

Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update, #14

Week of 22-26 JUNE 2020

Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available, and all monitored food markets were fully operational during the reporting week. Some observations from market monitoring are as follows:
 - 1. In Khujand central market, working groups organized by the government distributed information communication brochures on COVID-19 and free masks to prevent the spread of infection in the market.
 - 2. Fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, melons, strawberries and apricots are supplied in high quantities by farmers due to the harvesting season.
- 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)

During the reporting week, prices for wheat flour first grade increased, ranging from **1-6.4 percent in Khujand and Bokhtar** while in the remaining monitored markets its prices remained 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 **1-7 percent**. Price **increases** for this commodity was observed **in Khujand** by **3 percent**.

Rice

Rice prices **decreased** in **Murghab** by **5 percent**, while remaining stable in most monitored markets.

Compared to the May 2020 monthly averages, prices for rice increased in Bokhtar and Dushanbe markets, ranging from 3.4-20 percent while decreasing in rest of the monitored markets in the range of 10.4-27.3 percent.

Potatoes

Markets in Bokhtar reported increase in prices for potatoes by 25 percent, while in Murghab prices decreased by 4 percent. In the remaining monitored markets, prices remained stable.

Compared against monthly average of May 2020, **most monitored markets** reported **decrease** in prices of potatoes ranging from **6-44.3 percent.**

Onion

Onion prices increased in Gharm by 14 percent and decreased in Khorog and Bokhtar in the range of 15-20 percent, while remaining stable in the other monitored markets.

Compared to the monthly average of May 2020, prices for onions **decreased** in **most markets** in the range of **21-47.4 percent.**

Vegetable & Cotton Oil

Compared to the previous week, prices for both commodities remained stable in all monitored markets. Price fluctuations were observed in **Murghab** for cotton and vegetable oil prices, decreasing by **4-13 percent.**

Compared with the monthly average of May 2020, vegetable oil prices decreased in Khorog, Murghab and Gharm markets in the range of 6-11 percent while increasing in Dushanbe and Bokhtar in the range of 6-8 percent. Prices for cotton oil decreased in the range of 2.3-22 percent in Dushanbe, Murghab and Gharm. An increase in prices for this commodity was observed in Khujand and Bokhtar markets in the range of 6.1-8 percent.

Milk & Eggs

Prices for milk remained stable in most monitored markets. **Decreases** in prices of milk was reported in **Khorog**, **Dushanbe** and **Murghab**, ranging from **4-11.1 percent**. Prices **increased** for eggs in **Khujand by 7.1 percent**, while **decreasing** in **Bokhtar by 12.5 percent**.

Compared to May 2020 monthly averages, prices for both commodities decreased in the range of 3.2–40 percent in most monitored markets, while in Khorog and Bokhtar milk prices increased in the range of 3.2-4.3 percent.

Meat Beef & Mutton

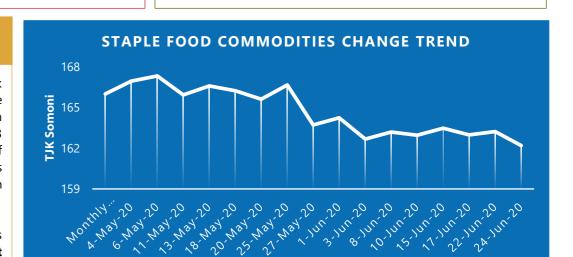
Compared to previous week, prices for both mutton and beef were stable in most monitored markets. Prices decreased in Dushanbe market for mutton by 2 percent and increased in Murghab market by 5 percent. Meanwhile, prices for beef increased in Khujand and Dushanbe in the range of 2-4 percent.

Compared against May 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Murghab, Khujand and Bokhtar markets ranging from 2-5 percent and decreased in Gharm by 3 percent. Beef prices decreased in most monitored markets ranging from 0.3-4 percent while increasing in Khujand and Bokhtar markets in the range of 0.3-6.1 percent.

Petrol & Diesel

Prices for petrol compared to the previous week increased in Khujand and Dushanbe in the range of 2.2–4 percent, while decreasing in Khorog and Bokhtar ranging from 2.2-13 percent. Diesel prices decreased in the range of 1-6 percent in Khujand and Bokhtar markets while increasing in Dushanbe and Murgab in the range of 3.3-6 percent.

Compared to May 2020 monthly averages, prices for both commodities **decreased** in **most monitored markets** by a range of **6-13 percent**. Meanwhile prices **increased** in **Khujand** market for petrol by **0.5 percent** and for diesel by **9 percent** in **Murgab** market.



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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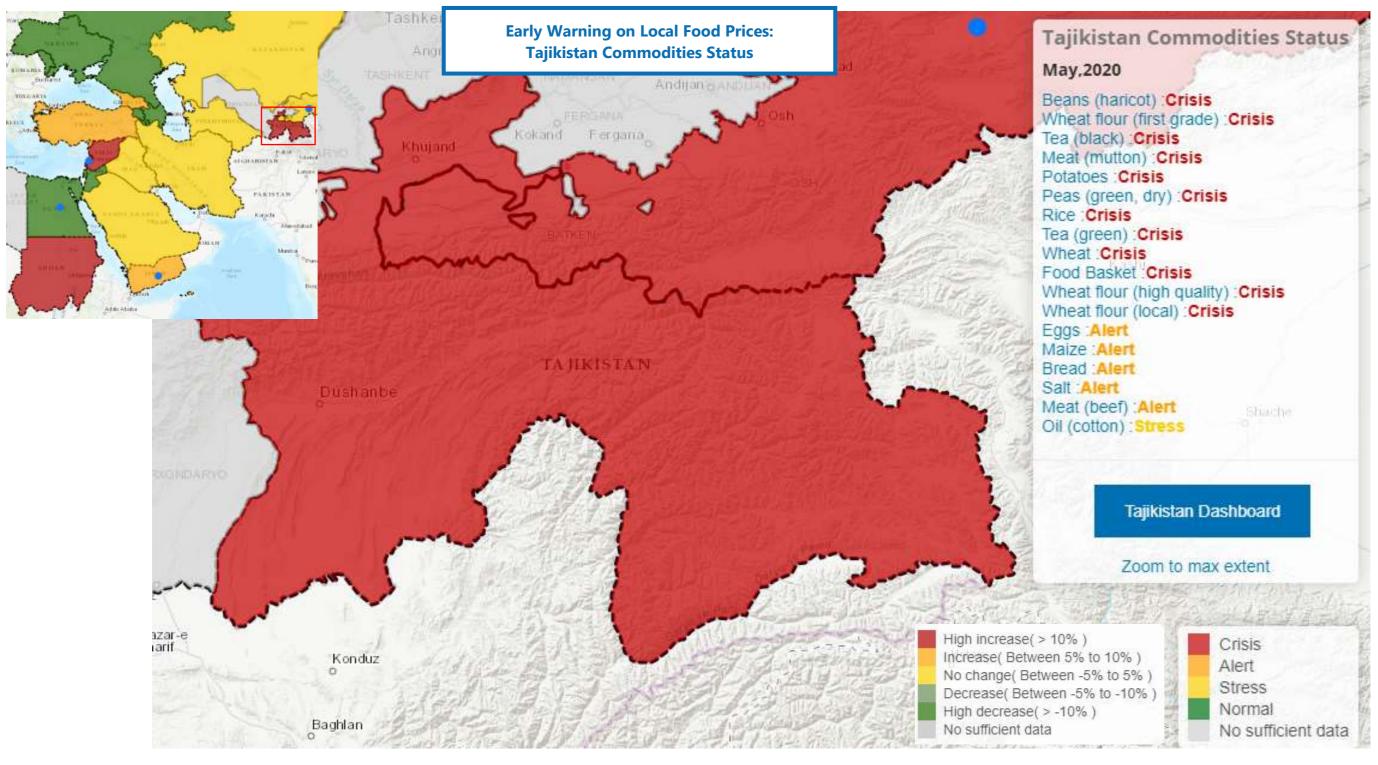
WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

	Khorog, GBAO				Khujand, Sughd					Bokhtar, Khatlon				Gharm, DRS				Dushanbe			Murghab, GBAO			
	in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period		in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period			
Commodity	Current price i	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price i	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price i	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price i	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price i	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price i	1 week	1 month	1 year
Meat (mutton)	45.0	0.0	0.0	19.7	57.5	-4.2	3.4	17.0	53.0	0.0	1.7	25.6	49	0.0	-1.7	20.3	54	-1.8	2.9	16.9	42.0	5.0	-2.3	
Meat (beef)	44.0	0.0	-0.3	19.3	48.0	-4.0	6.1	5.3	50.0	0.0	0.3	15.2	49	0.0	-0.6	20.9	49	-2.0	-2.0	13.1	40.0	0.0	-4.0	
Chicken	24.0	-3.0	0.0	13.0	19.0	1.3	-6.2	2.4	23.0	-4.2	-17.1	35.0	35	0.0	6.3	-10.3	22	10.0	1.1	14.6	27.5	-1.8	-6.3	
Vegetable oil	13.0	0.0	-9.6	12.1	13.0	0.0	0.0	-8.6	15.0	0.0	8.1	0.0	12	0.0	-10.7	-1.9	12	0.0	6.1	-20.4	15.0	0.0	-5.5	
Cotton oil	14.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	13.0	0.0	6.1	-5.0	14.0	0.0	7.7	18.2	12	0.0	-7.1	1.3	11.5	0.0	-2.3	1.2	14.0	-12.5	-22.2	
Potatoes	5.5	0.0	-10.2	56.8	4.0	0.0	-44.3	110.3	4.3	25.0	-15.0	51.8	6	0.0	-6.3	191.4	4	0.0	-28.9	80.7	7.1	-3.7	-7.1	
Cabbage	2.4	0.0	-16.5	-56.3	2.0	33.3	63.3	-51.5	1.5	-21.1	-48.9	-38.4	3	0.0	10.5	7.7	1	0.0	-42.9	-56.7	3.8	-25.0	-25.0	
Carrots	2.3	0.0	-12.2	-37.3	2.5	11.1	28.2	-37.5	1.5	-25.0	-25.0	-42.2	2	0.0	2.9	-31.3	2.1	40.0	31.3	-54.0	4.3	6.3	-15.0	
Onion	1.7	-15.0	-42.1	-19.2	1.0	0.0	-47.4	-35.7	1.0	-20.0	-41.6	-47.2	2	14.3	-20.5	2.4	1	0.0	-45.7	-24.2	4.0	0.0	-20.0	
Milk	6.0	-4.0	4.3	17.2	3.8	7.1	-3.2	12.3	4.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	3	0.0	-22.2	-6.9	4	-11.1	-20.0	0.0	5.0	-9.1	-16.7	
Eggs	10.0	0.0	-4.8	4.3	8.0	1.9	-16.3	25.7	7.0	-12.5	-30.9	25.0	9	0.0	-16.0	8.3	7	0.0	-27.3	-2.5	13.0	0.0	-13.3	
Sugar	7.8	0.0	-3.1	-1.8	6.7	6.4	-1.1	0.9	6.4	-3.8	-7.7	0.0	6.5	0.0	-4.2	7.1	6.5	0.0	0.0	-3.3	8.5	-2.9	-3.8	
Tea black	28.0	0.0	-18.8	61.0	35.0	0.0	-24.3	8.8	38.0	0.0	-17.2	108.3	32	0.0	11.2	34.0	40	0.0	0.0	19.0	33.5	-4.3	11.7	
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	0.0	-27.3	-3.4	11.5	4.5	-9.4	35.4	10.5	5.0	-8.7	22.2	18	0.0	20.0	31.6	15	0.0	3.4	17.7	21.0	0.0	-6.0	
Wheat flour first grade	5.0	0.0	-2.9	29.0	5.1	1.0	1.6	45.2	4.9	0.0	-6.2	29.5	5	0.0	-4.6	45.1	4.7	0.0	-6.7	40.6	5.7	0.0	0.0	
Salt	1.5	0.0	-20.0	-3.5	2.0	100.0	6.7	100.0	1.0	0.0	-5.9	0.0	1.5	0.0	40.0	1.3	0.7	0.0	-24.3	-4.0	4.0	0.0	-33.3	
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	3.8	0.0	0.0	16.7	2.5	-9.1	-16.7	41.5	1.5	-14.3	-1.6	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)	15.0	0.0	-14.9	46.5	14.0	-3.4	-11.1	35.6	15.5	10.7	-1.2	63.6	14	0.0	-1.0	11.7	16	0.0	-1.5	35.6	18.0	0.0	35.0	
Haricot bean (lobiyo)	17.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	35.0	7.7	17.2	150.0	14.5	-3.3	-59.3	256.1	15	0.0	-0.5	29.4	16	0.0	-5.9	134.8	13.0	0.0	34.5	
Chickpeas (nakhud)	19.0	0.0	4.5	-9.3	14.0	0.0	-5.1	-0.9	10.5	5.0	-20.0	-25.0	18	0.0	2.5	-2.3	15	0.0	11.1	-8.3	14.0	0.0	10.5	
Petrol	6.6	-2.2	-9.6	-2.3	5.4	3.8	0.5	-23.4	5.0	-12.5	-7.0	-24.6	5.5	0.0	-10.5	-15.2	4.7	2.2	-3.6	-29.6	7.0	0.0	-12.5	
Diesel	8.0	0.0	-8.9	-7.1	6.3	-6.0	-6.0	-16.9	6.4	-0.8	-8.2	-15.4	6.5	0.0	-12.8	-8.4	6.2	3.3	-7.8	-17.3	9.0	5.9	9.0	
Anti-bacterial wipes	3.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	-6.3		1.8	2.9	-10.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	-11.1	-9.3	
Face masks	3.3	8.3	-18.8		3.0	0.0	-25.0		2.5	-9.9	-16.7		3.0	0.0	0.0		3.0	0.0	0.0		5.0	0.0	0.0	
Hand sanitizer	38.9	0.0	38.9		25.0	0.0	25.0		21.0	-2.3	-16.0		20.0	0.0	0.0		20.0	0.0	0.0		28.0	0.0	40.0	
Soap	6.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		3.3	0.0	-34.0		5.0	0.0	0.0		3.5	0.0	0.0		5.3	-12.5	-12.5	

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: http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f

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