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Highlights

The national average price of WFP's standard reference food basket decreased by five percent between April and May 2021, reaching SYP 167,842 (USD 67 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/USD).

o In May 2021, the informal exchange rate continued to strengthen, appreciating by one percent. As a result, the price of many key food items continued to decrease. The price of vegetable oil and sugar decreased by 29 and eight percent, respectively, from April and May 2021.

 However, the price of meat products increased in May 2021 mainly as a result of increased feed prices. Between April and May 2021, the price of minced beef, chicken legs and whole clean chicken increased by three, five and 13 percent, respectively.

o Between April and May 2021, the price of all monitored COVID-19 items increased. Plastic gloves recorded the highest increase (26 percent), while alcohol spray recorded the lowest increase (three percent).

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Standard Food Basket

The national average price of a standard reference food basket¹ decreased by five percent from April to May 2021, reaching SYP 167,842. Nevertheless, it remained 69 percent higher than in November 2020 (six months ago) and 197 percent higher compared to May 2020 (Figure 1). This is the second consecutive month-on-month (m-o-m) decrease in the price of the reference food basket since August 2020. This decrease is linked to the continued improvement in the informal exchange rate and the decrease in the price of informal diesel between April and May 2021.

M-o-m, 12 governorates recorded a decreasing average reference food basket price in May 2021. The highest m-o-m decrease of eight percent was reported in Aleppo, Dar'a and Deir-ez-Zor, where the cost of the food basket reached SYP 161,976, SYP 167,101 and SYP 153,980, respectively. The lowest m-o-m decrease of one percent was reported in Homs at SYP 167,922. The lowest reference food basket price remained Al-Hasakeh (SYP 119,466, down seven percent m-om) due to the cheaper price of bread.

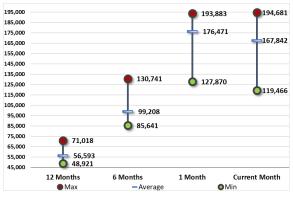
Year-on-year (y-o-y), the price of the reference food basket has significantly increased across all 14 governorates. Quneitra recorded the highest increase (up 249 percent), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest increase (up 90 percent).

The gap between the highest and lowest average food basket prices widened by 14 percent from SYP 66,103 in April 2021 to SYP 75,216 in May 2021 and by 240 percent since May 2020 (Chart 1). This gap highlights continued supply chain and fuel disruptions across the country since last year.

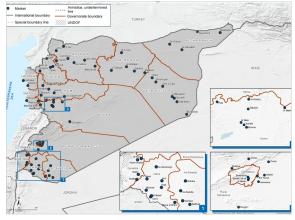
Figure 1: Food basket cost and changes, SYP

Governorate	Price	May 2021	1 month change	6 months changes	12 months changes
Aleppo	SYP	161,976	-8%	60	% 214%
Damascus	SYP	173,575	-4%	88	% 205%
Dar'a	SYP	167,101	-8%	70	% 173%
Deir-ez-Zor	SYP	153,980	-8%	80	% 215%
Hama	SYP	158,262	-7%	67	% 19 <mark>4%</mark>
Al-Hasakeh	SYP	119,466	-7%	30	% 90%
Homs	SYP	167,922	-1%	76	% <u>211</u> %
Idleb	SYP	173,952	-5%	33	% 145%
Lattakia	SYP	186,250	0%	76	% 234 <mark>%</mark>
Ar-Raqqa	SYP	175,604	-7%	86	% 1 82%
Rural Damascus	SYP	168,721	-7%	82	% <u>212</u> %
As-Sweida	SYP	174,963	-4%	83	% 225%
Tartous	SYP	194,681	0%	81	% 246%
Quneitra	SYP	173,333	-3%	70	% 249%
Average	SYP	167,842	-5%	69	% 197%

Chart 1: National min., max. and average food basket cost, SYP



Map 1: Location of markets monitored by WFP



1. The standard food basket is a group of essential food commodities. In Syria, the food basket is set at a group of dry goods

providing 2,060 kcal a day for a family of five during a month. The basket includes 37 kg bread, 19 kg rice, 19 kg lentils, 5 kg of sugar, and 7 litres of vegetable oil.

<u>Legend on regions of analysis:</u> 'Northwest'=Aleppo; 'Cross-border'=Idleb & Aleppo [A'zaz, Atarib & Afrin]; 'Coastal'=Lattakia & Tartous; 'Northeast'=Ar-Raqqa, Al-Hasakeh & Deir-ez-Zor; 'Middle'=Damascus, Rural Damascus, Hama, Homs and Idleb [Senjar]; 'South'=Dar'a, As-Sweida & Quneitra.

The rise in meat prices

Overview

Between April and May 2021, the price of chicken and beef increased as a result of a number of factors. The high price of chicken in particular is linked to the high cost of inputs, especially feed, as explained by Osama Daboul, the Vice-Chairman of the Poultry Breeders Committee in Tartous. Daboul explained that "the poultry sector, including meat and eggs, is going through a tragic and catastrophic situation, and if this situation continues without solutions, the sector may collapse." Daboul further explained that as per a recent decision 50 percent of the traders' imports must be delivered to the feed corporation. As a result feed prices have increased reaching SYP 1.2 million/MT for corn and SYP 2.3 million/MT for soybeans. Combined, these inputs constitute 80 percent of the feed mix². It is important to note that the import of goods into Syria, feed included, is heavily influenced by Syria's fluctuating informal exchange rate, which causes imported products to be priced higher in Syrian pounds.

Moreover, the demand for red meat has decreased due to high prices. Syrian households have started buying red meat in ounces instead of kilos as a coping mechanism due to their reduced purchasing power. Red meat traders complained that sales have decreased. Additionally, the higher price of fuel needed for refrigerators and freezers also contributed to the increased price of meat³.

Meat prices

M-o-m, the national average price of minced beef increased by three percent, reaching SYP 19,829/kg. Lattakia recorded the highest price at SYP 24,720/kg (up six percent m-o-m), while Ar-Raqqa recorded the lowest price at SYP 15,500/kg (up seven percent m-o-m).

Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest price at SYP 24,710/kg (up eight percent m-o-m), followed by the middle region at SYP 21,000/kg (up one percent m-o-m). While northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 16,790 (up ten percent m-o-m), followed by the cross-border region at SYP 17,917/kg (up eight percent m-o-m).

Moreover, m-o-m, the national average price of a whole clean chicken increased by 13 percent, reaching SYP 7,643/kg. Dar'a recorded the highest price at SYP 8,452/kg (up 17 percent m-o-m), while Ar-Raqqa recorded the lowest price at SYP 6,007/kg (up two percent m-o-m).

Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest price at SYP 8,355/kg (up 33 percent m-o-m), followed by the southern region at SYP 8,304 (up 15 percent m-o-m). While the cross-border region recorded the lowest price at SYP 6,414/kg (up 14 percent m-o-m), followed by northeast Syria at SYP 6,834/kg (up 14 percent m-o-m).

Additionally, the national average price of chicken legs increased by five percent m-o-m reaching SYP 7,762/kg. Dar'a recorded the highest price at SYP 9,184/kg (up 16 percent m-o-m), while Ar-Raqqa recorded the lowest price at SYP 5,818/kg (down ten percent m-o-m).

Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest price at SYP 8,422/kg (up 15 percent m-o-m), followed by the southern region at SYP 8,304/ kg (up 13 percent m-o-m). While the cross-border region recorded the lowest price at SYP 6,362/kg (up 14 percent m-o-m), followed by northwest Syria at SYP 6,968/ kg (up ten percent m-o-m).

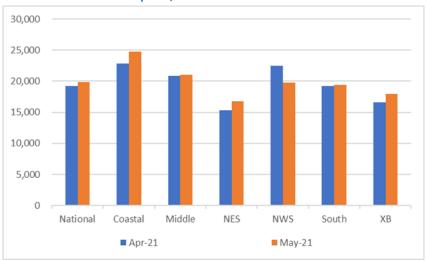


Chart 2: Retail minced beef prices, SYP

Source: WFP Field Offices

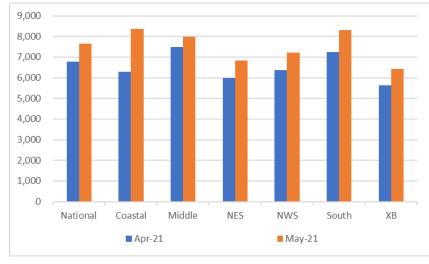


Chart 3: Retail whole chicken prices, SYP

Source: WFP Field Offices

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Staple cereals retail prices

Wheat Flour

M-o-m, the national average retail price of wheat flour throughout Syria remained unchanged in May 2021 at SYP 1,931/kg, while y-o-y the wheat flour price increased by 200 percent. Lattakia recorded the highest wheat flour price at SYP 2,337/kg (up 21 percent m-o-m), while Idleb recorded the lowest average price of SYP 1,460/kg (up 0.5 percent m-o-m).

Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest retail price at SYP 2,316/kg (up 11 percent m-o-m), followed by northwest Syria at SYP 2,075/ kg (down 12 percent m-o-m). While the cross-border region recorded the lowest retail price at SYP 1,393/kg (unchanged m-o-m), followed by northeast Syria at SYP 1,759/kg (up one percent m-o-m) - Chart 4.

Rice

M-o-m, the national average retail price of Egyptian white rice decreased by eight percent reaching SYP 2,487/kg in May 2021, while the price of Egyptian white rice increased by 144 percent y-o-y. Quneitra recorded the highest price at SYP 2,905/kg (down six percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 1,996/kg (down seven percent m-o-m).

M-o-m, the coastal region recorded the highest price at SYP 2,791/kg (unchanged m-o-m), followed by the southern region at SYP 2,735/kg (down seven percent m-o-m). On the other hand, northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 2,222/kg (down 13 percent m-o-m), followed by northwest Syria at SYP 2,370/kg (down 12 percent m-o-m) - Chart 5.

Bulgur

M-o-m, the national average retail price of bulgur decreased by four percent Chart 6: Retail Prices of Bulgur, SYP reaching SYP 1,984/kg in May 2021, yet the price of bulgur increased by 135 percent y-o-y. As-Swieda recorded the highest bulgur retail price at SYP 2,500/ kg (unchanged m-o-m), while Idleb recorded the lowest price at SYP 1,503/kg (up one percent m-o-m).

The coastal region recorded the highest average bulgur price by region at SYP 2,209/kg (down three percent m-o-m), followed by the southern region at SYP 2,150/kg (down five percent m-o-m). The cross-border region recorded the lowest average bulgur price at SYP 1,446/kg (down two percent m-o-m), followed by northeast Syria at SYP 1,753/kg (down four percent m-o-m) - Chart 6.

Bread*

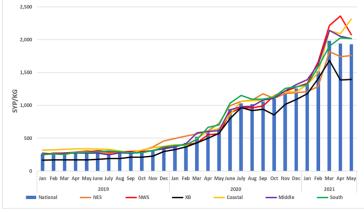
The national average price of subsidized bread in May 2021 reached SYP 129/ bundle (up seven percent m-o-m and 142 percent y-o-y). The increase is due to Chart 7: Retail Prices of commercial bread, SYP the higher fees charged by agents because of the increased transport cost.

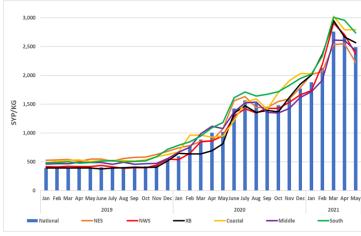
Moreover, the price of commercial bread increased by six percent m-o-m and by 129 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 1,687/bundle. As-Sweida recorded the highest commercial bread price of SYP 2,183/bundle (down eight percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price of SYP 1,013/bundle (down 27 percent mo-m).

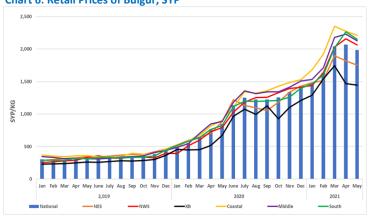
Broken down by regions, the southern region recorded the highest price of SYP 2,033/bundle (down three percent m-o-m), followed by northwest Syria at SYP 2,000/bundle (down seven percent m-o-m). While northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 1,210/bundle (down 19 percent m-o-m), followed by the cross-border region at SYP 1,456/bundle (down one percent m-o-m).

Chart 4: Retail Prices of Wheat Flour, SYP

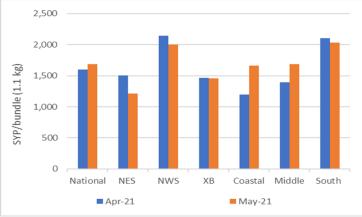
Chart 5: Retail Prices of Rice, SYP











Source: WFP Field Offices

*Starting from March 2021, WFP-monitored commercial bread has been switched from resold public bread bundles to commercial bread sold at shops. Prices for the past year have been adjusted to include commercial bread resold from shops. Moreover, all prices have been adjusted to reflect bread bundle size of 1.1 kg instead of 1.3 kg since November 2020.

Exchange rate**

In May 2021, the informal exchange rate strengthened m-o-m, and the Syrian pound gained one percent of its value reaching SYP 3,113/USD. However, compared to one year ago, the Syrian pound significantly depreciated by 49 percent.

The highest informal exchange rate was reported in Damascus at SYP 3,145/ USD (appreciated by one percent m-o-m), followed by Rural Damascus at SYP 3,139/USD (unchanged m-o-m). While, the lowest rate was reported in Dar'a at SYP 3,086/USD (appreciated by one percent m-o-m), followed by Al -Hasakeh at SYP 3,093/USD (unchanged m-o-m).

Moreover, the official exchange rate and the UN operational rate have both remained unchanged m-o-m, at SYP 2,500/USD.

Diesel

In May 2021, the formal national average price of diesel increased by one percent m-o-m, reaching SYP 176/litre due to added fees at the fueling stations.

Moreover, the informal national average price of transport diesel significantly decreased by 21 percent since April 2021; nevertheless, it increased by 326 percent since May 2020, reaching SYP 1,782/litre. The informal price remains nine times higher than the official price (SYP 176/litre) - Chart 8. As -Sweida recorded the highest informal price at SYP 2,360/litre (down 19 percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 235/ litre (up three percent m-o-m).

Broken down by regions, the cross-border region recorded the highest informal diesel price at SYP 2,199/litre (down five percent m-o-m), while northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 787/litre (up two percent m-o-m).

Moreover, the informal national average price of heating diesel also decreased by 29 percent m-o-m. Broken down by regions, northwest Syria recorded the highest price at SYP 1,900/litre (down 37 percent m-o-m), while northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 917/litre (down 27 percent m-o-m).

Butane gas prices

In May 2021, the official butane gas cylinder price (25,000 L) remained unchanged m-o-m at SYP 4,079/refill. However, compared to May 2020, the price increased by 43 percent.

Moreover, the informal national average price of one butane gas cylinder (25,000 L) decreased by five percent m-o-m reaching SYP 27,234/refill in May 2021. Nevertheless, compared to May 2020, the price increased by 99 percent. Aleppo recorded the highest price at SYP 35,448/refill (up three percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 10,802 (down five percent m-o-m).

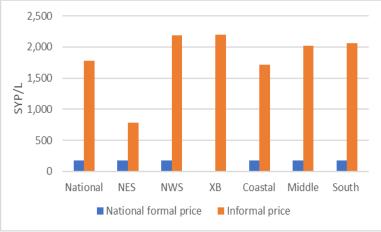
Broken down by regions, northwest Syria recorded the highest informal refill price at SYP 38,281/refill (up nine percent m-o-m), followed by the cross-border region at SYP 32,418/refill (down five percent m-o-m). While northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 21,523/refill (up three percent m-o-m), followed by the middle region at SYP 24,839/refill (down 17 percent m-o-m).

Table 1: Informal market exchange rate, 1 USD to SYP

Governorate	May 2021	% change (m-o-m)	% change (y-o-y)		
Aleppo	3,099	2%	-49%		
Al-Hasakeh	3,093	0%	-47%		
Ar-Raqqa	3,114	0%	-48%		
As-Sweida	3,115	1%	-50%		
Damascus	3,145	1%	-49%		
Dar'a	3,086	1%	-50%		
Deir-ez-Zor	3,138	1%	-48%		
Hama	3,111	2%	-47%		
Homs	3,111	2%	-47%		
Idleb	3,098	0%	-49%		
Lattakia	3,109	2%	-49%		
Quneitra	3,110	0%	-51%		
Rural Damascus	3,139	0%	-49%		
Tartous	3,109	2%	-49%		
National average	3,113	1%	-49%		
Official rate	2,500	0%	-72%		

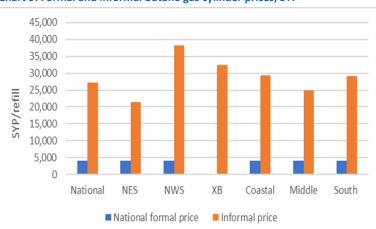
Source: WFP field offices

Chart 8: Formal and informal transport diesel prices, SYP*









**When measuring exchange rates, there are two quotations. The first is the direct quotation where the US dollar is the base of measuring the change in exchange rate against the local currency. The second one is the indirect quotation where the local currency is the base of measuring the change in the exchange rate against the US dollar. The change in the exchange rate used below reflects the indirect quotation (measuring how much has the Syrian pound improved (appreciated) or worsened (depreciated) against the US dollar).

***No formal prices have been reported in the cross-border region as there is no subsidized diesel or butane gas in the region.

Terms of Trade (ToT)⁴

ToT between wage labour and wheat flour

The national average non-skilled labour wage, representing construction, offloading and agricultural labour, was at SYP 6,427/day (up four percent m-om) in May 2021. Moreover, the wage rate was 102 percent above its y-o-y level and 39 percent above levels recorded in November 2020 - Chart 10.

Damascus recorded the highest daily wage rate at SYP 8,708/day (up two percent m-o-m), while Deir-ez-Zor recorded the lowest daily wage rate at SYP 3,905/day (up 13 percent m-o-m). Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest wage rate of SYP 8,400/day (up seven percent m-om), while northeast Syria recorded the lowest wage rate of SYP 5,026/day (up five percent m-o-m).

The national average ToT between wheat flour and wage labour, a proxy indicator for purchasing power, increased by four percent between April and May 2021, reaching 3.3 kgs of wheat flour/daily wage compared to 3.2 kgs of wheat flour in April 2021.

However, the national average ToT between wheat flour and wage labour decreased by 15 percent compared to November 2020 (six months ago) and by 33 percent compared to May 2020. In other words, the national average daily wage of a non-skilled labourer could buy 3.3 kgs of wheat flour in May 2021 compared to 3.9 kgs in November 2020, and 5.0 kgs in May 2020.

Broken down by regions, the cross-border region recorded the highest ToT at 5.1 kgs (down seven percent m-o-m), while northeast Syria and the southern region recorded the lowest ToT at 2.9 kgs (up four and two percent m-o-m, Chart 12: Price of livestock, SYP/one 2Y old sheep respectively).

ToT between sheep and wheat flour

The national average price of a two-year old alive male sheep decreased by six percent m-o-m; however, it increased by 82 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 505,759/sheep in May 2021 (Chart 12).

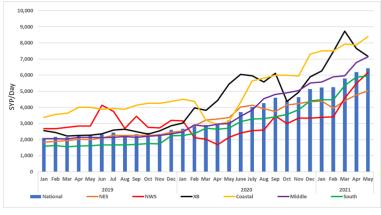
Homs recorded the highest price of a two-year old alive male sheep at SYP 594,405/head (down one percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 435,417/head (down ten percent m-o-m).

Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest average price across Syria at SYP 545,350/sheep (up 15 percent m-o-m), followed by the middle region at SYP 543,604/sheep (down eight percent m-o-m). The Chart 13: Terms of Trade (ToT) between wheat flour and the price of a northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 469,519/sheep (down nine 2 year old sheep percent m-o-m), followed by northwest Syria at SYP 475,885/sheep (down five percent m-o-m).

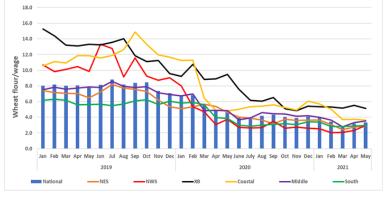
In May 2021, the ToT between an alive two-year old male sheep and wheat flour was 262 kg/sheep (down five percent m-o-m). This highlights a deterioration in the exchange for livestock owners who could buy on average five percent less wheat flour compared to a month earlier. Moreover, the ToT has worsened by 39 percent since May 2020.

Broken down by regions, the cross-border region recorded the highest ToT at 360 kg/sheep (up four percent m-o-m), followed by the middle region at 269 kg/sheep (down seven percent m-o-m). While northwest Syria region recorded the lowest ToT per region at 229 kg/sheep (up nine percent m-o-m), followed by the coastal region at 235 kg/sheep (up four percent m-o-m).

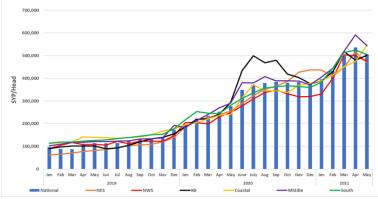
Chart 10: Daily wage for unskilled labour, SYP



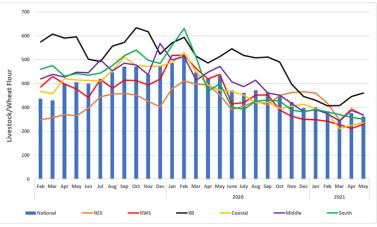












Source: WFF

4. The ToT are proxy indicators of the purchasing power of households that rely on livestock and/or casual labour as their main source of income for the purchase of cereals from local markets. ToT are important components of food security analysis. Changes in the terms of trade between wages/livestock and staple food commodities are indicative of the trends in purchasing power and the impact on the food security situation of households dependent on food purchases through income from daily wage labour and/or the sale of livestock

COVID-19 NFIs

Table 2: Prices of key COVID-19 items, week-on-week in May 2021, SYP

National average	Week 1 (SYP)	Week 2 (SYP)	Week 3 (SYP)	Week 4 (SYP)	% Change (May W4&W1)
Surgeon mask	348	349	348	757	118%
Gloves (pair)	517	561	537	942	82%
Alcohol spray (200 ml)	2,155	2,183	2,167	2,541	18%
Bleach bottle (L)	1,447	1,412	1,392	1,791	24%
Hand gel (50 ml)	1,106	1,096	1,126	1,511	37%
Soap bar	514	511	514	913	78%

The price of all monitored COVID-19 items increased between April and May 2021. M-o-m, the price of surgeon masks and plastic gloves increased by 20 and 26 percent, reaching SYP 451/mask and SYP 643/pair, respectively. M-o-m, the price of hand gel and soap bars increased by six and 13 percent, reaching SYP 1,211/50 ml and SYP 615/bar, respectively. Moreover, m-o-m, the price of alcohol spray and bleach increased by three and four percent reaching SYP 2,263/200 ml and SYP 1,512/litre, respectively.

Compared to November 2020 (six months ago), the price of surgeon masks and soap bars and plastic gloves increased by 33, 74 and 86 percent, respectively. Moreover, the price of hand gel, bleach and alcohol spray increased by 30, 37 and 40 percent.

Additionally, the price of all items increased in May 2021 compared to February 2020 (prior to the COVID-19 outbreak in Syria). The price of soap bars, surgeon masks and plastic gloves have increased by 312, 471 and 859 percent, respectively. Also, the price of bleach, hand gel and alcohol spray have increased by 263, 402 and 441 percent, respectively.

Key food items retail prices

Vegetable oil

M-o-m, the national average retail price of vegetable oil decreased by 29 percent throughout Syria, reaching SYP 5,408/litre. Nevertheless, it has increased by 42 percent since November 2020 (six months ago) and by 239 percent since May 2020.

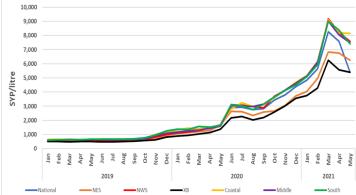
Lattakia recorded the highest vegetable oil price at SYP 8,206/litre (up one percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 5,153/litre (down five percent m-o-m).

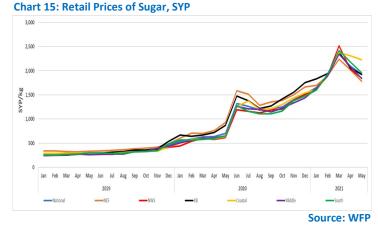
Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest price at SYP 8,139/litre (unchanged m-o-m), followed by northwest Syria at SYP 7,575/litre (down eight percent m-o-m). The cross-border region recorded the lowest price of vegetable oil at SYP 5,408/litre (down three percent m-o-m), followed by northeast Syria at SYP 6,249/litre (down seven percent m-o-m).

Table 3: Monthly price changes of key COVID-19 items, SYP

National average	Feb-20 (SYP)	May-21 (SYP)	% Change
Surgeon mask	79	451	471%
Gloves (pair)	67	643	859%
Alcohol spray (200 ml)	418	2,263	441%
Bleach bottle (L)	416	1,512	263%
Hand gel (50 ml)	241	1,211	402%
Soap bar	149	615	312%
			Source: WFP







Sugar

In May 2021, the national average retail price of sugar decreased by eight percent m-o-m, reaching SYP 1,922/kg. Nevertheless, the national average price has increased by 37 percent since November 2020 (six months ago) and by 173 percent since May 2020. Tartous recorded the highest sugar price at SYP 3,245/kg (down seven percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price of SYP 1,713/kg (down seven percent m-o-m).

Broken down by regions, the coastal region recorded the highest price of SYP 2,227/kg (down four percent m-o-m), followed by the southern region at SYP 1,952/kg (down 11 percent m-o-m). Conversely, northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 1,782/kg (down 12 percent m-o-m), followed by the middle region at SYP 1,841 /kg (down 12 percent m-o-m).

Table 4. Market Price of Main Commodities in Syrian Pounds: May 2021																	
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	Dar'a	131	-0.1	23	139	\downarrow	7	1		Dar'a	4,910	-15	28	103	\downarrow	- -	1
	Deir-ez-Zor	142	-15	42	49	4	1	\uparrow		Deir-ez-Zor	2,996	-	-2	18	\leftrightarrow	\downarrow	R
	Hama	135	35	35	219	Ť		<u>↑</u>		Hama	4,500	-19	11	104	\downarrow	R	<u>↑</u>
(1.1	Al-Hasakeh	100	-	-	136	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	1	(g)	Al-Hasakeh	4,028	0.1	36	121	7	1	1
blic	Homs	125	25	25	195		1		Dates (kg)	Homs	4,789	-13	19	116	↓	ر	<u>↑</u>
d Pu	Idleb* Lattakia	138 150	-63 50	50	- 136	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	Dat	Idleb Lattakia	4,030 6,740	-9 38	41 30	97 126	\downarrow	T T	<u> </u>
srea	Quneitra	130	1	46	245	R	1	1		Quneitra	3,777	-20	-2	63	+	\downarrow	1
	Ar-Raqqa	172	41	81	139	Ť	Ť	Ť		Ar-Raqqa	4,114	-4	24	83	4	7	Ϋ́
	Rural Damascus	101	1	1	88	7	7	\uparrow	1	Rural Damascus	4,750	-12	26	113	\checkmark	1	1
	As-Sweida	100	-	(-)	136	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	1		As-Sweida	5,948	-3	47	230	\downarrow	1	1
	Tartous	145	-3	40	99	4	<u>↑</u>	<u>↑</u>		Tartous	6,800	-3	62	157	4	<u>↑</u>	1
	Aleppo	1,666	-2	38	160	+	1	↑ ↑		Aleppo	2,143	-20	83	263	↓ ↓	1	1
	Damascus Dar'a	2,006	-7 -0.2	52 48	305 222	\downarrow \downarrow	Т •	1		Damascus Dar'a	2,261	-16 -22	208 116	562 385	\downarrow		
	Deir-ez-Zor	1,232	-4	NA	NA	¥ V	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	C	Deir-ez-Zor	1,097	-6	91	266	\downarrow	1	1
	Hama	1,400	75	27	155	Ť	1	1	ket,	Hama	1,695	-44	88	324	4	Ť	1
1.1	Al-Hasakeh	1,013	-27	10	84	\downarrow	7	1	mar	Al-Hasakeh	235	3	57	57	7	↑	↑
0	Homs	1,400	75	27	155	↑	1	1	Diesel (parallel market, L)	Homs	1,892	-37	110	373	4		<u>↑</u>
d Sh	Idleb	1,383	-2	22	124	4	7	1	oara	Idleb	2,215	-10	43	177	↓ ↓	1	1
Srea	Lattakia Quneitra	1,631 2,067	30 -4	NA 15	NA 15	↑ ↓	↔ ⊼	↔ 7	i) las	Lattakia Quneitra	1,685	-27 -25	95 122	285 431	\downarrow	1	1
	Ar-Raqqa	1,595	-4	NA	NA	 ↓	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	Dies	Ar-Raqqa	875	21	213	275	 	1	1
	Rural Damascus	2,033	-3	54	311	\downarrow	1	↑ 1		Rural Damascus	2,279	-5	255	473	\downarrow	1	\uparrow
	As-Sweida	2,183	-8	53	109	Ý	↑	\uparrow	3	As-Sweida	2,360	-19	166	484	4	1	↑
	Tartous	1,696	49	NA	NA	Ť	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow		Tartous	1,750	-24	278	367	\downarrow	Ť	<u>↑</u>
	Aleppo	1,804	-6	37	143	+	1	1	\$1)	Aleppo	3,099	2	-16	-49	<u>ح</u>	+	¥
	Damascus Dar'a	2,131 2,088	-12 -8	53 63	147 133	\downarrow	T	T	ket,	Damascus Dar'a	3,145 3,086	1	-15 -15	-49 -50	ת ת		*
	Dar a Deir-ez-Zor	2,088	-8	37	133	↓ ↓	1	1	US Dollar exchange rate (parallel market, \$1)	Dar a Deir-ez-Zor	3,086	1	-15	-50	<u>م</u>	4	Д
	Hama	1,973	-7	39	122	↓ ↓	\uparrow	Ť	le	Hama	3,138	2	-14	-48	7	¥	4
	Al-Hasakeh	1,789	-5	17	73	↓ ↓	7		Dara	Al-Hasakeh	3,093	0.4	-16	-47	R	\downarrow	\downarrow
Bulgur (kg)	Homs	2,267	7	58	156	R	1	<u>↑</u>	te (p	Homs	3,111	2	-14	-47	R	+	\downarrow
ulgu	Idleb	1,503	1	47	126	7	1	\uparrow	era	Idleb	3,098	0.4	-17	-49	7	+	+
1.000	Lattakia	2,344	6	61	161	7	1		ang	Lattakia	3,109	2	-14	-49	7	*	*
	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	1,925 1,873	-4	65 44	189 114	↓ 7	个 - 个	个 	exch	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	3,110 3,114	0 -0.2	-15 -17	-51 -48	R L	*	*
	Rural Damascus	2,121	-11	53	136	¥.	1	1	lar	Rural Damascus	3,139	-0.2	-16	-49	J.	Ť	<u> </u>
	As-Sweida	2,500	-	79	171	\leftrightarrow	1	↑	Do	As-Sweida	3,115	1	-16	-50	R	¥	4
	Tartous	2,075	-11	37	129	\downarrow	1	Ť	ns	Tartous	3,109	2	-14	-49	R	4	+
	Aleppo	35,448	3	67	184	7	1	1	2	Aleppo	6,331	1	24	271	7	R	Ť
*	Damascus	24,528	15	63	89	7	1			Damascus	6,981	-0.4	33	193	↓ ↓	1	1
	Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	31,993 22,304	-3 -7	-14 72	69 110	↓ ↓	↓ ↑	个 	3	Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	6,885	-2 -4	32	230 204	\downarrow	T T	T A
ž	Hama	24,625	-31	217	76	¥ ↓	1	1		Hama	6,880	1	38	204	7	1	1
E	Al-Hasakeh	10,802	-5	53	96	¥	<u>↑</u>	Ť	(uc	Al-Hasakeh	6,134	1	23	152	7	Л	 ↑
ralle	Homs	26,851	-25	247	92	\downarrow	1	\uparrow	Eggs (carton)	Homs	6,679	-2	34	216	\downarrow	\uparrow	1
ed).	Idleb	31,921	-3	38	217	\downarrow	1	1	gs (c	Idleb	6,151	-2	17	367	\downarrow	R	Ť
nder	Lattakia	29,200	-3	95	93	4	1	↑ ↑	B	Lattakia	6,865	4	26	194	7	1	1
>	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	28,422 34,583	16 24	142 198	225 398	רק רק	个 - 个	个 个	2	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	6,429 6,245	-1 -4	29 26	264 178	\downarrow		<u> 下 </u>
ane	Rural Damascus	22,977	-2	59	70	4	1	1		Rural Damascus	6,879	-3	30	198	*	1	1
But	As-Sweida	23,906	-3	39	98	¥	1	1		As-Sweida	7,419	-2	38	206	4	1	\uparrow
	Tartous	29,500	-6	124	93	\downarrow	1	1		Tartous	6,736	-1	30	190	\checkmark	1	1
	Aleppo	6,619	1	29	209	7	1	1	4	Aleppo	932	-39	49	97	+	1	1
	Damascus Dar'a	6,222	5	45	235	7	1	↑ ↑		Damascus Dar'a	679	-29	88	6	↓ ↓	Ť	
	Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	5,602 6,188	-2	23 31	233 171	\downarrow \downarrow	尺 个	1	1	Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	808 739	-31 -36	101 59	105 66	\downarrow	1	
	Hama	6,233	13	29	213	7	1	1		Hama	476	-47	-23	0	\downarrow	\downarrow	R
(g)	Al-Hasakeh	5,333	1	63	283	R	1		(kg)	Al-Hasakeh	2,156	6	262	294	R	Ť	Ϋ́
S.	Homs	5,629	2	16	183	R	R	↑	Eggplant (kg)	Homs	605	-33	-3	26	\downarrow	\downarrow	1
thee	Idleb	6,640	-1	26	253	4	↑ 7	Ť	dgg	Idleb	1,382	-31	33	95	↓ ↓	1	1
1270	Lattakia Quneitra	6,263 5,567	-2	4 24	100 184	7 ↓	ת ת	T	Щ	Lattakia Quneitra	878 794	-14 -24	51 112	46	\downarrow	T	↑ ↑
	Ar-Raqqa	5,567	-2	51	184	7	<u>∕</u>	1		Ar-Raqqa	1,158	-24	112	71	\downarrow	1	T T
	Rural Damascus	5,996	-1	54	251	4	1	\uparrow		Rural Damascus	661	-32	79	14	\downarrow	1	٦
	As-Sweida	7,433	-3	59	249	4	↑	<u>↑</u>		As-Sweida	857	-30	139	70	\downarrow		Ϋ́
	Tartous	6,334	10	34	131	R	1	\uparrow		Tartous	980	-15	76	138	\downarrow	1	↑
	Aleppo	1,990	-7	36	247	↓ ↓	1	1	3	Aleppo	2,014	-9	46	221	↓ ↓	1	1
	Damascus Dar'a	3,061 2,357	-2 -3	86 69	263 251	\downarrow	↑ ↑	T		Damascus Dar'a	2,611 2,656	-3 -4	54 57	228 346	\downarrow	T	T
	Dar a Deir-ez-Zor	1,251	-3	7	46	\downarrow	7	1	Eg	Dar a Deir-ez-Zor	2,656	-4	62	346	\downarrow	т •	1
	Hama	3,020	4	73	285	7	1	1	Fish (tuna, canned) - 160	Hama	2,200	-28	11	162	\downarrow	R	\uparrow
	Al-Hasakeh	1,701	-8	-3	67	\downarrow	\downarrow			Al-Hasakeh	2,146	-3	9	138	Ý	R	\uparrow
e	Homs	2,948	1	68	273	7	1	<u>↑</u>		Homs	2,439	-29	9	211	\checkmark	٦	\uparrow
ickp	Idleb	1,831	2	37	213	7	1	1		Idleb	2,070	-3	57	168	4	Ť	1
	Lattakia	3,060	3	97	210	7	1	1		Lattakia	2,770	5	48	256	7	Ť	↑ ↑
	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	2,263 3,600	-6 15	116 135	319 269	↓ 7	T •	1		Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	2,308 2,468	-4 5	41 40	259 265	↓ ⊼	1	Ť
	Rural Damascus	2,857	-7	99	209	4	1			Rural Damascus	2,468	-7	40	265	×	1	 ↑
	As-Sweida	3,000	4	137	289	7	1	\uparrow		As-Sweida	2,490	-2	48	207	\downarrow	1	1
	Tartous	3,096	3	83	169	7	<u>↑</u>	1		Tartous	2,783	-11	43	232	\downarrow	\uparrow	↑
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	Aleppo	730	-8	34	133	\downarrow	• • • •	12 M		Aleppo	492,173	0.2	42	80	7	T T	T T
	Damascus Dar'a	400 567	-2 -1	72 85	271 249	↓ ↓	1	1		Damascus Dar'a	552,083 472,563	2 -14	37 37	74 60	م ب	↑ ↑	1
	Deir-ez-Zor	500	4	208	100	7	1	1	(pe	Deir-ez-Zor	488,185	-14	8	106	¥ •	R	Ť
(g)	Hama Al Useskeh	720	-28	-3	106	+	↓	1	e (hea	Hama Al Useskeh	493,750	-18	27	84	4	1	1
lodised salt (kg)	Al-Hasakeh Homs	484 925	-1 -8	21 23	187 164	→ →	ת ת		Sheep 2Y old Male (head)	Al-Hasakeh Homs	435,417 594,405	-10 -1	4 53	70 120	→ →	⊼	T T
ised	Idleb	426	-3	-1	219	4	\checkmark	1	Y old	Idleb	502,733	-13	21	78	4	R	1
lod	Lattakia Quneitra	833 440	-0.5	121 41	520 210	7 ↓		个 个	ep 2	Lattakia Quneitra	557,500 469,313	-5	48 26	135 56	7 ↓	\uparrow	个 个
	Ar-Raqqa	723	0	95	329	7	1	Ť	She	Ar-Raqqa	480,000	-3	15	80	¥	R	Ť
	Rural Damascus As-Sweida	440 843	-0.6	90 135	315 319	→ →	↑ 	<u>↑</u>		Rural Damascus As-Sweida	523,113 503,750	-4	37 26	63 154	↓ ↓	↑ 	个 - 个
	Tartous	851	162	209	519	1	1	1		Tartous	533,200	12	47	118	7	1	Ŷ
	Aleppo	2,732	-9	50	157	4	1	1	1	Aleppo	1,818	-10	29	154	4	1	↑ ^
	Damascus Dar'a	2,975 2,677	6	106 100	211 130	ת ת	T ↑	Τ 1		Damascus Dar'a	1,778 1,903	-20	35 36	160 193	↓ ↓	<u>Т</u> Т	Т. 1
-	Deir-ez-Zor	2,440	-5	109	255	\checkmark	1	Ť		Deir-ez-Zor	1,804	-12	15	129	¥	R	Ť
s (kg	Hama Al-Hasakeh	2,682 1,766	-11 -8	73 13	160 47	↓ ↓	↑ ⊼	↑ ↑	-	Hama Al-Hasakeh	1,901 1,713	-2 -7	41 13	205 76	↓ ↓	Т 7	1 1
split lentils (kg)	Homs	3,008	0.3	93	190	R	1	Ŷ	Sugar (kg)	Homs	1,864	-4	38	198	¥		Ť
split	Idleb Lattakia	2,254 3,200	-4	24 91	79 198	\downarrow \leftrightarrow	7	↑ ↑	Suga	Idleb Lattakia	2,012 2,209	-5 0.4	23 51	128 250	↓ ⊼	۲ ۲	↑ ↑
Red	Quneitra	2,783	8	101	286	7	↑ ↑	1		Quneitra	1,808	-11	36	183	4	Ť	<u>↑</u>
	Ar-Raqqa	4,000	1	130	249	7	1	1		Ar-Raqqa	1,808	-15	25	84	+	1	1
	Rural Damascus As-Sweida	2,948 2,979	3	101 115	213 229	ת ת	1	1		Rural Damascus As-Sweida	1,790 2,192	-21 -9	36 55	159 231	→ →	Ť	Ť
	Tartous	3,575	0	122	218	\leftrightarrow	Ť	Ť		Tartous	2,245	-7	58	249	\checkmark	Ť	Ť
	Aleppo Damascus	18,000 21,486	-3	21 54	123 138	↓ 7	ر ۲	T T		Aleppo Damascus	952 571	-26 -32	-2 -10	53 -3	↓ ↓	↓ ↓	↑ ↓
	Dar'a	19,072	-2	63	121	\downarrow	Ť	Ť		Dar'a	689	-30	21	13	\downarrow	7	7
	Deir-ez-Zor Hama	16,729 19,600	16 -6	27 39	107 140	⊼ ↓	1	1		Deir-ez-Zor Hama	673 573	-26 -42	-19 -43	7	↓ ↓	→ →	<mark>ج</mark> ل
, kg)	Hama Al-Hasakeh	19,800	-6	19	95	7	R	Ť	kg)	Hama Al-Hasakeh	1,890	-42	-43	132	7	Ŷ	↓
Meat (beef, kg)	Homs	22,048	6	55	169	ת ת	1	1	Tomato (kg)	Homs	573	-43	-43	-25	¥	↓	↓
feat	Idleb Lattakia	18,312 24,720	10 6	32 84	144 163	ת ת		T ↑	Tom	Idleb Lattakia	1,772 1,072	-22 7	30 43	167 73	↓ 7	Т 	↑
2	Quneitra	20,000	2	53	118	7	Ť	Ť		Quneitra	653	-20	38	19	\downarrow	1	R
	Ar-Raqqa Rural Damascus	15,500 20,744	7	61 58	141 139	⊼ ↓	↑ ↑	1 1		Ar-Raqqa Rural Damascus	1,276 653	-22 -27	48 9	62 -10	↓ ↓	T R	\uparrow \downarrow
	As-Sweida	20,000	7	64	141	7	1	1		As-Sweida	800	-32	25	9	Ý	7	7
	Tartous Aleppo	24,700 4,712	10 -12	93 20	158 169	7	1	1		Tartous Aleppo	1,033 6,560	-17 2	22 73	48 84	↓ 7	ス 个	↑
	Damascus	6,422	-12	57	218	*	1	1		Damascus	8,708	2	36	159	7	↑	↑ ↑
	Dar'a	6,733	-2	47	253	4	^	Ť		Dar'a	5,781	0.2	41	93	7	<u>↑</u>	Ŷ
	Deir-ez-Zor Hama	5,900 6,032	-4	53 64	240 188	+ +	↑ ↑		ge*	Deir-ez-Zor Hama	3,905 6,103	13	38 33	5 144	ת ת	↑ ↑	⊼
is (kg	Al-Hasakeh	4,028	-4	37	123	\checkmark	Ť	Ŷ	or wa	Al-Hasakeh	5,188	-3	4	111	- 4	Γ	1
White beans (kg)	Homs Idleb	6,213 4,236	-4	71 48	195 384	↓ 7	↑ ★	↑ ↑	ıskilled Labor wage*	Homs Idleb	6,095 7,149	-21	36 33	144 33	R	↑ ↑	↑ ↑
/hite	Lattakia	7,344	10	58	281	R	1	Ť	dilled	Lattakia	8,200	17	37	152	7	↑	1
5	Quneitra	5,533	-5	207	276	+	↑ ◆	1	Unsł	Quneitra	6,956	1	80	191	7	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa Rural Damascus	4,420 6,314	-17 -9	46 56	108 231	+	т ↑	Т 1		Ar-Raqqa Rural Damascus	6,467 8,274	5	39 51	72 117	ת ת	↑ ↑	↑ ↑
	As-Sweida	7,394	-1	194	377	¥	1	Ť		As-Sweida	5,354	5	74	114	R	1	1
	Tartous Aleppo	6,579 6,533	-7 -7	41 80	276 316	↓ ↓	↑ ↑	↑ 个		Tartous Aleppo	8,600 1,719	-2 -10	46 53	187 199	4	↑ ↑	↑ ↑
	Damascus	7,650	-8	91	386	¥	1	1		Damascus	1,942	-12	67	169	¥	Ť	Ť
	Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	7,368 6,820	-12 -8	80 100	343 312	↓ ↓	↑ ↑	↑ ↑		Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	1,974 1,713	-1	52 29	185 163	⊼ ↓	1	1 1
-	Hama	7,316	-5	81	343	*	Ť	Ť	(5	Hama	2,002	-0.04	56	238	*	Ť	Ť
oil (I	Al-Hasakeh	5,153	-5	77	197	¥ .	1	1	ur (k	Al-Hasakeh	1,625	-2	27	84	4	1	1
Vegetable oil (L)	Homs Idleb	7,471 5,897	-3 -5	84 93	351 350	→ →	↑ ↑	Ť	Wheat Flour (kg)	Homs Idleb	2,161 1,460	8 0.5	68 42	263 158	ת ת	Т 1	Ť
Vegel	Lattakia	8,206	1	100	376	7	Ť	Ť	Whea	Lattakia	2,337	21	97	248	7	Ť	Ť
-	Quneitra Ar-Ragga	7,329 6,357	-9 -8	82 121	339 285	→ →	1	1	2	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	1,794 2,000	-3 6	65 97	146 198	↓ 7	↑ ↑	Υ •
	Rural Damascus	7,514	-0	91	428	\downarrow	Ť	Ť		Rural Damascus	1,923	-7	71	213	4	Ť	Ť
	As-Sweida Tartous	7,548 8,072	-13 -2	75 97	388 403	\rightarrow \rightarrow	1	1		As-Sweida Tartous	2,275 2,295	-1 1	52 90	235 267	↓ ⊼	↑ ↑	↑ ↑
	Aleppo	210	-2 -3	21	27	→ →	T Z	1		Aleppo	3,505	-1	90	267	4	1	Ť
	Damascus	199	-1	123	110	4	1	Ť		Damascus	2,958	-2	93	209	4	1	<u>↑</u>
	Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	203 147	15 0.2	2 7	103 57	ת ת	ת ת	1		Dar'a Deir-ez-Zor	2,877 2,496	-6 -14	83 131	259 78	→ →	1	T ↑
(t)	Hama	235	18	31	152	ת	1	Ť	(it)	Hama	5,200	13	211	247	٦	↑	<u>↑</u>
Parsley (packet)	Al-Hasakeh Homs	209 463	3 131	7 165	109 393	ر 1	ر ۴	1 1	Pasta (spaghetti)	Al-Hasakeh Homs	1,058 5,193	-53 13	-34 210	-5 246	↓ 7	↓ ↑	↓ ↑
ley (F	Idleb	193	-5	-28	-19	¥	¥	¥	a (spe	Idleb	2,098	-4	45	130	4	Ŷ	Ť
Pars	Lattakia Quneitra	228 200	14 14	36 39	114 149	ת ת	1	1	Pasta	Lattakia Quneitra	4,110 2,897	37 -1	74 103	157 289	Ť	1	1
	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	200	14	39	149	7	+	Ť	1.000	Quneitra Ar-Raqqa	1,700	-1 -31	-12.6	18	→ →	↓ ↓	Т 7
	Rural Damascus	199	-1	87	111	↓ ()	1	Ť		Rural Damascus	2,948	2	90	265	7	1	1
	As-Sweida Tartous	200 274	0 144	23 69	113 166	↔ ↑	<u>א</u> ↑	1		As-Sweida Tartous	2,983 3,975	4	72 77	262 206	ر ۲	1	Ť
	Aleppo	2,676	-8	65	197	+	Ŷ	Ŷ		Aleppo	1,525	5	-13	205	7	¥	Ť
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