

# Web Release



## Producer's Price Index: October 2018 (Base: Fourth Quarter 2013=100)



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#### Introduction

The Producer's Price Index (PPI) measures the average change over the time in prices received by domestic producers of goods and services. The introduction of the PPI in Sri Lanka provides a more complete picture of price movements and trends for making informed policy decisions. Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) has been releasing PPI quarterly from September, 2015 with time lag of 35 days. Giving due consideration for making the estimates available more frequently, it has now been arranged to release PPI monthly with a time lag of 45 days.

PPI is an important macroeconomic indicator. It serves as an indicator of short term inflationary trends and as a deflator of economic series. It is also used in productivity analysis, contract escalation, business analysis and current cost accounting etc. PPI covers the Agriculture, Manufacturing and Electricity & Water supply sectors of the economy.

#### Annual Changes of Producer's Price Index

The Producer's Price Index for major economic activities: agriculture, manufacturing and water supply & electricity generation and distribution in October 2018 is 130.7. The annual growth rate recorded for the overall PPI is 1.8 per cent. PPI for agriculture, manufacturing and electricity & water supply sectors are 142.6, 124.7 and 86.2 respectively. Manufacturing sector reported a significantly high positive annual growth rate of 13.4 per cent. Electricity & water supply sector also reported a positive annual growth rate of 1.7 per cent. Agriculture sector reported the sharpest year on year decrease of 17.3 per cent in October 2018 compared to the same month in 2017.

Domestic producers engaged in activities of "Production of eggs" (21.9%) and "Production of dairy" (2.2%) received higher prices for their output in the month of October 2018 compared to the same month in 2017. Although, activities of "Growing of vegetables" (28.4%), "Growing of fruits, nuts and beverage crops" (17.6%) and "Growing of cereals" (13.0%) reported significantly high negative growth rates in the month of October, 2018 on annual basis.

In manufacturing sector, the highest growth rate in prices received by domestic producers reported from the activity, "Manufacturing of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel" (46.6%) in October, 2018 on annual basis. The activities of manufacturing sector, "Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media" (24.3%), "Manufacturing of other transport equipment" (18.2%), "Manufacturing of chemicals and chemical products" (15.0%), "Manufacturing of rubber and plastics" (12.2%) and "Manufacturing of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur" (10.7%) posted significantly high positive growth rates in October 2018 compared to that of in 2017. Further, "Manufacturing of furniture and Manufacturing of goods not elsewhere classified" (7.3%), "Manufacturing of textiles" (7.2%), "Manufacturing of electrical machinery and apparatus" (5.0%), "Manufacturing of other non-metallic mineral products" (3.9%) and "Manufacturing of basic metals" (1.0%) reported considerably higher growth rates on annual basis. The only manufacturing activity which reported a negative annual growth rate is "Manufacturing of food and beverage" (1.5%) in the month of October 2018 compared to October 2017 (Table 4).

“Generation and distribution of Electricity” and “Water supply” activities reported positive annual growth rates of 1.4 per cent and 3.2 per cent respectively in the month of October 2018 on annual basis (Table 4).

**Table 1: PPI of October of 2017 & 2018 and Year on Year changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2013 Q4=100)**

| Major Economic Activity    | PPI       |             | Year on Year % change (Oct. 2018**/ Oct. 2017) |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|--|
|                            | 2017 Oct. | 2018 Oct.** |  |
| All Activities             | 128.4     | 130.7       | 1.8  |
| Agriculture                | 172.4     | 142.6       | -17.3  |
| Manufacturing              | 110.0     | 124.7       | 13.4   |
| Electricity & water supply | 84.8      | 86.2        | 1.7  |

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### Monthly Changes of Producer’s Price Index

The overall PPI increased by 1.6 index points from 129.1 index points in September 2018 to 130.7 index points in October 2018. The monthly growth rate of October 2018 is 1.2 per cent after posting negative monthly growth rates for previous three consecutive months. Electricity & water supply and manufacturing activities reported 4.5 per cent and 2.4 per cent growth rates respectively on monthly basis. However, agriculture activity recorded a negative growth rate of 1.7 per cent (Table 2).

“Growing of cereal crops” (5.2%), “Growing of vegetables” (4.2%) and “Production of dairy” (0.1%) activities reported positive growth rates. However, activities “Egg production” (11.7%) and “Growing of fruits, nuts and beverage crops” (2.6%) recorded negative growth rates on monthly basis.

“Manufacturing of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel” (6.6%), “Manufacturing of rubber and plastics” (4.1%), “Manufacturing of other transport equipment” (4.1%), “Manufacturing of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur” (3.4%), “Manufacturing of textiles” (2.5%), “Manufacturing of chemicals and chemical products” (2.3%), “Manufacturing of furniture, Manufacturing of goods not elsewhere classified” (2.1%), “Manufacturing of other non-metallic mineral products” (1.6%) and activities reported significant growth rates in prices received by domestic producers for their output in October compared to previous month. “Manufacturing of food products and beverages” (0.7%) and “Publishing, printing, and reproduction of recorded media” (0.4%) activities reported marginal positive growth rates, while, “Manufacturing of tobacco products” activity reported a marginal negative growth rate of 0.1 per cent in October 2018 on monthly basis. “Manufacturing of basic metal” and “Manufacturing of electrical machinery and apparatus” activities remained unchanged. (Table 4).

The activity, “Generation and distribution of electricity” reported a monthly growth rate of 5.1 per cent. However, “Collection, purification and distribution of water” activity remained unchanged in October 2018 compared to September level (Table 4).

**Table 2: PPI of September & October of 2018 and Month to Month changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2013 Q4 =100)**

| Major Economic Activity    | PPI        |             | Month to Month % change (2018 Oct**/ 2018 Sep*) |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|---|
|                            | 2018 Sep.* | 2018 Oct.** |   |
| All Activities             | 129.1      | 130.7       | 1.2   |
| Agriculture                | 145.1      | 142.6       | -1.7  |
| Manufacturing              | 121.8      | 124.7       | 2.4   |
| Electricity & Water Supply | 82.5       | 86.2        | 4.5   |

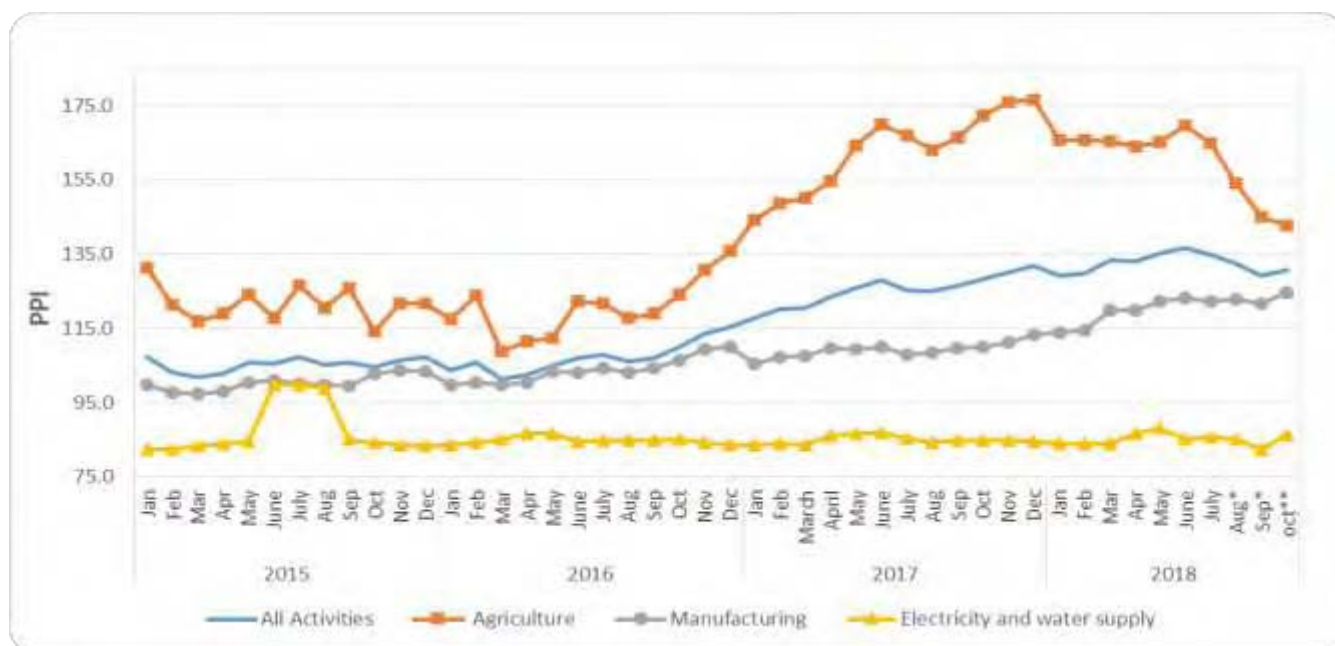
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**Table 3: Movements of Producer's Price Index by Major Economic Activity:  
January 2014 – October 2018 (Base: 2013 Q4 =100)**

| Year | Month     | All activities |                |              |                          | Agriculture  |                |              |                          | Manufacturing |                |              |                          | Electricity & Water Supply |                |              |                          |
|------|-----------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|      |           | Index number   | % changes      |              |                          | Index number | % changes      |              |                          | Index number  | % changes      |              |                          | Index number               | % changes      |              |                          |
|      |           |                | Month to month | Year on year | 12 Months Moving Average |              | Month to month | Year on year | 12 Months Moving Average |               | Month to month | Year on year | 12 Months Moving Average |                            | Month to month | Year on year | 12 Months Moving Average |
| 2014 | January   | 100.8          |                |              |                          | 100.7        |                |              |                          | 101.0         |                |              |                          | 99.2                       |                |              |                          |
|      | February  | 101.1          | 0.3            |              |                          | 103.3        | 2.5            |              |                          | 100.5         | -0.5           |              |                          | 98.6                       | -0.6           |              |                          |
|      | March     | 100.5          | -0.6           |              |                          | 101.3        | -1.9           |              |                          | 100.3         | -0.2           |              |                          | 99.2                       | 0.6            |              |                          |
|      | April     | 102.3          | 1.8            |              |                          | 106.4        | 5.0            |              |                          | 100.9         | 0.6            |              |                          | 100.2                      | 0.9            |              |                          |
|      | May       | 100.2          | -2.1           |              |                          | 96.2         | -9.6           |              |                          | 101.9         | 1.0            |              |                          | 99.8                       | -0.4           |              |                          |
|      | June      | 100.1          | -0.1           |              |                          | 98.4         | 2.3            |              |                          | 100.9         | -1.1           |              |                          | 100.0                      | 0.2            |              |                          |
|      | July      | 100.9          | 0.8            |              |                          | 100.6        | 2.2            |              |                          | 101.2         | 0.3            |              |                          | 100.0                      | 0.0            |              |                          |
|      | August    | 104.5          | 3.6            |              |                          | 113.9        | 13.3           |              |                          | 101.3         | 0.1            |              |                          | 98.9                       | -1.0           |              |                          |
|      | September | 101.2          | -3.2           |              |                          | 104.6        | -8.2           |              |                          | 100.3         | -1.0           |              |                          | 95.9                       | -3.0           |              |                          |
|      | October   | 103.5          | 2.3            |              |                          | 109.8        | 5.0            |              |                          | 102.1         | 1.8            |              |                          | 91.7                       | -4.4           |              |                          |
|      | November  | 102.0          | -1.4           |              |                          | 107.7        | -1.9           |              |                          | 101.1         | -1.0           |              |                          | 87.8                       | -4.2           |              |                          |
|      | December  | 102.1          | 0.1            |              |                          | 112.8        | 4.8            |              |                          | 99.6          | -1.4           |              |                          | 82.5                       | -6.0           |              |                          |
| 2015 | January   | 107.3          | 5.0            | 6.4          |                          | 131.2        | 16.3           | 30.3         |                          | 99.9          | 0.2            | -1.1         |                          | 82.5                       | -0.1           | -16.9        |                          |
|      | February  | 103.2          | -3.7           | 2.1          |                          | 121.4        | -7.5           | 17.5         |                          | 97.9          | -2.0           | -2.6         |                          | 82.3                       | -0.2           | -16.5        |                          |
|      | March     | 101.9          | -1.3           | 1.4          |                          | 117.0        | -3.7           | 15.5         |                          | 97.5          | -0.4           | -2.8         |                          | 83.3                       | 1.2            | -16.1        |                          |
|      | April     | 102.9          | 1.0            | 0.5          |                          | 119.1        | 1.9            | 12.0         |                          | 98.0          | 0.5            | -2.8         |                          | 84.0                       | 0.9            | -16.1        |                          |
|      | May       | 105.8          | 2.9            | 5.6          |                          | 124.1        | 4.2            | 29.1         |                          | 100.4         | 2.4            | -1.5         |                          | 84.5                       | 0.6            | -15.3        |                          |
|      | June      | 105.5          | -0.3           | 5.4          |                          | 117.8        | -5.1           | 19.7         |                          | 101.1         | 0.7            | 0.2          |                          | 99.7                       | 18.0           | -0.3         |                          |
|      | July      | 107.2          | 1.6            | 6.2          |                          | 126.6        | 7.5            | 25.9         |                          | 100.1         | -1.0           | -1.1         |                          | 99.9                       | 0.2            | -0.1         |                          |
|      | August    | 105.3          | -1.8           | 0.7          |                          | 120.6        | -4.7           | 5.9          |                          | 99.7          | -0.4           | -1.6         |                          | 98.9                       | -1.0           | 0.0          |                          |
|      | September | 105.8          | 0.5            | 4.6          |                          | 126.0        | 4.4            | 20.5         |                          | 99.6          | 0.0            | -0.7         |                          | 84.9                       | -14.2          | -11.5        |                          |
|      | October   | 104.7          | -1.0           | 1.2          |                          | 114.1        | -9.4           | 3.9          |                          | 102.9         | 3.3            | 0.8          |                          | 84.1                       | -1.0           | -8.3         |                          |
|      | November  | 106.3          | 1.5            | 4.2          |                          | 121.8        | 6.8            | 13.1         |                          | 103.6         | 0.7            | 2.5          |                          | 83.6                       | -0.6           | -4.8         |                          |
|      | December  | 107.2          | 0.9            | 5.0          | 3.6                      | 121.8        | 0.0            | 8.0          | 16.4                     | 103.5         | -0.1           | 3.9          | -0.6                     | 83.2                       | -0.5           | 0.7          | -8.9                     |
| 2016 | January   | 103.7          | -3.3           | -3.3         | 2.7                      | 117.6        | -3.5           | -10.4        | 12.6                     | 99.9          | -3.5           | 0.0          | -0.5                     | 83.7                       | 0.7            | 1.5          | -7.5                     |
|      | February  | 105.8          | 2.0            | 2.5          | 2.8                      | 123.9        | 5.4            | 2.1          | 11.2                     | 100.5         | 0.6            | 2.7          | 0.0                      | 84.2                       | 0.6            | 2.3          | -6.0                     |
|      | March     | 101.4          | -4.2           | -0.5         | 2.6                      | 108.7        | -12.3          | -7.1         | 9.3                      | 99.9          | -0.6           | 2.5          | 0.4                      | 85.2                       | 1.2            | 2.3          | -4.4                     |
|      | April     | 102.6          | 1.2            | -0.3         | 2.6                      | 111.4        | 2.5            | -6.5         | 7.6                      | 100.5         | 0.6            | 2.5          | 0.8                      | 86.6                       | 1.6            | 3.1          | -2.8                     |
|      | May       | 104.8          | 2.1            | -1.0         | 2.0                      | 112.3        | 0.8            | -9.5         | 4.6                      | 103.5         | 3.0            | 3.1          | 1.2                      | 86.6                       | 0.0            | 2.5          | -1.2                     |
|      | June      | 107.0          | 2.1            | 1.4          | 1.7                      | 122.2        | 8.8            | 3.8          | 3.4                      | 103.0         | -0.5           | 1.9          | 1.4                      | 84.4                       | -2.5           | -15.4        | -2.6                     |
|      | July      | 107.8          | 0.7            | 0.5          | 1.2                      | 121.6        | -0.5           | -4.0         | 1.1                      | 104.4         | 1.4            | 4.3          | 1.8                      | 84.7                       | 0.4            | -15.2        | -4.0                     |
|      | August    | 106.0          | -1.7           | 0.7          | 1.2                      | 117.7        | -3.2           | -2.4         | 0.4                      | 103.2         | -1.1           | 3.5          | 2.3                      | 84.8                       | 0.1            | -14.3        | -5.3                     |
|      | September | 107.0          | 0.9            | 1.1          | 0.9                      | 119.1        | 1.2            | -5.4         | -1.5                     | 104.2         | 1.0            | 4.6          | 2.7                      | 84.8                       | 0.0            | -0.1         | -4.4                     |
|      | October   | 109.9          | 2.7            | 4.9          | 1.3                      | 124.0        | 4.1            | 8.7          | -1.1                     | 106.5         | 2.2            | 3.5          | 2.9                      | 85.1                       | 0.4            | 1.2          | -3.6                     |
|      | Nov       | 113.4          | 3.2            | 6.7          | 1.5                      | 130.6        | 5.3            | 7.2          | -1.5                     | 109.2         | 2.5            | 5.4          | 3.2                      | 84.2                       | -1.1           | 0.7          | -3.1                     |
|      | Dec       | 115.3          | 1.7            | 7.5          | 1.7                      | 135.8        | 4.0            | 11.5         | -1.1                     | 110.0         | 0.7            | 6.2          | 3.4                      | 83.7                       | -0.6           | 0.7          | -3.1                     |
| 2017 | January   | 117.8          | 2.2            | 13.6         | 3.1                      | 144.2        | 6.2            | 22.6         | 1.6                      | 105.5         | -4.1           | 5.6          | 3.8                      | 83.5                       | -0.2           | -0.2         | -3.3                     |
|      | Feb       | 120.1          | 2.0            | 13.5         | 4.0                      | 148.6        | 3.1            | 19.9         | 3.2                      | 107.3         | 1.7            | 6.8          | 4.2                      | 84.0                       | 0.6            | -0.2         | -3.5                     |
|      | March     | 120.6          | 0.4            | 18.9         | 5.6                      | 150.1        | 1.0            | 38.1         | 6.6                      | 107.5         | 0.2            | 7.6          | 4.6                      | 83.7                       | -0.4           | -1.8         | -3.8                     |
|      | April     | 123.4          | 2.3            | 20.3         | 7.3                      | 154.6        | 3.0            | 38.8         | 10.2                     | 109.6         | 2.0            | 9.1          | 5.1                      | 86.0                       | 2.7            | -0.7         | -4.1                     |
|      | May       | 126.0          | 2.1            | 20.2         | 9.0                      | 164.3        | 6.3            | 46.3         | 14.8                     | 109.5         | -0.1           | 5.8          | 5.4                      | 86.5                       | 0.6            | -0.1         | -4.3                     |
|      | June      | 127.9          | 1.5            | 19.5         | 10.6                     | 170.0        | 3.5            | 39.1         | 17.8                     | 110.0         | 0.5            | 6.8          | 5.8                      | 86.8                       | 0.3            | 2.8          | -2.6                     |
|      | July      | 125.4          | -2.0           | 16.3         | 11.9                     | 166.9        | -1.8           | 37.3         | 21.4                     | 107.8         | -2.0           | 3.3          | 5.7                      | 85.5                       | -1.5           | 0.9          | -1.1                     |
|      | August    | 124.9          | -0.4           | 17.8         | 13.3                     | 163.0        | -2.3           | 38.5         | 24.8                     | 108.6         | 0.7            | 5.2          | 5.8                      | 84.1                       | -1.6           | -0.8         | 0.2                      |
|      | September | 126.6          | 1.4            | 18.3         | 14.8                     | 166.4        | 2.1            | 39.7         | 28.8                     | 109.8         | 1.1            | 5.4          | 5.9                      | 84.7                       | 0.7            | -0.1         | 0.2                      |
|      | October   | 128.4          | 1.4            | 16.8         | 15.8                     | 172.4        | 3.6            | 39.0         | 31.3                     | 110.0         | 0.2            | 3.3          | 5.8                      | 84.8                       | 0.1            | -0.4         | 0.1                      |
|      | November  | 130.2          | 1.4            | 14.8         | 16.4                     | 175.9        | 2.0            | 34.7         | 33.6                     | 111.2         | 1.1            | 1.8          | 5.5                      | 84.7                       | -0.1           | 0.6          | 0.1                      |
|      | December  | 131.8          | 1.2            | 14.3         | 17.0                     | 176.5        | 0.3            | 30.0         | 35.2                     | 113.3         | 1.9            | 3.0          | 5.2                      | 84.5                       | -0.2           | 1.0          | 0.1                      |
| 2018 | January   | 129.3          | -1.9           | 9.8          | 16.6                     | 165.7        | -6.1           | 14.9         | 34.2                     | 114.0         | 0.6            | 8.1          | 5.5                      | 83.8                       | -0.8           | 0.4          | 0.1                      |
|      | February  | 129.8          | 0.4            | 8.1          | 16.1                     | 165.8        | 0.1            | 11.6         | 33.1                     | 114.6         | 0.5            | 6.8          | 5.5                      | 84.0                       | 0.2            | 0.0          | 0.1                      |
|      | March     | 133.5          | 2.9            | 10.7         | 15.4                     | 165.6        | -0.1           | 10.3         | 30.5                     | 120.0         | 4.7            | 11.6         | 5.8                      | 83.9                       | -0.1           | 0.2          | 0.3                      |
|      | April     | 133.1          | -0.3           | 7.9          | 14.3                     | 164.1        | -0.9           | 6.1          | 27.6                     | 119.8         | -0.2           | 9.3          | 5.9                      | 86.6                       | 3.2            | 0.7          | 0.4                      |
|      | May       | 135.2          | 1.6            | 7.3          | 13.2                     | 165.2        | 0.7            | 0.5          | 23.6                     | 122.3         | 2.1            | 11.7         | 6.4                      | 88.2                       | 1.8            | 2.0          | 0.6                      |
|      | June      | 136.8          | 1.2            | 7.0          | 12.2                     | 169.6        | 2.7            | -0.2         | 20.0                     | 123.2         | 0.7            | 12.0         | 6.8                      | 85.2                       | -3.4           | -1.8         | 0.2                      |
|      | July      | 135.0          | -1.3           | 7.7          | 11.5                     | 164.9        | -2.8           | -1.2         | 16.8                     | 122.3         | -0.7           | 13.5         | 7.7                      | 85.8                       | 0.7            | 0.4          | 0.2                      |
|      | Aug*      | 132.4          | -1.9           | 6.0          | 10.5                     | 154.1        | -6.5           | -5.5         | 13.3                     | 122.9         | 0.5            | 13.2         | 8.3                      | 85.2                       | -0.7           | 1.3          | 0.3                      |
|      | Sep*      | 129.1          | -2.5           | 2.0          | 9.2                      | 145.1        | -5.8           | -12.8        | 9.2                      | 121.8         | -0.9           | 10.9         | 8.8                      | 82.5                       | -3.2           | -2.6         | 0.1                      |
|      | Oct**     | 130.7          | 1.2            | 1.8          | 8.0                      | 142.6        | -1.7           | -17.3        | 4.7                      | 124.7         | 2.4            | 13.4         | 9.6                      | 86.2                       | 4.5            | 1.7          | 0.3                      |

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**Figure 1: Movements of Monthly Producer's Price Index by Major Economic Activity: January 2015 – October 2018 (Base: 2013 Q4=100)**



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**Table 4: PPI of September of 2018 & October of 2017 & 2018 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2013 Q4 = 100)**

| ISIC Rev.3.1 | Description of the Economic Activity                            | 2017         | 2018  |        | % change                 |                        |
|--------------|---|--------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|              |   | Oct.         | Sep*  | Oct.** | Oct** . 2018/Sep* . 2018 | Oct** . 2018/Oct. 2017 |
|              | <b>All Activities</b>   | <b>128.4</b> | 129.1 | 130.7  | 1.2                      | 1.8                    |
|              | <b>Agriculture</b>  | <b>172.4</b> | 145.1 | 142.6  | -1.7                     | -17.3                  |
| 01           | Agriculture and farming   | 172.4        | 145.1 | 142.6  | -1.7                     | -17.3                  |
|              | <b>Manufacturing</b>  | <b>110.0</b> | 121.8 | 124.7  | 2.4                      | 13.4                   |
| 15           | Manufacture of food products and beverages                      | 130.6        | 127.8 | 128.7  | 0.7                      | -1.5                   |
| 16           | Manufacture of tobacco products                                 | 182.4        | 182.8 | 182.7  | -0.1                     | 0.2                    |
| 17           | Manufacture of textiles   | 109.8        | 114.8 | 117.7  | 2.5                      | 7.2                    |
| 18           | Manufacture of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur     | 119.3        | 127.8 | 132.1  | 3.4                      | 10.7                   |
| 22           | Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media         | 95.2         | 107.8 | 118.3  | 9.7                      | 24.3                   |
| 23           | Manufacture of coke, refine petroleum products and nuclear fuel | 70.6         | 97.1  | 103.5  | 6.6                      | 46.6                   |
| 24           | Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products                  | 94.9         | 106.6 | 109.1  | 2.3                      | 15.0                   |
| 25           | Manufacture of rubber and plastics                              | 93.0         | 100.2 | 104.3  | 4.1                      | 12.2                   |
| 26           | Manufacture of other non metallic mineral products              | 108.5        | 110.9 | 112.7  | 1.6                      | 3.9                    |
| 27           | Manufacture of basic metals                                     | 105.7        | 106.8 | 106.8  | 0.0                      | 1.0                    |
| 31           | Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.c.        | 110.8        | 116.3 | 116.3  | 0.0                      | 5.0                    |
| 35           | Manufacture of other transport equipments                       | 105.2        | 119.4 | 124.3  | 4.1                      | 18.2                   |
| 36           | Manufacture of furniture, Manufacturing n.e.c.                  | 117.2        | 123.1 | 125.7  | 2.1                      | 7.3                    |
|              | <b>Electricity and water supply</b>                             | <b>84.8</b>  | 82.5  | 86.2   | 4.5                      | 1.7                    |
| 40           | Electricity   | 83.2         | 80.3  | 84.4   | 5.1                      | 1.4                    |
| 41           | Collection, purification and distribution of water              | 100.2        | 103.4 | 103.4  | 0.0                      | 3.2                    |

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ISIC refers to International Standard Industrial Classification of all activities (Revision 3.1)

## **Revision Policy**

PPI is compiled by collecting prices received by the domestic producers for about 514 products from 376 manufacturing and utility related establishments. Prices of 36 agricultural products are collected from 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions covering the whole country. Electricity & Water supply sector prices are collected from Ceylon Electricity Board and National Water Supply & Drainage Board respectively.

In certain circumstances, it is not possible to collect requested prices by the time of releasing PPI. Such prices are therefore, statistically imputed. Therefore, indices of the latest month are released as provisional. These indices are finalized with time lag of two months.

Further details of Producer's Price Index compiled for the month of October of 2018, are also published in the department web site ([www.statistics.gov.lk](http://www.statistics.gov.lk)).

Producer's Price Index (PPI) is released monthly with 45 days time lag with effect from January, 2017. The PPI for month of November, 2018 will be released on 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2019.

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