

# **Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update, #19**

### Week of 27 - 30 July 2020

#### Highlights

- Staple food commodities available in all monitored food markets during the reporting week. Observations from market monitoring are as follows:
  - The quantity of potatoes has increased in Bokhtar market due to abundant supplies coming from Jirgatol and Panjakent districts.
  - Fruits and melons are supplied in large quantities in all monitored markets.
  - Sughd regional government's COVID-19 working group distributed free masks and information leaflets to visitors in Khujand market.

### Wheat flour (first grade)

Prices for wheat flour first grade increased in **Khujand** and **Bokhtar** ranging from **2-4 percent** compared to previous week, while its prices **decreased** in **Dushanbe** and **Murghab by 2 percent**.

Comparing the current reporting week to the monthly average of June 2020, prices for wheat flour **decreased** in **most monitored markets**, ranging from 1-15 percent. Meanwhile, prices increased in **Khorog Isfara** and **Bokhtar** ranging from 0.2-1.3 percent.

#### Rice

Rice prices in **Gharm** and **Dushanbe** remained stable, while **increasing** in **Khorog** and **Murghab** markets by **13 percent** and **decreasing** by the range **of 8-14 percent** in **Khujand** and **Bokhtar**.

Compared to June 2020 monthly average, prices for rice increased in Khorog and Dushanbe markets, ranging from 2-9 percent and its price decreased in the remaining monitored markets ranging from 1-18 percent. Meanwhile, in Isfara, Istaravshan and Kulob markets prices remained stable.

#### **Potatoes**

Markets in **Khorog** and **Murghab** reported price **increase** for potatoes ranging **from 14-17 percent**, while in **Khujand and Kulob** its market prices **decreased** in the range of **15-18 percent**. In the remaining monitored markets prices remained stable.

Compared against monthly average of June 2020, **Khujand**, **Isfara**, **Istaravshan and Dushanbe** reported **decrease** in prices of potatoes ranging from **5-25 percent** while this commodity's prices **increased** in the range of **0.4-10 percent** in the remaining **monitored markets**.

### Onion

Onion prices in most monitored markets decreased compared to previous week ranging from 5-43 percent, while increasing in Bokhtar market by 10 percent.

Compared to the monthly average of June 2020, prices for onions decreased in most monitored markets in the range of 4-42 percent, while increasing in Istaravshan by 10 percent.

### **Vegetable & Cotton Oil**

Compared to previous week, price for vegetable oil remained stable in Dushanbe, Isfara, Istaravshan Kulob and Gharm. Price increase was observed for vegetable oil prices by the range of 2-14 percent in Murghab, Khorog and Khujand, while its price decreased in Bokhtar by 2 percent. Cotton oil prices remained stable in Bokhtar, Gharm and Dushanbe. Price for this commodity increased in Khorog and Murghab ranging from 2-15 percent and decreased in Khujand by 2 percent.

Compared with the monthly average of June 2020, vegetable oil prices decreased in Dushanbe, Gharm and Bokhtar in the range of 1-11 percent while increasing in the remaining markets by the range of 3-8 percent. Prices for cotton oil decreased in the range of 1-4 percent in Dushanbe, Isfara, Kulob and Khujand, while increasing in Khorog, Istaravshan, Gharm and Murghab ranging from 3-6

### Milk & Eggs

Milk prices remained stable in all monitored markets. Prices increased for eggs in **Bokhtar** and **Murghab markets** by **14 percent**, while decreasing in **Khujand** market by **6 percent**. In the remaining monitored markets prices for this commodity stayed stable.

Compared to the June 2020 monthly average, prices for milk decreased in Khorog and Dushanbe in the range of 1-10 percent, while increasing in the range of 6-33 percent in Khujand, Istaravshan Kulob and Murghab. Price for eggs decreased in most monitored markets ranging from 1-17 percent, while increasing in Bokhtar, Istaravshan and Murghab ranging from 11-17 percent.

### **Meat Beef & Mutton**

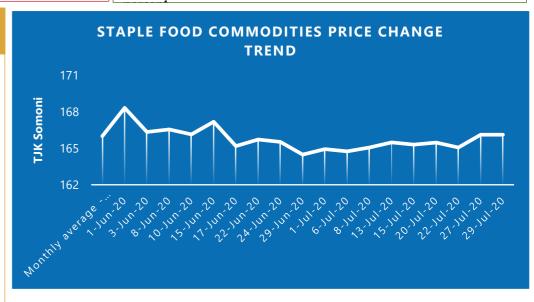
Compared to the previous week, prices for both mutton and beef were stable in most monitored markets. Increased prices were reported for both commodities in Dushanbe by 2 percent while mutton price decreased in Murghab market by 2 percent.

Compared against June 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Khujand, Isfara, Istaravshan, Kulob, Dushanbe and Murghab markets ranging from 1-10 percent. Beef prices increased in Khorog, Dushanbe, Kulob and Murghab markets in the range of 1-5 percent.

### **Petrol & Diesel**

Prices for petrol, compared to previous week, **increased** in **Dushanbe**, **Isfara** and **Bokhtar** by the range of **2-15 percent** and **decreased** in **Istaravshan by 2 percent**, while remaining stable in the remaining monitored markets. Diesel prices **increased** in **Dushanbe**, **Isfara** and **Murghab** ranging from **2-5 percent**.

Compared to June 2020 monthly averages, prices for petrol decreased in Khorog and Gharm by a range of 2-5 percent while increasing in Dushanbe, Isfara, Istaravshan, Kulob Murghab, Khujand and Bokhtar markets in the range of 5-15 percent. Prices for diesel increased in the range of 0.2-13 percent in Khujand, Isfara, Istaravshan, Kulob, Bokhtar, Dushanbe and Murghab markets. Decrease in diesel price was reported in Khorog and Gharm ranging from 1-2 percent.



This graph analyses the average aggregate change of prices for ten commodities in the six main monitored markets, comparing the reporting week against the previous weeks and monthly average prices of June 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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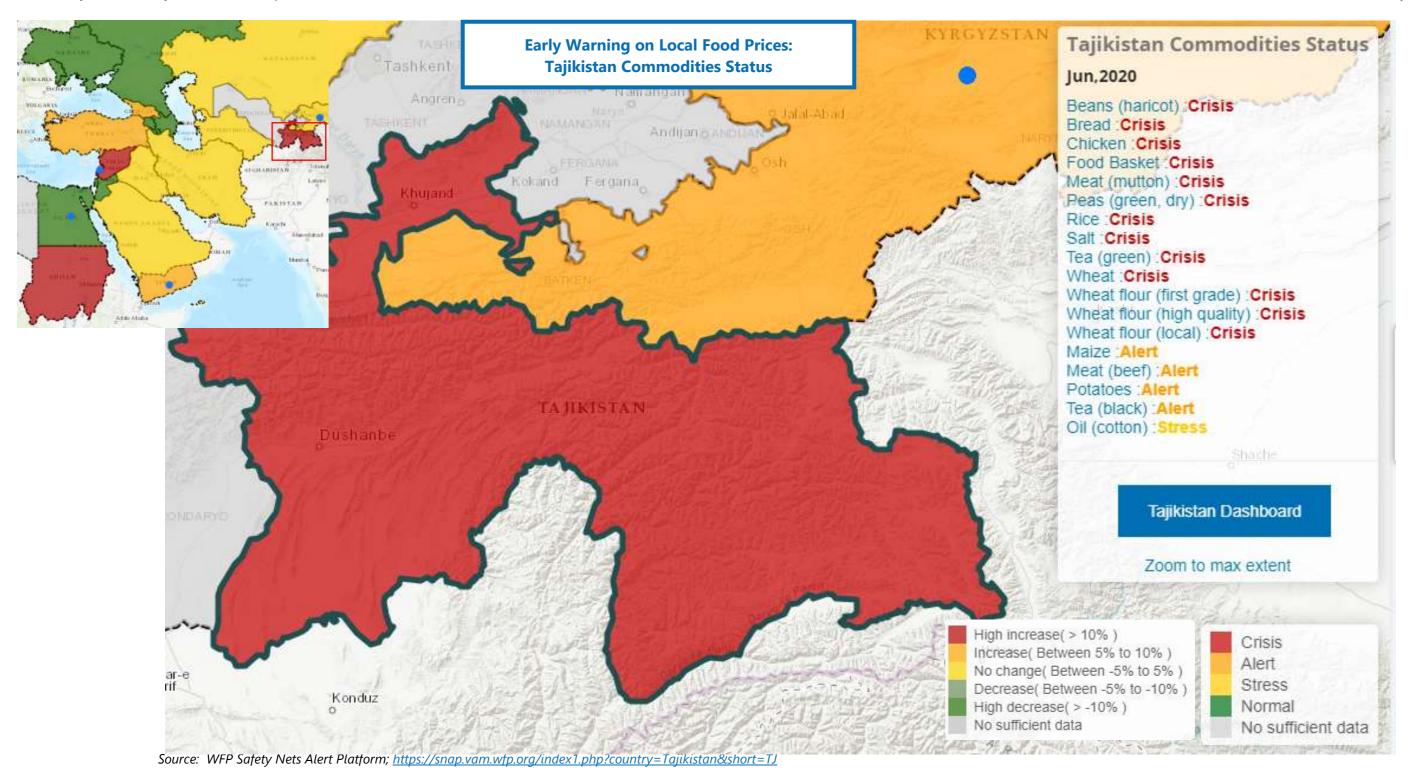
## **WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS**

	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	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	
Meat (mutton)	45.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	60.0	0.0	0.9	18.6	53.0	0.0	0.0	17.8	49	0.0	0.0	15.5	55.0	1.9	0.6	17.1	43.0	0.0	3.2		
Meat (beef)	45.0	0.0	1.8	18.9	48.0	0.0	0.5	12.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	49	0.0	0.0	17.1	50.0	2.0	0.7	7.8	42.0	-2.3	4.4		
Chicken	24.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	22.0	4.8	11.5	-3.2	24.0	0.0	-0.5	2.6	35	0.0	0.0	28.0	23.0	0.0	9.5	18.0	30.0	0.0	3.9		
Vegetable oil	13.8	2.2	4.7	0.0	14.0	7.7	6.8	-8.5	13.3	-1.5	-11.3	7.1	12.0	0.0	-0.9	-13.0	12.0	0.0	-0.5	-14.3	16.0	14.3	6.3		
Cotton oil	14.7	2.1	3.8	7.7	12.7	-0.8	-1.9	2.9	14.0	0.0	0.0	21.7	13	0.0	6.4	-7.0	11.5	0.0	-1.4	-1.8	15.0	15.4	2.7		
Potatoes	5.8	13.7	0.4	14.2	3.3	-17.5	-25.4	71.1	4.0	0.0	10.1	79.3	5	0.0	3.8	121.4	4.0	0.0	-5.3	32.2	7.1	16.7	7.7		
Cabbage	3.6	20.0	32.8	-65.3	2.0	-33.3	25.9	-6.3	3.5	34.6	72.1	-45.7	3	0.0	0.0	15.4	1.5	0.0	42.1	-71.0	5.0	25.0	9.8		
Carrots	3.2	23.1	28.0	-54.0	2.5	66.7	7.1	-41.0	2.3	43.8	21.8	-46.9	2.0	0.0	21.6	-34.5	2.5	0.0	34.7	-52.1	6.0	15.4	30.1		
Onion	2.0	-4.8	-7.2	-45.0	0.8	-20.0	-26.5	-61.1	1.1	10.0	-15.4	-63.7	2.2	-26.7	-3.7	-39.7	0.8	0.0	-20.9	-61.3	2.0	-42.9	-41.9		
Milk	6.0	0.0	-0.9	22.8	4.0	0.0	9.1	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	-25.0	4.0	0.0	-10.0	-14.2	6.0	0.0	11.6		
Eggs	10.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	7.5	-6.3	-7.5	-5.1	9.5	14.5	17.1	-7.5	8.0	0.0	-9.8	-8.9	7.0	0.0	-1.6	-27.1	15.0	15.4	10.7		
Sugar	7.5	0.0	-1.5	-1.8	6.5	8.3	-0.5	-5.9	6.8	0.0	1.8	-5.9	6.5	0.0	0.0	7.1	6.3	0.0	-2.7	-5.5	9.0	20.0	1.9		
Tea black	30.0	-1.6	5.5	27.3	30.0	-25.0	-12.9	-30.0	46.0	0.0	22.1	56.5	32.0	0.0	0.0	34.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	35.0	0.0	1.0		
Tea green	29.0	0.0	2.8	12.0	30.0	-25.0	-12.9	0.0	38.0	0.0	1.2	47.6	35.0	0.0	0.0	31.8	40.0	0.0	0.0	30.4	33.0	-17.5	-2.3		
Rice	11.3	13.0	8.7	-33.3	11.0	-8.3	-3.9	14.3	10.0	-13.8	-1.1	4.0	13.0	0.0	-17.6	47.5	15.5	0.0	2.2	25.8	18.0	12.5	-13.8		
Wheat flour first grade	5.1	0.0	1.3	22.0	5.0	4.2	-0.7	52.7	4.9	2.1	0.2	21.5	4.8	0.0	-3.1	37.4	4.6	-2.1	-3.3	34.1	5.5	-1.8	-2.9		
Salt	1.5	0.0	0.0	-25.0	1.0	0.0	-35.7	57.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	-19.0	4.0	0.0	-5.3		
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	4.0	0.0	12.5	16.7	3.0	0.0	8.0	-9.7	2.1	0.0	18.1	28.6	3.0	0.0	0.0	130.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	42.7	5.0	0.0	0.0		
Dried green peas (mosh)	15.4	0.0	-3.6	32.2	14.0	7.7	-3.1	31.2	15.0	-3.2	-1.5	25.2	14.0	7.7	-5.6	11.7	16.0	0.0	0.0	29.8	16.0	-11.1	-6.7		
Haricot beans (lobiyo)	17.6	-1.1	-1.1	9.8	28.0	40.0	-8.0	157.2	15.3	-1.3	-8.0	19.2	15.0	0.0	9.8	16.5	16.0	0.0	-0.7	114.3	12.0	-7.7	-8.5		
Chickpeas (nakhud)	19.0	-0.5	-1.2	-3.6	14.0	40.0	6.8	-11.4	12.3	11.8	13.0	-27.1	16.0	-5.9	2.9	0.4	15.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	13.0	-7.1	-5.6		
Petrol	6.4	0.0	-5.0	-9.5	5.7	0.0	9.6	-25.6	5.6	14.5	11.0	-27.7	5.5	0.0	-1.6	-24.7	5.5	1.9	15.9	-33.0	7.5	0.0	4.7		
Diesel	8.0	0.0	-0.5	-17.1	6.3	0.7	0.7	-22.5	6.5	0.0	0.2	-20.2	6.5	0.0	-1.7	-20.8	6.4	3.2	4.7	-26.1	9.0	2.3	9.0		
Skilled labor	100.0	0.0	2.3	-30.6	80.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.0	0.0	4.1	80.9	70.0	0.0	-2.3	-13.9	75.0	0.0	4.7		
Unskilled labor	80.0	0.0	-2.7	3.6	50.0	0.0	-15.1	100.0	50.0	0.0	-16.7	-20.0	50.0	0.0	-8.2	212.1	60.0	0.0	-2.7	-12.2	45.0	0.0	-6.9		
Anti-bacterial wipes	3.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		1.9	18.8	3.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	-6.5		
Face masks	3.0	7.1	-1.8		3.0	0.0	0.0		2.5	0.0	-13.6		3.0	0.0	0.0		3.0	0.0	0.0		5.0	25.0	0.0		
Hand sanitizer	-9.6	-6.4	-9.6		22.0	0.0	-6.9		0.0	0.0	-100.0		20.0	0.0	0.0		19.0	0.0	-3.9		20.0	-28.6	-24.1		
Soap	4.7	-14.5	-17.7		3.5	-12.5	-17.7		3.3	0.0	0.0		5.0	0.0	0.0		3.5	0.0	0.0		5.0	-16.7	-11.8		

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 three minor markets, Isfara, Istarvashan, and Kulob. The focus is 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: <a href="http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f">http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f</a>

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