Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update

Week of 27-30 April 2020

Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available in all monitored markets during the reporting week.
- Prices have moderated across the country, with some commodities prices increasing, such as cotton oil (5 percent), carrots (20 percent) and potatoes (6-14 percent), while onions prices decreased (20-40 percent) in some monitored markets during the reporting week compared to the previous week. This week’s prices remained high against monthly averages of March 2020 and March 2019.
- In Khorog market, quantity and quality of wheat flour and potatoes available in the market reportedly remained low.

Wheat flour (first grade)

Compared to previous week, prices for wheat flour remained stable in Khujand, Bokhtar and Dushanbe markets while an increase was reported in Garm by 4 percent. Khorog market price for wheat flour first grade decreased by 16 percent.

Compared to March 2020 averages price increases are observed in all regional markets including Dushanbe, ranging from 8-17 percent.

Rice

Rice prices remained stable in all markets compared to the previous week.
An increase was reported in Garm, Khujand and Bokhtar markets, ranging from 9-12.5 percent, when comparing to March 2020 average price.

Potatoes

Markets in Khorog, Bokhtar, Garm and Dushanbe reported decrease in prices of potatoes by a range of 6-14.3 percent compared to the previous week. Decrease in prices is observed in Garm and Bokhtar markets by a range of 4-8 percent.

Prices change against March 2020 averages in the five monitored markets was reported by a ranging from 50-128 percent.

Onion

A price increase was observed in Khujand market only by 14 percent while prices decreased by a range of 20-40 percent in Khorog, Garm, Dushanbe and Bokhtar markets.

Comparing to March 2020, price averages showed an increase in Khujand and Garm markets in a range of 19-43 percent. Meanwhile, prices decreased in Khorog, Dushanbe and Bokhtar by a range of 5-48 percent.

Vegetable & Cotton Oil

Markets in three regions did not report any change in prices for both commodities while in Khujand and Dushanbe markets price for cotton oil increased by 5 percent and decreased by 15.4 percent for vegetable oil in Dushanbe compared to the previous week.

Comparing to March 2020, average price increases in most monitored markets prices were observed in the range of 3-15 percent for both commodities. While prices decreased by a range of 0.4-13 percent in Khujand and Dushanbe.

Milk & Eggs

Prices remained stable for both commodities except eggs in Dushanbe, where an increase was reported by 13 percent compared to the prior week.

Compared to March 2020 averages, a 19 percent decrease was observed in prices of milk in Garm and similar decrease was reported in Dushanbe for eggs by 4 percent.

Meat Beef & Mutton

Prices remained unchanged in Bokhtar and Garm markets while in the three remaining markets prices decreased by a range of 4-10 percent compared to previous week for meet and beef.

When comparing with March 2020 averages, prices decreased by a range of 3-10 percent in Khujand, Khorog and Dushanbe while prices decreased by 2-3.4 percent for both commodities in Garm.

Petrol & Diesel

Prices decreased in Garm market by 4 percent for petrol while for diesel prices decreased in the range of 1-18 percent in Garm, Khujand and Bokhtar.

Against March 2020 average prices, decrease was observed in Khujand, Bokhtar and Garm for both commodities by a range of 3-18 percent.

STAPLE FOOD COMMODITIES CHANGE TREND

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 March 2020. The food commodities included here are wheat flour (first grade), potatoes, onion, milk, eggs, vegetable and cotton oil, beef, mutton and rice.
## WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

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### 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#/2a8a0d7799684f0b78f6118a7477f1f](http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0b78f6118a7477f1f)
Early Warning on Local Food Prices: Tajikistan Commodities Status

Tajikistan Commodities Status
Mar, 2020
Chicken: Crisis
Meat (mutton): Crisis
Salt: Crisis
Food Basket: Crisis
Meat (beef): Crisis
Tea (black): Crisis
Tea (green): Crisis
Wheat: Crisis
Wheat flour (first grade): Crisis
Wheat flour (local): Crisis
Onions: Alert
Potatoes: Alert
Rice: Alert
Beans (haricot): Alert
Wheat flour (high quality): Alert
Maize: Alert
Peas (green, dry): Alert
Bread: Stress
Fuel (diesel): Stress
Fuel (petrol-gasoline): Stress