

# International Figures of the Week

## COUNTRY FOCUS / BRAZIL

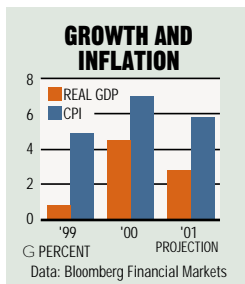
Energy shortages, a weak currency, and slower U.S. growth forced Brazil's Central Bank on June 29 to slash its forecast for economic growth and hike its projection for inflation. The bank now expects the economy to grow 2.8% in 2001, down from the 4.3% it had forecast on Mar. 30, with inflation of 5.8%, up from 4.8%.

Brazil's chief woe is insufficient power, which is cutting into industrial production, exports, and employment. Severe drought conditions limited the output of hydroelectric power, which

exposed the country's inadequate expansion of energy plants.

In addition, Brazil's currency is suffering fallout from investor fears that neighboring Argentina will have to default on its \$130 billion in public debt. As a result, the central bank recently lifted its overnight rate to 18.25%, from 16.75%, and announced its intention to support the currency through market intervention.

The bank expects energy rationing to be temporary, and it is sticking with its 2002 inflation forecast of 3%.



## STOCK INDEXES

	JULY 3	JUNE 27	% CHG. YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA/All Ordinaires	3390.1	3180.5	3.6%
BRAZIL/Bovespa	14352.8	16599.4	-16.2
BRITAIN/FTSE100	5639.9	6039.9	-11.6
CANADA/TSE 300	7748.3	8937.8	-24.9
FRANCE/CAC 40	5205.8	5684.1	-19.4
GERMANY/DAX	6056.8	6435.0	-13.0
HONG KONG/Hang Seng	13184.8	14589.6	-20.0
ITALY/MIB 30	37710.0	41972.0	-19.7
JAPAN/Nikkei 225	12817.4	13785.7	-26.5
MEXICO/IPC 35	6840.7	5857.5	-7.2
SOUTH KOREA/Composite	594.3	521.4	-28.4
SPAIN/IBEX 35	9015.9	9200.9	-16.2
UNITED STATES/Dow Jones	10571.1	10960.5	0.8

Data: Bridge Information Systems, Inc.

## CURRENCY CROSS RATES

	USDOLLAR	SKWON	SFRANC	MPESO	YEN	EURO	CDOL	POUND	REAL	ADOL
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	1.9322	0.00149	1.0745	0.2134	15.5130	1.6381	1.2785	2.7127	0.8224	-
BRAZILIAN REAL	2.3495	0.00182	1.3102	0.2595	0.0189	1.9787	1.5553	3.3059	-	1.2160
BRITISH POUND	0.7107	0.00055	0.3961	0.0788	5.7186	0.6026	0.4708	-	0.3025	0.3679
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.5106	0.00117	0.8413	0.1668	12.1454	1.2807	-	2.1253	0.6429	0.7822
EUROPEAN EURO	1.1795	0.00091	0.6575	0.1306	9.4818	-	0.7808	1.6595	0.5020	0.6111
JAPANESE YEN	124.40	0.09600	69.21	13.7383	-	105.47	82.35	175.04	52.9474	64.3900
MEXICAN PESO	9.0550	0.00700	5.0494	-	0.0728	7.672	5.994	12.7390	3.8540	4.6864
SWISS FRANC	1.7933	0.00139	-	0.1980	1.4429	1.5204	1.1883	2.5288	0.7633	0.9302
SOUTH KOREAN WON	1293.00	-	721.017	142.794	10.394	1096.200	855.951	1819.25	550.330	669.185
U.S. DOLLAR	-	0.00077	0.5576	0.1104	8.0383	0.8478	0.6621	1.4070	0.4256	0.5175

Data: Bridge Information Systems, Inc., Quotes as of 4 p.m., July 3, 2001

## CENTRAL BANK POLICY RATES

	JULY 3	JUNE 27	YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA/Overnight cash	5.03	5.00	6.02
BRAZIL/Selic Overnight	18.31	18.31	17.25
BRITAIN/Base Lending	5.25	5.25	6.00
CANADA/Overnite Financing	4.50	4.50	6.00
EURO ZONE/Refinance	4.50	4.50	4.25
HONG KONG/Interbank Overnight	3.50	3.75	5.25
JAPAN/Overnight Call	0.02	0.02	0.02
MEXICO/One-day Loan	8.70*	8.50	15.50
SOUTH KOREA/Discount	5.10	5.01	5.19
UNITED STATES/Federal Funds Rate	4.11*	3.75	7.03

Data: Bridge Information Systems, Inc., Standard & Poor's DRI, \*July 2

## GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS (BENCHMARK 10-YEAR BOND)

	JULY 3	JUNE 27	YEAR AGO
AUSTRALIA	6.13	5.74	6.11
BRITAIN	5.30	5.11	5.17
CANADA	5.92	5.71	5.81
FRANCE	5.20	5.10	5.45
GERMANY	5.08	5.00	5.26
HONG KONG	6.38	6.23	7.47
ITALY	5.47	5.38	5.64
JAPAN	1.27	1.14	1.76
SOUTH KOREA (3-Year)	7.20	7.10	9.31
SPAIN	5.41	5.28	5.59
UNITED STATES	5.32	5.22	5.98

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