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Basic Food Index (BFI) for AUGUST 2017 is registered at 104.5 points, an increase of 0.5% from the revised July index of 104.0 points.

The cost of a 22 pound box of chicken legs dropped by -2.8% for the first time since February 2017. Food items in which average prices increased are: taro, spare ribs, canned tuna, turkey tail, sugar and butter altogether contribute to a high index.

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

Six major food outlets were selected for the monthly survey.

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