

# Afghanistan

## Countrywide Weekly Market Price Bulletin



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### Highlights

- This week, the prices of the food items were significantly higher than pre-Covid time.
- Following recent conflicts and road blockage, the price of wheat and wheat flour rose up to 1.9%.
- After hitting fresh record highs on the first week of July, foreign exchange rate remained constant this week at 80.1 AFN for 1 USD.
- The weekly number for Both Pastoralist ToT and Labour/wheat ToT declined this week around 1%.

Main Food Commodities/Food Access indicators	Fourth Week of July 2021	Price/rate Changes (%)			
		Compared to Pre-COVID-19 impact on price (2nd week Mar-20)		Compared to 3rd week of July 2021	
WHEAT (Kg)	30.9	22.2	▲	1.0	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - High price (Kg)	36.0	13.8	▲	0.8	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (Kg)	32.8	14.5	▲	1.9	▶
RICE HIGH QAULITY (Kg)	89.3	10.3	▲	-0.7	▶
RICE LOW QAULITY (Kg)	51.3	24.8	▲	-0.6	▶
COOKING OIL (Kg)	140.5	82.9	▲	0.9	▶
PULSES (Kg)	94.1	28.5	▲	0.0	▶
SUGAR (Kg)	52.3	25.7	▲	0.5	▶
CASUAL LABOUR/WHEAT TOT	9.9	-14.7	▼	-0.9	▶
PASTORALIST (SHEEP/WHEAT) TOT	258.0	-14.7	▼	-1.2	▶

### Average prices



▲ +1%



▲ +1.9%



▲ +0.9%



▼ -0.7%



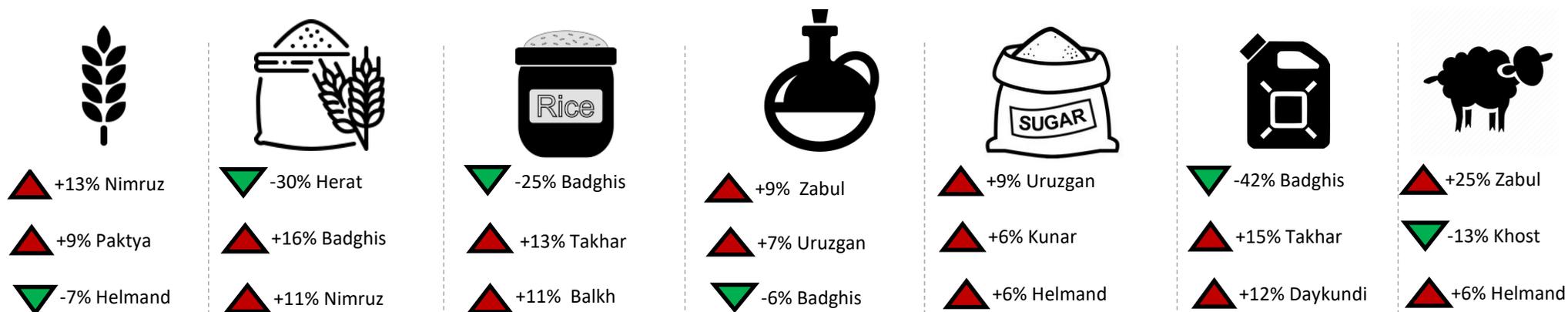
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▼ -0.9%



▼ -1.2%



**Vegetables** : The average price of **tomato** declined by 6% at national level. The quotation mainly went up in Helmand (50%), Herat, Nuristan and Balkh (33%) while the price declined in Badghis (50%), Logar (29%) Daykundi (26%) and Kapisa (21%). At the same time, despite significant rise in the price of **onion** in Helmand (63%), Khost (50%) and Takhar (47%), the national weekly price of onion declined by 1% driven by rapid fall in its price in Nangarhar (45%), Badghis (38%), Uruzgan (33%). Furthermore, the price of **potato** climbed in Nuristan (60%), Herat (43%), Khost (33%) although quotation dramatically declined in Badghis (38%) and Badakhshan (32%).

### Diesel

Following recent hikes in the price of diesel, the quotation remained constant this week standing in 57.2 AFN/L.

At provincial level, price significantly rose in some provinces, namely Daykundi, Takhar, Herat, Nangarhar and Nuristan. While the quotation crossed 60 AFN per litter in one fourth of the provinces, the highest price reported from Takhar where one litter diesel was sold 75 AFN.

### Casual Labour/Wheat ToT

Casual labour/wheat ToT slightly declined this week mainly due to rise in the price of wheat. TOT declined in Nimruz (12%), Paktya (8%) and Badghis (6%). In contrast, the number only improved in Helmand by 7% due to correspondent decline in the price of wheat. Also, The number of work available days remained unchanged this week at 2.3 Days per week which is 17% below the work opportunities of pre-Covid time.

### Pastoralist (ToT)

The national number of pastoralist ToT deteriorated this week by 1.2% which is 15% less than pre-covid time. The number mainly fell in Khost and Paktya by 13%, followed by Nimruz (12%) Herat (7%),Bdghis (6%) and Takhar (5%).

At the same time, pastoralist ToT significantly improved in Zabul by 25% credited to equivalent rise in the price of one year old female sheep.