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### Wheat flour (first grade)

Compared to previous week, wheat flour prices increased in Khujand by 7 percent, and decreased in Garm by 5.7 percent. Remaining of the markets remained stable.

Comparing the current reporting week to the monthly average of April 2020, prices for wheat flour increased in most monitored markets ranging from 6-17 percent. Meanwhile, prices decreased in the range of 0.1 - 0.5 percent in Garm and Dushanbe.

### Rice

Rice prices remained stable in most monitored markets compared to the previous week, except in Khujand, where the price decreased by 8 percent.

Comparing to the April 2020 monthly average, price increase was reported in Garm, Bokhtar and Dushanbe markets ranging from 4.2-7.1 percent and it decreased in Khujand by 8 percent.

### Potatoes

Markets in Khorog, Garm and Bokhtar reported increases in prices for potatoes by a range of 10-37.5 percent compared to the previous week, except in Khujand market where prices decreased by 27 percent.

Prices against monthly average of April 2020 in most monitored markets reported decrease in prices ranging from 13-19.4 percent. While Garm price of potatoes increased by 29.4 percent.

### Onion

Prices for onions remained stable in Dushanbe while an increase in prices was observed in Khorog, Garm and Bokhtar markets in the range of 6.1-38 percent and decreased by 25 percent in Khujand.

Comparing to the monthly average of April 2020, prices for onion decreased in all markets in the range of 41.4-65 percent.

### Vegetable & Cotton Oil

During the reporting week, prices for vegetable oil decreased in Khorog and Garm market ranging from 4.4-13.3 percent and increased by 7.1 percent in Bokhtar. Prices for cotton oil increased in Khujand and Garm ranging from 2-8.3 percent.

Compared with the monthly average of April 2020, prices increased in Khujand and Bokhtar markets in the range of 0.2-7.1 percent for both commodities. Meanwhile price for cotton oil increased in Garm by 4 percent and it decreased for both commodities in Dushanbe and Khorog ranging from 7-12.4 percent.

### Milk & Eggs

Milk prices were stable in most monitored markets while prices for eggs increased in Khujand by 10 percent and price for milk decreased in Khorog and Khujand by a range of 13-17 percent compared to the previous week.

Compared to the April 2020 monthly average, milk price decreased by the range of 1-17 percent in Khujand, Khorog and Garm, while for eggs increased prices was observed in all monitored markets ranging from 5.3 – 22.2 percent.

### Meat Beef & Mutton

Compared to previous week, prices for beef were stable in most monitored markets. Increase in prices was reported for mutton in Khorog and Khujand markets by 2.2 – 9.1 percent while its price decreased in Garm market by 2 percent.

Compared against April 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Khujand and Dushanbe markets ranging from 8 – 9 percent, while it decreased in Khorog and Garm market by the range of 1-8.1 percent. Prices for beef decreased in Khujand, Garm and Dushanbe by the range of 2-6.3 percent, while in Khorog market its price decreased by 1 percent.

### Petrol & Diesel

Prices for petrol in Khorog, Bokhtar and Garm markets increased in the range of 7-13 percent compared to previous week, while in Khujand and Dushanbe markets price increased in the range of 2-13 percent. Prices for diesel decreased in most markets by the range of 3-9.3 percent, while in Garm its price increased by 13 percent.

Compared to the April 2020 monthly averages, a decrease was observed in all markets for both commodities by a range of 9-38.4 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 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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**WFP Tajikistan – Weekly Market Situation Update**

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**Week of 25 - 29 MAY 2020**

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### WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

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### About the Update

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For information regarding COVID-19 situation, please access the update through online map at: [http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d77996840bb78f6118a7477f1f](http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d77996840bb78f6118a7477f1f)

Week of 25-29 May 2020
Early Warning on Local Food Prices: Tajikistan Commodities Status

Tajikistan Commodities Status
Apr, 2020

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