

# **Tajikistan Market Situation Update, #30**

16-20 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 6-18 percent.
  - Against the monthly averages of October, prices increased for vegetable and cotton oil (10-39 percent), wheat flour (2-14 percent) and sugar (4-12 percent).

#### Wheat flour (first grade) Rice **Potatoes** Onion **Vegetable & Cotton Oil** Compared to previous weeks, rice prices increased in Compared to previous weeks, potatoe Prices for wheat flour first grade remained Onion prices remained stable in most Compared to previous weeks, prices for vegetable oil Khorog, Khujand and Murghab markets in the range of prices increased in Khujand and Kulob stable in most monitored markets and monitored markets, while increasing in increased in Khorog, Khujand, Dushanbe, Murghab and 5-21 percent, while remaining stable in the rest of the markets ranging from 6-8 percent, while increased in Gharm, Dushanbe and Khorog and Khujand in the range of 7-Istaravshan markets in the range of 6 -18 percent and monitored markets. in the remaining markets, prices were Istaravshan by a range of 2-9 percent, while 13 percent and decreasing in Kulob by stayed stable in the remaining markets. Prices for decreased in Khorog and Murghab by 2 **9 percent** compared to previous weeks. cotton oil increased in most monitored markets, Compared to October 2020 monthly averages, prices percent compared to previous weeks. ranging from 6-37 percent, while remaining stable in for rice increased in Khorog, Bokhtar, Murghab and Compared against monthly averages of Compared to the monthly averages of Gharm, Isfara and Kulob. Kulob markets in the range of 4-26 percent. Decrease October 2020, Khorog market reported October 2020, prices for onions Comparing the current reporting period to was reported in Khujand and Istaravshan markets in decreases in the prices of potatoes by 5 increased in most monitored markets Compared with the monthly average of October 2020, the monthly averages of October 2020, the range of 6-13 percent, while prices remained percent while prices increased in the in the range of 5-35 percent, while prices for both commodities increased in all monitored prices for wheat flour increased in most stable in Gharm, Dushanbe and Isfara, compared to remaining monitored markets, ranging decreasing in Bokhtar by 8 percent and markets in the range of 10-39 percent. monitored markets in the range of 2-14 previous month. from 4-24 percent. remaining stable in Gharm. percent.

### Milk & Eggs

Milk prices remained stable in most monitored markets, while a decrease was reported in Gharm by 13 percent. Prices increased for eggs in most monitored markets ranging from 4-14 percent, while remaining stable in Khorog, Murghab and Kulob, compared to the previous week

Compared to the October 2020 monthly averages, prices for milk increased in Gharm and Istaravshan markets, ranging from 1-10 percent, while remaining stable in the rest of the monitored markets. Prices for eggs increased in most monitored markets in the range of 10-44 percent. A 7 percent decrease was reported in Murghab market, while the price remained stable in Khorog market.

#### **Meat Beef & Mutton**

Compared to the previous weeks, prices for both commodities remained stable in most monitored markets, while mutton prices reportedly increased by 5 percent in Khujand market and beef prices increased by 4 percent in Kulob market.

Compared against October 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Khujand, Dushanbe, Kulob and Istaravshan markets ranging from 1-5 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets. Beef prices increased in most monitored markets, ranging from 1-9 percent, and remained stable in Khorog, Khujand, Gharm and Murghab markets.

#### **Petrol & Diesel**

Prices for petrol increased in Khujand, Bokhtar and Kulob markets in the range of 1-5 percent and decreased in Isfara by 5 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets. Diesel prices increased in Bokhtar by 2 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets.

Compared to October 2020 monthly averages, prices for petrol decreased in Murghab markets by 4 percent and increased in most monitored markets in the range of 1-4 percent, while remaining stable in Khorog and Dushanbe markets. Diesel prices reportedly increased in Bokhtar, Gharm and Murghab markets by the range of 1-9 percent but its prices decreased in Isfara by 8 percent, while remaining stable in the rest of the monitored markets.



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.

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## WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE - PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

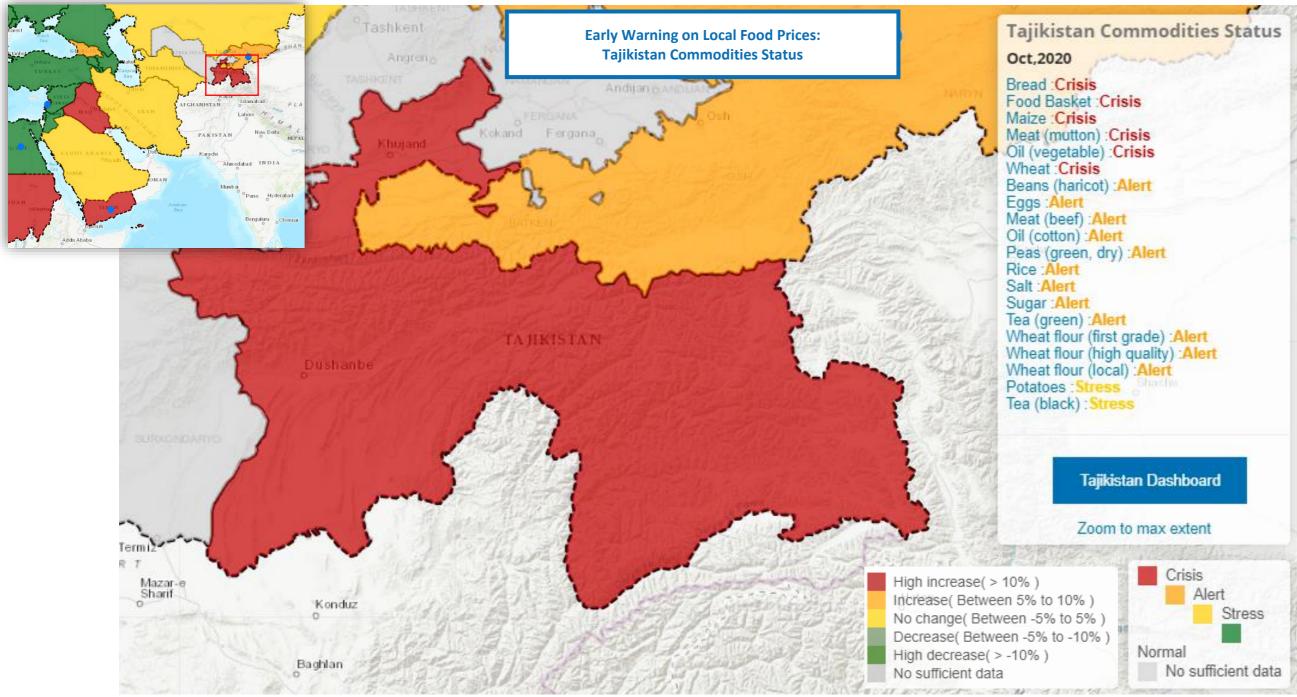
	Khorog, GBAO				Khujand, Sughd				Bokhtar, Khatlon				Gharm, DRS				Dushanbe				Murghab, GBAO				
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Commodity	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	
Meat (mutton)	45.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	65.0	8.3	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	N/A	
Meat (beef)	45.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	50.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	54.0	0.0	1.3	6.7	49	0.0	0.0	12.8	55.0	0.0	6.5	-1.1	42.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	
Chicken	25.0	2.7	0.0	5.8	23.0	4.5	-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	N/A	
Vegetable oil	19.0	18.0	21.0	20.8	19.0	5.6	34.1	-3.8	17.0	0.0	14.9	5.7	18.0	0.0	17.4	9.9	17.6	10.0	25.7	1.8	18.0	5.9	12.5	N/A	
Cotton oil	17.0	13.3	17.5	3.3	19.0	35.7	39.4	9.2	16.6	10.7	18.6	16.7	17	0.0	21.4	8.5	16.6	10.7	24.5	15.9	17.0	6.3	13.3	N/A	
Potatoes	3.8	0.0	-5.0	0.0	3.5	6.1	23.5	-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	0.0	5.0	N/A	
Cabbage	3.0	0.0	2.3	-26.7	2.0	-20.0	-7.7	-16.7	2.0	-20.0	-25.0	-25.9	3.5	16.7	16.7	24.0	1.5	0.0	-18.2	-49.5	6.0	0.0	-5.3	N/A	
Carrots	3.0	7.1	-2.2	-38.7	1.5	-25.0	-19.6	-11.1	2.0	14.3	-7.7	-13.3	2.5	0.0	15.4	-19.8	2.0	0.0	-14.3	-33.3	6.0	0.0	-10.0	N/A	
Onion	3.0	7.1	4.7	-28.3	2.3	12.5	35.0	-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	3.5	0.0	5.0	N/A	
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	-12.5	10.5	-20.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	
Eggs	11.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	11.5	15.0	23.2	24.4	11.5	4.5	11.3	21.6	13.0	18.2	44.4	-10.0	11.6	5.5	28.9	-10.0	14.0	0.0	-6.7	N/A	
Sugar	9.5	0.0	11.8	6.3	9.0	5.9	10.2	25.6	9.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	9.0	0.0	3.8	23.8	9.0	0.0	10.2	19.9	10.0	0.0	11.1	N/A	
Tea black	33.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	40.0	0.0	14.3	-30.0	46.0	-1.1	0.0	91.7	32.0	0.0	-3.0	39.8	38.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	30.0	-14.3	-10.0	N/A	
Tea green	31.5	0.0	0.0	8.6	40.0	33.3	14.3	0.0	36.5	0.0	0.5	51.4	35.0	0.0	2.9	36.0	38.0	0.0	0.0	16.9	35.0	6.1	2.9	N/A	
Rice	11.5	4.5	1.8	-13.1	10.5	5.0	-6.0	-6.9	13.6	0.0	14.0	8.5	13.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	14.0	0.0	0.0	16.3	23.0	21.1	25.5	N/A	
Wheat flour first grade	5.2	-1.9	2.0	15.9	5.5	0.0	13.8	20.8	5.1	0.0	7.0	7.4	5.0	2.0	5.6	14.6	5.0	8.7	10.3	10.3	5.5	-1.8	0.0	N/A	
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	N/A	
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	N/A	
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	14.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	
Haricot bean (lobiyo)	17.0	0.0	0.0	19.4	14.0	-6.7	-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	N/A	
Chickpeas (nakhud)	19.1	0.0	0.0	-4.5	16.0	-11.1	0.0	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	N/A	
Petrol	6.4	0.0	0.0	-16.9	6.0	3.4	1.7	-16.9	6.2	4.5	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	N/A	
Diesel	8.0	0.0	0.0	-17.4	6.2	0.0	0.0	-20.7	6.4	1.6	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	N/A	
Anti-bacterial wipes	3.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	1.3	0.0	-9.3	N/A	2.0	33.3	20.0	N/A	1.5	0.0	0.0	N/A	4.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	4.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	
Face masks	2.5	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.0	0.0	20.0	N/A	3.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	4.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	
Hand sanitizer	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	22.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	19.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	20.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	18.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	23.0	27.8	19.0	N/A	
Soap	4.8	0.0	0.0	N/A	4.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.3	0.0	0.0	N/A	5.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.3	0.0	0.0	N/A	6.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	

Decrease Increase PRICE CHANGE (%)

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Source: WFP Safety Nets Alert Platform; https://snap.vam.wfp.org/index1.php?country=Tajikistan&short=TJ

#### 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.

For the latest information regarding the COVID-19 situation, please access the online map at:  $\underline{http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html\#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f}$ 

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