

WFP Market Monitor - Sudan

April 2024

- The average retail price of sorghum nationwide witnessed a significant increase, reaching **SDG 691.5 per 1 kg**. This marked an **8.56%** rise from the previous month and a substantial **93.1%** surge from **the same month of the previous season**.
- Wheat flour's average national retail price increased to **SDG 1,572 per 1 kg**, reflecting a notable **14.83%** hike from the prior month and a significant **99.24%** surge from **April 2023**.
- The national average retail price of goats rose to **SDG 57,784 per head**, indicating a **7.24%** rise from the previous month and **87.21%** increase from **same the month of the previous season**.
- Groundnut's national average price dropped to **SDG 28,384 per kantar**, showing a **3.78%** decline from the previous month and a remarkable **54.11%** increase from **April 2023**.
- The average cost of the WFP local food basket (LFB) increased to **SDG 1,016 per 1 LFB**, reflecting a **11.89%** increase from the preceding month and a substantial **127.29%** rise from the **same month of the previous year**.
- **In April 2024**, the average foreign exchange rate in the parallel market experienced further devaluation of **8.3%**, dropping to around **1,365 SDG/1US\$**. This contrasted with the **March 2023** rate of **1,260 SDG/1US\$**, representing a **126%** devaluation compared to **April 2023**. Conversely, the average exchange rate in commercial banks remained steady compared to the **previous Month** and **89%** compared to **April 2023**.

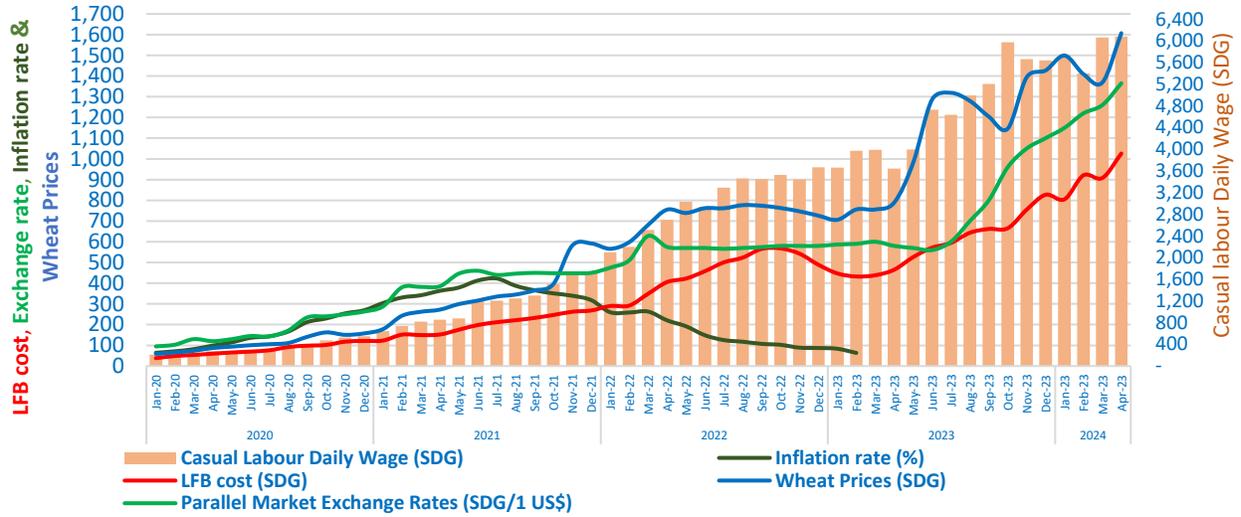
Food Security Outlook

In April 2024, sorghum, wheat flour and goat prices experienced significant increases compared to the **previous month**, while prices for groundnut showed slight decline. The WFP LFB cost saw sharp increase compared to the previous month. The exchange rate continued to devalue further, averaging around **1,365 SDG/1US\$**, in contrast to the previous month's average of **1,260 SDG/1US\$**. Meanwhile, commercial banks' average rates remained stable around **1,128 SDG/1US\$**.

The cost of a single unit of the **WFP local food basket** slightly increased by **11.89%**, hiking from **SDG 908** in **March 2024** to **SDG 1016** in **April 2024**, which indicates a **127.29%** increment compared to the same month of the previous year (**SDG 447**). The average daily wage for casual labor was stable around **SDG 6,083**, compared to the previous month and a **67%** increase compared to **April 2023**.

The prevailing circumstances are poised to result in a severe scarcity of food and essential commodities. Alongside below-average crop yields this season, the escalating prices of goods and services present a substantial risk of food insecurity for millions of people nationwide.

WFP Local Food Basket Cost versus Casual-Labour Wages, Exchange Rate, Inflation, and Wheat Prices



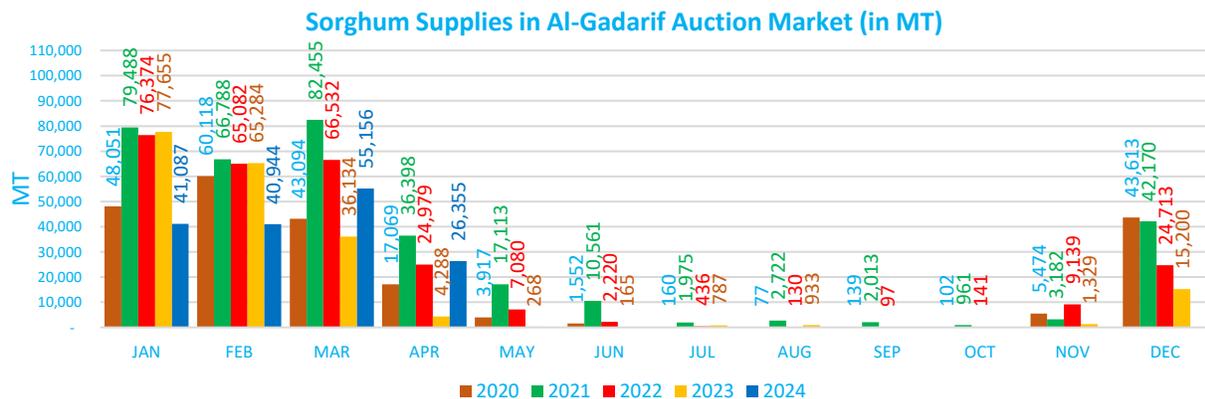
Prices of Basic Food Items and WFP Local Food Basket Cost

	Units	Current	Previous month		Before Conflict (Q1, 2023)		1 year before	
		SDG	SDG	% Change	SDG	% Change	SDG	% Change
Sorghum	KG	691.5	637	↑ 8.56%	349	↑ 98.14%	358.2	↑ 93.05%
Wheat flour	KG	1,572	1,369	↑ 14.83%	739	↑ 112.72%	789	↑ 99.24%
Goat	Head	57,784	53,884	↑ 7.24%	26,368	↑ 119.14%	30,866	↑ 87.21%
Groundnut	Sack (45 KG)	28,354	29,469	↓ -3.78%	16,630	↑ 70.5%	18,398	↑ 54.11%
Local Food Basket	Unit	1016	908	↑ 11.89%	440	↑ 130.91%	447	↑ 127.29%

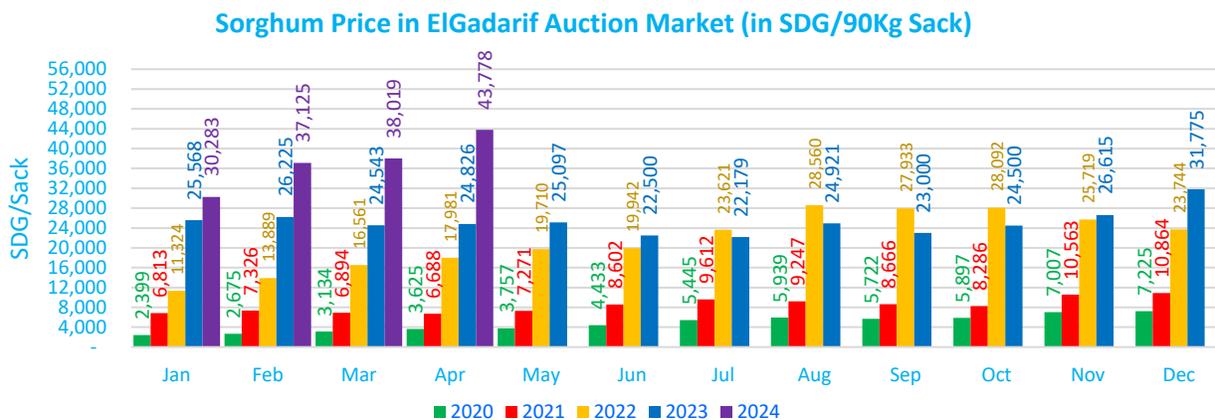


Sorghum Prices and Supplies in AlGadarif Auction Market

In April 2024, the total supply of sorghum (Feterita) to the AlGadarif Auction Market increased to **26,355 metric tons**, **52.2 %** decrease compared to previous month, which stood at **55,156 metric tons**. However, there was a sharp increase in supply compared to **April 2023**, showing a rise of **515%**, and a **21%** decrease compared to the average supply of the previous four years for the month of **April 2023**. The substantial decline in sorghum supply indicates a significant reduction in the production compared to the previous seasons. This decrease may partly be attributed to the ongoing conflict threatening the production and supply from the farm to the Auction Market in AlGadarif, alongside the below-average production for this season.



In April 2024, the average wholesale price of sorghum (Feterita) at Al Gadarif Auction Market slightly rise to **SDG 43,778 per 90 kg sack**, compared to **SDG 38,019** in March 2024. This marks a sharp increase of **15.1%** compared to the previous month and stands **76.3%** higher than the same period of the previous year when the price was recorded at **24,826 SDG per 90 kg sack**. The rise in the average wholesale price suggests a notable decrease in the supply of sorghum to the Auction Market. The current price reflects a notable decline in the production/supply of sorghum this season compared to preceding years.



Commodities Price in WFP Areas

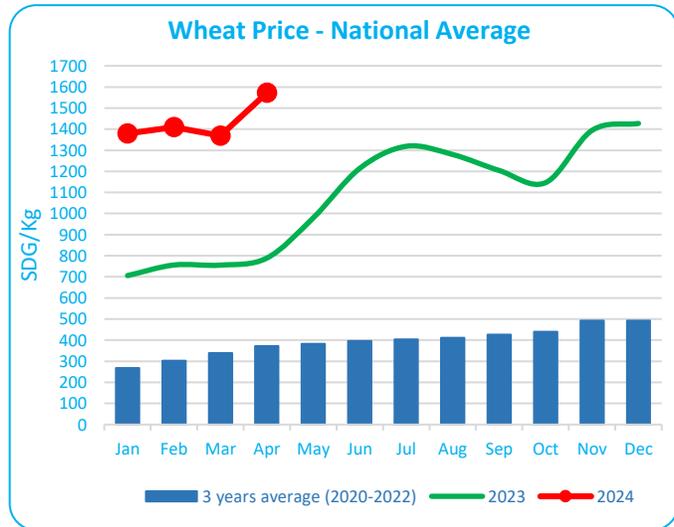


Wheat Flour

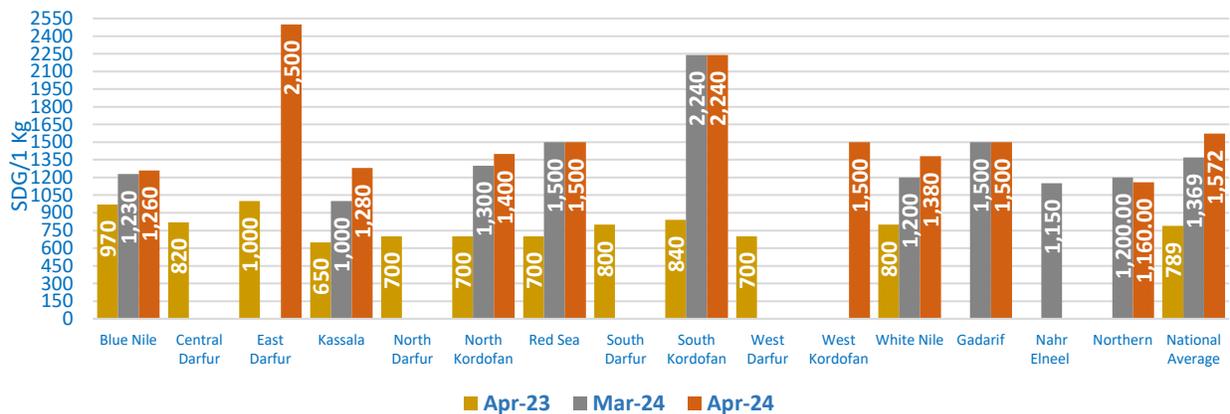
National Average

In April 2024, the average retail price of wheat flour saw a slight increase to **1,572SDG/1 kg**, marking a **14.83%** increase compared to the previous month and a significant **99.44%** surge from the same month of the previous season. The below average production this season combined with a rapid depreciation of the Sudanese currency over the **Q4 2023** and **Q1 2024** is expected to push an upward trajectory in wheat flour prices in the coming lean months.

Consequently, there is a heightened risk of food insecurity for many Sudanese people, particularly those heavily reliant on wheat as a primary cereal source. Currently, the average retail price of wheat flour stands at **230%** higher than the average price of April in the previous **4-years**.



By States



In April 2024, the retail prices of wheat flour displayed varying trends across different states covered during the month. Increases were observed in **four states**, stability in **three states** and decreases in **one state** compared to the previous month. Specifically, there was a sharp rise noted in **Kassala (28.00%)**, and significant increases in **White Nile (18.0%)** and **North Kordofan (7.7%)**, while it slightly increased in **Blue Nile (2.40%)**. Conversely, stability was observed in **Red Sea, Gadarif and South Kordofan** states, while **Northern** state saw slight decrease (**3.3 %**).

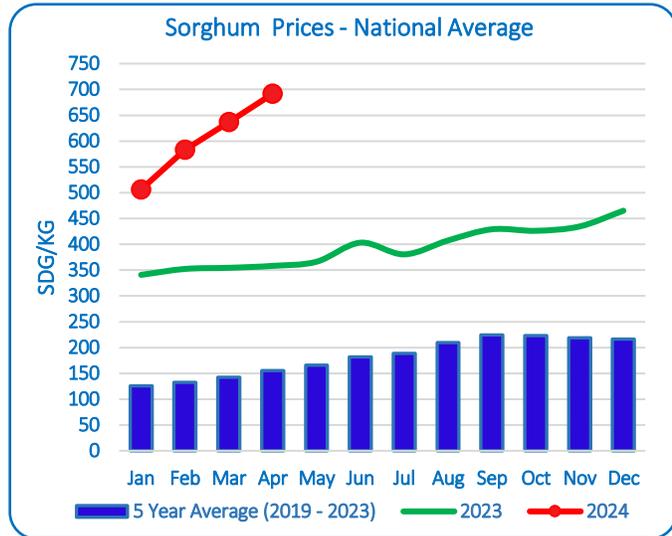
Comparing to **April 2023**, the highest increases in the retail price of wheat flour were recorded in **South Kordofan (167%)**, **Red Sea (114%)** and **North Kordofan (100%)** (refer to the chart in Annex 1 on page 9).



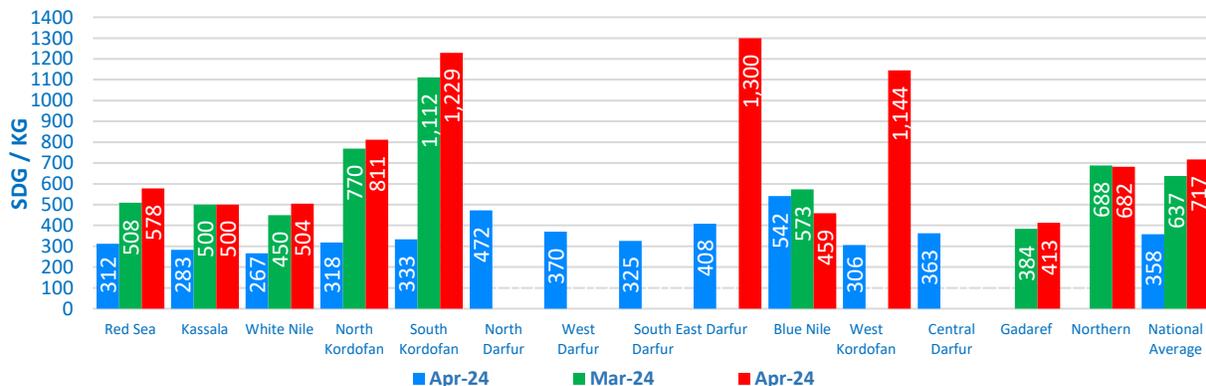
Sorghum

National Average

In **April 2024**, the national average retail price of sorghum increased to **691.5 SDG/Kg**, marking a significant **8.56%** increase compared to the previous month. This rise mainly attributed to the below-average supply of sorghum to markets during this season as a result of disruption in the supply chains all around Sudan due to ongoing conflict, contributing to the anticipation of a further increase in sorghum prices in the coming months. Sorghum prices exhibited a sharp increase compared to the same month of the previous season, soaring by **93.1%**. This increase is primarily attributed to the high costs of production and below-average harvest of the last season. Notably, the average retail price of sorghum was **361%** higher than the average over the five years for the month of **April**.

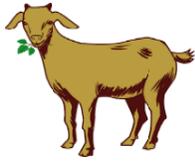


By States



The retail price of sorghum increased in five out of all surveyed **states** compared to the previous month. A significant increase was observed in Red Sea (**14.0%**), White Nile (**12.0%**), and South Kordofan (**11.0%**), while slight increase recorded in **Gadarif (7.0%)** and **North Kordofan (5.0%)**. Notable decreases were seen in Blue Nile (**21.0%**) versus slight decline in **Northern state (1.0%)**. Stability in the sorghum price witnessed in **Kassala** and **West Kordofan** states.

In comparison to the same period of the previous year, the most substantial increase in the retail price of sorghum was recorded in **West Kordofan (274.4%)**, **South Kordofan (268.8%)**, followed by **East Darfur (218.4%)** and **North Kordofan (155 %)** (refer to the chart in Annex 1 on **page 9**). Significantly, sorghum retail prices were higher by **148%** to **802%** in all reported states when compared to the average of the past five years for the month of **April**.

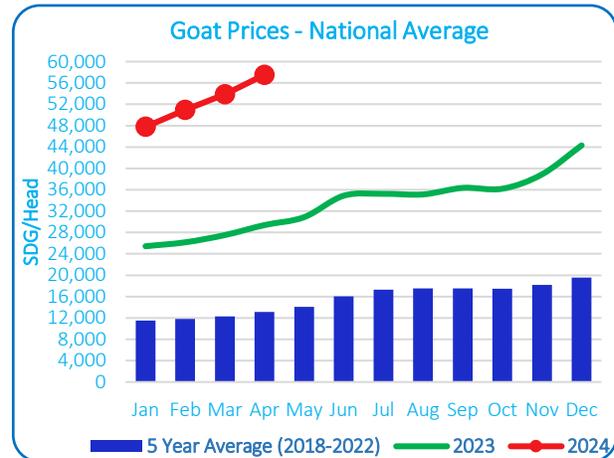


Goat

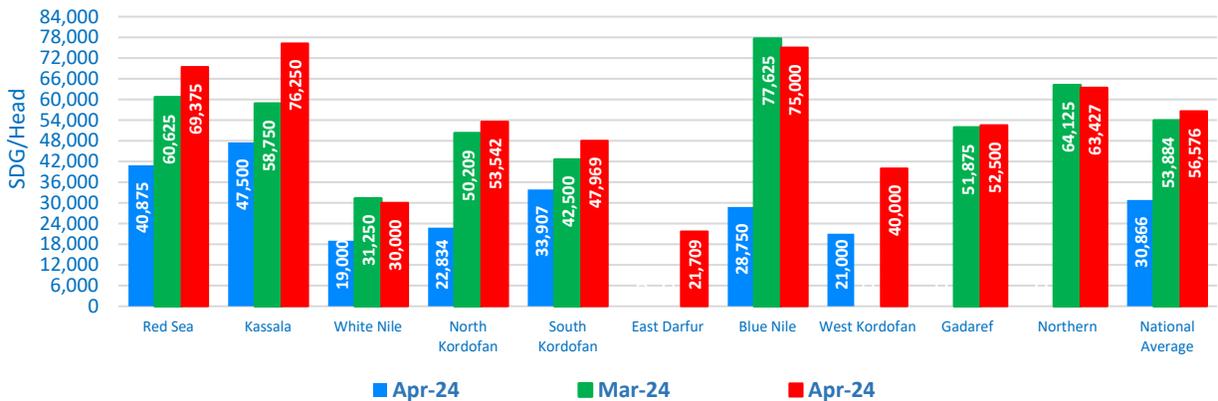
National Average

In April 2024, the average retail price of a goat experienced a notable increase, reaching **57,784 SDG per head**, marking a rise of **7.24%** compared to the previous

month. This surge in price attributed to increased demand from both local and export markets. The average price exhibited a sharp increase of **87.21%** compared to the same month of the previous year, which mainly driven by low supply and high costs of production compared to the previous seasons. Although this notable increase in goat prices has positively impacted the income of livestock producers, the high inflation rates significantly curbed their purchasing power and access to food. Remarkably, the average retail price of goats was higher by **332%** compared to the **five-year average**, indicating a significant deviation from the typical pricing trend over the **past years**.



By States



The retail price for goats exhibited diverse across monitored states compared to the previous month. Upward shifts were observed in **5 states**, with particularly sharp increase in **Kassala (30.0%)**, and significant increases in **Red Sea (14.0%)**, **South Kordofan (13.0%)** and **North Kordofan (7.0%)**, while **Gadarif** state showed a slight increase of **one %**. However, slight decreases were seen in **White Nile (4.0%)**, **Blue Nile (3.0%)** and **Northern state (1.0%)**. Stability in the sorghum prices was only observed in **West Kordofan** state.

When compared to the same month of the previous year, the highest increase in the retail price of goats was recorded in **Blue Nile (161%)**, **North Kordofan (134%)**, followed by **West Kordofan (90%)** (refer to the chart in Annex 1 on **page 9**). These fluctuations in goat prices highlight the dynamic nature of the market and regional variations in pricing trends.

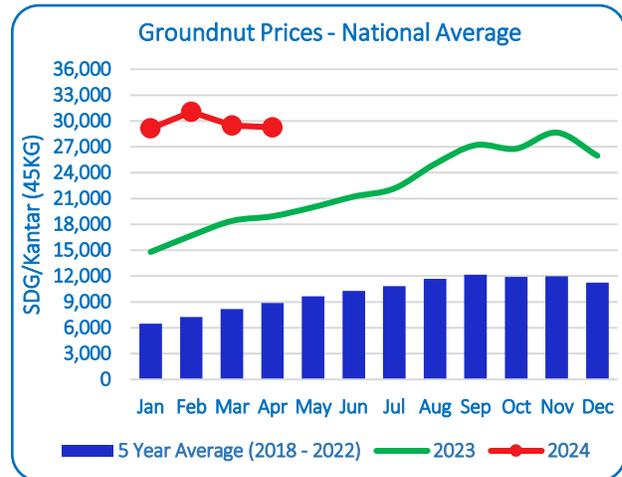
Groundnuts



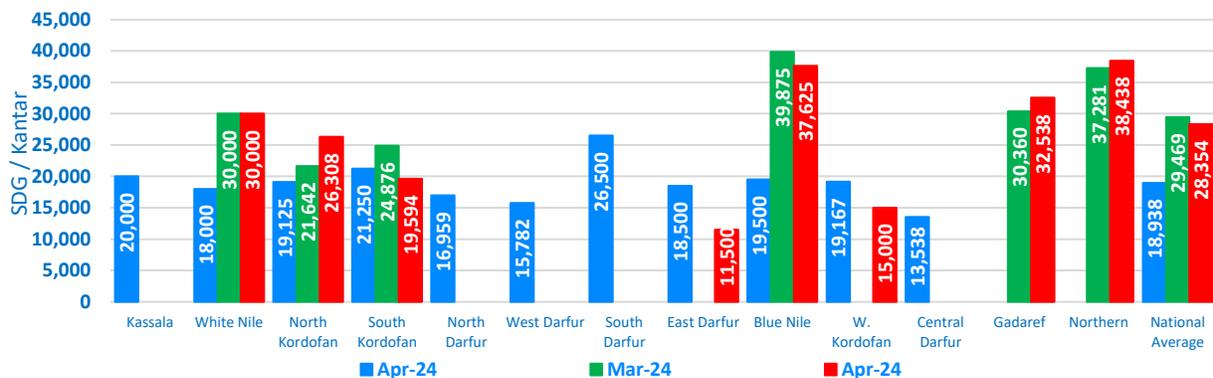
National Average

In **April 2024**, the average retail price of raw groundnut was **28,354SDG per kantar**, marking a slight decrease of **3.78%** compared to the **previous month**. The far below-average production this season and ongoing conflict in the main production areas in

Western and Central Sudan may lead to a surge in the prices during the coming months. The groundnut prices could be correlated with heightened demand from the local oil industry and disruptions in oil and oilseed imports/exports due to supply chain distractions. The average price of groundnut in **April** was experienced a significant **54.11%** increase compared to **April 2023**. This slight downturn is partially attributed to the disruption of the supply chain from production areas to consumption centers inside Sudan as well as the export markets. The average price of groundnut was substantially higher by **219%** compared to the **five-year average of April**, reflecting a considerable deviation from the **past five years**.



By States



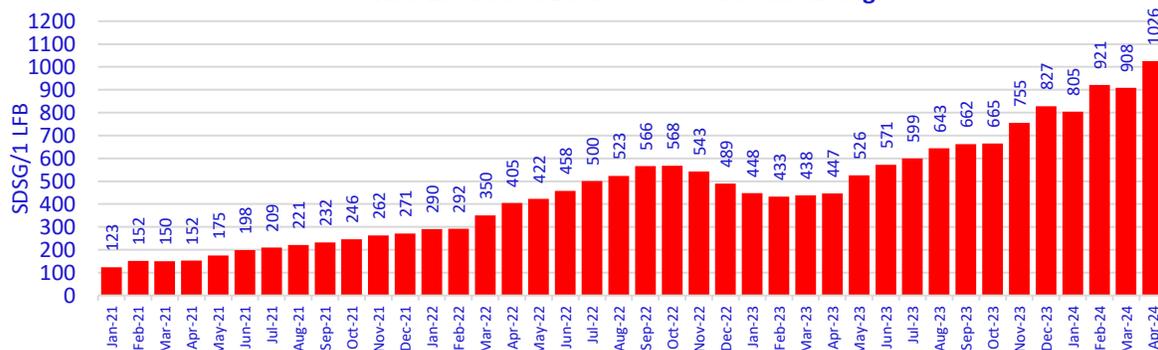
In **April 2024**, groundnut retail prices displayed varied trends across states compared to the previous month. Increases were observed in **three states**, decreases in **two states**, and remained stable in **one** state. There was a sharp increase in **North Kordofan (21.6%)** and a notable increase in **Gadarif (7.2%) and Northern state (3.1%)**. A sharp decrease observed in **South Kordofan (21.2%)** and notable decrease in **Blue Nile (5.60%)**. It remained stable only in **White Nile** state.

During the same period, the largest increase in the groundnut prices compared to previous season was recorded in **Blue Nile (93%)**, followed by **White Nile (67.0%)** and **North Kordofan (38.0%)** (refer to the chart in Annex 1 on page 8). Notably, groundnut prices displayed increase of **35% to 310%** compared to the **five-year average of April**, indicating a significant deviation from the typical pricing observed over the past **five years**.

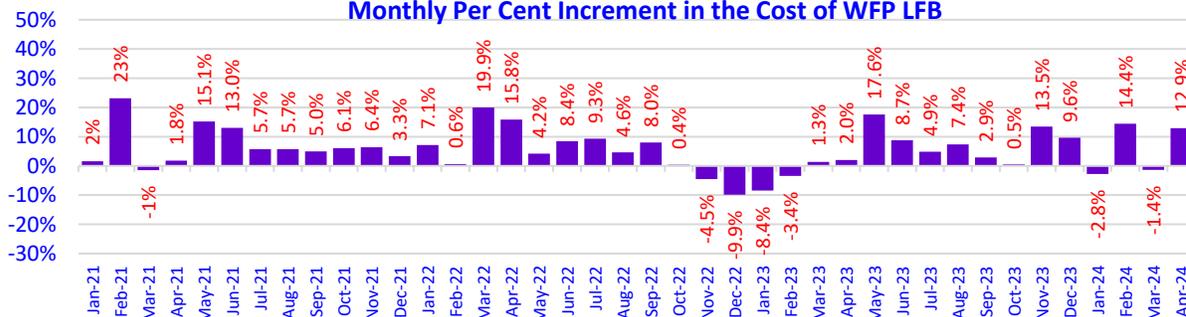
Cost of WFP Local Food Basket (LFB)

- In April 2024, the national average cost of the WFP local food basket (LFB) was **1016 Sudanese pounds per unit**, indicating a notable increase of **11.89%** compared to the previous month. The cost of the WFP basket exhibited a significant rise of **127.3 %** compared to the same month of the previous year.
- In April 2024, the highest WFP local food basket cost was recorded in South Kordofan (**SDG 1,349 per one unit**), followed by West Kordofan (**SDG 1,200**) and East Darfur (**SDG 1,138**). The lowest WFP LFB cost was recorded in Gadarif (**SDG 773**). This variation in the costs across states reflects regional disparities in the accessibility and pricing of essential food items.

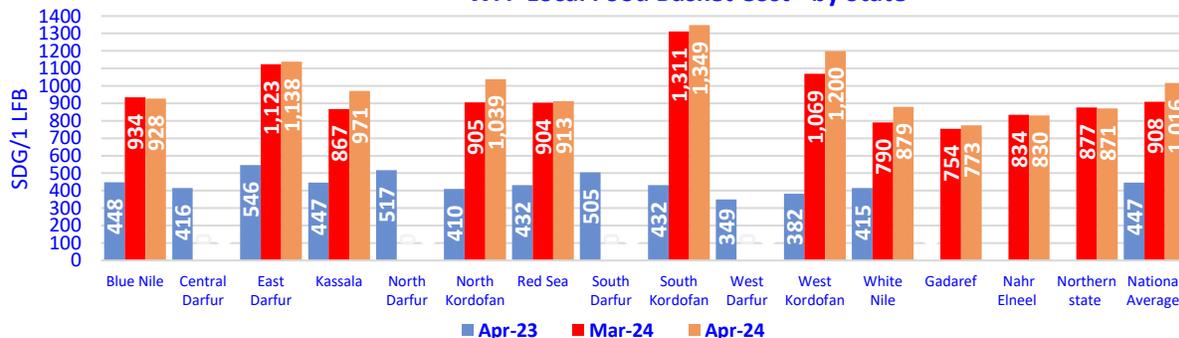
WFP Local Food Basket Cost - National Average



Monthly Per Cent Increment in the Cost of WFP LFB



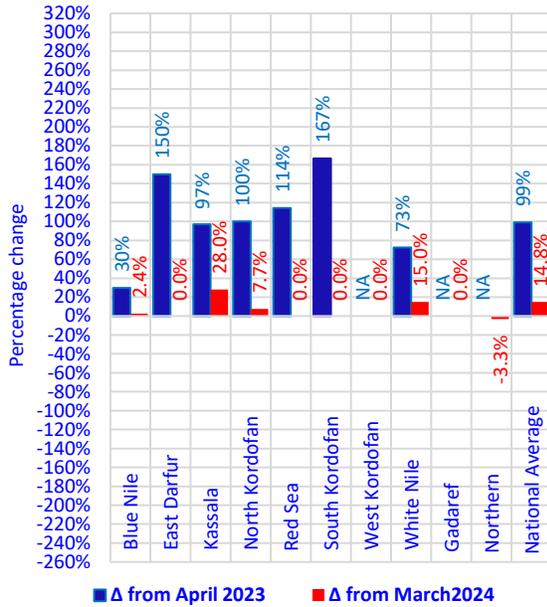
WFP Local Food Basket Cost - by State



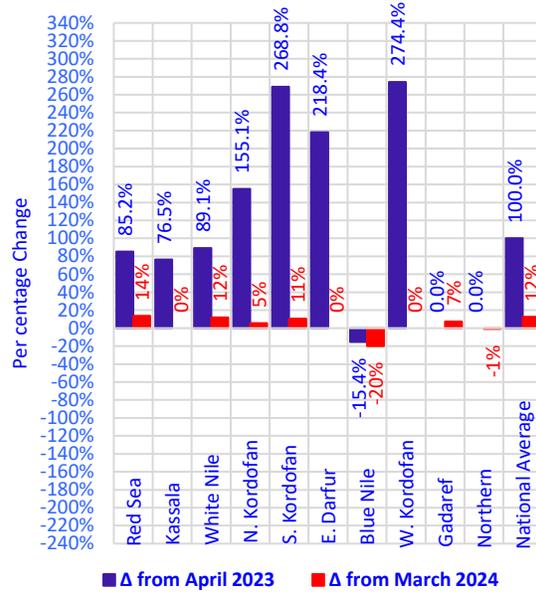
Annexes

Annex 1: The Percentage Change of Wheat, Sorghum, Goat, and Groundnut Prices Compared to April 2023 and March 2024.

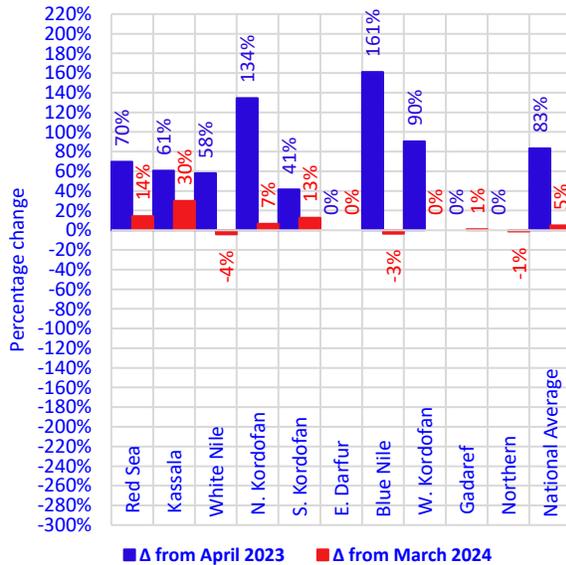
Variation of Wheat flour Prices, by states



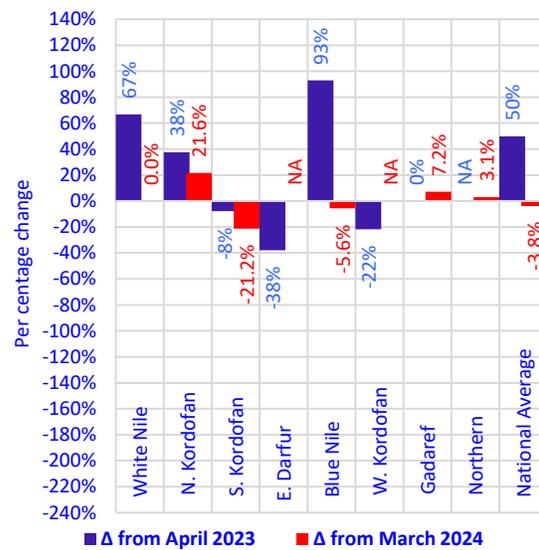
Variation of Sorghum Prices, by state



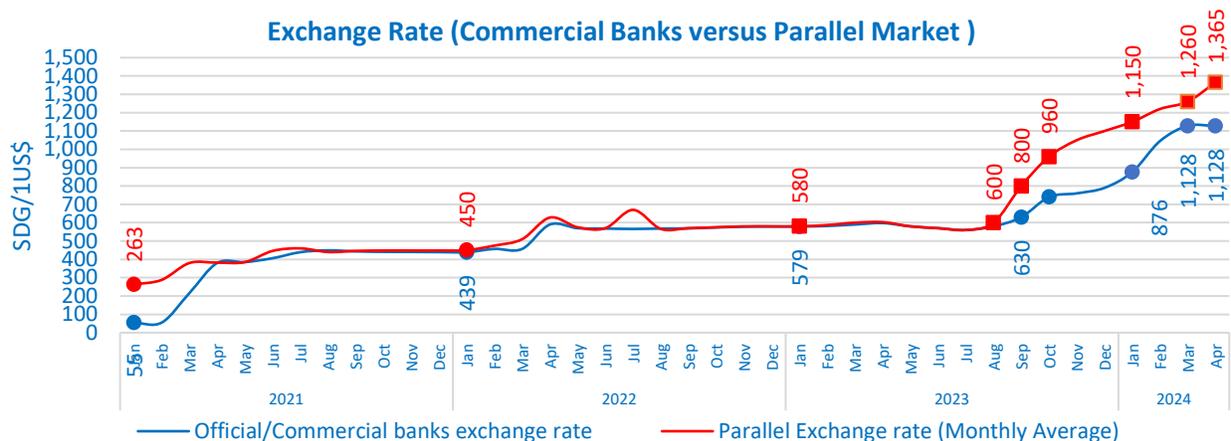
Variation of Goat Prices, by states



Variation of Groundnut Prices, by states



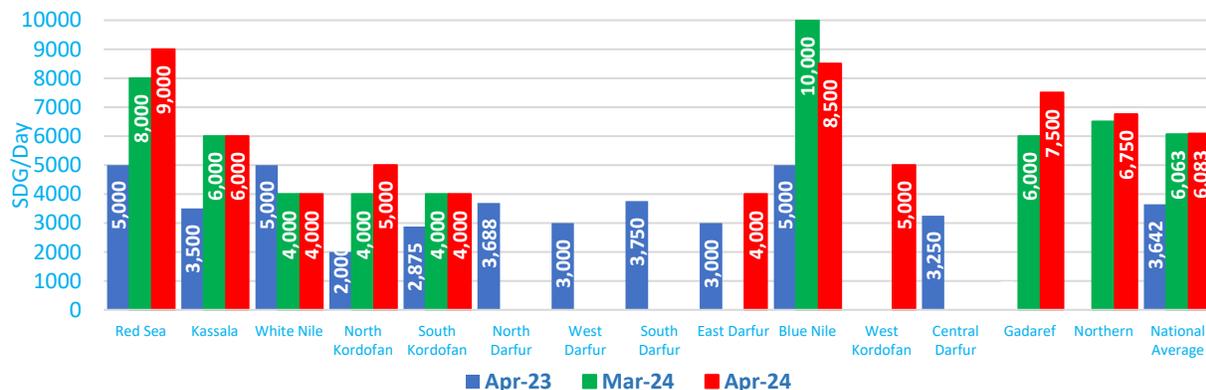
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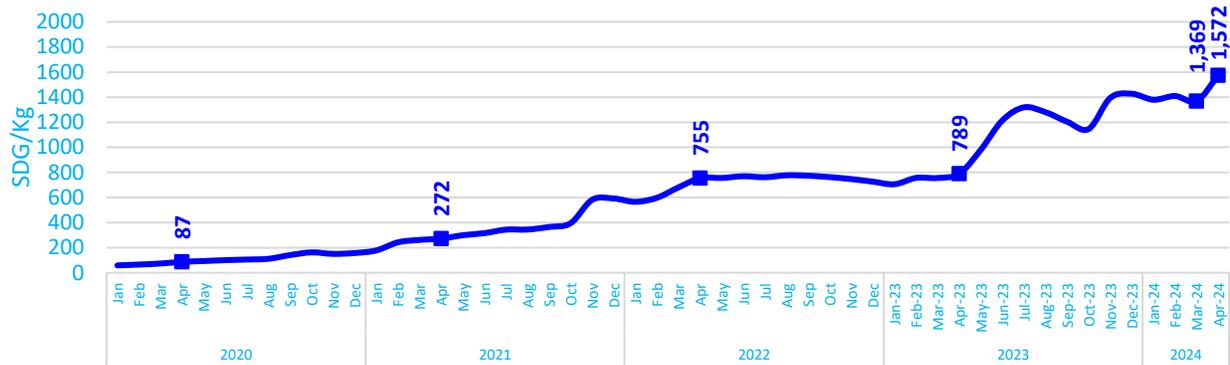
Commodity	Unit	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Change Compare to March 2024	Change Compare to April 2023
Sorghum	SDG/Kg	828	630	317	↑ 31.4%	↑ 161%
Onion	SDG/Kg	1,429	1,445	357	→ -1.1%	↑ 300%
Vegetable Oil (groundnut)	SDG/litre	3,292	3,170	1,638	↑ 3.9%	↑ 101%
Cow Meat	SDG/Kg	6,804	6,981	2,581	↓ -2.5%	↑ 164%
Goat_Sheep Meat	SDG/Kg	8,722	9,317	3,698	↓ -6.4%	↑ 136%
Powder Milk	SDG/Kg	9,730	8,980	5,480	↑ 8.3%	↑ 78%
Dry Tomatoes	SDG/Kg	4,006	3,674	1,752	↑ 9.0%	↑ 129%
Sugar	SDG/Kg	1,959	1,883	830	↑ 4.0%	↑ 136%
Pulses - Faba bean	SDG/Kg	2,843	2,357	1,306	↑ 20.6%	↑ 118%
Iodized salt	SDG/Kg	742	823	437	↓ -9.9%	↑ 70%
Wheat Flour	SDG/Kg	1,607	1,369	789	↑ 17.4%	↑ 104%

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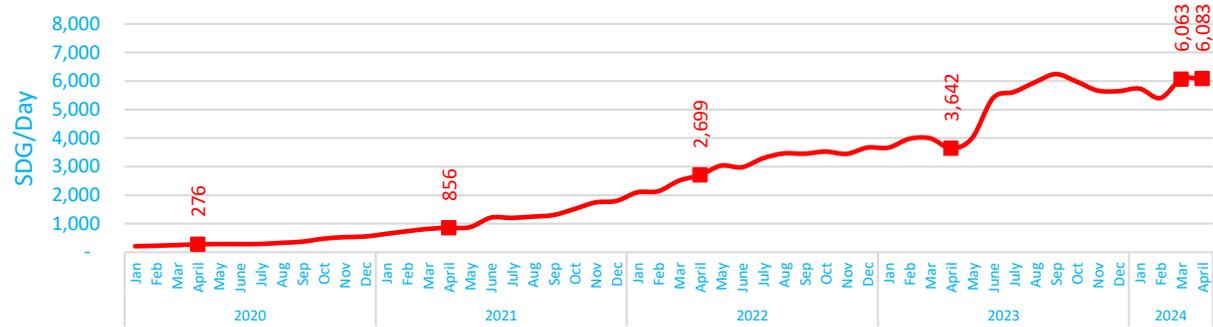
Annex 4: Casual Labor Wage - Daily Rate by State (SDG/Day)



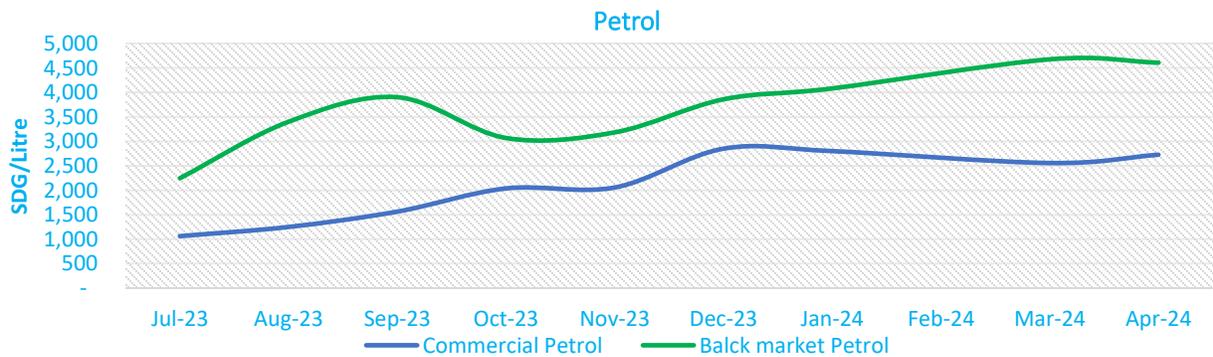
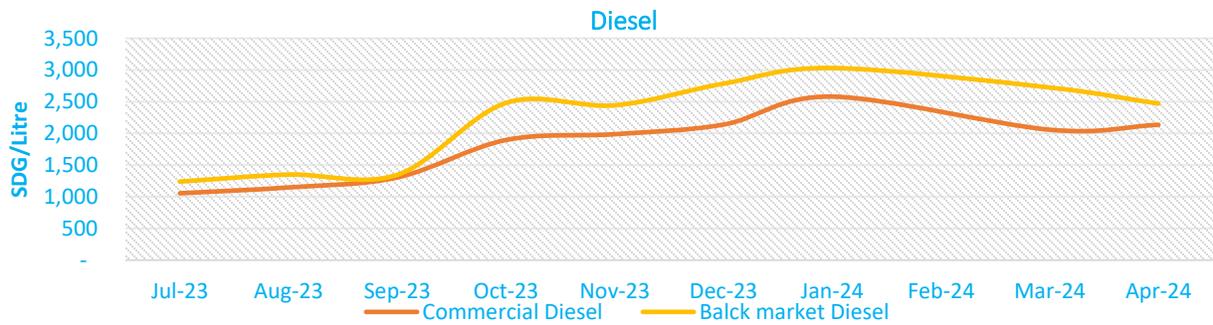
Annex 5: Trend of the Wheat Flour Price– National Average



Annex 6: The Trend of the Daily Wage of Casual Labour – National Average



Annex 7: The Trend of Fuel Prices in Sudan - National Average -(SDG/Litre)



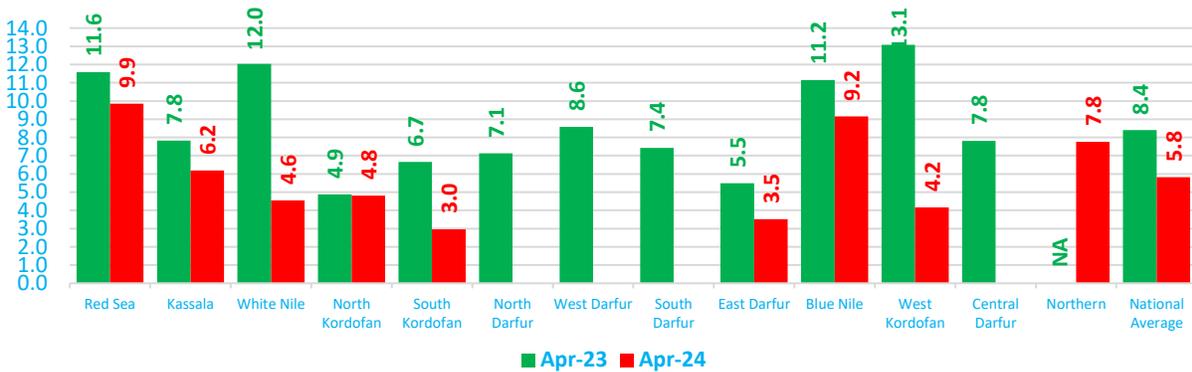
Note: The fuel prices collected from Eastern, Central and Northern states (Kassala, Blue Nile, Gadarif, Red Sea, N., S. and W. Kordofan and Northern state).

Annex 7: Terms of Trade (TOT)

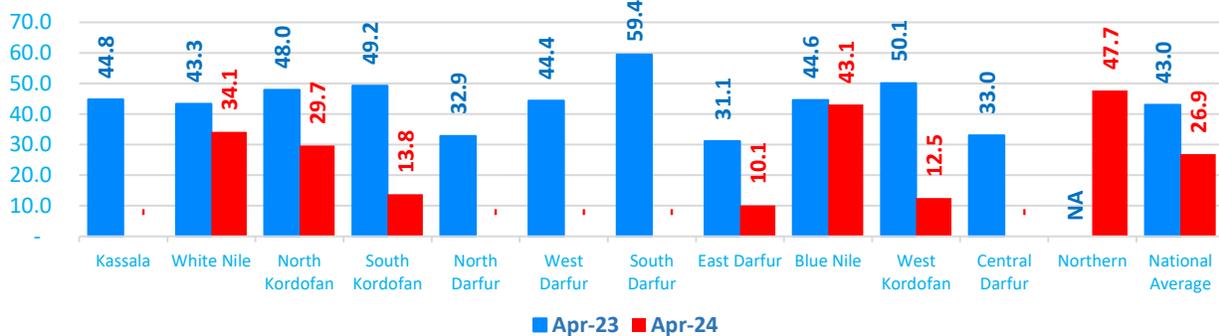
In April 2024, compared to the same period of the previous year:

- The terms of trade (TOT) between the WFP LFB cost and casual labor wage worsened almost in **all states**.
- The TOT between the WFP LFB cost and one kantar of groundnut improved in **all surveyed states (six states)**.
- The TOT between the WFP LFB cost and the price of a middle-sized goat worsened in **six** out of **eight surveyed** states, while improvement was observed in **Blue Nile & North Kordofan** states.

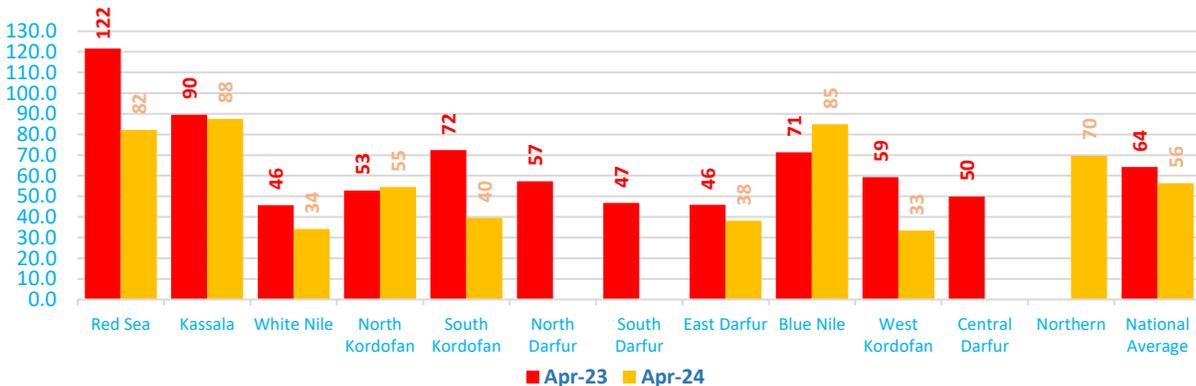
Casual Labor Wage - Daily Rate versus WFP LFB Cost



Groundnut (1 sack of 45Kg) versus WFP LFB Cost



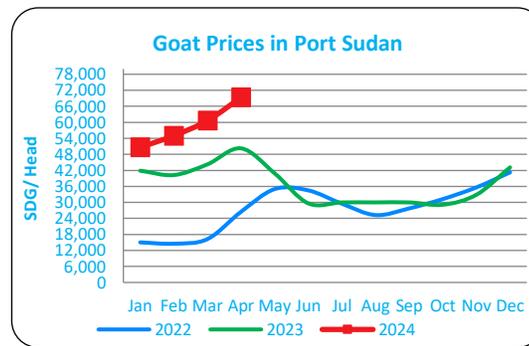
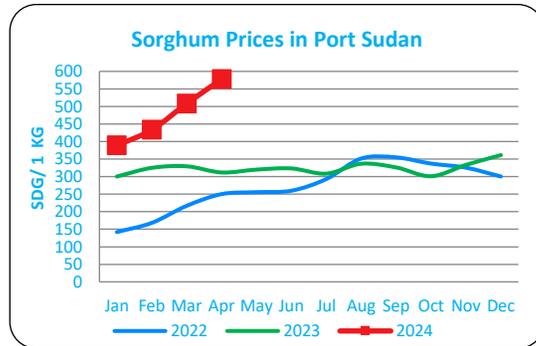
Goat (one medium size) versus WFP LFB Cost



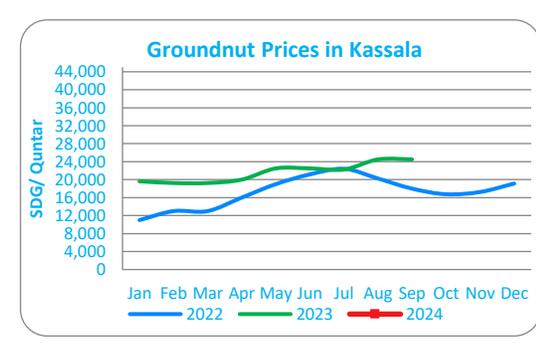
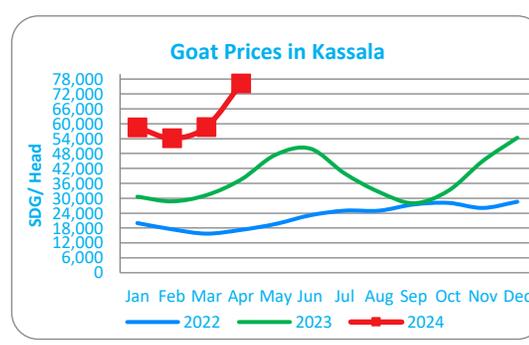
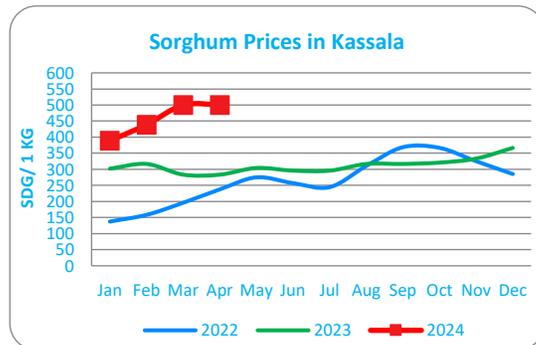
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Sorghum, Goat, and Groundnut Prices Trend by States

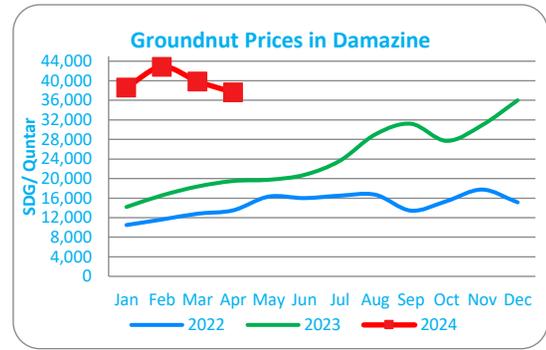
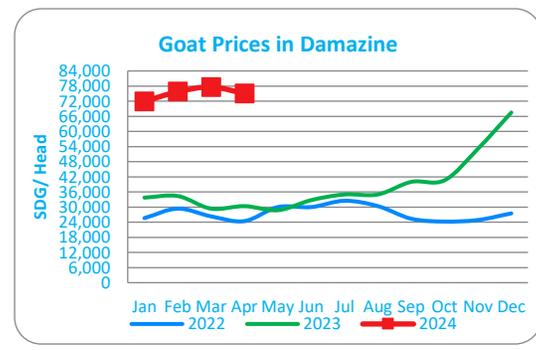
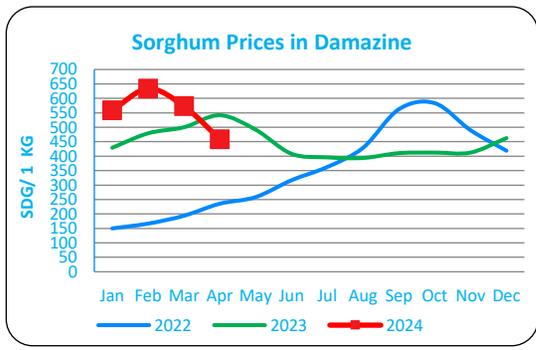
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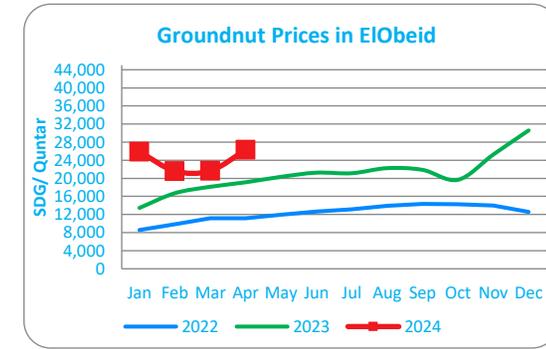
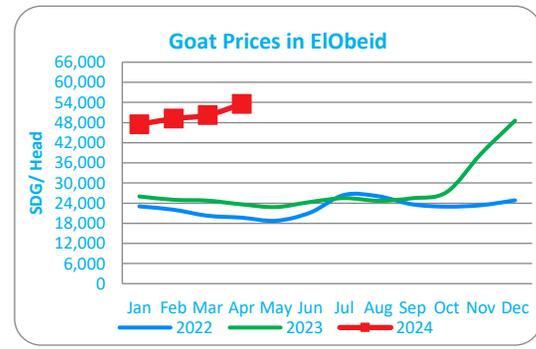
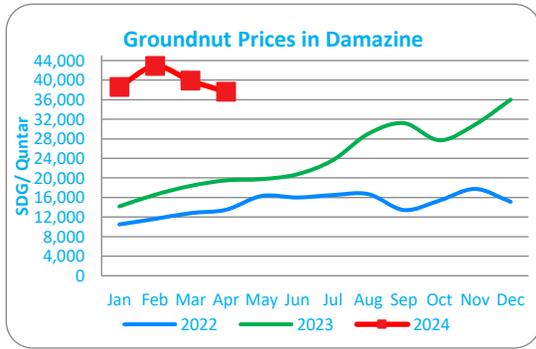
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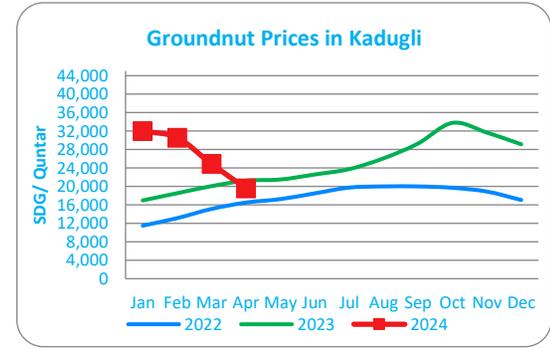
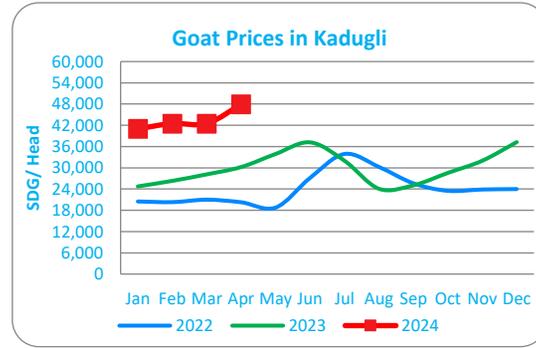
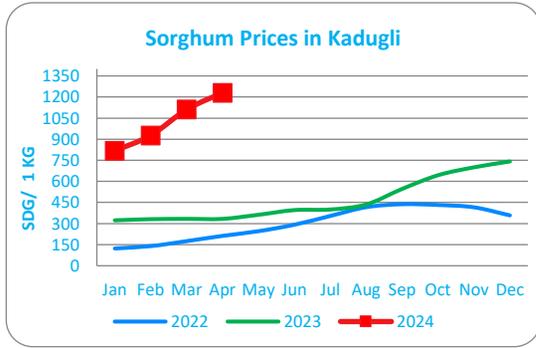
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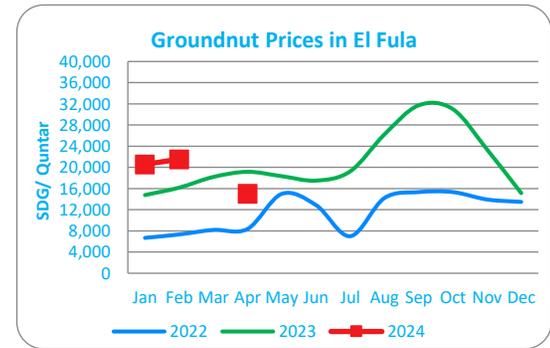
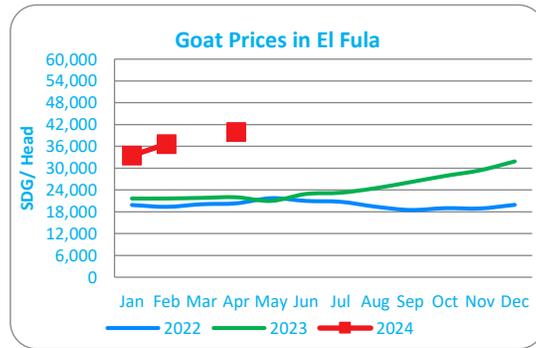
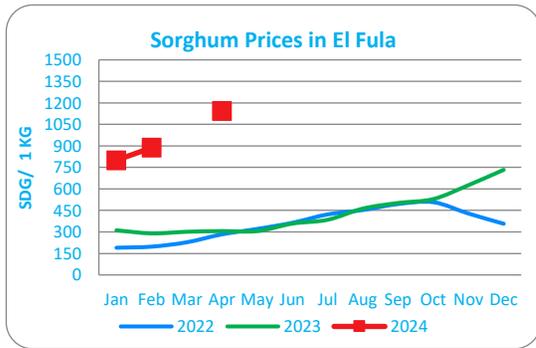
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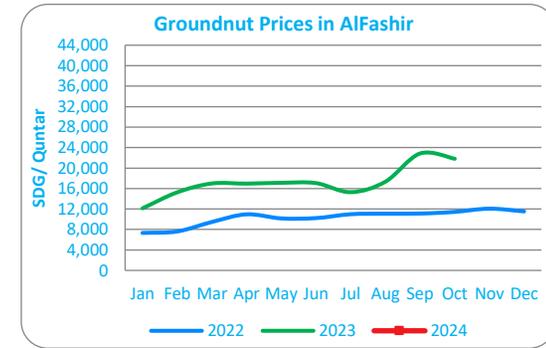
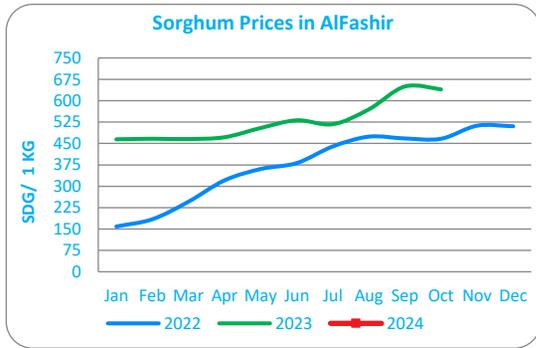
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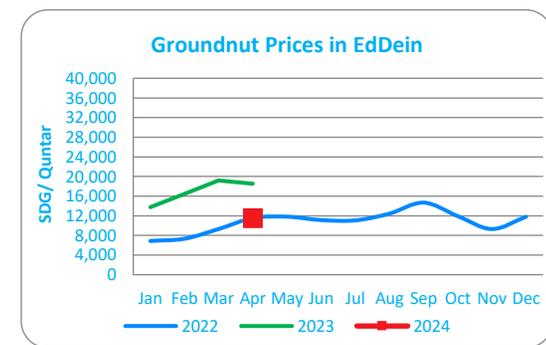
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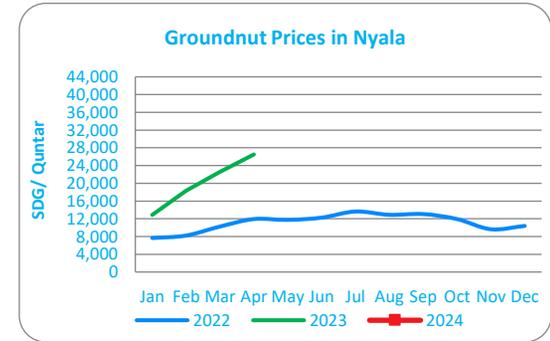
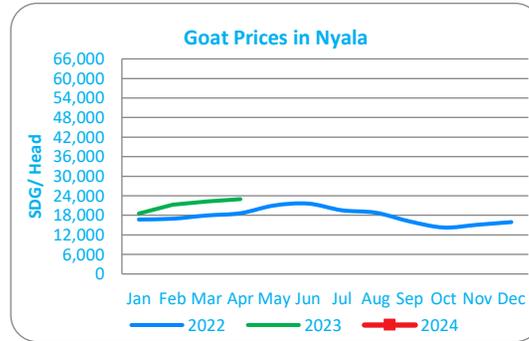
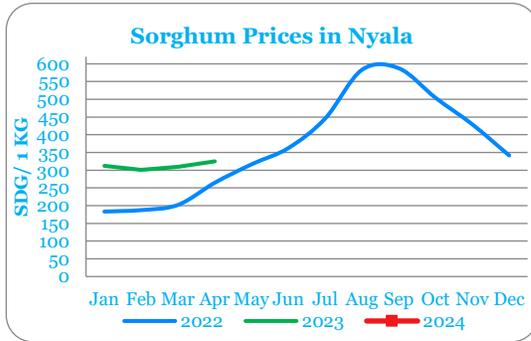
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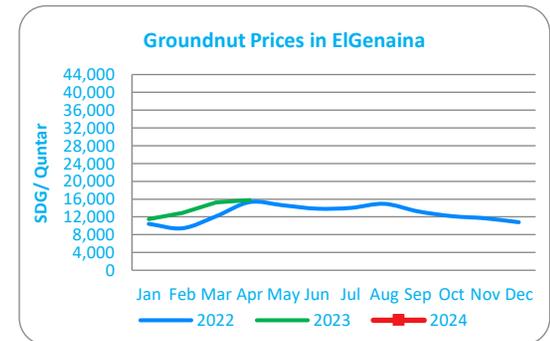
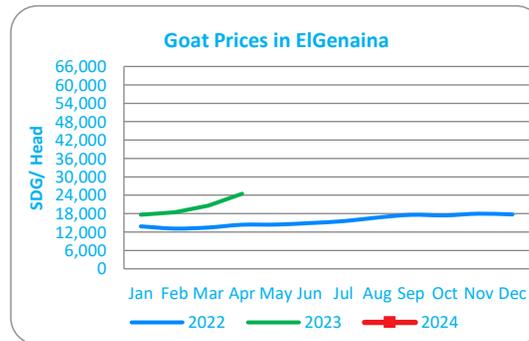
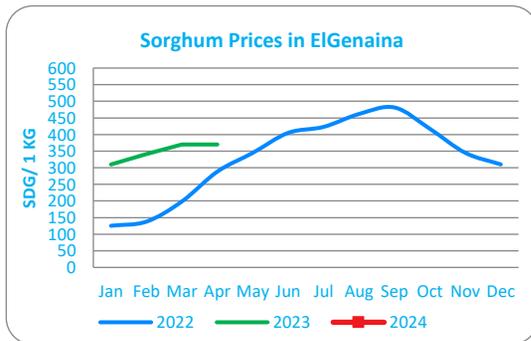
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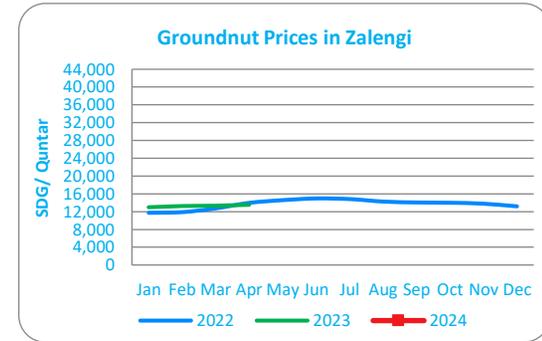
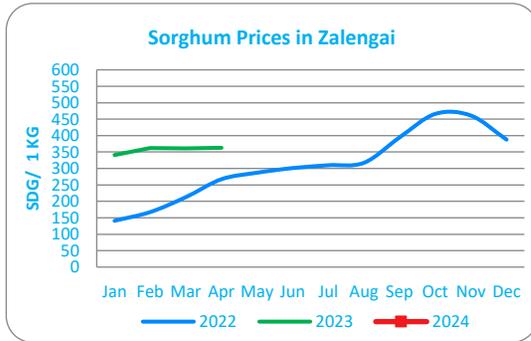
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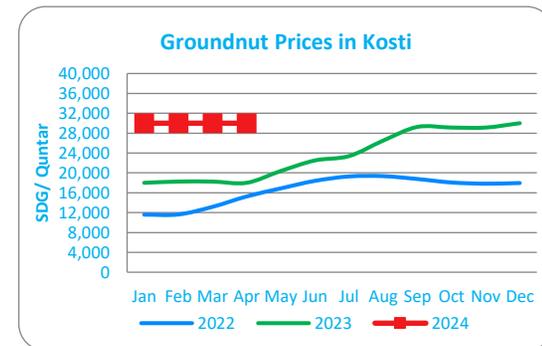
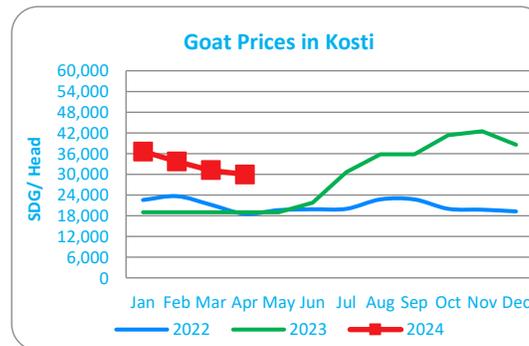
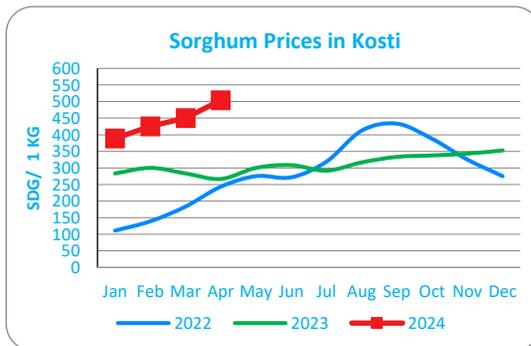
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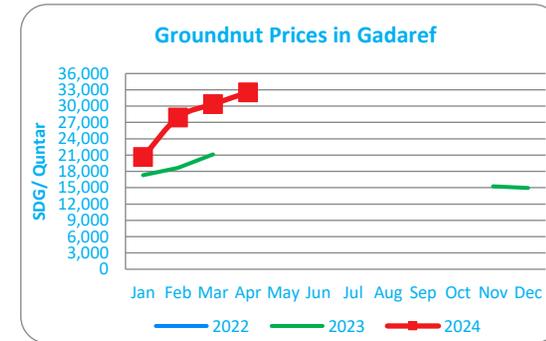
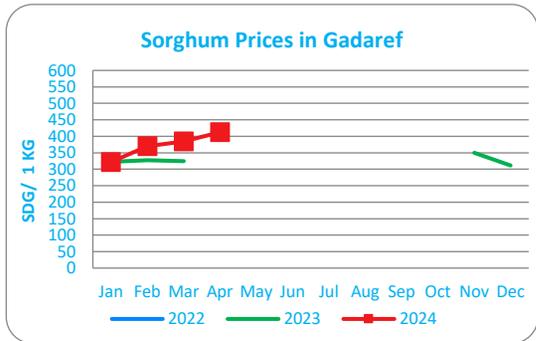
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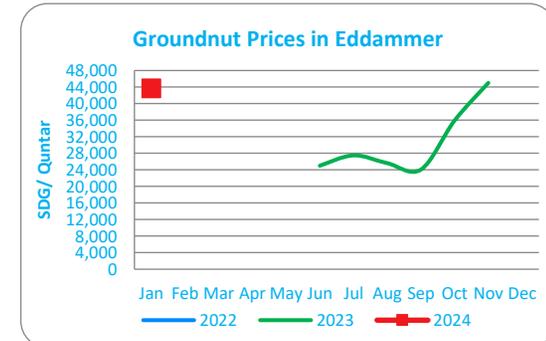
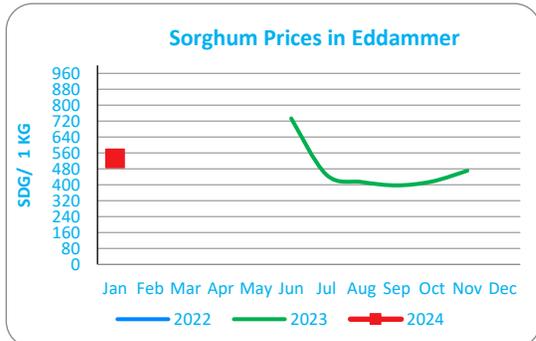
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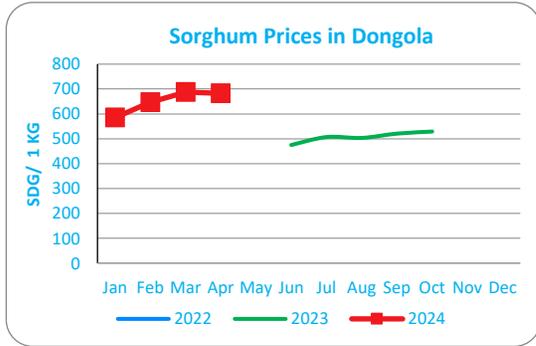
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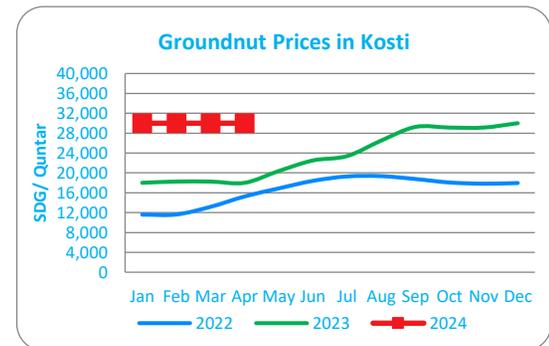
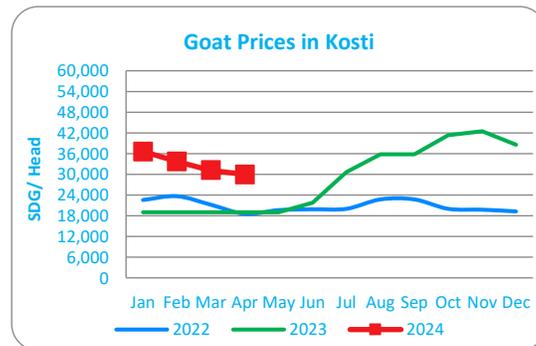
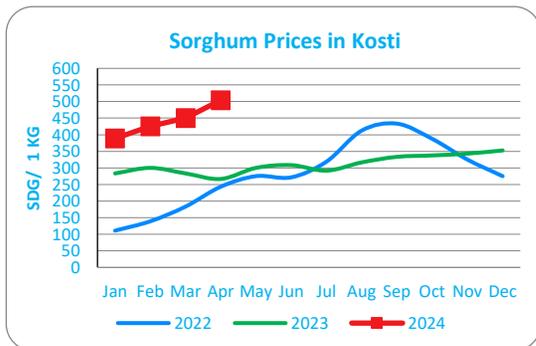
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Northern



White Nile



National Average

