NATIONAL BANK OF UKRAINE

June 2016 Inflation Review

In June 2016, consumer prices fell by 0.2% m-o-m and headline inflation slowed to 6.9% y-o-y (down from 7.5% y-o-y in May).

The NBU expected a further slowdown in annual inflation and the actual CPI reading was even slightly below the projected path published in Inflation Report (April 2016). Deviations from the forecast are attributed to faster than expected deceleration of annual core inflation and a rapid decline in the annual rate of change of raw food prices. These price developments offset a higher contribution from administratively regulated prices and tariffs to annual CPI growth. Given consumer price performance in June, headline inflation target for the end of 2016 (12% y-o-y +/-3 pp) remains within reach.

June's monthly deflation reflected declines of both core and non-core sub-indices.

Core CPI declined by 0.1% m-o-m (annual core inflation eased to 8.3%) **driven by further strengthening of the hryvnia, lower inflation expectations, and weak consumer demand**. Looking into greater detail, a seasonal drop in prices for clothing and footwear occurred (by 2.0% m-o-m). Also, prices for vehicles, audio equipment, and photographic and information processing equipment continued to decline. The **second-round effects from lower raw food prices** contributed as an additional factor to the decrease in core CPI as well.

Raw food prices fell by 1.3% m-o-m, primarily due to a substantial reduction in prices for selected vegetables, such as cabbage, tomatoes, and cucumbers. The high supply of fresh vegetables produced domestically, as well as imported goods, influenced vegetable prices. Also, consistent with seasonal patterns, prices for fruit, sugar, milk, and dairy products decreased.

As expected, **domestic fuel prices rose by 2.7% m-o-m** as world oil prices continued to move upwards.

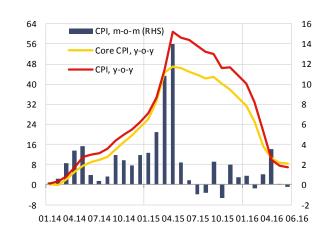
In line with expectations, **administered prices and tariffs went up by 0.7% m-o-m.** The increase was primarily due to a rise in prices for alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. In particular, prices for alcoholic beverages picked up, reflecting the lagged effect of March's hike in excise taxes on these products. The pricing policies of individual producers prompted the rise in tobacco product prices. In contrast, utility prices remained flat in June.

However, the impact of the downward movement of raw food prices outweighed the effects of rising fuel and administrated prices on aggregate non-core CPI. As a result, non-core CPI decreased by 0.1% m-o-m.

In June, the producer price index remained flat (its annual growth slowed down to 15.7%). Lower prices in the mining industry and in the supply of electricity, gas, steam, and conditioned air offset a slight price increase in the processing industry.

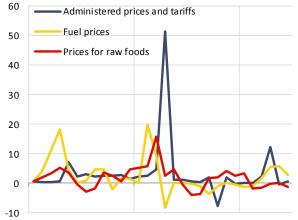
Producer price inflation was shaped mainly by external factors. In particular, rising world oil prices drove domestic prices upward for the extraction of crude oil and natural gas, as well as in the manufacturing of refined petroleum products. Lower world steel and iron prices contributed to a decrease in prices in the mining of metal ores and a slowdown in the price growth in metallurgy. Price developments in other industries were relatively moderate.

Inflation Indicators, %



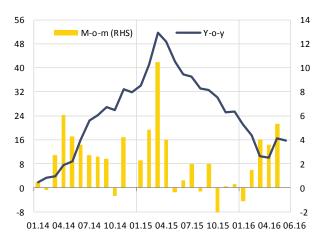
Source: State Statistics Service of Ukraine

Main Components of Non-Core CPI, % m-o-m



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Producer Price Index, %



Source: State Statistics Service of Ukraine

						CPI and F	PPI growth I	oy compone	ents in 2015	5-16										
							CPI (NBL	J classificati	ion)											
	m-o-m,%																			
	Share in		2015 2016									16			June, y-o-y %					
	CPI, %	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Consumer Price Index	100.0	3.1	5.3	10.8	14.0	2.2	0.4	-1.0	-0.8	2.3	-1.3	2.0	0.7	0.9	-0.4	1.0	3.5	0.1	-0.2	6.9
Core inflation	46.8	2.6	5.4	10.8	4.6	1.9	0.4	-0.1	0.2	3.0	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.2	-0.1	8.3
Non-core inflation*	53.2	3.6	5.1	10.9	21.1	2.9	0.3	-1.6	-1.6	1.6	-3.0	2.9	1.0	1.7	-1.0	0.3	5.8	0.0	-0.1	5.9
Raw foods	28.3	5.2	5.8	15.8	2.5	4.8	-0.5	-4.0	-3.7	1.7	1.9	4.2	2.4	3.3	-1.8	-1.5	-0.3	0.2	-1.3	0.8
Administered prices and tariffs	22.5	2.2	2.6	4.8	51.4	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.4	1.9	-7.7	1.9	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	2.1	12.2	-0.5	0.7	10.9
Fuels	2.4	0.0	19.8	9.3	-8.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-1.1	-3.6	-1.0	0.0	-0.6	-1.3	-1.0	1.6	5.4	5.8	2.7	6.5
						CPI (State S	tatistics Ser	vice of Ukra	aine classifi	cation)										
Food and non-alcohol	50.8	4.7	5.7	15.6	4.4	3.1	0.0	-2.0	-1.7	1.2	1.1	2.5	1.7	2.2	-0.7	-0.7	0.1	0.2	-0.6	3.2
Alcohol, tobacco	6.9	4.6	3.4	3.3	1.8	2.2	2.5	1.7	1.1	2.2	0.5	-0.6	-1.9	-1.9	-1.3	1.3	2.8	3.3	2.7	10.2
Clothing and footwear	7.1	-1.9	2.2	13.5	4.6	1.0	-1.8	-4.7	-1.2	18.3	3.6	0.8	-1.7	-4.4	-2.0	10.7	1.7	0.0	-2.0	18.2
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels incl.:	11.3	0.5	1.6	1.1	109.7	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	2.4	-13.8	3.3	0.0	0.7	0.3	2.9	20.1	-2.0	0.1	12.1
Imputed rentals for housing	1.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	2.0	1.1	0.7	6.1
Water supply	0.0	1.0	2.1	0.2	0.2	7.0	7.8	2.1	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.2	-0.2	12.1	1.9	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	19.9
Hot water	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.3	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.5
Natural gas	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	453.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-32.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.4	-4.3	0.0	-4.3
Central heating	1.8	0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.1	19.7	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.2
Transport	5.1	1.2	16.4	7.4	-4.3	0.2	1.1	0.2	-0.3	-1.6	-0.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	1.0	2.4	2.8	1.2	5.2
Communication	3.3	0.6	0.9	1.7	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.7	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	4.1
Education	1.3	2.5	4.1	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.1	6.9	0.5	0.3	0.2	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.1	16.1
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										m-o-r	m. %									
	Share in											June, y-o-y %								
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Producer Price Index	100.0	2.3	4.8	10.5	4.0	-0.4	0.6	2.0	-0.3	2.0	-2.4	0.1	0.3	-1.1	1.5	4.0	3.6	5.3	0.0	15.7
Mining and quarrying	13.0	0.4	7.3	10.8	11.5	-4.3	-0.1	1.6	-3.2	0.7	-0.7	-1.8	-4.2	-3.7	6.4	7.7	13.1	19.7	-2.0	35.3
Manufacturing of coal	3.2	1.1	-0.2	1.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.1	5.5	-5.4	-0.2	-2.6	5.4	17.2	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-8.1	11.0
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	2.6	-0.2	-1.0	31.2	86.2	1.3	-1.2	-0.4	-5.5	-1.2	0.9	0.2	-3.0	-14.2	3.6	12.8	-3.3	68.8	1.1	51.0
Mining of metal ores	6.1	-0.4	15.7	12.7	-7.9	-13.9	1.2	4.6	-3.8	-1.6	1.8	-5.7	-8.0	-3.0	4.2	8.9	27.4	7.3	-1.4	29.9
Manufacturing	68.2	2.2	8.4	9.5	1.3	-0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	-0.2	0.2	1.1	2.7	2.3	4.0	1.5	13.1
Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco products	21.5	3.8	7.8	10.7	3.3	0.0	1.2	0.6	1.3	0.7	0.6	1.5	0.5	1.1	1.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	10.7
Manufacture of coke, and refined petroleum products	3.7	0.7	15.2	2.4	0.2	-3.7	0.2	-0.5	-1.7	-2.3	-0.8	-1.3	-2.5	-6.0	-6.4	16.0	-3.5	1.6	2.4	-6.6
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	3.9	2.5	21.9	5.9	-4.7	0.4	1.6	-0.8	0.0	0.3	-0.2	-2.0	-0.7	-0.5	1.0	0.4	-0.2	1.7	-0.8	-1.9
Manufacture of rubber and plastics products, and other non-metallic	4.8	3.2	8.6	9.4	3.3	0.7	0.0	0.7	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.6	1.2	1.9	0.2	0.5	7.7
mineral products Manufacture of basic metals and fabricated metal products, except	-	-		-		-		-			-		-	-	-		-	-		
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machinery and equipment									+											
Manufacture of transport equipment	3.2	-0.4	6.7	1.6	0.6	0.5	2.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.1	0.7	5.3	-1.2	0.7	1.7	2.2	-2.1	10.3
Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply	18.8	3.4	-5.5	13.4	7.9	1.5	0.8	7.0	-0.1	7.5	-8.7	0.3	3.3	-3.4	0.6	5.7	2.9	2.4	-3.0	14.4
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