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*Consensus forecast for Brazil's GDP growth in 1999 improved to -0.15% from -0.20% last week.* For the year 2000, a growth of 3.5% is expected. The median forecast of market participants for the IPCA remained stable at 7.96% for 1999 and 6.00% for 2000. For the INPC, the median moved to 7.57% from 7.40% for 1999, continuing at 5.81% for 2000. Forecasts for the IGP-M increased to 13.89% from 13.74%, while the IGP-DI median changed to 13.47% from 13.50% recorded last week. Expectations for the trade balance surplus in 1999 decreased to US\$100 million from last week's US\$500 million. For the year 2000, a surplus of US\$5.0 billion is expected.

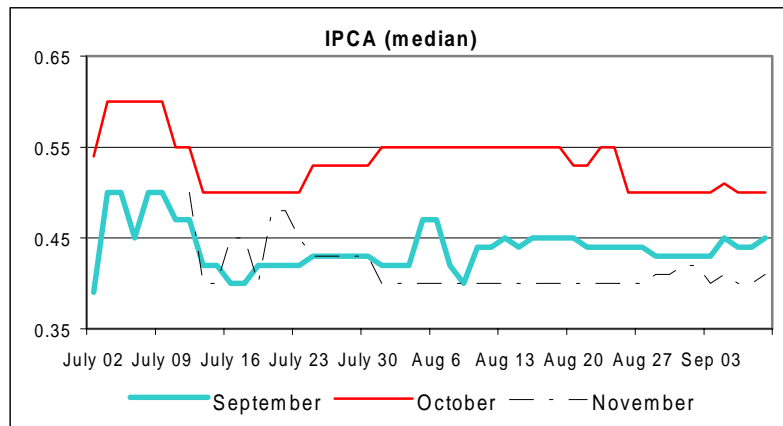
## Market Readout

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Market Median Forecasts*

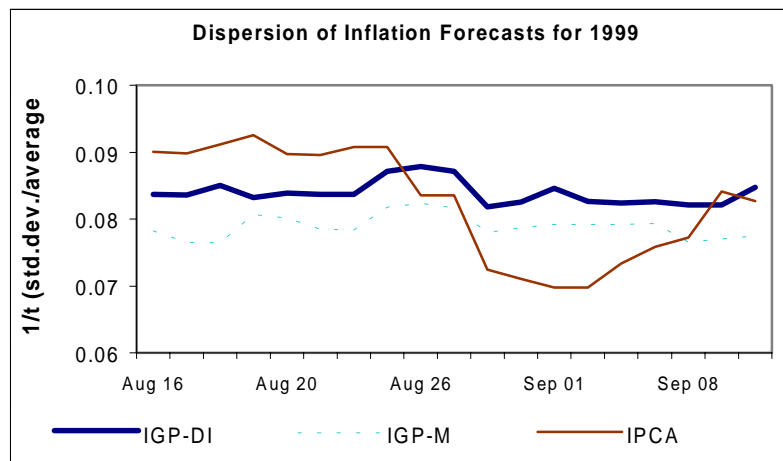
Price indices (% change)	for Sept 1999		for 1999		for 2000	
	as of Sept 03	as of today	as of Sept 03	as of today	as of Sept 03	as of today
IGP-DI	0.59	0.60	13.50	13.47	6.10	7.00
IGP-M	0.55	0.60	13.74	13.89	6.00	6.25
IPC-Fipe	0.40	0.40	6.51	6.50	5.00	5.00
INPC	0.40	0.43	7.40	7.57	5.81	5.81
IPCA	0.43	0.45	7.96	7.96	6.00	6.00

	for 1999		for 2000	
	as of Sept 03	as of today	as of Sept 03	as of today
<b>GDP growth (%)</b>	-0.20	-0.15	3.50	3.50
<b>Trade Balance (US\$ billion)</b>	0.50	0.10	5.00	5.00
<b>Current account (US\$ billion)</b>	-25.25	-25.33	-22.65	-23.00
<b>Fiscal Figures (% of GDP)</b>				
Primary balance	3.00	3.00	3.10	3.00
Nominal balance	-9.50	-9.50	-4.21	-4.26

**Central Bank Daily Survey on Market Expectations  
Evolution of Monthly Inflation Expectations**



**Dispersion of Inflation Forecasts for 1999**




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