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IMPORT PRICE INDEX – SEPTEMBER 2015 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2009 quarter = 100.0)

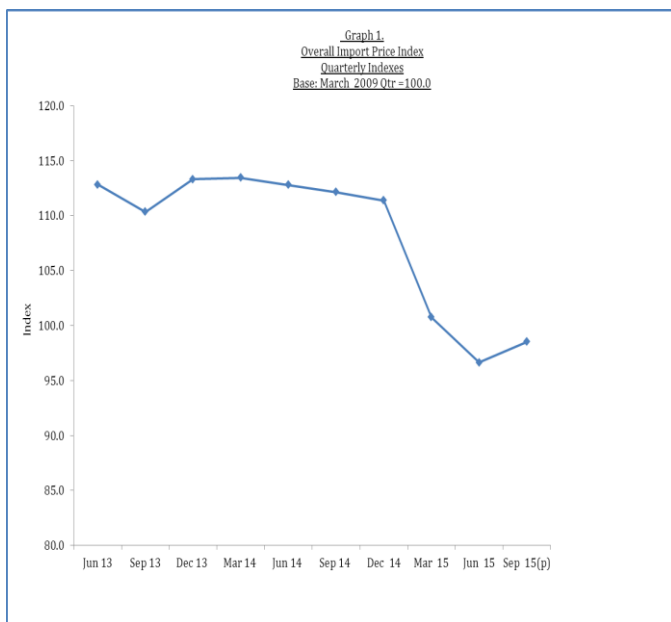
Highlights of the quarter

- Import price index rose 1.9 percent from the June 2015 quarter.
- Mineral Products prices recorded the largest increase (up 9.4 percent).

Overview

The import price index for the September 2015 quarter showed an overall increase of 1.9 percent from the June 2015 quarter. In comparison with the September 2014 quarter, the current import price index fell 12.1 percent.

The four quarters ending September 2015 decreased 9.8 percent in the overall import price index compared to the four quarters ending September 2014. See table 1 and graph 1.

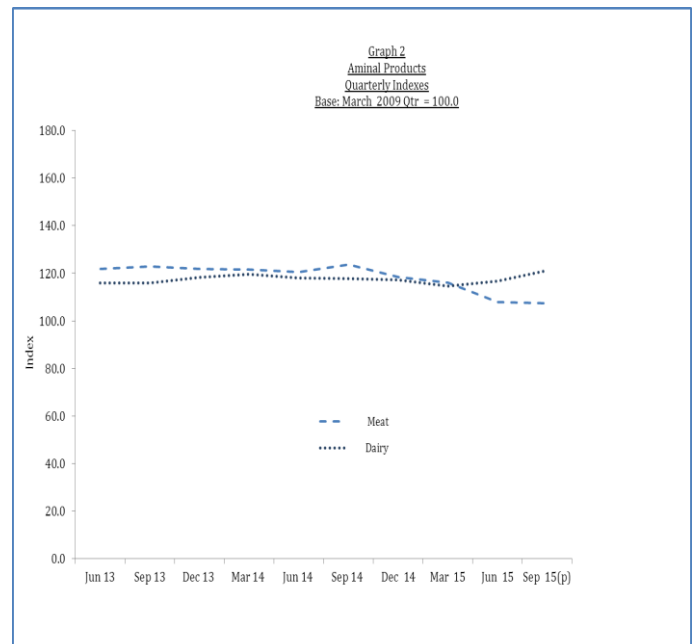


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HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products price increased 0.9%.

Import prices for live animals and animal products prices rose 0.9 percent in the September 2015 quarter, following a 4.5 percent fall in the June 2015 quarter. The increase was led by 3.8 percent increase in dairy products prices reflecting higher prices of eggs (up 46.5 percent). In comparison with the September 2014 quarter, the current live animals and animal products index decreased 8.6 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending September 2015 over the four quarters ending September 2014, the current overall animals and animal products index decreased 5.8 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 2.

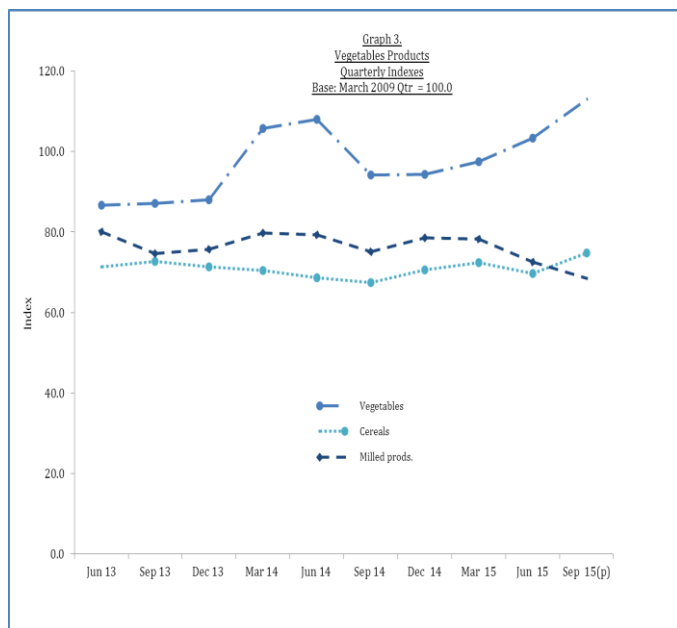


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HS Section 2: Vegetable Products price rise 1.6 %.

Import prices for vegetable products rose 1.6 percent in the September 2015 quarter, following a 4.8 percent fall in the June 2015 quarter. The rise was mainly driven by higher prices of vegetables (up 9.4 percent) and cereals (up 7.4 percent) which partly offset by lower prices of milled products (down 5.5 percent). When compared to the September 2014 quarter, the current vegetables products index increased 2.8 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending September 2015 over the four quarters ending September 2014, the current overall vegetable products index decreased 0.4 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3.

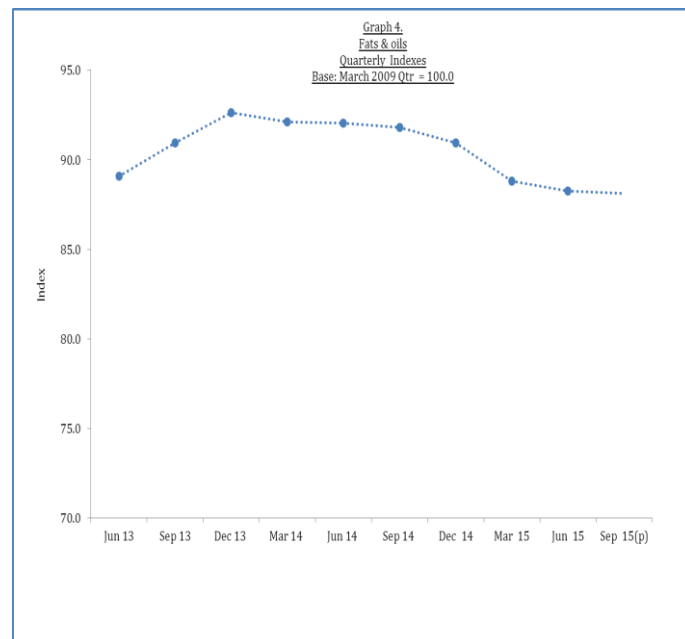


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices fall 0.1%.

Import prices for animal or vegetable fats and oils fell 0.1 percent in the September 2015 quarter, following a 0.6 percent fall in the June 2015 quarter. The September 2015 quarter decline was influenced by lower prices of margarine (down 1.4 percent) which offset by 1.3 percent increase in hydrogenated prices, whereas prices for soya bean oil remained unchanged. When compared to the September 2014 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oils index decreased 4.0 percent.

The four quarters ending September 2015 showed a decrease of 3.4 percent in the overall index for animal or vegetable fats and oils compared to the four quarters ending September 2014. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4.

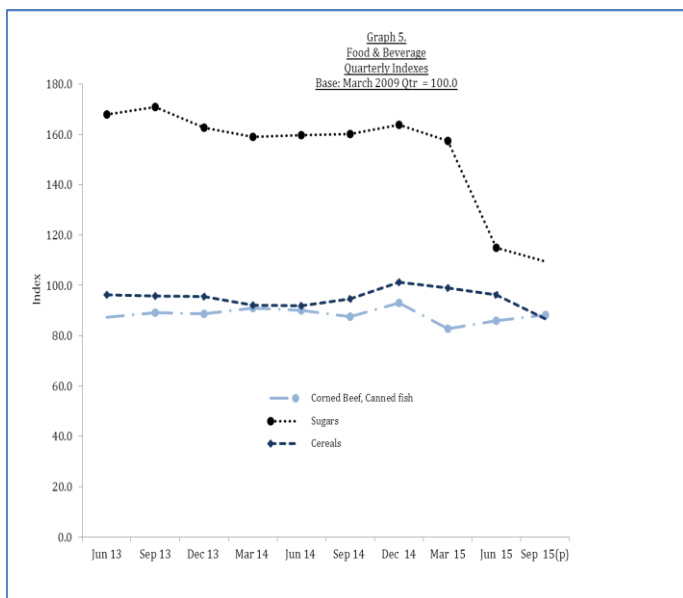


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HS Section 4: Food and Beverages prices fall 3.4%.

Food and Beverages imports prices fell 3.4 percent in the September 2015 quarter, following a 9.2 percent fall in the June 2015 quarter. Mainly responsible for the current fall were lower prices of cereals (down 9.7 percent) and sugar (down 4.7 percent) which was partly offset by a 2.6 percent increase in canned beef and fish prices. In comparison with the September 2014 quarter, the current food and beverages index decreased 13.3 percent.

In comparing the four quarters ending September 2015 over the four quarters ending September 2014, the overall food and beverages index decreased 5.3 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5.

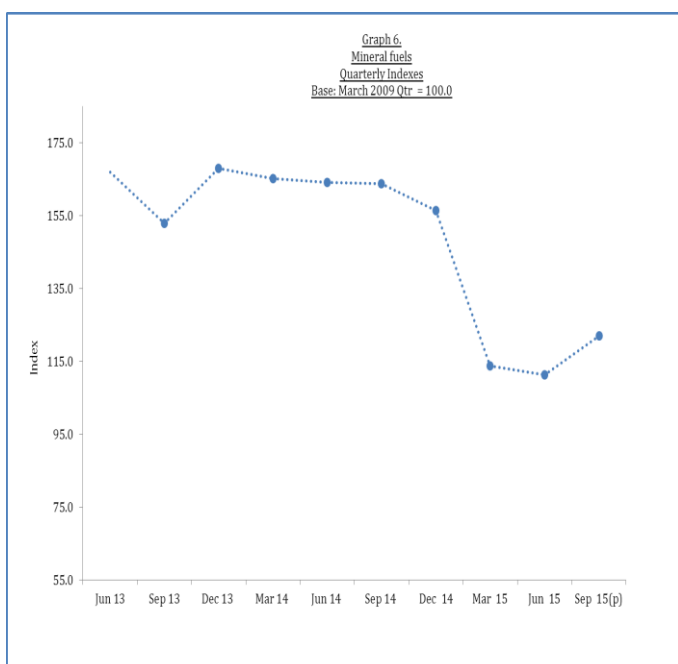


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HS Section 5: Mineral Products price rise 9.4%.

Import mineral product prices rose 9.4 percent in the September 2015 quarter, after shrinking 2.1 percent in the June 2015 quarter. The increase was influenced by higher prices of mineral fuels. In comparison with the September 2014 quarter, the current mineral products index decreased 25.5 percent.

The overall mineral products index in the four quarters ending September 2015 was 23.8 percent lower than the four quarters ending September 2014. 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 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.

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The MPI for December 2015 quarter will be ready on February 5th 2016.



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IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: March 2009 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight	2013			2014				2015			% Change	
			Jun 13	Sep 13	Dec 13	Mar 14	Jun 14	Sep 14	Dec 14	Mar 15	Jun 15	Sep 15(p)	Sep - 15 / June - 15	Sep-15 / Sep- 14
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	100	120.2	120.8	120.9	121.0	119.8	121.9	118.1	115.6	110.4	111.4	0.9	-8.6
2	Meat	71.2	121.9	122.8	121.9	121.5	120.5	123.5	118.5	116.0	107.8	107.5	-0.4	-13.0
4	Dairy	28.8	115.8	116.0	118.4	119.7	118.1	117.8	117.3	114.7	116.7	121.2	3.8	2.9
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	100	78.5	76.1	76.4	81.2	80.8	76.0	78.7	79.6	76.9	78.1	1.6	2.8
7	Vegetables	17.0	86.8	87.1	88.0	105.7	107.9	94.2	94.3	97.4	103.3	113.0	9.4	20.0
10	Cereals	31.7	71.2	72.6	71.2	70.4	68.6	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	7.4	10.7
11	Milled prods.	51.3	80.2	74.6	75.7	79.8	79.3	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	-5.5	-8.8
III.	FATS & OILS	100	89.1	91.0	92.7	92.1	92.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	-0.1	-4.0
15	Fats & oils	100.0	89.1	91.0	92.7	92.1	92.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	-0.1	-4.0
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	100	109.6	110.9	108.7	107.7	107.3	107.2	112.8	106.0	96.3	92.9	-3.4	-13.3
16	Corned Beef, Canned fish	43.6	87.5	89.2	88.7	91.1	90.0	87.5	93.2	82.9	86.0	88.3	2.6	0.9
17	Sugars	24.0	168.0	171.0	162.8	159.1	159.8	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	-4.7	-31.5
19	Cereals	32.4	96.0	95.6	95.5	92.0	91.7	94.6	101.3	98.9	96.1	86.8	-9.7	-8.2
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	100	166.8	152.9	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	9.4	-25.5
27	Mineral fuels	100	166.8	152.9	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	9.4	-25.5
Total, All groups		500	112.8	110.3	113.3	113.4	112.8	112.1	111.4	100.8	96.6	98.5	1.9	-12.1

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

(P) Provisional figures

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Table 2

	Weight	2013			2014				2015			%Change
		Jun 2013	Sep 2013	Dec 2013	Mar 2014	Jun 2014	Sep 2014	Dec 2014	Mar 2015	Jun 2015	Sep 2015(P)	Sep 15/June 15
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS												
02 Meat	100.0	121.9	122.8	121.9	121.5	120.5	123.5	118.5	116.0	107.8	107.5	-0.4
0204 Sheep	33.7	175.5	184.4	183.3	186.0	192.8	190.6	183.6	176.6	167.3	165.8	-0.9
0207 Poultry	66.3	94.7	91.4	90.7	88.7	83.8	89.5	85.4	85.1	77.6	77.8	0.2
04 Dairy	100.0	115.8	116.0	118.4	119.7	118.1	117.8	117.3	114.7	116.7	121.2	3.8
0401 Milk	42.0	118.3	118.0	120.6	116.4	115.0	117.8	116.3	113.8	116.9	109.7	-6.2
0402 Milk, conc.	17.9	119.6	121.2	127.1	137.8	138.5	143.1	137.2	135.4	137.1	129.4	-5.7
0405 Butter	24.1	92.5	90.7	91.7	97.0	93.8	84.1	85.3	83.5	86.1	79.7	-7.5
0407 Eggs	16.0	140.1	143.0	142.9	142.2	140.0	140.3	145.6	140.9	139.7	204.6	46.5
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS												
07 Vegetables	100.0	86.8	87.1	88.0	105.7	107.9	94.2	94.3	97.4	103.3	113.0	9.4
0701 Potatoes	56.5	104.6	101.5	102.7	110.9	111.4	104.7	99.7	101.6	130.4	121.4	-6.9
0703 Onions	43.5	63.6	68.3	68.8	99.1	103.4	80.4	87.3	91.9	68.2	102.1	49.8
10 Cereals	100.0	71.2	72.6	71.2	70.4	68.6	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	7.4
1006 Rice	100.0	71.2	72.6	71.2	70.4	68.6	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	7.4
11 Milled prods.	100.0	80.2	74.6	75.7	79.8	79.3	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	-5.5
1101 Wheat	100.0	80.2	74.6	75.7	79.8	79.3	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	-5.5
III. FATS & OILS												
15 Fats & oils	100.0	89.1	91.0	92.7	92.1	92.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	-0.1
1507 Soya-bean	27.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
1516 Hydrogenated	36.7	76.2	81.6	80.4	82.3	80.1	79.3	81.4	78.1	73.8	74.8	1.3
1517 Margarine	35.7	93.8	93.5	99.6	96.1	98.1	98.3	93.7	91.2	94.0	92.7	-1.4
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES& TOBACCO												
16 Meat, fish	100.0	87.5	89.2	88.7	91.1	90.0	87.5	93.2	82.9	86.0	88.3	2.6
1602 Corned Beef	31.0	109.8	102.2	104.1	105.3	105.3	100.2	102.1	102.8	104.4	103.3	-1.1
1604 Canned fish	69.0	77.4	83.3	81.9	84.7	83.2	81.8	89.2	73.9	77.7	81.5	4.9
17 Sugars	100.0	168.0	171.0	162.8	159.1	159.8	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	-4.7
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	168.0	171.0	162.8	159.1	159.8	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	-4.7
19 Cereals	100.0	96.0	95.6	95.5	92.0	91.7	94.6	101.3	98.9	96.1	86.8	-9.7
1902 Pasta	56.0	100.7	100.7	100.1	95.6	95.5	100.7	108.9	105.5	104.7	86.4	-17.4
1905 Bread	44.0	90.0	89.2	89.7	87.4	86.9	86.7	91.5	90.5	85.3	87.3	2.4
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS												
27 Mineral fuels	100.0	166.8	152.9	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	9.4
2710 Petroleum oils	100.0	166.8	152.9	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	9.4

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