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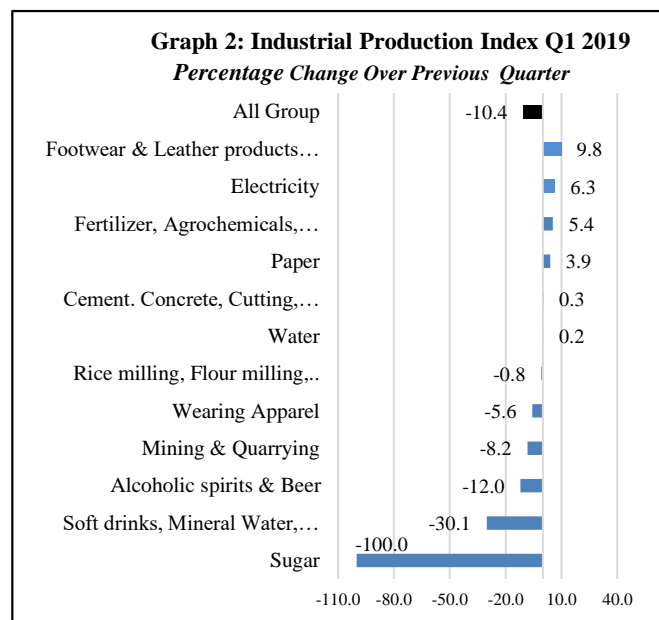
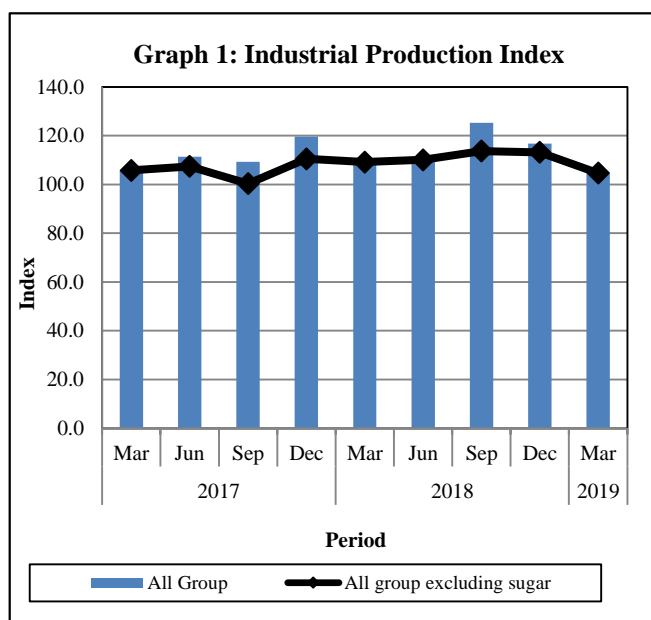
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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX [Base: Average 4 quarters 2014 = 100.0] March Quarter 2019

The Industrial Production Index (IPI) is an economic indicator that measures production volume changes in the following industries; Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity and Water.

Key Facts



- The All Group Industrial Production Index (IPI) stood at 104.7 in the March quarter of 2019. This represented a decline of 10.4 percent when compared to the December quarter of 2018.
- The All Group Index registered a decline of 4.2 percent when compared to the March quarter of 2018.

The major index movements were as follows:

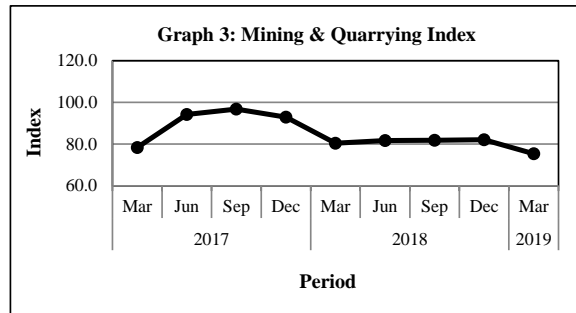
- Footwear & Leather products rose by 9.8 percent;
- Electricity rose by 6.3 percent;
- Fertilizer, Agrochemicals and Paints & varnishes rose by 5.4 percent;
- Paper rose by 3.9 percent;
- Mining and Quarrying fell by 8.2 percent;
- Alcoholic spirits & Beer fell by 12.0 percent;
- Soft drinks, Mineral water, Yaqona & Tobbaco fell by 30.1 percent; and
- Sugar Index fell by 100.0 percent.

The All Group Index including sugar showed a decline when compared to both the December quarter of 2018 and March quarter of 2018. The All Group Index excluding sugar showed a decline when compared to both the December quarter of 2018 and March quarter of 2018. Sugar production is seasonal, with crushing carried out in the latter half of the year. Given the significant weight for sugar in the index, an increase or decrease in its production volume is bound to have an impact on the overall index.

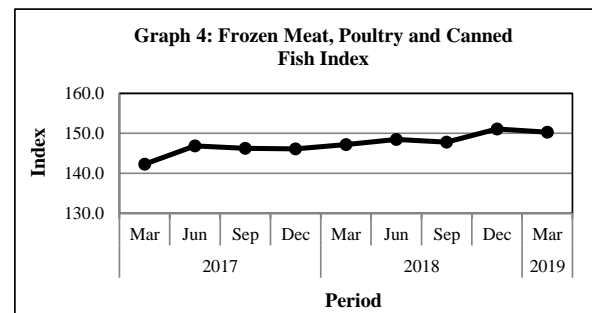
Note: Refer to Table 1 for details

Industrial Highlights

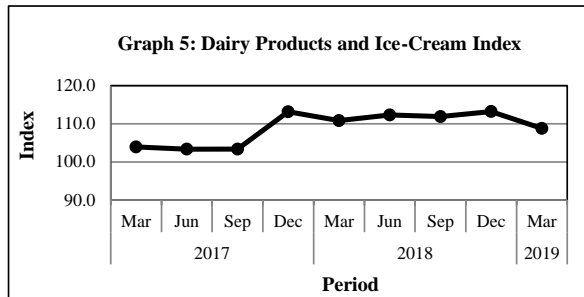
Analysis of major industries are highlighted below. These should be read in conjunction with Table 1.



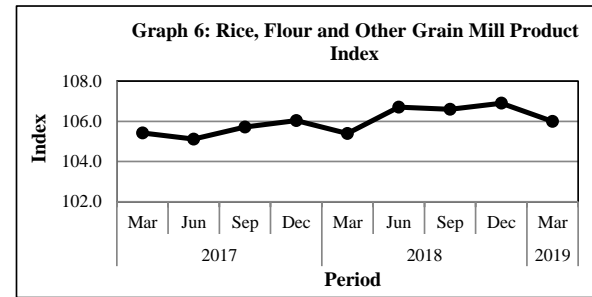
The mining & quarrying index stood at 75.4. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2018*. Lower grades of ores being extracted contributed to the overall decline.



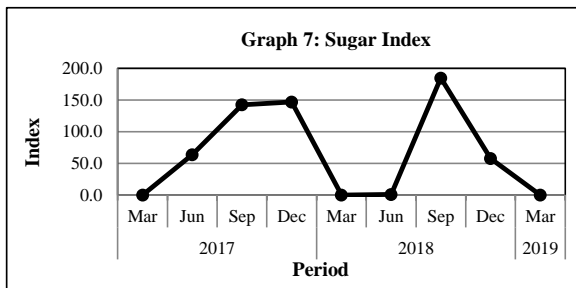
The frozen poultry, meat and canned fish index stood at 150.3. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2018* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2018*. The decline in canned fish production influenced the overall movement.



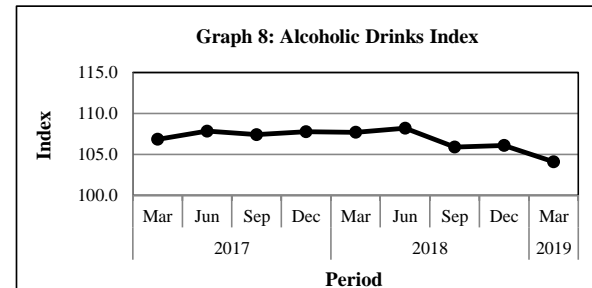
The dairy products including ice-cream index stood at 108.8. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2018*. Lower milk production led to the overall decline.



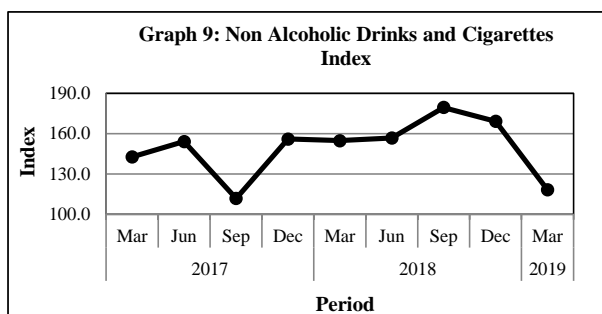
The rice, flour & other grain mill products index stood at 106.0. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2018* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter 2018*. Lower production of flour led to the overall decline.



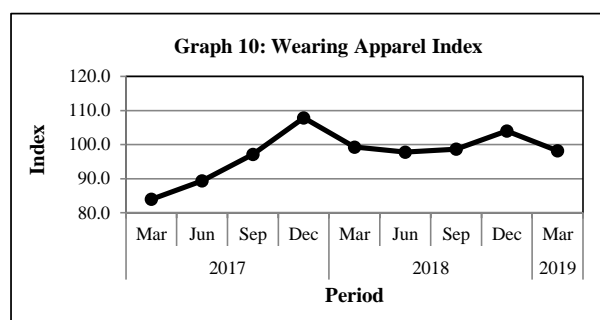
The sugar index stood at 0.0. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2018* but remain unchanged *when compared to the March quarter of 2018*.



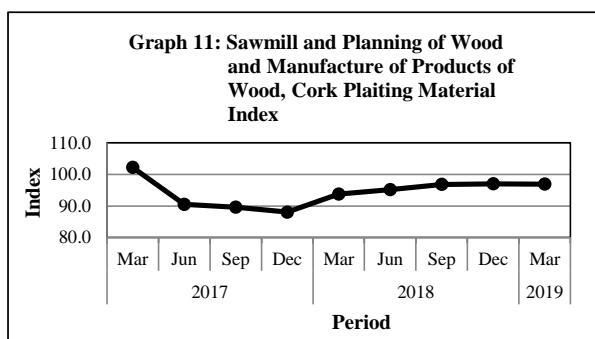
The alcoholic drinks index stood at 100.8. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2018* but remain unchanged *when compared to the March quarter 2018*. Lower alcoholic spirits production led to the overall decline.



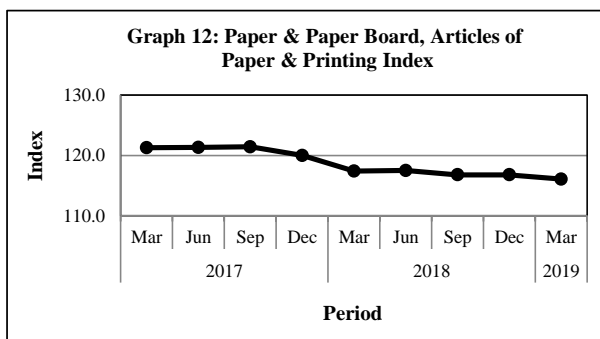
The non-alcoholic drinks & cigarettes index stood at 118.2. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2018*. Low mineral water production led to the overall decline.



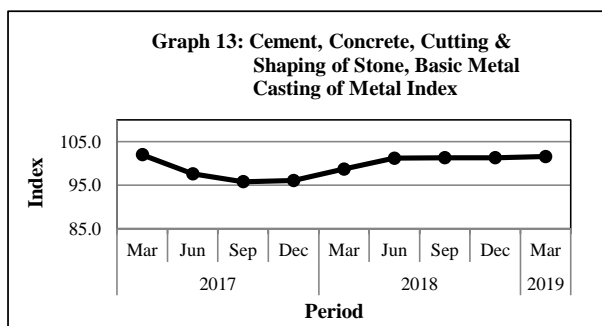
The wearing apparel index stood at 98.2. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2018*. The decline in orders received from overseas influenced the overall movement.



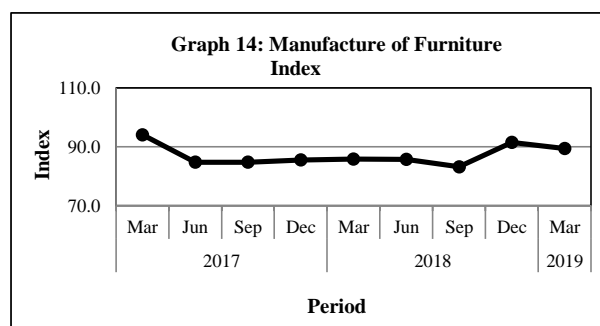
The saw-milling & planning of wood and manufacture of products of wood, cork plaiting material index stood at 96.9. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2018* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2018*. Decrease in sawn timber led to the overall decline.



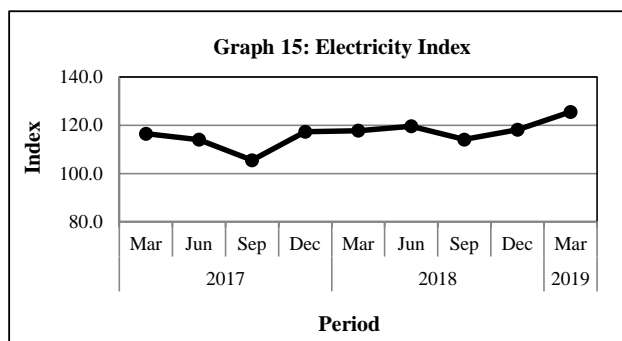
The paper & paper board, other articles of paper and printing index stood at 116.1. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December and March quarter of 2018*. Lower production of paper & paper board led to the overall decline.



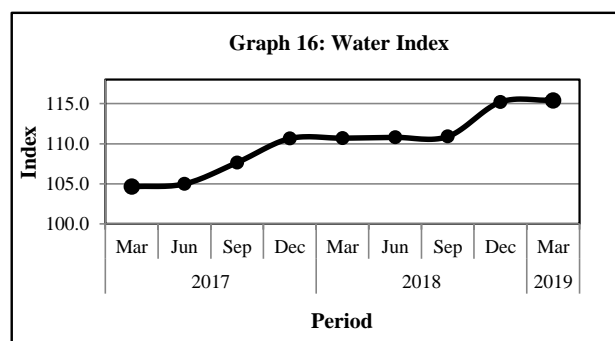
The cement, concrete products, cutting & shaping of stone, basic metal and casting of metal index stood at 101.6. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the December quarter of 2018 and March quarter of 2018*. The increase in production of cement led to the overall increase.



The manufacture of furniture index stood at 89.4. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2018* but an increase *when compared to March quarter 2018*. Low orders received locally lead to the overall decline.



The electricity index stood at 125.6. The index showed an increase **when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2018**. The increase is due to high electricity demand.



The water index stood at 115.4. The index showed an increase **when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2018**. The increase mentioned above reflects high water usage.

Please find attached the following:

Table 1: Quarterly Industrial Production Index.

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IPI for June quarter of 2019 will be released in September 2019.

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Table 1

Quarterly Industrial Production Index
[Base: Average 4 Quarters 2014 = 100.0]

FSIC	Commodities	Weights	Quarterly											Changes (%)	
			2017				2018				2019	Mar-19/Dec-18	Mar-19/Mar-18		
			Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar				
07291/ 08101/ 08999	Mining & Quarrying	4.0	78.4	94.2	96.8	92.9	80.4	81.7	81.9	82.1	75.4	-8.2	-6.2		
10101	Frozen poultry	5.1	142.3	146.9	146.3	146.1	147.2	148.5	147.8	151.1	150.3	-0.5	2.1		
10102	Meat														
10201	Canned fish														
10301	Fruit and vegetables	0.6	98.1	98.0	102.9	104.2	103.9	102.6	104.2	104.5	104.2	-0.3	0.3		
10401	Edible oil	0.2	91.5	92.8	93.2	95.7	93.6	94.4	93.5	94.5	95.0	0.5	1.5		
	Coconut oil														
10501	Dairy products	3.4	103.9	103.3	103.4	113.2	110.8	112.3	111.9	113.2	108.8	-3.9	-1.8		
10502	Ice-cream														
10619	Rice milling	2.7	105.4	105.1	105.7	106.0	105.4	106.7	106.6	106.9	106.0	-0.8	0.6		
10612	Flour milling														
10619	Other grain mill products														
10711	Bread	2.0	101.5	101.4	101.6	101.6	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.6	101.6	0.0	0.1		
10712	Cakes														
10713	Biscuits														
10721	Sugar	6.2	0.0	63.6	142.4	147.0	0.0	0.8	184.8	57.6	0.0	-100.0	0.0		
10731	Sugar confectionery& other food n.e.c	2.2	106.8	107.8	107.4	107.8	107.7	108.2	105.9	106.1	104.1	-1.9	-3.3		
10741	Starch products														
10799	Other food n.e.c														
10801	Animal feed	2.4	100.7	101.0	87.3	114.8	100.8	100.7	100.8	114.5	100.8	-12.0	0.0		
11011	Alcoholic sprits														
11031	Beer														
11041	Soft drinks	15.8	142.7	154.1	111.7	156.0	154.8	156.9	179.6	169.2	118.2	-30.1	-23.6		
11042	Mineral water														
11051	Yaqona														
12001	Tobacco														
14101	Wearing apparel	7.5	83.9	89.4	97.2	107.9	99.4	97.8	98.7	104.0	98.2	-5.6	-1.2		
15201	Footwear & leather products	1.1	101.8	101.9	99.5	99.5	100.9	100.9	100.8	100.8	110.7	9.8	9.7		
16101	Saw-milling & planning of wood	5.0	102.2	90.5	89.6	88.0	93.8	95.2	96.8	97.0	96.9	-0.1	3.3		
16201	Manufacture of products of wood, cork plaiting material														
17011	Paper	0.1	110.6	110.8	110.4	110.8	110.0	110.1	109.0	109.5	113.8	3.9	3.5		
17021	Paper & paper board	6.0	121.3	121.3	121.4	120.0	117.4	117.5	116.8	116.8	116.1	-0.6	-1.1		
17099	Other articles of paper & paper board														
18111	Printing														
20121	Fertilizer	1.6	124.7	112.1	113.0	111.9	122.8	124.1	108.9	111.1	117.1	5.4	-4.6		
20211	Agrochemicals														
20221	Paints & varnishes														
20231	Soap & detergent	2.2	107.0	107.6	109.8	112.8	106.9	107.2	107.4	108.4	107.9	-0.5	0.9		
20299	Other chemical products														
21001	Pharmaceuticals														
22111	Rubber tyres & tubes	1.0	135.0	123.4	123.9	125.6	126.3	126.9	126.0	127.2	128.8	1.3	2.0		
22201	Plastic products														
23101	Glass and glass products														
23942	Cement	3.0	102.0	97.6	95.8	96.1	98.7	101.2	101.3	101.3	101.6	0.3	2.9		
23951	Concrete														
23961	Cutting, shaping of stone														
24101	Basic metal														
24311	Casting of metals														
25101	Structural metal products		1.4	115.0	115.0	114.8	117.2	128.7	126.1	127.2	128.0	119.8	-6.4	-6.9	
25901	Other fabricated metal products	2.8	110.6	111.0	111.1	111.2	112.1	112.0	111.9	112.0	112.0	0.0	-0.1		
29201	Coachwork	0.6	79.7	76.2	79.4	76.2	73.4	73.4	72.7	72.7	77.9	7.2	6.1		
30101	Building of ships & floating structure														
31001	Manufacture of furniture	1.9	94.1	84.8	84.8	85.5	85.8	85.7	83.2	91.5	89.4	-2.3	4.2		
32101	Jewellery	1.2	89.0	88.9	88.5	88.3	87.7	87.6	88.1	88.1	88.2	0.1	0.6		
32999	Other manufacturing n.e.c.														
33121	Repair of machinery														
33141	Repair of electrical equipment														
35101	Electricity	10.9	116.5	114.1	105.5	117.3	117.8	119.6	114.1	118.2	125.6	6.3	6.6		
36001	Water	9.1	104.7	105.0	107.7	110.6	110.7	110.8	110.9	115.2	115.4	0.2	4.2		
	All Group	100.0	105.8	111.4	109.3	119.7	109.3	110.1	124.4	116.8	104.7	-10.4	-4.2		
	All group excluding sugar	93.8	105.8	107.4	100.4	110.5	109.3	110.1	112.8	113.2	104.7	-7.5	-4.2		
	All group excluding mining and quarrying	96.0	102.6	107.6	105.3	116.0	106.1	106.8	121.1	113.5	101.7	-10.4	-4.1		
	Manufacturing	76.0	80.5	85.7	84.1	93.2	83.2	83.8	98.6	98.6	77.6	-21.3	-6.7		