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The Basic Food Index (BFI) has increased by 0.4% in the month of May, after a slight drop of -0.2 in April 2016. The current BFI index now stood at 101.1 points and is the fourth month in a row that the index has remained above 100 points.

Since February this year, major changes were made to the Selective Basic Food Index basket. These changes were necessary due to consumer preferences as well as changes in commodity volume sellers.

While some food items like Lamb Flaps, Eggs, Sugar, Cooking Oil and Taro slightly dropped, higher increases in cost of Cornflake Cereal, Canned Corn Beef, Chicken Legs and Kikkoman Soy Sauce contributed to the increase in the May index. The largest increase in food commodities was the 22 pounds box of Chicken Legs with a 6.8 percent hike.

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