

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2014 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

	<b>C P I Change</b>
Inflation Rate May, 2014 over Apr, 2014 (Previous month)	<b>-0.26%</b>
Inflation Rate May, 2014 over May 2013 (Corresponding month)	<b>8.34%</b>
Average Inflation Rate July-May (2013-14) over July-May (2012-13)	<b>8.66%</b>

**2. Detail Description:**

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics collects the retail and the wholesale prices and computes the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on monthly basis and Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis. In May, 2014 the CPI, SPI and WPI decreased by 0.26%, 1.51% and 0.08% respectively.

**Consumer Price Index by Group of Commodities and Services (Base 2007-08)**

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in May, 2014 over	
		May, 2014	Apr, 2014	May, 2013	Apr, 2014	May, 2013
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>193.55</b>	<b>194.06</b>	<b>178.65</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>8.34</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	213.57	216.45	200.01	-1.33	6.78
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	211.67	213.34	197.71	-0.78	7.06
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	224.92	235.05	213.76	-4.31	5.22
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	223.66	221.91	191.19	0.79	16.98
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	205.01	202.73	183.74	1.12	11.58
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	169.51	169.46	154.54	0.03	9.69
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	202.02	200.99	184.71	0.51	9.37
Health	2.19	172.45	170.58	160.24	1.10	7.62
Transport	7.20	195.03	195.61	185.52	-0.30	5.13
Communication	3.22	129.81	129.80	128.71	0.01	0.85
Recreation & Culture	2.02	188.47	187.95	176.58	0.28	6.73
Education	3.94	188.73	184.84	162.17	2.10	16.38
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	238.05	236.98	209.95	0.45	13.38
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	215.29	213.15	202.61	1.00	6.26

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year are given below:

- i) **Month-on-month** Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. May, 2014 over Apr, 2014 are given below:-

**Food Items Increased:** Pulse Moong (4.48%), Pulse Mash (4.00%), Beverages (2.12%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (2.04%), Gur (1.88%), Condiments (1.71%), Potatoes (1.68%), Beans (1.59%), Nimco & Milk Powder (1.57% each), Milk Fresh (1.30%), Pulse Masoor (1.18%), and Milk Product & Fresh Fruits (1.12% each).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (49.58%), Onions (9.55%), Wheat (8.81%), Eggs (8.31%), Tea (6.43%), Wheat Flour (6.07%), Fresh Vegetables (3.82%), Wheat Product (2.26%), Sugar (1.23%) and Chicken (1.11%).

**Non-food Items Increased:** Cotton Cloths (2.67%), Doctor Fee (2.30%), Education (2.10%), Cleaning & Laundry (1.82%), Readymade Garments (1.68%), Personal Equipment (1.41%), Medical Equipment (1.35%), Utensils (1.28%) and Tailoring (1.05%).

**Decreased:** Kerosene Oil (1.2%), Motor Fuel (0.78%), Motor Vehicles (0.19%) and Transport Services (0.11%).

- ii) **Year-on-year** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. May, 2014 over May, 2013 are given below:-

**Food Items Increased:** Potatoes (175.43%), Pulse Moong (34.76%), Chicken (20.23%), Pulse Masoor (19.10%), Wheat Products (17.14%), Cigarettes (17.10%), Milk Powder (13.93%), and Readymade Food (13.38%).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (50.07%), Onions (28.24%), Besan (14.40%) and Tea (13.96%).

**Non-food Items Increased:** Postal Service (23.25%), Cosmetics (19.26%), Education (16.38%), Electricity (15.82%), Doctor Fee (15.57%), Woolen Readymade Garments (13.45%), and Readymade Garments (13.37%).

### **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- May, 2013-14 has increased by 8.66% over July-May, 2012-13 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- May 2013-14	Jul- May 2012-13	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>189.11</b>	<b>174.04</b>	<b>8.66</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	211.50	194.41	8.79
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>209.77</i>	<i>194.84</i>	<i>7.66</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>221.84</i>	<i>191.83</i>	<i>15.64</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	220.11	190.69	15.43
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	197.20	174.59	12.95
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	164.15	151.04	8.68
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	195.10	179.33	8.79
Health	2.19	166.64	156.16	6.71
Transport	7.20	195.14	186.35	4.72
Communication	3.22	129.74	125.92	3.03
Recreation & Culture	2.03	183.32	168.27	8.94
Education	3.94	170.91	156.07	9.51
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	227.68	202.99	12.16
Miscellaneous	2.76	209.70	199.23	5.26

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-May, 2012-13 are given below:-

**Increased:** Potatoes (64.13%), Tomatoes (30.76%), Postal Services (24.51%), Onions (23.53%), Wheat (21.57%), Wheat Flour (20.75%), Wheat Products (19.26%), Cosmetics (17.04%), Pulse Masoor (15.73%), Cigarettes (15.57%), Gur (15.35%), Fresh Vegetables (15.30%), and Pulse Moong (15.21%).

**Decreased:** Pulse Gram (26.01%), Besan (24.64%), Gram Whole (19.01%), and Spices (12.72%).

### **3. Core inflation of CPI**

#### **i. Trimmed Core Inflation**

During the month of May, 2014 over May, 2013, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 8.3%, while it was 6.7% during May, 2013 over May, 2012.

#### **ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation**

During the month of May, 2014 over May, 2013, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.7%, while it was 8.1% during May, 2013 over May, 2012.