



Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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Key messages

- ◆ January Bossaso port statistics released this week indicate that livestock export volumes decreased by (-9%) compared to December 2020 also, decreased compared with the same period last year by the same margin (-9%).
- ◆ Cross border trade between Ethiopia and Somaliland is normal, supply of fruits and vegetables from Ethiopia is ongoing smoothly and prices are normal.
- ◆ In Gedo, prices of goat meat are high in most markets due to poor animal body conditions and low availability of saleable animals.

Banadir and Hirshabelle

- Fruits and vegetables prices throughout the markets of Banadir and Hirshabelle is normal due to availability of enough stocks in the markets.
- In Beletweyne market, there is steady supply of food commodities and prices are stable despite the supply bottlenecks such as illegal checkpoints and poor road infrastructure.
- In Jowhar, Buloburto and Bakara markets, prices of local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) and imported food items (rice, pasta, wheat flour, sugar, vegetable oil and dates) remain the same as last week.
- In Mogadishu, high political tension due to the upcoming presidential elections have subsided. This has led to smooth operation of trade activities.
- In Mogadishu, both petrol and diesel prices remain the same for four weeks in a row.

Galmuduug

- In Abudwaq and Hobyso prices of imported food items are increasing due to effects of the devaluation of local currency (Somali Shilling) in upstream market of Bossaso. For instance, 50 Kg of wheat flour increased from \$27 to \$28 and vegetable oil (3 litres) increased from \$3.2 to \$3.5 (9.4%).

- In most markets in Galmudug, retail and wholesale prices of local cereals (white maize and red sorghum) slightly increased by (<5%) compared to last week.
- In Dhusamareb, prices of imported food items are increasing compared to last week. For instance, vegetable oil (1 carton 10Kgs) increased from \$23.0 to \$24.50 and sugar increased from \$29.0 to \$30.5 per 50 Kg bag. This is related to supply gaps in Bossaso port.
- In Galkayo, the price of goat meat increased from \$11 to \$12 per Kg. However, price of camel meat remained the same as last week at \$6 per Kg. In addition, export camel prices slightly decreased from \$860 to \$850 per head but local goat prices remain the same as last week at \$76 per head.
- In Abudwaq, conflicts between two rival clan militias in Hananbure village have led to land disputes, damage of properties and displacement. If these conflicts persist, they may affect transport services in the road linking Abudwaq and Adado and consequently commodity prices.
- In Abudwaq, Dhusamareb and Guriel, the price of camel milk increased compared with last week from \$1.50 to \$1.90 per litre. In addition, powder milk prices decreased slightly by (1-2%) in Galkayo market.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remained compared to last week in most markets. For instance, in Galkayo, the exchange rate between local currency and USD is 42,000 SO SH.

Puntland

- January Bossaso port statistics released this week indicate that livestock export volumes decreased by -8.8% compared to December 2020 also, decreased compared with the same period last year by approximately the same margin (-8.4%). In addition, total food imports of January 2021 increased by 116% compared to last month and by 58.2% compared with the same period last year.
- In Bossaso, white sorghum prices increased by 12% compared with last week. According to traders, this is due to low supply.
- In Bossaso, vegetables prices sustained as last week, except tomatoes that decreased by 20% due to improved supply locally. In addition, fruits such mango, watermelon, and orange increased slightly by 5%. This is due to shortage in supply from Southern and central production regions.
- Camel milk prices remained the same compared to last week at \$1.3 per litre. However, goat milk prices increased by 10% due to low supply related to seasonality.
- Prices of the livestock at the local markets remained the same as last week and are normal due to steady supply. This is due to dry period, pastoralists are selling more livestock to cover the extra costs from water, migration, and food.
- In Bossaso, fuel price increased by 15% compared to last week.
- Somali Shilling acceptability is low despite Authorities effort to convince traders, most transactions are done using USDs in the main markets.

South West

- In Xudur, prices of both local cereals and imported food items are decreasing compared to last week but remain high. This is attributed to arrival of vehicles carrying food and non-food items from Elberde. Local cereals decreased by (-8% to -20%) and imported food items decreased by (-18% to -25%). In addition, fuel prices (diesel and petrol) decreased by -23% per litre.
- In Rabdhure, prices of local cereals, imported food items and fuel are the same as last week but high. In Qansaxdhere, scarcity of local and imported food items continues in the market due to blockades by insurgents (A.S). Both local cereals and imported food items increased minimally (<6%) compared to last week, camel milk prices are high at \$2.0 per litre. In addition, fuel prices (diesel and petrol) remain the same as last week at \$2.0 per litre.
- In Wajid, prices of local cereals, imported food items and fuel are the same compared with last week. However, prices of fuel (diesel and petrol) are very expensive at \$2.7 and \$2.8 respectively per litre.
- In Diinsor town, the supply corridors into the market remained closed due to blockage of key corridors by militia (A.S) leading to scarcity of fresh produce in the market. Merchants have opted to airlift commodities from Mogadishu to ensure business continuity.
- In Baidoa market, there was steady supply of commodities from catchment markets. However, prices of some commodities increased due to supply-demand imbalance. For instance, 25 Kg bags of rice, sugar and wheat flour prices increased from \$15 to \$19 (27%), \$17 to \$19 (12%) and \$14 to \$18 (29%) respectively.

Somaliland

- Light rains reported in pockets of Awdal region along the coast and Berbera district, all roads are accessible and transport services are normal. In addition, port operations in Berbera are ongoing smoothly.
- Cross border between Ethiopia and Somaliland is normal, supply of fruits, vegetables, khat is ongoing, and prices remain the same for eight weeks in a row except slight price changes of carrots that decreased compared to last week. For instance, in Hargeisa, prices of onions, garlic potatoes, and tomatoes remained the same at 6,800 SL SH, 8,800 SL SH, 5,200 SL SH, 6,000 SL SH, and 7,300 SL SH respectively. Carrots decreased from 5,200 SL SH to 5,000 SL SH per Kg. In addition, there are very few watermelons in Hargeisa markets.
- Fuel prices remain the same for two weeks in a row in most markets and are low. For instance in Hargeisa, diesel is currently trading at 4,800 SL SH and petrol 5,500 SL SH per litre.
- Local cereals prices (white maize, red and white sorghum) remained the same for three weeks in a row throughout Somaliland. For instance in Hargeisa, white maize, red and white sorghum remained the same at 4,500 SL SH, 3,600 SL SH and 5,500 SL SH respectively per Kg.
- In Hargeisa, livestock prices remain the same for eight weeks in a row. For instance, camel export quality and local goat quality are trading at \$695 and \$77 respectively per head. Camel and goat meat prices remain the same for six weeks in a row.
- In most markets in Somaliland, camel milk prices slightly decreased compared with last week. For instance in Hargeisa, price of camel milk decreased and is fluctuating between 13,300 and 14,500 SL SH per litre.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same in most markets compared to last week. For instance, Hargeisa exchange rate has remained at 8,400 SL SH per USD.

Jubaland

- In Kismayo, the price of diesel remain the same for two weeks in a row but high due to shortage arising from limited number of vessels coming to Kismayo port. Diesel is currently trading at \$125 per (200) litre tank.
- The cross border trade activities between Kenya and Somalia stopped in BeletHawo and Mandera border due to tension.
- In Gedo, the price of goat meat remain high as last week in most of the markets due to poor body conditions of animals and low availability of saleable animals.
- Camel milk price remain high as last week due to livestock migration and increase in fodder prices in the Riverine zones of Gedo
- Water availability is low in Gedo and Lower Juba regions and prices are likely to increase soon.
- In Doolow market, prices of key commodities reduced due to steady and sufficient supply from the source markets. For instance, wholesale prices of rice, sugar and vegetable oil reduced by (-4% to -14%).
- In Garbaharey market, prices of imported food items such as rice, wheat flour and pasta remained stable due to sufficient supply from catchment markets.

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