

# Afghanistan

## Countrywide Weekly Market Price Bulletin



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### Highlights

- In the last week of September, the prices of the food items were significantly higher than the last week of June ( before recent conflicts and political chaos).
- Price of wheat flour significantly rose by 5% compared to the last week.
- Following significant rise in the price of wheat, both casual labour/wheat ToT and pastoralist ToT deteriorated .
- Average weekly price of diesel spiked by 7.6%, hitting a new record high of 60 AFN/L.

| Main Food Commodities/Food Access indicators | 5th Week of September 2021 | Pricerate Changes (%)              |   |   |   |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
|  |                            | Compared to last week of June 2021 |   | Compared to the fourth week of September 2021 |   |
| WHEAT (Kg)                                   | 35.7                       | 19.4                               | ▲ | 4.4   | ▶ |
| WHEAT FLOUR - High price (Kg)                | 43.3                       | 28.8                               | ▲ | 5.4   | ▲ |
| WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (Kg)                 | 38.8                       | 27.0                               | ▲ | 5.0   | ▲ |
| RICE HIGH QAULTY (Kg)                        | 93.3                       | 4.9                                | ▶ | 0.4   | ▶ |
| RICE LOW QAULTY (Kg)                         | 53.6                       | 7.1                                | ▲ | 1.3   | ▶ |
| COOKING OIL (Kg)                             | 160.6                      | 19.7                               | ▲ | 1.9   | ▶ |
| PULSES (Kg)                                  | 97.1                       | 4.1                                | ▶ | 1.4   | ▶ |
| SALT (Kg)                                    | 14.0                       | 4.6                                | ▶ | 0.2   | ▶ |
| SUGAR (Kg)                                   | 58.6                       | 15.7                               | ▲ | 1.6   | ▶ |
| DIESEL (LITER)                               | 60.0                       | 13.7                               | ▲ | 7.6   | ▲ |
| ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD)           | 7775.0                     | 2.1                                | ▶ | -0.2  | ▶ |
| LABOUR UNSKILLED/DAY                         | 281.9                      | -8.4                               | ▲ | -0.5  | ▶ |
| LABOUR SKILLED/DAY                           | 592.6                      | -7.7                               | ▲ | -0.5  | ▶ |
| # OF DAYS WORK AVAILABLE/WEEK                | 1.6                        | -32.3                              | ▼ | 0.5   | ▶ |
| EXCHANGE RATE                                | 89.8                       | 12.5                               | ▲ | 2.3   | ▶ |
| CASUAL LABOUR/WHEAT                          | 7.9                        | -23.5                              | ▼ | -4.8  | ▶ |
| PASTORALIST TOT                              | 218.5                      | -15.0                              | ▼ | -4.4  | ▶ |

### Average weekly prices changes



▲ +4.4%



▲ +5.4



▲ +1.9%



▲ +1.6%



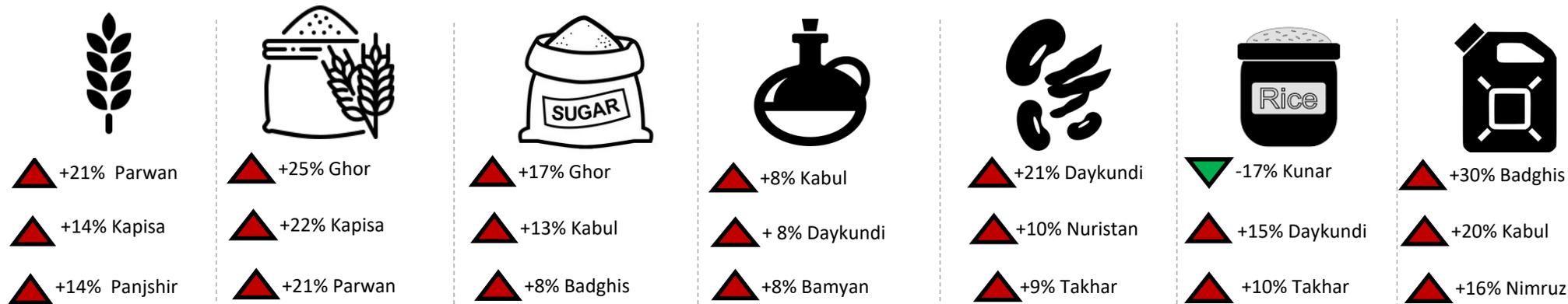
▲ +7.6%



▲ +5.9%



▲ +2.3%



**Number of days work is available:**

The average number of days that work is available for casual workers negligibly improved but still remains at its minimum, 1.6 days per week. Work opportunities significantly improved in Takhar and Wardak by 43% and 33% respectively while the number sharply declined in Zabul by 25%. There is no work opportunity in Bamyan, Daykundi, Logar, Paktya and Panjshir while there are another 10 provinces including Kabul with only 1 days of work availability.

**Casual Labour/Wheat ToT**

Following significant rise in the price of wheat, casual labour/wheat ToT considerably declined by 5% hitting the new record low of 7.9 Kg wheat for daily wage of unskilled labour. Also, ToT drastically declined even compared to a few months ago; the weekly ToT remained 23.5% below the number of last week of June 2021, before recent conflicts and political chaos.

ToT declined in most provinces including Helmand (20%) Parwan (18%), Kapisa (13%), Panjshir (12%), Badghis and Balkh (11%), Kunar, Zabul, Sari-pol and Jawzjan (8%) and Takhar (6%). While Increase in the price of wheat led most provinces to lower ToT, the number mainly deteriorated In Helmand due to sharp decline in unskilled labour wages .

**Pastoralist ToT**

Similar to casual labour/ wheat ToT, the national average number of pastoralist ToT declined this week by 4%. Continuous decline in ToT resulted in a new record low of 219 Kg of wheat for price of one year old female sheep. This number is 15% below the number of the last week of June 2021.

Increased wheat price contributed to the main driver of ToT deterioration in most provinces including Parwan (18%), Kapisa and Zabul (13%), Panjshir (12%), Badghis and Balkh (11%), Nuristan (10%), and Helmand, Jawzjan and Sari-pol (8%).