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Producer confidence reaches record high

Producer confidence, the mood indicator among entrepreneurs in the manufacturing industry, reached a record high in April. The latest data by Statistics Netherlands show that producers received slightly more orders as well in April. The producers expect a rise in productivity in the next three months. The series of price rises for industrial products is not expected to end in the next few months.

Confidence up in industry

Confidence by the Dutch industry grew even further in April. It was the fourth time in a row that producer confidence rose. This brings the level of confidence to 7.8 after a 1.2 percentage point rise. This is the highest level ever observed by Statistics Netherlands. The positive attitudes about the stocks of finished products and the expected increase in production in the next few months are contributing to the indicator's high level.

More orders for industry

Producers received slightly more orders in April than in March. Productivity increased slightly in April, and producers expect it to grow even further in the next three months.

The series of price increases of manufactured products are not expected to end. Producers assume selling prices will rise in the next three months.

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Producer confidence/ Producentenvertrouwen

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1996	-0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.6	2.5	1.5	0.8	2.4	1.0	3.5
1997	3.7	3.7	3.4	4.7	3.9	6.2	6.5	7.1	6.6	6.4	7.2	4.5
1998	5.3	5.3	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.4	4.0	4.8	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.2
1999	0.6	-1.0	0.6	1.2	1.5	2.3	1.4	4.2	7.1	6.9	6.1	5.2
2000	5.3	6.4	6.6	7.8								

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