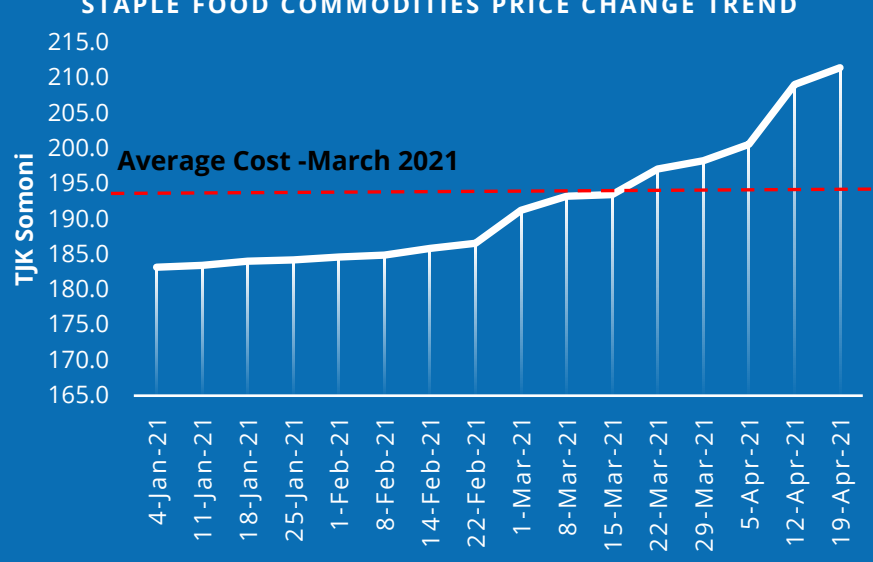


Tajikistan Market Situation Update, # 16

19-23 April 2021

Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available in all monitored food markets during the reporting period.
- Compared to the previous week, the prices of some monitored food commodities increased during the reporting period, most notably for vegetable and cotton oils by **2-20 percent**, carrots by **14-52 percent** and cabbage by **4-50 percent**.
- The prices for petrol and diesel remained stable compared to last week while they increased by 2-21 percent compared to last month.
- Compared to March 2021, some food commodities' prices increased in most monitored markets in the current reporting period of 19-23 April. This includes **vegetable and cotton oils (4-39 percent)**, **beef, mutton and chicken (1-17 percent)**, **potatoes (2-20 percent)**, **carrots (9-75 percent)**.

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 Bokhtar by 2 percent 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, Bokhtar, 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 market by 5 percent and decreased in Bokhtar market by 3 percent, while prices remained stable in all other monitored markets.</p> <p>Compared to March 2021 monthly average, prices for rice increased in most monitored markets in the range of 2-4 percent and decreased in Bokhtar market by 3 percent, while its prices in the remaining monitored markets stayed stable.</p>	<p>Potatoes prices increased in most monitored markets in the range of 2-11 percent and price for this commodity remained stable in Khorog, Gharm and Murghab markets compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to monthly average of March 2021, prices for potatoes increased in most monitored markets in the range of 2-20 percent, while its price remained stable in Khorog, and Gharm.</p>	<p>Onion prices increased in Khujand and Kulob markets in the range of 5-7 percent., while decreased in Dushanbe, Murghab and isfara markets in the range of 12-30 percent and remained stable in all other monitored 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 6-60 percent. Prices for this commodity increased in Gharm, Kulob and Bokhtar markets in the range of 3-5 percent, while prices in other monitored markets remained stable.</p>	<p>Compared to previous week, prices for both commodities increased in most monitored markets in the range of 2-20 percent, while price for these commodities decreased in Bokhtar and Istaravshan in the range of 2-5 percent and remained stable in Dushanbe, Kulob and Murghab markets.</p> <p>Compared to the monthly average of March 2021, prices for both commodities increased in all monitored markets in the range of 4 - 39 percent.</p>																																		
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<p>Prices for milk increased in most monitored markets in the range of 3-30 percent, while remained stable in Khorog, Khujand, Gharm and Isfara markets. Prices for eggs increased in most monitored markets in the range of 9-20 percent, while in Khorog, Dushanbe, Murghb and Istaravshan markets prices remained stable, compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to the March 2021 monthly average, prices for milk remained stable in Khorog, Gharm and Isfara markets, while increased by 6-30 percent in the remaining monitored markets. Prices for eggs increased in most monitored markets in the range of 3-25 percent. Decrease for this commodity was reported in Dushanbe market by 5 percent.</p>	<p>Compared to the previous week, prices for mutton remained stable in most monitored markets, while price for this commodity increased Dushanbe market by 2 percent and decreased in Kulob market by 3 percent. Price for beef increased in Khujand, Dushanbe and Kulob markets in the range of 2-6 percent, while decreased in Gharm market by 8 percent and stayed stable in the rest of the monitored markets.</p> <p>Compared to March 2021 monthly average, prices increased for beef and mutton in most monitored markets in the range of 1-17 percent and decreased in Dushanbe by 0.4 and 2 percent respectively.</p>	<p>Increase in prices for petrol was reported in Bokhtar and Isfara markets in the range of 1-10 percent, while decrease for this commodity was reported in Khujand by 3 percent and remained stable in all other monitored markets. Prices for diesel increased in Khujand market by 3 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 2-21 percent.</p>	 <table border="1"><caption>Approximate data points from the price change trend graph</caption><thead><tr><th>Date</th><th>TJK Somoni (Approx.)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>4-Jan-21</td><td>185.0</td></tr><tr><td>11-Jan-21</td><td>186.0</td></tr><tr><td>18-Jan-21</td><td>187.0</td></tr><tr><td>25-Jan-21</td><td>188.0</td></tr><tr><td>1-Feb-21</td><td>189.0</td></tr><tr><td>8-Feb-21</td><td>190.0</td></tr><tr><td>14-Feb-21</td><td>191.0</td></tr><tr><td>22-Feb-21</td><td>192.0</td></tr><tr><td>1-Mar-21</td><td>193.0</td></tr><tr><td>8-Mar-21</td><td>194.0</td></tr><tr><td>15-Mar-21</td><td>195.0</td></tr><tr><td>22-Mar-21</td><td>196.0</td></tr><tr><td>29-Mar-21</td><td>197.0</td></tr><tr><td>5-Apr-21</td><td>198.0</td></tr><tr><td>12-Apr-21</td><td>205.0</td></tr><tr><td>19-Apr-21</td><td>210.0</td></tr></tbody></table>		Date	TJK Somoni (Approx.)	4-Jan-21	185.0	11-Jan-21	186.0	18-Jan-21	187.0	25-Jan-21	188.0	1-Feb-21	189.0	8-Feb-21	190.0	14-Feb-21	191.0	22-Feb-21	192.0	1-Mar-21	193.0	8-Mar-21	194.0	15-Mar-21	195.0	22-Mar-21	196.0	29-Mar-21	197.0	5-Apr-21	198.0	12-Apr-21	205.0	19-Apr-21	210.0
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<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>																																						

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	0	16.3	61	1.7	-1.6	49	0	0.8	46	0	1.3
Meat-beef (1kg)	58	5.5	15.1	60	0	10.7	55	-8.3	6.6	56	1.8	-0.4	49	0	1.7	46	0	3.6
Chicken (1kg)	28	7.7	14.3	33	6.5	13.8	35	0	0	26	0	13	34	16.4	9.7	35	9.4	9.4
Vegetable oil (1L)	24	4.3	18.2	22.6	-4.5	7	24	9.1	27.7	23	0	9.5	25	8.7	15.7	25	0	4.2
Cotton Oil (1L)	23	2.2	22.5	22.6	0	14.1	22	4.8	23.6	21.5	0	13.2	22.5	12.5	21	24	0	7.1
Potatoes (1kg)	5.5	22.2	16.5	5.3	14.4	20	5	0	0	4.8	9.1	9.1	6	0	0	8.5	0	6.7
Cabbage (1kg)	3	20	36.4	2.5	25	8.7	3	0	0	3	50	50	3.4	13.3	13.3	6	0	-2.6
Carrots (1kg)	3.3	10	24.1	5	51.5	67.8	4	0	50.4	4	14.3	66.7	4	0	9.3	8	14.3	14.3
Onion (1kg)	1.5	7.1	-6.3	2	0	5.3	2.5	0	4.2	1.5	-11.8	-11.8	3	0	0	4	-20	-25.9
Milk (1L)	4.5	0	15.4	4.3	7.5	7.5	5	0	0	6	20	20	6	0	0	7	16.7	29.6
Eggs (10 pcs)	12	9.1	9.1	12	10.1	3.2	13	8.3	8.3	11	0	-5.2	13	0	5.5	15	0	3.4
Sugar (1kg)	9.5	0	-4	10	0	0	9.5	0	4.4	9.8	0	-1.2	10	0	0	13	0	0
Tea black (1kg)	45	4.7	4.7	50	0	16.3	32	-3	0	38	0	0	31	0	0	41	0	-1
Tea green (1kg)	46	2.2	2.2	45.6	1.3	1.5	35	0	0	38	0	0	29	0	-0.7	40	5.3	-7
Rice (1kg)	11.5	4.5	3.6	13.5	-3.6	-2.6	13	0	0	13	0	0	11.5	0	0	21	0	0
Wheat flour first grade (1kg)	5	0	0	4.9	2.1	2.1	4.8	0	0	4.9	0	0	5.3	0	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	5	-16.7	0
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)	17	-15	4.9	16	0	0	16	0	0	16	0	0	17	0	0	23	0	-0.9
Chick peas(nakhud 1kg)	17	-10.5	-10.5	16.3	4.7	12.6	17	0	0	10	0	0	17.5	0	0	15	0	0
Petrol (1L)	8.5	-3.4	3.4	9	10.1	6.1	9.6	0	7.1	8.7	0	9	9.4	0	5.9	10	0	8.7
Diesel (1L)	8	2.8	2.8	7.8	0	2.6	9	0	6.9	8.5	0	8.1	8	0	2.4	11	0	11
Skilled labour (1 day)	100	0	0	100	0	0	40	14.3	18.3	70	0	0	100	0	-5.7	no	N/A	N/A
Unskilled labour (1 day)	60	0	0	90	80	73.1	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	20	3.3	0	-14.5	5	0	0	3.3	0	0	6	0	20	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.