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Table 9. Monthly Consumer Price Index for Food and Food Beverages and Tobacco (FBT) for All Income Households, By Area (1994 = 100)

		1998	======	======		======		1997	======				======		
AREA	COMMODITY GROUP	May	Apr	Mar 	Feb	Jan 	Ave.	Dec	Nov	0ct	Sep	Aug	Jul 	Jun 	May
PHILIPPINES	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	134.3	131.9	130.8	129.8	128.3	124.5	127.2	126.7	126.3	126.0	125.2	124.4	124.3	123.3
	Food	135.0	132.6	131.4	130.5	129.1	125.0	128.0	127.6	127.1	126.8	125.8	124.9	125.0	123.9
METRO MANILA	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	136.1	130.8	129.0	127.8	127.2	123.7	126.2	124.5	124.5	124.1	124.0	124.3	124.8	123.1
	Food	137.1	131.5	129.6	128.4	127.9	123.9	127.1	125.4	125.3	125.0	124.8	125.0	125.5	123.7
AREAS OUTSIDE METRO MANILA	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	133.8	132.2	131.3	130.4	128.6	124.8	127.5	127.4	126.9	126.6	125.5	124.4	124.2	123.4
	Food	134.4	132.9	131.9	131.1	129.4	125.4	128.3	128.2	127.6	127.3	126.1	124.9	124.8	123.9

Source: Prices and Indicators Section Industry and Trade Statistics Department National Statistics Office Republic of the Philippines 1997 1996