

Tajikistan Market Situation Update, # 15

12-16 April 2021

Highlights

- Food commodities were available in all monitored food markets during the reporting period.
- Compared to the previous week, the prices of some of the monitored food commodities have increased during the reporting period, most notably for vegetable and cotton oils by **2-19 percent** and onion by **4-33 percent**.
- The prices also increased marginally for **petrol and diesel (1-10 percent)** compared to last week due to the high import prices from the exporting countries.
- Compared to March 2021, some commodities' prices increased in most monitored markets in the current reporting period of 12-16 April. This includes **vegetable and cotton oils (4-42 percent)**, **beef, mutton and chicken (1-17 percent)**, **potatoes (5-7 percent)**, **carrots (9-50 percent)**, **petrol and diesel (2-11 percent)**. The reasons for price inflation for most of these commodities that are imported are the depreciation of Tajik somoni against USD and increased cost of import from countries such as Kazakhstan and Russia.

Wheat flour (first grade)	Rice	Potatoes	Onion	Vegetable & Cotton Oil
<p>Prices for wheat flour (first grade) remained stable in most monitored markets, while increased in Khorog by 2 percent and decreased in Bokhtar by the same compared to previous week.</p> <p>Comparing the current reporting period to the monthly average of March 2021, prices for wheat flour increased in Khorog, Isfara and Murghab in the range of 0.4 - 2 percent. In all other monitored markets, prices remained stable.</p>	<p>Compared to previous week, rice prices increased in Khujand and Bokhtar markets by 5 percent and decreased in Gharm market by 4 percent, while prices remained stable in all other monitored markets.</p> <p>Compared to March 2021 monthly average, prices for rice increased in Khujand, Kulob and Bokhtar markets in the range of 1-4 percent, while its prices in the remaining monitored markets stayed stable.</p>	<p>Potatoes prices decreased in Isfara market by 2 percent and increase was reported in Bokhtar and Istaravshan markets by the range of 2-4 percent, while remained stable in all other monitored markets, compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to monthly average of March 2021, prices for potatoes increased in Bokhtar and Murghab markets in the range of 5-7 percent, while its price decreased in Khujand, Isfara and Kulob markets in the range of 1-13 percent. In all other monitored markets, prices remained stable.</p>	<p>Onion prices increased in most monitored markets in the range of 4-33 percent, while remained stable in Khorog, Murghab and Isfara markets compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to the monthly average of March 2021, prices for onions decreased in most monitoring markets in the range of 2-42 percent. Prices for this commodity increased in Gharm and Bokhtar markets in the range of 4-5 percent, while prices in Khorog and Dushanbe markets remained stable.</p>	<p>Compared to previous week, prices for vegetable oil increased in most monitored markets in the range of 4-18 percent, while price for this commodity remained stable in Khorog, and Murghab markets. Prices for cotton oil increased in most monitored markets in the range of 2-19 percent, while price for this commodity remained stable in Khorog market.</p> <p>Compared to the monthly average of March 2021, prices for both commodities increased in all monitored markets in the range of 4 - 42 percent.</p>
Milk & Eggs	Meat Beef & Mutton	Petrol & Diesel	<h2>ESSENTIAL FOOD COMMODITIES PRICE CHANGE TREND</h2>  <p>This graph analyses the average aggregate change of prices for ten food commodities in the nine monitored markets, comparing the reporting weeks against the previous weeks and monthly average prices of March 2021. The food commodities included here are wheat flour (first grade), potatoes, onion, milk, eggs, vegetable and cotton oil, beef, mutton and rice.</p>	
<p>Prices for milk remained stable in all monitored markets. Prices for eggs increased in Isfara by 18 percent, while remained stable in all other monitored markets compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to the March 2021 monthly average, prices for milk remained stable in most monitored markets, while increased by 5-15 percent in Khujand Murghab and Istaravshan markets. Prices for eggs increased in Khorog, Murghab and Istaravshan markets in the range of 3-25 percent. Decrease for this commodity was reported in Bokhtar, Dushanbe, Isfara and Kulob markets in the range of 5-11 percent, while remaining stable in the rest of the monitored markets.</p>	<p>Compared to the previous week, prices for mutton remained stable in most monitored markets, while price for these commodities increased in Gharm, Isfara, Istaravshan and Kulob in the range of 6-9 percent. Price for beef increased in most monitored markets in the range of 2-10 percent, while remained stable in Khorog market.</p> <p>Compared to March 2021 monthly average, prices increased for both commodities in most monitored markets in the range of 1-17 percent and decreased in Dushanbe by 2 and 3 percent, while remaining stable in all other monitored markets.</p>	<p>Increase in prices for petrol was reported in Khorog and Istaravshan markets in the range of 1-2 percent, while decrease for this commodity was reported in Khujand, Murghab and Kulob markets in the range of 1-9 percent and remained stable in all other monitored markets. Prices for diesel increased in Khujand, Bokhtar, Murghab, Kulob and Istaravshan in the range of 1-10 percent. Prices for this commodity remained stable in the rest of the monitored markets compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to March 2021 monthly average, prices for both commodities increased in all monitored markets in the range of 2-11 percent.</p>		

WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

Commodity	Khujand, Sughd			Bokhtar, Khatlon			Gharm, DRS			Dushanbe			Khorog, GBAO			Murghab, GBAO		
	Current price in TJS	% Change compared to last week	% Change compared to last month	Current price in TJS	% Change compared to last week	% Change compared to last month	Current price in TJS	% Change compared to last week	% Change compared to last month	Current price in TJS	% Change compared to last week	% Change compared to last month	Current price in TJS	% Change compared to last week	% Change compared to last month	Current price in TJS	% Change compared to last week	% Change compared to last month
Meat -mutton (1kg)	70	0	10.1	70	0	16.7	60	9.1	16.3	60	0	-3.2	49	0	0.8	46	0	1.3
Meat-beef (1kg)	59	7.3	17.1	60	3.4	10.7	60	9.1	16.3	55	10	-2.1	49	0	1.7	46	2.2	3.6
Chicken (1kg)	28	7.7	14.3	31	4.5	6.9	35	0	0	26	0	13	31	6.2	0	32	0	0
Vegetable oil (1L)	25	8.7	23.2	23.7	9.5	12	22	10	17	23	7	9.5	23	0	6.5	25	0	4.2
Cotton Oil (1L)	23	2.2	22.5	22.6	13.2	14.1	21	10.5	18	21.5	13.2	13.2	20	0	7.5	24	4.3	7.1
Potatoes (1kg)	4.5	0	-4.7	4.7	3.6	5	5	0	0	4.4	0	0	6	0	0	8.5	0	6.7
Cabbage (1kg)	2.5	0	13.6	2	0	-13	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	6	-7.7	-2.6
Carrots (1kg)	3.3	10	24.1	3.3	0	10.7	4	21.2	50.4	3.5	16.7	45.8	4	0	9.3	7	0	0
Onion (1kg)	1.5	7.1	-6.3	2	14.3	5.3	2.5	4.2	4.2	1.7	6.2	0	3	0	0	5	0	-7.4
Milk (1L)	4.5	0	15.4	4	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	11.1
Eggs (10 pcs)	11	0	0	10.9	0	-6.3	12	0	0	11	0	-5.2	13	0	5.5	15	0	3.4
Sugar (1kg)	10	5.3	1	10	5.3	0	9.5	0	4.4	9.8	0	-1.2	10	0	0	13	0	0
Tea black (1kg)	43	0	0	50	0	16.3	33	0	3.1	38	0	0	31	0	0	41	2.5	-1
Tea green (1kg)	45	0	0	45	-1.3	0.2	35	0	0	38	0	0	29	0	-0.7	38	0	-11.6
Rice (1kg)	11.5	4.5	3.6	14	5	1	13	-3.7	0	13	0	0	11.5	0	0	21	0	0
Wheat flour first grade (1kg)	5	0	0	4.8	-2	0	4.8	0	0	4.9	0	0	5.3	1.9	1.9	5.9	0	1.7
Salt (1kg)	1	0	0	1	0	0	1.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	1.5	0	0	6	0	15.4
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	2.5	0	0	2.5	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	6	9.1	20
Dried green peas (mosh 1kg)	15	0	7.1	16.5	0	7.8	15	0	1.4	15	0	0	15	0	0	18.5	0	0.7
Haricot bean(lobiyo 1kg)	18	-10	11.1	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	17	0	0	23	0	-0.9
Chick peas(nakhud 1kg)	18	-5.3	-5.3	15.6	4	7.6	17	0	0	10	0	0	17.5	0	0	15	0	0
Petrol (1L)	8.7	-1.1	5.8	9	0	6.1	9.6	0	7.1	8.7	0	9	9.4	1.1	5.9	10	-9.1	8.7
Diesel (1L)	8.2	5.4	5.4	7.8	2.6	2.6	9.2	0	9.3	8.5	0	8.1	8	0	2.4	11	10	11
Skilled labour (1 day)	100	0	0	100	0	0	35	0	3.6	70	0	0	100	0	-5.7	no	N/A	N/A
Unskilled labour (1 day)	60	0	0	50	0	-3.8	27	0	12.5	60	0	0	90	0	0	40	0	0
Anti-bacterial wipes (1 pkt)	1.3	0	0	1.5	0	0	1.5	0	0	4	0	0	2.3	0	-8	4	0	0
Face masks (1 pc)	2	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	7.1	2	0	0	1.5	0	-11.8	4	0	0
Hand sanitizer (1 bottle)	20	0	0	no	N/A	N/A	20	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0
Soap (1 bar)	4	0	N/A	3.3	0	-14.5	5	0	0	3.3	0	0	6	0	N/A	7	0	0



About the Market Update

WFP Tajikistan has been monitoring commodity 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 population of the country.

During the height of the global pandemic (March to August 2020), prices were collected twice per week and reported weekly. As prices stabilized (August - September 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.