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Weekly Highlights

Inflation rate in Georgia 2021 September- In September 2021 the Consumer Price Index increased by 0.2 percent compared to the previous month, while the annual inflation rate amounted to 12.3 percent. With regard to the annual core inflation , the prices increased by 6.3 percent, with the annual core inflation without tobacco amounting to 6.3 percent as well. The following table shows percentage changes in prices for the commodity groups of the consumer basket as well as the relevant contributions to the overall monthly inflation rate.

Exchange rate- As a result of October 1, the value of one dollar became 3.1383 GEL and the value of one euro became 3.6291 GEL.

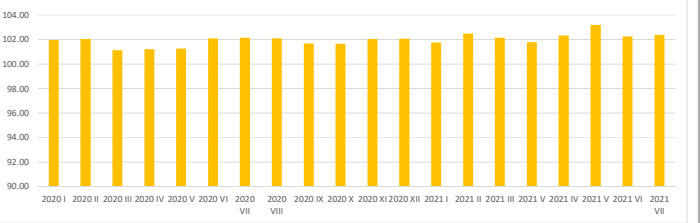
Covid 19- Confirmed coronavirus cases 652 677, within the past 24 hours 3 270; Recovered- 608 861 ; within the past 24 hours- 1 298; Fatal outcome- 9 396, within the past 24 hours- 26.

Articles of the Week

In the first 8 months of this year, the main export market of honey is the EU countries, where 93.7 tons of honey worth 305 thousand dollars were exported. While last year and 2019 rates in this respect were almost equal to zero. As for the TOP-10 exporting countries, the list is as follows:

1. France - 197 thousand dollars, 43.8 tons;
 2. Bulgaria - 107.8 thousand dollars, 49.9 tons;
 3. United Arab Emirates - 18.8 thousand dollars, 3 tons;
 4. Kazakhstan - 17.2 thousand dollars, 3.9 tons;
 5. US - 13.8 thousand dollars, 1.4 tons;
 6. Hong Kong - 11.3 thousand dollars, 1.4 tons;
 7. Saudi Arabia - 10 thousand dollars, 1 ton;
 8. Russia - 7.5 thousand dollars, 10 tons;
 9. Qatar - 6.1 thousand dollars, 1 ton;
 10. Japan - 5.9 thousand dollars, 0.20 tons.
- Source:** <https://bm.ge/ka/article/taflis-eqsporti-8-tveshi-1-329-it-gaizarda---mtavari-bazari-evrokavshiria/93216/>

Detailed consumer price indices of Honey in Georgia (Previous month = 100)



Trade balance of Honey of Georgia according to the positions of the SITC (2020) *thousands of \$

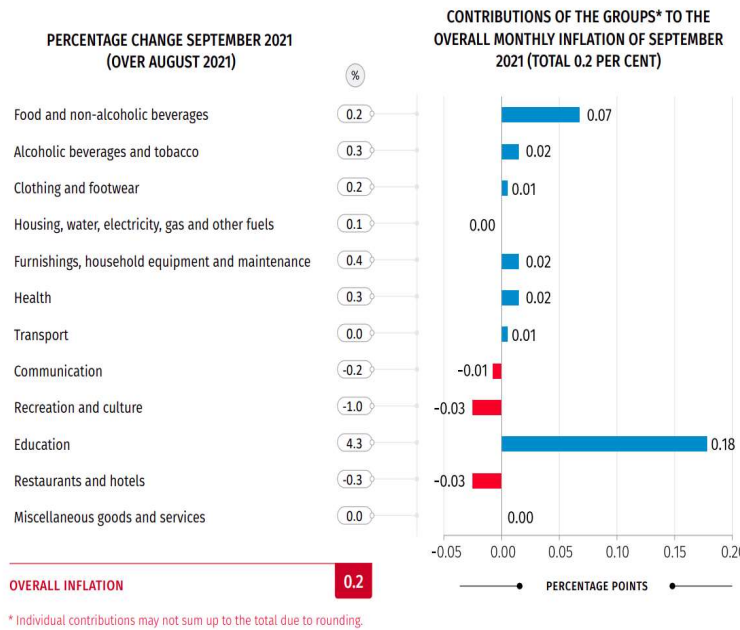
EXPORT					IMPORT					TRADE BALANCE				
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 Q3	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 Q3	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
15.8	69.5	56.3	122.6	403.0	117.5	81.8	46.4	21.7	15.6	(101.8)	(12.3)	9.9	100.8	387.4

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Agricultural Report on Georgia #19

Inflation rate in Georgia 2021 September



Food and non-alcoholic beverages: the prices for the group increased by 0.2 percent, contributing 0.07 percentage points to the overall monthly index change. The prices were higher for the following subgroups: milk, cheese and eggs (2.4 percent), meat (1.4 percent), sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (1.0 percent), mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices (0.4 percent), coffee, tea and cocoa (0.3 percent). In the same period, prices were lower for fruit and grapes (-4.7 percent), vegetables (-2.3 percent) and oils and fats (-2.3 percent).

Governmental, Non-overnmental grants and subsidies of Agriculture

Preferential Agrocredit Project
Preferential Agrocredit Project has been initiated by the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and has been implemented by the Rural Development Agency since 27 March of 2013. The purpose of the project is to improve the processes of primary agricultural production, processing, storage and sale by providing the legal and natural entities with cheap, affordable long-term and preferential funds. Within the frame of the project, the enterprises engaged in the processes of primary agricultural production, processing and storage will receive the preferential agrocredit/agroleasing from the financial institutions for fixed and current assets. The loan shall be granted only to the individuals meeting the terms and conditions of the project. Within the frame of Preferential Agrocredit Project, agrocredits shall be granted by the **commercial banks and financial institutions** involved in the project, in compliance with the terms and conditions set by the Rural Development Agency, Rural Development Agency shall not participate in credit application processing and credit granting activities. The 'Preferential Agrocredit' project consists of the following financial products:
1. The 'Preferential Agrocredit' project - **For current assets;**
2. The 'Preferential Agrocredit' project - **For fixed assets;**
3. **Preferential Agro Leasing**
For more information visit: rda.gov.ge

Agricultural commodities

Grains						
INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EDT)
C1:COM Corn (CBOT)	USD/bu.	522.50	+5.75	+1.11%	Dec 2021	8:26 AM
W1:COM Wheat (CBOT)	USD/bu.	732.50	+7.75	+1.07%	Dec 2021	8:25 AM
O1:COM Oats (CBOT)	USD/bu.	655.75	+20.50	+3.23%	Dec 2021	8:25 AM
RR1:COM Rough Rice (CBOT)	USD/cwt	13.94	+0.07	+0.47%	Nov 2021	10/14/2021
S1:COM Soybean (CBOT)	USD/bu.	1213.75	+7.50	+0.62%	Nov 2021	8:26 AM
SM1:COM Soybean Meal (CBOT)	USD/T.	317.40	+3.30	+1.05%	Dec 2021	8:26 AM
BO1:COM Soybean Oil (CBOT)	USD/lb.	61.01	+0.57	+0.94%	Dec 2021	8:26 AM
RS1:COM Canola (ICE)	CAD/MT	903.50	+0.40	+0.04%	Jan 2022	8:25 AM

Softs						
INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EDT)
CC1:COM Cocoa (ICE)	USD/MT	2,588.00	+4.00	+0.15%	Dec 2021	8:26 AM
KC1:COM Coffee 'C' (ICE)	USD/lb.	209.90	+0.65	+0.31%	Dec 2021	8:26 AM
SB1:COM Sugar #11 (ICE)	USD/lb.	19.92	+0.33	+1.68%	Mar 2022	8:26 AM
JO1:COM Orange Juice (ICE)	USD/lb.	125.30	-0.25	-0.20%	Nov 2021	8:23 AM
CT1:COM Cotton #2 (ICE)	USD/lb.	1110	+4.00	+3.73%	Dec 2021	8:22 AM
OL1:COM Wool (ASX)	--	--	--	--	N/A	--
LB1:COM Lumber (CME)	USD/1000 board feet	772.00	+13.70	+1.81%	Nov 2021	10/14/2021
OR1:COM Rubber (Singapore)	USD/kg	174.00	+2.10	+1.22%	Jan 2022	5:59 AM
DL1:COM Ethanol (CBOT)	USD/gal.	2.21	0.00	0.00%	Nov 2021	10/14/2021

Livestock

INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EDT)
LC1:COM Live Cattle (CME)	USD/lb.	130.30	+1.80	+1.01%	Dec 2021	10/14/2021
FC1:COM Feeder Cattle (CME)	USD/lb.	162.35	+0.90	+0.56%	Jan 2022	10/14/2021
LH1:COM Lean Hogs (CME)	USD/lb.	77.33	-0.82	-1.06%	Dec 2021	10/14/2021

Economic Data on Georgia

GDP								
	2018	2019	I 20*	II 20*	III 20*	IV 20*	2020*	I 21*
GDP at Current Prices, Bn ₾	44.6	49.3	11.1	11.1	13.3	13.9	49.4	11.3
GDP at Constant 2015 prices, Bn ₾	38.4	40.3	9.1	8.8	9.8	10.2	37.8	8.7
GDP Real Growth, Percentage	4.8	5	2.3	-13.2	-5.6	-6.8	-6.2	-4.3
GDP Deflator Change, Percentage	4.4	5.2	7.1	7.2	5.9	7.4	6.9	6.8
GDP Per Capita (At Current Prices), ₾	11 968.0	13 239.4	2 974.3	2 990.2	3586.7	3741.6	13292.7	3024.1
GDP Per Capita (At Current Prices), \$	4 722.0	4 696.2	1 016.3	952.9	1156.2	1344.1	4274.6	912.3
GDP at Current Prices, Bn US Dollars	17.6	17.7	3.8	3.6	4.3	4.3	15.9	3.4
Share of Agriculture in GDP, Percentage	7.8	7.4		TBA			8.4	TBA
Population & Unemployment								
	2017	2018	2019	I 20	II 20	III 20	IV 20	I 21
Economically Active Population (Workforce), Thousand People	1641.2	1605.2	1572.8	1545.2	1515	1526.9	1505.7	1447.2
Employed, Thousand People	1286.9	1295.9	1295.9	1262.7	1237.6	1269.11	1197.9	1129.7
Unemployed, Thousand People	354.5	309	276.9	282.6	277.4	259.8	307.8	317.5
Unemployment Rate, Percentage	21.6	19.2	17.6	18.3	18.3	17	20.4	21.9

Consumer Price Index (Inflation)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Average to the Annual Average	104	102.1	106	102.6	104.9	105.2
December over Previous Year's December	104.9	101.8	106.7	101.5	107	102.4

Review of Agricultural product- Honey

Georgia: Land of the Oldest Honey
Georgia, the birthplace of wine, is also known as the land of the oldest honey discovered; Home for 13,000 flora species, blooming from semi desert to sub-tropical and alpine zones, Georgia is a true bliss for Caucasian Grey bee to make honey of distinguished taste. More than that, Georgia is one of the few places in the world, where wild bees are used by local people to produce wild honey called Jara.

Honey Varieties
Georgia creates ideal conditions for to the production of mono-floral and poly-floral honey: Chestnut, Alpine, Blossom, Acacia, Linden, Solidago and wild honey 'Jara'.
Georgian Bee
Georgia is the homeland of the world renowned Caucasian Grey Mountain Bee (Apis mellifera caucasica-Georgia). A complex climate and biodiversity of flora of Georgia has led to the evolution of the breed and has given it extraordinary characteristics. There are 14,000 beekeepers with up to 240,000 beehives producing 2,5-4 thousand tons of honey annually.

For more information: <http://honeyofgeorgia.com/>



Overview of Global honey Market (www.tridge.com)

Rank	Country	Share in Export Value 2020	Export Value 2020, USD	1-Year Growth in Export Value 2019-2020	3-Year Growth in Export Value 2017-2020	Weekly Domestic Price Change 2021-10-11
1	New Zealand	15.16%	\$328.84M	+41.36%	+21.93%	
2	China	11.83%	\$256.60M	+7.9%	-5.82%	
3	Argentina	7.59%	\$164.65M	+10.42%	-10.99%	
4	Germany	6.97%	\$151.22M	+9.15%	+3.15%	
5	Ukraine	5.66%	\$122.69M	+7.7%	-8.73%	-2.04%
6	Spain	5.18%	\$112.47M	+27.09%	+1.51%	
7	Brazil	4.59%	\$99.52M	+45.04%	-18.38%	
8	Hungary	4.37%	\$94.84M	+11.67%	-2.7%	≈ 0.98%
9	India	3.85%	\$83.59M	-17.39%	-19.72%	
10	Vietnam	3.34%	\$72.54M	+36.21%	+14.61%	

Company review - Alpida

Since the day of the establishment of the cooperative, oriented honey producers have been committed to supplying customers with high quality beekeeping products. Quality control is carried out on a "field-to-table" basis. The cooperative has both primary production and a processing plant equipped with the requirements of the HACCP standard, equipped with European-made machinery. A complete production cycle is established in the enterprise to get the final product. The company operates in the market under the brand "Alpida" and provides customers with the following products: "May Honey Alpida", "Akhaltikhe Honey Alpida", Alpine Zone "Ninotsminda Honey Alpida", "Anatali Honey Alpida". They also offer flower pollen, chaff, bee milk to customers.

For more information: <https://www.alpida.ge/>

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