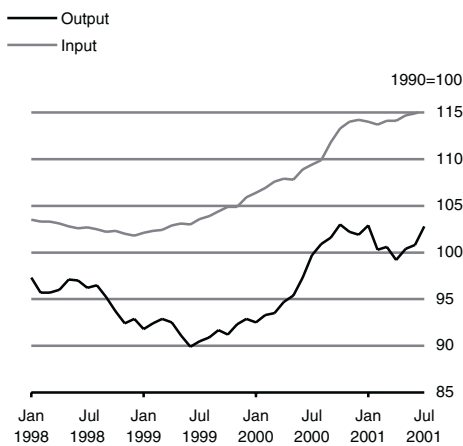




Agricultural Price Indices July 2001

Agricultural price indices

Seasonally adjusted



| | Seasonally adjusted | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|
| | Output | Input | Terms of trade |
| | 1990 = 100 | | |
| Jun 2001 | 100.8 | 114.9 | 87.7 |
| Jul 2001 | 102.8 | 115.2 | 89.2 |
| % change | 2.0% | 0.3% | 1.7% |

Output price index up 2% in July

The seasonally adjusted output price index was 102.8 in July 2001, 2.0% higher than in June 2001. Increases in sheep and cows for slaughter offset decreases in prime cattle, milk, pigs and poultry while store cattle remained unchanged. See Table 3 and graph.

The seasonally adjusted input price index increased by 0.3%. Thus the terms of trade increased by 1.7% indicating a favourable price movement for farmers in the month.

Comparing July 2001 unadjusted agricultural price indices with the corresponding July 2000 indices shows that (see Tables 1 and 2):

- ◆ Feeding stuffs were up 4.3%, fertilizers were up 9.6% and energy prices were up 0.6%.
- ◆ Sheep, pigs, potatoes and milk were up 52.8%, 13.0%, 92.1% and 4.5% respectively, while cattle and cereals were down 13.1% and 3.3% respectively.

EU output and input price indices for selected items are shown at the back of this release. The figures show that EU energy prices were up 24.5% in the fourth quarter of 2000.

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Table 1 Agricultural Output Price Index¹

Base year 1990=100

| Period | Total outputs index | Livestock | | | | | | | | Livestock products | | Livestock and livestock products | Crop products | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|
| | | Prime cattle | Cows for slaughter | Store cattle | Total cattle | Sheep | Pigs | Poultry | Total | Milk | Total | | Cereals | Sugar beet | Potatoes | Vegetables | Total | |
| 1999 | 91.4 | 78.2 | 65.4 | 75.6 | 76.6 | 76.4 | 66.4 | 91.9 | 76.3 | 110.7 | 109.3 | 89.9 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 175.0 | 115.7 | 102.0 | |
| 2000 | ²97.7 | 89.7 | 74.3 | 91.6 | 87.9 | 87.1 | 83.5 | 91.3 | 87.5 | ² 112.8 | ² 111.5 | ² 97.4 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 155.6 | 119.4 | 99.3 | |
| 2000 | January | ²91.0 | 81.0 | 58.7 | 80.2 | 78.3 | 82.8 | 69.5 | 83.8 | 78.0 | ² 110.7 | ² 109.4 | ² 90.9 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 89.4 | 109.8 | 91.2 |
| | February | ²92.7 | 84.2 | 64.4 | 84.9 | 81.8 | 101.0 | 70.9 | 83.1 | 82.3 | ² 109.2 | ² 108.0 | ² 92.9 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 84.5 | 111.0 | 91.1 |
| | March | ²94.0 | 87.1 | 69.3 | 89.1 | 85.0 | 106.3 | 76.6 | 83.2 | 85.9 | ² 108.2 | ² 107.0 | ² 94.6 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 83.9 | 106.1 | 89.7 |
| | April | ²95.6 | 89.1 | 75.2 | 90.4 | 87.5 | 104.1 | 82.7 | 82.0 | 88.1 | ² 109.2 | ² 108.0 | ² 96.3 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 78.8 | 112.8 | 90.8 |
| | May | ²97.7 | 93.8 | 78.5 | 96.2 | 92.0 | 91.6 | 85.5 | 82.9 | 90.7 | ² 110.1 | ² 109.0 | ² 98.2 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 85.7 | 122.9 | 94.2 |
| | June | ²98.8 | 95.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 94.4 | 86.6 | 90.2 | 82.3 | 92.5 | ² 111.1 | ² 109.9 | ² 99.7 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 81.4 | 120.2 | 93.0 |
| | July | ²100.8 | 93.4 | 89.9 | 96.8 | 93.0 | 80.0 | 89.5 | 81.9 | 90.8 | ² 112.3 | ² 111.1 | ² 99.2 | 77.7 | 104.1 | 264.5 | 125.2 | 112.9 |
| | August | ²100.2 | 93.7 | 87.9 | 96.8 | 93.1 | 80.7 | 86.0 | 82.0 | 90.5 | ² 114.2 | ² 112.9 | ² 99.7 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 164.8 | 133.2 | 103.7 |
| | September | ²101.4 | 92.2 | 86.3 | 95.2 | 91.5 | 81.9 | 86.3 | 81.9 | 89.5 | ² 119.4 | ² 117.9 | ² 101.2 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 184.2 | 122.5 | 102.9 |
| | October | ²102.3 | 91.8 | 81.2 | 94.7 | 90.6 | 81.7 | 87.8 | 81.9 | 89.0 | ² 122.6 | ² 121.1 | ² 102.2 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 186.1 | 121.2 | 102.7 |
| | November | ²101.1 | 87.2 | 73.6 | 89.6 | 85.6 | 88.6 | 91.7 | 82.2 | 86.4 | ² 122.7 | ² 121.1 | ² 100.7 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 184.3 | 122.9 | 103.6 |
| | December | ²100.0 | 83.9 | 61.5 | 87.5 | 81.3 | 96.7 | 92.3 | 116.1 | 86.0 | ² 120.1 | ² 118.6 | ² 99.4 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 191.6 | 120.4 | 103.7 |
| 2001 | January | 101.3 | 90.8 | 62.4 | 96.2 | 87.5 | 109.2 | 91.6 | 83.2 | 89.7 | 117.9 | 116.4 | 100.7 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 213.0 | 121.6 | 105.9 |
| | February | 99.6 | 84.6 | 67.2 | 88.8 | 82.6 | 123.7 | 96.9 | 83.2 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 113.5 | 98.5 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 201.7 | 128.9 | 107.0 |
| | March | 101.1 | 86.5 | 67.9 | 90.8 | 84.4 | 140.2 | 107.2 | 84.4 | 92.1 | 113.1 | 111.7 | 100.2 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 209.9 | 127.3 | 107.5 |
| | April | 100.2 | 87.2 | 70.3 | 91.5 | 85.3 | 133.6 | 98.8 | 84.8 | 91.2 | 112.7 | 111.5 | 99.6 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 203.7 | 118.8 | 104.7 |
| | May | 102.8 | 85.6 | 69.0 | 89.8 | 83.7 | 142.1 | 103.2 | 85.1 | 91.4 | 117.2 | 115.9 | 101.5 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 195.1 | 154.1 | 112.5 |
| | June | ²102.3 | 86.2 | 67.6 | 90.4 | 84.0 | 128.5 | 104.4 | 86.8 | 90.6 | 117.9 | 116.4 | 101.2 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 187.8 | 147.7 | 110.3 |
| | July | 103.9 | 82.3 | 68.4 | 87.6 | 80.8 | 122.2 | 101.1 | 86.3 | 87.2 | 117.4 | 115.9 | 99.0 | 75.1 | 104.1 | 508.0 | 132.8 | 138.8 |
| Jul 01/Jun 01 | 1.6% | -4.5% | 1.2% | -3.1% | -3.8% | -4.9% | -3.2% | -0.6% | -3.8% | -0.4% | -0.4% | -2.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | .. | .. | 25.8% | |
| Jul 01/Jul 00 | 3.1% | -11.9% | -23.9% | -9.5% | -13.1% | 52.8% | 13.0% | 5.4% | -4.0% | 4.5% | 4.3% | -0.2% | -3.3% | 0.0% | 92.1% | 6.1% | 22.9% | |

¹ Excluding VAT

² Revised

.. Comparison not valid

Table 2 Agricultural Input Price Index¹

Base year 1990=100

| Period | Total inputs index | Feeding stuffs | | | | | | Fertilizers | | | | | Seeds | Energy | | | Plant protection products | Veterinary expenses (incl. AI) | Other inputs ² |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|--------|-------|---------|------|-------------|----------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|---------------|------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Straight | Compound | | | | All | Straight | Compound | | All | Motor fuels | | Elec- tricity | All energy | | | | |
| | | | Calf | Cattle | Pig | Poultry | | | NPK | PK | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | 103.5 | 93.1 | 90.3 | 91.6 | 91.7 | 92.6 | 91.9 | 94.0 | 93.3 | 103.5 | 95.2 | 136.5 | 108.8 | 103.1 | 108.3 | 116.8 | 129.5 | 120.4 | |
| 2000 | 109.5 | 96.7 | 92.9 | 94.7 | 93.2 | 94.4 | 94.4 | 101.0 | 96.1 | 105.4 | 99.2 | 129.1 | 143.7 | 103.1 | 134.7 | 116.1 | 135.1 | 126.2 | |
| 2000 | January | 106.2 | 93.3 | 91.5 | 93.3 | 91.8 | 93.1 | 92.9 | 97.4 | 94.6 | 104.3 | 97.1 | 129.6 | 126.8 | 103.1 | 121.9 | 116.8 | 129.9 | 123.5 |
| | February | 106.9 | 93.4 | 91.8 | 93.6 | 92.3 | 93.5 | 93.2 | 98.5 | 95.4 | 103.9 | 97.9 | 129.6 | 129.7 | 103.1 | 124.1 | 116.8 | 130.1 | 124.3 |
| | March | 107.8 | 94.1 | 91.8 | 93.6 | 92.1 | 93.5 | 93.2 | 98.5 | 95.4 | 103.9 | 97.9 | 129.6 | 136.0 | 103.1 | 129.0 | 116.5 | 135.2 | 124.5 |
| | April | 108.2 | 94.7 | 92.0 | 93.6 | 92.1 | 93.5 | 93.3 | 99.3 | 96.0 | 104.1 | 98.5 | 129.6 | 135.7 | 103.1 | 128.7 | 116.3 | 136.4 | 125.6 |
| | May | 108.1 | 98.4 | 92.2 | 93.8 | 92.3 | 93.6 | 93.8 | 100.2 | 96.2 | 104.2 | 98.8 | 129.6 | 132.7 | 103.1 | 126.2 | 116.1 | 136.4 | 125.2 |
| | June | 109.2 | 98.6 | 93.0 | 94.5 | 93.2 | 94.2 | 94.5 | 101.2 | 96.4 | 104.2 | 99.3 | 129.6 | 140.1 | 103.1 | 131.8 | 115.7 | 136.2 | 125.7 |
| | July | 109.7 | 98.5 | 93.2 | 95.0 | 93.4 | 94.4 | 94.8 | 101.1 | 96.4 | 104.3 | 99.2 | 129.6 | 143.4 | 103.1 | 134.6 | 115.7 | 136.3 | 126.0 |
| | August | 110.0 | 98.8 | 93.6 | 95.3 | 93.7 | 94.9 | 95.1 | 101.1 | 96.4 | 104.6 | 99.3 | 129.6 | 143.4 | 103.1 | 134.6 | 115.7 | 136.3 | 127.0 |
| | September | 111.7 | 99.1 | 93.5 | 95.3 | 93.7 | 95.0 | 95.2 | 101.7 | 96.5 | 105.6 | 99.6 | 129.6 | 159.7 | 103.1 | 146.8 | 115.7 | 136.2 | 128.0 |
| | October | 112.8 | 99.8 | 94.6 | 96.3 | 94.4 | 95.3 | 96.0 | 107.5 | 98.7 | 108.2 | 102.9 | 128.5 | 160.5 | 103.1 | 147.5 | 115.7 | 136.5 | 128.6 |
| | November | 113.6 | 99.6 | 94.6 | 96.8 | 94.5 | 95.4 | 96.2 | 112.5 | 102.2 | 109.6 | 106.5 | 128.5 | 160.1 | 103.1 | 147.4 | 115.8 | 136.1 | 129.0 |
| | December | 113.7 | 99.5 | 95.5 | 98.1 | 94.8 | 96.3 | 97.0 | 112.9 | 102.5 | 109.8 | 106.8 | 128.5 | 156.0 | 103.1 | 144.3 | 115.8 | 136.2 | 129.1 |
| 2001 | January | 113.8 | 100.4 | 96.1 | 98.7 | 95.3 | 96.6 | 97.6 | 115.2 | 104.5 | 109.6 | 108.7 | 137.1 | 142.4 | 103.1 | 134.2 | 116.3 | 139.1 | 130.3 |
| | February | 113.7 | 100.7 | 96.2 | 98.5 | 95.7 | 96.7 | 97.7 | 118.4 | 106.3 | 109.9 | 110.7 | 137.1 | 135.9 | 103.1 | 129.2 | 116.3 | 139.2 | 130.8 |
| | March | 114.3 | 101.2 | 96.2 | 98.7 | 95.7 | 96.7 | 97.8 | 118.1 | 106.7 | 109.7 | 110.8 | 137.1 | 138.4 | 103.1 | 131.0 | 116.6 | 141.0 | 132.0 |
| | April | 114.4 | 101.4 | 96.2 | 99.0 | 95.7 | 96.7 | 98.0 | 117.7 | 106.6 | 109.8 | 110.6 | 137.1 | 136.7 | 103.1 | 129.8 | 116.7 | 142.4 | 133.1 |
| | May | 115.0 | 101.4 | 96.2 | 98.9 | 95.9 | 96.8 | 98.0 | 117.1 | 106.0 | 109.8 | 110.1 | 137.1 | 143.5 | 103.1 | 134.8 | 116.8 | 142.5 | 133.8 |
| | June | 115.2 | 101.5 | 96.2 | 99.0 | 96.0 | 96.7 | 98.0 | 115.5 | 105.0 | 109.3 | 109.1 | 137.1 | 146.9 | 103.1 | 137.4 | ³ 116.0 | ³ 142.4 | 134.1 |
| | July | 115.4 | 101.5 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 97.2 | 97.5 | 98.9 | 115.1 | 104.6 | 109.1 | 108.7 | 137.1 | 144.2 | 103.1 | 135.4 | 116.0 | 142.9 | 134.8 |
| Jul 01/Jun 01 | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.2% | 0.8% | 0.9% | -0.3% | -0.4% | -0.2% | -0.4% | 0.0% | -1.8% | 0.0% | -1.5% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.5% | |
| Jul 01/Jul 00 | 5.2% | 3.0% | 4.2% | 5.3% | 4.1% | 3.3% | 4.3% | 13.8% | 8.5% | 4.6% | 9.6% | 5.8% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.3% | 4.8% | 7.0% | |

¹ Excluding VAT

² "Other inputs" includes maintenance and repairs, services other than veterinary, imports of young/store animals and miscellaneous materials

³ Revised

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Agricultural Output Price Index¹

Base year 1990=100

| Period | Total outputs index | Prime cattle | Cows for slaughter | Store cattle | Sheep | Pigs | Poultry | Milk | Potatoes | Vegetables | |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | January | ² 92.5 | 82.0 | 66.2 | 82.3 | 87.4 | 75.0 | 85.8 | ² 109.5 | 93.8 | 108.9 |
| | February | ² 93.3 | 84.0 | 68.0 | 84.0 | 98.8 | 76.2 | 85.2 | ² 110.0 | 88.9 | 108.7 |
| | March | ² 93.5 | 82.2 | 69.7 | 83.6 | 96.3 | 76.4 | 84.6 | ² 111.5 | 89.2 | 109.3 |
| | April | ² 94.7 | 85.9 | 73.0 | 85.9 | 90.6 | 81.2 | 83.7 | ² 111.9 | 83.7 | 112.2 |
| | May | ² 95.4 | 89.1 | 74.8 | 90.6 | 80.1 | 82.9 | 83.9 | ² 111.9 | 86.2 | 117.8 |
| | June | ² 97.3 | 92.0 | 80.7 | 93.2 | 78.0 | 84.0 | 83.8 | ² 112.9 | 76.9 | 116.1 |
| | July | ² 99.7 | 92.8 | 83.6 | 95.3 | 81.0 | 83.6 | 82.8 | ² 114.4 | 182.0 | 123.4 |
| | August | ² 100.9 | 94.3 | 81.7 | 97.5 | 83.2 | 83.9 | 83.8 | ² 115.5 | 182.4 | 134.1 |
| | September | ² 101.6 | 94.2 | 82.5 | 98.3 | 89.0 | 85.9 | 84.8 | ² 116.7 | 179.8 | 123.0 |
| | October | ² 103.0 | 95.2 | 83.7 | 99.0 | 93.3 | 89.1 | 85.2 | ² 118.1 | 205.9 | 122.7 |
| | November | ² 102.2 | 92.0 | 77.2 | 96.7 | 102.3 | 94.2 | 85.1 | ² 118.3 | 198.7 | 126.7 |
| | December | ² 101.9 | 89.8 | 70.5 | 94.9 | 109.0 | 96.6 | 92.6 | ² 118.8 | 202.3 | 125.7 |
| 2001 | January | 102.9 | 92.0 | 70.7 | 98.8 | 115.4 | 99.0 | 85.2 | 116.6 | 223.5 | 120.8 |
| | February | 100.3 | 84.5 | 71.2 | 87.9 | 120.9 | 104.2 | 85.3 | 115.7 | 211.9 | 126.4 |
| | March | 100.6 | 81.6 | 68.4 | 85.3 | 126.8 | 106.9 | 85.9 | 116.6 | 222.8 | 131.5 |
| | April | 99.2 | 84.1 | 68.3 | 86.9 | 116.5 | 96.9 | 86.6 | 115.5 | 215.6 | 118.4 |
| | May | 100.4 | 81.3 | 65.7 | 84.5 | 124.0 | 100.1 | 86.1 | 119.1 | 195.9 | 148.0 |
| | June | ² 100.8 | 83.4 | 61.4 | 86.2 | 114.9 | 97.3 | 88.4 | 119.8 | 178.2 | 142.7 |
| | July | 102.8 | 81.7 | 63.5 | 86.2 | 123.1 | 94.3 | 87.2 | 119.6 | 351.6 | 131.0 |
| Jul 01/Jun 01 | 2.0% | -2.0% | 3.4% | 0.0% | 7.1% | -3.1% | -1.4% | -0.2% | .. | .. | |

¹ Excluding VAT

² Revised

.. Comparison not valid

Table 4 Seasonally Adjusted Agricultural Input Price Index¹

Base year 1990=100

| Period | Total inputs index | Feeding stuffs | | | | | | Fertilizers | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|--------|------|---------|------|-------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | Straight | Compound | | | | All | Straight | Compound | | All | |
| | | | Calf | Cattle | Pig | Poultry | | | NPK | PK | | |
| 2000 | January | 106.4 | 94.4 | 91.8 | 93.6 | 92.4 | 93.3 | 93.3 | 96.0 | 93.9 | 103.5 | 96.1 |
| | February | 106.9 | 94.2 | 91.6 | 93.5 | 92.5 | 93.5 | 93.2 | 96.7 | 94.6 | 103.6 | 96.9 |
| | March | 107.6 | 94.2 | 91.5 | 93.3 | 92.2 | 93.4 | 93.1 | 97.5 | 94.8 | 103.9 | 97.3 |
| | April | 107.9 | 94.5 | 91.6 | 93.2 | 91.9 | 93.3 | 93.0 | 98.6 | 95.7 | 104.3 | 98.2 |
| | May | 107.8 | 97.5 | 91.9 | 93.2 | 91.7 | 93.4 | 93.3 | 100.0 | 96.2 | 104.5 | 98.8 |
| | June | 108.9 | 97.2 | 92.5 | 93.8 | 92.5 | 93.8 | 93.8 | 101.2 | 96.5 | 104.6 | 99.4 |
| | July | 109.4 | 97.1 | 92.7 | 94.2 | 92.8 | 94.0 | 94.1 | 101.6 | 96.7 | 105.0 | 99.6 |
| | August | 109.9 | 97.4 | 93.3 | 95.0 | 93.4 | 94.6 | 94.7 | 102.4 | 96.9 | 105.2 | 100.1 |
| | September | 111.8 | 98.6 | 93.7 | 95.7 | 93.9 | 95.2 | 95.4 | 103.0 | 97.1 | 105.7 | 100.4 |
| | October | 113.3 | 101.1 | 95.5 | 97.5 | 95.0 | 95.7 | 96.9 | 108.6 | 99.3 | 108.1 | 103.6 |
| | November | 114.0 | 101.1 | 95.5 | 97.7 | 95.0 | 96.0 | 97.0 | 113.3 | 102.4 | 109.3 | 107.0 |
| | December | 114.2 | 100.8 | 96.0 | 98.6 | 95.2 | 96.7 | 97.6 | 113.6 | 102.8 | 109.1 | 106.7 |
| 2001 | January | 114.0 | 101.6 | 96.4 | 99.0 | 95.9 | 96.8 | 98.0 | 113.6 | 103.8 | 108.7 | 107.6 |
| | February | 113.7 | 101.6 | 96.0 | 98.4 | 95.9 | 96.7 | 97.7 | 116.3 | 105.4 | 109.6 | 109.6 |
| | March | 114.1 | 101.3 | 95.9 | 98.4 | 95.8 | 96.6 | 97.7 | 116.9 | 106.1 | 109.7 | 110.1 |
| | April | 114.1 | 101.1 | 95.7 | 98.6 | 95.5 | 96.5 | 97.7 | 116.9 | 106.3 | 110.0 | 110.3 |
| | May | 114.7 | 100.4 | 95.9 | 98.3 | 95.3 | 96.6 | 97.5 | 116.9 | 106.0 | 110.1 | 110.1 |
| | June | 114.9 | 100.1 | 95.6 | 98.3 | 95.3 | 96.3 | 97.3 | 115.5 | 105.1 | 109.6 | 109.2 |
| | July | 115.2 | 100.1 | 96.5 | 99.2 | 96.6 | 97.1 | 98.2 | 115.7 | 104.9 | 109.9 | 109.1 |
| Jul 01/Jun 01 | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 0.9% | 1.4% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 0.2% | -0.2% | 0.3% | -0.1% | |

¹ Excluding VAT

Table 5 Selected output prices at livestock martsaverage £ per head¹

| Category | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 ² |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Bullocks | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-249 kg ³ | 304 | 323 | 348 | 386 | 385 | 348 | 341 | 323 | 263 | 383 |
| 250-299 kg ³ | 354 | 368 | 399 | 426 | 421 | 377 | 398 | 367 | 319 | 443 |
| 300-349 kg ³ | 399 | 410 | 449 | 456 | 463 | 407 | 407 | 374 | 318 | 422 |
| 350-399 kg | 447 | 456 | 499 | 516 | 507 | 443 | 425 | 390 | 370 | 462 |
| 400-449 kg | 501 | 504 | 550 | 570 | 558 | 479 | 475 | 439 | 417 | 517 |
| 450-499 kg | 559 | 558 | 603 | 617 | 609 | 520 | 512 | 478 | 465 | 548 |
| 500-549 kg | 611 | 610 | 656 | 666 | 655 | 562 | 545 | 520 | 505 | 578 |
| 550+ kg | 699 | 702 | 746 | 749 | 745 | 631 | 613 | 585 | 576 | 662 |
| Heifers | | | | | | | | | | |
| 200-249 kg ³ | 253 | 258 | 283 | 313 | 297 | 263 | 246 | 225 | 187 | 258 |
| 250-299 kg ³ | 303 | 304 | 338 | 366 | 347 | 304 | 308 | 286 | 246 | 312 |
| 300-349 kg ³ | 356 | 356 | 392 | 411 | 397 | 347 | 331 | 309 | 254 | 325 |
| 350-399 kg | 405 | 405 | 441 | 456 | 443 | 384 | 373 | 349 | 316 | 379 |
| 400-449 kg | 456 | 453 | 495 | 509 | 496 | 429 | 416 | 393 | 368 | 427 |
| Sheep ³ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30-39 kg | 36 | 31 | 36 | 38 | 36 | 46 | 47 | 37 | 34 | 36 |
| 40-49 kg | 41 | 38 | 43 | 46 | 44 | 54 | 57 | 49 | 44 | 47 |
| 50-59 kg | 47 | 44 | 46 | 53 | 52 | 61 | 64 | 52 | 49 | 54 |
| Pigs ³ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-24 kg | 23 | 25 | 18 | 21 | 25 | 29 | 22 | 15 | 15 | 20 |
| 25-34 kg | 30 | 31 | 25 | 27 | 33 | 36 | 31 | 23 | 21 | 29 |
| 35-44 kg | 35 | 37 | 31 | 32 | 39 | 43 | 37 | 29 | 25 | 35 |
| 45-54 kg | 39 | 42 | 36 | 38 | 45 | 49 | 42 | 34 | 26 | 38 |

¹ Including VAT, rounded to nearest £² 2000 data incorporates small differences in methodology³ Not used in the compilation of the indices

Table 6 Selected agricultural input prices

average £ per tonne¹

| Category | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Feeding stuffs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Straight | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rolled barley ² | 166 | 163 | 162 | 162 | 157 | 156 | 161 | 150 | 138 | 146 | 146 |
| Barley meal | 170 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 163 | 163 | 166 | 155 | 144 | 142 | 143 |
| Soya bean meal | 228 | 196 | 194 | 210 | 219 | 200 | 229 | 255 | 223 | 184 | 218 |
| Maize meal | 218 | 231 | 227 | 223 | 200 | 206 | 207 | 190 | 168 | 179 | 179 |
| Maize flaked ² | 290 | 300 | 297 | 288 | 276 | 275 | 284 | 279 | 271 | 265 | 264 |
| Pig | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pig grower | 213 | 200 | 200 | 197 | 199 | 192 | 207 | 203 | 187 | 180 | 182 |
| Pig fattening meal | 195 | 194 | 196 | 196 | 195 | 195 | 206 | 196 | 190 | 188 | 187 |
| Sow breeder ² | 200 | 193 | 195 | 194 | 193 | 190 | 199 | 198 | 188 | 181 | 177 |
| Sow weaner & bonham meal | 208 | 203 | 206 | 204 | 202 | 199 | 210 | 204 | 198 | 190 | 193 |
| Cattle | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cattle fattening nuts & cubes 13-15% protein | 170 | 162 | 163 | 164 | 165 | 164 | 171 | 163 | 154 | 151 | 156 |
| Calf nuts & cubes 14-15% protein ² | 191 | 183 | 183 | 186 | 187 | 190 | 197 | 183 | 168 | 161 | 167 |
| Dairy nuts & cubes 13-15% protein ² | 166 | 160 | 167 | 165 | 167 | 161 | 173 | 165 | 155 | 145 | 148 |
| Dairy nuts & cubes 16-18% protein | 174 | 165 | 166 | 168 | 170 | 168 | 176 | 170 | 160 | 154 | 159 |
| Dairy meal 16-18% protein ² | 177 | 168 | 173 | 171 | 172 | 171 | 180 | 172 | 159 | 150 | 154 |
| Calf nuts & cubes 16-18% protein | 192 | 184 | 185 | 185 | 186 | 183 | 195 | 189 | 179 | 174 | 178 |
| Calf meal 16-18% protein ² | 194 | 182 | 189 | 204 | 204 | 200 | 213 | 212 | 206 | 188 | 183 |
| Milk replacer | 1,272 | 1,176 | 1,210 | 1,267 | 1,290 | 1,308 | 1,351 | 1,324 | 1,318 | 1,307 | 1,314 |
| Poultry | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Layer mash | 217 | 208 | 205 | 207 | 207 | 202 | 210 | 206 | 205 | 209 | 218 |
| Chick mash | 248 | 242 | 243 | 243 | 241 | 229 | 237 | 239 | 235 | 225 | 230 |
| Broiler finisher | 269 | 260 | 259 | 263 | 258 | 246 | 257 | 251 | 245 | 240 | 239 |
| Broiler starter | 281 | 277 | 275 | 273 | 271 | 255 | 267 | 265 | 262 | 256 | 257 |
| Fertilizers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Straight | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calcium ammonium nitrate 27.5% N | 113 | 119 | 114 | 104 | 108 | 122 | 128 | 118 | 109 | 112 | 129 |
| Urea 46% N | 140 | 157 | 154 | 143 | 146 | 158 | 171 | 163 | 152 | 149 | 158 |
| Muriate of potash 50% K | 152 | 153 | 150 | 147 | 154 | 162 | 169 | 166 | 164 | 164 | 171 |
| Granular superphosphate 16% P | 194 | 190 | 189 | 183 | 188 | 196 | 201 | 199 | 199 | 205 | 211 |
| Compound | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-10-20 | 137 | 130 | 130 | 120 | 128 | 136 | 142 | 136 | 134 | 147 | 151 |
| 0-7-30 | 135 | 128 | 128 | 120 | 128 | 136 | 142 | 137 | 134 | 147 | 151 |
| 10-10-20 | 166 | 164 | 162 | 154 | 157 | 173 | 180 | 172 | 168 | 170 | 176 |
| 14-7-14 | 157 | 158 | 157 | 148 | 151 | 166 | 174 | 166 | 157 | 158 | 163 |
| 18-6-12 | 154 | 155 | 152 | 144 | 147 | 163 | 170 | 162 | 155 | 156 | 161 |
| 24-2.5-10 | 150 | 157 | 155 | 147 | 149 | 159 | 170 | 162 | 153 | 156 | 162 |
| 27-2.5-5 | 147 | 154 | 151 | 143 | 146 | 157 | 166 | 158 | 150 | 152 | 160 |

¹ Including VAT, rounded to nearest £

² Not used in the compilation of the indices

Background Notes

- Introduction** This release presents estimates of Agricultural Input and Output Price Indices. The indices monitor trends in prices paid to farmers for their produce and in prices paid by farmers for purchases of goods and services.
- The methodology is harmonised throughout the EU. The estimates are given to Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Preliminary annual indices, based on around nine months data, are also published each November.
- Methodology** The agricultural output price index numbers are intended to measure trends in the price levels of agricultural produce sold by farmers. They have been compiled on the basis of the “national farm” concept. The Laspeyres index formula, involving the use of fixed base year weights, has been used for all commodities except vegetables. Because of the highly seasonal nature of vegetables, variable monthly baskets are used.
- Monthly price series are used except for seasonal products, such as seeds, where prices are only available at certain times during the year. In these cases, the monthly prices returned during the last selling period are continued unchanged until the product can be priced again.
- The monthly sub-indices are weighted by the value of sales off farms and the expenditure on farm inputs to derive overall monthly total input and total output indices. The annual indices are weighted averages of the twelve monthly indices. The weights exclude both the value of inter-farm sales and the value of own produce consumed in farm households.
- Price Coverage** The index prices used are after deduction of levies and exclusion of value added tax. Standardised prices are used for milk, cereals and sugar beet to ensure that products of identical quality are priced in successive periods. In the case of milk, this means pricing at a fixed butterfat content and excluding special bonuses paid in respect of some deliveries to creameries. Standardised cereal prices take account of moisture content with additional allowance made in the case of wheat for specific gravity and protein content. Sugar beet prices are standardised at a fixed sugar content. Allowance is made for subsidies paid to suppliers of agricultural inputs.
- Data sources** The indices are compiled from a wide variety of sources, including direct CSO surveys and administrative data from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. The actual sources are described more fully in the June 1995 issue of the Statistical Bulletin.
- Livestock auction mart prices are used for cattle. For sheep and pigs, representative licensed export premises prices are used. Poultry prices at livestock auction marts and approved processing premises are used. For milk, the CSO collects prices from creameries. Feeding stuffs and fertilizers prices are collected through a CSO survey of merchants and co-operatives.
- Seasonal adjustment** As many agricultural products follow a seasonal production pattern, seasonally adjusted monthly series for the total indices and selected sub-indices are also published. The use of standardised prices for some commodities reduces the seasonality of these prices.
- Rebasing** The series are normally rebased every five years. The next rebasing will set 1995 as 100. The value of sales off farms and the expenditure on farm inputs, both averaged over the three years 1994-1996, would normally be used as weights. Methodological discussions at EU level taking place with Eurostat in Luxembourg may result in a significantly different approach being adopted with regard to weighting and pricing.
- References** Agricultural Price Indices, Preliminary Estimates, annual CSO release.
Eurostat Statistics in Focus - Agricultural Price trends in the EU.
CSO Statistical Bulletin, absolute agricultural prices.
- Foot and Mouth Disease** Due to restrictions on farm trade alternative series have been used for some indices. The cattle indices for March, April, May and June have been calculated from licensed export premises prices.

EU EU output price indices %

| Country | Oct-Dec 2000 / Oct-Dec 1999 | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Total outputs | Cattle | Sheep | Cow's Milk |
| European Union | 4.3 | -2.1 | 9.7 | 6.3 |
| Austria | 6.7 | -1.4 | .. | 2.3 |
| Belgium | 12.5 | 7.7 | 10.5 | 4.5 |
| Denmark | 10.7 | 1.7 | 9.3 | 11.9 |
| Finland | 8.8 | -0.4 | 0.9 | 18.0 |
| France | 1.2 | -8.4 | 27.3 | 4.9 |
| Germany | 8.7 | -4.3 | 8.2 | 8.7 |
| Greece | 0.1 | -2.3 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| Ireland | 10.8 | 14.4 | 27.8 | 6.0 |
| Italy | 1.7 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 0.1 |
| Luxembourg | 2.6 | 4.5 | .. | 1.5 |
| Netherlands | 9.1 | -0.7 | 23.5 | 13.3 |
| Portugal | 4.6 | -1.7 | -1.4 | 0.0 |
| Spain | 4.0 | -5.3 | -0.5 | 5.9 |
| Sweden | 0.3 | 2.3 | -3.2 | 2.8 |
| United Kingdom | 5.3 | -4.7 | 17.2 | 4.6 |

.. Indices not available due to negligible sheep production in these countries

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat

EU input price indices %

| Country | Oct-Dec 2000 / Oct-Dec 1999 | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Total inputs | Energy | Fertilizers | Feeding Stuffs |
| European Union | 7.9 | 24.5 | 17.3 | 6.2 |
| Austria | 9.6 | 11.4 | 16.0 | 26.7 |
| Belgium | 9.7 | 36.8 | 12.3 | 8.2 |
| Denmark | 6.7 | 21.0 | 14.4 | 6.8 |
| Finland | 10.0 | 33.5 | 9.5 | 6.9 |
| France | 7.7 | 19.1 | 15.7 | 11.2 |
| Germany | 11.3 | 36.0 | 18.5 | 12.7 |
| Greece | 11.9 | 32.3 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| Ireland | 8.2 | 25.1 | 11.5 | 4.5 |
| Italy | 2.9 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 2.1 |
| Luxembourg | 8.2 | 20.5 | 26.6 | 1.1 |
| Netherlands | 10.7 | 28.4 | 40.5 | 7.7 |
| Portugal | 8.1 | 35.2 | 25.0 | 5.1 |
| Spain | 6.8 | 24.9 | 19.2 | 2.3 |
| Sweden | 8.1 | 22.7 | 19.5 | 2.0 |
| United Kingdom | 5.5 | 16.8 | 43.9 | 2.8 |

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat