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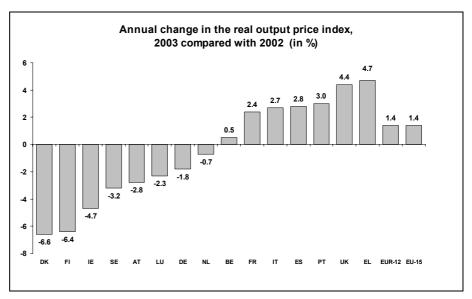
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Agricultural price trends EU estimates for 2003

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Estimates (¹) made by the EU Member States of the Agricultural Price Index figures for 2003 indicate that output prices for the European Union (EU-15) have risen by 3.9% in nominal terms relative to 2002. When adjusted for inflation this becomes a 1.4% increase in real terms. After a sharp reduction in year 2002 of 5.1%, real output prices would thus seem to be returning to a level similar to that in 2001. The rise is a result of a drop forecast in the real prices of animals and animal products (-1.6%), and a significant increase for crop products (+4.4%).

The real price index for the means of agricultural production, i.e. the input price index, is expected to fall by 0.8% for the EU-15, continuing the reduction of the previous year (-1.8%).

Across EU Member States, (see graph) seven are anticipating an increase in their real output price index overall, especially United Kingdom (+4.4%) and Greece (+4.7%). Falls of more than 4% are forecast for Denmark (-6.6%), Finland (-6.4%) and Ireland (-4.7%).

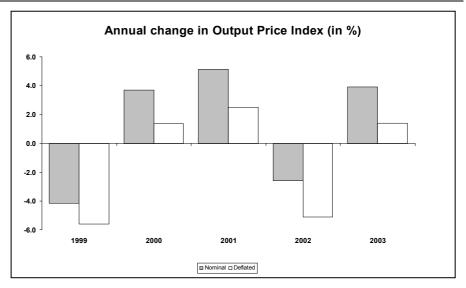
The position for the Euro-zone is similar to that of the EU-15, with a rise in output in real terms predicted at 1.4%. Input prices are forecast to fall by 0.9%.

⁽¹⁾ The figures quoted in this publication are estimates made by the Member States as at November 2003, except for Belgium, Greece and Portugal for which estimations are as at October 2003. These data are provisional. Revised data will become available in the first half of 2003.

Output prices to increase by 1.4%

Real output prices for the EU-15 are forecast to increase overall by 1.4% compared to 2002. Crop prices overall are forecast to be 4.4% with all individual crop higher groups within the category showing positive changes except Other crop *products* (-3.7%). The largest increase is predicted for Fruit (+10.4%). Real price rises are also forecast for Fresh vegetables (+8.9%), Wine must and wine (+5.7%), and Cereals and rice (+3.4%). Prices for the rest of categories are forecast to be almost unchanged.

Prices for Animals and animal products are forecast to fall by 1.6% overall. In three categories a decrease is forecast: Pigs (-6.6%), Milk (-3.7%) and Other animal products (-11.8%). Prices for Eggs are predicted to rise by 13.3% after two years of decline. The price of calves is forecast to be 4.9% higher after four years of reductions (-1.6% in 1999, -2.6% in 2000, -8.4% in 2001 and -2.5% in 2002). Other significant rises are forecast for Other animals (+6.5%) and for



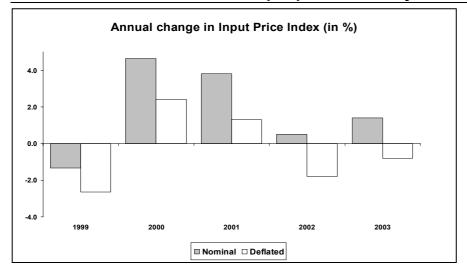
Poultry (+1.1%). Twelve Member States are predicting a drop in the deflated output prices of animals and animal products, ranging from -0.8% in Portugal to -9.6% in Finland. In contrast the prediction in United Kingdom (+4.9%), Belgium (+2.4%) and Italy (+0.7%) is positive.

For the Eurozone, the predicted increase of +4.5% in the real output prices of *Crop products* is almost

identical to that for the EU-15 (+4.4%), whilst the fall for *Animals* and animal products (-2.0%) is forecast to be slightly higher than that of the EU-15 (-1.6%).

Five Candidate Countries have sent output prices forecasts, with remarkable differences in nominal terms: +33.4% for Turkey, +4.0% for Hungary, -1.5% for Latvia, -3.8% for the Slovak Republic and -5.0% for Slovenia.

Input prices to fall by 0.8%



The deflated index of the purchase prices of the means of agricultural production is estimated to have fallen by 0.8% from the previous year. The real price index of Goods and services for current consumption in agriculture (Input I)

is forecast to fall by 1.1%. The prices of *Animal feedingstuffs* (-3.4%), *Plant protection products* (-1.7%) and *General expenses* (-1.3%) show the steepest falls, whilst smaller price falls are expected in *Small tools* (-0.4%) and

Seeds (-0.9%). Price rises are forecast for Energy (+2.8%) and for Maintenance and repair of plant (+2.1%). The real price index for Goods and services contributing to agricultural investment (Input II) is predicted to be almost without change (+0.1%). Prices for Machinery are estimated to fall slightly (-0.1%), whilst prices for Buildings are a little higher (+0.4%).

Across Member States the range of changes in deflated input prices runs from -7.0% in Belgium to +0.4% in Germany and with four Member States (Greece, Austria, Finland and United Kingdom) forecasting changes around zero.

Only three Candidates Countries have made input price predictions: Hungary, +6.0%, the Slovak Republic, +5.3% and Latvia, +2.3% (nominal data).



Terms of Trade forecast up by 2.3%

The agricultural terms of trade are calculated by dividing the output price index by the input price index. Since it is a ratio, the movement in both these indices has an effect. The decreasing real prices of means of production (-0.8%) will increase the terms of trade figure, since the cost of items is lower and the forecast rise in the real output prices (+1.4%) will increase the terms of trade figure. For the EU-15, a rise of 2.3% is forecast for 2003, compared to 2002.

Across Member States, the range in the change in terms of trade is from -6.4% in Finland to +6.0% in Portugal.

Annual change in agricultural Terms of Trade						
					(%)	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*	
BE	-7.7	3.6	-0.1	-7.9	1.2	
DK	-2.7	8.3	0.4	-8.8	-3.6	
DE	-5.5	0.3	2.7	-6.1	-2.2	
EL	-1.4	-1.4	3.9	3.1	4.9	
ES	-1.9	-0.8	1.9	-4.7	3.8	
FR	-2.4	-2.5	0.7	-4.7	3.7	
IE	-5.7	0.6	-0.4	-6.2	-2.6	
IT	-0.3	-1.4	0.9	0.2	4.3	
LU	-3.6	-3.6	-1.2	-3.1	-1.4	
NL	-5.4	1.7	-1.3	-3.2	-0.1	
AT	-5.9	3.3	4.4	-5.0	-2.9	
PT	-4.8	1.0	-0.8	1.1	6.0	
FI	-5.0	-0.6	4.0	-2.3	-6.4	
SE	-1.4	-4.9	-0.5	-4.7	-3.0	
UK	-2.6	-4.5	3.0	-2.9	4.4	
EUR-12	-3.1	-0.8	1.1	-3.2	2.3	
EU-15	-3.0	-0.9	1.2	-3.3	2.3	
* Estimate	!					

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Type of index: The indices, from which the rates of change reported here were calculated, are Laspeyres type indices with base year 1995. That is, for the purposes of aggregation (over products or services within a Member State, and across Member States) the sub-indices were weighted by the values of sales or purchases in 1995. That year is also the reference year, i.e. 1995=100. For most items (exceptions being

fruit and vegetables) the same weights are used for each month of the year.

Deflation: The EU agricultural price indices, output and input, are available in Eurostat's New Cronos database (PRAG domain) in both nominal and deflated form. By using the deflated indices it is possible to avoid the distortions in the nominal price indices caused by different inflation rates in the

Member States. The nominal agricultural price indices are deflated by means of the consumer price index for each Member State. The terms "deflated" and "real" are used synonymously in this report.

EUR-12: Euro-zone: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.



Table 1 EU Index of producer prices of agricultural products: Rates of change of the price indices for EU-15

							(%)
		1	999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
		NOMINAL INDICES	•		•	•	
0	TOTAL		-4.2	3.7	5.1	-2.6	3.9
1	CROP PRODUCTS		-3.4	-0.4	5.0	0.1	7.0
11	Cereals and rice		-0.5	-1.2	2.7	-6.8	5.5
12	Root crops		-5.0	-8.3	14.9	-9.1	2.5
13	Fruit		-8.6	-4.1	14.6	4.5	13.4
14	Fresh vegetables		-3.0	6.4	1.4	3.3	11.9
15	Wine must and wine		-1.0	-3.8	-4.6	1.6	8.4
16	Olives and olive oil		8.0	-6.5	-2.5	4.5	3.3
17	Seeds		1.1	-5.4	6.5	-6.5	3.0
18	Flowers etc.		-1.0	5.0	4.6	4.7	2.6
19	Other crop products	<u>-</u> '	11.6	0.1	12.7	-0.3	-1.0
2	ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS		-5.0	8.3	5.2	-5.7	0.6
21	Animals		-5.4	11.1	4.7	-7.3	0.7
21 A	Calves		-0.4	-0.4	-5.8	-0.1	7.2
21 B	Cattle excluding calves		-2.7	2.1	-12.4	8.0	2.5
21 C	Pigs		-8.0	25.3	18.1	-18.6	-4.5
21 D	Sheep and lambs		-5.1	6.4	16.4	-1.9	2.5
21 E	Poultry		-7.6	9.2	4.6	-7.2	3.6
21 F	Other animals		-4.1	7.7	11.5	-13.0	9.8
22	Milk		-3.8	2.3	6.9	-4.5	-1.7
23	Eggs		-9.1	19.9	-1.2	2.3	15.8
24	Other animal products		15.6	16.1	14.9	9.4	-9.3
		DEFLATED INDICES					
0	TOTAL		-5.6	1.4	2.5	-5.1	1.4
1	CROP PRODUCTS		-4.8	-2.7	2.3	-2.6	4.4
11	Cereals and rice		-1.8	-3.2	0.4	-9.0	3.4
12	Root crops		-6.2	-10.5	12.1	-11.1	0.2
13	Fruit		10.2	-6.5	11.6	1.5	10.4
14	Fresh vegetables		-4.6	3.7	-1.2	0.2	8.9
15	Wine must and wine		-1.5	-6.3	-6.9	-0.5	5.7
16	Olives and olive oil		5.7	-9.2	-5.3	1.0	0.4
17	Seeds		-0.5	-7.4	2.8	-9.2	0.6
18	Flowers etc.		-2.4	2.8	1.3	1.8	0.4
19	Other crop products		13.1	-2.2	10.3	-3.2	-3.7
2	ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS		-6.3	5.9	2.6	-7.9	-1.6
21	Animals		-6.7	8.5	2.0	-9.4	-1.5
21 A	Calves		-1.6	-2.6	-8.4	-2.5	4.9
21 B	Cattle excluding calves		-3.9	-0.2	-14.5	5.7	0.4
21 C	Pigs		-9.3	22.5	15.1	-20.6	-6.6
21 D	Sheep and lambs		-6.8	3.7	13.5	-4.5	0.0
21 E	Poultry		-8.8	6.8	2.2	-9.2	1.1
21 F	Other animals		-5.7	4.9	8.7	-15.6	6.5
22	Milk		-5. <i>1</i>	0.2	4.3	-6.8	-3.7
23	Eggs		10.4	17.4	-3.5	-0.2	13.3
24	Other animal products		17.5	13.7	11.2	5.8	-11.8
	Other ariimai products	-	. 7 .5	10.7	11.4	5.0	-11.0

^{*} Estimate



Table 2
Index of producer prices of agricultural products:
Rates of change by Member State

(%)

		To	tal		(Crop Products A			Animals and anim. Products			
	2000	2001	2002	2003*	2000	2001	2002	2003*	2000	2001	2002	2003*
					NC	OMINAL	INDICE	S				
BE	10.4	2.5	-7.5	2.0	1.5	0.5	-4.5	1.2	16.5	3.7	-9.2	4.0
DK	11.5	7.2	-9.1	-3.8	6.6	1.5	-2.4	1.9	13.9	9.9	-12.0	-6.2
DE	6.2	5.9	-6.3	-0.7	-0.1	6.5	-3.7	4.2	9.7	5.6	-7.5	-3.3
EL	3.9	6.4	5.3	8.5	2.9	5.9	8.5	11.6	6.4	7.5	-1.8	0.8
ES	4.6	4.6	-3.7	6.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	9.6	10.4	10.0	-8.5	1.5
FR	1.7	3.5	-4.4	1.4	-1.4	4.9	-4.9	8.0	5.1	2.0	-3.8	1.0
ΙE	6.4	4.6	-4.4	-0.8	-3.1	11.0	-1.8	3.6	7.9	3.7	-4.8	0.4
IT	2.3	5.0	1.4	5.6	-0.9	5.7	4.4	6.7	8.4	3.6	-4.0	3.5
LU	8.0	2.3	-2.1	-0.2	-1.8	6.5	6.0	5.1	1.4	1.3	-4.1	-1.6
NL	7.7	5.9	-2.1	1.7	0.9	7.3	2.6	4.2	16.2	4.3	-7.3	-1.2
ΑT	6.7	6.5	-5.1	-1.6	3.7	3.4	0.3	1.9	8.1	7.9	-7.4	-3.2
PT	4.8	6.5	-2.4	6.4	0.7	6.6	-10.6	18.5	10.5	6.3	-6.0	2.6
FI	5.1	5.1	-2.0	-5.1	-2.8	-1.8	1.0	1.8	9.5	8.5	-3.4	-8.4
SE	-1.2	5.3	-2.7	-1.1	-7.8	9.9	-4.4	2.1	2.3	3.1	-1.8	-2.7
UK	-2.0	7.4	-3.3	5.8	-5.4	9.7	-4.1	4.9	0.4	5.9	-2.7	6.3
EUR-12	4.1	4.8	-2.4	2.7	-0.1	4.7	0.4	5.2	9.1	5.0	-5.9	0.2
EU-15	3.7	5.1	-2.6	3.9	-0.4	5.0	0.1	7.0	8.3	5.2	-5.7	0.6
					DE	FLATE	INDIC	ES				
BE	7.5	0.0	-8.9	0.5	-1.2	-2.0	-5.9	-2.7	13.5	1.2	-10.6	2.4
DK	8.5	4.9	-11.2	-6.6	3.8	-0.7	-4.7	-0.8	10.9	7.4	-14.0	-9.0
DE	4.8	3.9	-7.5	-1.8	-1.5	4.5	-5.0	3.1	8.2	3.6	-8.7	-4.3
EL	1.1	2.5	1.4	4.7	0.0	2.0	4.4	7.7	3.5	3.6	-5.4	-2.7
ES	1.0	1.7	-6.9	2.8	-3.1	-2.4	-2.9	6.2	6.7	6.9	-11.6	-1.6
FR	-0.1	1.6	-6.1	2.4	-3.1	2.9	-6.6	6.5	3.2	0.2	-5.6	-1.1
IE	1.2	0.5	-8.7	-4.7	-7.9	6.7	-6.3	-0.5	2.6	-0.4	-9.1	-3.5
IT	-0.2	2.6	-1.2	2.7	-3.4	3.4	1.8	3.8	5.7	1.3	-6.4	0.7
LU	-2.9	-0.1	-4.1	-2.3	-5.3	4.0	3.9	2.9	-2.3	-1.1	-6.1	-3.7
NL	5.3	0.6	-5.8	-0.7	-1.3	2.0	-1.3	1.7	13.6	-0.8	-10.8	-3.6
AT	4.8	4.2	-6.8	-2.8	1.8	1.2	-1.5	0.6	6.2	5.5	-9.0	-4.4
PT	1.9	2.0	-5.8	3.0	-2.1	2.1	-13.8	14.7	7.4	1.8	-9.3	-0.8
FI	2.0	2.4	-3.9	-6.4	-5.6	-4.3	-0.9	-0.8	6.3	5.8	-5.2	-9.6
SE	-2.5	2.5	-4.6	-3.2	-9.0	6.9	-6.2	-0.1	1.0	0.3	-3.7	-4.8
UK	-2.7	6.1	-4.6	4.4	-6.1	8.4	-5.4	3.5	-0.3	4.7	-4.0	4.9
EUR-12	1.7	2.1	-5.0	1.4	-2.6	1.9	-2.4	4.5	6.5	2.2	-8.2	-2.0
EU-15 * Estima	1.4	2.5	-5.1	1.4	-2.7	2.3	-2.6	4.4	5.9	2.6	-7.9	-1.6

^{*} Estimate



Table 3 EU Index of purchase prices of the means of agricultural production: Rates of change of the price indices for EU-15

						(%)
		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
	NOMINAL I	INDICES				
00	TOTAL	-1.3	4.6	3.8	0.5	1.4
01	GOODS AND SERVICES CURRENTLY			4.0		
4	CONSUMED IN AGRICULTURE	-2.1	5.5	4.3	-0.1	1.1
1	Seeds	2.1	0.5	4.2	2.1	1.4
3	Energy	4.8	23.6	-0.8	-3.2	5.0
4	Fertilizers	-3.6	6.6	11.1	-4.1	2.4
5	Plant protection products	0.1	-0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
6	Animal feedingstuffs	-7.0	4.0	6.3	-0.5	-1.1
7	Small tools	-0.4	2.2	1.1	-0.1	1.9
8	Maintenance and repair of plant	2.0	2.3	3.6	4.5	4.0
9	Maintenance and repair of buildings	0.7	2.7	2.8	2.3	1.8
10	Veterinary services	2.1	3.2	1.2	1.4	1.9
11	General expenses	1.1	3.4	2.5	2.4	0.7
02	GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRIBUTING TO					
	AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT	1.1	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.3
	Machinery	0.9	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.1
13	Buildings	1.5	3.0	3.5	4.5	2.7
	DEFLATED					
00	TOTAL	-2.6	2.4	1.3	-1.8	-0.8
01	GOODS AND SERVICES CURRENTLY					
	CONSUMED IN AGRICULTURE	-3.4	3.2	1.7	-2.4	-1.1
	Seeds	0.5	-2.2	1.1	-0.9	-0.9
	Energy	3.4	20.9	-3.3	-5.5	2.8
	Fertilizers	-4.8	4.3	8.5	-6.3	0.1
	Plant protection products	-1.2	-2.6	-1.9	-2.0	-1.7
6	Animal feedingstuffs	-8.4	1.7	3.6	-3.0	-3. <i>4</i>
7	Small tools	-1.4	-0.2	-1.4	-2.1	-0.4
8	Maintenance and repair of plant	0.9	0.4	1.4	2.4	2.1
9	Maintenance and repair of buildings	-0.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.2
10	Veterinary services	0.9	1.1	-1.1	-0.8	-0.1
11	General expenses	-0.1	1.3	-0.1	0.0	-1.3
02	GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRIBUTING TO					
02	AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.1
12	Machinery	-0.4	-0.9	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1
13	Buildings	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.4

^{*} Estimate



Table 4

Index of purchase prices of the means of agricultural production

Rates of change by Member State

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