



**PCBS Releases**

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**1.80% increase for Wholesale Price Index and 1.70% for Producer Price Index  
during the Third quarter 2008 comparing with the Previous quarter**

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) releases the third quarter statistical release on the price indices in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2008.

The results indicate that there was an increase in the price index for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) as follow:

The overall wholesale Price Index (WHI) reached 175.05 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2008, a 1.80% increase relative to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008, and increase by 13.46% relative to the same quarter of 2007. The overall producer Price Index (PPI) reached 159.52 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2008, a 1.70% increase relative to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008, and increase by 10.10% relative to the same quarter of 2007.

Analysis of wholesale price developments for this quarter indicates **changes in** the following major groups as follow:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| - Agriculture goods:    | +1.74 %  |
| - Fishing:              | +0.27 %  |
| - Mining and quarrying: | +1.24%   |
| - Manufacturing group:  | + 1.85 % |

Analysis of producer price developments for this quarter indicates **changes in** the following major groups as follow:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| - Agriculture goods:    | +1.91%   |
| - Fishing:              | + 0.21 % |
| - Mining and quarrying: | +1.21 %  |
| - Manufacturing group:  | +1.54 %  |