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Basic Food Index (BFI) for JULY 2017 is registered at 104.5 points, a substantial increase of 2.2% from the June index of 102.24 points.

Six major food outlets were selected for the monthly survey.

Food items in which average prices increased are: chicken legs, taro, pork spare ribs and butter. Data shows that the cost of a 22 pound box of chicken legs has been on the rise since February 2017 and continues to increase for the month of June by 6.9%. In addition to an increase in chicken, is the cost of taro due to a stop in taro imports from Samoa. Pork spare ribs and butter altogether contribute to a higher index.

Only three commodities decreased this month (eggs, rice, and mayonnaise). The rest of the food items remained constant in the month of June 2017.

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