



South African Milk Processors' Organisation
The voluntary organisation of milk processors for the promotion of the development of the secondary dairy industry to the benefit of the dairy industry, the consumer and the South African society.

TRENDS IN RESPECT OF THE PRODUCER PRICE INDICES OF RAW MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS UP TO **MARCH 2022**

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Introduction

1. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) published producer price indices for, amongst other, raw milk which measures on a monthly basis, the change of the prices for raw milk received by raw milk producers, and dairy products which measures the change of the prices received by producers of processed milk and manufacturers of other dairy products for a specific basket of dairy products consisting of full cream fresh milk, full cream UHT milk, yoghurt and cheddar cheese. The contribution of each of the products to the producer price index of dairy products is respectively 22.2 percent, 29.0 percent, 25.0 percent and 23.8 percent. Dairy products like maas, cheese other than cheddar, butter and milk powder, are not included in the relevant basket of dairy products.
2. Stats SA reviewed the producer price indices and from January 2013:

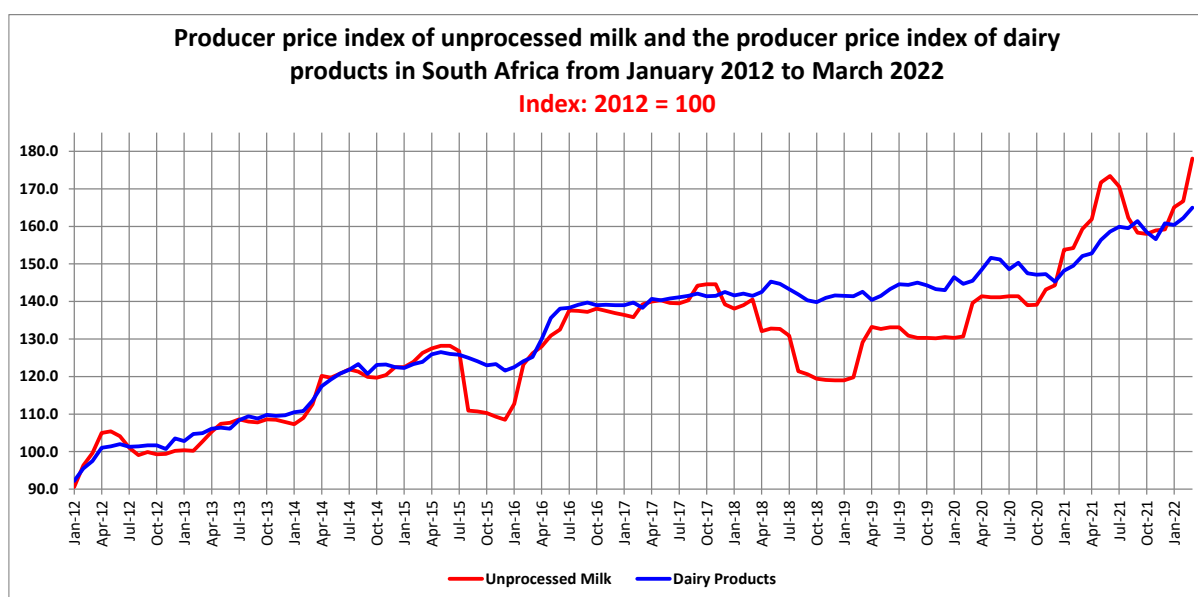


- a) Stats SA does not publish a separate index for raw milk as they replaced it with a combined index for raw milk and eggs;
- b) The base year of the producer price indices changed from 2000 to 2012 and from January 2017, the change in the index is as reflected in the price index with December 2016, as base year, as published by Stats SA; and
- c) The different categories of products in respect of which producer price indices are published, decreased.

3. After discussions with Stats SA, Stats SA approved the request from the Office of SAMPRO to provide a separate producer price index for raw milk to SAMPRO and the information is reflected in this report.

4. In the monthly analyses of Stats SA, the emphasis is on the change in the producer price indices from the previous month and on the change in the last 12 months. These changes are important market signals, but, if it is viewed in isolation, it can be misleading because these changes should be assessed in light of:
 - a) The movement of the producer price indices in the period before the last 12 months; and
 - b) The movement of the producer price indices of other products.

Graph 1 ¹⁾



1) Graph prepared by the Office of SAMPRO based on the producer price indices with base year 2012, as published by Statistics South Africa. From January 2017 the change in the 2012 index is adjusted based on the change in the price index with December 2016 as base.

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Tables reflecting the changes of the producer price indices of raw milk, other primary agricultural products, dairy products and other manufactured food products in specific periods

Table 1 ²⁾

Change in the producer price indices of agricultural products from February to March 2022

(Index 2012 = 100)

Product	Index in February 2022	Index in March 2022	Percentage Change
Cereal and other crops	181.0	197.4	9.1
Milk (unprocessed)	166.7	178.1	6.8
Live animals	162.9	174.1	6.8
Other animal products	203.0	200.5	-1.2
Fruit and Vegetables	120.0	114.9	-4.2

Table 2 ³⁾

Change in the producer price indices of agricultural products from March 2021 to March 2022 (12-month period)

(Index 2012 = 100)

Product	Index in March 2021	Index in March 2022	Percentage Change
Live animals	135.4	174.1	28.5
Cereal and other crops	163.2	197.4	21.0
Milk (unprocessed)	159.3	178.1	11.8
Fruit and Vegetables	115.9	114.9	-0.9
Other animal products	204.9	200.5	-2.2

Table 3 ⁴⁾

Change in the producer price indices of agricultural products from January 2012 to March 2022 (122-month period)

(Index 2012 = 100)

Product	Index in January 2012	Index in March 2022	Percentage Change
Cereal and other crops	99.7	197.4	98.0
Milk (unprocessed)	90.6	178.1	96.6
Other animal products	103.9	200.5	93.0
Live animals	109.1	174.1	59.6
Fruit and Vegetables	96.6	114.9	18.9

2), 3) and 4) Tables prepared by the Office of SAMPRO based on information of Statistics South Africa with 2012 as the base year. From January 2017 the change in the 2012 index is adjusted based on the change in the price index with December 2016 as base.

Table 4 ⁵⁾

Increase in the producer price indices of manufactured food products from February to March 2022
(Index 2012 = 100)

Product	Index in February 2022	Index in March 2022	Percentage change
Oils and fats	210.1	267.5	27.3
Starches, starch products and animal feed	200.1	205.5	2.7
Grain mill products	162.3	165.9	2.2
Other food products	155.7	159.2	2.2
Meat and meat products	182.7	185.9	1.8
Dairy products	162.2	165.0	1.7
Sugar	140.8	142.7	1.4
Fruits and vegetable products	155.5	157.3	1.1
Bakery products	181.8	183.5	1.0

Table 5 ⁶⁾

Increase in the producer price indices of manufactured food products from March 2021 to March 2022 (12-month period)
(Index 2012 = 100)

Product	Index in March 2021	Index in March 2022	Percentage Change
Oils and fats	181.1	267.5	47.1
Meat and meat products	169.1	185.9	9.9
Grain mill products	152.2	165.9	9.0
Sugar	131.5	142.7	8.6
Dairy products	152.1	165.0	8.5
Other food products	149.8	159.2	6.3
Fruits and vegetable products	149.8	157.3	5.0
Starches, starch products and animal feed	195.9	205.5	4.9
Bakery products	176.3	183.5	4.1

Table 6 ⁷⁾

Increase in the producer price indices of manufactured food products from January 2012 to March 2022 (122-month period)
(Index 2012 = 100)

Product	Index in January 2012	Index in March 2022	Percentage Change
Oils and fats	92.8	267.5	188.3
Starches, starch products and animal feed	93.7	205.5	119.3
Bakery products	98.2	183.5	86.9
Meat and meat products	101.3	185.9	83.5
Dairy products	92.2	165.0	79.0
Grain mill products	98.0	165.9	69.3
Fruits and vegetable products	96.2	157.3	63.5
Other food products	99.6	159.2	59.8
Sugar	97.4	142.7	46.5

5), 6) and 7) Tables prepared by the Office of SAMPRO based on information of Statistics South Africa with 2012 as the base year. From January 2017 the change in the 2012 index is adjusted based on the change in the price index with December 2016 as base and from January 2021, the change in the 2012 index is adjusted in the price index with December 2020 as base.