Weekly Market Price Bulletin
Azraq and Zaatari Refugee Camps

Country Context

Population
10.5 Million in 2019
By Department of Statistics - JOR.

GDP Growth Rate
Jordan's economy grew by 2% year-on-year in 2019 and projected to contract significantly to -3.5% in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic (forecast 1)
By World Bank - JOR.

Food Inflation
The cost of food in Jordan increased by 4.9% in April 2020 as compared to the same month in previous year.
By Department of Statistics - JOR.

Foreign Exchange Reserves
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By Central Bank - JOR.

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Inflation
Annual - 0.22%
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Unemployment Rate
19.3% in Q1 2020, compared to 19% in Q1 2019.
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Highlights

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In Azraq camp, prices for vegetables witnessed slight to moderate fluctuations ranged (from -19% for onions to +13% for tomatoes), while the price of cucumber remained unchanged.

Meanwhile, the price for the cheapest available staple commodities showed more stability in the reporting period after significant fluctuations during the past month. While the prices of rice and lentils remained unchanged from one month ago, price of sugar and vegetable oil saw an increase of 12% and 7% respectively, from last week.

It is noteworthy that the price of eggs dropped by 20% during the 2nd week of June while prices for other protein-rich foods (chicken, tuna) showed slight increases.

The price of apples posted a 20% increase and is now more than 1.5 times the price as compared to 3 months ago.

Even though the price of milk powder decreased slightly (by 2%) during the reporting week, a long-term price hike is observable and should be closely monitored.

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<td>Rice</td>
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<td>Wheat Flour</td>
<td>2 Kg</td>
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<td>-14% 31% -20% 41%</td>
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<td>Salt</td>
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<td>Lentils</td>
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<td>Whole Chicken</td>
<td>1 Kg</td>
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<td>Tuna</td>
<td>0.19 Kg</td>
<td>7% -3% 8% -9%</td>
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<td>Spread Cheese</td>
<td>8 Pcs</td>
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<td>Milk Powder</td>
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<td>Vegetable Oil</td>
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<td>Potatoes</td>
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<td>Onions</td>
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*Main source of data is WFP Market price monitoring through field visits complemented by online data in WFP’s Triangulation Database
*Methodology: prices reflect the average prices of the cheapest available food commodity in the reported period