

# WFP SOUTH SUDAN WEEKLY PRICE TRACKER

A weekly price analysis of food and other essential commodities



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## ***Repreive for consumers as food prices decrease seasonally in many markets in the third week of September 2016***

- Price of locally produced commodities (cereals, legumes, vegetables etc) have started to reduce or stabilize somewhat in many markets across the country in line with seasonal harvests.
- In particular, grain (maize & sorghum) prices went down in the third week of September 2016 compared to the previous week by 9-12% in Juba (Konyo Konyo), 10% in Aweil Town, and 20-29% in Wau Market. Relative stability in cereal prices were recorded in Torit. An exception was noted in Bor Market where prices were still on the rise during the reporting week.
- Beans prices also declined week-on-week in Juba (8%) while remaining relatively stable in other markets over the third week of September.
- The easing in prices of these staples is mainly due to new harvests starting to trickle into local markets.
- Similarly, imported food commodities like vegetable oil and wheat flour declined slightly or sustained their levels in third week of September when compared to the second week, the main driver being reduced demand due to increased substitution towards cheaper local foods.
- Casual labour rates improved on a weekly basis in many areas due to increased labour demand for harvesting activities, raising the prospects of gradual seasonal improvements in purchasing power of households.
- Despite these short term gains for consumers and casual labourers, food prices remained significantly elevated when compared to the same week last month, same period last year and the five year average.
- For more details, kindly refer to the price trends in the annex that follow in the next page

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Annex: Price Trends			Price Changes (%) from:							
Market	Commodity	Week 3 Sept2016	1 Week	Same week last month	Same week last year	5year average	1 Week	Same week last month	Same week last year	5year average
	Field Beans (Janjaro)	130	86%	63%	767%	442%	↑	↑	↑	↑
	Petrol	250			1216%	1900%		↑	↑	↑
	Vegetable oil	100	0%	18%	150%	574%	→	↑	↑	↑
	Wheat Flour									
	White Maize(Grain)									
	White Sorghum	65		-7%	225%	222%		↓	↑	↑
	Medium Male Goat	3750	150%	88%	650%	18984%	↑	↑	↑	↑
<b>Wau</b>	Casual Labour (Agricultural)	100	0%	0%	400%		→	→	↑	
	Casual Labour (Non-Agricultural)	100	0%	0%	233%	545%	→	→	↑	↑
	Diesel	145	0%	-28%	867%	544%	→	↓	↑	↑
	Field Beans (Janjaro)	100	0%	0%	400%	830%	→	→	↑	↑
	Petrol	146	-12%	-48%	873%	1143%	↓	↓	↑	↑
	Vegetable oil	120	9%	-14%	300%	991%	↑	↓	↑	↑
	Wheat Flour	80	-11%	-27%	371%	493%	↓	↓	↑	↑
	White Maize(Grain)	200	-29%	-20%	700%	2122%	↓	↓	↑	↑
	White Sorghum	200	-20%	-33%	400%	1256%	↓	↓	↑	↑
	Medium Male Goat	1600	6%	14%	310%	7027%	→	↑	↑	↑