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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	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	1998						Dec	1997	
						Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan		Nov	Oct
PHILIPPINES	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	9.9	9.4 r	9.7	10.0	10.1	8.9 r	7.1	6.3	6.1	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.1
	Food	9.9	9.5 r	9.9 r	10.3	10.3	9.0 r	7.3	6.9	6.9	5.1	4.8 r	5.2	4.3
METRO MANILA	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	10.0	8.8	8.5	8.6	10.1	10.6	7.0	5.3	5.0	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.3
	Food	10.0	8.6	8.3	8.7	10.3	10.8	7.1	7.6	7.6	4.8	4.4	4.4	3.6
AREAS OUTSIDE METRO MANILA	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	9.8	9.6 r	10.1 r	10.5	10.1	8.3 r	7.1	6.7	6.4	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.4
	Food	9.8	9.7 r	10.3 r	10.7	10.3	8.5 r	7.3	6.7	6.7	5.2	5.1 r	5.3	4.5 r

Source: Prices and Indicators Section
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