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Table 9.2. Year-on-Year Changes of the Food and FBT, By Area, in Percent (1994 = 100)

AREA	COMMODITY GROUP	1 9 9 8					1 9 9 7							
		May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May
PHILIPPINES	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	8.9	7.1	6.3	6.1	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.1	3.8	2.7	3.2	3.3	2.8
	Food	9.0	7.3	6.9	6.9	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.3	3.9	2.6	3.1	3.3	2.7
METRO MANILA	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	10.6	7.0	5.3	5.0	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.3	2.6	5.2	5.3	4.5
	Food	10.8	7.1	7.6	7.6	4.8	4.4	4.4	3.6	3.7	2.9	5.5	5.7	4.8
AREAS OUTSIDE METRO MANILA	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	8.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.4	3.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.2
	Food	8.5	7.3	6.7	6.7	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.4	3.9	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.0

Source: Prices and Indicators Section
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