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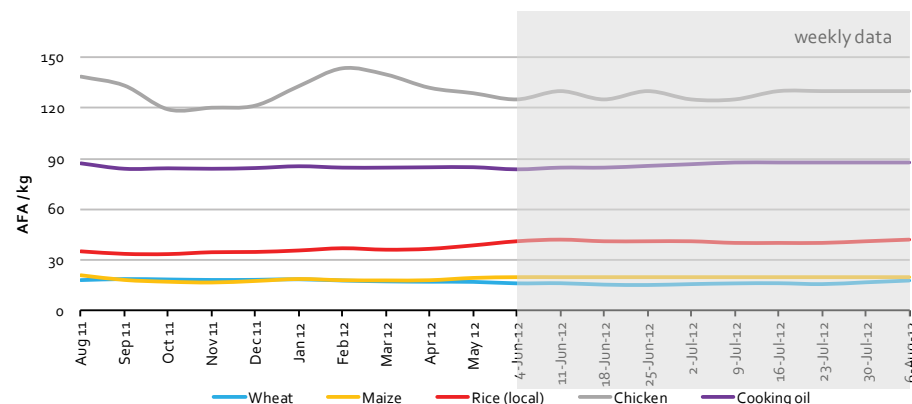


AFGHANISTAN, Kabul (6 August 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Over the past week, staple food prices in Kabul market were relatively stable except for wheat prices increased by 5 percent from the previous week and were 13 percent above the prices observed a year earlier.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (AFA/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice local	Kabul	42.0	2.4%	1.8%	6.3%	21.2%
Wheat	Kabul	18.0	5.9%	13.0%	6.6%	-0.9%
Maize	Kabul	20.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	-4.8%
Chicken	Kabul	130.0	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	-6.0%
Cooking oil (AFA/Lt)	Kabul	88.0	0.0%	2.6%	3.5%	0.4%

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A mobile miniature biscuit factory has been set up under the pilot Purchase for Progress (P4P) initiative, which aims to bolster the food processing industry in Jalalabad by providing secure markets for farmers (WFP, 27 July 2012).



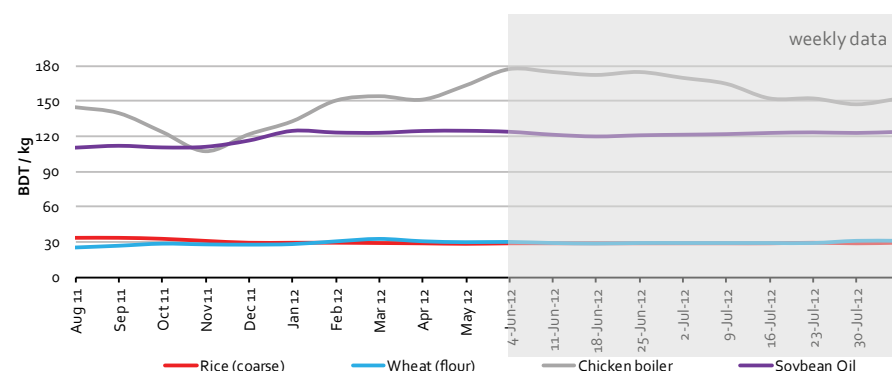
BANGLADESH, Dhaka (6 August 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Over the past week, staple food prices in Dhaka market were relatively stable except for chicken prices, which were 12 and 10 percent above the levels observed a month and three months ago, respectively.

According to Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), about 2.3 million chickens have been culled as a result of an outbreak of bird flu in 2007. There were 171 outbreaks in 2011, and 21 so far in 2012.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (BDT/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Coarse rice	Dhaka	29.0	1.8%	1.8%	2.7%	-12.1%
Wheat flour	Dhaka	31.0	0.0%	7.4%	4.2%	24.0%
Chicken broiler	Dhaka	152.5	3.4%	-11.9%	-10.2%	-16.5%
Soybean oil (BDT/ltr)	Dhaka	123.5	0.8%	2.5%	-0.6%	12.3%

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The government provides price support to farmers through a procurement programme that buys rice and paddy during the *Boro* season which account for 56 percent of the annual paddy production. The programme started in 3 May with a new procurement target (1 MMT) until 30 September 2012. As of 26 July, 0.5 MMT had been procured and 0.8 MMT had been contracted (Fortnightly Foodgrain Outlook 100, 31 July 2012).

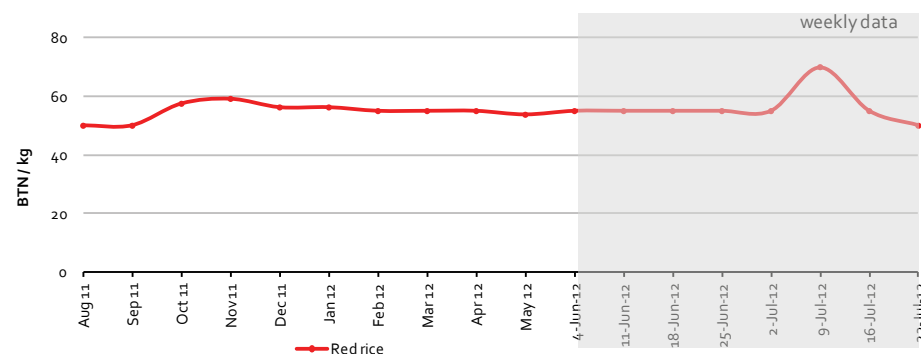


BHUTAN, National Average (23 July 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Red rice prices fell by 9 percent from the third to the fourth week of July and were 2 percent below the levels registered a year earlier.



Week of 23-Jul-12

Food item	Market	Price (BTN/ kg)	% change			
			1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Red Rice	National av	50.0	-9.1%	-7.0%	-9.1%	-2.4%

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The Renewable Research and Development Centre at Wengkhari launched a Research and Extension Outreach programme to develop farmers' capacities and improve rice varieties. Up to now, a total of five improved varieties of rice for low altitudes are being tested (BR 153, Radha, Karjat, Wengkhari Rey Kap 11 and IRL05006, Khamtee and Tsirang Zam) (Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, 10 August 2012).

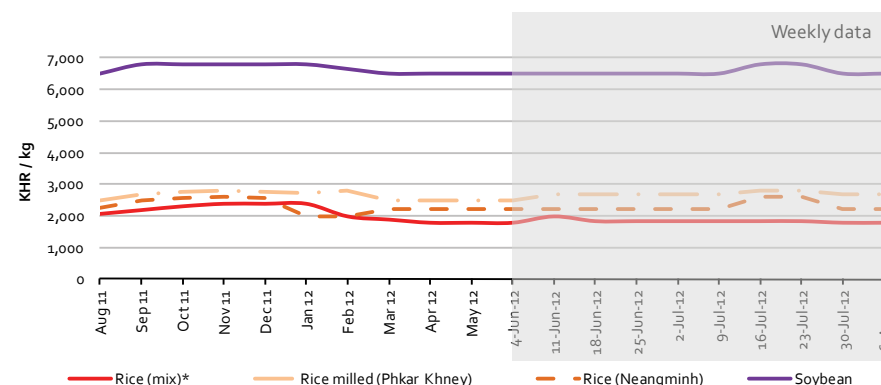


CAMBODIA, Phnom Penh (6 August 2012)

Wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Phnom Penh market have remained stable over the past week.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (KHR/ kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (mix)	Phnom Pehn	1,800	0.0%	-4.6%	0.0%	-14.3%
Rice (Phkar Khney)	Phnom Pehn	2,700	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Rice (Neangminh)	Phnom Pehn	2,200	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-4.3%
Chicken	Phnom Pehn	20,000	0.0%	-8.0%	-9.1%	-19.2%
Soybean oil	Phnom Pehn	6,500	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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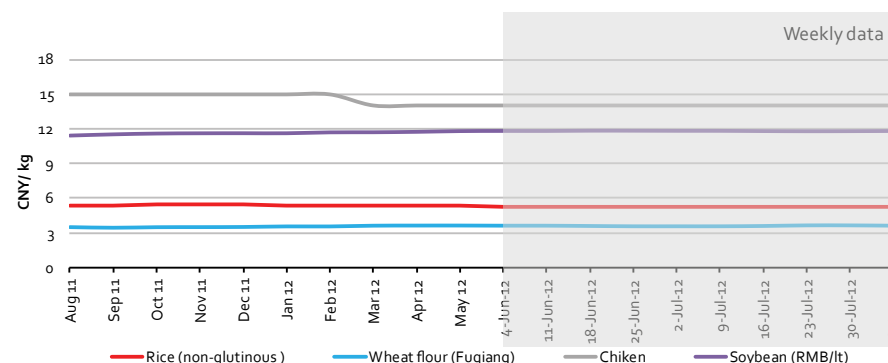


CHINA, Beijing (6 August 2012)

Retail and wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Beijing market have remained relatively stable over the past weeks.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (RMB/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Non-Glutinous Rice	Beijing	5.2	0.0%	-0.5%	-1.7%	-3.0%
Fuqiang Wheat Flour	Beijing	3.6	-0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	2.8%
Chicken (w)	Beijing	14.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-6.7%
Soybean oil RMB/lt	Beijing	11.8	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	3.2%

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According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the consumer price index (CPI) increased by 1.8 percent year on year in July, the slowest rate since February 2010. Food prices, which account for nearly one-third of the prices used to calculate China's CPI, edged up 2.4 percent in July from a year earlier. Surging vegetable prices were the driving force for the CPI's growth, contributing by 8 percent. Rain and flooding affected vegetable production in many places during the peak supply season (Chinese Government, 9 August 2012).

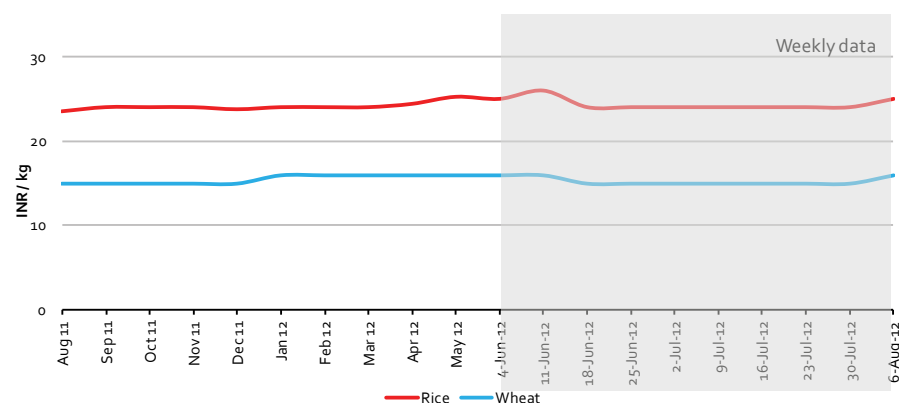


INDIA, Delhi (6 August 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Delhi market have remained relatively stable over the past week except that wheat prices increased by 7 percent over the past week.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (INR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice	New Delhi	25.0	4.2%	2.0%	-1.0%	5.8%
Wheat	New Delhi	16.0	6.7%	4.9%	0.0%	6.7%

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According to the 4th advance foodgrain production estimates for 2011-12, India achieved the highest level ever on foodgrains production with 257 MMT against 245 MMT a year earlier. In particular, record production has been achieved for rice (104.3 MMT), wheat (94 MMT), cotton (35 million bales), and sugarcane (358 MMT) (Public Information Bureau, 17 July 2012).

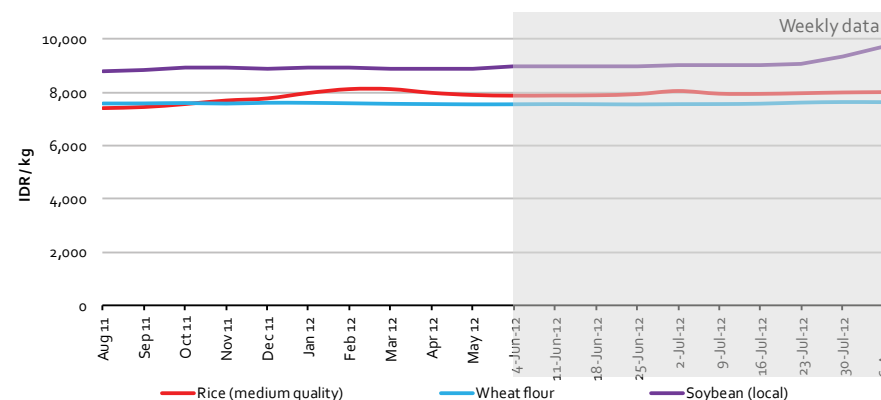


INDONESIA, National Average (6 July 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Indonesia have remained relatively stable since mid 2011, with the exception of chicken prices which were 11 percent above their levels observed three months ago.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (IDR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (medium quality)	National av	8,016	0.2%	0.9%	1.5%	12.2%
Wheat flour	National av	7,652	-0.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%
Chicken	National av	27,172	-4.1%	8.4%	10.9%	2.8%
Soybean (local)	National av	9,703	3.7%	7.9%	8.8%	10.4%

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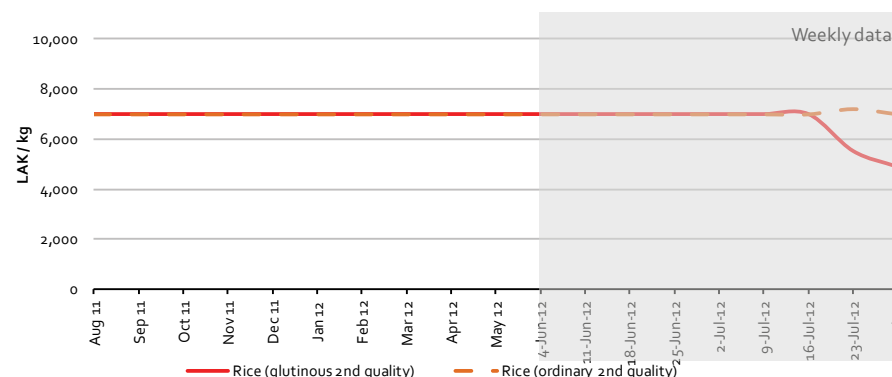
LAO PDR, Vientiane (30 July 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Vientiane market have remained relatively stable over the past week except that:

- Glutinous rice prices fell by 12 percent over the past week and were 30 percent below the levels observed a month and a year ago.
- Pork prices dropped by 6 percent from the previous week and were 13 percent below those observed a month ago.



Week of 30-Jul-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (LAK/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice glutinous	Vientiane	4,889	-11.5%	-30.2%	-30.2%	-30.2%
Rice ordinary	Vientiane	7,000	-3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Beef (2nd quality)	Vientiane	47,667	2.9%	5.9%	5.9%	25.4%
Pork (2nd quality)	Vientiane	28,000	-6.1%	-12.5%	-12.5%	-17.6%
Chicken	Vientiane	42,667	2.6%	-5.2%	-5.2%	6.7%

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Lao PDR is on track to complete its WTO accession negotiations after this year's summer break, and the country's membership in the Geneva-based trade body is widely expected to be formalised before 2012 (International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, 18 July 2012).

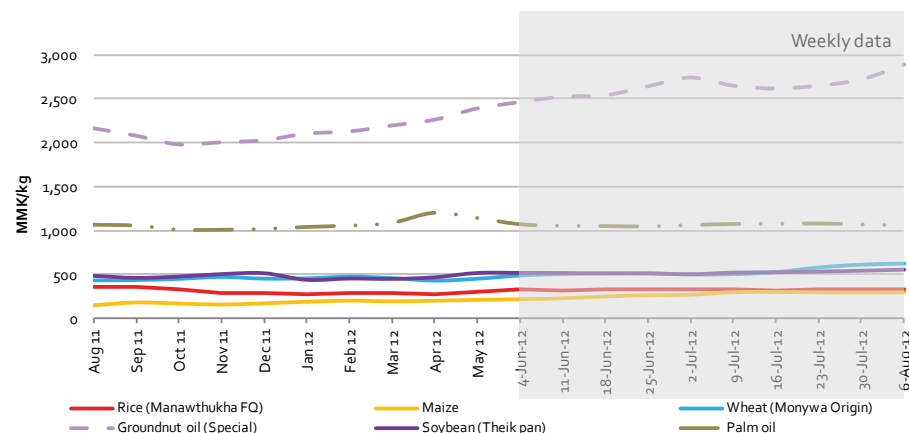


MYANMAR, Yangon and Mandalay (6 August 2012)
Wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Myanmar have remained relatively stable over the past week except that:

- Wheat prices increased by 6 percent from the previous week and were 36 and 41 percent above the levels observed three months and a year ago, respectively.



Week of 30-Jul-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (MMK/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (Manawthukha FQ)	Yangon	327	0.0%	0.3%	6.2%	-9.9%
Wheat (Monywa Origin)	Mandalay	615	5.6%	21.3%	35.9%	41.3%
Maize	Mandalay	299	-0.8%	22.6%	39.4%	98.6%
Groundnut oil (Special)	Yangon	2,715	2.6%	6.9%	13.6%	24.6%
Soybean (Theik pan)	Yangon	547	1.9%	5.6%	5.1%	11.5%
Palm oil	Mandalay	1,069	-1.1%	1.2%	-6.3%	-0.5%

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- A new radio programme funded by the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT) has been broadcasting local market prices of crops, from sesame and maize to peas and groundnuts, twice a day since March. In addition, they train farmers to analyse the information they hear so they can make better decisions (Alert Net, 12 July 2012).
- The Ministry of Health has designated August "nutrition month" and plan to hold a series of national nutrition-related activities, including provision of vitamin A supplements, tablets to fight tapeworms and awareness-raising about the benefits of iodine (Myanmar Times, 06 August 2012).

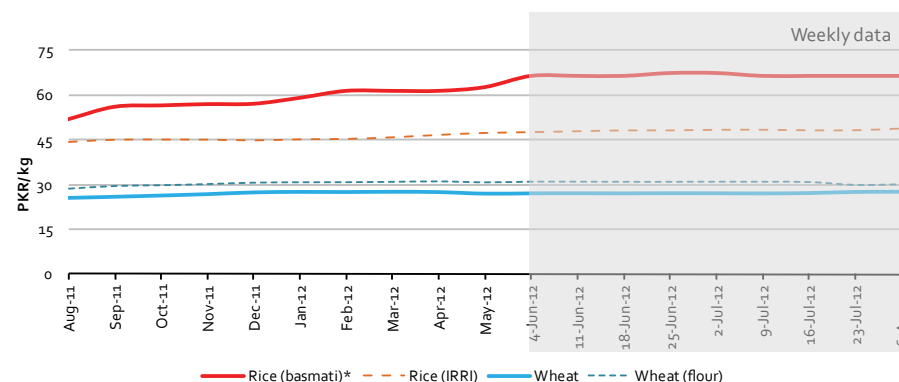


PAKISTAN, Karachi (6 August 2012)
Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Karachi market remained stable over the past week.

- *Basmati* rice prices were 30 percent higher than those observed a year earlier.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (PKR/kg)	1 week*	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (basmati)	Karachi	66.5	0.0%	-0.7%	3.9%	27.3%
Rice (IRRI)	Karachi	48.8	1.2%	1.3%	2.8%	9.5%
Wheat	Karachi	27.5	0.2%	2.0%	2.4%	8.7%
Wheat flour	Karachi	30.1	0.6%	-2.5%	-2.1%	5.4%

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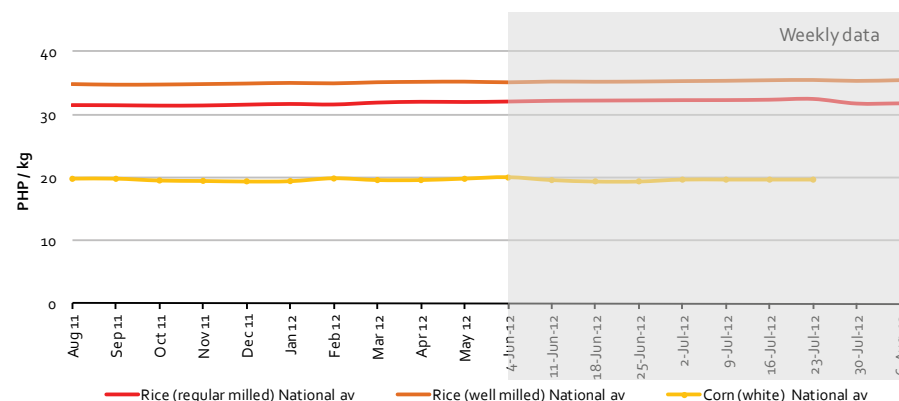
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PHILIPPINES, National average and Metro Manila (6 August 2012)
Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in the Philippines have remained largely stable since early 2011.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (PHP/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (regular milled)	National av	31.8	0.1%	-1.3%	-0.6%	1.1%
Rice (well milled)	National av	35.5	0.3%	0.6%	0.7%	1.8%
Corn (white)*	National av	19.7	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.3%	1.3%
Rice (regular milled)	Metro Manila	30.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Rice (well milled)	Metro Manila	35.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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The Department of Agriculture proposes a medium-term nationwide rural development programme, called the Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP), initially covering six regions in Luzon and Visayas, in addition to all provinces covered under the current Mindanao Rural Development Program Phase 2 (MRDP2). PRDP will be patterned after the five-year MRDP2. MRDP has been implemented by the DA in partnership with the enrolled local government units (LGUs), and project beneficiaries (Official Gazette, 02 August 2012).



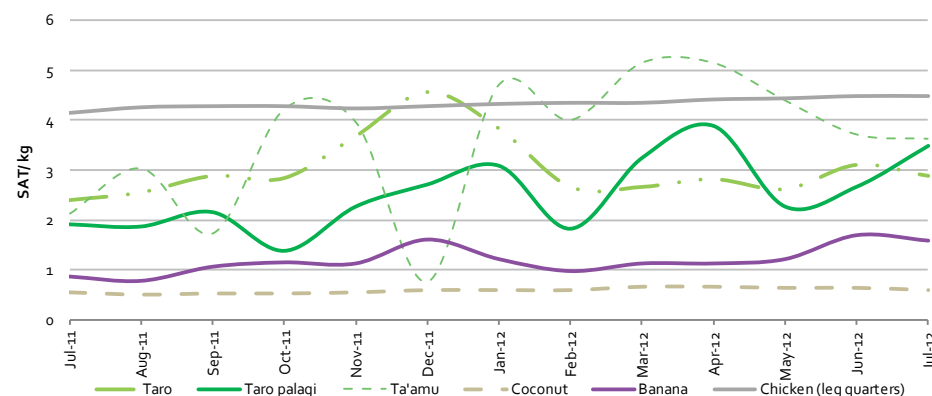
SAMOA, National Average (July 2011)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Samoan markets were relatively stable over the past month, except for:

- Taro palagi prices increased by 31 percent from June to July. Taro palagi prices were 82 percent above the levels observed a year ago.



Month of Jul-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (SAT/kg)	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years
Taro	Fugalei	2.9	-7.1%	2.3%	20.2%	-28.4%
Taro palagi	Fugalei	3.5	30.6%	-10.2%	81.6%	47.7%
Ta'amu	Fugalei	3.6	-2.4%	-29.5%	70.1%	-17.5%
Coconut	Fugalei	0.6	-6.9%	-10.0%	8.0%	28.6%
Banana	Fugalei	1.6	-6.5%	41.2%	84.6%	16.1%
Chicken (leg quarters)	National Av	4.6	0.5%	2.0%	6.7%	-8.4%

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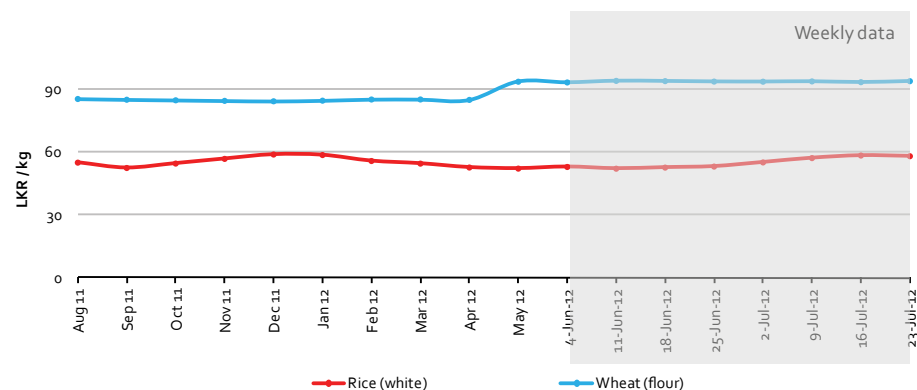


SRI-LANKA, Colombo (23 July 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Colombo have remained stable during the third week of July.



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Week of 23-Jul-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (LKR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (white)	Colombo	57.8	-0.6%	10.8%	11.3%	4.4%
Wheat flour	Colombo	93.5	0.5%	0.1%	0.3%	10.1%

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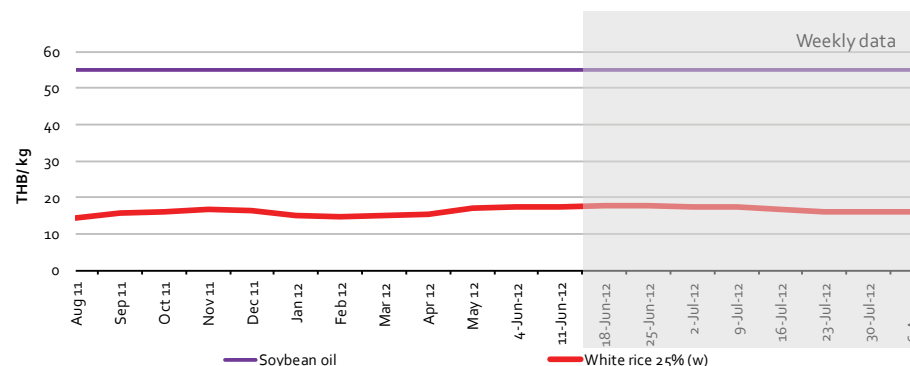


THAILAND, Bangkok (6 August 2012)
Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Overall, staple food prices have remained largely stable over the past week.

- Rice prices (25% broken) were 13 and 26 percent above their levels a month and a year ago.
- Pork prices were 14 percent below the prices observed a year ago.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (THB/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
White rice 25% (w)	Bangkok	16.2	0.6%	-8.4%	-6.8%	10.9%
Chicken	Bangkok	59.0	-3.3%	-5.0%	-5.6%	-28.9%
Pork tenderloin	Bangkok	126.5	3.3%	-0.8%	-5.9%	-20.3%
Soybean oil (Baht/lit)	Bangkok	55.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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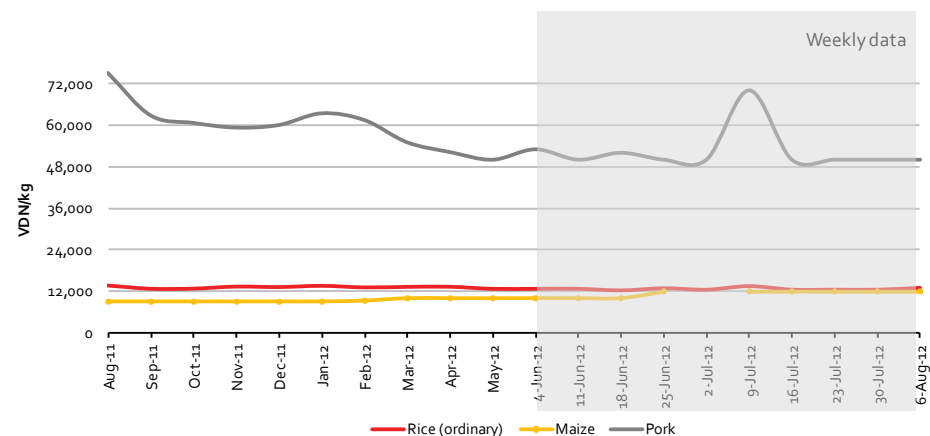


VIET NAM, Hanoi (6 August 2012)
Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Hanoi were relatively stable over the past week.

- Maize prices were 13 and 33 percent above those observed one month and a year ago, respectively.



Week of 6-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (VND/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice ordinary	Hanoi	13,000	4.0%	3.1%	2.1%	-4.3%
Maize	Hanoi	12,000	0.0%	12.5%	20.0%	33.3%
Pork	Hanoi	50,000	0.0%	-1.0%	-2.4%	-33.3%

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According to the Vietnam Food Association (VFA), rice exports from 1st January to 17th July, 2012 totalled 3.7 MMT (Agroviet, 25 July 2012).

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