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Basic Food Index (BFI) for JUNE 2017 is registered at 102.24 points, a decrease of 0.02% from the May index of 102.26 points.

Six major food outlets were selected for the monthly survey.

Food items in which average prices increased are: chicken legs, canned tuna and butter. The cost of a 22 pound box of chicken legs continues to increase for the month of June by 4.2% and has been rising since February 2017.

Despite the increase in the 22 pound box of chicken legs, the slight drop in the BFI in June is due primarily to a substantial decrease of -10.9 percent in the cost of turkey tails.

The rest of the food items remained constant in the month of June 2017. Only four commodities decreased this month (fresh fish, rice, turkey tail and mayonnaise).

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