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BASIC FOOD INDEX – SEPTEMBER 2021 **REGISTERED AT 121.4 POINTS – AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF BASIC FOOD BY 1.7%**

The monthly Basic Food Index (BFI) in September registered a substantial increase of 1.7% from last month's BFI.

Thirteen out of twenty food commodities all together contributed to this month's increase of 1.7% except for six food commodities that remained constant throughout the month of September which were: fresh fish, banana, ramen, bread, eggs, and mayonnaise.

The cost of pork spare ribs increased rapidly since June 2021 and continued to rise and had the greatest month-over-month price increase of 5.5% for this month. Other price increases included the cost of a 22-pound box of chicken legs (3.4%), turkey tails (3.6%), soft drinks (3.5%), bottled water (1.5%), rice (1.7%), milk (0.7%), sausage (0.9%), ice cream (0.6%), canned tuna (1.2%), sugar (3.2%), corned beef (1.1%), and butter (2.7%).

The only food commodity that dropped in price was taro and was measured a -0.5% price decrease.

Seven major food outlets were selected for this monthly survey.

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Director's Approval: _____

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