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## August 2022

The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.7 percent for the month August 2022 compared to 0.9 percent for the month of July 2022, (*see table 3*).

During the month of August 2022, the “All Items” index was recorded at 120.6 compared to 119.8 for the month of July 2022. Seven (7) groups recorded increases during the month, namely; “Transport” (2.1%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (2.0%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.8%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.5%), Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance (0.3%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics (0.1%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%). The only group that recorded a decline was “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.4%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged, “Health”, “Communication”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”, (*See table 3*).

The 2.1 percent growth in the “Transport” index was on account of an increase in the prices for petrol (10.7%) and diesel fuel (7.0%).

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 2.0 percent due mainly to higher prices for several food items, which included; patties (35.7%), tomatoes (35.3%), chive (20.7%), small loaf – white (20.2%), chicken luncheon meat (18.8%), garlic (16.3%), small whole wheat loaf (14.7%), large whole wheat loaf (14.5%), powdered milk – full cream (11.0%) and whole wheat flour (10.2%).

The 0.8% increase in the index for “Clothing and Footwear” was due mainly to an increase in the price of textile material –tetrex (18.3%) and a pair of socks (11.1%).

“Recreation and Culture” recorded growth of 0.5 percent due to an increase in the price of pet food. There was a 34.0 percent increase in the price of a tin of cat food and 16.7 percent for a tin of dog food.

The group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 0.3 percent due mainly to a higher price for a florescent light tube (6.4%) and a cake of washing soap (2.4%).

The index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” grew by 0.1 percent due to a 2.7% increase in the price of a bottle of whiskey. Similarly, the 0.1 percent increase in the index for “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” is due mainly to a 1.8% increase in the price of a bottle of roll on.

Meanwhile, the group index for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” recorded a decline of 0.4 percent due to a reduction of 3.5 percent in the cost of electricity. This reduction resulted from a lower fuel surcharge rate of 64.63 cents per Kilowatt hour for the month of August 2022 compared to 68.33 cents for the month of July 2022.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 6.6 percent for the month of August 2022 compared to 2.5 percent for August 2021. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were, “Hotels and Restaurants” (12.1%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (12.0%), “Transport” (10.1%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (6.4%) and “Health” (5.4%) (See table 3).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.7 percent for August 2022. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 6.6 due to relative price changes during the month of August 2022 compared with the same period in the previous year.**

**Table 1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		August 2022	July 2022		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Loose flour, wholewheat	Lb	2.06	1.87	0.19	10.2
Loose flour, white	Lb	1.78	1.69	0.09	5.3
Small loaf, white	5 in pk	2.80	2.33	0.47	20.2
Large loaf, wholewheat	Each	3.88	3.39	0.49	14.5
Small loaf, wholewheat	4 in pk	3.75	3.27	0.48	14.7
Patties	Each	4.75	3.50	1.25	35.7
Luncheon meat, chicken	340g	8.20	6.90	1.30	18.8
Powdered milk, full cream	Lb	8.78	7.91	0.87	11.0
Tomatoes	Lb	6.56	4.85	1.71	35.3
Garlic	Lb	7.43	6.39	1.04	16.3
Chive	bundle	3.55	2.94	0.61	20.7
Whiskey	750ml bottle	141.72	138.05	3.67	2.7
Textile material	1 yard	12.95	10.95	2.00	18.3
Socks	1 pair	5.00	4.50	0.50	11.1
Door, wooden, pine	Each	498.00	439.65	58.35	13.3
Nails, galvanize	Lb	9.27	8.68	0.59	6.8
Lamp holder	Each	5.02	3.88	1.14	29.4
Florescent light tube	Each	9.59	9.01	0.58	6.4
Washing soap	Each	1.26	1.23	0.03	2.4
Petrol	1 gallon	18.16	16.41	1.75	10.7
Diesel	1 gallon	17.44	16.30	1.14	7.0
Cat food	5.5oz tin	5.40	4.03	1.37	34.0
Dog food	375g tin	12.25	10.50	1.75	16.7
Roll on	50ml bottle	7.76	7.62	0.14	1.8
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Cucumbers	Lb	3.89	4.63	-0.74	-16.0
Pigeon peas, packaged	454g	6.40	8.20	-1.80	-22.0
Curry powder	50g pk	2.90	3.54	-0.64	-18.1
Electricity	140 Kwh	165.70	171.63	-5.93	-3.5
Dog food	625g tn	10.85	12.90	-2.05	-15.9

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**August 2022 Compared With August 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		August 2022	August 2021		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	9.09	7.43	1.66	22.34
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.79	3.13	0.66	21.09
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.30	1.90	0.40	21.05
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	5.79	5.05	0.74	14.65
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.54	3.75	0.79	21.07
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	7.44	6.47	0.97	15.05
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.25	8.30	0.96	11.51
Codfish	Lb.	16.67	14.15	2.52	17.81
Cornflakes	12 oz	15.77	15.06	0.72	4.75
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.18	4.74	0.45	9.40
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.08	3.42	0.66	19.41
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.12	3.92	0.20	5.10
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.80	1.89	0.91	48.15
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	5.01	4.19	0.82	19.57
Eggs	Doz	11.12	9.49	1.63	17.18
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.67	9.33	0.34	3.64
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	2.18	1.67	0.51	30.54
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.90	1.79	0.11	6.15
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.78	1.36	0.42	30.88
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	8.80	6.85	1.96	28.56
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	9.46	7.18	2.28	31.75
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.93	1.85	0.08	4.32
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.93	10.90	0.03	0.28
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.53	1.50	0.03	2.00
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.61	2.58	0.03	1.16
Eddoes	Lb.	2.95	3.07	-0.12	-3.91
Dasheens	Lb.	1.89	1.94	-0.05	-2.58
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.73	2.92	-0.19	-6.51
Oranges	Each	1.07	0.90	0.17	18.89
Tomatoes	Lb.	6.56	5.16	1.40	27.13
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	10.85	9.70	1.15	11.86
Vegetable Oil	Litre	17.23	14.06	3.17	22.55
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	11.23	10.64	0.60	5.59
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.97	2.91	0.06	2.06
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	6.00	5.83	0.17	2.92

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**August 2022 Compared With August 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		August 2022	August 2021		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	37.73	32.88	4.85	14.75
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.09	0.00	0.00
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.85	3.49	0.36	10.32
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.83	24.11	0.72	2.99
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.87	69.92	-0.05	-0.07
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Pair	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	82.57	78.31	4.26	5.44
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	92.90	88.10	4.80	5.45
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	108.31	102.48	5.83	5.69
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House - 2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	567.86	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House - 3 Bedrooms	Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland ( grey)	94 Lbs	24.87	20.66	4.21	20.38
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	111.33	113.16	-1.83	-1.62
Oil Paint	Gallon	152.06	134.83	17.23	12.78
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	110.53	81.99	28.54	34.81
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	6.61	6.61	0.00	0.00
Charcoal	Sack	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	45.76	40.10	5.66	14.11
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	165.66	125.34	40.32	32.17
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,635.53	1167.61	467.92	40.08
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.45	105.11	0.34	0.32
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	53.11	55.98	-2.87	-5.13
Laundry Soap	Each	1.26	1.19	0.07	5.88
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.94	7.77	0.17	2.19

**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**August 2022 Compared With August 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		August 2022	August 2021		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	4.97	4.17	0.80	19.18
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	15.96	13.99	1.97	14.08
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	16.35	15.18	1.17	7.68
Dental Care	Visit	150.00	145.83	4.17	2.86
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	18.16	13.20	4.96	37.58
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	590.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	Month	23.66	23.66	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	104.00	104.00	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.93	0.93	0.01	0.54
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,019.80	2005.31	14.49	0.72
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,902.23	3874.06	28.17	0.73
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,109.18	2094.05	15.13	0.72
Remote Control Car	Each	277.16	267.97	9.19	3.43
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	4.10	4.00	0.10	2.50
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	375.00	0.00	0.00



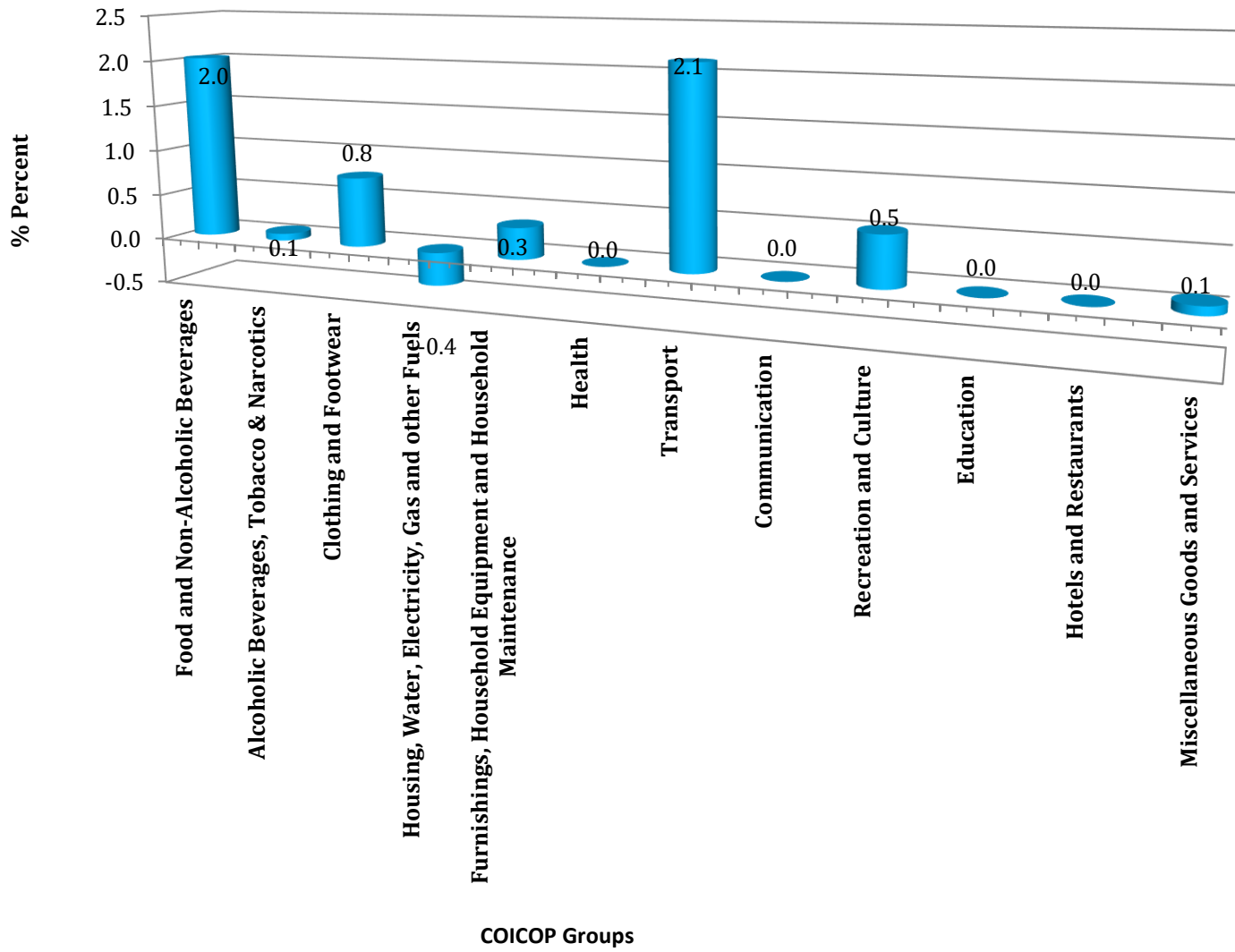
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**August 2022 Compared With August 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		August 2022	August 2021		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	227.50	217.50	10.00	4.60
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	850.00	850.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	86.55	76.73	9.82	12.80
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	16.20	14.49	1.71	11.80
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	20.00	17.32	2.68	15.47
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	21.85	17.05	4.80	28.15
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.85	3.72	0.13	3.49
Toothpaste	130g Tube	10.41	9.91	0.50	5.05
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	72.46	69.82	2.64	3.78
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	14.86	13.98	0.88	6.33
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00

**Table 3**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**

	Groups	Weight	July 2022	August 2022	August 2021	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month July	Year August
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	134.0	136.7	122.0	2.0	12.0
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.1	131.2	126.1	0.1	4.0
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.5	106.3	104.6	0.8	1.6
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	110.8	110.4	103.8	-0.4	6.4
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	117.3	117.7	113.1	0.3	4.1
06.	Health	1.79	121.8	121.8	115.6	0.0	5.4
07.	Transport	11.84	135.8	138.7	126.0	2.1	10.1
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	112.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	110.2	110.8	108.6	0.5	2.0
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	109.6	0.0	-0.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	127.8	127.8	114.0	0.0	12.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.5	108.6	106.2	0.1	2.3
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>113.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>6.6</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for August 2022**



**Table 4**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**  
**Contribution to Change**

	Groups	Weight	July 2022	August 2022	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						July 2021	August 2022		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	134.0	136.7	2.0	2,935.94	2,995.10	59.2	73.9
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.1	131.2	0.1	507.36	507.74	0.4	0.5
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.5	106.3	0.8	339.71	342.29	2.6	3.2
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	110.8	110.4	-0.4	3,330.65	3,318.62	-12.0	-15.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	117.3	117.7	0.3	773.01	775.64	2.6	3.3
6.	Health	1.79	121.8	121.8	0.0	218.02	218.02	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	135.8	138.7	2.1	1,607.87	1,642.21	34.3	42.9
8.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	0.0	1,053.92	1,053.92	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	110.2	110.8	0.5	419.86	422.15	2.3	2.9
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	0.0	143.75	143.75	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	127.8	127.8	0.0	238.99	238.99	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.5	108.6	0.1	467.64	468.07	0.4	0.5
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>11,980.00</b>	<b>12,060.00</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2022**  
**January 2010 = 100**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>All Items</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment &amp; Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communi-cation</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Hotels &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	100.00	21.91	3.87	3.22	30.06	6.59	1.79	11.84	9.41	3.81	1.32	1.87	4.31
<b>MONTH</b>													
January	114.7	126.0	127.3	104.6	105.1	113.3	117.8	127.2	112.0	110.0	108.9	115.0	106.5
February	114.8	126.8	129.3	104.7	104.2	114.0	118.0	128.4	112.0	110.1	108.9	115.3	106.5
March	115.4	127.7	129.6	104.7	105.7	114.4	118.0	127.6	112.0	110.1	108.9	116.6	106.9
April	116.9	129.9	129.2	104.6	107.5	114.9	119.7	129.1	112.0	110.1	108.9	126.0	107.5
May	118.0	131.8	129.2	105.5	108.3	116.0	120.8	131.7	112.0	110.1	108.9	127.8	108.4
June	118.7	132.1	129.8	105.5	109.4	116.3	122.0	133.8	112.0	110.1	108.9	127.8	108.4
July	119.8	134.0	131.1	105.5	110.8	117.3	121.8	135.8	112.0	110.2	108.9	127.8	108.5
August	120.6	136.7	131.2	106.3	110.4	117.7	121.8	138.7	112.0	110.8	108.9	127.8	108.6