

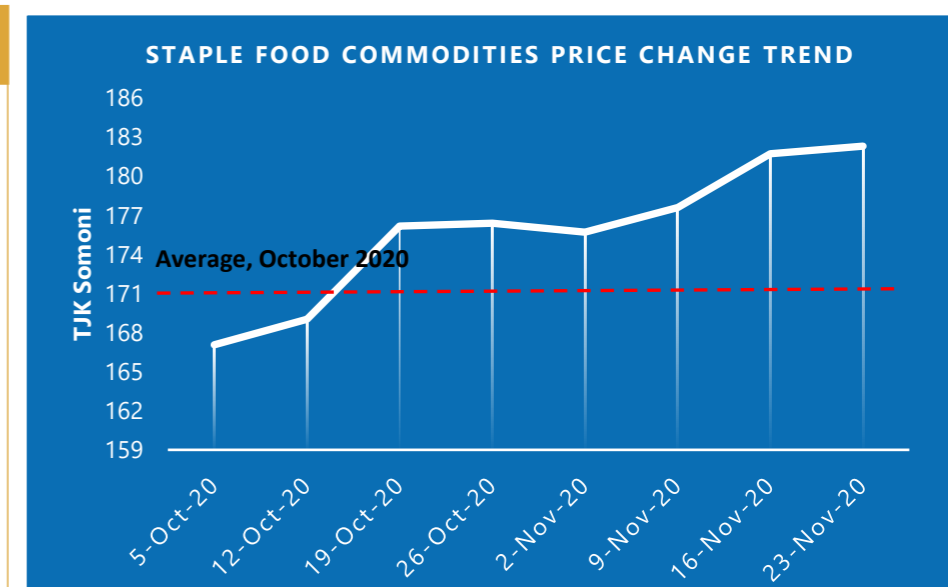
Tajikistan Market Situation Update, # 31

23-27 November 2020

Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available in all monitored food markets during the reporting period.
- Prices increased for the following commodities in the monitored markets;
 - During the past reporting weeks, prices for vegetable oil increased in most monitored market by a range of 6-13 percent.
 - Against the monthly averages of October, prices increased for vegetable and cotton oil (14-41 percent), wheat flour (3-8 percent) and sugar (2-18 percent).

Wheat flour (first grade)	Rice	Potatoes	Onion	Vegetable & Cotton Oil
<p>Prices for wheat flour first grade remained stable in most monitored markets and increased in Khorog, Murghab and Istaravshan by a range of 2-7 percent, while decreasing in Isfara by 4 percent compared to the previous week.</p> <p>Comparing the current reporting period to the monthly averages of October 2020, prices for wheat flour increased in most monitored markets in the range of 3-8 percent.</p>	<p>Compared to previous week, rice prices increased in Khujand market by 14 percent, while decreases were reported in Bokhtar and Dushanbe markets ranging from 7-12 percent. In the rest of the monitored markets, prices remained stable.</p> <p>Compared to October 2020 monthly averages, prices for rice increased in Khorog, Khujand, Bokhtar, Murghab and Kulob markets in the range of 1-26 percent. Decreases were reported in Dushanbe and Istaravshan markets in the range of 7-13 percent, while prices remained stable in Gharm and Isfara, compared to previous month.</p>	<p>Compared to the previous week, potato prices increased in Khorog and Khujand markets ranging from 14-18 percent and decreased in Murghab by 14 percent, while in the remaining markets prices were stable.</p> <p>Compared against monthly averages of October 2020, Murghab market reported decreases in prices of potatoes by 10 percent while its prices increased in the remaining monitored markets ranging from 7-41 percent.</p>	<p>Onion prices remained stable in most monitored markets, while increasing in Kulob market by 15 percent and decreasing in Khujand and Murghab, ranging from 11-14 percent compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to the monthly averages of October 2020, prices for onions increased in most monitored markets in the range of 5-33 percent, while decreasing in Bokhtar and Murghab in the range of 8 - 10 percent. Onion prices remained stable in Gharm.</p>	<p>Compared to previous week, prices for vegetable oil increased in most monitored markets in the range of 5-12 percent and decreased in Istaravshan by 5 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets. Prices for cotton oil increased in Murghab, Isfara and Kulob markets, ranging from 6-13 percent, while remaining stable in the rest of the markets.</p> <p>Compared with the monthly average of October 2020, prices for both commodities increased in all monitored market in the range of 14-41 percent.</p>
Milk & Eggs	Meat Beef & Mutton	Petrol & Diesel		
<p>Milk prices remained stable in all monitored markets. Prices increased for eggs in most monitored markets, ranging from 1-18 percent, while remaining stable in Khorog, Khujand and Gharm markets compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to October 2020 monthly averages, prices for milk increased in Gharm and Istaravshan markets, ranging from 1-11 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets. Prices for eggs increased in most monitored markets in the range of 9-44 percent but remained stable in Murghab market.</p>	<p>Compared to the previous week, prices for both commodities remained stable in most monitored markets, while an increase for mutton was reported in Khorog market by 2 percent. Decrease of prices for beef was reported in Bokhtar, Dushanbe, Isfara and Kulob in the range of 2-9 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets.</p> <p>Compared against October 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Khorog, Khujand, Dushanbe, Kulob and Istaravshan markets ranging from 1-5 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets. Beef prices increased in Dushanbe, Istaravshan and Kulob markets ranging from 3-5 percent. Meanwhile, prices for beef decreased in Bokhtar and Isfara markets in the range of 1-6 percent and remained stable in all other monitored markets.</p>	<p>Prices for petrol increased in Bokhtar by 1 percent and decreased in Isfara and Istaravshan in the range of 2-3 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets compared to previous week. Diesel prices increased in Isfara by 8 percent, decreased in Istaravshan by 2 percent, and remained stable in all other monitored markets.</p> <p>Compared to October 2020 monthly averages, prices for petrol decreased in Murghab and Istaravshan markets in the range of 1-4 percent but increased in most monitored markets in the range of 1-4 percent, while remaining stable in Khorog, Isfara and Dushanbe markets. Diesel prices reportedly increased in Bokhtar and Gharm by the range of 1-5 percent, its prices decreased in Istaravshan by 2 percent while remaining stable in the rest of the monitored markets.</p>		



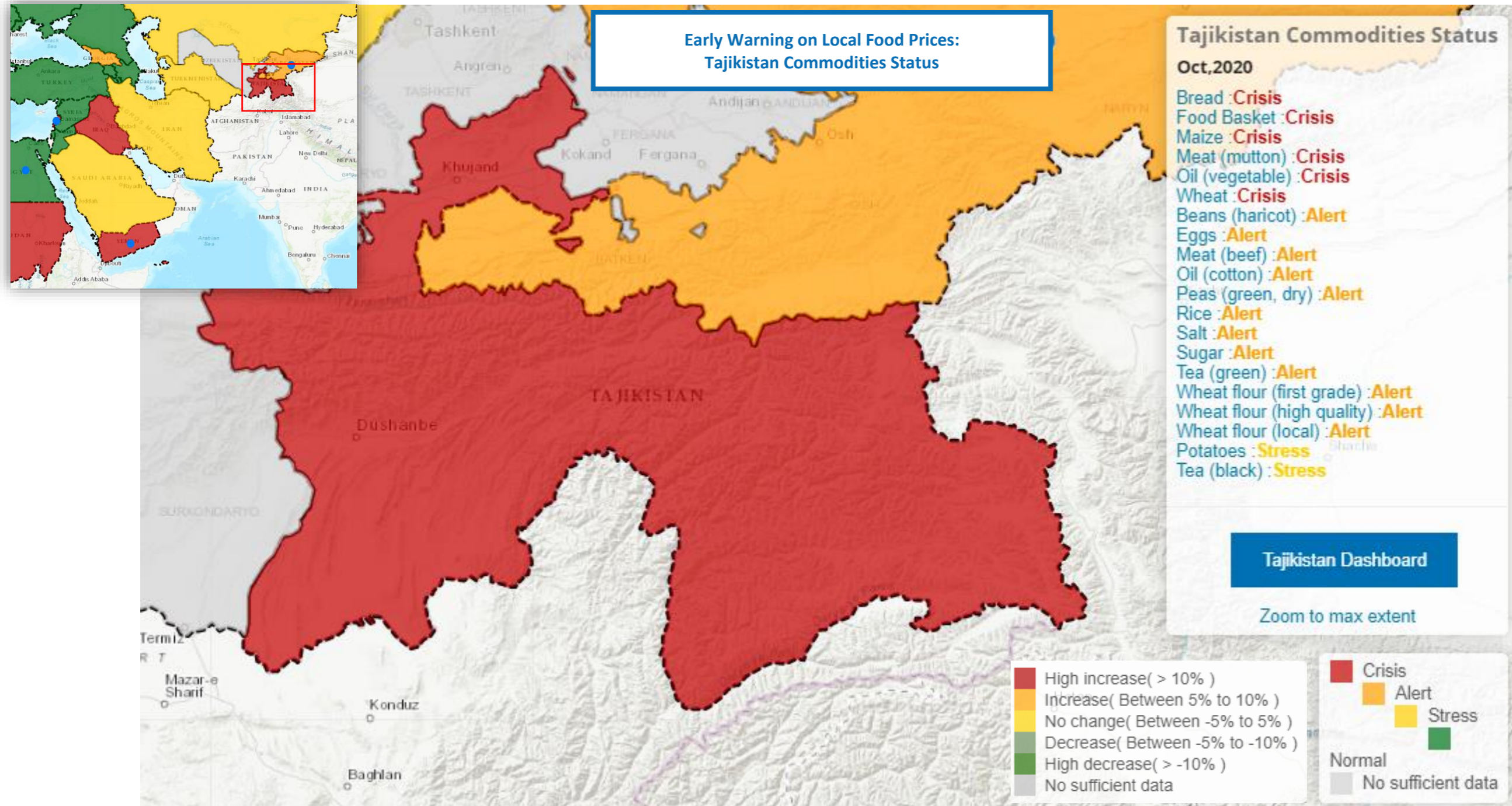
This graph analyses the average aggregate change of prices for ten commodities in the nine monitored markets, comparing the reporting weeks against the previous weeks and monthly average prices of October 2020. The food commodities included here are wheat flour (first grade), potatoes, onion, milk, eggs, vegetable and cotton oil, beef, mutton and rice.



WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

Commodity	Khorog, GBAO			Khujand, Sughd			Bokhtar, Khatlon			Gharm, DRS			Dushanbe			Murghab, GBAO								
	Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period						
		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year				
Meat (mutton)	46.0	2.2	2.2	12.5	65.0	0.0	4.8	19.2	55.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	49	0.0	0.0	11.4	55.0	0.0	1.2	10.5	43.0	0.0	0.0	
Meat (beef)	45.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	50.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	53.0	-1.9	-0.6	6.7	49	0.0	0.0	12.8	53.0	-3.6	2.6	-1.1	42.0	0.0	0.0	
Chicken	25.0	2.7	0.0	5.8	23.0	0.0	-2.8	-1.4	26.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	35	0.0	0.0	21.4	24.0	0.0	2.9	8.2	30.0	0.0	0.0	
Vegetable oil	19.0	0.0	21.0	20.8	20.0	5.3	41.2	-3.8	19.0	11.8	28.4	5.7	18.0	0.0	17.4	9.9	17.6	0.0	25.7	1.8	20.0	11.1	25.0	
Cotton Oil	17.0	0.0	17.5	3.3	19.0	0.0	39.4	9.2	17.0	0.0	21.4	16.7	17	0.0	21.4	8.5	16.6	0.0	24.5	15.9	18.0	5.9	20.0	
Potatoes	4.5	18.4	12.5	0.0	4.0	14.3	41.2	-9.8	3.3	0.0	8.8	8.3	4	0.0	4.3	72.7	3.0	0.0	7.1	-20.7	7.1	-14.3	-10.0	
Cabbage	3.0	0.0	2.3	-26.7	2.0	0.0	-7.7	-16.7	2.0	0.0	-25.0	-25.9	3.5	0.0	16.7	24.0	1.5	0.0	-18.2	-49.5	6.0	0.0	-5.3	
Carrots	3.0	0.0	-2.2	-38.7	2.0	33.3	7.1	-11.1	1.8	-12.5	-19.2	-13.3	2.5	0.0	15.4	-19.8	2.0	0.0	-14.3	-33.3	6.0	0.0	-10.0	
Onion	3.0	0.0	4.7	-28.3	2.0	-11.1	20.0	-20.6	2.0	0.0	-7.7	14.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	-4.9	2.3	0.0	9.5	-41.5	3.0	-14.3	-10.0	
Milk	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	10.5	-20.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	
Eggs	12.0	0.0	9.1	10.0	11.5	0.0	23.2	24.4	11.6	0.9	12.3	21.6	13.0	0.0	44.4	-10.0	11.6	0.0	28.9	-10.0	15.0	7.1	0.0	
Sugar	10.0	5.3	17.6	6.3	9.0	0.0	10.2	25.6	9.2	1.7	1.7	28.6	9.0	0.0	3.8	23.8	9.0	0.0	10.2	19.9	10.0	0.0	11.1	
Tea black	33.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	40.0	0.0	14.3	-30.0	50.0	8.7	8.7	91.7	32.0	0.0	-3.0	39.8	38.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	35.0	16.7	5.0	
Tea green	31.5	0.0	0.0	8.6	40.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	46.0	26.0	26.6	51.4	35.0	0.0	2.9	36.0	38.0	0.0	0.0	16.9	38.0	8.6	11.8	
Rice	11.5	0.0	1.8	-13.1	12.0	14.3	7.5	-6.9	12.0	-11.8	0.6	8.5	13.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	13.0	-7.1	-7.1	16.3	23.0	0.0	25.5	
Wheat flour first grade	5.4	3.8	5.9	15.9	5.5	0.0	13.8	20.8	5.1	0.0	7.0	7.4	5.0	0.0	5.6	14.6	5.0	0.0	10.3	10.3	5.9	7.3	7.3	
Salt	1.5	0.0	0.0	-25.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-50.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	5.0	0.0	15.4	23.8	3.0	0.0	12.5	-11.1	2.5	0.0	8.7	91.7	3.0	0.0	20.0	78.6	2.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	
Dried green peas (mosh)	15.2	0.0	0.9	30.8	13.0	0.0	-7.1	7.1	15.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	36.4	15.0	0.0	0.0	27.4	15.0	7.1	7.1	
Haricot bean (lobiyo)	17.0	0.0	0.0	19.4	16.0	14.3	6.7	14.3	16.0	0.0	3.0	-1.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	37.3	16.0	0.0	0.0	44.4	25.0	0.0	8.7	
Chickpeas (nakhud)	19.1	0.0	0.0	-4.5	16.5	3.1	3.1	23.1	14.0	0.0	8.8	7.2	17.0	0.0	0.0	-5.6	12.0	0.0	0.0	-5.0	15.0	0.0	7.1	
Petrol	6.4	0.0	0.0	-16.9	6.0	0.0	1.7	-16.9	6.2	0.9	3.9	-14.8	6.4	0.0	1.1	-12.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	-18.1	7.5	0.0	-4.3	
Diesel	8.0	0.0	0.0	-17.4	6.2	0.0	0.0	-20.7	6.4	0.0	1.1	-20.8	7.0	0.0	5.0	-18.5	6.2	0.0	0.0	-27.1	9.0	0.0	9.0	
Anti-bacterial wipes	3.0	0.0	0.0		1.4	7.7	-2.3		2.0	0.0	20.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0	
Face masks	3.0	20.0	20.0		3.0	0.0	20.0		3.0	0.0	0.0		3.0	0.0	0.0		2.0	-33.3	-33.3		4.0	0.0	0.0	
Hand sanitizer	0.0	0.0	0.0		22.0	0.0	0.0		19.0	0.0	0.0		20.0	0.0	0.0		18.0	0.0	0.0		24.0	4.3	24.1	
Soap	4.8	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		3.3	0.0	0.0		5.0	0.0	0.0		3.3	0.0	0.0		6.0	0.0	0.0	





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About the Update

WFP Tajikistan has been monitoring food prices in markets across the country, especially to assess effects of COVID-19 on the population’s food security situation. Markets monitored include six major markets in Murghab, Khorog, Khujand, Bokhtar, Gharm, and Dushanbe, and three minor markets, Isfara, Istaravshan, and Kulob. The focus is on the main commodities that are consumed by the average population of the country.

During the height of the global pandemic (March to August 2020), prices were collected twice per week and reported upon weekly. As prices stabilized (September – October 2020), collection moved to once per week with a twice per month reporting. With recent (November 2020) prices spikes, WFP Tajikistan has moved back to a weekly report.

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