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Table 9.2. Year-on-Year Changes of the Food and FBT, By Area, in Percent (1988 = 100)

| AREA                       | COMMODITY GROUP             | Mar | 1 9 9 8 |       |       |     |     | 1 9 9 7 |      |     |     |     |       |     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|---------|-------|-------|-----|-----|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
|                            |                             |     | Feb     | Jan   | Dec   | Nov | Oct | Sep     | Aug  | Jul | Jun | May | Apr   | Mar |
| PHILIPPINES                | Food, Beverages and Tobacco | 4.5 | 4.9     | 3.6 r | 3.1   | 3.6 | 2.4 | 2.0     | 0.8  | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.8   | 1.9 |
|                            | Food                        | 4.5 | 5.0     | 3.8   | 3.1 r | 3.7 | 2.5 | 1.9 r   | 0.6  | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.5 r | 1.7 |
| METRO MANILA               | Food, Beverages and Tobacco | 2.3 | 3.0     | 2.3   | 1.6 r | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.0     | -0.1 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1   | 5.3 |
|                            | Food                        | 2.3 | 3.2     | 2.6   | 1.9 r | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.3     | 0.0  | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.4   | 5.5 |
| AREAS OUTSIDE METRO MANILA | Food, Beverages and Tobacco | 5.0 | 5.3     | 3.9   | 3.5   | 4.0 | 2.5 | 1.9 r   | 1.0  | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.2   | 1.1 |
|                            | Food                        | 5.1 | 5.5     | 4.1   | 3.5 r | 4.0 | 2.4 | 1.8 r   | 0.7  | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.8 r | 0.7 |

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