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# **Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update, #12**

#### Week of 8 – 12 JUNE 2020

#### **Highlights**

- Staple food commodities were available in most monitored markets during the reporting week and some observations are as follows:
  - 1. Central markets are operating at 70 percent capacity to provide access to staple food for the population.
  - 2. Due to the harvesting season and abundant supply of agricultural products, farmers are supplying more fruits, melons and other vegetables to the market and at cheaper prices compared to last week.
  - 3. Market administration and police personnel monitor observance of social distancing and use of protective measures against COVID-19. In Bokhtar central market, access is prohibited for people without a protective mask. In Khorog central market, volunteers distributed masks and gloves to retailers while the government conducted disinfection of the market area on daily basis.
- Compared to May 2019, prices remain high, though this week's prices were stable or slightly lower against monthly averages of May 2020.

#### Wheat flour (first grade)

Prices for wheat flour first grade decreased by 1 percent in Khorog and Khujand while in the remaining monitored markets its prices stayed stable compared to previous week.

Comparing the current reporting week to the monthly average of May 2020, prices for wheat flour **decreased** in **most monitored markets**, ranging from **3-5 percent**. Meanwhile, prices **increased** by **1 percent** in **Khujand**.

#### Rice

Rice prices decreased in Khorog, Bokhtar and Gharm ranging from 3.4-5 percent while remaining stable in Khujand, Dushanbe and Murghab.

Compared to the May 2020 monthly average, prices for rice increased in **Bokhtar and Dushanbe** markets ranging from **3.4-22 percent** but it decreased in **Khujand, Gharm and Khorog** in the range of **2-27.3 percent.** 

#### **Potatoes**

Markets in **Khorog, Gharm and Khujand** reported a **decrease** in prices for potatoes by the range of **8-31 percent** compared to the previous week, while in **Bokhtar** its market prices **increased by 4.3 percent**.

Compared against monthly average of May 2020, **most monitored markets** reported a **decrease** in prices of potatoes ranging from **6.3-46 percent.** Prices in **Bokhtar** market **increased** by **20 percent.** 

#### Onion

Onion prices remained stable in most monitored markets compared to previous week except **Murghab**, where its price **decreased** by **14.3 percent**.

Compared to the monthly average of May 2020, prices for onions decreased in most markets in the range of 14-34 percent, while in Bokhtar market its prices increased by 26 percent.

### **Vegetable & Cotton Oil**

Compared to previous week, vegetable oil prices **decreased** in Dushanbe by **2 percent** while increasing in **Murghab** by **2 percent**. Cotton oil prices decreased by **14 percent** in **Murghab**. Prices for both commodities remained stable during the reporting week compared to previous week in remaining markets.

Compared with the monthly average of May 2020, vegetable oil prices decreased in Khorog, Bokhtar, Gharm and Murghab in the range of 6-14 percent while increasing in Dushanbe by 6.1 percent. Price for cotton oil decreased in the range of 7.1-29 percent in Bokhtar, Gharm and Murghab. Increase in prices for this commodity was observed in Dushanbe and Khujand markets in the range of 2-6 percent.

## Milk & Eggs

Prices for eggs decreased in Khujand and Dushanbe markets in the range of **3-7 percent**, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets. Price for milk decreased in **Murghab** by **9 percent** and remained stable in most monitored markets compared to the previous week.

Compared to the May 2020 monthly average, prices for both commodities decreased in the range of 5–27 percent in most monitored markets, while in Khorog milk prices increased by 4.3 percent.

#### **Meat Beef & Mutton**

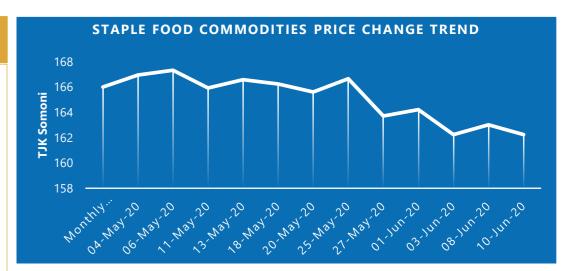
Compared to previous week, prices for both mutton and beef were **stable in all monitored markets**.

Compared against May 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Khujand, Bokhtar and Dushanbe markets ranging from 2–8 percent and decreased in Gharm and Murghab in the range of 2-2.3 percent. Beef price decreased in Gharm market by 1 percent while increasing in Khujand market by 3 percent.

#### **Petrol & Diesel**

Prices for petrol in **Khorog, Murghab and Gharm** markets **decreased** in the **range of 1-7 percent** and increased by **1 percent** in **Dushanbe** compared to previous week. Diesel prices also decreased in the range of **6-8 percent** in **Khujand, Murghab and Gharm** markets while remaining stable in other monitored markets.

Compared to May 2020 monthly averages, prices for petrol decreased in most monitored markets by a range of 4-13 percent while increasing in Dushanbe by 2.3 percent. Prices for diesel decreased in the range of 3-11 percent in most monitored markets and increased in Murghab by 9 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 May 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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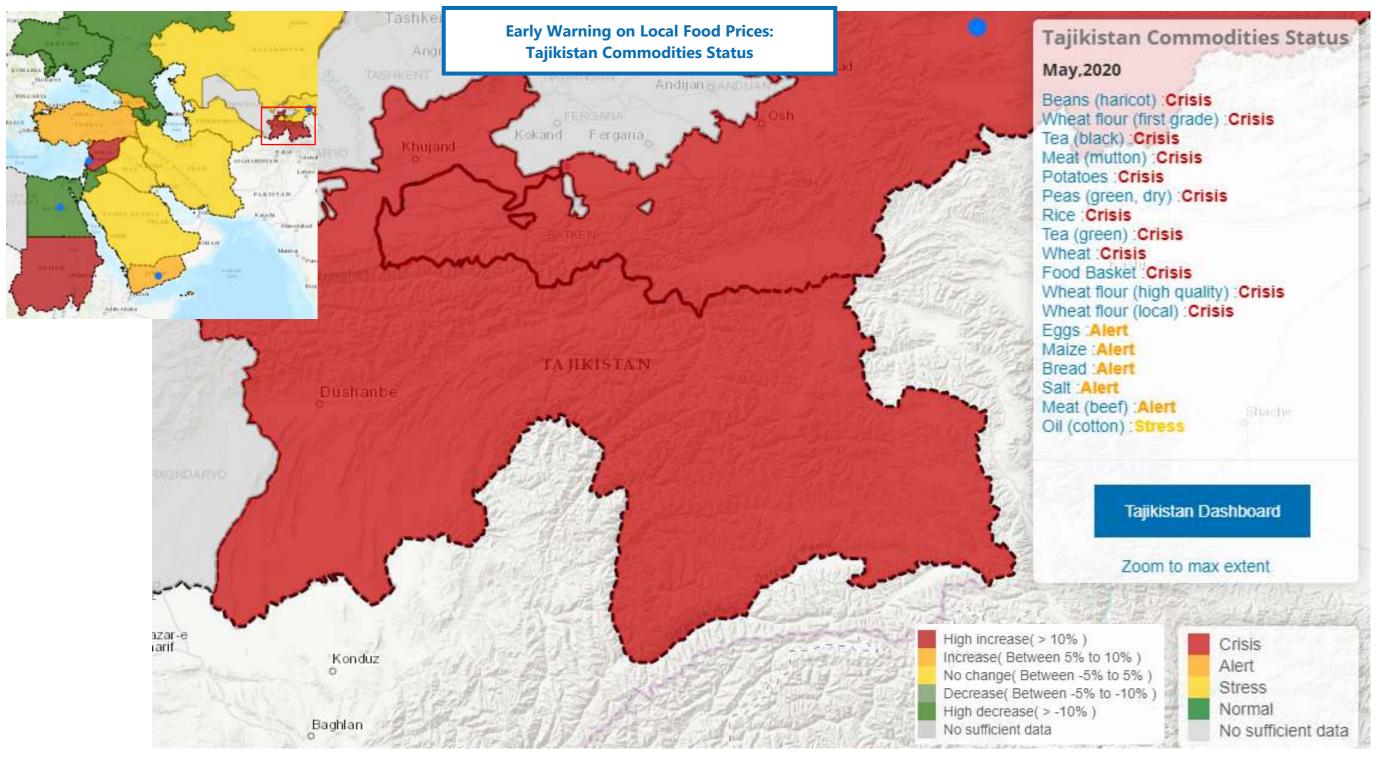
# **WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS**

	Khorog, GBAO				Khujand, Sughd				Bokhtar, Khatlon				Gharm, DRS					Dushanbe				Murghab, GBAO			
	Si	Change from previous period			Change from previous period				Change from previous period				SLT	Change from previous period			Change from previous period				TJS	Change from previous  period			
Commodity	Current price in T	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in TJS	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in T	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in T	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in TJS	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price in T	1 week	1 month	1 year	
Meat (mutton)	45.0	0.0	0.0	19.7	60.0	0.0	7.9	17.0	53.0	0.0	1.7	25.6	49	0.0	-1.7	20.3	55	0.0	4.8	16.9	42.0	0.0	-2.3		
Meat (beef)	44.0	0.0	-0.3	19.3	46.5	0.0	2.8	5.3	49.0	0.0	-1.8	15.2	49	0.0	-0.6	20.9	50	0.0	0.0	13.1	40.0	0.0	-4.0		
Chicken	24.0	-3.0	0.0	13.0	19.0	-2.6	-6.2	2.4	35.0	0.0	26.1	35.0	35	0.0	6.3	-10.3	20	0.0	-8.0	14.6	30.0	0.0	2.3		
Vegetable oil	13.0	0.0	-9.6	12.1	13.0	0.0	0.0	-8.6	12.0	0.0	-13.5	0.0	12	0.0	-10.7	-1.9	12	-2.0	6.1	-20.4	15.0	1.7	-5.5		
Cotton Oil	14.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	13.0	0.0	6.1	-5.0	12.0	0.0	-7.7	18.2	12	0.0	-7.1	1.3	12	0.0	1.9	1.2	13.0	-14.8	-27.8		
Potatoes	3.0	-4.8	-51.0	56.8	5.0	5.3	-30.4	110.3	6.0	0.0	20.0	51.8	6	0.0	-6.3	191.4	4.5	-5.3	-20.0	80.7	7.2	-3.7	-7.1		
Cabbage	2.3	-4.2	-20.0	-56.3	1.3	8.7	2.0	-51.5	3.0	0.0	2.1	-38.4	3	0.0	10.5	7.7	1	0.0	-42.9	-56.7	5.0	0.0	0.0		
Carrots	1.8	-16.3	-29.8	-37.3	2.3	-18.2	15.4	-37.5	2.3	12.5	12.5	-42.2	2.25	12.5	15.8	-31.3	1.5	0.0	-6.3	-54.0	5.0	0.0	0.0		
Onion	2.5	0.0	-14.9	-19.2	1.3	0.0	-34.2	-35.7	2.2	0.0	25.5	-47.2	2.15	0.0	-14.5	2.4	1.2	0.0	-31.4	-24.2	3.0	-14.3	-40.0		
Milk	6.0	0.0	4.3	17.2	3.5	0.0	-9.7	12.3	3.0	0.0	-22.6	0.0	3	0.0	-22.2	-6.9	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	-9.1	-16.7		
Eggs	10.0	0.0	-4.8	4.3	8.5	-2.9	-10.5	25.7	9.0	0.0	-11.1	25.0	9	0.0	-16.0	8.3	7	-6.7	-27.3	-2.5	14.0	0.0	-6.7		
Sugar	8.0	14.3	0.0	-1.8	6.5	0.0	-3.3	0.9	6.5	0.0	-6.3	0.0	6.5	0.0	-4.2	7.1	6.5	0.0	0.0	-3.3	9.0	0.0	1.9		
Tea black	28.0	0.0	-18.8	61.0	35.0	0.0	-24.3	8.8	32.0	0.0	-30.2	108.3	32	0.0	11.2	34.0	40	0.0	0.0	19.0	35.0	0.0	16.7		
Tea green	28.0	0.0	-12.8	30.8	35.0	0.0	-9.7	12.3	35.0	0.0	-24.3	108.3	35	0.0	19.5	31.8	40	0.0	6.7	23.4	33.5	0.0	-4.3		
Rice	10.0	-4.8	-27.3	-3.4	12.0	0.0	-5.4	35.4	14.0	-3.4	21.7	22.2	14	-3.4	-6.7	31.6	15	0.0	3.4	17.7	22.0	0.0	-1.5		
Wheat flour first grade	5.0	-1.0	-2.9	29.0	5.0	-1.0	0.6	45.2	5.0	0.0	-3.3	29.5	5	0.0	-4.6	45.1	4.9	0.0	-2.7	40.6	5.7	0.0	0.0		
Salt	1.5	0.0	-20.0	-3.5	2.0	0.0	6.7	100.0	1.5	0.0	41.2	0.0	1.5	0.0	40.0	1.3	0.7	0.0	-24.3	-4.0	4.5	0.0	-25.0		
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	3.0	0.0	-20.0	16.7	2.8	-8.3	-8.3	41.5	3.0	0.0	96.7	50.0	3	0.0	55.6	20.0	2	0.0	23.1	10.6	5.0	0.0	0.0		
Dried green peas (mosh)	18.0	2.9	2.1	46.5	15.0	0.0	-4.8	35.6	14.0	12.0	-10.8	63.6	14	12.0	-1.0	11.7	16	0.0	-1.5	35.6	-	-	-		
Haricot bean (lobiyo)	19.0	0.0	11.8	5.8	25.5	-15.0	-14.6	150.0	15.0	7.1	-57.9	256.1	15	7.1	-0.5	29.4	16	-3.0	-5.9	134.8	13.0	-7.1	34.5		
Chickpeas (nakhud)	20.0	2.6	10.0	-9.3	12.5	0.0	-15.3	-0.9	18.0	1.4	37.1	-25.0	18	1.4	2.5	-2.3	15	0.0	11.1	-8.3	13.5	0.0	6.6		
Petrol	7.0	-0.7	-4.1	-2.3	4.9	0.0	-9.8	-23.4	5.5	0.0	2.3	-24.6	5.5	-6.8	-10.5	-15.2	4.6	1.1	-5.6	-29.6	7.0	-6.7	-12.5		
Diesel	8.0	0.0	-7.6	-7.1	6.2	-8.2	-8.2	-16.9	6.8	0.0	-3.2	-15.4	6.75	-6.8	-9.5	-8.4	6	0.0	-10.8	-17.3	8.5	-5.6	8.5		
Anti-bacterial wipes	3.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	-6.3		2.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		4.5	0.0	2.0		
Face masks	3.0	0.0	-25.0		3.0	0.0	-25.0		3.3	0.0	8.3		3.0	0.0	0.0		3.0	0.0	0.0		5.0	-9.1	0.0		
Hand sanitizer	38.9	0.0	38.9		25.0	0.0	18.8		23.5	-4.1	-6.0		20.0	0.0	0.0		20.0	0.0	0.0		26.5	1.9	32.5		
Soap	6.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		5.0	0.0	0.0		5.0	0.0	0.0		3.5	0.0	0.0		6.0	0.0	0.0		

Decrease Increase PRICE CHANGE (%)

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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 across the country. The monitoring is conducted twice a week in six major markets including Murghab, Khorog, Khujand, Bokhtar, Gharm, and 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: <a href="http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f">http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f</a>

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