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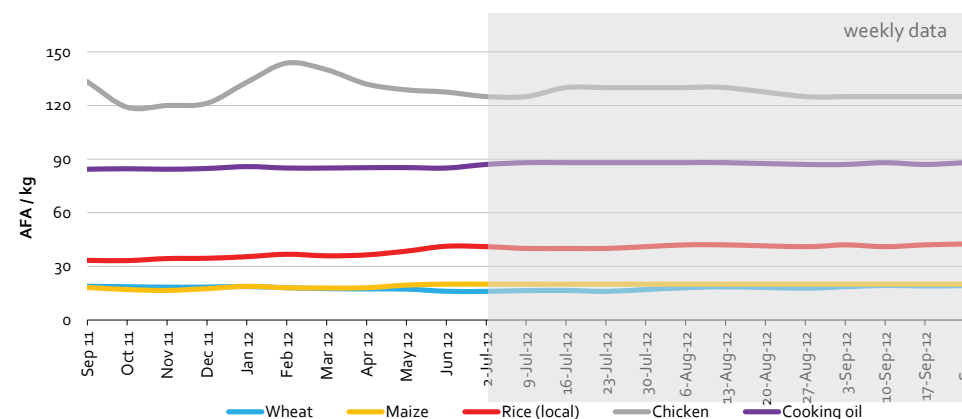
AFGHANISTAN, Kabul (24 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

- However, wheat prices were 18 percent above those observed three months ago.



Week of 24-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (AFA/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice local	Kabul	42.5	1.2%	2.0%	5.6%	30.8%
Wheat	Kabul	19.2	1.1%	7.7%	18.3%	2.4%
Maize	Kabul	20.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.1%
Chicken	Kabul	125.0	0.0%	-3.8%	-2.0%	3.1%
Cooking oil (AFA/Lt)	Kabul	88.0	1.1%	0.0%	0.3%	4.8%

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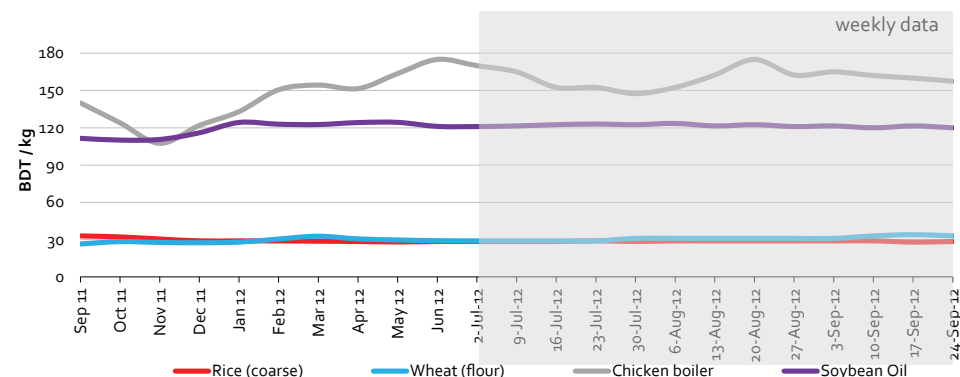
BANGLADESH, Dhaka (24 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

- However, wheat prices were 14 percent above those observed three months ago.



Week of 24-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (BDT/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Coarse rice	Dhaka	28.5	1.8%	-1.3%	-0.4%	-13.3%
Wheat flour	Dhaka	33.0	-2.9%	6.5%	13.8%	20.5%
Chicken broiler	Dhaka	157.5	-1.6%	-1.2%	-1.6%	-16.5%
Soybean oil (BDT/ltr)	Dhaka	120.0	-1.2%	-2.0%	-1.6%	8.1%

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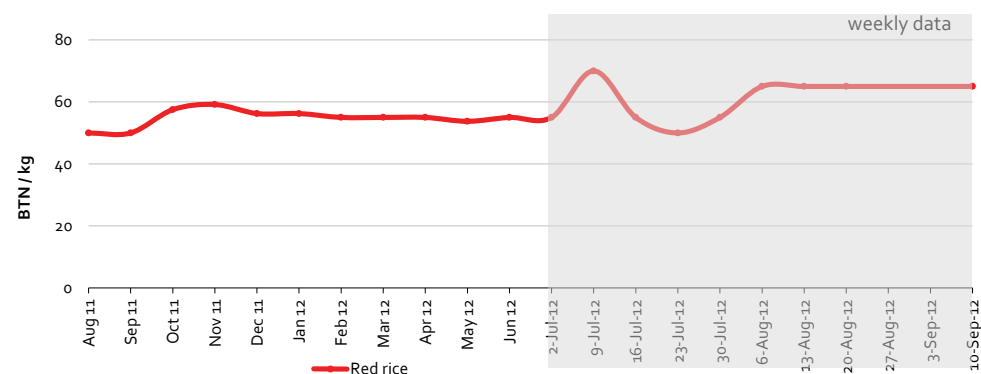


BHUTAN, National Average (10 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Red rice prices in Bhutan markets have remained relatively stable over during the second week of September. However, prices were 16 percent above those observed a month ago.



Week of 10-Sep-12

Food item	Market	Price (BTN/ kg)	% change			
			1 week*	1 month	3 months	1 year
Red Rice	National av	65.0	0.0%	15.6%	10.6%	26.8%

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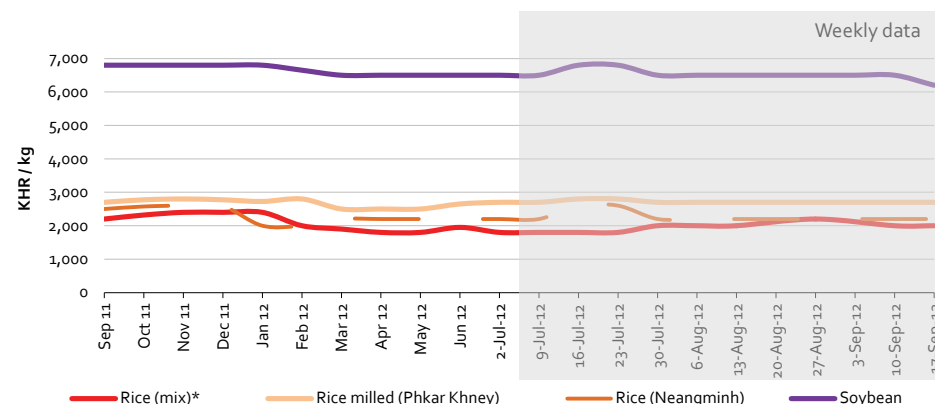


CAMBODIA, Phnom Penh (17 September 2012)

Wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

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



Week of 17-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (KHR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (mix)	Phnom Pehn	2,000	0.0%	2.6%	8.1%	-9.1%
Rice (Phkar Khney)	Phnom Pehn	2,700	0.0%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-1.2%
Rice (Neangminh)	Phnom Pehn	2,200	0.0%	-4.3%	-4.3%	-13.2%
Chicken	Phnom Pehn	20,000	-4.8%	-2.4%	-7.0%	-11.8%
Soybean oil	Phnom Pehn	6,200	-4.6%	-5.7%	-5.7%	-8.8%

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According to a media report, the newly formed Alliance of Rice Producers and Exporters of Cambodia (ARPEC) will establish a commercial wing to provide members finance, bank loans, rice bags and other recommendations on rice-related activities to promote and facilitate rice exports to other countries (Oryza, 28 September 2012).

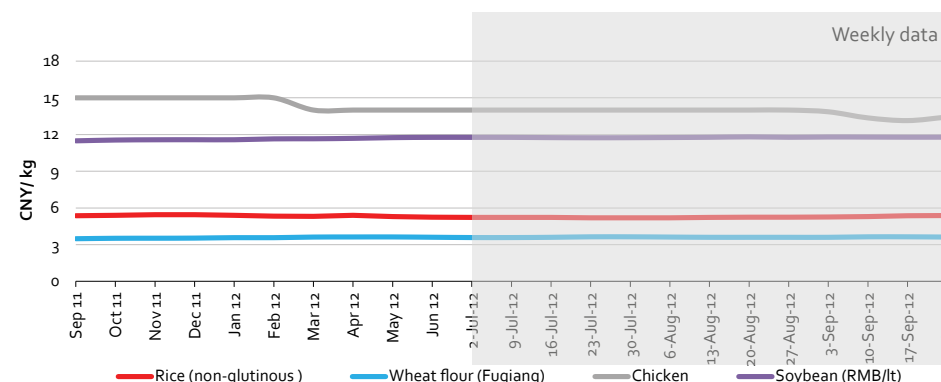


CHINA, Beijing (24 September 2012)

Retail and wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

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



Week of 24-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (RMB/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Non-Glutinous Rice	Beijing	5.4	0.4%	3.2%	3.2%	-0.3%
Fuqiang Wheat Flour	Beijing	3.6	-0.5%	0.1%	0.6%	3.1%
Chicken (w)	Beijing	13.4	2.2%	-4.1%	-4.1%	-10.5%
Soybean oil RMB/lt	Beijing	11.8	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	2.1%

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China plans to spend CYN 72.02 billion (USD 11.35 billion) during the 2011-2015 period on improving a quality inspection system for farm production. Some of the measures will focus on in the quality of farm produce, expansion of local-level centers and improvement of risk-monitoring information platforms (Chinese Government's Official Website, 25 September 2012).



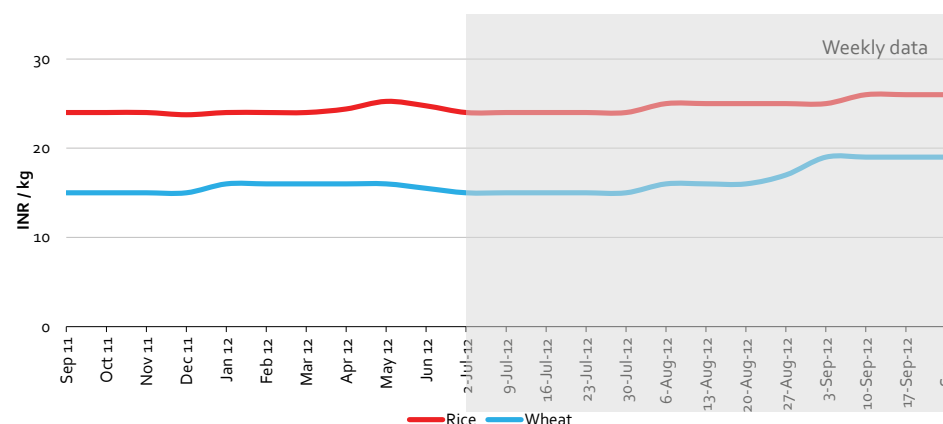
INDIA, Delhi (24 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

-Wheat prices were 21 percent higher than the levels registered both a month ago.



Week of 24-Sep-12

Food item	Market	Price (INR/kg)	% change			
			1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice	New Delhi	26.0	0.0%	5.1%	8.3%	8.3%
Wheat	New Delhi	19.0	0.0%	20.6%	26.7%	26.7%

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Summer season (*kharif*) 2012 began with delayed onset of Monsoon which resulted in a delayed sowing leaving some areas unsown. At the same time it has provided a new opportunity for additional coverage under winter crops (*rabi*) with positive prospects to recharge the soil profile in rainfed areas. In this context, special attention will be paid to maximising production of oilseeds and pulses, by enhancing use of technology on high yielding, pest resistant and agro-climatic varieties of crops (Press Information Bureau, 25 September 2012).

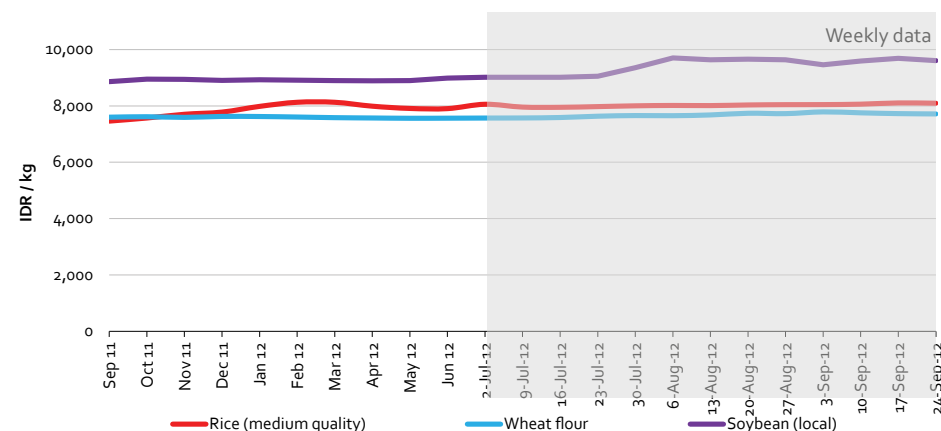


INDONESIA, National Average (24 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Indonesian markets remained stable over the past week. Despite agricultural prices continuing to persist above 2011 averages, weekly price movements have thus far been marginal in September 2012.



Week of 24-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (IDR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (medium quality)	National av	8,095	0.0%	1.0%	1.4%	12.2%
Wheat flour	National av	7,715	0.0%	0.4%	1.6%	1.0%
Chicken	National av	24,881	0.0%	-8.6%	-7.5%	-1.2%
Soybean (local)	National av	9,605	0.0%	0.2%	6.4%	7.4%

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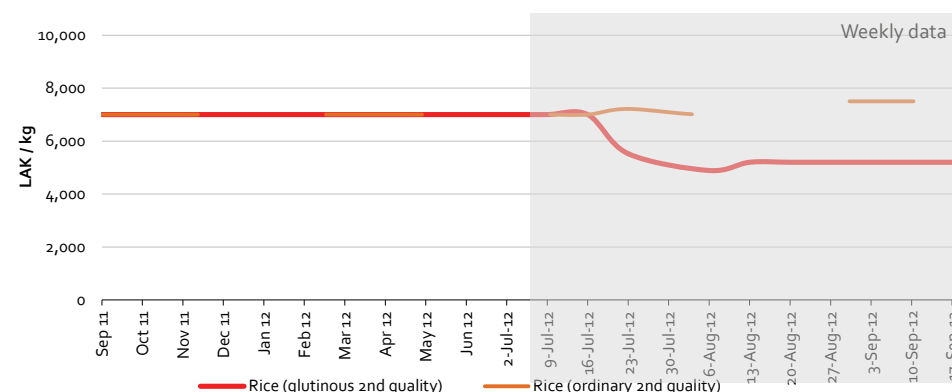
LAO PDR, Vientiane (17 August 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Vientiane markets were relatively stable over the third week of September, except rice prices.

- 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 three months ago.



Week of 17-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (LAK/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice glutinous	Vientiane	5,200	0.0%	-0.1%	-25.7%	-25.7%
Rice ordinary	Vientiane	7,500	0.0%	3.6%	7.1%	7.1%
Beef (2nd quality)	Vientiane	45,800	0.0%	-1.7%	1.8%	20.5%
Pork (2nd quality)	Vientiane	29,700	0.0%	1.8%	-7.2%	-12.6%
Chicken	Vientiane	41,300	0.0%	-1.3%	-8.2%	3.3%

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In the framework of the ninth China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, the Lao PDR Prime Minister announced that Lao PDR will provide a better environment for Chinese agricultural investment (Xinhua, 25 September 2012).



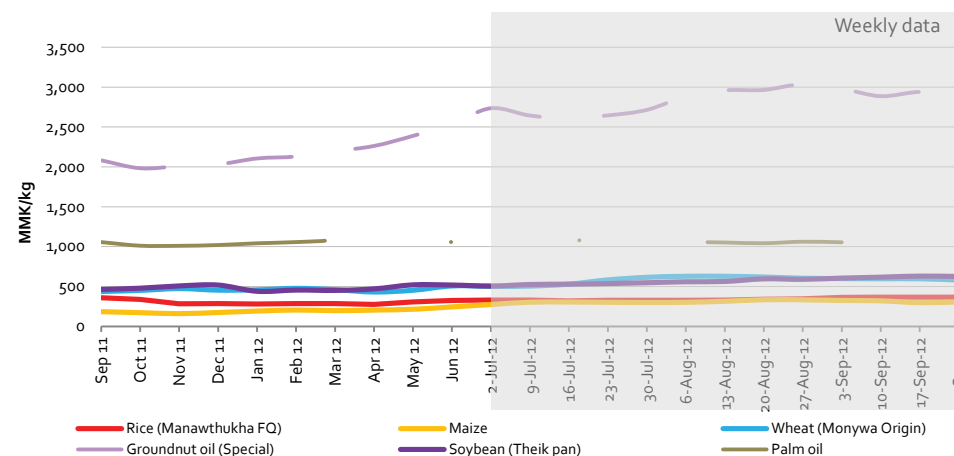
MYANMAR, Yangon and Mandalay (24 September 2012)

Wholesale nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

- Groundnut oil prices increased by 5 percent over the past week and were 46 percent above those observed a year earlier.
- Local market prices for wheat and maize have eased this week as price levels for these commodities respectively remain up to 36.4 and 66.3 percent above the same period in the previous year.



Week of 24-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (MMK/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (Manawthukha FQ)	Yangon	367	0.0%	11.1%	12.6%	3.4%
Wheat (Monywa Origin)	Mandalay	582	-2.5%	-6.5%	9.8%	30.5%
Maize	Mandalay	306	3.1%	-2.0%	3.4%	67.9%
Groundnut oil (Special)	Yangon	2,896	5.1%	0.5%	8.9%	45.4%
Soybean (Theik pan)	Yangon	626	-0.8%	10.5%	19.3%	34.3%
Palm oil	Mandalay	1,004	-2.1%	-5.0%	-6.6%	-2.0%

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Small loans during the current 'monsoon paddy' season ranging from 60 to 600 dollars are being offered to the agriculture sector by organisations like the Livelihood and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT). According to unofficial figures, only 18 percent of the country's total land area of 68 million ha is cultivated, of which 18.5 percent is irrigated for crops ranging from rice, beans, sesame seed to vegetables. Rice coverage dominates the agriculture land, estimated at close to eight million ha (Inter Press Service, 11 September 2012).



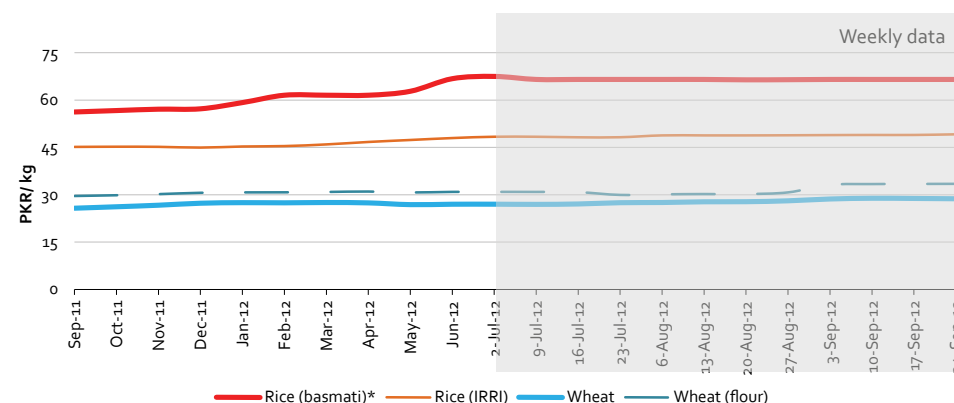
PAKISTAN, Karachi (24 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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

- Sequential weekly growth in wheat crops has continued to expand since mid-August 2012; currently standing at 10 percent above 2011 averages.



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% change

Food item	Market	Price (PKR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (basmati)	Karachi	66.5	0.0%	0.1%	-0.4%	17.8%
Rice (IRRI)	Karachi	49.2	0.4%	0.7%	1.8%	8.4%
Wheat	Karachi	28.7	-0.3%	3.7%	5.9%	10.2%
Wheat flour	Karachi	33.5	0.1%	10.8%	9.2%	12.3%

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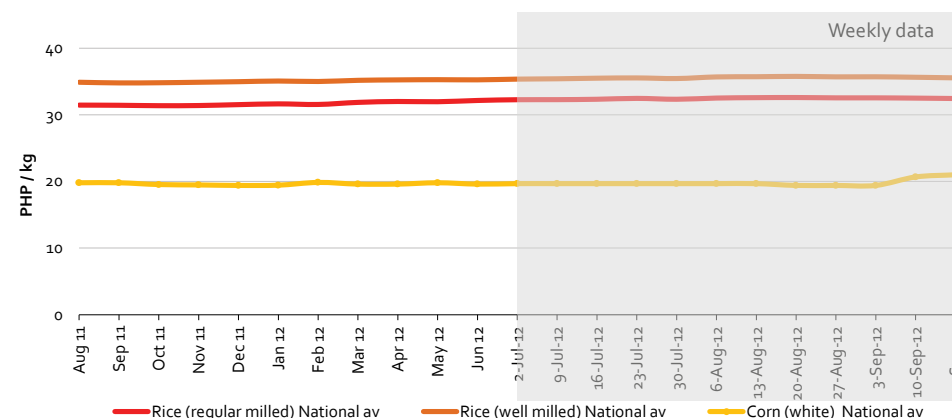


PHILIPPINES, National average and Metro Manila (24 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

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



Week of 24-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (PHP/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (regular milled)*	National av	32.4	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.5%	3.3%
Rice (well milled)*	National av	35.5	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.5%	2.6%
Corn (white)*	National av	21.0	1.6%	6.8%	7.1%	6.1%
Rice (regular milled)	Metro Manila	30.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.3%
Rice (well milled)	Metro Manila	35.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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The Department of Agriculture (DA) announced an allocation of PHP 914 million (USD 21.8 million) to construct four Agri-Pinoy Trading Centers (APTCs) which will benefit at least 12,000 farmers and livestock raisers in Benguet, Pangasinan, Nueva Ecija, and Southern Mindanao (Official Gazette, 18 September 2012).

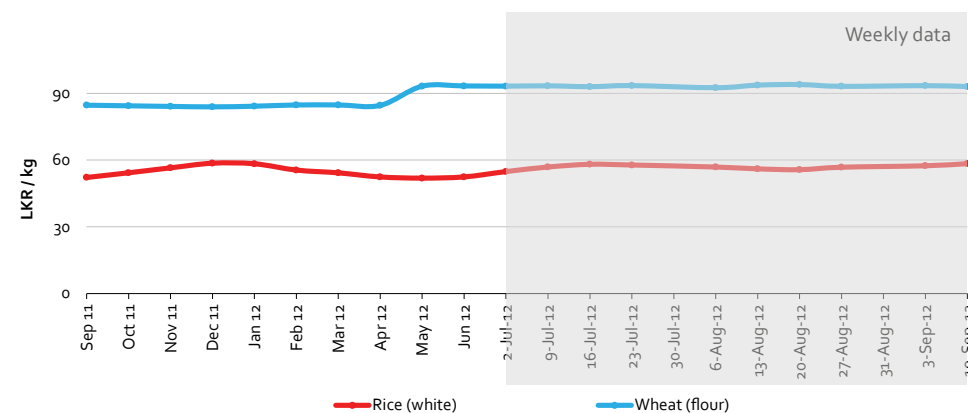


SRI-LANKA, Colombo (10 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Staple food prices in Colombo markets have remained relatively stable over the second week of September



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% change

Food item	Market	Price (LKR/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice (white)	Colombo	58.4	1.7%	1.4%	7.7%	11.5%
Wheat flour	Colombo	93.1	-0.4%	0.1%	-0.3%	10.2%

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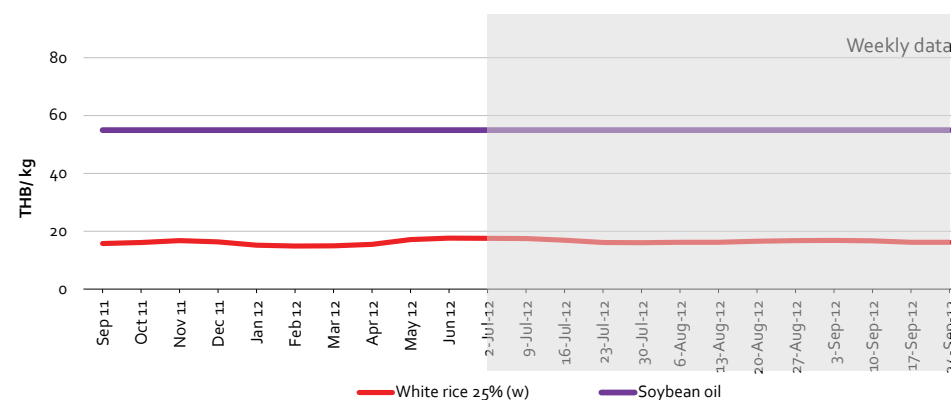
THAILAND, Bangkok (24 September 2012)

Retail nominal prices

Country Highlights

Rice prices in Bangkok have remained largely stable over the past week.

-Chicken prices were 29 percent below the prices observed a year ago.



Week of 24-Sep-12

% change

Food item	Market	Price (THB/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
White rice 25% (w)	Bangkok	16.2	0.0%	-0.5%	-5.1%	0.9%
Chicken	Bangkok	59.0	0.0%	-0.8%	-4.9%	-28.5%
Pork tenderloin	Bangkok	127.5	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	-7.2%
Soybean oil (Baht/lt)	Bangkok	55.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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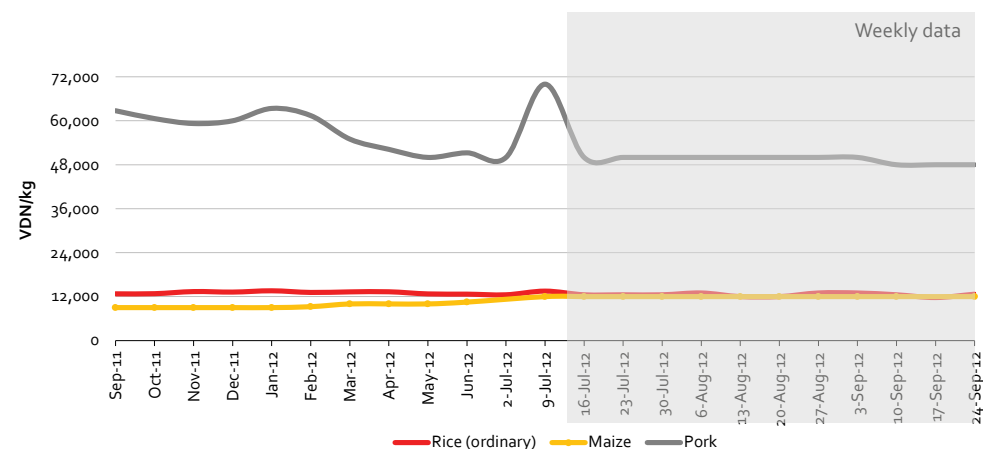


VIET NAM, Hanoi (24 September 2012)
Retail nominal prices

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.



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% change

Food item	Market	Price (VND/kg)	1 week	1 month	3 months	1 year
Rice ordinary	Hanoi	12,667	7.8%	2.4%	-0.7%	-0.2%
Maize	Hanoi	12,000	0%*	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%
Pork	Hanoi	48,000	0.0%	-4.0%	-12.7%	-19.0%

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

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