

Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update

Week of 18 - 22 MAY 2020

Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available in most monitored markets during the reporting week, though the variety and quantity of vegetables and fruits are reportedly limited. Observations include:
 - 1. Due to increasing cases of COVID-19, only central markets are open, and they operate on half-capacity to provide access to staple food for the population.
 - 2. In three of the five monitored markets, to cover increased wheat flour prices, bakeries are reducing the supply and the size of regular bread and naan (locally made bread) without changing original prices.
 - 3. Sale on credit is increasingly limited in a small number of cases, retailers are selling food on credit to close friends and relatives only, while not accepting this for the general population due to the deteriorating economic situation.
 - 4. In Sughd market, dry fruit stalls are fully closed yet fresh fruits are available.
- Prices remained high in comparison with April 2019, though this week's prices were the same or slightly lower against monthly averages of April 2020.

Wheat flour (first grade)

Compared to previous week, wheat flour prices **increased** in **Khujand and Bokhtar** markets in the range of **3-5 percent**, while prices decreased in **Dushanbe and Gharm** in the range of **2–10 percent**.

Comparing the current reporting week to the monthly average of April 2020, prices for wheat flour increased in most monitored markets ranging from 6-10 percent. A 0.5 percent decrease was observed in Dushanbe.

Rice

Rice prices remained stable in most monitored markets compared to the previous week, except in **Dushanbe**, where the price **increased** by **7 percent**.

Compared to the April 2020 monthly average, an increase was reported in **Gharm, Bokhtar and Dushanbe** markets, ranging from **4.2-7.1 percent**.

Potatoes

Most monitored markets reported decreases in prices of potatoes by a range of 11-29 percent compared to the previous week, except in Khujand market where prices remained stable.

Prices against monthly average of April 2020 in **Khujand and Gharm** markets increased in the range of **4-19 percent**, while in **Bokhtar**, **Khorog and Dushanbe** markets prices **decreased** by a range of **19-37.1 percent**.

Onion

Prices for onions remained stable in Khujand and Bokhtar while a decrease in prices was observed in Khorog, Gharm and Dushanbe markets in the range of 17-33 percent.

Comparing to the monthly average of April 2020, prices **decreased** in all markets in the range of **56-62.1 percent.**

Vegetable & Cotton Oil

During the reporting week, prices for vegetable oil were stable in four monitored markets except Gharm, where prices decreased by 2.2 percent. Cotton oil prices in Bokhtar, Gharm and Dushanbe markets decreased in the range of 3-15.4 percent compared to the previous week.

Compared with the monthly average of April 2020, prices increased in **Khorog**, **Khujand and Gharm** markets in the range of **0.2-5 percent** for both commodities. Meanwhile, prices decreased for both commodities ranging from **7-12.4 percent** in **Dushanbe** and for cotton oil in **Khorog** by **1 percent**.

Milk & Eggs

Milk prices were stable in all monitored markets while prices for eggs increased in **Khujand by 11.1 percent** and decreased in **Gharm and Dushanbe** ranging by **8-10 percent** compared to the previous week.

Compared to the April 2020 monthly average, milk price increased by **8 percent** in **Khujand** and its price decreased by **1 percent in Gharm.** Prices for eggs decreased in all mentioned markets ranging from **5.3 – 11 percent.**

Meat Beef & Mutton

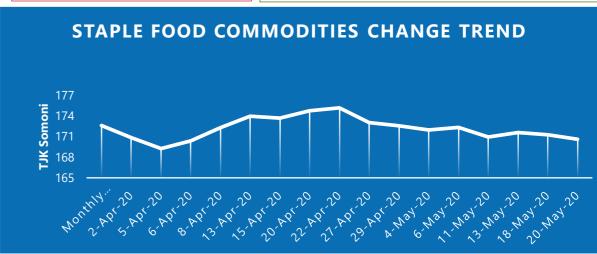
Compared to previous week, prices for beef and mutton were **stable in most monitored markets**, except in **Dushanbe** where an increase was reported for **mutton** by **10 percent** and a **decrease** in price of beef was reported in **Khujand** market by **4.3 percent**.

Compared against April 2020 monthly averages, prices **decreased** for beef in most mentioned markets ranging from **1.2 – 6.3 percent**, except Bokhtar were prices remained stable. Prices for mutton increased in **Gharm** and **Dushanbe by 0.2-8.1 percent**, while in **Khorog** market its price **decreased** by **3 percent**

Petrol & Diesel

Prices for petrol and diesel in all monitored markets decreased for in the range of 5-10 percent compared the reporting week to previous week.

Compared to the April 2020 monthly averages, a **decrease** was observed **in all markets** for both commodities by a **range of 5-34.2 percent**.



This graph analyses the average aggregate change of prices for ten commodities in the five monitored markets, comparing the reporting week against the previous weeks and monthly average prices of April 2020. The food commodities included here are wheat flour (first grade), potatoes, onion, milk, eggs, vegetable and cotton oil, beef, mutton and rice.

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WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

		Khorog				Khujand				Bokhtar				Gharm				Dushanbe			
	ice in TJS	Change from previous period			ice in TJS	Change from previous period			price in TJS	Change from previous period			ice in TJS	Change from previous period			ice in TJS	Change from previous period			
Commodity	Current price in	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in TJS	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current pri	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in TJS	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in	1 week	1 month	1 year	
Meat (mutton)	45.0	0.0	-2.9	29.8	55.0	0.0	0.0	28.7	52.0	0.0	0.0	26.8	50	0.0	0.2	23.1	50	10.0	8.1	21.8	
Meat (beef)	44.0	0.0	-1.2	27.7	45.0	-4.3	-6.3	15.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	49	0.0	-1.6	24.0	50	0.0	-1.7	20.0	
Chicken	25.0	0.0	-1.3	15.6	20.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	27.0	0.0	3.8	30.0	32.5	1.6	1.6	26.5	22	-9.1	-13.0	20.2	
Vegetable oil	15.0	0.0	4.7	9.9	13.0	0.0	0.2	-8.6	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	-2.2	0.4	-3.0	11	0.0	-12.4	-6.5	
Cotton Oil	14.0	0.0	-0.8	8.8	12.0	0.0	0.9	7.7	13.0	-15.4	0.0	18.2	12.8	-3.0	2.3	-3.2	13	-15.4	-6.8	2.8	
Potatoes	5.0	-28.6	-23.7	81.2	7.5	0.0	9.8	241.5	4.0	-11.1	-37.1	202.2	5.6	-12.5	3.5	181.6	6	-16.7	-18.6	83.9	
Cabbage	2.5	-16.7	-33.8	-10.7	1.0	-33.3	-62.5	-30.6	2.0	-42.9	0.0	-42.6	2.3	-8.0	-15.5	13.3	2.5	-60.0	-72.0	-27.1	
Carrots	2.5	0.0	-27.4	18.7	2.0	0.0	18.8	-32.8	2.0	0.0	5.3	-15.6	2	0.0	19.2	-33.9	1.7	-11.8	-14.6	-32.7	
Onion	2.0	-33.3	-56.6	54.7	2.0	0.0	-52.9	166.7	1.5	0.0	-61.0	116.3	1.9	-17.4	-55.5	131.1	2	-25.0	-62.5	114.5	
Milk	6.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	4.0	0.0	7.5	6.3	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4	0.0	-0.8	-17.6	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Eggs	11.0	0.0	5.3	5.7	10.0	11.1	11.1	28.6	10.0	0.0	11.1	15.3	11	-8.3	10.0	0.0	10	-10.0	9.5	-18.7	
Sugar	8.0	0.0	-0.7	0.9	6.5	-4.4	-8.6	9.4	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	-4.3	-2.0	7.1	6.5	0.0	-7.1	3.4	
Tea black	40.0	14.3	22.4	59.1	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	108.3	27.5	0.0	4.8	34.0	40	0.0	0.0	18.5	
Tea green	35.0	9.4	7.1	40.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	50.0	0.0	0.0	108.3	27	0.0	6.3	31.8	35	14.3	14.3	16.7	
Rice	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	36.8	11.0	0.0	5.3	16.0	15	0.0	4.2	24.6	14	7.1	7.1	12.0	
Wheat flour first grade	5.1	0.0	6.2	25.0	5.0	5.0	9.3	44.9	5.3	2.9	7.4	23.3	5.3	-1.9	5.9	37.1	5.4	-9.3	-0.5	31.6	
Salt	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	1.3	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Bread middle size (150 grams)	4.0	0.0	2.9	16.7	3.0	0.0	0.0	80.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	33.0	1.6	0.0	2.1	20.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	15.4	
Dried green peas (mosh)	17.0	0.0	22.4	18.2	16.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	16.0	0.0	5.9	41.5	15	0.0	18.0	11.7	16	6.3	30.8	18.2	
Haricot bean (lobiyo)	17.0	6.3	7.7	5.7	30.0	0.0	33.7	87.0	35.0	-12.5	79.0	77.8	16.5	3.1	28.6	9.8	16	12.5	26.6	101.3	
Chickpeas (nakhud)	18.0	0.0	-6.9	-1.5	15.0	0.0	4.7	-4.5	12.0	0.0	0.0	-27.3	17	-3.4	-3.4	-1.7	12	25.0	17.4	-10.3	
Petrol	6.7	-8.9	-14.5	4.7	5.3	-1.9	-22.6	-10.6	5.0	0.0	-29.4	10.3	5.6	-9.7	-22.5	-2.9	5.1	-5.9	-34.2	8.6	
Diesel	8.0	-6.3	-10.1	0.0	6.7	-5.0	-5.0	-13.7	6.8	-2.9	-10.7	-11.2	7.3	-9.7	-8.8	-2.5	7.2	-9.7	-19.8	-1.0	

Decrease Increase PRICE CHANGE (%)

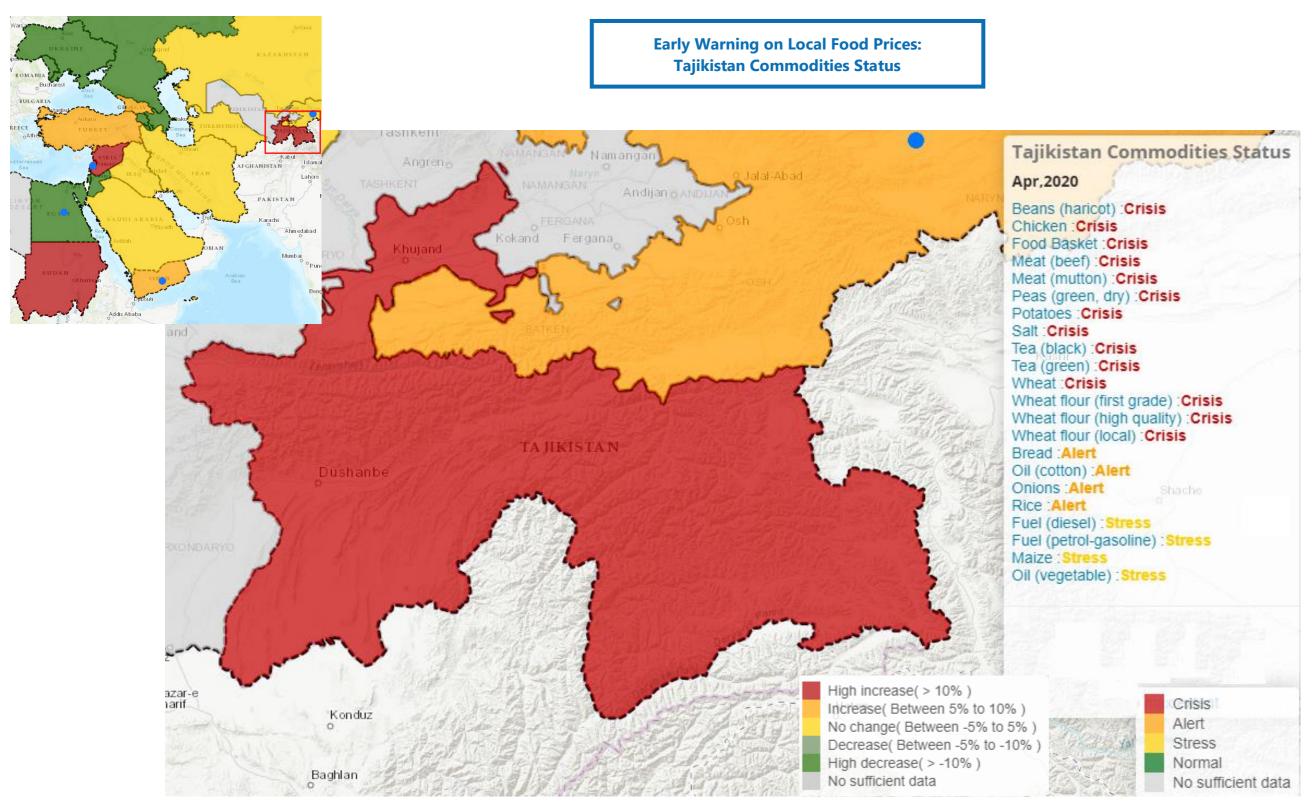
About the Update

For the purpose of assessing potential impacts of COVID-19 on the population's food security situation, WFP Tajikistan intensified its weekly price monitoring through its Field Offices across the country. The monitoring is conducted twice a week in four central markets including Khorog, Khujand, Bokhtar, Gharm as well as Dushanbe, and focuses on the main commodities that are consumed by the average population of the country.

For information regarding COVID-19 situation, please access the update through online map at: http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f

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