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HIGHLIGHTS

Maize Grain

Price: ↓ ZWL 27.50/kg
Previous price: ZWL 29.80/kg
Availability: ↔ 3%

Maize Meal (unrefined)

Price: ↔ ZWL 46.00/kg
Previous price: ZWL 45.30/kg
Availability: ↓ 51%

Sugar beans

Price: ↔ ZWL 204.70/kg
Previous price: ZWL 206.90/kg
Availability: ↑ 67%

Cooking oil

Price: ↔ ZWL 147.90/L
Previous price: ZWL 148.00/L
Availability: ↔ 95%

Exchange rate: Zimbabwean Dollar to US\$

Upper rate: ZWL 89.00 Midrate: ZWL 81.35 Lower Rate: ZWL 79.90

Fuel

Diesel: ↔ ZWL 81.85	Blend: ↔ ZWL 97.62
Diesel: ↔ US\$1.00	Blend: ↔ US\$1.20

Generally, market prices for the monitored food commodities, but maize grain, remained relatively stable compared to the situation 3 weeks ago. There were slight changes on maize meal and sugar beans availability.

Markets Overview

The report is based on markets from 45 districts (23 urban and 22 rural). The previous reporting period covered 40 districts (22 rural and 18 urban).

Major food commodities

Though prices of **maize grain** show general 8% reduction, driven by rural market prices, availability remains very low at 3% of the markets from 13 districts.

On the other hand, **maize meal** availability is relatively higher at an average of 51% although 10% lower than the previous reporting period. The commodity was available in markets across 40 out of the 45 districts monitored during the reporting period.

Availability of **sugar beans** improved during the period under review from 60% to 67% of markets spread across 41 districts.

Cooking oil prices and availability were stable in the weeks under review a similar situation over the last two months.

Food Security and COVID-19

Both urban and rural households continue to rely on markets for food although their purchasing power remains significantly below-normal as they are yet to recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19 restrictive measures. With the easing of lockdown measures, it is likely that incomes from both urban and rural setups will start to increase thereby improving their food and nutrition security situation. The main source of income for rural households - agricultural related casual labour - is likely to improve with the forecasted good rainfall across the country.

Based on WFP's mVAM national data, around 22% of households have reported challenges with their market access during October. The main challenge reported is lack of money while travel restrictions has seen a minor positive decreasing trend and reduced from 5.5% of households during the first week of October to 4.4% by 26th October. Around 3% of the interviewed households reported market/grocery store being closed.

The country started reporting an increase in the daily rate of COVID-19 cases since October 2020. Over the reporting period **341 new** cases were reported. As of 30 October 2020, the country had recorded a total of **8,362** positive cases; the total number of deaths was **at 242** (12 deaths reported between the 12th and the 30th of October). The total number of active cases was estimated at **236** as of 30 October 2020.

Inflation and Exchange Rate

The annual inflation rate decreased from 761% in August to 659% in September and consequently the food inflation rate also decreased from 865% to 724%. The official and parallel market exchange rates remain stable translating into price stability as reflected in the price analysis. The foreign exchange auction was held on the **27th of October 2020** with the weighted average rate of **ZWL81.35** per dollar, remaining comparable to the **ZWL81.44:1US\$** recorded on the **9th of October 2020** (RBZ,2020). The official exchange rate was fixed at **ZWL81.35** per dollar. The parallel market exchange rate remains pegged at **ZWL100:1US\$** which is **19%** higher than the official rate (zimpricecheck.com). The cost of some goods and services such as electricity increased over the reporting period despite declining inflation and general stability in the exchange rate.

Overall market trends for food basket commodities

While prices for food commodities have been largely stable, notable price decreases have been observed for some commodities in some geographic areas when purchases are made in local currency, especially cash payments. This has been attributed to declining demand as a result of poor consumer purchasing power, low availability of cash in the market coupled with a stable exchange rate which has prompted traders to adjust prices in line with the prevailing market rates.

Maize grain

Maize grain remains unavailable and the situation is unlikely to improve throughout the lean season. Prices are generally stable except for recent slight decrease in rural markets. An average of 7% premium is charged on mobile

Maize meal

Average price for rural markets is 13% higher than in urban markets, and the commodity availability continues to be lower than in urban areas. Mobile money payments attracted an average premium of 5% against the ZWL cash

Sugar beans

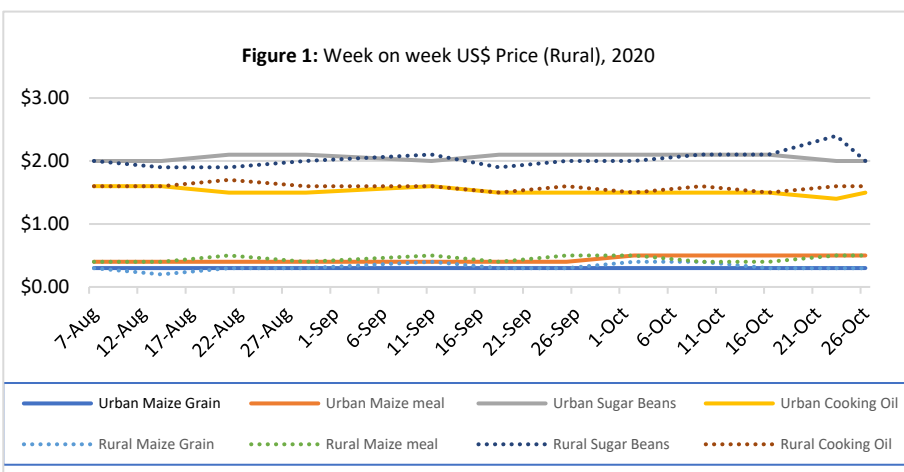
Sugar beans availability improved further to an average of 67%, and is better available in urban areas (79%). Mobile money payments attracted a premium of 6% on average in comparison to ZWL Cash payments.

Cooking oil

Availability remains high and the prices have remained relatively stable since the increase observed in June, particularly in rural areas. When compared to the 12 month average the prices have risen by 154% in rural areas and 43% in

Food Commodity Prices in Foreign Currency

According to **Figure 1**, prices for goods in US\$ have been relatively stable during the past months with slight week on week fluctuations. The average US\$ prices for maize meal (**US\$0.50/kg**) has been relatively stable and is **14%** lower than the 2-year average (**US\$0.58/kg**) and similar to the October 2019 average (**US\$0.51/kg**). In the second week of the three-week reporting period, an increase of **17%** was noted for sugar beans in rural areas while cooking oil prices in urban areas decreased by **6%**. However, the average for the reporting period is comparable to prices reported since June 2020. Despite limited



observations, the current maize grain price of US\$0.30/kg is similar to October 2019 with an average price of **US\$0.30/kg**. The US\$ prices are similar between rural and urban markets though the rural prices seems to be more volatile in comparison to the urban price.

Non-Food Commodities: Laundry and Bathing soap in ZWL terms

In the three weeks under review, the national average price of laundry soap for the current period was reported at **ZWL117.80/bar**. The average price for urban markets was **ZWL111.40/bar** while for rural it was **ZWL125.10/bar**; the trend is comparable to the previous reporting period.

The average price of bathing soap has been stable at **ZWL62.80/kg** across the country with little to no price variations between rural and urban districts. Price variations between markets were attributed to different brand with some brands being more expensive compared to others.

Rural markets – review of prices and availability

Maize Grain

Maize grain availability in rural markets remains poor at an average of **2%** across five districts out of the 22 rural districts monitored. The average selling price over the reporting period of **ZWL29.52/kg** is about **12%** lower than the **ZWL33.63/kg** reported three weeks back. Highest prices were noted in Chivi district where the selling price was at **ZWL34.80/kg** which is **20%** higher than the national average price, while the lowest price was recorded in Mbire at **ZWL25/kg**.

The continued price decrease for the commodity is indicative of the low market demand as a result of a number of factors including households consuming from own stocks/production, farmer to farmer sales and the inability of the households to purchase adequate quantities due to liquidity challenges.

Unrefined Maize Meal

The price of unrefined maize meal recorded a slight decrease at an average retail price of **ZWL44.03/kg** compared to **ZWL49.30/kg** in the last reporting period (**Figure 2**). Chipinge and Mutare reported the lowest prices which is likely a factor of the districts' proximity to Mozambique where more affordable varieties are on offer.

Maize meal was reported available in **53%** of the rural markets compared to **56%** reported previously. Districts closer to urban centres reported higher availability with districts such as Chipinge recording **88%** availability. Additionally, cereal deficit districts such as Mwenezi, Binga and Tsholotsho reported a steady supply of the commodity in at least **45%** of markets.

Sugar Beans

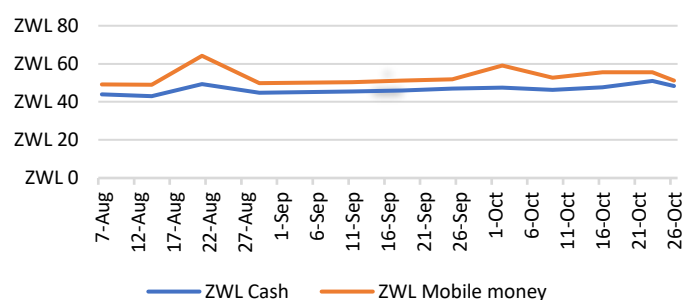
Sugar bean prices continue to decrease with the current average selling price of **ZWL165.90/kg** which is lower compared to **ZWL213.93/kg** in the previous reporting period (**Figure 3**). These price drops are likely a factor of increased market supply as reflected by the increase in availability from **49%** to **57%** in the current week. This is most likely supply coming from irrigated crops across the country increasing availability of fresh produce. This demonstrates the need for resilience building initiatives that increases the adaptive capacity of households against adverse natural and economic conditions

Cooking Oil

Cooking oil was available in most of the markets (**97%**) and the average price has been stable and comparable to the last reporting period at **ZWL148.70/kg** (**Figure 4**). Districts in Matebeleland North province generally reported higher prices at **ZWL164.10/kg** which is **5%** higher than the national average. Districts such as Muzarabani (**29%**) and Marondera (**23%**) reported the largest price drops when compared to the previous reporting period.

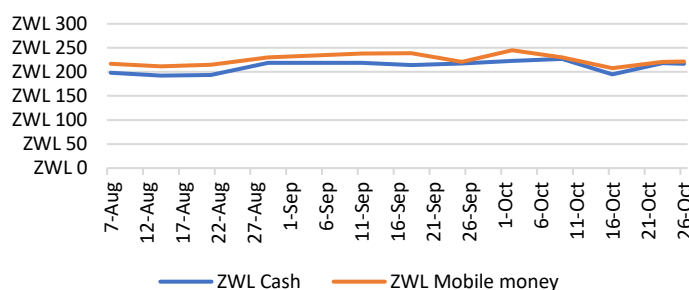


Figure 2: Maize meal week on week price (Rural), 2020



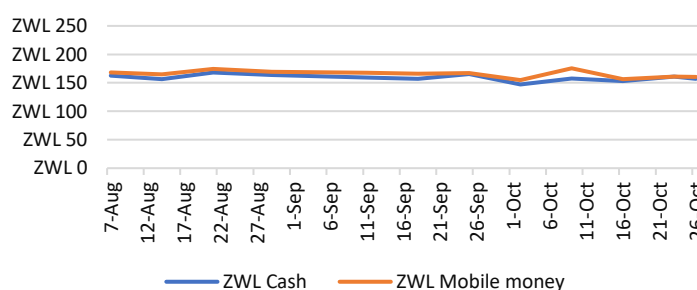
Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Figure 3: Sugar beans week on week price (Rural), 2020



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Figure 4: Cooking oil week on week price (Rural), 2020



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Urban markets – review of prices and availability

Maize Grain

Similarly to the last reporting period, the commodity was available in an average of **4%** of the markets, and remains slightly higher when compared to rural markets. This might be due to more demand from urban households which rely more on markets compared to rural households who might have stocks from own production. Maize grain was only available on markets in Chiredzi Urban, Gweru, Norton and Kariba Urban.

The average selling price of **ZWL26.50/kg** has been relatively stable over the reporting month although its 10% higher in when compared to the last week of August 2020. The urban average price is **8%** lower than the rural average (**Figure 5**). Traders were changing an average premium of **14%** for mobile money transactions which is comparable to the situation in rural markets.

Unrefined Maize Meal

The retail price of unrefined maize meal has been relatively stable over the last 6 weeks with slight week on week changes of less than 2% (**Figure 6**). The current urban price of **ZWL43.85/kg** is **14%** lower than the rural average of **ZWL50.20/kg**. The highest price in the current reporting period was reported in Gokwe South urban at **ZWL48.10/kg** with lowest price reported in Epworth at **ZWL35/kg** these prices are **10%** higher and **20%** lower than the national average price respectively. Chegutu (**26%**) and Chinhoyi (**18%**) recorded the highest prices increases when compared to the previous period. Year on year comparison have shown that Epworth, Rusape and Hwange Urban recorded the highest price increase of over **200%**.

On average, availability decreased by **5 percentage points** during the weeks under review in comparison to the previous reporting week. The commodity was available in **50%** of the markets across all 23 districts with market availability variations within districts.

Sugar Beans

Availability of the commodity has been increasing and is currently estimated at **68%** of the markets an increase of **11 percentage points** in comparison to the previous reporting period.

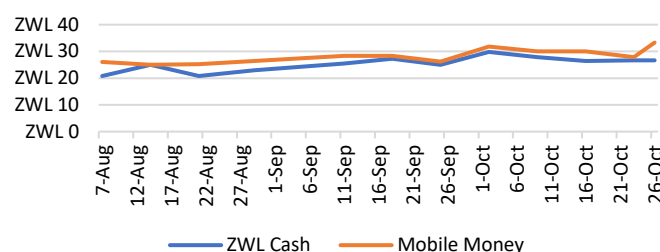
Sugar beans price in urban and peri-urban districts currently trading at **ZWL197.30/kg** compared to the previous biweekly average of **ZWL198.40/kg** (**Figure 7**). Epworth recorded the highest price change with sugar bean prices increasing by **18%**, while in Norton and Chinhoyi prices increased on average by **15%**. Given these districts have the lowest prices, this increase is likely because traders here are restocking and buying the commodity at a higher price than previously, although prices are expected to remain lower than other regions due to their proximity to the capital Harare where most producers of the commodity are.

Cooking Oil

The price of cooking oil in urban markets has been relatively stable during the period under review (**Figure 8**). Prices were highest in Hwange Urban (**ZWL168.10/L**) and lowest in Epworth (**ZWL107/L**). Epworth also recorded the highest year on year increase of **230%** while Hwange urban recorded the

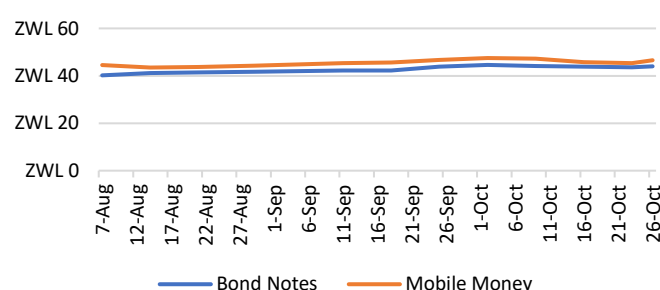
second largest price increase of **211%** followed by Gokwe South with **208%** increase. The commodity availability also remained high and stable. Chiredzi recorded the highest price increase of **13%** while Epworth recorded the largest price decrease of **12%**.

Figure 5: Maize grain week on week price (Urban), 2020



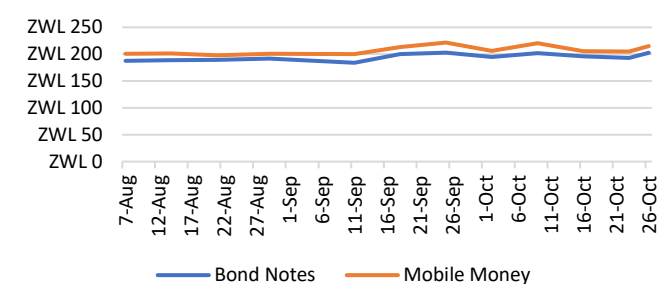
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Figure 6: Maize Meal week on week price (Urban), 2020



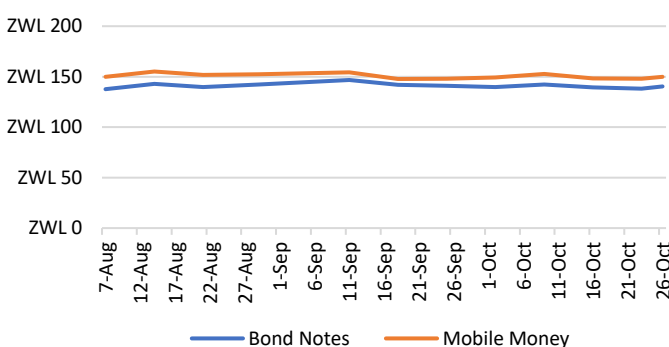
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Figure 7: Sugar beans week on week price (Urban), 2020



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Figure 8: Cooking oil week on week price (Urban), 2020



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Annex 1: Sample and data collection

This report provides an update on WFP food basket commodities availability and prices. It covers the period from the **12th to 30th October 2020** and is based on interviews with **1,456** traders (**782** in rural districts and **674** in urban districts) across **45** districts (**22** rural and **23** urban). Annexes 10-12 explain the trend arrows used in the highlights.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions most of the data collection is virtual. In the current week the proportion of remote to face-face monitoring increased slightly from **73%** reported previously to **79%** for the reporting period (**12 to 30 October 2020**). As there are still active COVID-19 cases, partners are encouraged to use remote data collection approach.

Annex 2: Urban Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Biweekly current availability (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous availability (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (ZWL) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous average Price (ZWL) (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Mobile money) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Biweekly current average Price (USD) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Rands) (12-30 Oct 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Oct 2019-Oct 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period	12M % Change
Maize Grain Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	0%	0%									
Chegututu Urban	0%	0%									
Chinhoyi Urban	0%	0%									
Chipinge Urban	5%	12%	ZWL 27.80	ZWL 26.40	ZWL 38.90	40%	\$0.30	R 5.60	26.4	5%	5%
Chiredzi Urban	3%	6%	ZWL 33.30	ZWL 36.10	ZWL 38.90	17%	\$0.30	R 6.70	26.5	-8%	26%
Epworth	0%	0%									
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	0%										
Gokwe South Urban	0%	0%									
Goromonzi Urban	0%										
Gweru Urban	18%	0%	ZWL 29.30				\$0.30	R 6.70			
Hwange Urban	0%	0%									
Kadoma	0%										
Kariba Urban	9%	9%	ZWL 20.70	ZWL 23.60	ZWL 25.00	21%	\$0.30		23.6	-12%	-12%
Kwekwe Urban	0%	0%									
Marondera Urban	0%	7%		ZWL 27.80					27.8		
Masvingo Urban	11%	10%		ZWL 25.00			\$0.30	R 5.60	19.2		
Mutare Urban	14%	25%	ZWL 25.00	ZWL 26.40			\$0.30		19.4	-5%	29%
Norton	30%	25%	ZWL 24.50	ZWL 25.00	ZWL 28.20	15%	\$0.30		19	-2%	29%
Redcliff	0%	0%									
Rusape Urban	0%	0%							20		
Ruwa	0%	0%									
Tsholotsho	0%	0%									
Victoria Falls	2%	6%	ZWL 33.30	ZWL 29.20			\$0.30		29.6	14%	13%
Zvishavane Urban	0%	0%							5		
Total	3.8%	4.7%	ZWL 27.70	ZWL 27.44	ZWL 32.75	18%	\$0.30	R 6.15	21.7	1%	28%

Annex 3: Rural Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability					Prices			% Price Change		
	Biweekly current availability (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous availability (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (ZWL) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous average Price (ZWL) (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Mobile money) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Biweekly current average Price (USD) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Rands) (12-30 Oct 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Oct 2019-Oct 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period	12M % Change
Maize Grain Rural Districts											
Bikita	0.0%	0.0%									
Binga	0.0%	0.0%							24.6		
Buhera	0.0%	0.0%									
Bulawayo Rural	0.0%										
Chipinge	0.0%	0.0%							4.7		
Chiredzi	6.7%	0.0%	ZWL 26.70					R6.10	4.2		536%
Chivi	10.3%	9.5%	ZWL 34.80	ZWL 33.30	ZWL 34.80	0%	\$0.40	R7.00	11.6	5%	200%
Harare Rural	0.0%	0.0%									
Insiza	0.0%	0.0%									
Masvingo	1.6%	4.2%	ZWL 33.30	ZWL 39.80			\$0.30	R6.70	19.1	-16%	74%
Matobo	0.0%	0.0%									
Mbire	2.9%	0.0%	ZWL 25.00		ZWL 25.00	0%	\$0.30		3		733%
Mt Darwin	0.0%	0.0%							4.4		
Mudzi	0.0%	0.0%									
Mutare	0.0%										
Muzarabani	0.0%	6.7%									
Mwenezi	0.0%	0.0%	ZWL 27.80				\$0.30	R5.60	3.7		651%
Nkayi	16.3%	20.8%		ZWL 27.80					11		
Rushinga	0.0%	0.0%									
Tsholotsho	0.0%	0.0%									
UMP	0.0%	0.0%							7.6		
Zvishavane	0.0%	0.0%							3.9		
Total	1.7%	2.1%	ZWL 29.52	ZWL 33.63	ZWL 29.90	1%	\$0.33	R6.35	8.9	-12%	232%

Annex 4: Urban Districts Maize Meal Prices

District	Availability		Prices					% Price Change			
	Biweekly current availability (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous availability (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (ZWL) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous average Price (ZWL) (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Mobile money) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Biweekly current average Price (USD) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Rands) (12-30 Oct 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Oct 2019-Oct 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period	12M % Change
Maize Meal Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	81%	84%	ZWL 42.80	ZWL 42.30	ZWL 45.40	<div><div></div></div> 6%	\$0.50	R8.60	25.8	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 66%
Chegututu Urban	93%	100%	ZWL 43.60	ZWL 34.50	ZWL 47.30	<div><div></div></div> 8%	\$0.40		43.4	<div><div></div></div> 26%	<div><div></div></div> 0%
Chinhoyi Urban	56%	75%	ZWL 47.20	ZWL 40.00	ZWL 48.20	<div><div></div></div> 2%	\$0.60		40.5	<div><div></div></div> 18%	<div><div></div></div> 17%
Chipinge Urban	81%	77%	ZWL 43.90	ZWL 42.90	ZWL 43.90	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$0.50	R9.30	42.9	<div><div></div></div> 2%	<div><div></div></div> 2%
Chiredzi Urban	71%	88%	ZWL 44.80	ZWL 40.80	ZWL 46.00	<div><div></div></div> 3%	\$0.50	R11.10	16.8	<div><div></div></div> 10%	<div><div></div></div> 167%
Epworth	51%	100%	ZWL 35.00	ZWL 38.00	ZWL 48.00	<div><div></div></div> 37%	\$0.40		9.3	<div><div></div></div> -8%	<div><div></div></div> 276%
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	0%		ZWL 47.50		ZWL 53.30	<div><div></div></div> 12%	\$0.50				
Gokwe South Urban	0%	50%	ZWL 48.10	ZWL 47.70	ZWL 51.90	<div><div></div></div> 8%	\$0.50		16.6	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 190%
Goromonzi Urban	68%		ZWL 38.00		ZWL 40.40	<div><div></div></div> 6%	\$0.40	R9.50			
Gweru Urban	0%	0%	ZWL 40.40		ZWL 41.70	<div><div></div></div> 3%	\$0.40	R8.10			
Hwange Urban	50%	67%	ZWL 47.30	ZWL 49.00	ZWL 47.30	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$0.50	R10.00	15.3	<div><div></div></div> -3%	<div><div></div></div> 209%
Kadoma	0%										
Kariba Urban	26%	34%	ZWL 42.60	ZWL 44.70	ZWL 46.00	<div><div></div></div> 8%	\$0.50	R11.30	42.8	<div><div></div></div> -5%	<div><div></div></div> 0%
Kwekwe Urban	0%	0%	ZWL 45.00		ZWL 47.90	<div><div></div></div> 6%	\$0.50	R10.30			
Marondera Urban	86%	80%	ZWL 45.70	ZWL 42.70	ZWL 45.80	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$0.80		26.6	<div><div></div></div> 7%	<div><div></div></div> 72%
Masvingo Urban	0%	85%	ZWL 44.00	ZWL 41.60	ZWL 44.00	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$0.50		39.3	<div><div></div></div> 6%	<div><div></div></div> 12%
Mutare Urban	93%	100%	ZWL 46.50	ZWL 44.00	ZWL 47.70	<div><div></div></div> 3%	\$0.50		28.1	<div><div></div></div> 6%	<div><div></div></div> 65%
Norton	62%	54%	ZWL 42.90	ZWL 43.00	ZWL 49.70	<div><div></div></div> 16%	\$0.40		28.9	<div><div></div></div> 0%	<div><div></div></div> 48%
Redcliff	83%	0%	ZWL 43.50		ZWL 46.50	<div><div></div></div> 7%	\$0.40				
Rusape Urban	89%	0%	ZWL 42.60		ZWL 42.60	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$0.50		13.4		<div><div></div></div> 218%
Ruwa	83%	0%					\$0.40				
Tsholotsho	50%	83%		ZWL 42.30				R7.80	17.9		
Victoria Falls	74%	81%	ZWL 45.60	ZWL 43.50	ZWL 46.20	<div><div></div></div> 1%	\$0.40	R8.80	43.9	<div><div></div></div> 5%	<div><div></div></div> 4%
Zvishavane Urban	0%	0%							27.4		
Total	49.9%	55.2%	ZWL 43.85	ZWL 42.47	ZWL 46.49	<div><div></div></div> 6%	\$0.48	R9.48	28.3	<div><div></div></div> 3%	<div><div></div></div> 55%

Annex 5: Rural Districts Maize Meal Prices

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Maize Meal Rural Districts											
Bikita	16%	7%	ZWL 39.00		ZWL 42.40		9%	\$0.40	R8.10	15.2	157%
Binga	31%	33%	ZWL 38.80	ZWL 44.70	ZWL 43.10		11%	\$0.40		20.9	86%
Buhera	17%		ZWL 50.00					\$0.40			
Bulawayo Rural											
Chipingwe	88%	100%	ZWL 30.00	ZWL 44.80				\$0.30	28	-33%	7%
Chiredzi	71%	83%	ZWL 45.70	ZWL 38.50		47%	\$0.60	R13.20	9.2	19%	397%
Chivi	72%	81%	ZWL 49.40	ZWL 48.40	ZWL 51.60		4%	\$0.50	R8.70	21.6	129%
Harare Rural	72%	48%		ZWL 46.40				\$0.40			
Insiza	65%	65%		ZWL 37.10				\$0.40	R7.90	22.1	
Masvingo	57%	31%	ZWL 51.30	ZWL 46.30	ZWL 62.90	23%	\$0.50	R9.50	31.3	11%	64%
Matobo	65%	61%	ZWL 47.50	ZWL 48.00	ZWL 49.70	5%		R9.50	22.1	11%	115%
Mbire		5%							10.4		
Mt Darwin		2%							10.5		
Mudzi	50%	65%	ZWL 45.80	ZWL 57.10	ZWL 51.60	13%	\$0.40		16.3	-20%	181%
Mutare	50%		ZWL 30.00					\$0.30			
Muzarabani		0%							9.9		
Mwenezi	82%	69%	ZWL 43.60	ZWL 42.80	ZWL 47.00	8%	\$0.40	R6.20	14.6	2%	199%
Nkayi	45%	33%	ZWL 50.00	ZWL 47.60	ZWL 62.10	24%	\$0.60	R11.80	16.7	5%	199%
Rushinga	10%	11%	ZWL 50.00	ZWL 53.50	ZWL 64.50	29%	\$0.70		12.9	7%	288%
Tsholotsho	31%	38%		ZWL 42.00				R8.30	13.1		
UMP	41%	61%	ZWL 45.30	ZWL 45.50	ZWL 51.40	13%	\$0.40		14.1	0%	221%
Zvishavane	85%	6%						\$0.50	15		
Total	52.7%	42.0%	ZWL 44.03	ZWL 45.91	ZWL 52.63	20%	\$0.45	R9.24	16.9	4%	161%

Annex 6: Urban Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Biweekly current availability (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous availability (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (ZWL) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous average Price (ZWL) (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Mobile money) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Biweekly current average Price (USD) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Rands) (12-30 Oct 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Oct 2019-Oct 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period	12M % Change
Sugar Beans Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	96%	95%	ZWL 194.30	ZWL 196.20	ZWL 206.30	<div><div></div></div> 6%	\$2.20	R42.60	109.5	<div><div></div></div> -1%	77%
Chegutu Urban	93%	100%	ZWL 203.10	ZWL 194.00	ZWL 221.00	<div><div></div></div> 9%	\$1.70		221.3	<div><div></div></div> 5%	-8%
Chinhoyi Urban	78%	63%	ZWL 180.60	ZWL 168.00	ZWL 207.30	<div><div></div></div> 15%	\$2.10	R40.60	171.2	<div><div></div></div> 8%	5%
Chipinge Urban	86%	59%	ZWL 192.80	ZWL 181.60	ZWL 210.00	<div><div></div></div> 9%	\$1.90	R44.50	181.6	<div><div></div></div> 6%	6%
Chiredzi Urban	91%	94%	ZWL 199.40	ZWL 206.90	ZWL 211.90	<div><div></div></div> 6%	\$2.00	R40.90	94.4	<div><div></div></div> -4%	111%
Epworth	67%	75%	ZWL 170.00		ZWL 200.00	<div><div></div></div> 18%	\$1.90		35.4		380%
Gokwe North (Nemb	97%		ZWL 209.00		ZWL 226.40	<div><div></div></div> 8%	\$2.10				
Gokwe South Urban	84%	44%	ZWL 206.30	ZWL 211.70	ZWL 222.00	<div><div></div></div> 8%	\$2.10		60.8	<div><div></div></div> -3%	239%
Goromonzi Urban	0%		ZWL 210.40		ZWL 228.00	<div><div></div></div> 8%	\$2.10				
Gweru Urban	95%	0%	ZWL 181.00		ZWL 197.00	<div><div></div></div> 9%	\$2.00	R42.40			
Hwange Urban	67%	73%	ZWL 190.00	ZWL 237.60	ZWL 193.30	<div><div></div></div> 2%	\$1.80	R36.00	79.8	<div><div></div></div> -20%	138%
Kadoma	0%										
Kariba Urban	48%	47%	ZWL 181.90	ZWL 186.10	ZWL 203.20	<div><div></div></div> 12%	\$2.00	R35.70	186.6	<div><div></div></div> -2%	-3%
Kwekwe Urban	92%	0%	ZWL 202.60		ZWL 227.20	<div><div></div></div> 12%	\$2.20	R45.10			
Marondera Urban	69%	87%	ZWL 190.80	ZWL 187.50	ZWL 194.10	<div><div></div></div> 2%	\$2.00		123.7	<div><div></div></div> 2%	54%
Masvingo Urban	87%	90%	ZWL 190.50	ZWL 197.30	ZWL 190.80	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$2.10		148	<div><div></div></div> -3%	29%
Mutare Urban	86%	88%	ZWL 193.90	ZWL 185.70	ZWL 196.40	<div><div></div></div> 1%	\$2.10		143.3	<div><div></div></div> 4%	35%
Norton	60%	79%	ZWL 172.20	ZWL 180.80	ZWL 198.00	<div><div></div></div> 15%	\$1.70		119.2	<div><div></div></div> -5%	44%
Redcliff	92%	0%	ZWL 210.20		ZWL 224.00	<div><div></div></div> 7%	\$2.20				
Rusape Urban	44%	50%	ZWL 175.40	ZWL 156.50	ZWL 175.40	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$2.10		93.5	<div><div></div></div> -2%	88%
Ruwa	83%	0%					\$2.00				
Tsholotsho	100%	100%		ZWL 205.00					71.5		
Victoria Falls	20%	90%	ZWL 217.80	ZWL 205.30	ZWL 225.10	<div><div></div></div> 3%	\$2.20		205.6	<div><div></div></div> 6%	6%
Zvishavane Urban	0%	0%							108		
Total	68.0%	58.7%	ZWL 193.61	ZWL 193.35	ZWL 207.87	<div><div></div></div> 7%	\$2.02	R40.98	127.7	<div><div></div></div> 0%	52%

Annex 7: Rural Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Biweekly current availability (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous availability (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (ZWL) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous average Price (ZWL) (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Mobile money) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Biweekly current average Price (USD) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Rands) (12-30 Oct 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Oct 2019-Oct 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period	12M % Change
Sugar Beans Rural Districts											
Bikita	38%	14%	ZWL 175.00	ZWL 440.00	ZWL 205.00	17%	\$1.80	R36.70	51.1	-60%	242%
Binga	92%	89%	ZWL 170.00	ZWL 265.00	ZWL 225.00	32%	\$2.30		127.2	-36%	34%
Buhera	17%		ZWL 100.00		ZWL 100.00		\$1.00				
Bulawayo Rural	67%		ZWL 180.00				\$2.00	R40.00			
Chipinge	63%	46%	ZWL 102.00	ZWL 160.90			\$1.00		120.5	-37%	-15%
Chiredzi	74%	78%	ZWL 150.00	ZWL 180.00	ZWL 214.20	43%	\$2.30	R44.20	46.5	-17%	223%
Chivi	76%	81%	ZWL 192.40	ZWL 202.80	ZWL 214.70	12%	\$2.30	R38.90	65.5	-5%	194%
Harare Rural	55%	0%					\$1.30				
Insiza	70%	30%		ZWL 250.00			\$2.50	R51.40	101.8		
Masvingo	64%	40%	ZWL 212.20	ZWL 205.90	ZWL 259.30	22%	\$2.40	R47.40	134.6	3%	58%
Matobo	70%	75%	ZWL 183.80	ZWL 260.60	ZWL 254.10	38%	\$2.40	R49.80	112.7	-29%	63%
Mbire	63%	10%					\$2.10		42.3		
Mt Darwin	0%	2%							39.5		
Mudzi	8%	50%	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 283.30	ZWL 200.00	0%	\$2.00		80.8	-29%	148%
Mutare	50%		ZWL 100.00				\$1.00				
Muzarabani	0%	20%		ZWL 210.00					140.4		
Mwenezi	52%	77%	ZWL 182.70	ZWL 181.30	ZWL 207.80	14%	\$2.70	R36.00	69.6	1%	163%
Nkayi	62%	46%	ZWL 160.00	ZWL 222.00	ZWL 202.30	26%	\$2.00	R40.00	52	-28%	208%
Rushinga	85%	85%	ZWL 197.50	ZWL 201.50	ZWL 215.50	9%	\$2.00		113.5	-2%	74%
Tsholotsho	71%	79%		ZWL 248.30				R38.50	62.6		
UMP	0%	2%							91.1		
Zvishavane	44%	44%		ZWL 226.70			\$2.00		134.1		
Total	50.8%	45.7%	ZWL 164.69	ZWL 235.89	ZWL 208.90	27%	\$1.95	R42.29	88.1	-30%	87%





Annex 8: Urban Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Biweekly current availability (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous availability (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (ZWL) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous average Price (ZWL) (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Mobile money) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Biweekly current average Price (USD) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Rands) (12-30 Oct 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Oct 2019-Oct 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period	12M % Change
Cooking Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	99%	98%	ZWL 145.60	ZWL 145.70	ZWL 158.10	<div><div></div></div> 9%	\$1.60	R31.20	93.4	<div><div></div></div> 0%	<div><div></div></div> 56%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 124.90	ZWL 127.50	ZWL 125.80	<div><div></div></div> 1%	\$1.30		129.2	<div><div></div></div> 2%	<div><div></div></div> -3%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 146.00	ZWL 146.00	ZWL 162.40	<div><div></div></div> 11%	\$1.60	R29.50	154.7	<div><div></div></div> 0%	<div><div></div></div> -6%
Chipinge Urban	97%	94%	ZWL 139.40	ZWL 146.10	ZWL 145.10	<div><div></div></div> 4%	\$1.50	R26.80	146.1	<div><div></div></div> 5%	<div><div></div></div> -5%
Chiredzi Urban	100%	94%	ZWL 132.10	ZWL 129.10	ZWL 133.30	<div><div></div></div> 1%	\$1.40	R26.10	53.6	<div><div></div></div> 2%	<div><div></div></div> 146%
Epworth	100%	100%	ZWL 107.00	ZWL 125.00	ZWL 125.00	<div><div></div></div> 17%	\$1.30		32.4	<div><div></div></div> -14%	<div><div></div></div> 230%
Gokwe North (Nemankwanda)	100%		ZWL 148.00		ZWL 158.80		\$1.40				
Gokwe South Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 138.60	ZWL 133.40	ZWL 144.90	<div><div></div></div> 5%	\$1.40		45	<div><div></div></div> 4%	<div><div></div></div> 208%
Goromonzi Urban	100%		ZWL 140.90		ZWL 155.40	<div><div></div></div> 10%	\$1.30	R17.50			
Gweru Urban	72%	0%	ZWL 126.90		ZWL 133.50	<div><div></div></div> 5%	\$1.30	R25.00			
Hwange Urban	100%	87%	ZWL 168.10	ZWL 164.80	ZWL 170.20	<div><div></div></div> 1%	\$1.80	R36.40	54.1	<div><div></div></div> 2%	<div><div></div></div> 211%
Kadoma	100%		ZWL 147.50		ZWL 147.50	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$1.50				
Kariba Urban	91%	91%	ZWL 146.10	ZWL 137.20	ZWL 157.30	<div><div></div></div> 1%	\$1.60	R24.80	140.6	<div><div></div></div> 6%	<div><div></div></div> 4%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	0%	ZWL 127.30		ZWL 146.20	<div><div></div></div> 24%	\$1.40	R27.20			
Marondera Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 127.20	ZWL 135.70	ZWL 127.90	<div><div></div></div> 15%	\$1.30		79.2	<div><div></div></div> 6%	<div><div></div></div> 61%
Masvingo Urban	90%	90%	ZWL 142.80	ZWL 141.90	ZWL 143.10	<div><div></div></div> 0%	\$1.50		121.7	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 17%
Mutare Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 127.00	ZWL 125.40	ZWL 130.60	<div><div></div></div> 3%	\$1.40		80.8	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 57%
Norton	78%	79%	ZWL 123.50	ZWL 127.80	ZWL 142.60	<div><div></div></div> 15%	\$1.30		67.4	<div><div></div></div> 3%	<div><div></div></div> 83%
Redcliff	100%	0%	ZWL 139.90		ZWL 150.60	<div><div></div></div> 8%	\$1.40				
Rusape Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 128.90	ZWL 130.40	ZWL 132.10	<div><div></div></div> 2%	\$1.50		92.9	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 39%
Ruwa	100%	0%					\$1.30				
Tsholotsho	100%	100%		ZWL 170.00				R25.40	105.1		
Victoria Falls	88%	97%	ZWL 145.20	ZWL 143.90	ZWL 151.60	<div><div></div></div> 4%	\$1.40	R26.80	148	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> -2%
Zvishavane Urban	100%	0%							76.9		
Total	96.5%	72.8%	ZWL 136.80	ZWL 139.37	ZWL 144.86	<div><div></div></div> 6%	\$1.43	27.0	95.5	<div><div></div></div> -2%	<div><div></div></div> 43%

Annex 9: Rural Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Biweekly current availability (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous availability (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (ZWL) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly previous average Price (ZWL) (28 Sept-9 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Mobile money) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Biweekly current average Price (USD) (12-30 Oct 2020)	Biweekly current average Price (Rands) (12-30 Oct 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Oct 2019-Oct 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period	12M % Change
Cooking Oil Rural Districts											
Bikita	100%	100%	ZWL 152.20	ZWL 160.60	ZWL 155.20	2%	\$1.60	R30.90	53.5	-5%	184%
Binga	100%	100%	ZWL 150.00	ZWL 211.30	ZWL 200.60	34%	\$2.00		114.5	-29%	31%
Buhera	100%		ZWL 140.00		ZWL 141.00		\$1.40		114.5		22%
Bulawayo Rural	100%		ZWL 126.00				\$1.50	R30.00			
Chipinga	100%	98%	ZWL 150.00	ZWL 153.00			\$1.50		84.9	-2%	77%
Chiredzi	93%	100%	ZWL 132.30	ZWL 126.30	ZWL 132.50	0%	\$1.30	R25.70	31.6	5%	319%
Chivi	97%	100%	ZWL 158.10	ZWL 160.10	ZWL 161.80	2%	\$1.60	R30.70	41.5	-1%	281%
Harare Rural	100%	0%					\$1.30				
Insiza	100%	100%		ZWL 152.10			\$1.60	R30.10	87.4		
Masvingo	95%	79%	ZWL 160.30	ZWL 163.90	ZWL 173.40	8%	\$1.60	R30.90	60.5	-2%	165%
Matobo	85%	86%	ZWL 153.10	ZWL 184.10	ZWL 170.30	11%	\$2.30	R28.90	82.4	-17%	86%
Mbire	100%	100%	ZWL 160.00		ZWL 160.00	0%	\$1.60		39		310%
Mt Darwin	90%	86%	ZWL 140.20	ZWL 142.50			\$1.40		43.2	-2%	225%
Mudzi	92%	92%	ZWL 146.40	ZWL 158.30	ZWL 171.90	17%	\$1.40		61	-8%	140%
Mutare	100%		ZWL 150.00				\$1.50				
Muzarabani	100%	100%		ZWL 200.70	ZWL 150.00		\$1.50		84.7		
Mwenezi	97%	97%	ZWL 138.30	ZWL 142.70	ZWL 144.70	5%	\$1.40	R23.50	50.2	-3%	175%
Nkayi	100%	100%	ZWL 167.40	ZWL 191.70	ZWL 175.00	5%	\$1.70	R33.30	46	-13%	264%
Rushinga	100%	100%	ZWL 157.50	ZWL 150.30	ZWL 162.10	3%	\$1.60		59.6	5%	164%
Tsholotsho	88%	86%		ZWL 246.00				R33.30	59.8		
UMP	100%	100%	ZWL 147.60	ZWL 137.40	ZWL 157.60	7%	\$1.40		35.6	-7%	315%
Zvishavane	100%	100%		ZWL 163.10			\$1.70		89		
Total	97%	91%	ZWL 148.79	ZWL 167.30	ZWL 161.15	8%	1.6	R29.73	65.2	-11%	128%

Annex 10: Key to food commodity price trends

 (< 0% Decreasing)
  (>= 0% and < 5% Stable)
  (>= 5% and < 10% Slight Increasing)
  (>= 10% Decreasing)

Annex 11: Key to food commodity availability

 (Decreasing)
  (Increasing)

Annex 12: Key to Fuel price and Exchange rates

 (Decreasing)
  (Stable)
  (Increasing)

Annex 13: Background and methodology

Checking Availability at market level: If any of the interviewed traders in a market reports having sold a commodity within the last week, the commodity is considered available in this market. Availability at country-level (district-level) is calculated as the share of markets with commodity availability across the country (across districts). Missing data indicate that none of the interviewed traders generally trades the commodity.

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