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## Venezuela

**Post:** Caracas

### **Food Prices Rise 37.3 percent in 12 months**

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**Report Highlights:**

Post reports on statistics from the Central Bank of Venezuela showing the rate of inflation for food products in the last twelve months.

**General Information:**

According to Central Bank of Venezuela (BCV) statistics, food prices are continuing to rise. The BCV reports that the major increase in food prices was for vegetables, at 11.1 percent. In general, food prices registered an advance of 4.1 percent in January 2011 and 37.3 percent in the last 12 months, the largest increase in Latin America.

The government recently increased the exchange rate for food and medicines from 2.6 to 4.3 bolivars per dollar, increasing the cost of the imports that are vital to supply the national market. Some economists anticipate that Venezuela will end this year with an inflation rate of 30 percent, a figure greater than the goal of the Government of 23 percent.

For more information click on the BCV website: <http://www.bcv.org.ve/c2/indicadores.asp>

Source: BCV and local media