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CGA PRESTIGE FPi FOODSERVICE PRICE INDEX

CGA Prestige **Foodservice Price Index (FPI)**

Snapshot Report - April 2025

Your source for accurate data, analysis and insights into today's food prices.

Monthly Snapshot..

Executive Summary

The CGA Prestige Foodservice Price Index for April indicates a continued upward trajectory in overall foodservice costs, with the total basket recording a year-on-year increase of 2.3% and a month-on-month rise of 0.6%. This sustained inflationary pressure reflects a confluence of factors, including persistent supply chain challenges, elevated production and packaging costs, and the notable impact of weather conditions on agricultural outputs.

Elsewhere, the FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) averaged 128.3 points in April 2025, a 1.0 percent increase from March, driven by rises in cereal, dairy, and meat prices, although it remains below its March 2022 peak. In contrast, April saw a decrease in Brent crude oil prices, falling to £52.52 per barrel from £57.32 in March, potentially offering some future relief on transportation and energy costs.

Inflation Ups & Downs against March..

FISH

Up 2.0%

MILK, CHEESE & EGGS

Down 0.3%

SUGAR, JAMS, SYRUPS & CHOCOLATE

Up 0.9%

VEGETABLES

Up 0.8%

Within individual FPI categories, Mineral Water, Soft Drinks & Juices saw a year-on-year inflation of 5.4%, driven by rising raw material costs such as sugar and CO_2, coupled with increased packaging and logistics expenses. Oils & Fats experienced a significant year-on-year increase of 6.3%, despite a monthly dip in global palm oil prices, as strong demand and tightening supplies continued to affect soy and rapeseed oil. The Meat & Poultry sector recorded a 1.6% year-on-year increase, influenced by strong demand for beef and ongoing disruptions from avian flu in Europe, alongside challenges for UK chicken producers. Dairy inflation stood at 2.4% year-on-year, primarily due to rising butter and milk powder prices, although the UK average milk price saw a slight monthly decrease.

The Fish category experienced a 0.4% year-on-year increase but a more pronounced 2.0% month-on-month rise, largely driven by critical declines in hake stocks and tighter cod supplies following significant quota reductions. Vegetables showed a modest 0.6% year-on-year increase, but the driest spring in a century has negatively impacted root vegetable yields, foreshadowing potential price rises. Fruit inflation registered 1.6% year-on-year, with seasonal performance for certain crops masking underlying pressures from labour shortages and input costs. Finally, Sugar, Jam, Syrups & Chocolate saw a 2.5% year-on-year increase, primarily due to global sugar market volatility and high cocoa prices. These dynamics suggest that while some categories show seasonal adjustments, the broader inflationary environment in foodservice is likely to persist through key summer trading periods, even with the potential mitigating effect of lower crude oil prices.

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