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**DATA ANALYSIS – INFLATION** 

# November's IGP-M: Deflation's Impact on Commodities Persists

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- IPA-Industrial posted deflation of -0.74% MoM, with the trend rising to -6.8% 3MMA-saar (from -7.3% previously), meaning it is running well below the 5.9% YoY rate and suggesting further deceleration ahead.
- IPA-industrial core gauge posted -2.6% 3MMA-saar (from -1.9% before), running below the 3.1% YoY rate and signaling that the YoY rate will continue to trend downward.
- IGPs' reading has been more favorable at the margin, but the dichotomy between supply issues in commodities and a likely slowdown of the global economy still suggests an uncertain outlook ahead. We still expect commodity prices to rebound (particularly oil), but given recent surprises to the downside, our IGP-M 2022 tracking is now at 5.5% YoY.

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**IPA-Agro posted deflation of -1.46% MoM, with the trend falling to -10.3% 3MMA-saar (from -8.7% previously), below the 5.3% YoY reading.** Commodities continue to show deflation: livestock fell -2.6% MoM, still driven by the deflation of milk (-5.3% MoM), cattle (-2.2% MoM) and poultry (-2.8% MoM). Short-term cattle demand could rise given end-year seasonality and the games in Qatar. Nonetheless, we still see the prospects for cattle in 2023 as benign given our expectation of abundant supply. As for milk, prices paid to producers continue to fall, as supply from the Center-South region picks up. In agricultural, coffee deflation is the highlight (-21% MoM). Coffee prices have receded 30% YTD, and the prospect of higher supplies in 2023 could add to the bearish trend. On the other hand, in-natura goods (such as mandioca, tomato and orange) posted inflation, though it is decelerating. (Indeed, in the last reading of November's IPCA-15, food inflation decelerated a bit.

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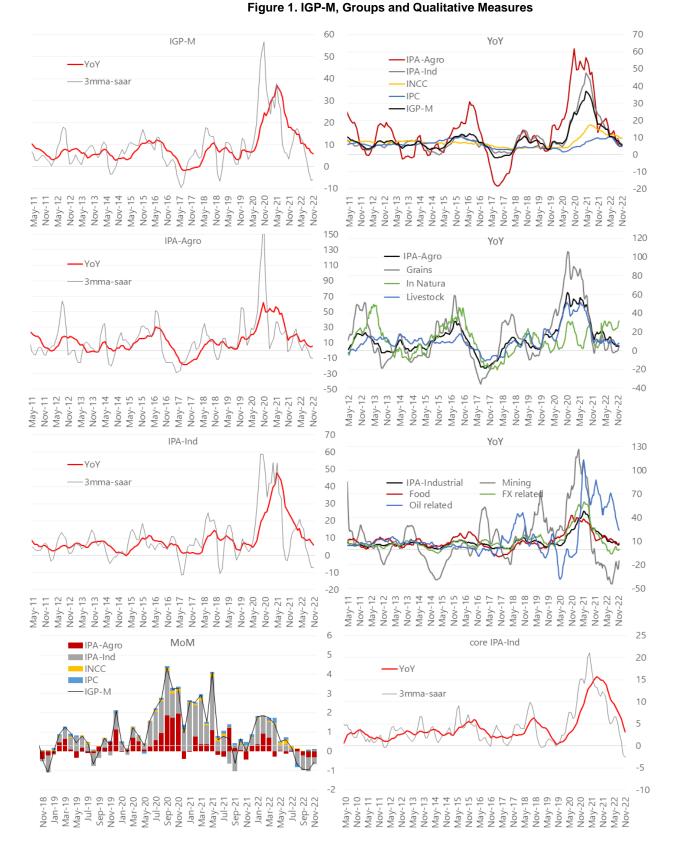
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has been decelerating, with oil prices recently trading sideways as the market awaits the next OPEC+ meeting (scheduled for December 4) and further signs of where China is headed with respect to its zero-COVID policy.

**IPA-industrial core gauge posted -2.6% 3MMA-saar (from -1.9% before), running below the 3.1% YoY rate and signaling that the YoY rate will continue to trend downward.** This is important because the IPA-industrial core gauge (which excludes iron ore, food, medicines, and fuels from the IPA-industrial headline) is more correlated with the industrial goods group in IPCA (durable goods in general), so it is more optimistic news for IPCA. Indeed, durable goods inflation on IPCA continues to plunge.

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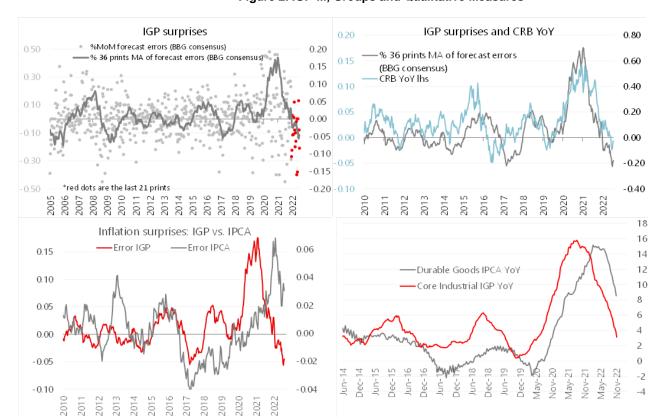




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#### Figure 2. IGP-M, Groups and Qualitative Measures





### Figure 3. IGP-M, Groups and Qualitative Measures (continuation)

		Sep-22			Oct-22			Nov-22	
IGP chained %MoM	IGP-10	IGP-M	IGP-DI	IGP-10	IGP-M	IGP-DI	IGP-10	IGP-M	IGP-DI
IGP	-0.90	-0.95	-1.22	-1.04	-0.97	-0.62	-0.59	-0.56	
IPA	-1.18	-1.27	-1.68	-1.44	-1.44	-1.04	-0.98	-0.94	
IPA-Agro	-0.39	-0.99	-1.20	-1.33	-1.46	-1.79	-1.44	-1.46	
Grains	-0.82	-0.71	-0.83	-0.58	-0.35	-0.30	0.42	0.71	
In Natura	3.75	4.25	5.63	6.61	6.89	5.62	4.50	3.69	
Livestock	-1.19	-3.55	-3.99	-3.93	-4.00	-3.97	-2.78	-2.61	
IPA-Industrial	-1.50	-1.39	-1.88	-1.49	-1.43	-0.73	-0.79	-0.74	
Mining	-3.64	-3.97	-2.69	-0.41	-1.20	-4.84	-8.72	-7.32	
Food	0.04	0.03	-0.45	-0.92	-0.62	0.32	0.45	0.49	
FX related	-1.16	-1.22	-1.50	-1.27	-1.39	-1.50	-1.98	-2.06	
Oil related	-6.58	-5.79	-8.02	-5.61	-5.64	-2.06	-1.20	-0.37	
INCC	-0.02	0.10	0.09	0.01	0.04	0.12	0.19	0.14	
IPĊ	-0.14	-0.08	0.02	0.17	0.50	0.69	0.67	0.64	

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IGP chained %YoY	IGP-10	IGP-M	IGP-DI	IGP-10	IGP-M	IGP-DI	IGP-10	IGP-M	IGP-DI
IGP	8.2	8.3	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.6	5.6	5.9	
IPA	8.4	8.6	8.3	7.7	6.5	5.2	5.2	5.8	
IPA-Agro	6.4	6.4	6.3	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.9	5.3	
Grains	-2.2	-1.4	-1.0	-0.9	-0.3	0.5	2.0	4.1	
In Natura	22.3	22.1	23.7	23.9	24.4	25.4	29.5	31.6	
Livestock	8.9	8.1	7.6	5.7	5.9	6.6	8.2	8.0	
IPA-Industrial	9.2	9.5	9.2	8.9	7.2	5.5	5.3	5.9	
Mining	-30.0	-25.2	-19.0	-15.8	-20.3	-25.7	-24.0	-14.9	
Food	9.2	8.3	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.0	6.6	7.3	
FX related	-0.1	1.3	2.7	2.9	0.3	-1.9	-1.6	0.0	
Oil related	50.3	49.1	41.3	38.4	35.2	28.3	25.9	24.1	
INCC	11.2	10.9	10.7	10.6	10.1	9.9	9.7	9.4	
IPĆ	6.2	5.6	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.7	

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