Producer Price Index (PPI) September,2026

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The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures the average change over 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. The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) changed the base year of the PPI to 2018 Q4 in 2021 and disseminated the figures from November 2021 with a 40-day lag up to December 2022. From January 2023, the PPI is released with a 30-day lag.

The 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. The PPI covers the agriculture, manufacturing, and electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, and water supply sectors of the economy under the rebased PPI.

- The PPI for all economic activities, namely Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, and water supply), stood at 252.1 in September 2026.
- On a year-on-year basis, the PPI recorded a 6.9 percent increase.
- On a month-on-month basis, the PPI increased to 252.1 in September 2026 from 251.4 in August 2026.

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Annual Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI for all economic activities, namely Agriculture, Manufacturing, and the Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and water supply), for September 2026 stood at 252.1. The PPI recorded a positive annual change of 6.9 percent. The PPI values for the three major economic activities were 262.5 for Agriculture, 253.8 for Manufacturing, and 187.7 for the Utility Sector. The all three sectors, Utility Sector, the Agriculture sector and the Manufacturing Sector recorded positive annual changes of 19.3 percent, 10.8 percent and 6.0 percent respectively. (Table 1).

In the Agriculture sector, all the three sub-activities of "Animal production", "Growing of perennial crops" and "non-Perennials crops" reported a positive change of 14.0 percent, 11.2 percent and 8.5 percent respectively on an annual basis (Table 3)

The sub-activities of the Manufacturing sector, namely "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (40.4%)", "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (13.6%)", "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (12.4%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (7.4%)", "Manufacture of textiles (7.1%)", "Manufacture of food products (6.0%)", "Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (6.0%)","Manufacture of other transport equipment (3.6%)", "Manufacture of beverages (3.5%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (0.7%)" and "Printing and reproduction of recorded media (0.5%)" all recorded positive annual changes. The sub-activity "Manufacture of basic metals" remained unchanged while "Manufacture of furniture" and "Other manufacturing" recorded annual decreases of 8.9 percent and 3.0 percent respectively in September 2026 compared with the same month of the previous year (Table 3).

In September 2026, within the Utility Sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply) the sub-activities "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply" and "Water collection, treatment and supply" recorded positive annual changes of 24.5 percent and 2.5 percent respectively (Table 3).

Table 1: PPI of September 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 (September** 2026/ September 2025)
	2025 September	2026 September**	
All Activities	235.9	252.1	6.9
Agriculture	236.9	262.5	10.8
Manufacturing	239.6	253.8	6.0
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	157.3	187.7	19.3

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Monthly Changes of Producer Price Index (PPI)

Month-on-month, the PPI increased to 252.1 in September 2026 from 251.4 in August 2026. This represents an increase of 0.7 index points or a 0.3 percent change compared with August 2026. The economic activity of Agriculture and Manufacturing sector recorded a positive change of 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent respectively, while the Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply) sector recorded a un-changed compared with the preceding month (Table 2).

In the Agriculture sector, the sub-activities "Growing of perennial crops "recorded positive monthly changes of 5.4 percent while "Animal production" and "Growing of non-perennial crops" recorded a negative change of 4.5 percent and 2.7 percent respectively on a monthly basis in September 2026 compared with August 2026 (Table 3).

In the Manufacturing sector, the sub-activities "Manufacture of food products (2.1%)", "Manufacture of furniture (0.3%)", and "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products (0.2%)" recorded positive monthly changes. The sub-activities, "Manufacture of other transport equipment (2.5%)","Printing and reproduction of recorded media (2.2%)","Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (1.2%)","Manufacture of beverages (1.1%)", "Manufacture of wearing apparel (1.0%)", "Manufacture of tobacco products (0.1%)" and "Other manufacturing (0.1%)" recorded negative monthly changes compared with the preceding

month. However, "Manufacture of textiles ", "Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products ", "Manufacture of basic metals" and "Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products " remained unchanged (Table 3).

The sub-activities of the Utility sector (Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply) namely "Water collection, treatment and supply (0.2%)" increased while "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply " remained unchanged on a monthly basis in September 2026 compared with August 2026 (Table 3).

Table 2: PPI, August 2026 and September 2026, and Month-to-Month Changes by Major Economic Activity (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)

Major Economic Activity	PPI		Month to Month % change (2026 September**/ 2026 August*)
	2026 August*	2026 September**	
All Activities	251.4	252.1	0.3
Agriculture	261.4	262.5	0.4
Manufacturing	253.2	253.8	0.2
Utility (Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply & Water supply)	187.6	187.7	0.0

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

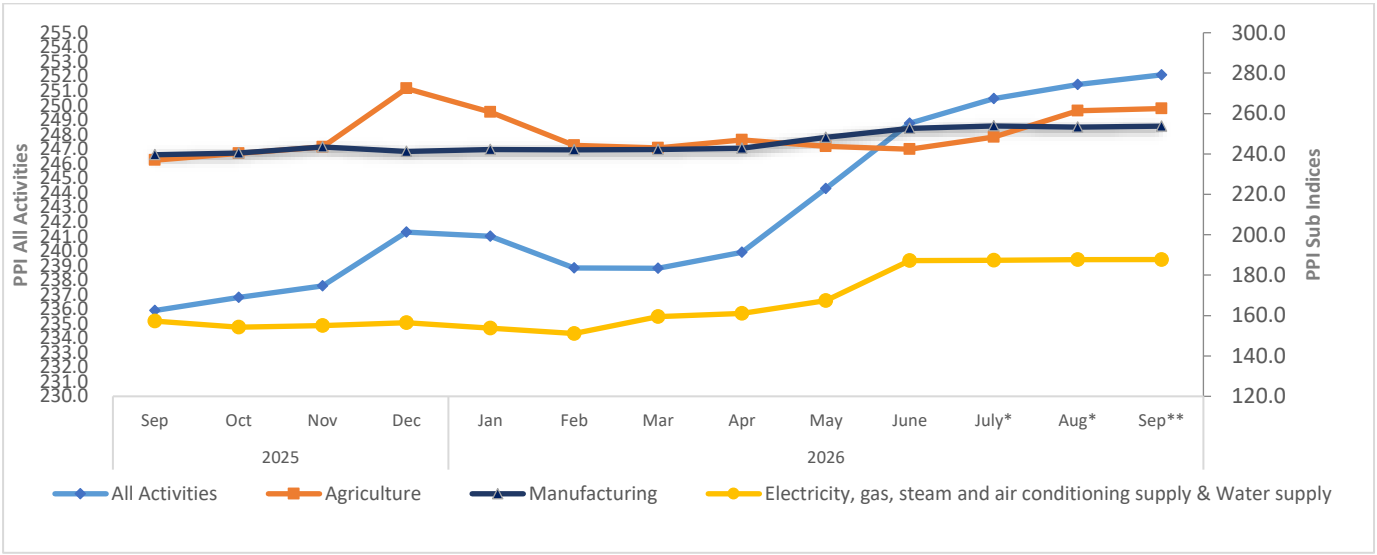

Table 3: PPI of September 2025 & 2026 and August 2026 and percentage changes by two-digit level Economic Activity of ISIC (Base: 2018 Q4 = 100)

ISIC Rev.4.0	Description of the Economic Activity	2025	2026		% change	
		September	August*	September**	2026 September**/ 2026 August*	2026 September**/ 2025 September
	All Activities	**235.9**	**251.4**	**252.1**	**0.3%**	**6.9%**
A	**Agriculture**	**236.9**	**261.4**	**262.5**	**0.4%**	**10.8%**
	011 Growing of non-perennial crops	220.4	245.8	239.1	-2.7%	8.5%
	012 Growing of perennial crops	264.5	279.1	294.2	5.4%	11.2%
	014 Animal production	213.7	255.1	243.6	-4.5%	14.0%
C	**Manufacturing**	**239.6**	**253.2**	**253.8**	**0.2%**	**6.0%**
10	Manufacture of food products	238.2	247.4	252.6	2.1%	6.0%
11	Manufacture of beverages	212.2	222.0	219.7	-1.1%	3.5%
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	280.1	282.4	282.1	-0.1%	0.7%
13	Manufacture of textiles	275.8	295.4	295.4	0.0%	7.1%
14	Manufacture of wearing apparel	179.5	194.8	192.8	-1.0%	7.4%
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	216.3	222.1	217.3	-2.2%	0.5%
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	219.9	308.6	308.6	0.0%	40.4%
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	335.9	360.4	356.1	-1.2%	6.0%
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	275.1	311.9	312.6	0.2%	13.6%
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	205.9	231.4	231.5	0.0%	12.4%
24	Manufacture of basic metals	324.4	324.4	324.4	0.0%	0.0%
30	Manufacture of other transport equipment	208.6	221.6	216.1	-2.5%	3.6%
31	Manufacture of furniture	240.7	218.4	219.1	0.3%	-8.9%
32	Other manufacturing	334.6	325.0	324.5	-0.1%	-3.0%
D	**Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply**	**148.6**	**185.0**	**185.0**	**0.0%**	**24.5%**
35	Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	148.6	185.0	185.0	0.0%	24.5%
E	**Water collection, treatment and supply**	**194.3**	**198.8**	**199.2**	**0.2%**	**2.5%**
36	Water collection, treatment and supply	194.3	198.8	199.2	0.2%	2.5%

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

Revision Policy

The Producer Price Index (PPI) is compiled by collecting prices received by domestic producers from 277 manufacturing and utility-related establishments. Prices of 42 agricultural products are collected from 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions covering the entire country. Prices for the Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and water supply sectors are collected from the Ceylon Electricity Board and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board respectively.

In certain circumstances, it is not possible to collect all required prices by the time of PPI release. Such prices are therefore statistically imputed, and the indices for 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 from November 2021 to December 2022. From January 2023 onwards, the PPI has been released monthly on the last working day of the following month. Accordingly, the PPI for October 2026 will be released on 30 November 2026.

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