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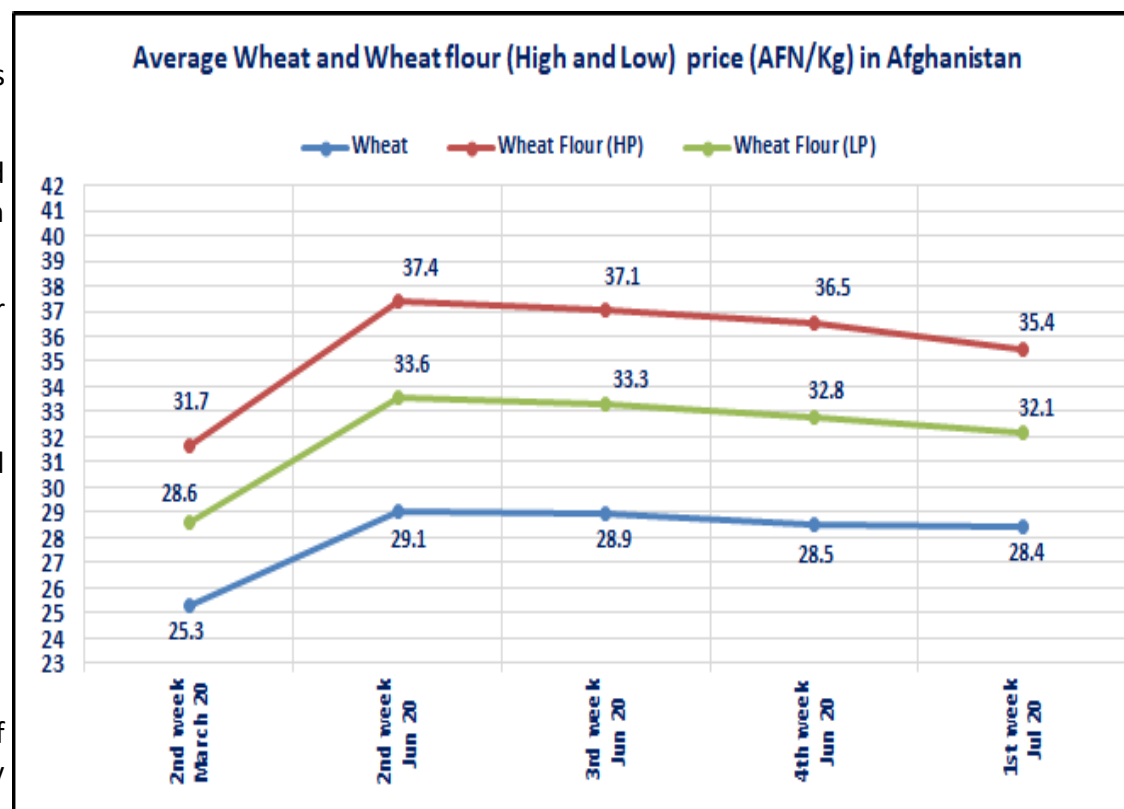
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### Background

WFP has more than 20 years of experience in price data collection in Afghanistan. WFP launched its weekly market price monitoring and data collection in all 34 provinces in May 2020, and added 9 extra commodities to the analysis, including livelihood related items (fertilizers, improved seed and animal feed), based on requests from the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Now the market price bulletins are issued weekly, every Wednesday, containing information on food access and availability and covering the market trends of the previous week.

### Highlights

- **Compared to last week** (the fourth week of June), the average prices of the all food commodities show negligible or slight decreases.
- **Compared to 14 March** (pre-COVID-19 prices), almost all main food commodity prices and both purchasing power indicators show an increase, as follows:
  - The average prices for both high and low price wheat flour were 12% higher;
  - The average price of wheat was 12% higher;
  - The average prices of high and low quality rice were 7% and 20% higher, respectively;
  - The average price of cooking oil was 37% higher;
  - The average price of pulses was 31% higher;
  - The average price of sugar was 22% higher;
  - Casual laborers' and pastoralists' purchasing power (Terms of Trade) have deteriorated by 3% and 11% respectively, mainly due to increased wheat prices.



**Wheat Flour (High Price):** The average price decreased by 2.9% compared to the fourth week of June but still remained 12% higher than 14 March.

The decrease occurred in: Bamyan (19%), Khost (13%), Logar and Paktya (11%), Ghor (7%), Kunduz and Parwan (6%), Kabul (5%), Laghman, Nimroz, Hilmand, Kapisa, Panjsher and Badghis (3%), Badakhshan and Uruzgan (2%) and Hirat (less than 1%). The decrease was due to improved supply from the source point (Kazakh wheat flour) and the wheat harvest and availability in the market. Meanwhile prices increased in Takhar (5%) and Kandahar (1%). The main reason for the increase was a temporary supply shortfall.

The highest prices were in Farah, Urozgan and Badakhshan (42 AFN per kg), followed by Nuristan (40 AFN per kg). The lowest prices were in Hirat, Logar, Laghman, Paktya, Nangarhar, Kunduz, Kunar and Balk (31, 32, 32, 33, 33, 33, 33 and 33 AFN per kg, respectively).

**Wheat Flour (Low Price):** The average price decreased by 2.1% compared to the fourth week of June but remained 12% higher than 14 March.

The decrease occurred in: Logar and Paktya (12%), Khost and Ghor (9%), Takhar and Parwan (6%), Nimroz (4%), Laghman, Kapisa, Urozgan, Kabul, Hilmand and Kandahar (3%), mainly due to the wheat harvest and improved supply. Meanwhile prices only increased in Kunar (5%). The main reason for the increase was a supply shortfall.

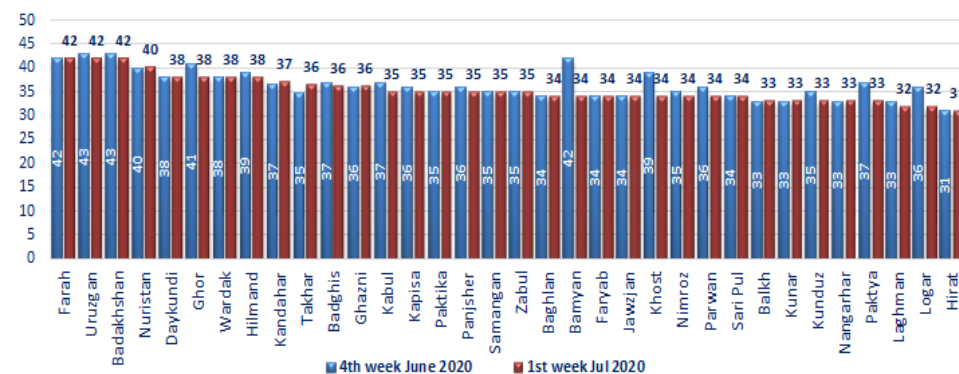
The highest prices of wheat flour (low price) were in Nuristan, followed by Daykundi, Badakhshan, Bamyan and Wardak provinces (at 38, 37, 36, 36 and 36 AFN per kg, respectively). The lowest prices were in Hirat, Nimroz, Takhar, Sari Pul and Paktya provinces (at 23, 27, 30, 30 and 30 AFN per kg, respectively).

**Wheat:** The average price decreased by 0.5% compared to the fourth week of June, but was still 12% higher compared to 14 March.

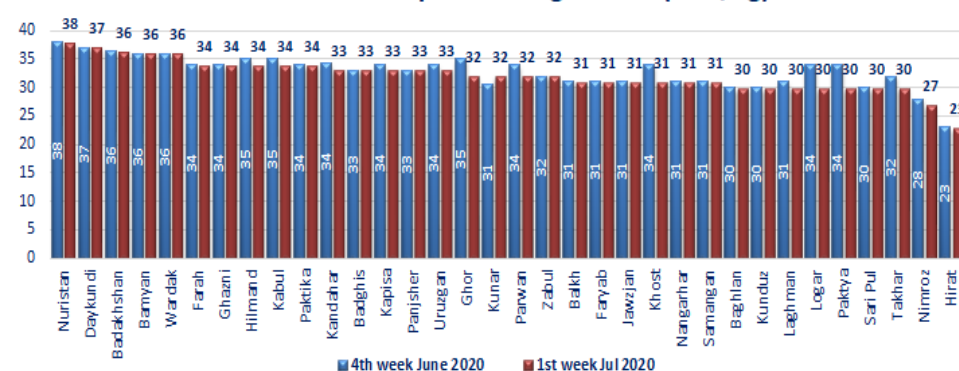
The decrease occurred in: Ghor (10%), Badghis, Sari Pul, Parwan and Nimroz (4%), Panjsher (3%) and Hirat (2%), mainly due to harvesting and improved supply of locally produced wheat from within each province and neighboring provinces. Meanwhile prices increased in Laghman (8%), Jawzjan, Takhar, Badakhshan, Kandahar (4%) and Urozgan (3%), mainly due to supply disruptions and wheat shortage in the markets.

The highest wheat prices were observed in Ghazni and Wardak (38 AFN per kg), Nuristan and Paktika (35 AFN per kg) and Daykundi (34 AFN per kg), while the lowest prices were in Farah, Badghis, Sari Pul, Faryab and Baghlan (20, 22, 24, 24 and 24 AFN per kg, respectively).

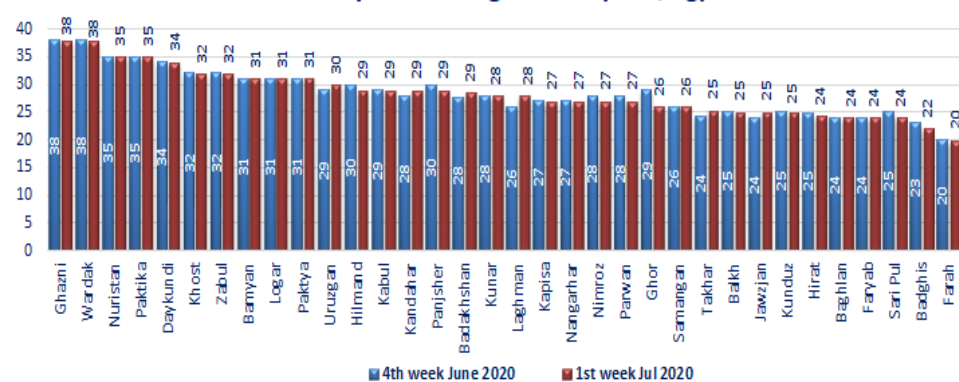
Wheat Flour High prices in Afghanistan (AFN/Kg)



Wheat Flour Low prices in Afghanistan (AFN/Kg)



Wheat prices in Afghanistan (AFN/Kg)



**Cooking Oil:** The average price decreased by 3% compared to the fourth week of June and remained 37% higher than 14 March.

The decrease occurred in: Ghor (22%), Takhar (17%), Nuristan (9%), Khost (8%), Kapisa (7%), Hirat (6%), Panjsher (5%), Kabul (4%), Balkh and Parwan (3%), Wardak, Nangarhar, Sari Pul, Kandahar, and Hilmand (2%), Nimroz and Urozgan (1%). The main reason for the decrease was the improved supply. Meanwhile prices increased in: Laghman (11%) and Zabul (1%). The main reasons for the increase were supply disruptions and daily price fluctuations.

**Pulses:** The average price decreased by 1% compared to the fourth week of June and was 31% higher than 14 March.

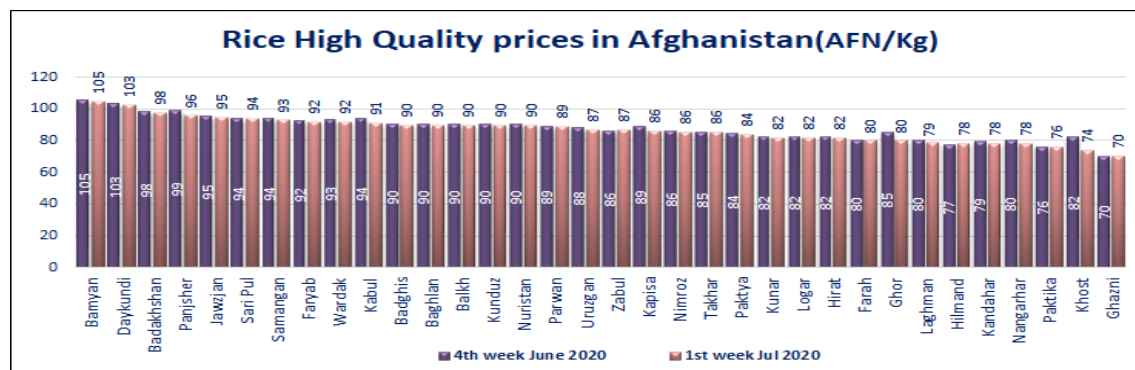
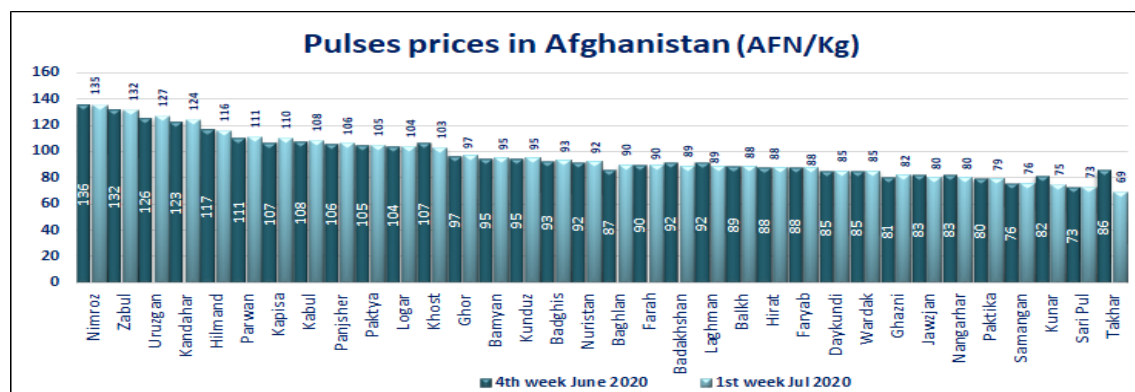
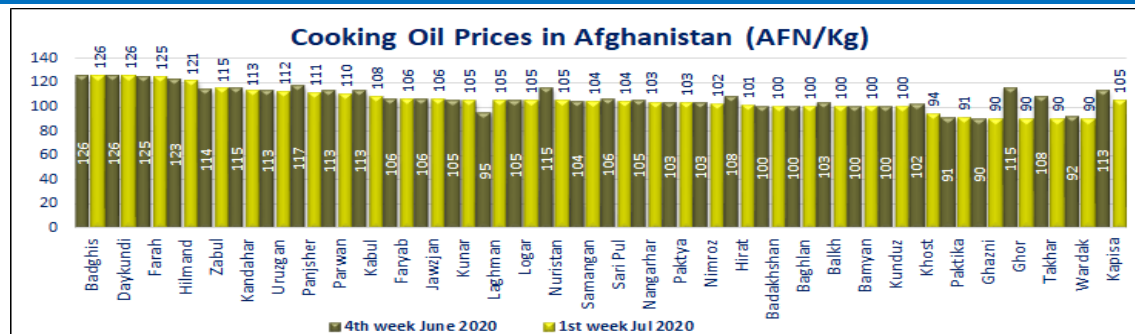
The decrease occurred in: Takhar (19%), Kunar (9%), Khost, Jawzjan, and Nangarhar (4%), Badakhshan and Laghman (3%), Paktika, Balkh, Hilmand and Nimroz (1%), due to more import from border country, seasonally reduced demand and increased use of fresh vegetables. Meanwhile prices increased in: Baghlan (4%), Kapisa (3%), Ghazni, Kandahar and Urozgan (1%), due to less demand and daily price fluctuations.

Prices were highest in Nimroz, Zabul, Uruzgan, Kandahar and Hilmand (AFN 135, 132, 127, 124 and 116 per kg, respectively), while prices were lowest in Takhar, Sar-i-Pul and Samangan (AFN 69, 73 and 75 per kg).

**Rice (High Quality):** The average price decreased by 0.9% compared to the fourth week of June but was still 7% higher than 14 March. The decrease occurred in: Khost (10%), Ghor (6%), Kapisa, Kabul, Panjsher and Nangarhar (3%), Kandahar, Laghman, Wardak, Urozgan and Samangan (1%) and Nimroz (less than 1%), due to seasonally increased demand for low quality rice and improved supply. Meanwhile prices increased in Hilmand, Takhar and Zabul (1%), mainly due to daily price fluctuations.

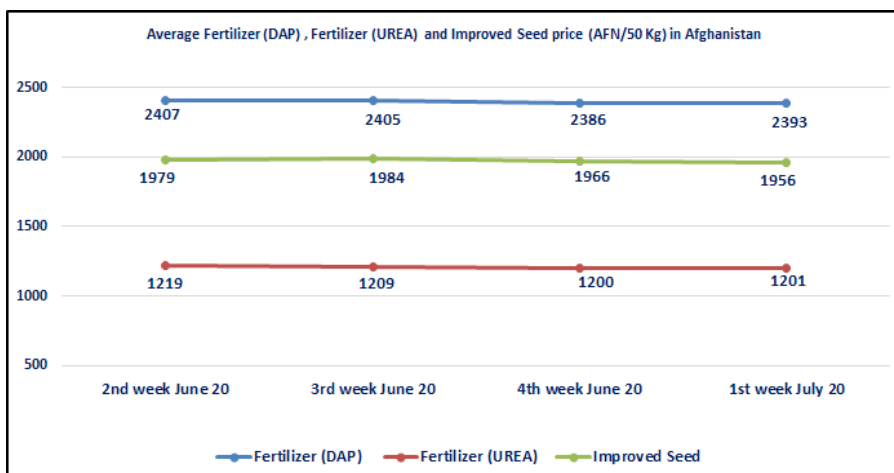
Prices were highest in Bamyan, Daykundi and Badakhshan (AFN 105, 103 and 98 per kg respectively). While prices were lowest in Ghazni and Paktika (AFN 70 and 74 per kg, respectively).

**Sugar:** The average price decreased by 0.3% compared to the fourth week of June and was 22% higher than 14 March. The decrease occurred in: Panjsher (6%), Khost (4%), Ghazni, Laghman and Urozgan (2%) and Kandahar (1%). The main reason for the decrease was increased supply in the market. Meanwhile prices increased in: Balkh (4%), Zabul and Takhar (2%), mainly due to high demand.



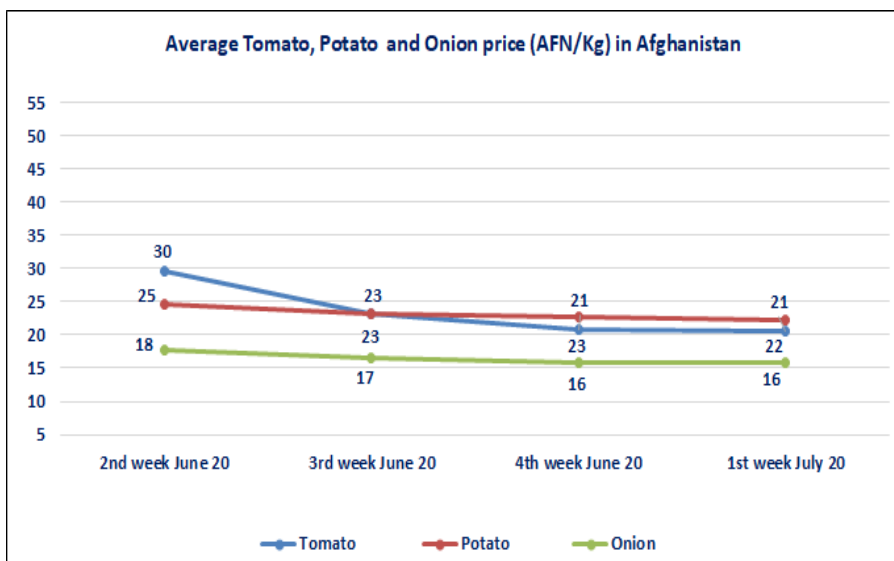
#### Items with no or slight price changes:

The prices of diesel, unskilled labor wage and live female sheep increased slightly; while the price of bread, salt, skilled labor wage the number of days work available decreased slightly in the first week of July compared to the fourth week of June 2020.



**Improved Seed:** The average price decreased by 0.5% compared to the fourth week of June. The decrease occurred in Samangan (9%), Kandahar (3%), Hilmand and Parwan (2%), mainly due to decreased demand.

Prices were highest in Ghazni, Wardak, Hilmand and Daykundi at AFN 3,547, 3,574, 2,600 and 2,247 per 50 kg respectively. Prices were lowest in Badghis, Takhar, Laghman and Jawzjan at AFN 1,250, 1,260, 1,470 and 1,500 per 50 kg, respectively.



**Fertilizer (DAP):** The average price increased by 0.3% compared to the fourth week of June. The increase occurred in: Paktya (30%), Khost (10%) and Laghman (9%), mainly due to increased demand. Meanwhile prices decreased in Jawzjan (12%), Hilmand (9%), Parwan (3%), Kunar and Urozgan (2%), Takhar (1%) and Kandahar (less than 1%), due to seasonally reduced demand.

Prices were highest in Jawzjan, followed by Sari Pul and Badakhshan (at AFN 2820, 2,800, and 2,700 per 50 kg respectively), while prices were lowest in Nimroz, Parwan and Kapisa (at AFN 2,000, 2,023 and 2,090 per 50 kg bag, respectively).

**Fertilizer (UREA):** The average price increased by 0.2% compared to the fourth week of June. Prices increased only in Urozgan (9%), due to increased demand by farmers. Meanwhile prices decreased only in Hilmand (4%), due to sustained supply.

Prices were highest in Nuristan, followed by Daykundi and Badakhshan (at AFN 1,700, 1,383 and 1,350 per 50 kg respectively), while prices were lowest in Hilmand, Kandahar and Balkh (at AFN 1,037, 1,050 and 1,050 per 50 kg bag, respectively).

**Tomato:** The average price decreased by 0.6% compared to the fourth week of June. The decrease occurred in: Takhar (49%), Kunduz (20%), Zabul (13%) and Daykundi (4%). The main reason for the decrease was the local harvest season and increased supply.

Meanwhile prices increased in: Laghman (27%), Parwan and Kabul (18%), Paktya (11%) and Panjsher (9%), due to a temporary supply shortfall and high demand.

**Potato:** The average price decreased by 2.1% compared to the fourth week of June. The decrease occurred in: Kapisa (29%), Nimroz (23%), Ghazni (22%), Faryab (17%), Wardak (13%), Hilmand (10%), Kabul (9%), Daykundi (6%), Paktika (4%) and Hirat (3%). The main reason for the decrease was the local harvest season supplying markets.

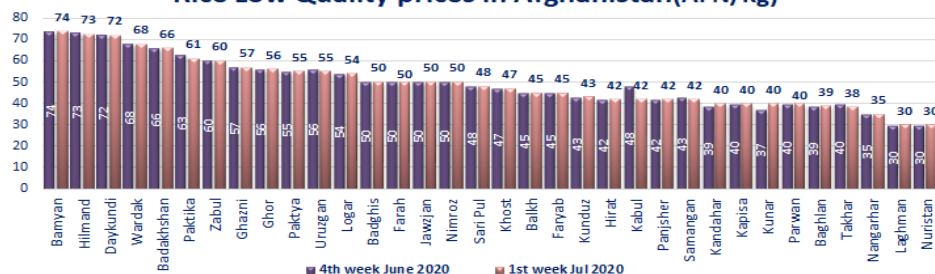
Meanwhile prices increased in: Paktya (19%), Zabul (12%), Laghman (11%), Takhar (7%) and Parwan (5%) due to a temporary supply shortfall.

**Onion:** The average price decreased by 3.4% compared to the fourth week of June. The decrease occurred in: Kabul (33%), Urozgan (29%), Hilmand (20%), Zabul (17%), Paktika (12%), Daykundi and Logar (9%) and Ghazni (7%). The main reason for the decrease was the local harvest season supplying markets.

Meanwhile prices increased in: Paktya (82%), Laghman (43%), Takhar (36%) and Sari Pul (5%) due to temporary supply shortfalls and high transportation charges.



Rice Low Quality prices in Afghanistan (AFN/Kg)

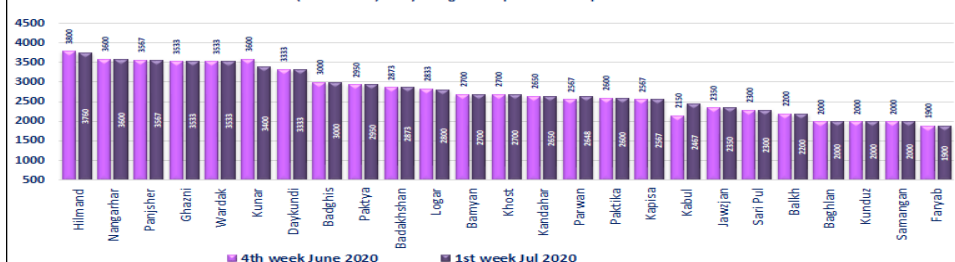


**Rice (Low Quality):** The average price decreased by 0.5% compared to the fourth week of June and was 20% higher than on 14 March.

The decrease occurred in: Kabul (13%), Takhar (4%), Paktika (3%), Samangan and Urozgan (2%) and Hilmand (1%), mainly due to increased supply.

Meanwhile prices increased in Kunar (8%) and Kandahar (3%). The main reason for the increase was temporary disruption in the supply of Pakistani rice and seasonally increased demand.

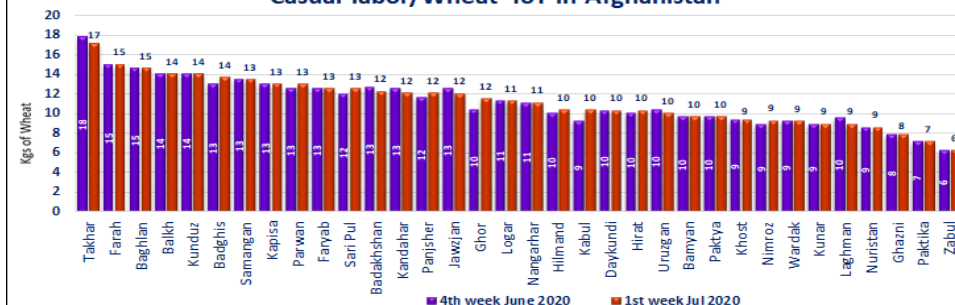
Animal feed (Concentrate) AFN/100kg for the provinces the product is available in the market



**Animal Feed (Concentrate):** The average price decreased by 3.4% compared to the fourth week of June. The decrease occurred in Kunar (6%), Logar and Hilmand (1%) due to decreased demand. Meanwhile prices increased in Kabul (15%) and Parwan (3%).

Prices were highest in Hilmand, Nangarhar, Kunar and Panjsher (at AFN 3,760, 3,600, 3,600 and 3,567 per 100 kg bag, respectively). Prices were lowest in Faryab (AFN 1,900 per 100 kg), followed by Samangan, Kunduz and Baghlan (AFN 2,000 per 100 kg bag).

Casual labor/Wheat ToT in Afghanistan

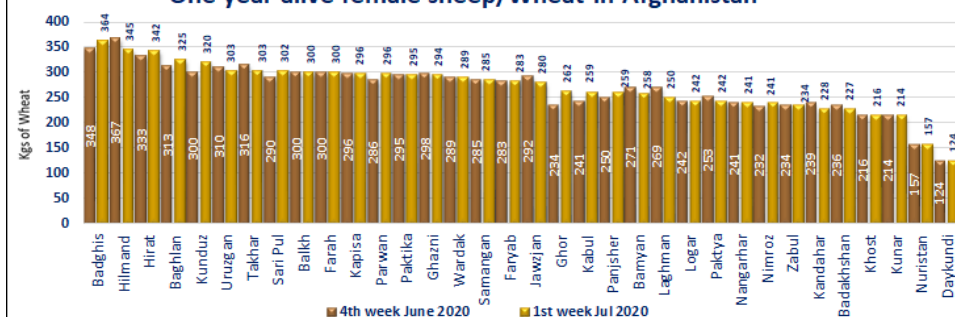


### Terms of Trade (ToT) situation

**Casual labor/Wheat ToT** average improved by 0.6% compared to the fourth week of June but remained 3% lower than the ToT on 14 March. Improvement occurred in: Kabul and Ghor (12%), Badghis (5%), Sari Pul, Parwan, and Nimroz (4%), Panjsher, Hilmand and Hirat (3%), due to decreased wheat prices and increased labor wage.

Meanwhile the ToT declined in Laghman (7%), Jawzjan, Takhar and Badakhshan (4%), Kandahar and Urozgan (3%) due to increased wheat prices.

One year alive female sheep/Wheat in Afghanistan



**One-year alive female sheep/Wheat ToT** average improved by 0.2% compared to the fourth week of June but still showed an 11% deterioration compared to 14 March. The improvement occurred in: Ghor (12%), Kabul and Kunduz (7%), Badghis (5%), Sari Pul, Baghlan, Parwan, and Nimroz (4%), Panjsher and Hirat (3%), due to the decreased wheat price and increased sheep price.

Meanwhile the ToT deteriorated in Laghman (7%), Hilmand (6%) Kandahar and Bamyan (5%), Paktya, Jawzjan, Takhar and Badakhshan (4%), Urozgan and Ghazni (2%) due to the decreased sheep price and increased wheat price.

### Currency Exchange Rate:

The average value of Afghani currency against the US dollar remained unchanged (US\$ 1=AFN 77.2) in the first week of July 2020.

Month	Week	Items	Unit	Price per Unit (AFN)																																		
				Kabul	Bamyan	Daykundi	Ghazni	Kapisa	Khost	Logar	Paktika	Paktya	Panjsher	Parwan	Wardak	Balkh	Baghlan	Faryab	Jawzjan	Kunduz	Samangan	Sari Pul	Kandahar	Hilmand	Nimroz	Uruzgan	Zabul	Badakhshan	Takhar	Hirat	Badghis	Farah	Ghor	Nangarhar	Kunar	Laghman	Nuristan	
March	2nd	Wheat	kg	25	25	29	28	27	35	28	29	26	30	20	24	24	24	21	23	23	21	20	30	25	23	20	20	20	19	23	23	26	24	28	28	26	32	
June	3rd			33	31	34	38	27	32	31	35	31	30	27	38	25	24	26	24	25	27	25	29	32	28	32	32	27	25	25	25	20	29	29	28	26	35	
June	4th			29	31	34	38	27	32	31	35	31	30	28	38	25	24	24	24	24	25	26	25	28	30	28	29	32	28	24	25	23	20	29	27	28	28	35
July	1st			29	31	34	38	27	32	31	35	31	29	27	38	25	24	24	24	25	25	26	24	29	29	27	30	32	29	25	24	22	20	26	27	28	28	35
March	2nd	Wheat Flour (High Price)	kg	32	35	36	33	26	35	30	31	31	32	32	33	30	29	26	27	33	32	26	36	30	33	36	32	33	30	28	30	30	32	32	32	31	38	
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March	2nd	Wheat Flour (Low Price)	kg	29	33	35	30	30	32	28	32	29	32	30	30	23	26	20	21	31	28	28	29	28	29	25	30	29	25	24	28	26	27	29	30	28	32	
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March	2nd	Rice High Quality	kg	90	96	76	84	72	68	85	75	76	90	74	85	90	73	83	75	95	75	80	80	70	80	72	85	86	87	70	82	80	80	74	75	72	80	
June	3rd			94	105	103	70	89	82	82	76	81	99	89	93	90	90	92	95	90	94	96	80	78	86	89	85	98	84	82	90	80	85	80	82	81	90	
June	4th			94	105	103	70	89	82	82	76	84	99	89	93	90	90	92	95	90	94	94	79	77	86	88	86	98	85	82	90	80	85	80	82	80	90	
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March	2nd	Rice Low Quality	kg	42	38	41	36	32	50	47	45	48	36	45	47	35	35	40	40	40	36	45	35	30	35	40	38	43	45	35	35	35	40	33	31	35	50	
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March	2nd	Cooking Oil	kg	75	71	83	71	73	95	81	70	80	78	78	75	66	70	77	77	75	70	80	72	65	70	69	65	80	84	83	70	73	83	70	74	75	75	
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July	1st			108	95	85	82	110	103	104	79	105	106	111	85	88	90	88	80	95	76	73	124	116	135	127	132	89	69	88	93	90	97	80	75	89	92	
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March	2nd	Salt	kg	20	15	19	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	15	10	10	16	10	10	7	10	10	10	12	10	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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March	2nd	Diesel	liter	45	45	47	45	42																														