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# Producer Price Index (PPI)

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The Producer 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) changed the references of the PPI to 2018 - Q4 in 2021 and disseminate the figures effective from month of November 2021 with 40 days of lag time up to December 2022. From the month of January 2023, the PPI is release with a time lag of 30 days.

PPI is an important macro-economic 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, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" sectors of the economy under the rebased PPI also.

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- ❗ The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of March 2026 is 238.8.
  - ❗ On an annual basis, PPI has been compiled as a positive change of 0.5 percent.
  - ❗ Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in March 2026 has decreased to 238.8 from 238.9 reported in February 2026.
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## Annual Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI for all economic activities: "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply" for the month of March 2026 is 238.8. PPI has been compiled as a positive change of 0.5 percent on an annual basis. The PPI reported for the three major economic activities, "Agriculture", "Manufacturing" and "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)" are 243.0, 242.1 and 159.4 respectively. The "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)" and "Manufacturing" sectors reported positive changes of 18.0 percent and 3.0 percent respectively, while the "Agriculture" reported a negative change of 16.5 percent on an annual basis (Table 1).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activity of "Animal production", reported a positive change of 9.0 percent while "Growing of perennial crops" and "Growing of non-perennial crops" reported negative changes of 22.4 percent and 20.0 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector: "Other manufacturing (19.4%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (8.7%)", "Manufacture of other transport equipment (5.2%)", "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (4.8%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (4.5%)", "Manufacture of food products (4.3%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (3.8%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (2.1%)", "Manufacturing of coke and refined petroleum products (1.6 %)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (0.9%)" and "Manufacture of beverages (0.7%)" reported positive changes on an annual basis and "Manufacture of basic metals" remained unchanged while "Manufacture of textiles (3.9%)" and "Manufacture of furniture (0.1%)" reported negative changes in the month of March 2026 compared to the same month of year 2025 (Table 3).

For the month of March 2026, sub-activities of the "Utility sector (Electricity, gas, steam, and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)", "Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply" and "Water collection, treatment and supply" reported positive changes of 22.8 percent and 4.7 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3).

**Table 1: PPI of March 2026 & 2025 and Year on Year changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)**

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Year on Year % change (March** 2026/ March 2025)
	2025	2026 March**	
All Activities	237.5	238.8	0.5
Agriculture	291.1	243.0	-16.5
Manufacturing	235.1	242.1	3.0
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	135.1	159.4	18.0

\*\* - Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

## Monthly Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

Comparing the month-on-month changes, PPI in March 2026 has decreased to 238.8 from 238.9 reported in February 2026. This shows a decrease of 0.1 index points or 0.0 percentage changes compared to February 2026. The economic activities of "Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply & Water supply)" reported a positive change of 0.5 percent and "Manufacturing" reported 0.0 percentage change and while "Agriculture" reported a negative change of 0.5 percent compared to the preceding month (Table 2).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activity of "Animal production" and "Growing of perennial crops" reported positive changes of 3.9 percent and 0.3 percent respectively while "Growing of non-perennial crops" reported a negative change of 4.1 percent a monthly basis in the month of March 2026 compared to February 2026 (Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities of “Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (4.1%)”, “Other manufacturing (0.9%)”, “Manufacture of textiles (0.8%)”, “Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (0.8%)”, “Manufacture of other transport equipment (0.6%)”, “Manufacture of food products (0.1%)” and “Manufacture of beverages (0.1%)” reported positive changes on a monthly basis. While “Printing and reproduction of recorded media”, “Manufacture of basic metals”, “Manufacture of furniture” remained unchanged. “Manufacture of wearing apparel (1.4%)”, “Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (0.4%)”, “Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (0.4%)” and “Manufacture of tobacco products (0.1%)” reported negative changes on a monthly basis compared to the preceding month (Table 3).

The sub activities of “Utility sector (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)”, “Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply” and “Water collection, treatment and supply” reported positive changes of 0.5 percent and 0.4 percent respectively on a monthly basis in the month of March 2026 (Table 3).

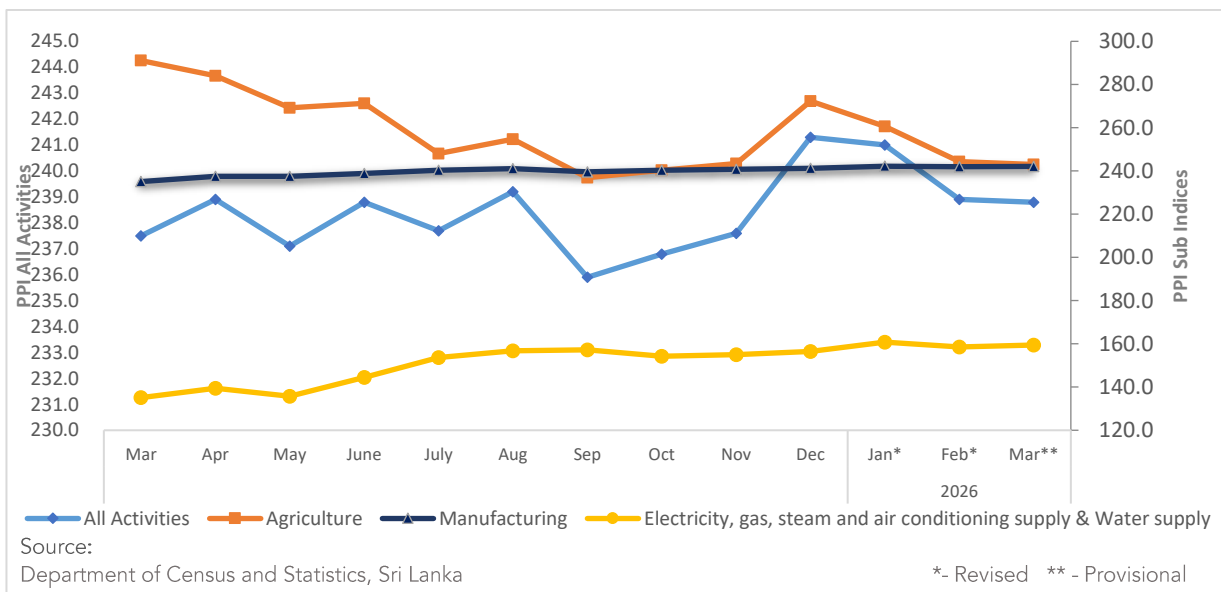
**Table 2: PPI of March 2026 & February 2026 and Month to Month changes of PPI by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4=100)**

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2026 March**/ 2026 February*)
	2026 February*	2026 March**	
All Activities	238.9	238.8	0.0
Agriculture	244.3	243.0	-0.5
Manufacturing	242.0	242.1	0.0
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	158.6	159.4	0.5

\*- Revised \*\* - Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Figure 1: Movements of Monthly Producer Price Index by Major Economic Activity: March 2025 - March 2026 (Base: 2018 Q4=100)**



**Table 3: PPI of March 2025 & 2026 and February 2026 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)**

ISIC Rev.4.0	Description of the Economic Activity	2025	2026		% change			
		March	February*	March**	2026 March**/2025	2026 February*/2025	2026 March**/2025	2026 March
	<b>All Activities</b>	<b>237.5</b>	<b>238.9</b>	<b>238.8</b>			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>291.1</b>	<b>244.3</b>	<b>243.0</b>			<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-16.5</b>
	011 Growing of non-perennial crops	273.6	228.4	219.0			-4.1	-20.0
	012 Growing of perennial crops	349.1	270.1	270.8			0.3	-22.4
	014 Animal production	213.1	223.5	232.3			3.9	9.0
<b>C</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>235.1</b>	<b>242.0</b>	<b>242.1</b>			<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
10	Manufacture of food products	228.6	238.3	238.5			0.1	4.3
11	Manufacture of beverages	215.2	216.6	216.8			0.1	0.7
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	278.6	281.3	281.0			-0.1	0.9
13	Manufacture of textiles	288.1	274.8	277.0			0.8	-3.9
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	171.3	181.6	179.0			-1.4	4.5
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	207.8	217.8	217.8			0.0	4.8
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	227.4	221.8	231.0			4.1	1.6
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	317.0	346.1	344.7			-0.4	8.7
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	270.3	273.9	276.1			0.8	2.1
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	202.0	210.4	209.6			-0.4	3.8
24	Manufacture of basic metals	324.4	324.4	324.4			0.0	0.0
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment	205.1	214.6	215.8			0.6	5.2
31	Manufacture of furniture	241.0	240.7	240.7			0.0	-0.1
32	Other manufacturing	315.0	372.8	376.2			0.9	19.4
<b>D</b>	<b>Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>150.2</b>			<b>0.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>
35	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	122.3	149.4	150.2			0.5	22.8
<b>E</b>	<b>Water collection, treatment and supply</b>	<b>189.9</b>	<b>198.0</b>	<b>198.8</b>			<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
36	Water collection, treatment and supply	189.9	198.0	198.8			0.4	4.7

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

ISIC refers to International Standard Industrial Classification of all activities (Revision 4)

### Revision Policy

PPI is compiled by collecting prices received by the domestic producers 277 manufacturing and utility related establishments. Prices of 42 agricultural products are collected from 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions covering the entire country. Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & 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.


The Producer Price Index (PPI) (Base: 2018 Q4=100) was released monthly with a lag of 40 days, with effect from November 2021 to December 2022. Also, the Producer Price Index (PPI) (Base: 2018 Q4=100) will be released monthly, commencing with the PPI of January 2023, on the last working day of the following month. Accordingly, the PPI for the month of April 2026 will be released on 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.

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