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The expectations for the Consumer Price Index–Extended - IPCA decreased to 5.46% from 5.50% for 2002 and remained unchanged at 4.00% for 2003, as tracked by Banco Central do Brasil daily survey. The median of market expectations for the INPC decreased to 6.23% from 6.29% for 2002 and increased to 4.20% from 4.13% for 2003. The forecasts for the IPC-Fipe fell to 4.42% from 4.66% for 2002 and remained stable at 4.00% for 2003. The forecasts for the IGP-DI remained stable at 5.62% for 2002 and at 4.80% for 2003. The median of expectations for the IGP-M decreased to 5.55% from 5.65% for 2002 and remained at 4.60% for 2003.

The median of projections for the GDP growth decreased to 2.30% from 2.40% for 2002 and remained at 3.50% for 2003. The forecasts for the current account deficit remained at US\$20.50 billion for 2002 and decreased to US\$20.10 billion from US\$20.20 billion for 2003. The expectations for the trade balance surplus decreased to US\$4.05 billion from US\$4.18 billion for 2002 and remained at US\$4.90 billion for 2003. The expectations for the net flow of foreign direct investment remained at US\$17.90 billion for 2002 and at US\$18.00 billion for 2003.

The median of forecasts for the exchange rate remained stable at R\$/US\$2.50 for 2002 and decreased to R\$/US\$2.62 from R\$/US\$2.65 for 2003. The expectations for the Over-Selic rate remained at 17.00% p.a. for 2002 and increased to 14.50% p.a. from 14.45% p.a. for 2003. On the fiscal front, the median of expectations for the primary surplus remained constant at 3.50% of the GDP for 2002 and fell to 3.00% from 3.05% of the GDP for 2003. The projections for the nominal harmonized deficit remained unchanged at 3.50% of the GDP for 2002 and at 3.00% of the GDP for 2003. Expectations for the surveyed economic indicators, along with median projections for the Top 5 forecasting institutions are quoted in the tables and figures below.

Table 1
Market Readout

Banco Central do Brasil Daily Survey on Market Expectations - Median

PRICE INDICES

(% change)	May		June	
	As of May 10	As of today	As of May 10	As of today
IGP-DI	0.50	0.46	0.60	0.60
IGP-M	0.50	0.48	0.55	0.56
INPC	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
IPCA	0.40	0.40	0.35	0.37
IPC-FIPE	0.30	0.25	0.41	0.40
	2002		2003	
IGP-DI	5.62	5.62	4.80	4.80
IGP-M	5.65	5.55	4.60	4.60
INPC	6.29	6.23	4.13	4.20
IPCA	5.50	5.46	4.00	4.00
IPC-FIPE	4.66	4.42	4.00	4.00

OTHER ECONOMIC INDICATORS – 2002/2003

	2002		2003	
	As of May 10	As of today	As of May 10	As of today
GDP growth (%)	2.40	2.30	3.50	3.50
Trade Balance (US\$ billion)	4.18	4.05	4.90	4.90
Current Account (US\$ billion)	-20.50	-20.50	-20.20	-20.10
FDI (US\$ billion)	17.90	17.90	18.00	18.00
Fiscal Figures (% of GDP)				
Primary Balance	3.50	3.50	3.05	3.00
Nominal Balance (harmonized)	-3.50	-3.50	-3.00	-3.00
Exchange Rate End of period (R\$/US\$)	2.50	2.50	2.65	2.62
Over-Selic End of period (% p.a.)	17.00	17.00	14.45	14.50

Table 2
Market Readout

*Banco Central do Brasil Daily Survey on Market Expectations - Median
Top 5 – Short Run Forecasting Institutions*

(% change)	May		June	
	As of May 10	As of today	As of May 10	As of today
IGP-DI	0.50	0.46	0.60	0.60
IGP-M	0.48	0.51	0.68	0.68
IPCA	0.41	0.40	0.27	0.30
	2002		2003	
IGP-DI	5.61	5.66	5.00	5.00
IGP-M	5.65	5.47	4.51	4.50
IPCA	5.47	5.46	4.00	3.85

Table 3
Market Readout

*Banco Central do Brasil Daily Survey on Market Expectations - Median
Top 5 – Medium Run Forecasting Institutions*

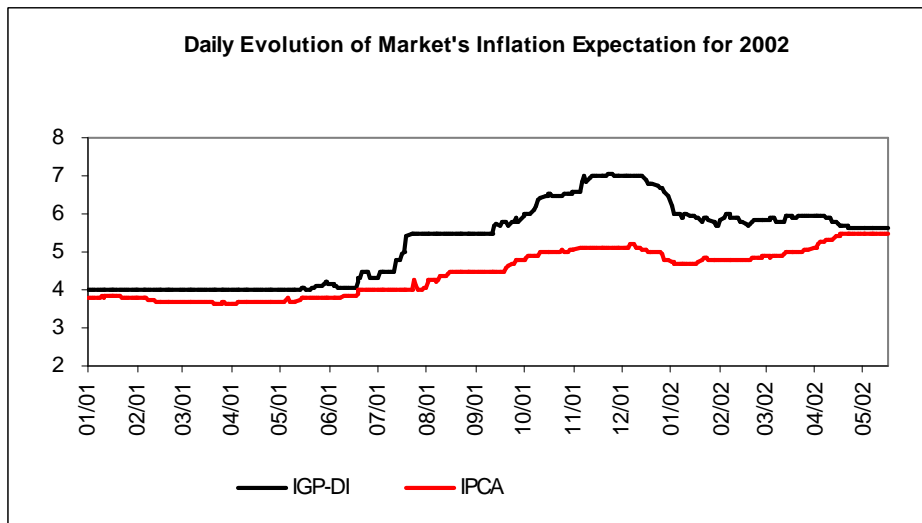
(% change)	May		June	
	As of May 10	As of today	As of May 10	As of today
IGP-DI	0.45	0.51	0.80	0.73
IGP-M	0.45	0.51	0.50	0.55
IPCA	0.40	0.45	0.40	0.40
	2002		2003	
IGP-DI	5.61	5.93	4.50	5.00
IGP-M	5.61	5.58	4.25	4.95
IPCA	5.30	5.52	4.00	4.36

Table 4
Market Readout

*Banco Central do Brasil Daily Survey on Market Expectations - Median
Top 5 – Long Run Forecasting Institutions*

(% change)	May		June	
	As of May 10	As of today	As of May 10	As of today
IPCA	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
	2002		2003	
IPCA	5.51	5.52	4.50	4.50

Graph 1
Evolution of Median Expectations for Inflation
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Graph 2
Dispersion of Inflation Forecasts for 2002
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