





# CGA Prestige Foodservice Price Index (FPI)

**Snapshot Report - February 2022** 

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# **Monthly Snapshot continued..**

## **Executive Summary**

The Foodservice Price Index continued to rise in February, with inflation now reaching double digits. Seven categories are showing year-on-year inflation, with six of the seven reporting double digit inflation. Month-on-month inflation however has remained far more stable, with four categories showing deflation, and only one showing inflation above 1%.

It is, however, likely that March will report further strong month-on-month movement. February 24th saw Russia begin its invasion of Ukraine, and the commodity markets reacted almost instantly. Wheat futures rose, oil pricing spiked, and the cost of fertiliser began to rise as fears of shortages began. February's FPI only saw 4 days of the war, and as such most categories are yet to see any meaningful impact. It is likely that much of the volatility will come in the months ahead.

### Inflation Ups & Downs against December..

TEA, COFFEE & COCOA DOWN 1.1%

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FRUIT DOWN 0.4%

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MILK, CHEESE & & EGGS 1

Up 0.4%

The Breads and Cereals category is likely to see increased volatility over the coming months. Ukraine and Russia combined accounts for 27% of the global wheat market and are a major exporter to the rest of the world. While the UK produces 90% of the wheat we consume, a fall in global supply of this scale will certainly impact UK pricing.

Wheat commodity pricing in the UK has moved upwards dramatically in the last few weeks, moving from £230 on 25th February to £297 on 7th March, a rise of just over 29% in 10 days. Many products will be affected by the sudden and sharp rise in prices, the most obvious of which will be breads and the bakery category. However, meats and poultry are also likely to be largely affected by the rise in feed pricing, and poultry will be particularly affected in the short term. Feed wheat prices have seen a large increase since the start of the war, however, while it is likely to show in the coming months, this was yet to make a sizable impact on the meat market in February.

Elsewhere, February saw Norwegian Salmon pricing continue to spike as a result of strong demand and restricted supply. This fall in supply is due to two issues with fish health. The first, is the high level of winter sores currently being reported by farms resulting in a fall in the quality of Fish, as well as availability, and the second is the Algae Bloom currently plaguing Chilean supply.

These issues have resulted in record breaking prices throughout the month, as prices averaged NOK 87.60 per kg (£7.23) in mid-February. Prices are likely to remain high for the foreseeable future, as availability is predicted to be low for some time, and high energy and feed costs are also expected to force pricing further upwards over the coming months.



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