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Basic Food Index (BFI) for January 2017 is registered at 99.8 points, a decrease of 0.9% from the December index of 100.7 points.

Six major food outlets were selected for the monthly survey. Average retail prices for four food items (Corned Beef, Chicken Legs, Fresh Milk and Turkey Tails) contributed to the drop of basic food costs in the month of January. Food items in which average prices increased are: saimin, eggs and soft drinks. The rest of the food items remained constant in the month of January.

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