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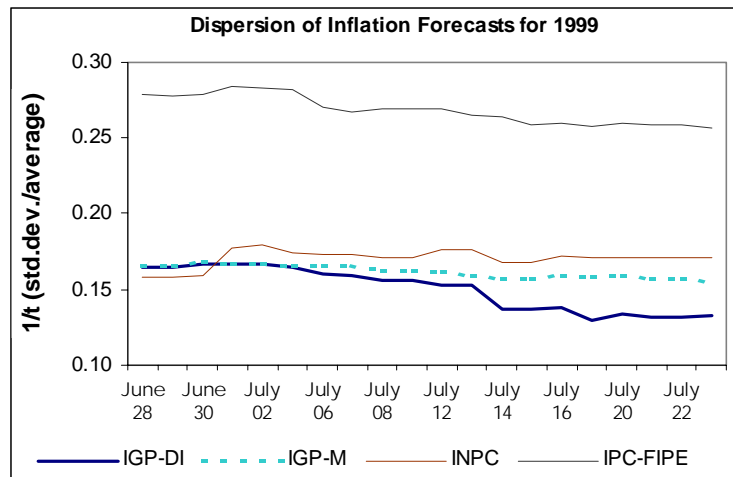
The median forecast for the IPCA for 1999 increased to 7.60% from 7.50% as tracked by Banco Central do Brasil Daily Survey on Market Expectations. Forecasts for the IGP-M index for 1999 increased to 12.45% from 12.28% while the IGP-DI changed to 12.50% from 12.25%. Median expectations for the IPC-Fipe remained unchanged. The INPC showed a decline to 7.49% from 7.50%. The dispersion of forecasts for price indexes in 1999 continued stable over the week. The median expectation for GDP growth in 1999 did not change. Expectations for the trade balance surplus were lowered to US\$ 1.5 billion from US\$ 2.1 billion in 1999.

Market Readout

***Central Bank Daily Survey on Market Expectations
Market Median Forecasts***

Price indices (% change)	for July 1999		for 1999		for 2000	
	as of July 16	as of today	as of July 16	as of today	as of July 16	as of today
IGP-DI	1.00	1.15	12.25	12.50	6.09	6.09
IGP-M	1.30	1.47	12.28	12.45	5.50	5.50
IPC-Fipe	1.00	1.00	6.40	6.40	5.00	5.00
INPC	0.80	0.80	7.50	7.49	5.87	5.87
IPCA	0.90	0.92	7.50	7.60	5.50	5.50

	for 1999		for 2000	
	as of July 16	as of today	as of July 16	as of today
GDP growth (%)	-1.00	-1.00	3.70	3.70
Trade Balance (US\$ billion)	2.10	1.50	5.85	5.70
Current account (US\$ billion)	-23.2	-23.6	-22.0	-22.0
Fiscal Figures (% of GDP)				
Primary balance	3.00	3.00	3.10	3.05
Nominal balance	-9.50	-9.50	-4.05	-4.10



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