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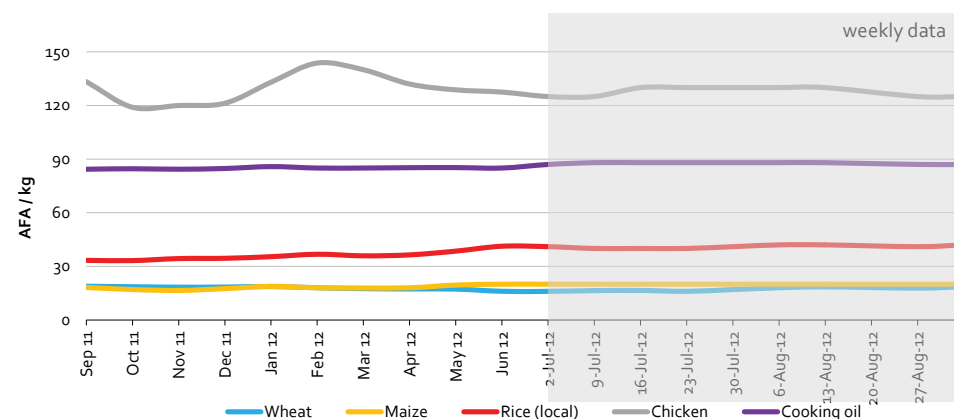
AFGHANISTAN, Kabul (3 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Kabul market have remained relatively stable over the past week.

- However, wheat prices were 13 percent above those observed three months ago.



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (AFA/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice local	Kabul	42.0	2.4%	4.3%	1.8%	26.0%
Wheat	Kabul	18.6	4.4%	12.8%	16.7%	-1.3%
Maize	Kabul	20.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.1%
Chicken	Kabul	125.0	0.0%	-2.9%	-2.0%	-6.3%
Cooking oil (AFA/Lt)	Kabul	87.0	0.0%	-1.1%	1.5%	3.2%

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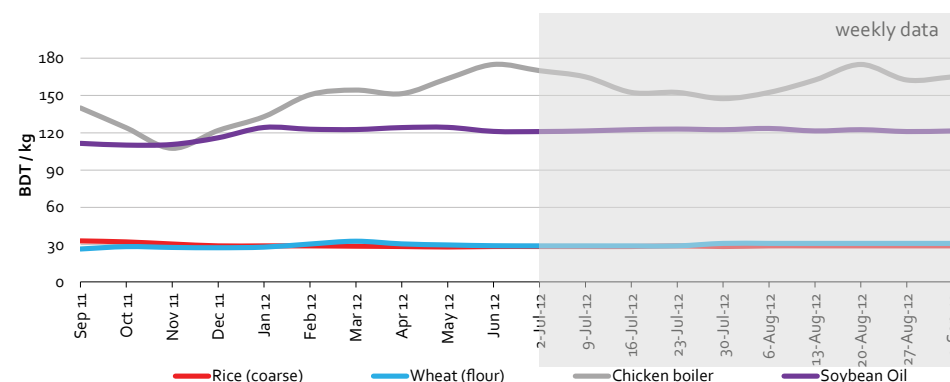
BANGLADESH, Dhaka (3 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Dhaka market have remained relatively stable over the past week.

- Soybean oil prices were 17 percent above the levels observed a year earlier.



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (BDT/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Coarse rice	Dhaka	29.0	0.0%	1.3%	1.8%	-12.1%
Wheat flour	Dhaka	31.0	0.0%	5.1%	7.4%	19.2%
Chicken broiler	Dhaka	165.0	1.5%	6.9%	-4.7%	-16.5%
Soybean oil (BDT/lt)	Dhaka	121.5	0.4%	-0.7%	0.8%	9.0%

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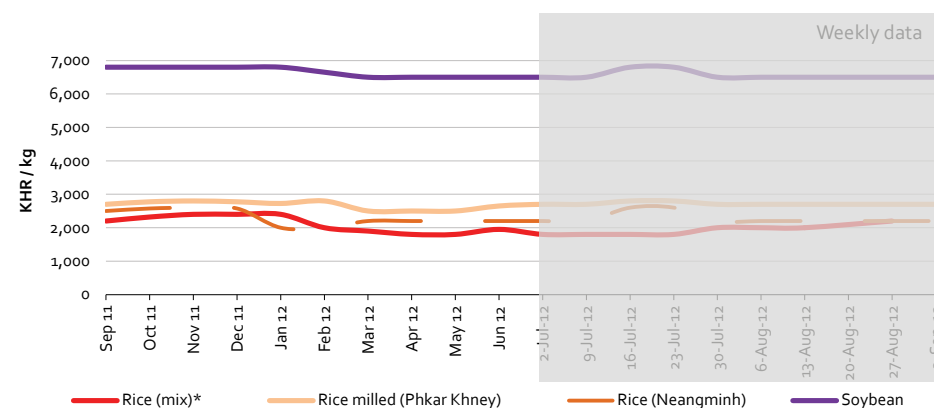
CAMBODIA, Phnom Penh (3 September 2012)

Wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

Rice prices (mix varieties) had been increasing notably over the past three months.



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (KHR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (mix)*	Phnom Pehn	2,200	10.0%	19.0%	13.0%	1.1%
Rice (Phkar Khney)	Phnom Pehn	2,700	0.0%	-1.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Rice (Neangminh)	Phnom Pehn	2,200	0.0%	-8.3%	0.0%	-12.0%
Chicken	Phnom Pehn	21,000	5.0%	-1.2%	-3.4%	-8.7%
Soybean oil	Phnom Pehn	6,500	0.0%	-2.3%	0.0%	-4.4%

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According to a media report a delay in rainfall (usually taking place between May and October) has adversely affected rice cultivation in 146,000 hectares which suggests 360,000 MT damage in paddy crop). So far, an 82 percent of rice has been planted (1.9 million hectare) from the desired target for this year (Mekong Oryza news, 19 August 2012).

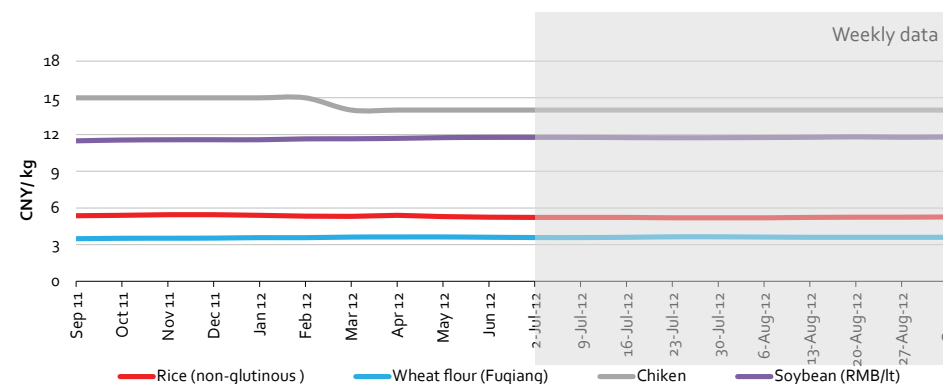


CHINA, Beijing (3 September 2012)

Retail and wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

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



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (RMB/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Non-Glutinous Rice	Beijing	5.3	0.4%	1.0%	0.7%	-2.0%
Fuqiang Wheat Flour	Beijing	3.6	0.0%	-0.4%	0.1%	3.3%
Chicken (w)	Beijing	14.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-6.7%
Soybean oil RMB/lt	Beijing	11.8	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	2.7%

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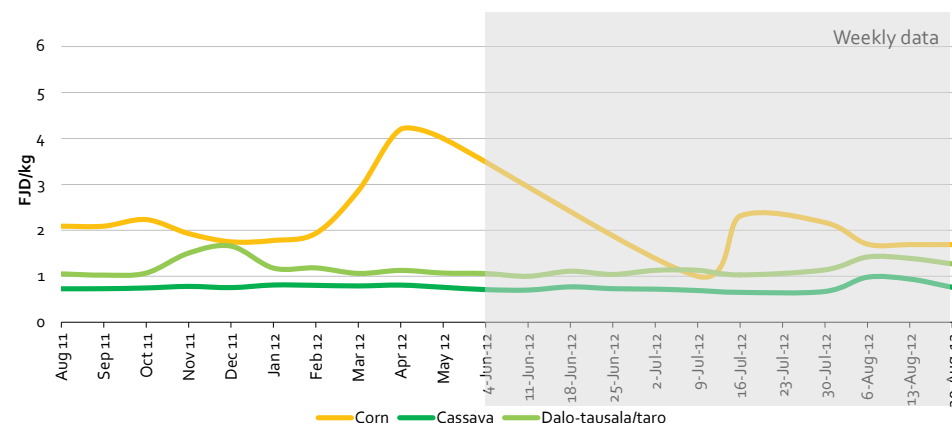


Fiji, National Average (3 September 2012)
Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Fiji market fell significantly in mid-August, except corn. These nominal fluctuations respond mainly to improvements in supply after the widespread flooding on March 2012 particularly in the Western Division.

- Cassava prices dropped by 19 percent over the past week but were still 6 percent above the prices observed a year earlier.
- Dalo-tausala (taro) prices fell by 9 percent from the previous week but were 23 percent above those registered a year ago.



Week of 20-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (FJD/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Corn	National av	1.7	0.0%	2.1%	NA	-28.0%
Cassava	National av	0.8	-19.1%	9.0%	1.7%	6.3%
Dalo-tausala taro	National av	1.3	-8.6%	17.3%	20.1%	22.7%

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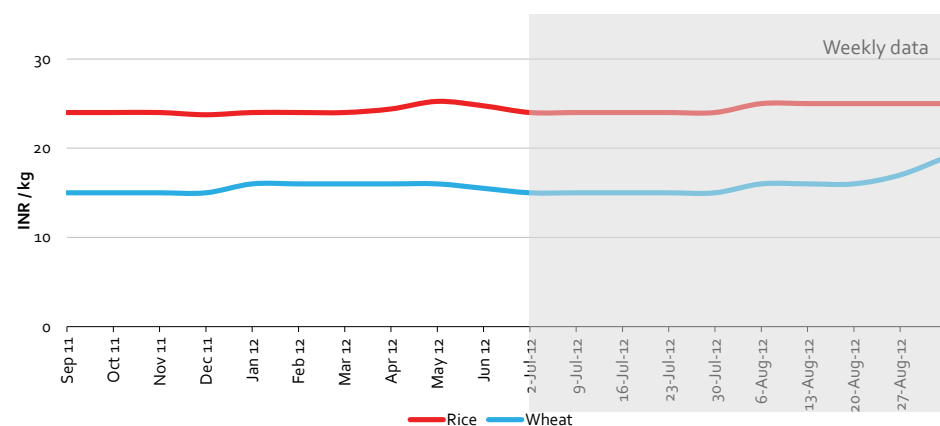
INDIA, Delhi (3 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Delhi market have remained relatively stable over the past week, except:

-Wheat prices increased by 12 percent over the past week and remained 27 percent higher than the levels registered both a month and a year ago.



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (INR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice	New Delhi	25.0	0.0%	4.2%	2.0%	4.2%
Wheat	New Delhi	19.0	11.8%	26.7%	24.6%	26.7%

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- During July and August, Food Corporation of India has released 2.6 MMT of wheat to markets via Open Market Sales Scheme (OPSS) in response to recent price increases (Press Information Bureau 4 September 2012).

- The Government of India introduced additional input subsidies in response to drought: (i) Diesel subsidy scheme, that provides 50 percent of the cost of diesel for supplementary and protective irrigation will be provided as financial assistance to farmers; and an (ii) Enhanced subsidy scheme, ceiling on seeds subsidy is enhanced for cereals, pulses and oilseeds under on-going schemes (Press Information Bureau, 31 August 2012).



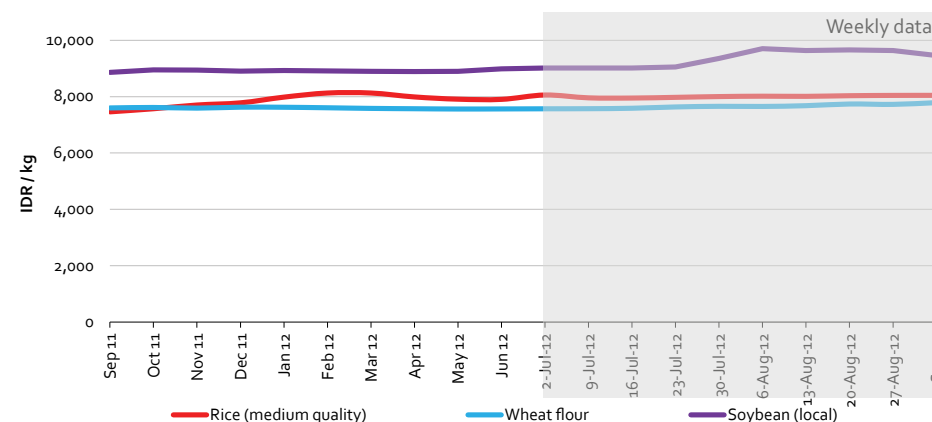
INDONESIA, National Average (3 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Indonesian markets remained stable over the past week, except:

- Chicken prices that fell by 7 percent.



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (IDR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (medium quality)	National av	8,046	0.0%	0.9%	1.3%	12.2%
Wheat flour	National av	7,787	0.8%	2.3%	2.9%	1.0%
Chicken	National av	24,854	-7.3%	-9.8%	-0.9%	-4.6%
Soybean (local)	National av	9,457	-1.9%	3.8%	5.2%	6.7%

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The Government of Indonesia announced the re-establishment the National Logistics Company (BULOG) as a buffer stock agency to help stabilize prices of three major commodities: rice, sugar, soybean. Under this scheme, BULOG can intervene if the three commodities experienced market distortion or price fluctuations that interferes farmers and communities. So far, the House of Representatives is on agreement with BULOG's new task, however, further details on this mechanism have not been released (Bulog, 06 September 2012).

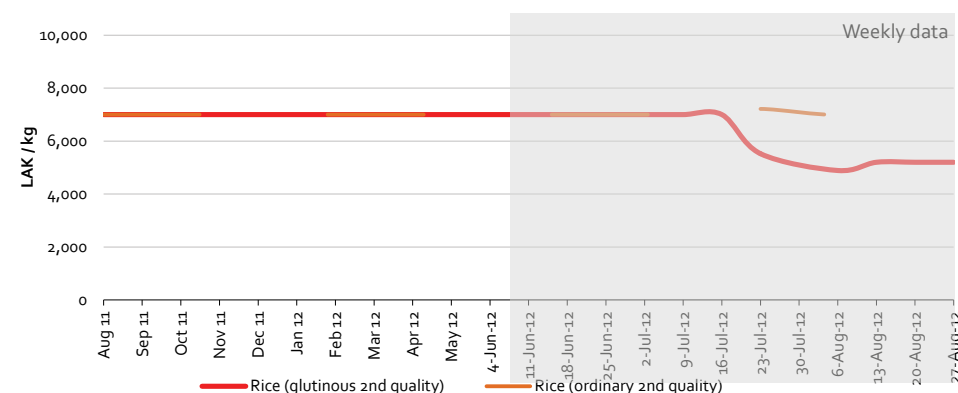


LAO PDR, Vientiane (27 August 2012)
Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

Glutinous rice prices have been declining over the past 3 months due to supply improvement in local markets and were 26 percent below the price levels observed a month ago.



Week of 27-Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (LAK/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice glutinous	Vientiane	5,200	0.0%	-21.6%	-25.7%	-25.7%
Rice ordinary	Vientiane	7,500	0.0%	6.3%	7.1%	7.1%
Beef (2nd quality)	Vientiane	45,800	0.0%	1.0%	1.8%	20.5%
Pork (2nd quality)	Vientiane	29,700	0.0%	-5.6%	-7.2%	-12.6%
Chicken	Vientiane	41,300	0.0%	-6.5%	-8.2%	3.3%

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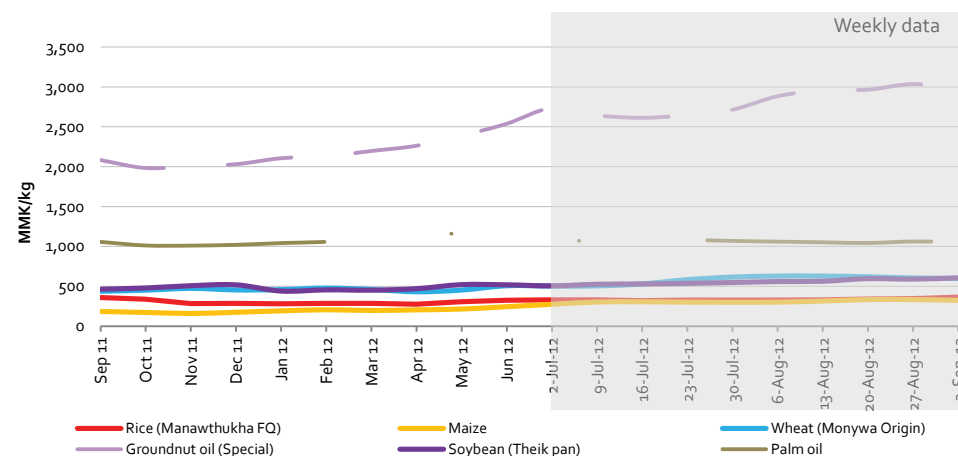
MYANMAR, Yangon and Mandalay (3 September 2012)

Wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Yangon and Mandalay markets remained relatively stable over the past week.

However, rice, groundnut oil and soybean prices remained 12, 12, and 13 percent above the levels observed a month ago, respectively.



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (MMK/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (Manawthukha FQ)	Yangon	364	4.9%	11.7%	11.5%	1.2%
Wheat (Monywa Origin)	Mandalay	600	-0.7%	7.4%	17.5%	37.0%
Maize	Mandalay	325	-2.6%	7.3%	26.0%	76.1%
Groundnut oil (Special)	Yangon	2,980	-1.8%	12.3%	14.3%	43.1%
Soybean (Theik pan)	Yangon	606	2.7%	13.2%	17.7%	30.7%
Palm oil	Mandalay	1,055	-0.7%	-2.0%	0.0%	-0.2%

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In response to recent floods, the Myanmar Rice Federation Emergency Early Response Team (EERT) has provided food assistance in cash (MMK 20 million = USD 23,000) and in kind (bags of rice and baskets of seeds) (Myanmar Times, 2 September 2012).



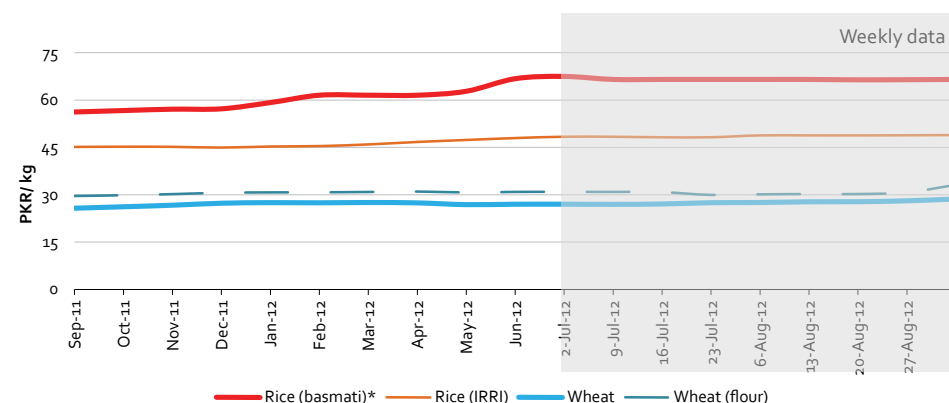
PAKISTAN, Karachi (3 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Karachi market remained stable over the past week, except:

-Wheat flour prices increased by 8 percent.



Week of 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (PKR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (basmati)	Karachi	66.5	0.1%	0.0%	-0.7%	18.3%
Rice (IRRI)	Karachi	48.9	0.1%	1.3%	1.6%	8.3%
Wheat	Karachi	28.7	2.1%	5.5%	6.1%	11.3%
Wheat flour	Karachi	33.1	7.8%	8.5%	7.2%	11.9%

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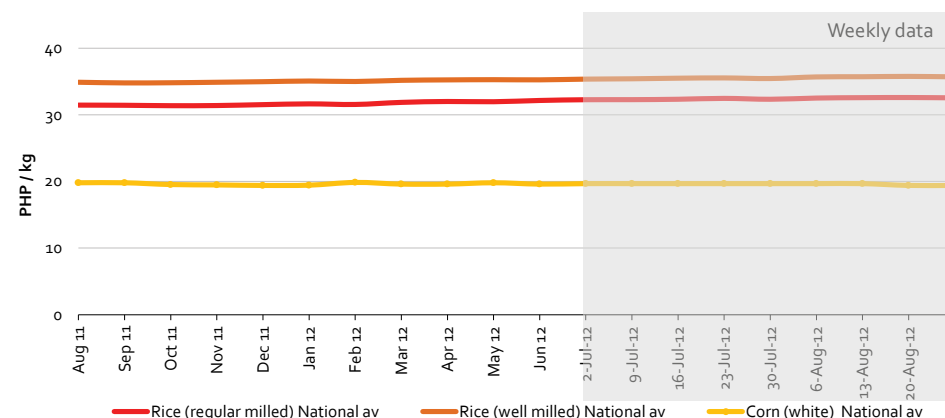


PHILIPPINES, National average and Metro Manila (3 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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



Food item	Market	Price (PHP/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (regular milled)*	National av	32.6	0.1%	1.0%	1.6%	3.7%
Rice (well milled)*	National av	35.8	0.1%	1.1%	1.5%	2.5%
Corn (white)*	National av	19.4	-1.4%	-1.0%	-1.8%	-2.0%
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 (DA) is proposing a PHP 74.1 billion (USD 1.7 billion) budget for the 2013, 21 percent higher than this year's budget. Major resources are expected to be allocated to irrigation, post-harvest infrastructure, production and extension support services (Official Gazette, 23 August 2012).



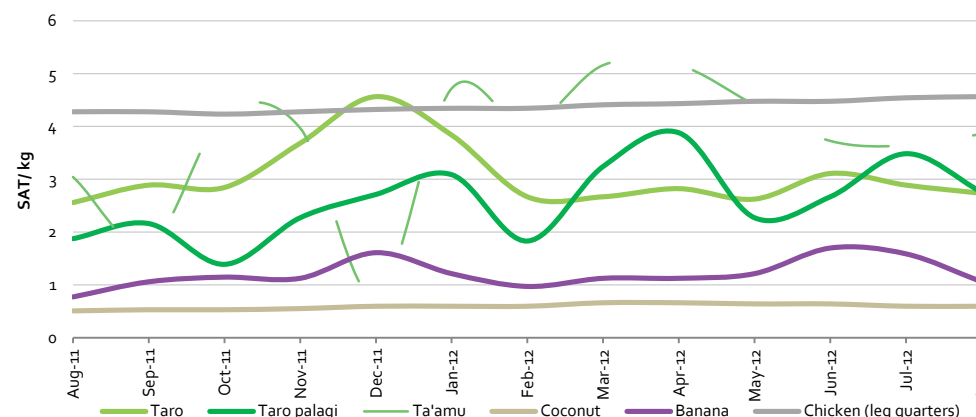
SAMOA, National Average (August 2011)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

- Taro palagi prices fell by 21 percent from July to August but were 47 percent above the levels observed a year ago.
- Banana prices dropped by 33 percent but were 37 percent higher than those registered a year ago.



Month of Aug-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (SAT/kg)	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years
Taro	Fugalei	2.7	-5.3%	4.2%	6.9%	-24.8%
Taro palagi	Fugalei	2.8	-20.9%	21.4%	47.1%	-1.6%
Ta'amu	Fugalei	3.9	6.1%	-12.5%	26.8%	-19.4%
Coconut	Fugalei	0.6	0.0%	-6.9%	17.4%	0.0%
Banana	Fugalei	1.1	-33.3%	-12.7%	37.1%	-31.4%
Chicken (leg quarters)*	National Av	4.6	0.5%	2.0%	6.7%	-8.4%

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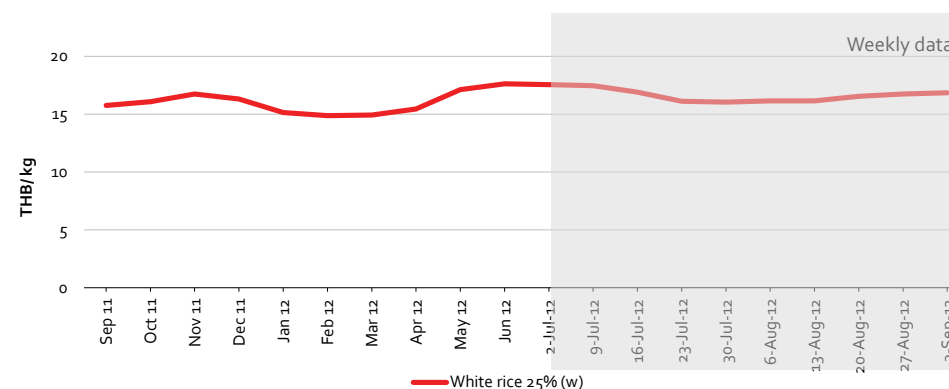
THAILAND, Bangkok (3 September 2012)

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.



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Week of 3-Sep-12		% change				
Food item	Market	Price (THB/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
White rice 25% (w)	Bangkok	16.9	0.6%	1.3%	-4.5%	7.0%

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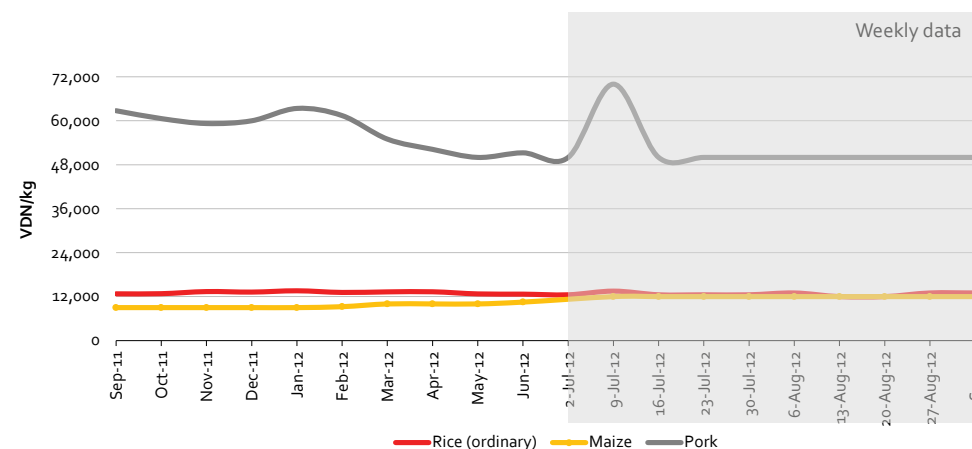
VIET NAM, Hanoi (3 September 2012)

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 3-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (VND/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice ordinary	Hanoi	13,000	0.0%	2.0%	3.1%	1.9%
Maize	Hanoi	12,000	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	33.3%
Pork	Hanoi	50,000	0.0%	-9.1%	-1.0%	-20.3%

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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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