b>125.9</b>   | <b>10.8</b>                   |
| 1101 Wheat                               | 100.0          | 101.2        | 103.4        | 103.2        | 101.2        | 105.4        | 110.1        | 113.8        | 113.7        | 125.9          | 10.8                          |
| <b>III. FATS &amp; OILS</b>              |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                |                               |
| <b>15 Fats &amp; oils</b>                | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>97.4</b>  | <b>94.4</b>  | <b>93.8</b>  | <b>93.1</b>  | <b>93.2</b>  | <b>90.1</b>  | <b>95.9</b>  | <b>94.0</b>  | <b>99.1</b>    | <b>5.5</b>                    |
| 1512 Sunflower Oil                       | 47.8           | 96.2         | 90.9         | 90.9         | 100.6        | 103.8        | 100.8        | 106.3        | 103.7        | 111.8          | 7.7                           |
| 1515 vegetable oils                      | 20.1           | 104.1        | 102.2        | 97.3         | 99.5         | 97.6         | 76.5         | 78.0         | 82.5         | 90.7           | 10.0                          |
| 1517 Margarine                           | 32.1           | 95.0         | 94.8         | 95.9         | 77.8         | 74.5         | 82.7         | 91.7         | 86.5         | 85.4           | -1.3                          |
| <b>IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES &amp; TOBACCO</b> |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                |                               |
| <b>16 Meat, fish</b>                     | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>109.1</b> | <b>109.7</b> | <b>108.6</b> | <b>127.9</b> | <b>147.0</b> | <b>112.8</b> | <b>108.9</b> | <b>113.1</b> | <b>119.0</b>   | <b>5.2</b>                    |
| 1601 Sausages                            | 18.3           | 108.4        | 106.3        | 106.1        | 110.4        | 111.0        | 112.8        | 105.0        | 95.0         | 118.8          | 25.0                          |
| 1602 Corned Beef                         | 9.6            | 91.4         | 92.6         | 92.6         | 112.4        | 109.7        | 89.3         | 103.3        | 100.9        | 99.6           | -1.2                          |
| 1604 Canned fish                         | 72.1           | 111.5        | 112.8        | 111.3        | 134.3        | 161.0        | 115.9        | 110.6        | 119.2        | 121.6          | 1.9                           |
| <b>17 Sugars</b>                         | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>67.8</b>  | <b>68.2</b>  | <b>66.9</b>  | <b>73.8</b>  | <b>75.3</b>  | <b>69.2</b>  | <b>70.4</b>  | <b>82.7</b>  | <b>84.6</b>    | <b>2.3</b>                    |
| 1701 Cane, beet                          | 100.0          | 67.8         | 68.2         | 66.9         | 73.8         | 75.3         | 69.2         | 70.4         | 82.7         | 84.6           | 2.3                           |
| <b>19 Pastrycook's Products</b>          | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>107.4</b> | <b>111.6</b> | <b>113.3</b> | <b>112.4</b> | <b>114.9</b> | <b>115.3</b> | <b>113.5</b> | <b>113.5</b> | <b>121.1</b>   | <b>6.7</b>                    |
| 1902 Pasta                               | 46.9           | 111.3        | 120.1        | 112.4        | 110.6        | 121.8        | 123.4        | 116.8        | 117.8        | 122.4          | 3.9                           |
| 1905 Bread                               | 53.1           | 103.8        | 104.0        | 114.1        | 113.9        | 108.9        | 108.2        | 110.6        | 109.7        | 119.9          | 9.3                           |
| <b>V. MINERAL PRODUCTS</b>               |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |                |                               |
| <b>27 Mineral fuels</b>                  | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>98.1</b>  | <b>107.8</b> | <b>108.9</b> | <b>67.8</b>  | <b>68.1</b>  | <b>62.6</b>  | <b>73.9</b>  | <b>92.7</b>  | <b>103.0</b>   | <b>11.2</b>                   |
| 2710 Petroleum oils                      | 93.8           | 97.8         | 104.4        | 105.4        | 62.8         | 62.8         | 59.7         | 72.0         | 89.8         | 99.5           | 10.8                          |
| 2711 Petroleum gases                     | 6.2            | 103.1        | 158.4        | 162.3        | 142.6        | 147.6        | 106.5        | 102.5        | 136.8        | 156.2          | 14.2                          |

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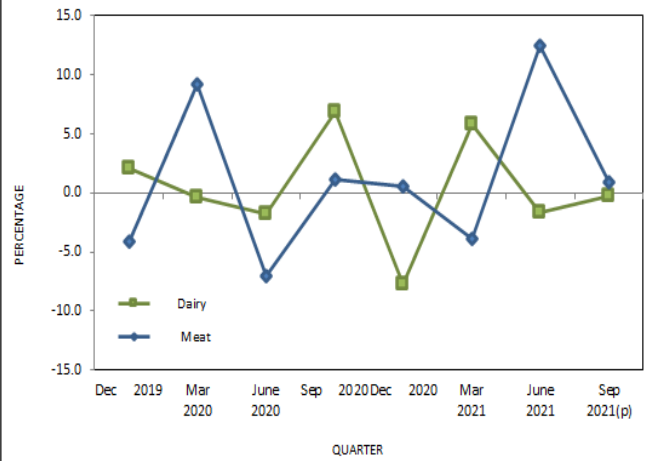
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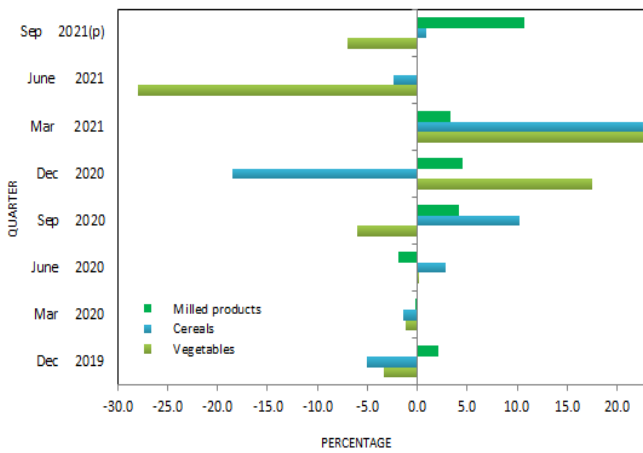
**GRAPH 7**  
Overall Quarterly Changes  
Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0



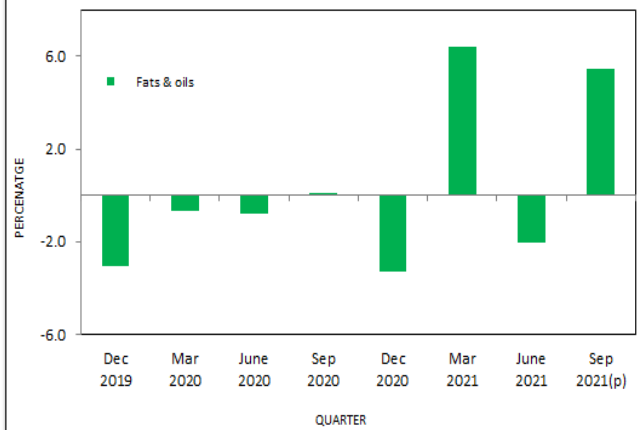
**GRAPH 8**  
ANIMAL PRODUCTS  
Quarterly Percentage Change  
Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0



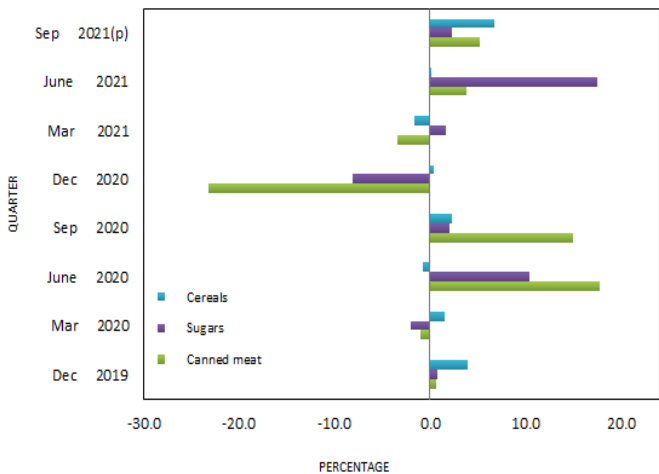
**GRAPH 9**  
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS  
Quarterly Percentage Change  
Base: March 2018 = 100.0



**GRAPH 10**  
Fats & Oil  
Quarterly Percentage Change  
Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0



**GRAPH 11**  
FOOD & BEVERAGES  
Quarterly Percentage Change  
Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0



**GRAPH 12**  
MINERAL PRODUCTS  
Quarterly Percentage Change  
Base: March 2018 Quarter = 100.0

