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Highlights

- Prices of main food commodities such as Wheat, wheat flour, rice (high quality), cooking oil and sugar are increased comparing to last week of March 2022 mainly due to coming of Month of Ramzan, decreased of supply, global increases of prices and depreciation of Afghan currency, meanwhile the prices are still significantly higher than last year same time and month of June 2021.
- Diesel prices declined during fourth week of March due to increasing supply from sources markets . Comparing to last week prices are decreased by (5.3%) and comparing to month of June its still higher by 50%.
- As part of seasonal progress , labour opportunities are increased by 5.3% comparing to last week , but still lower by 2.9% comparing to month of June 2021.
- From the last 3 consecutive weeks , the value of Afghani against USD is slightly improved. The value of Afghani against US Doller is considerably bellow comparing to last year same time and average level.

Main Food Commudities/Food Access indicators	Price/rate & Changes (%)				
	1st Week of April 2022	Compared to month of June 2021		Compared to the 4th Week of March 2022	
WHEAT (Kg)	42.4	41.5%		2.4%	
WHEAT FLOUR - High price (Kg)	48.5	44.8%		2.2%	
WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (Kg)	44.1	44.5%		2.0%	
RICE HIGH QAULITY (Kg)	106.0	19.7%	A	0.3%	
RICE LOW QAULITY (Kg)	52.8	6.0%		-0.6%	
COOKING OIL (Kg)	182.3	36.7%	A	1.8%	
PULSES (Kg)	113.5	21.8%		-0.3%	
BREAD (Kg)	60.0	13.7%		0.2%	
SALT (Kg)	15.1	12.1%		-1.6%	
SUGAR (Kg)	63.6	25.7%		1.9%	
DIESEL (LITER)	74.2	50.0%		-5.3%	
ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD)	8007	5.8%		0.0%	
LABOUR UNSKILLED/DAY	301	-2.9%		5.3%	
LABOUR SKILLED/DAY	580	-10.4%		0.0%	
# OF DAYS WORK AVAILABLE/WEEK	1.8	-27.0%	V	1.7%	
EXCHANGE RATE	88.4	12.2%		0.2%	
CASUAL LABOUR/WHEAT	7.1	-31.3%		1.8%	
PASTORALIST TOT	192.6	-24.2%	V	-2.8%	

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Casual Labour/Wheat ToT

During 1st week of April 2022, , Casual labour / Wheat TOT is slightly improved by 1.8% due to slight increase of labour opportunities in the country , but still well bellow average and month of June (before recent conflict and political changes).

This TOT has been mainly improved slightly in Kunar, Laghman Ghor and Badakhshan, but deteriorated in Badghis, Takhar, Baghlan, Balkh, Logar, Paktika and Sar-Pul Provinces.

The variation in remaining provinces was remained the same.

Number of days work is available

The average number of days that work is available for casual workers improved by 1.7% which is still 27% lower than the month of June (before the recent conflicts and political change).

At provincial level, the number rose in Badakhshan and Ghor provinces and decreased significantly in Badghis comparing to last month.

In remaining provinces , the number of days work available is the same as last week.

Pastoralist ToT

The national average for pastoralist ToT deteriorated by 2.8 % this week and still significantly bellow month of June 2021 by 24.2%

This TOT has been deteriorated in Paktika 15.1%, Badghis 12.7%, Sar-i-pul 12.1%, Baghlan 7.5%, Jawzjan 7%, Balkh and Logar by almost 5% and slight decreases reported in Wardak, Takhar and Helmand comparing to last week of March 2022.

On the contrary, improvement depicted in Ghor 4.2%, Badakhshan & Kunduz 3.3% and Farah province by 2.3%.