



Weekly Market Price Bulletin

Azraq and Zaatari Refugee Camps

Country Context

Inflation

Annual **-0.22%**
Monthly **-0.65%**

May 2020 – DoS (JOR) Based on Co-nsumer Price Index.

Population

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

Unemployment Rate

19.3% in Q1 2020, compared to 19% in Q1 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 (forecast¹).
By World Bank – JOR.

Food Inflation

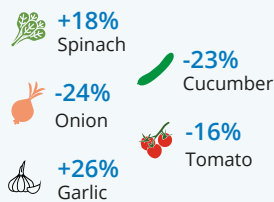
The cost of food in Jordan increased by 4.9% in April 2020 as compared to the same month in previous year.
By Department of Statistics -JOR.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

Foreign Exchange Reserves in Jordan decreased for the second month by 0.4% to 119,88.1M JOD in May from 120,35.9M JOD in April 2020.
By Central Bank -JOR.

National Market Prices

In June, prices for most vegetables and fruits in the national market witnessed a decrease ranging from -7% to -23%, except for garlic, spinach and apples for which the price increased by 26%, 18% and 8% respectively. Meanwhile, the prices of all staple commodities remained unchanged, whereas prices for protein-rich foods witnessed slight fluctuations from May 2020.



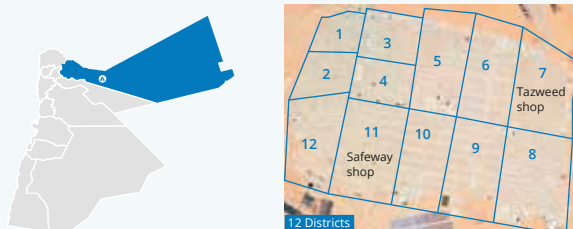
Commodity/Item	Unit	Avg Weekly Prices			Percentage Change*		
		15-21 JUN	22-30 JUN	01-07 JUL	1M	3M	6M
Exchange Rate	USD/JOD	0.71	0.71	0.71	0%	0%	0%
Petroleum Products:							
Diesel	JOD/L	0.41	0.41	0.47	13%	0%	-24%
Cooking gas	JOD/12.5 Kg Cylinder	7	7	7	0%	0%	0%
Petrol gasoline (90)	JOD/L	0.6	0.6	0.66	9%	5%	-17%

* Percentage Change are as of 1-7 July 2020, compared to previous months
Data source: Ministry of Interior, Trade and Supply - Jordan.

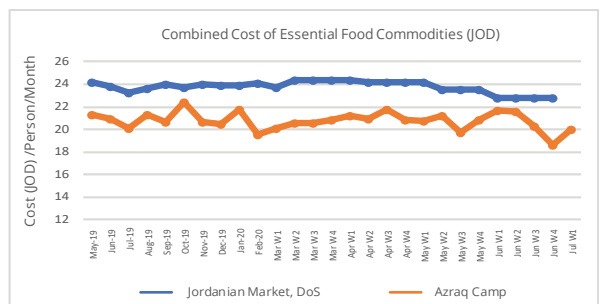
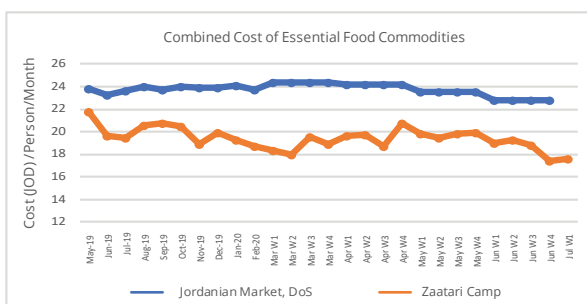
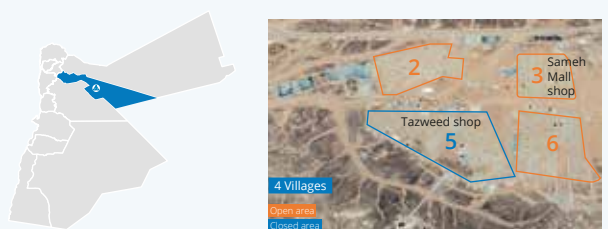
Highlights

- In the 1st week of July, prices of vegetables in both Azraq and Zaatari camps displayed significant fluctuations ranging from -38% to +44% as compared to last week, putting an end to the general downwards trend from last month. Notably, the price of potatoes increased in both camps but remains 35% less expensive compared to the same month in previous year.
- During the reporting period, prices for the cheapest available staple commodities² witnessed moderate fluctuations (mainly increases) ranging from -7% to +44% as compared to the previous week. After different developments this week, bulgur and lentils are the staples that show the most significant long-term price increases.
- Market prices for protein-rich foods (eggs, tuna, chicken) continued to show slight fluctuations in both camps, with the exception of the price of tuna in Azraq camp increasing by 57%.
- After following a steady upwards slope, the price of apples in both camps is 38% higher, on average, compared to 6 months ago.
- The combined cost of essential food commodities³ in both camps showed an increase of 7.3% in Azraq camp and 1.1% in Zaatari camp (see Figures 1 and 2), as compared to the preceding week. This basket of essential foods is 13.6% more expensive in Azraq camp than in Zaatari camp, but still well below the national average.

Zaatari Camp



Azraq Camp



Zaatari Camp

- In Zaatari camp, the prices for monitored vegetables displayed considerable fluctuations (from -33% for tomatoes to 41% for onions) during the reporting week. However, looking at long-term trends, all vegetables are still cheaper as compared to 1, 3, 6 and 12 months ago.

Meanwhile, the price of apples showed stability from last week after a continuous upward slope from 6 months ago.

- Prices for the cheapest available staple commodities witnessed slight fluctuations in the 1st week of July (by -7% for vegetable oil to 9% for rice and wheat flour). A positive development is that prices of bulgur and lentils remained unchanged over the past 3 weeks after price hikes earlier this year. However, both commodities are still considerably more expensive than 3 months ago (10% and 61%, respectively).
- As in Azraq camp, prices for protein-rich foods (eggs, chicken, tuna) in Zaatari camp have fluctuated over the past 6 months, though within acceptable margins. While the price of eggs and chicken witnessed a decrease by 13% and 8% respectively, the price of tuna remained unchanged.
- Another positive development is that price of salt decreased by 18% during the reporting week. After a price increase of 11% during the preceding week, however, it remains 16% more expensive as compared to the same month one year ago.

Azraq Camp

- During the 1st week of July, prices for most vegetables in Azraq camp witnessed significant decreases (from -38% for cucumbers to -14% for onions) compared to last week, continuing the downwards trend since the beginning of June. Potatoes were the exception posting a 44% increase; however, it is still 35% cheaper than the same month one year ago.

- The price of apples continues to increase, showing a 10% rise during the first week of July.

Prices of the cheapest available brands of staple commodities showed slight to significant increases (from 3% for bulgur to 44% for lentils) during the reporting week except for wheat flour for which the price remained unchanged from last week. It is noteworthy that the price of lentils continued its upwards trend after stabilizing in the preceding week and is now 90% higher than at the beginning of the year. After steady slight increases over the past weeks, the price of bulgur is 70% higher in July 2020 than one year ago.

- Prices of protein-rich foods (eggs, chicken, tuna) continued to fluctuate during the reporting week. While the prices for chicken and eggs fell, by 5% respectively, the price of tuna posted a significant increase of 57% from a week ago.

A positive development is that the price of milk powder stabilized this week after a continuous upward trend during the past 6 months ago.

		Zaatari Camp							Azraq Camp								
Size	Unit	Percentage Change							Trend	Price JUL W1	1 W W/W	1 M W/W	3 M W/W	6 M W/M	1 Y W/M	Trend	
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Cereals/ Grains/ Roots																	
Bread	1 Kg	0.32	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.32	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Bulgur	1 Kg	0.75	0%	0%	10%	28%	31%		0.94	3%	6%	27%	61%	70%			
Rice	1 Kg	0.80	9%	-19%	-23%	-19%	-19%		0.97	9%	-12%	-22%	-9%	-7%			
Wheat Flour	1.5 Kg	0.49	9%	-39%	-37%	-42%	-39%		0.74	0%	9%	3%	-12%	-12%			
Condiments/ Spices																	
Salt	0.75 Kg	0.19	-18%	14%	6%	16%	16%		0.15	20%	20%	20%	20%	16%			
Legumes/ Nuts																	
Lentils	1 Kg	1.20	0%	0%	61%	40%	37%		1.36	44%	1%	47%	90%	76%			
Fruits																	
Apples	1 Kg	1.39	0%	12%	31%	40%	19%		1.39	10%	14%	22%	36%	27%			
Meat/ Fish/ Eggs																	
Eggs	2 Kg	2.02	-13%	-19%	-19%	2%	20%		2.32	-5%	-6%	-7%	5%	13%			
Whole Chicken	1 Kg	1.64	-8%	10%	-12%	3%	-25%		1.59	-5%	-2%	-16%	7%	-28%			
Tuna	0.19 Kg	0.78	0%	8%	-8%	-8%	-4%		0.95	57%	9%	14%	21%	6%			
Milk/ Dairy products																	
Spread Cheese	8 Pcs	0.47	12%	29%	19%	9%	-17%		0.33	0%	-43%	5%	-33%	-14%			
Milk Powder	0.8 Kg	3.09	-3%	-7%	70%	36%			2.94	0%	20%	31%	30%				
Oil/ Fat/ Butter																	
Vegetable Oil	1.8 L	1.62	-7%	0%	0%	0%	1%		1.82	6%	-7%	6%	7%	-15%			
Sugar/ Sweet																	
Sugar	1 Kg	0.52	0%	-13%	-1%	-26%	-11%		0.57	0%	0%	6%	-12%	-9%			
Vegetables/ Leaves/ Tubers																	
Cucumber	1 Kg	0.34	-13%	-31%	-31%	-38%	-17%		0.27	-14%	-43%	-46%	-54%	-40%			
Onions	1 Kg	0.24	41%	-25%	-52%	-52%	-24%		0.21	-38%	-45%	-58%	-61%	-52%			
Potatoes	1 Kg	0.36	24%	-8%	-13%	-17%	-34%		0.36	44%	-14%	-20%	-29%	-35%			
Tomatoes	1 Kg	0.16	-33%	-59%	-59%	-52%	-62%		0.21	-34%	-49%	-48%	-47%	-50%			

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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