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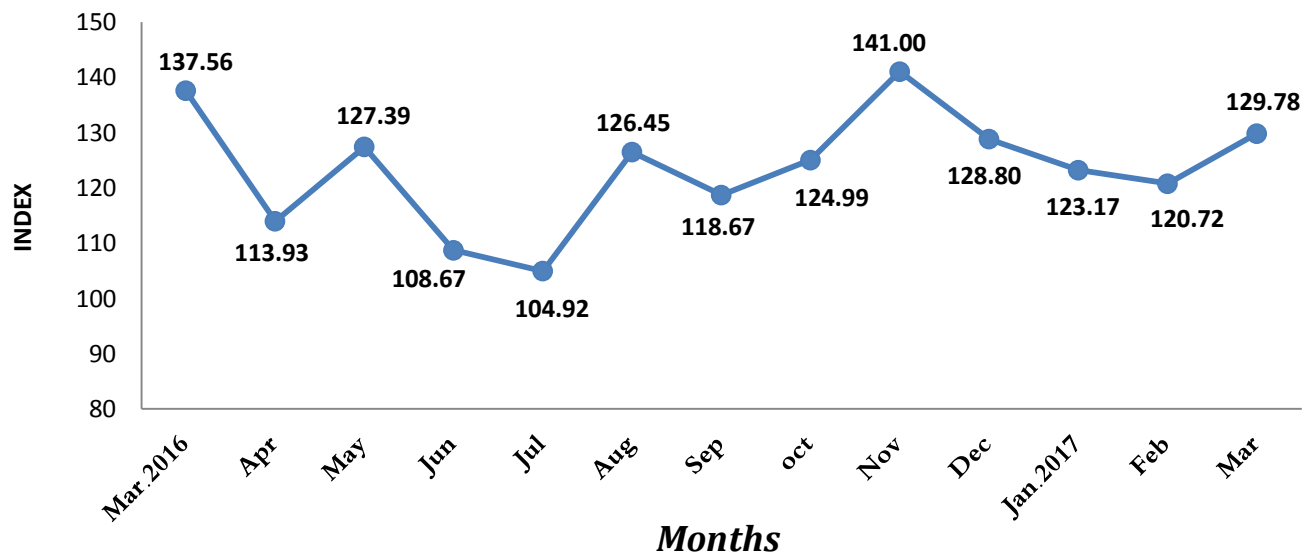
Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

7.5% increase index of Manufacturing and during March 2017

Central Agency for public mobilization and statistics (CAPMAS) issued on 23/ 5 / 2017 metadata of the production index of manufacturing and extractive industries for March 2017.

- The index of manufacturing (without crude oil and petroleum products) **129.78** during **March 2017 (primary)** compared to **120.72** during **February 2017 (final)** an increase of 7.5 %.

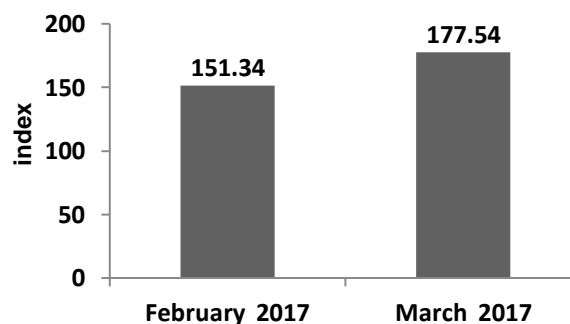
The following figure shows the index number data from Mar. 2016 to Mar. 2017



An increase at the level of the following economic activities:

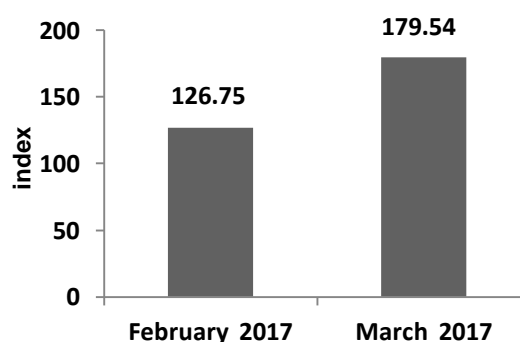


Manufacture of food products



- Total index for manufacture of food products reached 177.54 during March 2017, compared to 151.34 during February 2017, an increase of 17.3% due to the run of the Mills at full capacity -Increase in bran prices- and seasonal beet sugar.

Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products

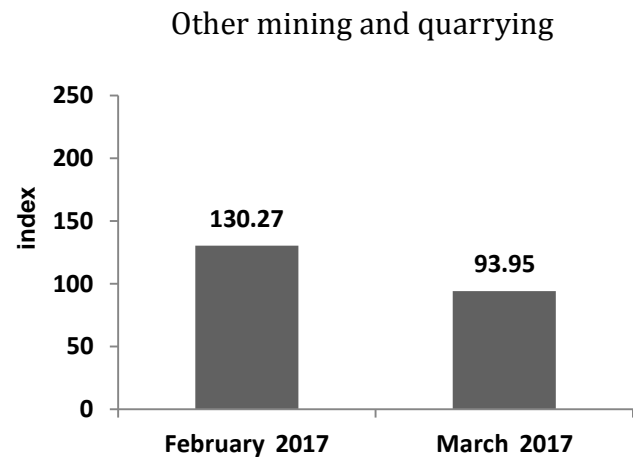


- Total index of Manufacture of chemicals and chemical reached 179.54 during March 2017, compared to 126.75 during February 2017, an increase of 41.6 % due to Meeting the needs of the summer planting season in fertilizer activity.

A decrease at the level of the following economic activities:



- Total index of Other mining and quarrying reached 93.95 during March 2017, compared to 130.27 during February 2017, an decrease of 27.9 % due to lower export orders for rough raw salt.



- Total index for Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products reached 98.59 during March 2017, compared to 191.41 during February 2017, a decrease of 48.5% due to lower contracts concluded.

