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CPI basket

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Business cycle indicators



-GDP real, % yoy -----CPI, % yoy -Industrial output, % yoy Source: State Statistics Committee

Key macroeconomic indicators

	2007	2008E	2009F
Real economy			
Real GDP, % yoy	7.6	6.8	6.5
Nominal GDP, USD bln	141.2	194.0	239.3
Industrial output, % yoy	10.2	8.7	7.5
CPI (eop), % yoy	16.6	21.0	15.0
PPI (eop), % yoy	23.2	33.0	18.0
Retail trade, % yoy	28.8	25.5	25.0
Banking assets, % yoy	76.0	50.0	45.0
Construction, % yoy	15.8	5.0	10.0
External sector			
Trade balance, % GDP	-5.6	-5.5	-5.8
Current account balance, % GDP	-4.2	-4.5	-5.3
Net FDI, USD bln	9.9	11.4	15.0
NBU reserves, USD bln	32.5	38.7	37.5
External debt, % GDP	59.9	58.8	58.8
Monetary & fiscal policy			
Money supply (M3), % yoy	51.7	25.0	40.0
Official UAH/USD (eop)	5.05	4.95	4.90
Consolidated budget, % GDP	-1.1	-1.0	-0.5
Source: State Statistics Committee Concorde Capital estimates	e, National I	Bank of Ul	kraine,

Prices for core commodities, as of July 9, 2008

	current	<i>7</i> 8, 11D	<i>7</i> 8, y0y
Gas imports, USD/tcm	179.5	0%	38%
Crude oil (URALS), USD/bbl	133.0	44%	83%
Winter wheat, USD/mt, FOB**	292.0	14%	33%
Square billet, USD/mt, FOB**	1170.0	116%	139%

**Black Sea ports Source: Bloomberg, Metal-Courier

- Today, the State Statistics Committee announced new weights for the CPI basket, effective July 2008
- The share of food and beverages, the main drivers of CPI in the last 12 months, decreased only marginally and will not impact inflation numbers in upcoming months

New weights, same old problems

The State Statistics Committee today introduced new weights for Ukraine's CPI basket, which will be the basis for the calculation of CPI effective July 2008. The revision was part of a regular annual procedure based on a survey of household consumption conducted in June. Alteration in the weighting is called for to align CPI in accordance to changes in the consumption patterns of the average Ukrainian over last 12 months.

Nominal disposable income (+47.0% yoy in April, latest available data) has grown in line with food prices (+47.2% yoy in April), therefore the share of food and beverages, the main driver of CPI growth over the last 12 months, is only 1.9% lower in the new basket.

Changes in the basket components vary from 0.0% to 1.9% and will not influence the consumer price index substantially in subsequent months. Interestingly, if June's CPI growth in yoy terms were recalculated using the new weightings, it would still make up 29.3%.

Item	New share F	rev. share %	yoy in June*
Food and beverages \downarrow	53.1%	55.0%	43.9%
Utilities and housing ↑	12.6%	11.6%	11.5%
Apparel ↓	7.2%	7.2%	2.8%
Alcohol and tobacco	4.6%	3.4%	13.7%
Transportation ↓	3.9%	4.3%	25.6%
Housewares	3.2%	3.2%	6.8%
Communications ↓	3.2%	3.2%	-0.6%
Healthcare ↑	2.8%	2.8%	19.7%
Restaurants and hotels	2.7%	2.7%	32.5%
Recreation and cultural services \downarrow	2.7%	2.8%	7.5%
Miscellaneous goods and services ↑	2.2%	2.1%	22.7%
Education	1.7%	1.7%	19.0%
CPI			29.3%

^t Calculated using previous weights Source: State Statistics Committee

Changes in CPI basket



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