

# Producer Price Index grows 4.5 %

The Producer Price Index (PPI) of all economic activities covering: agriculture, manufacturing and electricity and water supply for the month of April was 139.1 while the annual growth rate for the month of April was 4.5 per cent, according to

Department of Census and Statistics.

The PPI reported for the economic activities: agriculture, manufacturing and electricity and water supply reported are 153.3, 132.4 and 88.3 respectively. Manufacturing and electricity and water supply sectors reported

positive annual growth rates of 10.5 per cent and 2.0 per cent respectively. Even though, agriculture activity reported a negative growth rate of 6.6 per cent in the month of April 2019.

The agricultural activities, production of eggs and growing of vegetables reported remarkably high growth rates of 42.5 per cent and 40.1 per cent in April 2019 on annual basis.

Further, production of dairy reported a positive annual growth rate of 3.3 percent.

Table 1: PPI of April of 2018 & 2019 and Year on Year changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2013 Q4=100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Year on Year % change (2019 April**/ 2018 April)
	2018 April	2019 April**	
All Activities	133.1	139.1	4.5
Agriculture	164.1	153.3	-6.6
Manufacturing	119.8	132.4	10.5
Electricity & water supply	86.6	88.3	2.0

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