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Countrywide Weekly Market Price Bulletin



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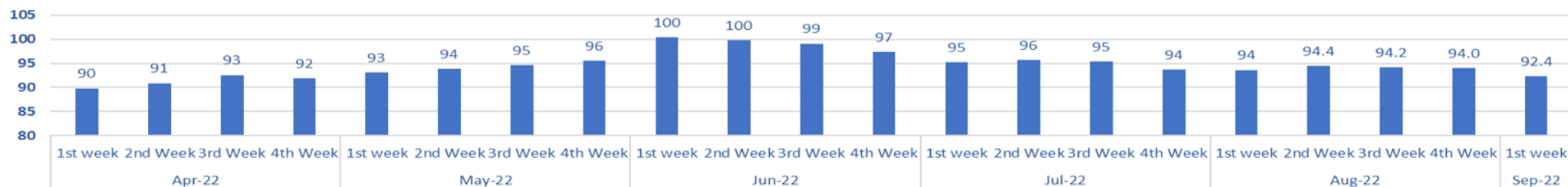


Highlights

- During the week under review, wheat flour, wheat grain and rice prices remained stable compared to last week with slight variations, while prices remain significantly higher compared to the same time last year and average levels.
- After continuous decrease from the previous weeks, once again the prices of diesel increased by 2 percent compared to last week. Nationally, the average price of diesel stands at 101 AFN/L.
- Due to stable money supply (USD) by the Central bank, the value of the Afghani (AFN) remained stable against the US Dollar, depreciating only marginally by 0.5 percent. However, severe cash shortages continue to limit economic activity within banks and local markets.
- Pastoralist Terms of Trade (TOT) fallen by one percent compared to last week. TOT for both pastoralists and casual laborers remains significantly lower by 22 and 27 percent, respectively, compared to the same time last year.

Items	Price/Rate & Comparison (%)			
	This week	Last week (%)	Last year (%)	2 Years Average
EXCHANGE RATE (USD:AFN)	88.3	-0.5%	1%	8%
WHEAT (AFN/Kg)	46	0.3%	37%	28%
WHEAT FLOUR - High price (AFN/Kg)	53	-2.2%	31%	42%
WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (AFN/Kg)	48	-1%	32%	45%
RICE HIGH QUALITY (AFN/Kg)	123	0.6%	32%	37%
RICE LOW QUALITY (AFN/Kg)	60	2%	12%	7%
COOKING OIL (AFN/Kg)	163	-4.9%	5%	31%
PULSES (AFN/Kg)	113	-0.8%	18%	12%
SUGAR (AFN/Kg)	69	-1.8%	22%	30%
DIESEL (AFN/LITER)	101	2%	80%	117%
ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD)	7728	-0.9%	4%	4%
LABOUR WAGE, UNSKILLED/DAY	290	-1%	-0.2%	-5%
LABOUR WAGE SKILLED/DAY	603	-1%	-1%	-7%
FERTILIZER (DAP) - 50 Kg	6237	3.2%	91%	121%
FERTILIZER (UREA) - 50 Kg	2878	-1.9%	92%	114%
PASTORALIST TERMS of TRADE (ToT)	182	-1%	-22%	-16%
CASUAL LABOUR WAGE TERMS of TRADE (ToT)	6.3	-2%	-27%	-36%

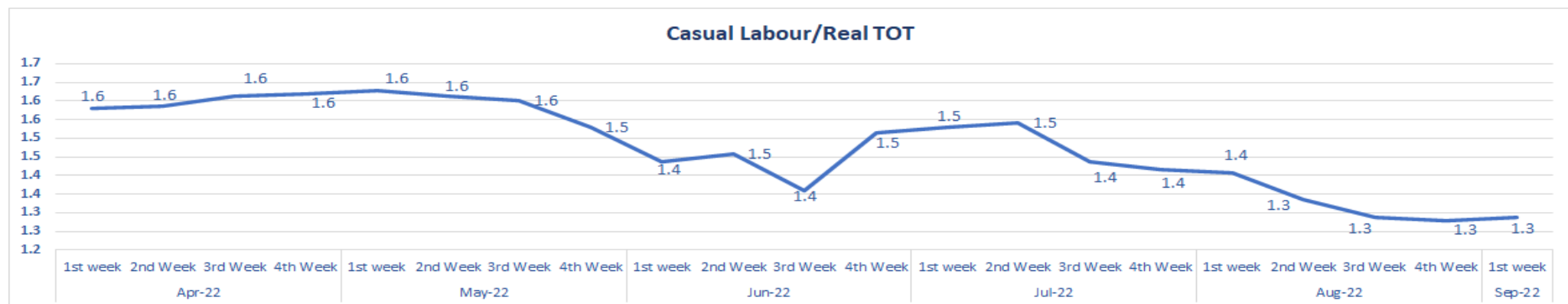
Food Basket Prices in USD





20%	Farah	6%	Saripul	16%	Farah	16%	Farah	2%	Kandahar	13%	Nuristan	14%	Kapisa	7%	Hirat
15%	Paktika	6%	Paktika	13%	Baghlan	-22%	Kunduz	1%	Ghor	-9%	Ghazni	10%	Saripul	3%	Badakhshan
7%	Hirat	4%	Wardak	11%	Paktika	-15%	Takhar	1%	Balkh	-9%	Urozgan	7%	Badghis	-8%	Baghlan

Main food commodity prices such as wheat grain, wheat flour and rice prices decreased slightly compared to last week . Significant changes in the main food commodity prices occurred in Paktika, wheat grain, wheat flour and rice prices increased by 15 percent, 6 percent and 11 percent compared to last week respectively . Farah is the second province in terms of experiencing higher prices of food commodities such as wheat grain and rice prices increased by 20 percent and 16 percent compared to last week , respectively.



Casual Labour wage / Real TOT

Casual Labour TOT significantly reduced from the past few weeks, due to higher food commodity prices and lack of employment opportunities all over the country.

During the week under review , a casual labourer is able to obtain only 1.29 kgs of wheat against the daily wage considering the number of working days available in the market.

Diesel Prices:

Once gain diesel prices increased by 2 percent at national level during the week under review.

However, record high fuel prices continue to impact transportation costs. Its expected higher prices of diesel will impact food commodity prices in upcoming weeks.

