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INFLATION TRENDS

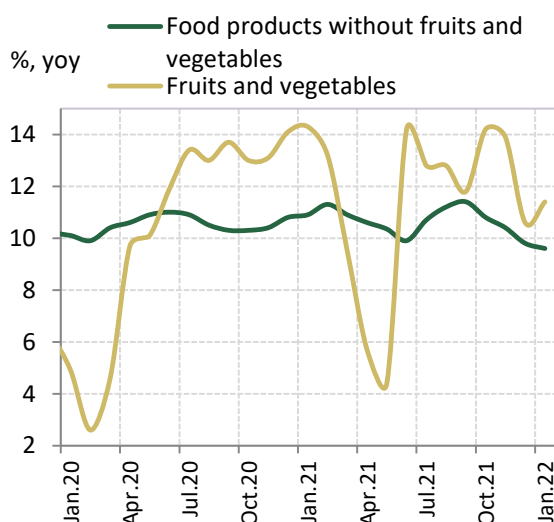
January **2022**

In January 2022, monthly inflation was 0.7%, annual growth rates accelerated to 8.5%. Food and non-food inflation remained at the level of December 2021. Inflation of paid services accelerated due to higher growth in the cost of housing rental.

In January 2022, consumer prices increased by 0.7%, in annual terms price growth accelerated to 8.5% (in December 2021 – 8.4%).

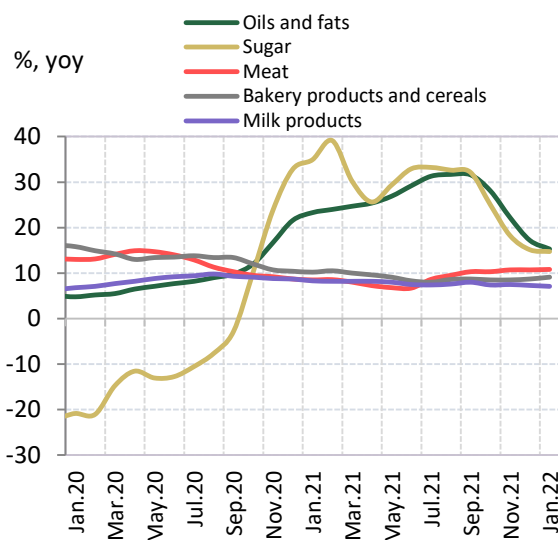
The annual growth in **food** prices amounted to 9.9%, remaining at the level of the previous month. In January 2022, there was an acceleration in price growth of bakery products and cereals, fruits and vegetables. The rise in sugar prices slowed down as a result of more moderate price growth in world markets.

Graph 1. Food inflation



Source: ASPR RK BNS

Graph 2. Food inflation

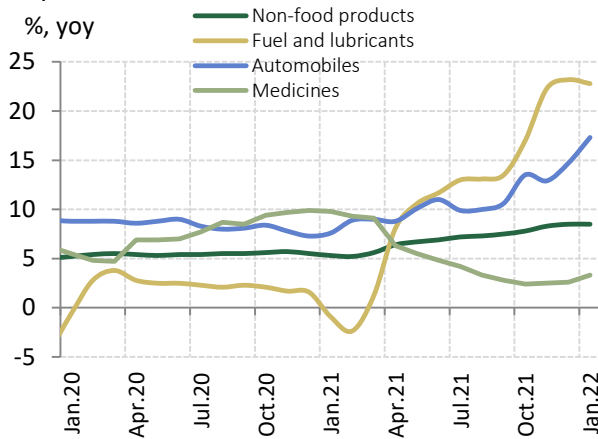


The annual growth rate of prices for **non-food** products in January 2022 also remained at the same level (8.5%). Growth in car prices accelerated because of increased demand and a global shortage of components, namely microchips. In addition, there was an increase in January 2022 in the cost of medicines associated with an increase in import prices. In January 2022, the prices for gasoline, diesel fuel, liquefied gas decreased, which contributed to the slowdown in the annual growth rate of prices for these products, thereby limiting the annual price growth for the entire group of non-food products.

The annual inflation of **paid services** in January 2022 showed an acceleration to 6.8% (an increase by 6.5% in December 2021). Housing rental prices continued to rise due to strong demand. At the same time, there was an increase in the cost of outpatient services in January 2022.

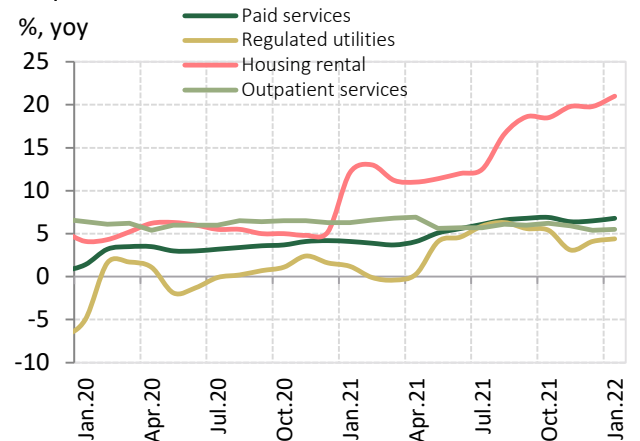
Regulated utilities in January 2022 rose slightly as a result of rising electricity prices in the West Kazakhstan region. Prices for other types of regulated services did not change in January 2022.

Graph 3. Non-food inflation



Source: ASPR RK BNS

Graph 4. Paid services

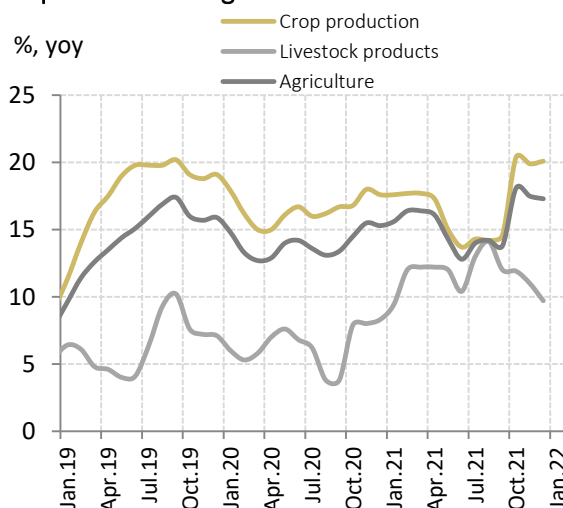


Continued slowdown in price growth in manufacturing and agriculture

In January 2022, the growth in producer prices in the manufacturing industry for products sold within the country continued to slow down to 17.5% (18.4% in December 2021). Growth in prices for the production of oils, fats and sugar slowed down significantly among food-producing enterprises. On the other hand, producer prices for bakery and pasta rose slightly because of a weak harvest of wheat, as well as meat and dairy products due to higher prices for fodder crops.

In agriculture, in January 2022, producer price growth slowed down to 16.9% (17.3% in December 2021). In crop production, prices for wheat, barley, corn and fodder crops accelerated. Among livestock products, the rise in prices for raw milk slowed down and prices for egg producers decreased.

Graph 5. Prices in agriculture



Source: ASPR RK BNS

Graph 6. Prices in industry

