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## Highlights

The average price of a standard food basket has decreased by 26 percent since September 2017. In the same period, the gap between the cheapest and most expensive food basket has decreased by 73 percent.

Former opposition-held areas of Dar'a and Quneitra have experienced large decreases in prices of especially unsubsidized bread and butane gas within the past three months. In Quneitra, a bundle of bread was down 73 percent while gas was half price in September 2018 compared to July 2018.

Since August 2018, the black market exchange rate between Syrian pounds and US dollars has increased by 2.3 percent (SYP 453/1 US \$ vs. SYP 434/1 US \$). This is mainly driven by increases in Al-Hasakeh, Hama, As-Sweida and Damascus.

The Terms of Trade between wheat flour and daily wages as well as livestock (measured by a 2 year old male sheep) continues to increase.

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## Standard Food Basket

In September 2018, the average price of a standard food basket<sup>1</sup> across Syria decreased to SYP 23,126. This follows the year-on-year (y-o-y) trend with falling food basket prices (down 26 percent).

The largest month-on-month (m-o-m) decrease across governorates was reported in Dar'a (eight percent), Quneitra (six percent) and Aleppo (three percent). Across other governorates only small m-o-m changes were reported (Figure 1).

While the cheapest food basket has remained stable during the past half year, it is 19 percent cheaper when compared to September 2017. Al-Hasakeh continues to have the cheapest food basket at SYP 20,033 followed by Quneitra at SYP 21,698.

The price of the most expensive food basket is down eight percent since March 2018 and 45 percent y-o-y. The food basket prices continue to be highest in Deir-ez-Zor (SYP 26,140) and Lattakia (SYP 25,036).

The price gap between the cheapest and most expensive food basket has decreased from SYP 22,566 in September 2017 to SYP 6,106 in September 2018, equaling a decrease of 73 percent, highlighting convergence of food prices across Syria.

Compared to September 2017, the price of a standard food basket has decreased across all governorates in Syria (down 12-45 percent). Compared to March 2018, the food basket price has decreased in eight governorates while it has increased especially in Lattakia (13 percent) and Tartous (10 percent). In the same period, Hama, Homs and Al-Hasakeh saw small increases of one-three percent.

Chart 1: National min., max. and average cost of food basket, SYP

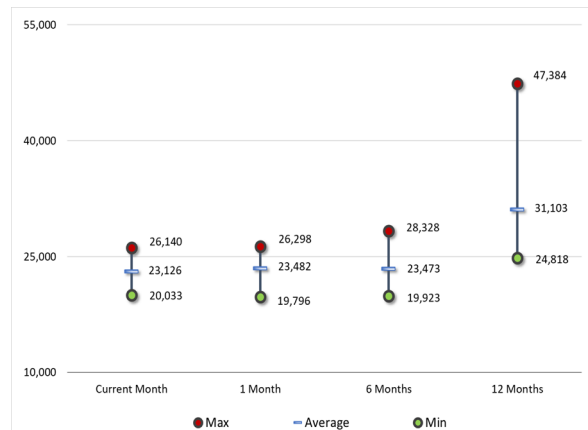
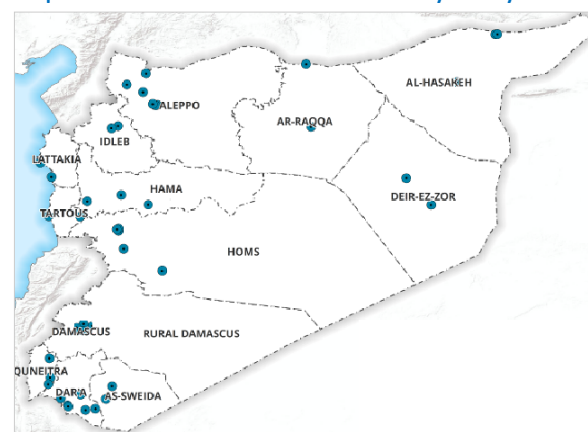


Figure 1: Food basket cost and changes, SYP

Governorate	Price September 2018	1 month change	6 months changes	12 months changes
Aleppo	SYP 22,492	-3%	-9%	-23%
Damascus	SYP 22,871	0%	-6%	-19%
Dar'a	SYP 23,651	-8%	-4%	-13%
Deir-ez-Zor	SYP 26,140	-1%	-8%	-45%
Hama	SYP 23,094	1%	3%	-23%
Al-Hasakeh	SYP 20,033	1%	1%	-19%
Homs	SYP 23,478	2%	2%	-17%
Idlib	SYP 22,688	0%	0%	-35%
Lattakia	SYP 25,036	-3%	13%	-12%
Ar-Raqqa	SYP 23,354	0%	-3%	-42%
Rural Damascus	SYP 23,088	0%	-2%	-18%
As-Sweida	SYP 21,754	0%	-3%	-27%
Tartous	SYP 24,386	-2%	10%	-21%
Quneitra	SYP 21,698	-6%	-9%	-22%
Average	SYP 23,126	-2%	-1%	-26%

Map 1: Location of the 41 markets monitored by WFP Syria



<sup>1</sup> The standard food basket is a group of essential food commodities. In Syria, the food basket is set at a group of dry goods providing 1,930 kcal a day for a family of five during a month. The basket includes 37 kg bread, 19 kg rice, 19 kg of lentils, 5 kg of sugar, and 7 litres of vegetable oil

## Price development in current and former opposition-held (XB) areas<sup>2</sup>

During end-July 2018, the Government of Syria regained control of Dar'a and Quneitra after the areas being opposition-held for nearly four years. Meanwhile Idleb remains accessible only via cross-border interventions from Turkey since August 2014. Limitations of in-country access is often found to negatively affect the price level and volatility whereas increased access is likely to lead to price decreases and stabilisation around the national average. However, the analysis shows that during the period of opposition-control, the food basket was cheaper in Dar'a and Idleb than the national average price.

### Food basket prices

In Dar'a, the price of a standard food basket has been below the national average from early-2016 until February 2018, after which it increased to above average. In August 2018, prices started dropping and in September the price was SYP 23,298 (down 10 percent m-o-m). Quneitra experienced the opposite development, the food basket prices being above the national average from early-2016 until early-2018 and then reported below average levels. In September 2018, the price of a food basket in Quneitra was SYP 23,298, one percent lower than the national average. In Idleb, the average price of a food basket has been below the national average until July where it saw a small spike to SYP 27,190 after which it dropped to below average levels again (Chart 2).

### Unsubsidized bread

The price of unsubsidized bread in Dar'a, Quneitra and Idleb has mainly been above the national average since 2016. While the price in Idleb has remained stable at a high level of SYP 225/bundle since March 2018, the prices in Dar'a and especially Quneitra started falling around July 2018. Since then, the price of one bundle of bread has decreased by 12 percent in Dar'a and by 73 percent in Quneitra (Chart 3).

### Butane gas

The price of one cylinder of butane gas used for cooking has halved since late-2017 in Dar'a, Quneitra and Idleb (down 52 percent on average). Since July, the price of gas has halved in Quneitra while it is down 40 percent in Dar'a and five percent in Idleb (Chart 4).

### Livestock

The price of a two-year-old male sheep, which is used as a proxy indicator of purchasing power for households relying on livestock as their main source of income, has increased in Dar'a and Quneitra since July while remaining stable in Idleb. Hence, in September one sheep was sold at SYP 128,000/sheep in Dar'a (up 90 percent since July), SYP 112,500 in Quneitra (up 50 percent since July) while the price in Idleb remained stable at around SYP 84,000/sheep.

Chart 2: Food basket prices, national average, Dar'a, Quneitra and Idleb

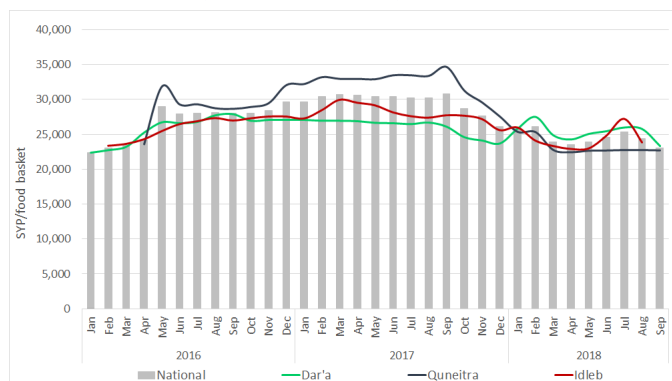


Chart 3: Prices of unsubsidized bread, national average, Dar'a, Quneitra and Idleb

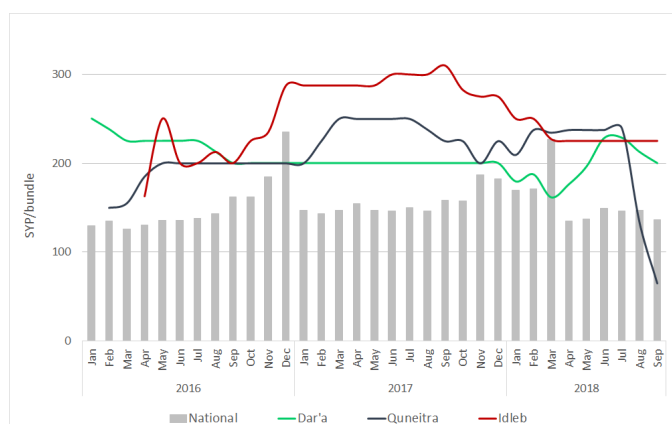


Chart 4: Prices of butane gas, national average, Dar'a, Quneitra and Idleb

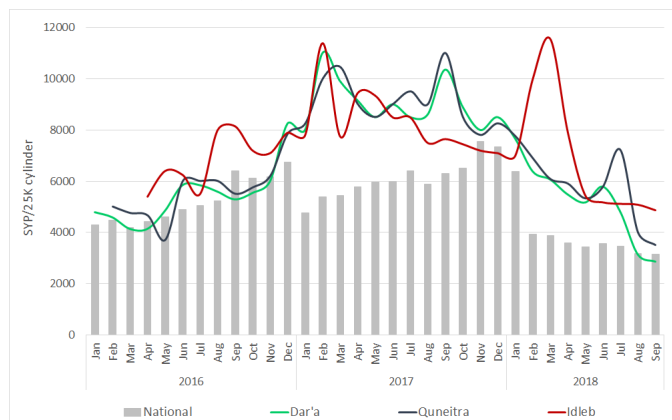
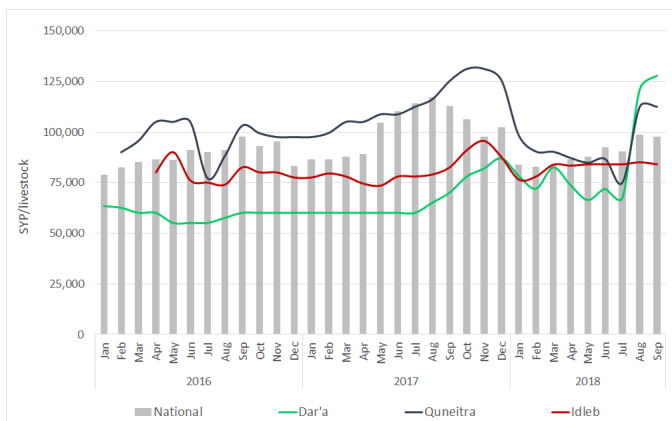


Chart 5: Prices of livestock, national average, Dar'a, Quneitra and Idleb



Source: WFP Field Offices

2. Dar'a and Quneitra had opposition-held areas in the period August 2014 - 25 July 2018 while the markets in Idleb are still considered cross-border since August 2014. Only the markets from Dar'a and Quneitra that used to be cross-border are included in the case study calculations. These are: Dar'a XB, Izra', Jizeh and Mzeireb in Dar'a, and Al Fiq and Rafid in Quneitra.

## Retail Prices

### Retail prices of staple cereals

In September 2018, the national retail price of wheat flour across Syria's main markets was recorded at SYP 216/kg (up one percent), the price of rice was SYP 445/kg (down two percent) while one kg of bulgur was sold at SYP 290 (up two percent). All three core commodities are currently 22 percent, 20 percent and 12 percent cheaper than they were one year ago for wheat flour, rice and bulgur respectively.

According to accessibility levels, hard-to-reach areas faced the highest prices for all three commodities. However, hard-to-reach areas have also experienced the highest y-o-y price decreases, namely 35 percent for rice, 33 percent for bulgur and 29 percent for wheat flour, contributing to the converging prices across governorates and accessibility levels (Charts 6, 7 and 8).

At governorate level, Deir-ez-Zor faced the highest price of wheat flour at SYP 258/kg and Idleb the lowest at SYP 167/kg. The highest m-o-m increase was seen in Tartous (up 19 percent), while the largest decrease was found in Dar'a at 10 percent. Also rice was most expensive in Deir-ez-Zor at SYP 533/kg, more than double of As-Sweida (SYP 250/kg). The highest m-o-m price increase and decrease was found in Damascus (up four percent) and Dar'a (down 10 percent) respectively. After m-o-m increases of 17 percent in Lattakia and Tartous, both governorates faced the highest bulgur prices in September at SYP 350/kg (up 17 percent) compared to SYP 213/kg in Idleb.

### Bread

The national average retail price of government subsidized bread was SYP 73/bundle (1.3kg) in September 2018. This has remained stable since August 2018 while being 31 percent lower than in September 2017 (Chart 9).

Across the Syrian markets, eight governorates reported the standard sales price for government subsidized bread at 50 SYP/bundle while three governorates saw similar low prices varying between SYP 63-67/bundle.

After a 33 percent m-o-m decrease, the price of subsidized bread in Quneitra has now converged to the standard price at SYP 50/bundle which is the lowest level in the reporting period. Idleb continues to face the highest price (SYP 200/bundle), however being 32 percent lower September 2017.

In September 2018, the price of commercial bread across the Syrian markets was SYP 137/bundle after a m-o-m decrease of seven percent (Chart 10). The largest contributing factor to the fall was an 11 percent m-o-m decrease in accessible areas to SYP 119/bundle. Meanwhile, the price in hard-to-reach areas and Idleb remained stable at SYP 213/bundle and SYP 225/bundle respectively.

Since September 2017, Idleb saw the largest decrease in prices of commercial bread (down 27 percent) followed by hard-to-reach areas (down eight percent). Meanwhile prices increased by 10 percent in accessible areas.

At governorate level, the lowest price in September 2018 was found in Quneitra at SYP 65/bundle (down 61 percent m-o-m). A bundle of bread was sold at SYP 75 in Homs and Lattakia (remained stable) and SYP 92/bundle in Hama (up 22 percent). The highest price reported was SYP 250/bundle which was found in Aleppo, followed by Deir-ez-Zor and Idleb (SYP 225/bundle).

Chart 6: Retail Prices of Wheat Flour Retail, SYP

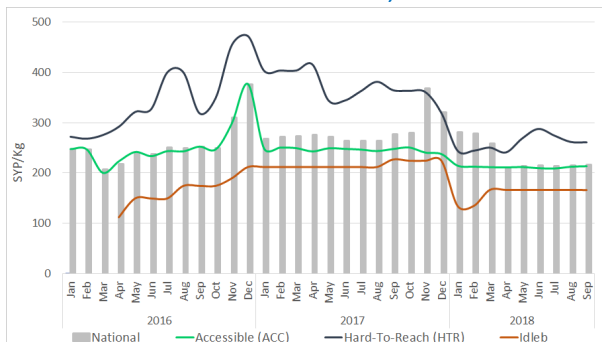


Chart 7: Retail Prices of Rice, SYP

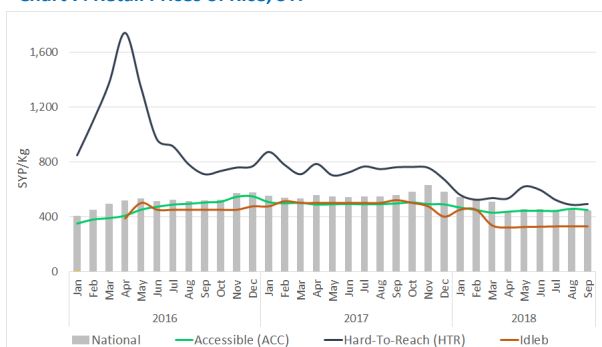


Chart 8: Retail Prices of Bulgur, SYP

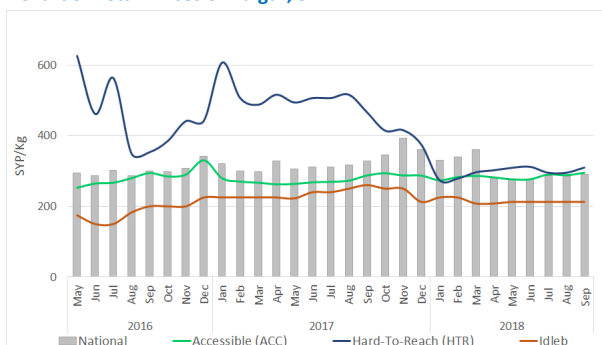


Chart 9: Retail Prices of Subsidized Bread, SYP

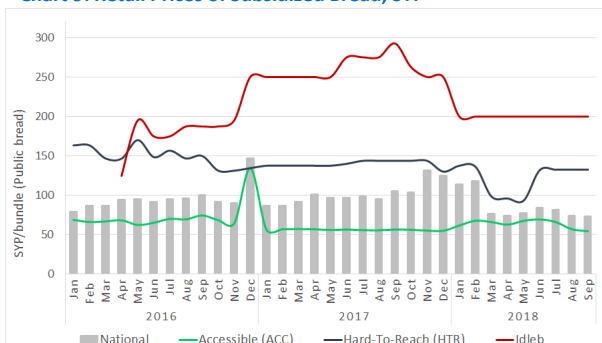
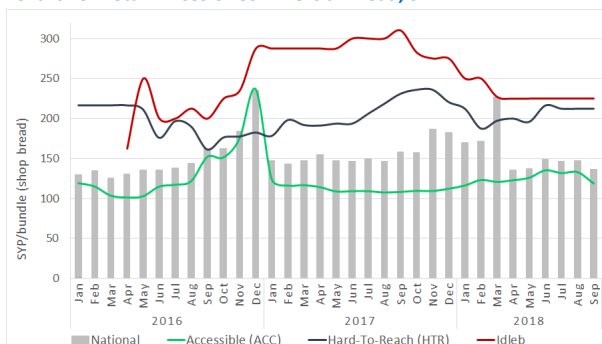


Chart 10: Retail Prices of Commercial Bread, SYP



## Diesel and butane gas

In September 2018, the price of diesel decreased by four percent m-o-m to SYP 227/litre, mainly driven by a price decrease in accessible areas (down five percent m-o-m).

Hard-to-reach areas saw the lowest price of SYP 180/litre after a one percent m-o-m increase while the price in Idleb remained stable at SYP 213/litre (Chart 11). Despite the small increase in hard-to-reach areas, the price in September 2018 was 84 percent lower than the highest level in June-August 2016 (SYP 1,100/litre).

At governorate level, the price was lowest in Ar-Raqqa (SYP 76/litre) followed by Al-Hasakeh where one litre diesel was sold at SYP 86. As-Sweida faced the highest price at SYP 350/litre.

For butane gas, the national average price of one cylinder refill remained stable at SYP 3161/25k, equivalent to a 50 percent y-o-y decrease. In Idleb the price decreased by four percent m-o-m to SYP 4,867/25 while accessible areas saw a decrease of two percent to SYP 2,827/25k. The price in hard-to-reach areas remained stable at SYP 4,325/25k (Chart 12).

Compared to September 2017, gas prices were down by 48 percent, 36 percent and 18 percent in hard-to-reach areas, Idleb and accessible areas respectively in September 2018.

At governorate level, Idleb faced the highest price of butane gas despite the price being down 58 percent since March 2018. The lowest price of SYP 2,700/25k was reported in Hama, Homs and As-Sweida.

## Cereal wholesale prices

In September 2018, the Syrian average wholesale price of cereal dropped by 1.1 percent for wheat grain (SYP 200,306/MT) and bulgur (SYP 222,240/MT) while rice was sold at SYP 366,207/MT (down 0.1 percent).

Using the Syrian Central Bank's official exchange rate of SYP 434 to the US\$, this translates to US\$ 467/MT for wheat grain, US\$ 518/MT for rice and US\$ 845/MT for bulgur grain.

## Exchange rates

The official exchange rate between Syrian pounds and US dollars has remained stable at SYP 434 since December 2017. Meanwhile, the national average black market exchange rate was SYP 453/US \$ 1 in September 2018, 2.3 percent higher than in August 2018 (Table 2).

Except for a small decrease in the black market exchange rates in Rural Damascus (0.2 percent) all governorates across Syria saw m-o-m increases of up to 2.9 percent in Hama and As-Sweida.

The highest black market exchange rate was found in Quneitra at SYP 460/US \$ 1 followed by Hama and As-Sweida at SYP 458/US \$ 1. The lowest rate continued to be in Rural Damascus (SYP 443/US \$ 1) and Deir-ez-Zor (SYP 445/US \$ 1).

Chart 11: Retail prices of diesel, SYP

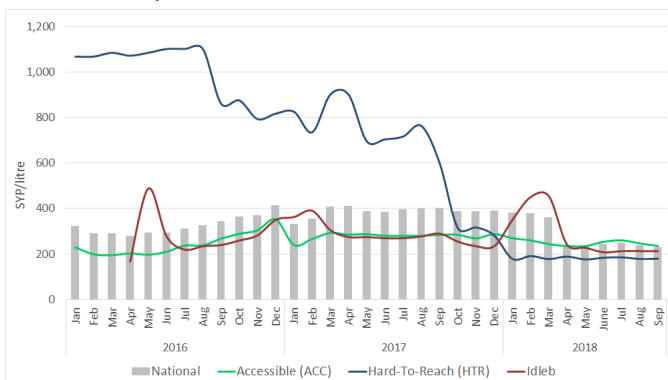


Chart 12: Retail prices of butane cylinder, SYP

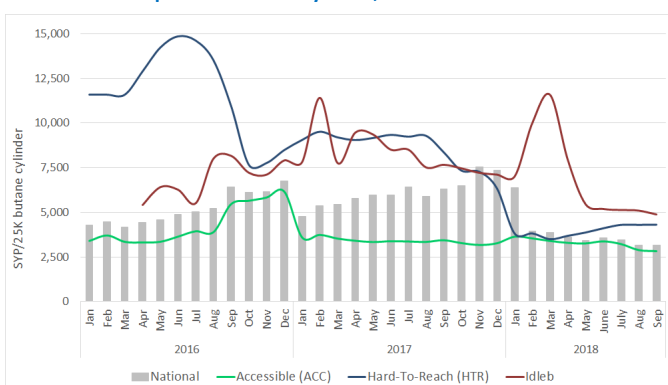


Table 1: National average wholesale prices for wheat, bulgur and rice, SYP and US\$ using official exchange rate, 1 MT

Commodity	June (SYP)	% change (m-o-m)	1MT in US\$
Wheat grain (1MT)	200,306	-1.1	467
Bulgur grain (1MT)	222,240	-1.1	518
Rice (1MT)	366,207	-0.1	845

Table 2: Black market exchange rate, 1 US \$ to SYP

Governorate	September 2018	% change (m-o-m)
Aleppo	456	2.3
Damascus	455	2.8
Dar'a	456	1.8
Deir-ez-Zor	445	2.0
Hama	458	2.9
Al-Hasakeh	454	4.3
Homs	452	1.3
Idleb	453	2.6
Lattakia	450	2.3
Quneitra	460	1.8
Ar-Raqqa	449	2.6
Rural Damascus	443	-0.2
As-Sweida	458	2.9
Tartous	455	2.1
National Average	453	2.3
Official Rate	434	0

Source: WFP Field Offices

## Terms of Trade (ToT)<sup>3</sup>

### ToT between wage labour and wheat flour

The national average daily wage for non-skilled workers increased by one percent from SYP 2,011 in August 2018 to 2,038 in September. This is in line with the increasing trend (up 17 percent y-o-y), mainly driven by y-o-y increases of 31 percent in hard-to-reach areas and 14 percent in accessible areas. Opposite, daily wages in Idleb have fallen 20 percent since September 2017 (Chart 13).

At governorate level, daily wages were highest in Tartous (SYP 3,250/day) followed by Lattakia (SYP 3,000/day). The lowest wages were found in Al-Hasakeh at SYP 1,171/day and Dar'a at SYP 1,308/day.

Due to the relatively stable price of wheat flour, the increase in daily wage levels is positively affecting the ToT. Hence, in September 2018 a national average daily wage of an unskilled labourer could buy 9.4 kg of wheat flour which is 50 percent more than in September 2017.

While the ToT across different accessibility levels remained relatively stable since August, large improvements have been seen since September 2017. The largest improvement was found in hard-to-reach areas where the ToT is up 84 percent, accessible areas saw an improvement of 32 percent and Idleb nine percent (Chart 14).

### ToT between sheep and wheat flour

In September 2018, the national average price of a two-year old male sheep decreased by one percent to SYP 97,665/sheep. This price is up 17 percent since March 2018 and down 14 percent y-o-y, reflecting a higher volatility than the wage level.

At governorate level, the price was highest in Lattakia and Tartous at SYP 120,250 — SYP 120,750/sheep while it was less than half in Deir-ez-Zor (SYP 52,500/sheep).

The ToT between a two-year old male sheep and wheat flour was 452 kg/sheep (down one percent m-o-m). Compared to March 2018, the ToT has increased by 40 percent, showing that the price of a two-year old sheep increased compared to the price of wheat flour (Chart 15).

Especially hard-to-reach areas saw a high volatility in ToT, being down 28 percent y-o-y and up 22 percent since March 2018. In Idleb the ToT remained stable since March 2018, while accessible areas saw increases of 18 percent since March 2018 and eight percent y-o-y.

### International market prices

In September 2018, the Food Price Index averaged 165.4 points while the Cereal Price Index averaged 164 points, decreasing by 1.4 percent and 2.8 percent respectively. With this development, the Food Price Index is again above the Cereal Price Index (Chart 16).

The wholesale price of wheat grain in Syria was US \$ 467/MT in September. This was 2.2 times the price of wheat grain on international markets (US \$ 212/MT).

Chart 13: Daily wage for unskilled labour, SYP

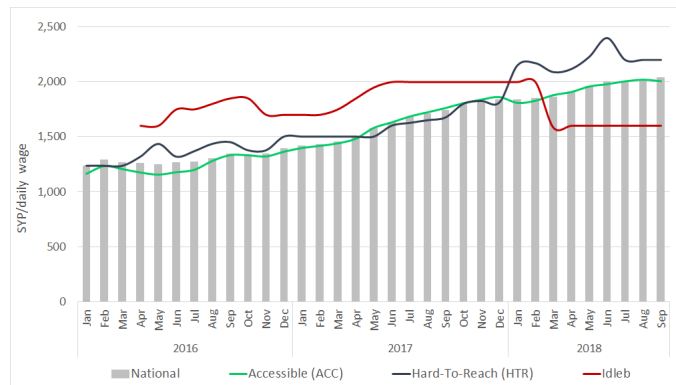


Chart 14: Terms of Trade (ToT) between wheat flour and wage labour

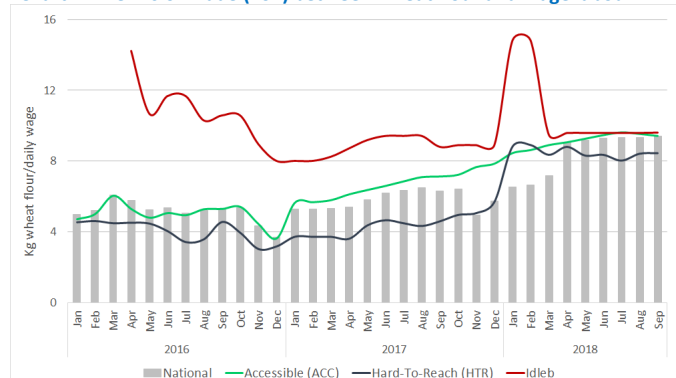
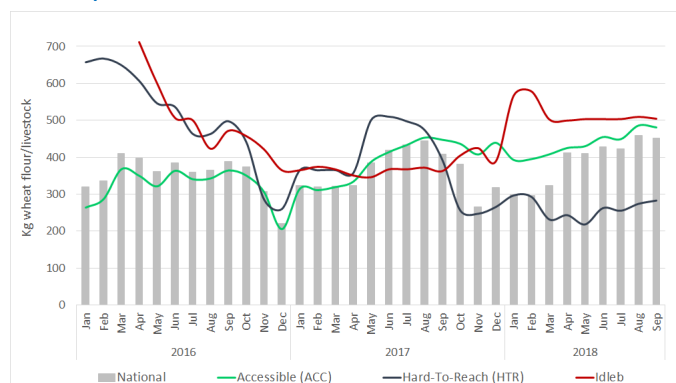
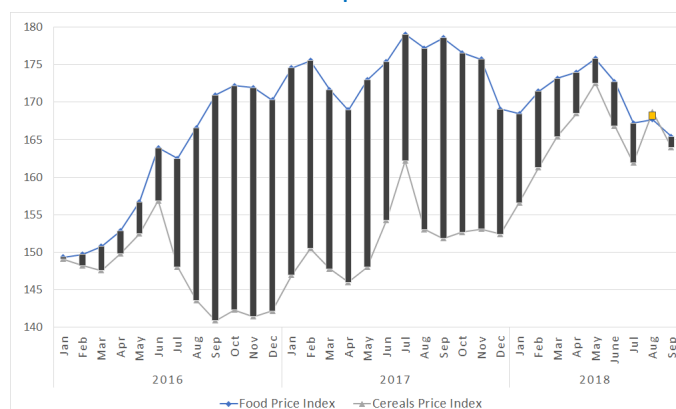


Chart 15: Terms of Trade (ToT) between wheat flour and the price of a 2Y old sheep



Source: WFP Field Offices

Chart 16: Trends of food and cereals price indices



Source: FAO

3. The ToT are proxy indicators of the purchasing power of households that rely on livestock and/or casual labour as their main source of income for the purchase of cereals from local markets. ToT are important components of food security analysis. Changes in the terms of trade between wages/livestock and staple food commodities are indicative of the trends in purchasing power and the impact on the food security situation of households dependent on food purchases through income from daily wage labour and/or the sale of livestock.

Table 3. Market Price of Main Commodities in Syrian Pounds: September 2018																		
Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change	Price change	Price change	Average Change	Average Change	Average Change	Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change	Price change	Price change	Average Change	Average Change	Average Change	
			1M (%)	6 M (%)	12 M (%)	1M	6 M	12 M				1M (%)	6 M (%)	12 M (%)	1M	6 M	12 M	
Bread Public (1.3 kg)	Aleppo	104	-2.4	41.5	-5.7	↓	↑	↓	Date (kg)	Aleppo	931	9.2	1.6	-15.3	↑	↑	↓	
	Damascus	50	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Damascus	908	-1.7	2.8	-17.4	↓	↑	↓	
	Dar'a	63	-15.5	-41.0	25.0	↓	↓	↑		Dar'a	847	-	8.6	-27.9	↔	↑	↓	
	Deir-ez-Zor	100	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Deir-ez-Zor	867	-	-4.6	-57.7	↔	↓	↓	
	Hama	67	33.3	33.3	33.3	↑	↑	↑		Hama	900	12.5	1.9	-38.6	↑	↑	↓	
	Al-Hasakeh	50	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Al-Hasakeh	592	1.5	-22.8	-40.8	↑	↓	↓	
	Homs	50	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Homs	800	-	-2.0	-44.8	↔	↓	↓	
	Idleb	200	-	-	-31.6	↔	↔	↓		Idleb	717	-	6.2	-10.4	↔	↑	↓	
	Lattakia	50	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Lattakia	975	-	-2.5	-22.0	↔	↓	↓	
	Quneitra	50	-33.3	-45.5	-42.9	↓	↓	↓		Quneitra	875	1.3	-3.2	-31.4	↑	↓	↓	
	Ar-Raqqa	65	-	-10.3	-42.2	↔	↓	↓		Ar-Raqqa	667	0.6	-	-39.4	↑	↔	↓	
	Rural Damascus	50	-	-	-84.4	↔	↔	↓		Rural Damascus	913	23.0	8.4	-32.4	↑	↑	↓	
	As-Sweida	50	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		As-Sweida	983	3.5	22.9	-29.8	↑	↑	↓	
	Tartous	50	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Tartous	925	2.8	-7.5	-27.5	↑	↓	↓	
Bread Shops (1.3 kg)	Aleppo	250	-0.2	33.3	17.8	↓	↑	↑	Diesel (L)	Aleppo	280	1.8	8.2	-15.9	↑	↑	↓	
	Damascus	100	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Damascus	213	5.3	-14.7	-34.4	↑	↓	↓	
	Dar'a	167	-14.0	11.7	11.1	↓	↑	↑		Dar'a	276	-8.2	-9.6	-13.7	↓	↓	↓	
	Deir-ez-Zor	225	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Deir-ez-Zor	213	-	-9.0	-75.7	↔	↓	↓	
	Hama	92	22.2	22.2	22.2	↑	↑	↑		Hama	223	-0.7	-0.7	-35.6	↓	↓	↓	
	Al-Hasakeh	150	-	-	9.1	↔	↔	↑		Al-Hasakeh	86	0.2	-16.4	-28.6	↑	↓	↓	
	Homs	75	-	-	-10.0	↔	↔	↓		Homs	225	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔	
	Idleb	225	-	-0.9	-27.4	↔	↓	↓		Idleb	213	-0.1	-53.0	-26.4	↔	↓	↓	
	Lattakia	75	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Lattakia	200	-	-	-27.9	↔	↔	↓	
	Quneitra	65	-60.8	-63.5	-55.2	↓	↓	↓		Quneitra	283	-20.8	-1.0	-7.1	↓	↓	↓	
	Ar-Raqqa	125	-	-14.4	-16.7	↔	↓	↓		Ar-Raqqa	76	0.7	11.9	-59.2	↑	↓	↓	
	Rural Damascus	100	-	-91.9	-70.9	↔	↓	↓		Rural Damascus	210	1.9	-86.5	-82.3	↑	↓	↓	
	As-Sweida	100	-	-	33.3	↔	↔	↑		As-Sweida	350	-	-	6.9	↔	↔	↑	
	Tartous	113	-	80.0	80.0	↔	↑	↑		Tartous	213	-	-	-24.5	↔	↔	↓	
Bulgur (kg)	Aleppo	270	7.9	-1.5	5.5	↑	↓	↑	Dollar exchange rate (in the parallel market, \$1)	Aleppo	455	2.8	-1.7	-	↑	↓	-	
	Damascus	300	-	2.0	-6.3	↔	↑	↓		Damascus	458	2.9	-2.1	-	↑	↓	-	
	Dar'a	288	4.5	-4.9	30.7	↑	↓	↑		Dar'a	454	4.3	-1.9	-	↑	↓	-	
	Deir-ez-Zor	321	1.4	1.4	-45.4	↑	↑	↓		Deir-ez-Zor	452	1.3	-	-	↑	-	-	
	Hama	305	-6.2	-7.6	-4.7	↓	↓	↓		Hama	453	2.6	-2.0	-	↑	↓	-	
	Al-Hasakeh	235	0.8	6.8	-5.8	↑	↑	↓		Al-Hasakeh	456	2.3	-1.2	-	↑	↓	-	
	Homs	320	-1.5	-5.9	-4.0	↓	↓	↓		Homs	450	2.3	-2.6	-	↑	↓	-	
	Idleb	213	-	2.2	-18.3	↔	↑	↓		Idleb	460	1.8	2.0	-	↑	↑	-	
	Lattakia	350	16.7	21.1	16.7	↑	↑	↓		Lattakia	449	2.6	-3.1	-	↑	↓	-	
	Quneitra	263	-0.8	19.3	10.6	↓	↑	↑		Quneitra	443	-0.2	-4.0	-	↓	↓	-	
	Ar-Raqqa	275	-	12.0	-15.4	↔	↑	↓		Ar-Raqqa	456	1.8	-1.4	-	↑	↓	-	
	Rural Damascus	300	0.8	-75.6	-44.6	↑	↓	↓		Rural Damascus	458	2.9	-2.0	-	↑	↓	-	
	As-Sweida	325	-	18.2	8.3	↔	↑	↑		As-Sweida	445	2.0	-4.3	-	↑	↓	-	
	Tartous	350	16.7	16.7	7.7	↑	↑	↑		Tartous	455	2.1	-1.7	-	↑	↓	-	
Butane Cylinder (25 kg)	Aleppo	3,481	0.1	26.6	2.4	↔	↑	↑	Eggs (carton)	Aleppo	1,119	2.3	10.0	-	↑	↑	-	
	Damascus	2,767	-	-	2.5	↔	↔	↓		Damascus	1,083	4.8	6.6	-	↑	↑	-	
	Dar'a	2,888	-5.3	-47.1	-56.3	↓	↓	↓		Dar'a	1,050	1.0	21.3	-	↑	↑	-	
	Deir-ez-Zor	2,900	-	3.6	-61.3	↔	↑	↓		Deir-ez-Zor	1,117	-	-10.7	-	↔	↓	-	
	Hama	2,700	-	-	-10.0	↔	↔	↓		Hama	1,200	-	18.0	-	↔	↑	-	
	Al-Hasakeh	2,325	2.6	0.4	-1.1	↑	↑	↓		Al-Hasakeh	1,021	0.4	-1.2	-	↑	↓	-	
	Homs	2,700	-	-1.2	3.2	↔	↓	↑		Homs	1,217	-0.7	18.9	-	↓	↑	-	
	Idleb	4,867	-4.3	-57.9	-36.4	↓	↓	↓		Idleb	817	2.1	-13.3	-	↑	↓	-	
	Lattakia	2,900	-	-	-3.3	↔	↔	↓		Lattakia	1,300	3.0	19.5	-	↑	↑	-	
	Quneitra	3,233	-9.3	-34.7	-52.8	↓	↓	↓		Quneitra	1,053	1.1	1.1	-	↑	↑	-	
	Ar-Raqqa	4,667	-	26.7	-45.4	↔	↑	↓		Ar-Raqqa	908	-	-14.8	-	↔	↓	-	
	Rural Damascus	2,800	-	-	-88.9	↔	↔	↓		Rural Damascus	1,133	5.4	22.0	-	↑	↑	-	
	As-Sweida	2,700	-	-	-6.9	↔	↔	↓		As-Sweida	1,108	8.1	10.8	-	↑	↑	-	
	Tartous	2,900	-	-	-3.3	↔	↔	↓		Tartous	1,325	3.9	26.2	-	↑	↑	-	
Cheese (kg)	Aleppo	1,388	-0.7	0.3	-15.9	↓	↑	↓	Eggplant (1kg)	Aleppo	179	29.3	-28.7	-	↑	↓	-	
	Damascus	1,217	-	-8.8	-6.4	↔	↓	↓		Damascus	167	-6.9	-30.1	-	↓	↓	-	
	Dar'a	1,075	3.4	5.7	-10.4	↑	↓	↓		Dar'a	119	-5.0	-61.6	-	↓	↓	-	
	Deir-ez-Zor	1,367	1.2	0.6	-42.5	↑	↑	↓		Deir-ez-Zor	217	8.3	-2.0	-	↑	↓	-	
	Hama	1,300	-	8.3	-11.4	↔	↑	↓		Hama	142	-5.6	-34.6	-	↓	↓	-	
	Al-Hasakeh	1,100	4.8	-12.0	-8.3	↑	↓	↓		Al-Hasakeh	231	6.8	-17.3	-	↑	↓	-	
	Homs	1,300	4.0	4.0	-4.9	↑	↓	↓		Homs	150	20.0	-37.5	-	↑	↓	-	
	Idleb	1,050	-	11.5	-	↔	↑	↔		Idleb	150	4.2	-49.7	-	↑	↓	-	
	Lattakia	1,275	7.4	4.1	-8.9	↑	↑	↓		Lattakia	200	-	-23.8	-	↔	↓	-	
	Quneitra	1,156	0.5	2.2	10.1	↑	↓	↑		Quneitra	123	28.5	-43.3	-	↑	↓	-	
	Ar-Raqqa	1,150	-	-19.7	-20.7	↔	↓	↓		Ar-Raqqa	204	-0.2	-25.8	-	↑	↓	-	
	Rural Damascus	1,267	-	-1.3	-4.4	↔	↓	↓		Rural Damascus	163	-1.5	-37.1	-	↓	↓	-	
	As-Sweida	1,458	0.6	8.0	12.2	↑	↑	↑		As-Sweida	123	-18.1	-50.8	-	↓	↓	-	
	Tartous	1,375	12.2	10.0	-1.8	↑	↑	↑		Tartous	388	55.0	63.2	-	↑	↑	-	
Chickpeas (kg)	Aleppo	519	2.8	15.3	3.8	↑	↑	↑	Fish (tuna, canned)	Aleppo	397	-1.5	10.8	6.9	↓	↑	↑	
	Damascus	708	-2.3	-1.5	1.2	↓	↓	↑		Damascus	467	0.9	-0.5	0.9	↑	↓	↑	
	Dar'a	453	12.8	15.3	13.3	↑	↑	↑		Dar'a	419	3.4	10.0	-1.5	↑	↑	↓	
	Deir-ez-Zor	625	-1.3	-3.8	-35.9	↓	↓	↓		Deir-ez-Zor	325	5.3	10.0	-51.9	↑	↑	↓	
	Hama	583	-13.6	-31.4	-10.3	↓	↓	↓		Hama	417	4.2	8.2	-27.3	↑	↑	↓	
	Al-Hasakeh	454	0.9	-14.5	-25.9	↑	↓	↓		Al-Hasakeh	367	2.3	7.4	-11.1	↑	↑	↓	
	Homs	650	8.3	-24.1	4.0	↑	↓	↑		Homs	400	-	7.1	-16.7	↔	↑	↓	
	Idleb	379	-	0.6	45.8	↔	↑	↑		Idleb	383	-	-10.2	12.7	↔	↑	↑	
	Lattakia	675	-	-2.7	-8.5	↔	↓	↓		Lattakia	425	-	21.4	17.2	↔	↑	↑	
	Quneitra	311	-	-14.8	-28.9	↔	↓	↓		Quneitra	333	-0.5	-2.8	-23.4	↓	↓	↓	
	Ar-Raqqa	417	-	-10.2	-32.0	↔	↓	↓		Ar-Raqqa	383	-	12.2	-21.4	↔	↑	↓	
	Rural Damascus	713	-1.7	-50.5	-46.2	↓	↓	↓		Rural Damascus	488	-0.9	2.6	3.7	↓	↑	↑	
	As-Sweida	538	-10.4	-17.3	-23.2	↓	↓	↓		As-Sweida	404	1.0	-4.9	-10.2	↑	↓	↓	
	Tartous	700	1.8	12.0	-11.1	↑	↑	↓		Tartous	400	-	14.3	10.3	↔	↑	↑	
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Commodity Price and Change Analysis (Q1-Q2)																		
Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change	Price change	Price change	Average Change	Average Change	Average Change	Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change	Price change	Price change	Average Change	Average Change	Average Change	
			1M (%)	6 M (%)	12 M (%)	1M	6 M	12 M				1M (%)	6 M (%)	12 M (%)	1M	6 M	12 M	
Iodised salt (kg)	Aleppo	160	-7.2	-5.0	-20.0	↓	↓	↓	Sheep 2Y old Male	Aleppo	93,625	7.7	2.3	-22.1	↑	↑	↓	
	Damascus	113	-	-0.9	-10.0	↔	↔	↓		Damascus	91,438	-13.3	1.7	-19.6	↓	↑	↓	
	Dar'a	150	-	26.7	-	↔	↑	↔		Dar'a	129,333	11.6	62.6	26.2	↑	↑	↑	
	Deir-ez-Zor	100	-	-	-76.5	↔	↔	↓		Deir-ez-Zor	52,500	-0.8	5.0	-71.2	↓	↑	↓	
	Hama	133	-11.1	-11.1	-19.2	↓	↓	↓		Hama	111,667	1.5	5.0	-36.2	↑	↑	↓	
	Al-Hasakeh	100	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Al-Hasakeh	56,250	2.3	2.3	-21.1	↑	↑	↓	
	Homs	150	-	-2.2	-18.9	↔	↓	↓		Homs	112,000	-	5.7	-7.3	↔	↑	↓	
	Idleb	83	-0.2	-4.8	-16.7	↓	↓	↓		Idleb	84,000	-1.2	0.2	1.8	↓	↑	↑	
	Lattakia	115	-	12.2	4.5	↔	↑	↑		Lattakia	120,750	-1.4	63.2	30.7	↓	↑	↑	
	Quneitra	108	-5.2	7.3	2.9	↓	↑	↑		Quneitra	117,500	-	14.5	-9.9	↔	↑	↓	
	Ar-Raqqa	100	-	-	-66.7	↔	↔	↓		Ar-Raqqa	62,500	-	2.7	-	↔	↑	↔	
	Rural Damascus	113	10.3	8.2	-87.9	↑	↑	↓		Rural Damascus	93,958	-10.7	3.2	-17.5	↓	↑	↓	
	As-Sweida	150	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		As-Sweida	92,917	-4.7	14.0	9.2	↓	↑	↑	
	Tartous	75	20.0	-16.7	-31.8	↑	↓	↓		Tartous	120,250	-2.6	72.0	36.6	↓	↑	↑	
	Lentils (kg)	Aleppo	341	-6.8	-16.6	-27.2	↓	↓		↓	Sugar (kg)	Aleppo	242	-1.1	-17.0	-38.5	↓	↓
Damascus		383	-3.1	-15.8	-38.7	↓	↓	↓	Damascus	222		-7.8	-11.9	-34.2	↓	↓	↓	
Dar'a		356	-4.5	8.4	-29.2	↓	↑	↓	Dar'a	241		-6.1	-10.0	-30.1	↓	↓	↓	
Deir-ez-Zor		392	-2.1	-17.5	-40.9	↓	↓	↓	Deir-ez-Zor	342		-2.4	3.9	-68.9	↓	↑	↓	
Hama		380	-5.0	-13.6	-38.2	↓	↓	↓	Hama	227		0.7	-6.8	-29.2	↑	↓	↓	
Al-Hasakeh		300	-	-20.9	-29.4	↔	↓	↓	Al-Hasakeh	298		2.2	-2.0	-24.4	↑	↓	↓	
Homs		450	-	5.5	-15.9	↔	↑	↓	Homs	230		-	-9.2	-25.4	↔	↓	↓	
Idleb		317	-0.1	2.0	-37.9	↓	↓	↓	Idleb	298		-6.0	2.2	-35.3	↓	↑	↓	
Lattakia		513	-6.8	38.9	-12.8	↓	↑	↓	Lattakia	225		-10.0	-10.0	-35.5	↓	↓	↓	
Quneitra		269	-13.9	-10.8	-36.7	↓	↓	↓	Quneitra	235		-	-10.5	-29.3	↔	↓	↓	
Ar-Raqqa		375	-	-10.9	-50.0	↔	↔	↓	Ar-Raqqa	303		-0.1	-0.2	-38.6	↔	↓	↓	
Rural Damascus		404	-1.1	-62.0	-36.2	↓	↓	↓	Rural Damascus	215		-12.2	-82.2	-77.9	↓	↓	↓	
As-Sweida		538	-	-2.3	-33.8	↔	↓	↓	As-Sweida	234		-0.5	-11.8	-30.1	↓	↓	↓	
Tartous		450	-5.3	16.1	-30.2	↓	↑	↓	Tartous	238		-	-5.0	-36.7	↔	↑	↓	
Meat (beef, kg)		Aleppo	3,469	-0.5	8.4	5.1	↓	↑	↑	Tomato (kg)		Aleppo	207	23.5	-16.2	40.0	↑	↓
	Damascus	4,083	0.8	2.1	-3.9	↑	↑	↓	Damascus		188	10.0	-17.4	74.4	↑	↓	↑	
	Dar'a	3,825	7.4	3.6	-7.3	↑	↑	↓	Dar'a		119	-1.0	-58.6	58.3	↓	↓	↓	
	Deir-ez-Zor	3,333	2.3	11.1	-49.5	↑	↑	↓	Deir-ez-Zor		240	6.5	-10.1	-66.4	↑	↓	↓	
	Hama	3,500	-	-9.5	-18.0	↔	↓	↓	Hama		200	-11.1	-17.2	-3.2	↓	↓	↓	
	Al-Hasakeh	3,067	1.1	2.2	-9.8	↑	↑	↓	Al-Hasakeh		223	9.3	-12.4	11.5	↑	↓	↑	
	Homs	3,700	-	-2.6	-22.6	↔	↓	↓	Homs		225	28.6	-2.2	10.7	↑	↓	↑	
	Idleb	2,333	-4.8	-12.2	-14.4	↓	↓	↓	Idleb		408	0.1	-0.5	-18.3	↔	↓	↓	
	Lattakia	4,375	-7.9	9.4	2.9	↓	↑	↑	Lattakia		250	33.3	-	110.1	↓	↔	↑	
	Quneitra	3,581	-	-0.8	6.9	↔	↓	↑	Quneitra		137	19.5	-44.1	127.8	↑	↓	↑	
	Ar-Raqqa	2,500	-	-	-10.7	↔	↔	↓	Ar-Raqqa		227	0.1	-24.4	-9.3	↔	↓	↓	
	Rural Damascus	3,917	1.1	2.5	-9.6	↑	↑	↓	Rural Damascus		175	10.4	-20.8	89.2	↑	↓	↑	
	As-Sweida	4,000	-	-	-2.4	↔	↔	↓	As-Sweida		152	-24.0	-44.7	52.1	↓	↓	↑	
	Tartous	4,275	-3.9	14.0	6.9	↓	↑	↑	Tartous		263	31.3	-	40.0	↑	↔	↑	
	Milk (L)	Aleppo	235	-0.8	-9.3	-	↓	↓	↓		Unskilled Labor-wage	Aleppo	2,500	-	7.1	23.5	↔	↑
Damascus		250	-2.0	-7.7	-	↓	↓	↓	Damascus	2,000		-	-	21.2	↔	↔	↑	
Dar'a		206	1.6	2.9	-	↑	↑	↓	Dar'a	1,308		-6.1	-9.4	-3.1	↓	↓	↓	
Deir-ez-Zor		258	3.3	-13.9	-	↑	↓	↓	Deir-ez-Zor	1,800		-	-	50.0	↔	↔	↑	
Hama		250	-5.7	20.0	-	↓	↑	↓	Hama	1,667		-16.7	-16.7	-19.4	↓	↓	↓	
Al-Hasakeh		267	3.2	-5.9	-	↑	↓	↓	Al-Hasakeh	1,171		2.5	47.8	17.1	↑	↑	↑	
Homs		250	11.1	23.0	-	↑	↑	↑	Homs	2,000		-	-	3.4	↔	↔	↑	
Idleb		167	-0.2	-0.2	-	↓	↓	↓	Idleb	1,600		-	1.0	-20.0	↔	↑	↓	
Lattakia		250	-	-	-	↔	↔	↓	Lattakia	3,000		-	14.3	50.0	↔	↑	↑	
Quneitra		171	12.1	6.9	-	↑	↑	↑	Quneitra	1,833		-	19.1	35.8	↔	↑	↑	
Ar-Raqqa		213	-	-15.0	-	↔	↓	↓	Ar-Raqqa	2,417		-	10.7	23.9	↔	↑	↑	
Rural Damascus		254	0.1	-7.6	-	↔	↓	↓	Rural Damascus	2,250		12.5	29.8	46.7	↑	↑	↑	
As-Sweida		225	-	-10.0	-	↔	↓	↓	As-Sweida	1,750		-12.5	-12.5	-12.5	↓	↓	↓	
Tartous		238	-	-5.0	-	↔	↓	↓	Tartous	3,250		-	30.0	71.1	↔	↑	↑	
Oil (L)		Aleppo	556	3.5	-15.0	-20.5	↑	↓	↓	Wheat Flour (kg)		Aleppo	228	0.1	-4.0	-8.5	↔	↓
	Damascus	621	-0.7	-4.5	-17.2	↓	↓	↓	Damascus		208	0.2	-1.0	-22.8	↑	↓	↓	
	Dar'a	592	-6.6	-8.8	-15.5	↓	↓	↓	Dar'a		175	-9.7	-15.2	-17.6	↓	↓	↓	
	Deir-ez-Zor	573	1.1	-4.5	-65.8	↑	↓	↓	Deir-ez-Zor		258	1.7	3.3	-28.7	↑	↑	↓	
	Hama	613	2.2	-4.4	-15.4	↑	↓	↓	Hama		200	-	1.7	-25.0	↔	↑	↓	
	Al-Hasakeh	467	2.8	-2.7	-15.2	↑	↓	↓	Al-Hasakeh		215	-2.0	1.0	-6.7	↓	↑	↓	
	Homs	625	4.2	0.3	-14.8	↑	↑	↓	Homs		200	-	5.3	-25.9	↔	↑	↓	
	Idleb	463	1.4	-1.8	-27.2	↑	↓	↓	Idleb		167	-0.2	-0.2	-26.7	↓	↓	↓	
	Lattakia	600	-	-3.1	-11.1	↔	↓	↓	Lattakia		250	-	4.2	5.3	↔	↑	↑	
	Quneitra	581	-0.4	-6.8	-26.3	↓	↓	↓	Quneitra		228	-	20.4	11.4	↔	↑	↑	
	Ar-Raqqa	492	-	-5.6	-45.4	↔	↓	↓	Ar-Raqqa		242	0.1	-7.9	-35.6	↔	↓	↓	
	Rural Damascus	612	-0.1	-56.5	-63.0	↔	↓	↓	Rural Damascus		204	0.1	-73.6	-52.9	↔	↓	↓	
	As-Sweida	600	-	-4.0	-20.0	↔	↓	↓	As-Sweida		235	4.4	4.4	-6.0	↑	↑	↓	
	Tartous	600	-2.0	-4.0	-16.6	↓	↓	↓	Tartous		250	19.0	25.0	-	↑	↑	↔	
	Pansley (packet)	Aleppo	50	3.4	24.4	13.7	↑	↑	↑		White beans (kg)	Aleppo	456	4.3	-19.5	-6.9	↑	↓
Damascus		35	-	-12.5	-7.9	↔	↓	↓	Damascus	579		-	4.9	21.9	↔	↑	↑	
Dar'a		88	-2.8	-23.9	16.7	↓	↓	↓	Dar'a	350		12.0	-1.0	-20.0	↑	↓	↓	
Deir-ez-Zor		83	0.4	25.3	-33.3	↑	↑	↓	Deir-ez-Zor	675		-	-11.0	-29.9	↔	↓	↓	
Hama		46	-8.3	-8.3	-8.3	↓	↓	↓	Hama	600		-7.7	13.6	3.4	↓	↑	↑	
Al-Hasakeh		88	-10.7	49.6	-0.6	↓	↑	↓	Al-Hasakeh	525		-	-2.3	-7.7	↔	↓	↓	
Homs		50	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔	Homs	625		-	18.7	4.5	↔	↑	↑	
Idleb		28	1.2	-2.3	-43.3	↑	↓	↓	Idleb	213		-	3.2	-64.3	↔	↑	↓	
Lattakia		50	-	17.6	-27.5	↔	↑	↓	Lattakia	588		-2.1	3.3	-17.3	↓	↑	↓	
Quneitra		32	-0.3	-12.9	61.1	↓	↓	↑	Quneitra	363		-	6.1	-19.3	↔	↑	↓	
Ar-Raqqa		85	20.3	46.0	-9.1	↓	↑	↓	Ar-Raqqa	542		-	2.4	-30.1	↔	↑	↓	
Rural Damascus		32	5.6	-6.9	-18.8	↑	↓	↓	Rural Damascus	554		-	-4.0	0.8	↔	↓	↑	
As-Sweida		50	-	100.0	-	↔	↑	↔	As-Sweida	525		-	-4.5	-4.5	↔	↓	↓	
Tartous		63	25.0	108.3	7.8	↑	↑	↑	Tartous	588		-2.1	6.8	-21.7	↓	↑	↓	
Rice (kg)		Aleppo	419	-2.8	-10.2	-21.5	↓	↓	↓	Yogurt (kg)		Aleppo	290	-5.8	-5.9	-30.9	↓	↓
	Damascus	458	3.7	2.8	7.8	↑	↑	↑	Damascus		302	-0.6	-5.9	15.1	↓	↓	↑	
	Dar'a	514	-10.0	2.3	1.8	↓	↑	↑	Dar'a		259	1.7	17.0	-27.4	↑	↑	↓	
	Deir-ez-Zor	533	-	-4.5	-31.2	↔	↓	↓	Deir-ez-Zor		404	1.0	-4.9	-42.3	↑	↓	↓	
	Hama	450	-	22.7	-16.7	↔	↑	↓	Hama		333	2.6	11.1	-7.0	↑	↑	↓	
	Al-Hasakeh	429	1.5	27.2	-14.2	↔	↑	↓	Al-Hasakeh		321	4.0	2.7	4.7	↑	↑	↑	
	Homs	420	5.0	1.6	-20.7	↑	↓	↓	Homs		300	9.1	2.3	5.9	↑	↑	↑	
	Idleb	329	0.1	-2.3	-36.7	↔	↓	↓	Idleb		204	0.1	-5.0	-16.7	↔	↓	↓	
	Lattakia	450	-	5.9	-10.0	↔	↑	↓	Lattakia		250	-	-9.1	-11.2	↔	↓	↓	
	Quneitra	522	1.1	1.2	-0.5	↑	↑	↓	Quneitra		201	0.1	-2.1	0.6	↔	↑	↑	
	Ar-Raqqa	496	-	7.2	-33.9	↔	↑	↓	Ar-Raqqa		342	-	-3.5	-14.6	↔	↓	↓	
	Rural Damascus	454	1.5	-66.1	-41.3	↑	↓	↓	Rural Damascus		300	-	-6.0	20.0	↔	↓	↑	
	As-Sweida	250	-	-3.8	-23.1	↔	↓	↓	As-Sweida		275	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔	
	Tartous	475	-	15.2	-11.6	↔	↑	↓	Tartous		275	-	4.8	-12.0	↔	↑	↓	