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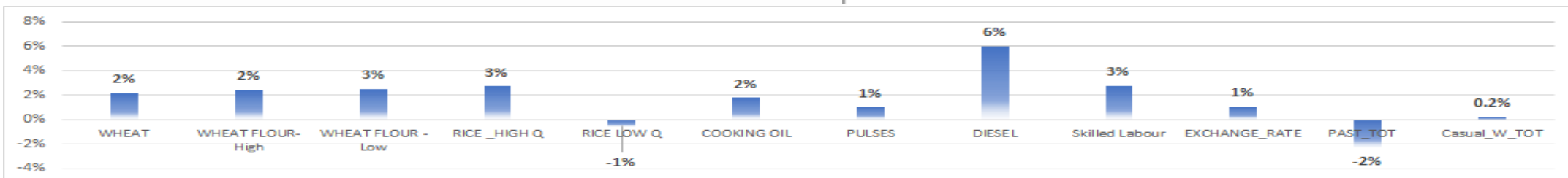


Highlights

- During the last week of May 2022, wheat and wheat flour supply decreased from source markets, resulting in a 2 percent and 3 percent price increase, respectively.
- The Afghani depreciated by 1 percent this week against the US Dollar, from AFN 89.6 to AFN 90.5. Afghanistan continues to face severe liquidity challenges, as cash shortages restrict daily transactions at banks and markets.
- The price of basic food commodities, including wheat, wheat flour, rice, and cooking oil, increased by an average of 2-3 percent during the week under review, mainly due to decreased supply, higher demand and the devaluation of local currency.
- The Terms of Trade (TOT) for casual labour slightly improved by 0.2 percent, but due to economic decline still its significantly lower compared to average. Pastoralist TOT also decreased by 2 percent compared to last week and remains drastically lower by 25 percent compared to the same time last year.

| Items | Price/Rate & Comparison (%) | | | |
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| | This week | Last week (%) | May 2021 (%) | June 2021 (%) |
| EXCHANGE RATE (USD:AFN) | 90.5 | 1% | 17% | 15% |
| WHEAT (AFN/Kg) | 44 | 2% | 46% | 50% |
| WHEAT FLOUR - High price (AFN/Kg) | 53 | 2% | 57% | 58% |
| WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (AFN/Kg) | 49 | 3% | 58% | 59% |
| RICE HIGH QAULITY (AFN/Kg) | 114 | 3% | 30% | 129% |
| RICE LOW QAULITY (AFN/Kg) | 55 | -1% | 12% | 11% |
| COOKING OIL (AFN/Kg) | 205 | 2% | 56% | 54% |
| PULSES (AFN/Kg) | 117 | 1% | 26% | 26% |
| SUGAR (AFN/Kg) | 65 | 1% | 28% | 28% |
| DIESEL ((AFN/LITER) | 84 | 6% | 76% | 69% |
| ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD) | 7987 | 1% | 5% | 6% |
| LABOUR WAGE, UNSKILLED/DAY | 299 | 4% | -3% | -4% |
| LABOUR WAGE SKILLED/DAY | 599 | 3% | -8% | -8% |
| FERTILIZER (DAP) - 50 Kg | 5810 | 2% | 106% | 104% |
| FERTILIZER (UREA) - 50 Kg | 3065 | 1% | 145% | 140% |
| PASTORALIST TERMS of TRADE (ToT) | 178 | -2% | -25% | -19% |
| CASUAL LABOUR WAGE TERMS of TRADE (ToT) | 6.7 | 0.2% | -34% | -26% |

Average weekly prices changes :



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| | WF High Price | Rice H Quality | | | | | |
| 12%> Hilmand 11%> Farah 8%>Ghor 7% Kapisa | 19%> Badakhshan 9% > Badghis 9% >Baghlan 5%> Kabul | 10% > Jawzjan 9% > Samangan 9% > Khost 6% > Takhar | 15%> Panjsher 14%> Farah 10% > Badghis 9% > Hilmand | 21%> Hilmand 6%> Parwan 3%> Farah 3%>Balkh | 17% > Baghlan 8% > Saripul 8% > Samangan 7% > Zabul | 13% > Jawzjan 11% > Uruzgan 11% > Kapisa 10% > Kabul | 30% > Hilmand 7% > Samangan -7% < Nimroz -1% < Takhar |

This week, Samangan, Baghlan and Hilmand provinces reported an increase in the price of both food and non-food items, due to regional market export restrictions. The price of wheat flour, cooking oil, and sugar are higher by 57 percent, 56 percent, and 28 percent, respectively, compared to the same time last year. The price of cooking oil is increasing on a daily basis and further price hikes are expected due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Panjsher, Farah, Badghis and Hilmand provinces reported the highest cooking oil prices during the last week of May 2022.

Pastoralist & Casual Labour/Wheat Terms of Trade (ToT)

Both casual labour and pastoralist TOT decreased significantly compared to May 2021. Deterioration is atypical compared to the 5-year average. Trend analysis indicates that pastoralist TOT is gradually worsening due to historically high prices of staple food commodities and almost stable prices of livestock from the previous year. The price of livestock will increase slightly in the leadup to Eid-ul-Adha, due to higher demand across the country. The lowest wage labour wheat TOT was reported in Badghis, indicating a 33 percent deterioration compared to last week.

