

## Tajikistan Market Situation Update, # 29

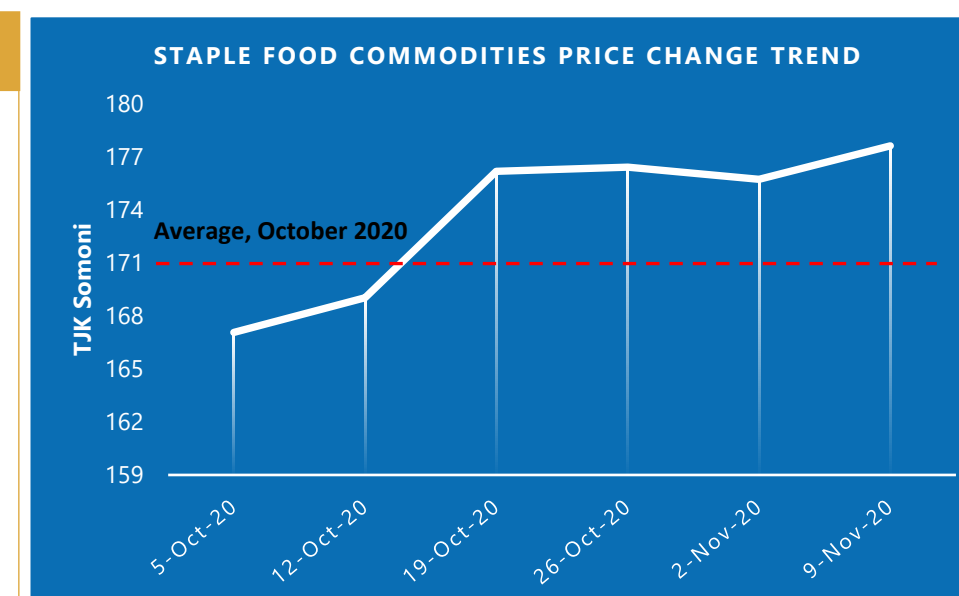
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### Highlights

- 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 6-16 percent.
  - Against the monthly averages of October, prices increased for vegetable and cotton oil (3-27 percent), wheat flour (2-14 percent) and sugar (4-16 percent).
  - According to wholesale traders, this change in prices is partly due to depreciation of Tajik Somoni against US dollar and as a result of low supply of these commodities from exporting countries.

Wheat flour (first grade)	Rice	Potatoes	Onion	Vegetable & Cotton Oil
<p>Prices for wheat flour first grade <b>increased in most monitored markets</b> by a range of <b>2-10 percent</b>, while remaining stable in <b>Khorog and Dushanbe</b> compared to previous weeks.</p> <p>Comparing the current reporting period to the monthly averages of October 2020, prices for wheat flour <b>increased</b> in the <b>all monitored markets</b> in the range of <b>2-13 percent</b>.</p>	<p>Compared to previous weeks, rice prices remained <b>stable in most monitored markets</b>. <b>Increased</b> prices were reported in <b>Bokhtar</b> market by <b>24 percent</b>, while <b>decreasing</b> in <b>Khujand</b> and <b>Khorog</b> markets by a range of <b>4-9 percent</b>.</p> <p>Compared to October 2020 monthly averages, prices for rice <b>increased</b> in <b>Bokhtar, Murghab and Kulob markets</b> in the range of <b>4-14 percent</b>. Decrease was reported in <b>Khorog, Khujand and Istaravshan</b> markets in the range of <b>4-13 percent</b>, while prices remained stable in <b>Gharm, Dushanbe and Isfara</b>, compared to previous month.</p>	<p>Compared to previous weeks, potatoes prices <b>increased</b> in <b>Murghab and Kulob</b> markets ranging from <b>9-14 percent</b>, while <b>decreasing</b> in <b>Khorog and Khujand</b> in the range of <b>5-6 percent</b>. In the <b>remaining markets</b> prices were <b>stable</b>.</p> <p>Compared against monthly averages of October 2020, <b>Khorog market</b> reported <b>decreases</b> in prices of potatoes by <b>5 percent</b> while its prices <b>increased</b> in the remaining monitored markets ranging from <b>5-17 percent</b>.</p>	<p>Onion prices <b>remained stable</b> in <b>most monitored markets</b>, while <b>increasing</b> in <b>Istaravshan and Kulob</b> in the range of <b>7-10 percent</b> compared to previous weeks.</p> <p>Compared to the monthly averages of October 2020, prices for onions <b>increased</b> in <b>most monitored markets</b> in the range of <b>5-27 percent</b>, while <b>decreasing</b> in <b>Khorog and Bokhtar</b> in the range of <b>2-8 percent</b> and <b>remained stable</b> in <b>Gharm</b>.</p>	<p>Compared to previous weeks, prices for vegetable oil <b>increased</b> in <b>Khorog, Khujand, Gharm, Murghab and Istaravshan</b> markets in the range of <b>6 -16 percent</b> and stayed <b>stable</b> in the <b>remaining markets</b>. Prices for <b>cotton oil</b> <b>remained stable</b> in most monitored markets, while <b>decreased</b> in <b>Khujand</b> by <b>3 percent</b> and <b>increased</b> in <b>Khorog, Gharm and Istaravshan</b> in the range of <b>6-13 percent</b></p> <p>Compared with the monthly average of October 2020, prices for both commodities <b>increased</b> in <b>all monitored market</b> in the range of <b>4-27 percent</b>.</p>

Milk & Eggs	Meat Beef & Mutton	Petrol & Diesel
<p>Milk prices remained stable in <b>most monitored markets</b>, while an <b>increase</b> was reported in <b>Gharm</b> by <b>14 percent</b>. Prices <b>increased</b> for <b>eggs</b> in <b>Khujand, Bokhtar and Istaravshan</b> markets in the range of <b>5-22 percent</b> and it decreased in <b>Murghab</b> market by <b>7 percent</b>, while remaining stable in <b>all other monitored markets</b>, compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to the October 2020 monthly averages, prices for milk <b>increased</b> in <b>Gharm and Istaravshan markets</b> ranging from <b>1-26 percent</b>, while <b>remained stable</b> in the rest of the monitored markets. Prices for eggs <b>increased</b> in <b>most monitored markets</b> in the range of <b>7-36 percent</b>. Decrease was reported in <b>Murghab</b> market by <b>6 percent</b>, while the prices for this commodity remained stable in <b>Khorog and Isfara</b> markets.</p>	<p>Compared to the previous weeks, prices for both commodities remained <b>stable</b> in <b>most monitored markets</b>, while an <b>increase</b> for <b>beef</b> was reported in <b>Kulob</b> market by <b>2 percent</b>.</p> <p>Compared against October 2020 monthly averages, prices <b>increased</b> for <b>mutton</b> in <b>Dushanbe, Kulob and Istaravshan</b> markets ranging from <b>1-4 percent</b> and <b>decreased</b> in <b>Khujand</b> market by <b>3 percent</b>, while <b>remaining stable</b> in all other monitored markets. <b>Beef</b> prices <b>increased</b> in <b>most monitored markets</b> ranging from <b>1-6 percent</b>. Meanwhile prices for beef remained stable in <b>Khorog, Khujand, Gharm and Murghab</b> markets.</p>	<p>Prices for petrol <b>increased</b> in <b>Bokhtar and Isfara</b> markets in the range of <b>8-22 percent</b> and <b>decreased</b> in <b>Khujand</b> by <b>3 percent</b>, while remaining <b>stable</b> in the all other monitored markets. <b>Diesel</b> prices <b>increased</b> in <b>Istaravshan</b> by <b>2 percent</b> and <b>decreased</b> in <b>Khujand and Isfara</b> by the range of <b>3-7 percent</b>, while remaining <b>stable</b> in <b>all other monitored markets</b>.</p> <p>Compared to October 2020 monthly averages, prices for petrol <b>decreased</b> in <b>Khujand and Murghab</b> markets in the range of <b>2-4 percent</b> and <b>increased</b> in <b>Bokhtar, Gharm, Isfara, Istaravshan and Kulob</b> in the range of <b>1-8 percent</b>, while remaining stable in the rest of the monitored markets. <b>Diesel</b> prices reported <b>increase</b> in <b>Gharm and Murghab</b> by the range of <b>5-9 percent</b> and its prices <b>decreased</b> in <b>Khujand, Bokhtar and Isfara</b> in the range of <b>1-8 percent</b>, while <b>remained stable</b> 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.

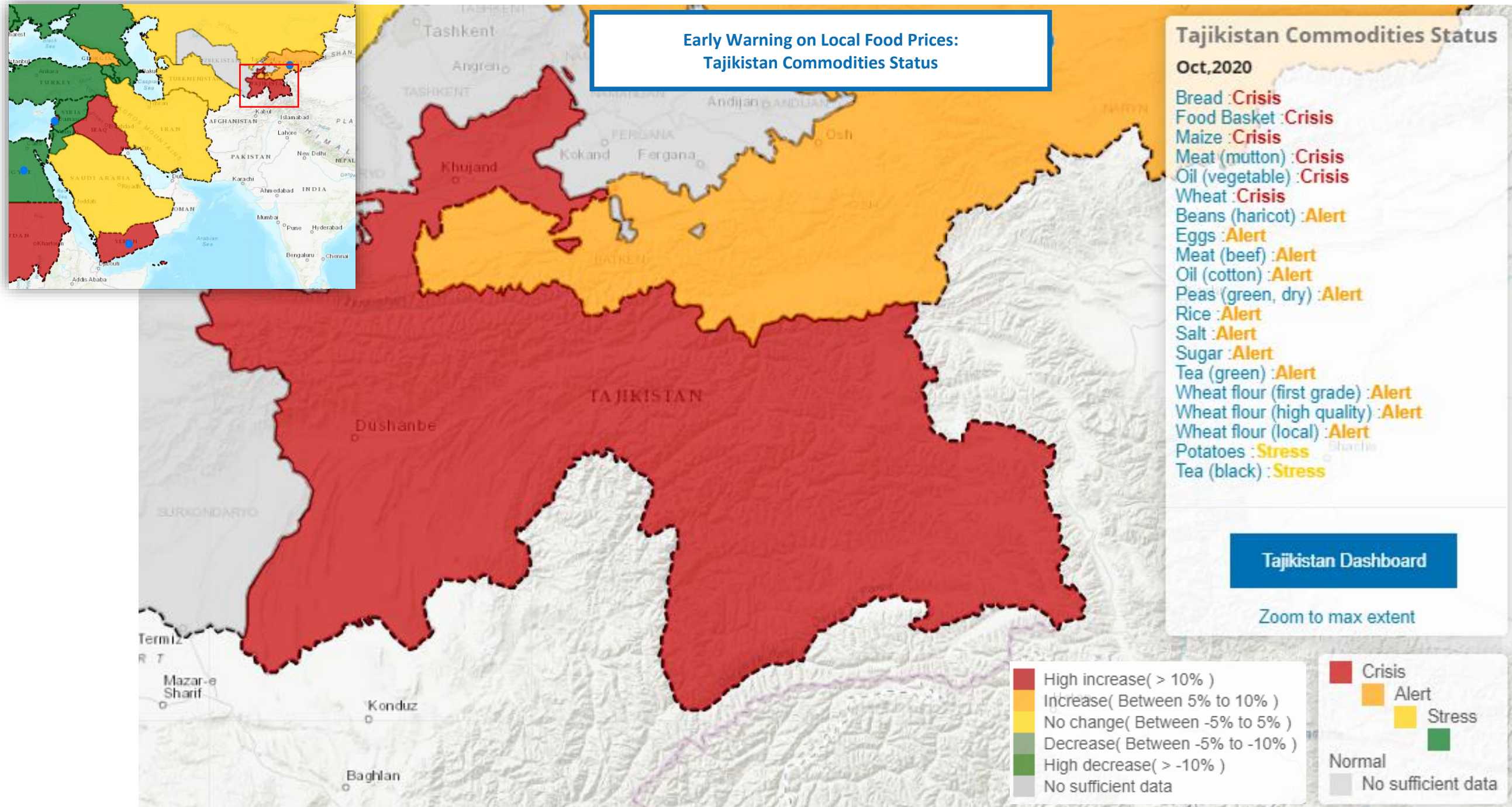


### WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

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)	45.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	60.0	0.0	-3.2	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	22.0	0.0	-7.0	-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	18.7	16.1	19.1	20.8	18.0	5.9	27.1	-3.8	17.0	0.0	14.9	5.7	18.0	5.9	17.4	9.9	16.0	0.0	14.3	1.8	17.0	13.3	6.3	N/A
Cotton Oil	17.0	13.3	17.5	3.3	14.0	-3.4	2.7	9.2	16.6	0.0	18.6	16.7	17	6.3	21.4	8.5	15.0	0.0	12.5	15.9	16.0	0.0	6.7	N/A
Potatoes	3.8	-5.0	-5.0	0.0	3.3	-5.7	16.5	-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	16.7	5.0	N/A
Cabbage	3.0	0.0	2.3	-26.7	2.5	25.0	15.4	-16.7	2.5	25.0	-6.2	-25.9	3	-14.3	0.0	24.0	1.5	0.0	-18.2	-49.5	6.0	0.0	-5.3	N/A
Carrots	2.8	0.0	-8.7	-38.7	2.0	0.0	7.1	-11.1	1.8	0.0	-19.2	-13.3	2.5	0.0	15.4	-19.8	2.0	0.0	-14.3	-33.3	6.0	-14.3	-10.0	N/A
Onion	2.8	0.0	-2.3	-28.3	2.0	0.0	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	3.5	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	4.0	14.3	26.3	-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	10.0	5.3	7.1	24.4	11.0	22.2	6.5	21.6	11.0	0.0	22.2	-10.0	11.0	0.0	22.2	-10.0	14.0	-6.7	-6.7	N/A
Sugar	9.5	2.2	11.8	6.3	8.5	0.0	4.1	25.6	9.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	9.0	0.0	3.8	23.8	9.5	0.0	16.3	19.9	10.0	0.0	11.1	N/A
Tea black	33.0	0.0	0.0	16.5	40.0	14.3	14.3	-30.0	46.5	1.1	1.1	91.7	32.0	0.0	-3.0	39.8	38.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	35.0	0.0	5.0	N/A
Tea green	31.5	0.0	0.0	8.6	30.0	-14.3	-14.3	0.0	36.5	-20.7	0.5	51.4	35.0	0.0	2.9	36.0	38.0	0.0	0.0	16.9	33.0	-5.7	-2.9	N/A
Rice	11.0	-4.3	-2.7	-13.1	10.0	-9.1	-10.4	-6.9	13.6	23.6	14.0	8.5	13.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	14.0	0.0	0.0	16.3	19.0	0.0	3.6	N/A
Wheat flour first grade	5.3	0.0	3.9	15.9	5.5	10.0	13.8	20.8	5.1	6.3	7.0	7.4	4.9	4.3	3.5	14.6	4.6	0.0	1.5	10.3	5.6	1.8	1.8	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	8.7	8.7	91.7	3.0	20.0	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	15.0	3.4	0.0	14.3	16.0	3.2	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	18.0	16.1	12.5	23.1	14.0	2.9	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	5.8	-3.3	-1.7	-16.9	6.1	22.2	2.2	-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	6.0	-3.2	-3.2	-20.7	6.3	0.0	-0.5	-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	-13.3	-9.3	N/A	1.5	0.0	-10.0	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	N/A	N/A	20.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	18.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	18.0	0.0	-6.9	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







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.

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