

MONTHLY MARKET MONITORING BULLETIN

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Background

The market price data and information is collected from seven FSIS Programme target Governorates through the Governorate Focal Units (GFU) and FSTS in Sana'a City. The prices are collected from Hodeida, Hajjah, Dhamar, Hadramout, Lahej, Taiz and Sana'a City markets. The prices are collected from at least three (3) representative market centers and average is calculated for each location. The market-monitoring bulletin provides tables and charts that show the monthly prices in the targeted Governorate markets. It also provides and allows the users to compare the current prices with the previous month and the pre-crisis average.



Key Highlights

- Globally:** The **FAO Food Price Index (FFPI)** averaged 168.0 points in April 2017 down almost 3.1 points (1.8 percent) from March, but still 15.2 points (10 percent) higher than in April 2016. The **FAO Cereal Price Index** averaged 146.0 points in April, down 1.8 points (1.2 percent) from the previous month and 3.8 points (2.5 percent) from its value in April 2016. The benchmark US wheat (no.2 hard red winter, f.o.b.) in March declined prices after increasing in the previous two months and averaged USD 198 per ton, about 6 percent lower from February and 4 percent down from a year earlier. (FAO - FPMA 10 April 2017).
- Imported commodities:** In April, the average prices of monitored imported food commodities in all target governorates, increased by nearly 6% for rice and less than 1% for wheat flour and Faba-Bean. At the same time, and compared to the previous month, the average price of vegetable cooking oil, wheat grains, sugar and beans dropped by 5%, 1.3% and less than 1% respectively. Nevertheless, the average prices of all monitored imported products are still higher than the pre-crisis prices by 33% for wheat flour and by 75% for Rice.
- Locally produced Cereals:** The average price of locally produced cereals (Sorghum, Maize, and Barley) slightly decreased compared to the prices in March 2017. While the average price of Millet increased by 1.75%. Moreover, the prices are still much higher than the pre-crisis prices by above 46% for Sorghum, by 49.11% for millet, by above 57% for Maize and nearly 82% for Barley. *However, and due to consumption habits linked with the month of Ramadan, demand is expected to increase as well as the prices of those products during the coming period.*
- Fuel Commodities:** The average price of diesel in the target governorates is 232 YR/liter, which is up by 1% from March 2017, while the average price of petrol recorded as 233 YR/liter, which is down 6% from March. Closer look at individual governorates, the average monthly price of diesel and petrol remained unchanged and remained as in March in Lahej and Hadramout, petrol price declined in all other governorates, the lowest was in Taiz by 12.86% cooking gas price increased in Sana'a city, Hodeidah, Hajjah and Dhamar by 18%, 14.4%, 13.7% and 11.8% respectively.
- Availability of food commodities in the local markets:** At the time of reporting, availability of the monitored basic food and non – food commodities remained stable in the targeted governorates. Except of Hadramout, some kinds of cereals such as barley, maize, sorghum and local wheat were scarcely available in all other target governorate. Similarly and due to seasonality factors Thamad, Sakhla and Bagha fish were scarcely available in the governorates of Hodeida, Hajjah, Lahej, Taiz and Dhamar.
- Food security parameters:** According to FAO' Yemen situation report (April 2017), Cultivated area and production in 2016 decreased by average 38 percent compared to the pre-crisis period. Further, the delay in the current spring rainfall season may affect the current cereals-legumes plantation seasons of maize, lentil and barley in the central highlands and encourages the growth and production of sorghum, maize, millet and groundnuts in the southern in addition to wheat in the northern uplands and the red variety of sorghum in the Tihamah plain zone.

Retail Market Prices and Trends of Key Commodities

Fig 1. Average Retail Price of Wheat, Wheat flour and Rice(YR/Kg)
 January 2015 -April 2017

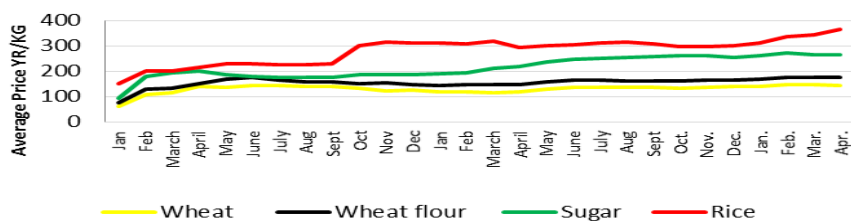


Fig 2. Average Retail Prices of Locally produced cereals
 (YR/Kg) January 2015- April 2017

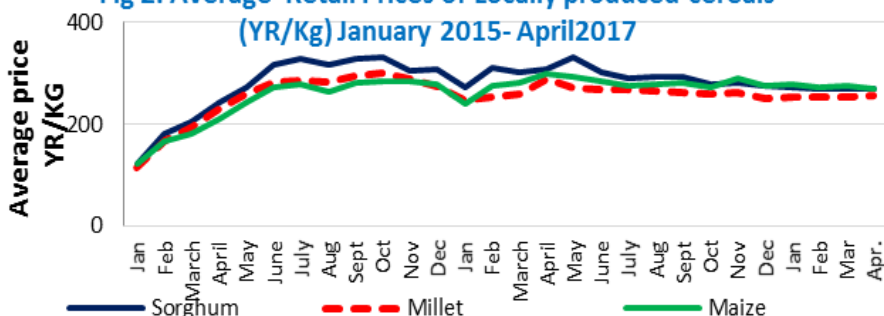


Table 1: Average Retail Price (YR/Kg) of Imported commodities and % change with previous month and pre-crisis

Imported Commodities	April 2017 price	Percentage change	
		1 M	Pre-crisis
Wheat	145.00	-1.27%	35.01%
Wheat flour	175.71	0.08%	33.45%
Sugar	263.43	-0.48%	49.40%
Rice*	365.29	5.99%	75.34%
Veg oil**	541.14	-4.97%	51.44%
Faba-Beans	342.83	0.19%	NA
Beans	477.14	-0.06%	51.07%
Lentils	513.00	-0.75%	46.15%

* Average price of two varieties of Basmati and non-Basmati rice

** Average price of imported and locally processed veg cooking oil

Table 2: Average Retail Price (YR/KG) of Locally produced cereals and % change with previous month and pre-crisis

Local Cereals	April 2017 price	Percentage change	
		1 M	Pre-crisis
Sorghum	269.86	-0.26%	46.27%
Millet	257.71	1.75%	49.11%
Maize	269.57	-2.48%	57.49%
Barley	275.86	-0.26%	81.88%

Monthly Average Prices of Locally Produced Commodities

Cereals

Table 3: Average price of locally produced cereals (YR/Kg April 2017 and % change previous month and pre-crisis

Commodity	% change	Sana'a City	Hodeida	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz
Sorghum	April	214	204	271	183	367	300	350
	1 M	-5.73%	2.00%	1.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Pre-crisis	18.89%	60.63%	59.41%	1.67%	46.80%	NA	75.00%
Millet	April	232	204	213	209	383	300	263
	1 M	-0.43%	2.00%	6.50%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.50%
	Pre-crisis	36.47%	60.63%	25.29%	4.50%	125.29%	NA	31.50%
Maize	April	265	200	279	183	427	300	233
	1 M	3.92%	0.00%	-9.12%	0.00%	-5.53%	0.00%	-2.10%
	Pre-crisis	55.88%	57.48%	55.00%	7.65%	137.22%	NA	16.50%
Barley	April	227	400	238	183	283	300	300
	1 M	-2.16%	0.00%	3.93%	0.00%	-3.08%	0.00%	0.00%
	Pre-crisis	62.14%	207.69	58.67%	14.38%	57.22%	NA	100.00%

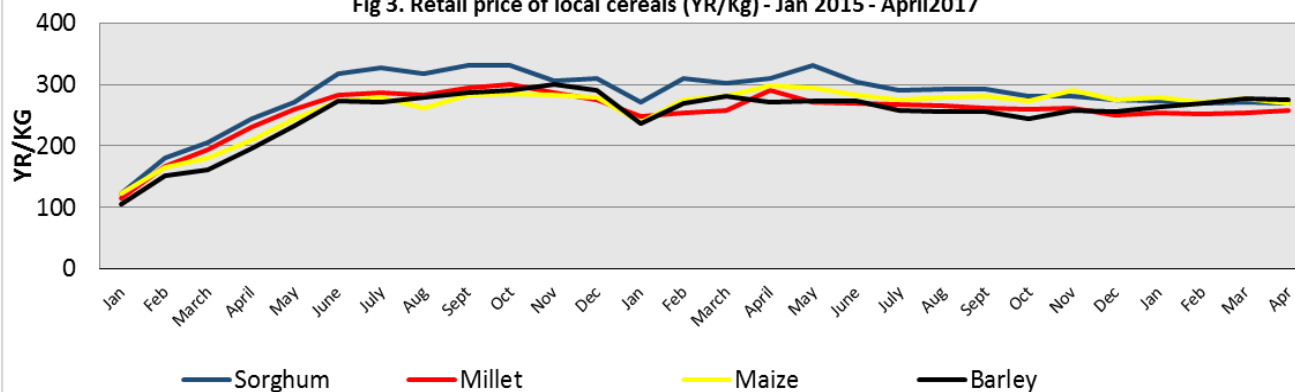
- Millet:** The average prices of millet in April almost followed the same trends of sorghum, where it remained the same compared to March 2017 in Hadramout and Lahej, but increased by 10% in Dhamar and 6.5% in Hajjah. The prices of millet in Hadramout remains very high (125.3%) followed by Al Hodeidah (60.63%) compared to the pre-crisis period.

- Maize:** In April, the average price of maize increased by 4% in Sana'a City only. The average price of maize remained the same as in March in Dhamar, Hodeidah and Lahej and declined by 9% in Hajjah and by 5.5% in Hadramout Governorates compared to the previous month.

- Barley:** The average price of barley in April remained the same as in March in Hodeidah, Dhamar, Lahej and Taiz. Although prices increased by nearly 4% in Hajjah, Sana'a city and Hadramout had nominal price decline. Local barley average retail price in Al Hodeidah is the highest (208%) compared to the pre-crisis prices followed by Taiz (100%) and Sana'a city by 62.14%.

- Sorghum:** Except Sana'a city, which had price decline, the average prices of sorghum in April remained unchanged in Dhamar, Hadramout Lahj and Taiz while Hodeida and Hajja Governorates had slight price increase. The retail price was highest in Taiz (350 YR / kg) and least in Dhamar (183 YR / kg). The average price of sorghum remained high by 75% in Taiz by 60.63% in Hodeidah and by 46.8% in Hadramout when compared to the pre-crisis prices in February 2015.

Fig 3. Retail price of local cereals (YR/Kg) - Jan 2015 - April 2017



Vegetables

Table 4: Average Prices of vegetables (YR/Kg) April 2017– and the % change compared to the previous month

Commodities	Month	Sana'a City	Hodaidah	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz
Onions	April	183	142	200	142	146	150	175
	1 M	22.00%	29.09%	4.17%	24.56%	8.15%	8.70%	7.36%
Tomatoes	April	271	258	238	246	226	246	242
	1 M	20.44%	31.63%	19.00%	17.70%	30.64%	15.49%	26.04%
Potatoes	April	200	208	196	213	188	175	221
	1 M	0.00%	1.96%	2.08%	6.50%	6.21%	21.53%	-1.78%
Pepper	April	358	238	383	343	683	725	567
	1 M	43.20%	5.78%	37.28%	12.83%	63.79%	58.30%	8.00%
Chilly	April	500	429	488	525	775	675	1783
	1 M	66.67%	66.28%	52.02%	29.31%	85.85%	72.19%	-4.29%

- Tomatoes:** In April, tomatoes followed the same trends of onions, and due to the current limited supply, there was a significant increase in average prices of tomatoes in all targeted governorates. The highest price increase reached 31.6% in Hodeidah followed by 30.6% in Hadramout and 26% in Taiz.

- Potatoes:** The monthly average retail prices in April were stable apart from Lahej Governorate where prices sharply went up by 22%

- Pepper & Chilly:** There was a sharp increase in the monthly average price of pepper in April compared to the previous month by 64% in Hadramout, by 58% Lahej, by 43% Sana'a city and Hajjah by 37.28%. The prices of chilly decreased only in Taiz by less than 5%. All other governorates there was sharp price increase between 29.3% in Dhamar and above 80% in Hadramout. In general, the prices of vegetables vary almost every month due to seasonality, local production, and forces of demand and supply in the markets.

Onions: Average retail prices of onions in April increased in all targeted governorates. Prices sharply increased by 29% Hodeida, by 25% in Dhamar, and by 22% Sana'a' city. The highest retail price recorded in Hajjah (200 YR/kg) followed by Sana'a city and Taiz.



Imported Food Commodities

Table 5: Average price of Imported Food Commodities (YR/Kg) in April 2017 & percentage changes (previous month and Pre-crisis period)

Commodities	% change	Governorates						
		Sana'a City	Hodeidah	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahej	Taiz
Wheat Grains	April	147	130	124	150	156	158	150
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	-5.34%	0.00%	1.96%	5.33%	-10.18%
	Pre-crisis	13.08%	30.00%	61.04%	36.36%	30.00%	NA	NA
Wheat flour	April	177	157	158	170	168	150	250
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	3.95%	0.00%	0.00%	-3.23%	0.00%
	Pre-crisis	36.15%	30.83%	58.00%	13.33%	20.00%	NA	66.67%
Sugar	April	277	250	250	257	260	250	300
	1 M	1.84%	0.40%	0.00%	-5.51%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Pre-crisis	73.13%	31.58%	26.26%	51.18%	44.44%	NA	87.50%
Rice1 Basmati	April	480	412	467	493	373	507	533
	1 M	8.35%	3.52%	7.85%	9.56%	-0.53%	12.67%	-4.48%
	Pre-crisis	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	77.67%
Rice2 Non *	April	244	362	229	233	266	265	250
	1 M	0.41%	6.47%	3.62%	-1.27%	26.07%	32.50%	-6.37%
	Pre-crisis	62.67%	20.67%	52.67%	55.33%	77.33%	NA	25.00%
V.oil (import)	April	693	518	533	810	443	679	750
	1 M	1.02%	-6.33%	-3.09%	0.00%	2.31%	2.41%	0.00%
	Pre-crisis	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	68.92%
V.oil (local)**	April	479	423	421	500	410	417	500
	1 M	1.05%	-6.62%	0.96%	-5.48%	-3.30%	0.97%	-3.29%
	Pre-crisis	47.38%	22.61%	8.51%	19.05%	64.00%	NA	28.87%
Faba Beans	April	340	317	333	333	367	NA	367
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	1.22%	0.00%	0.00%	NA	0.00%
	Pre-crisis	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	22.33%
Beans	April	500	433	329	520	508	600	450
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.39%	0.00%	0.00%
	Pre-crisis	63.93%	34.47%	3.46%	73.33%	103.20%	NA	12.50%
Lentils	April	517	500	458	500	533	550	533
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	-1.93%	0.00%	0.00%	-2.31%	-0.93%
	Pre-crisis	46.46%	66.67%	13.65%	42.86%	77.67%	NA	33.25%

* Represent average prices of non-Basmati rice's in the target markets.

** Average prices of locally produced oil for comparison with the imported oil prices

Wheat grains: In April, the average retail price of wheat grains remained the same as in March 2017 in Sana'a city, Hodeida and Dhamar, increased slightly by less than 2% in Hadramout and by 5.33% in Lahej and dropped by 10.2% in Taiz. However, the prices are still much higher by 61.04% in Hajjah, 36.36% in Dhamar, 30.00% in Hodeida and 13.08% in Sana'a city when compared to the pre-crisis prices.

Wheat Flour: The average retail prices of Wheat flour remained the same as in March 2017 in Sana'a city, Hodeidah, Dhamar, Hadramout and Taiz. It increased in Hajjah and Lahej by less than 4%. On the other hand, average prices are still much higher when compared to the pre-crisis prices by 66.67% in Taiz followed by 58.00% in Hajjah and by above 30% in Sana'a city and Hodeidah.

Rice: The average retail prices of imported non-basmati rice during April increased sharply in Lahej and Hadramout by 32.5% and 26% respectively. Similarly, it went up by 3% in Hajjah and by 6.47% in Hodeida. The imported Basmati increased in most of the governorates between 3% and 13% with highest increase recorded in Lahej Governorate.

Sugar: The average monthly retail prices in April remained the same as in March 2017 in Hajjah, Hadramout, Lahej and Taiz increased slightly in Sana'a city and Hodeidah and declined in Dhamar by 5.51%. However, the prices are still much higher compared to pre-crisis.

Cooking Oil: In April, the average retail prices of locally processed oil increased slightly in Sana'a, Lahej, and Hajjah while the prices of imported cooking oil remained the same in Dhamar and Taiz, decreased by 6.33%, in Hodeidah and by 3.09% in Hajjah. The imported cooking oil prices went up in Sana'a city by less than 2% and less than 3% in Hadramout and Lahej. Both kinds prices are still much higher compared to the pre-crisis

Faba-beans & Lentils: Except of Hajjah, the prices of Faba-beans remained the same as in March 2017 in all other governorates and the same trends followed by the other beans. Lentil in April decreased slightly in Hajjah, Lahej and Taiz and remained the same as in March in the other governorates.

Fisheries

Table 6: Average price of common fish types (YR/Kg), April 2017- and the % change with the previous month

Governorates	% change	Common Fish Types			
		Thamad	Sakhla	Bagha	Jahsh
Sana'a city	April	1633	2154	433	1325
	1 M	-13.69%	-3.54%	-17.52%	-12.14%
Hodeidah	April	NA	1738	433	1079
	1 M	NA	2.72%	-11.99%	6.52%
Hajjah	April	NA	2278	504	1533
	1 M	NA	3.17%	-2.51%	1.66%
Dhamar	April	NA	2467	571	1525
	1 M	NA	5.74%	-7.46%	-0.26%
Hadramout	April	1067	2217	525	1450
	1 M	-22.85%	-6.65%	-3.14%	-2.82%
Lahej	April	1850	NA	400	750
	1 M	-6.71%	NA	-7.62%	-6.25%
Taiz	April	2600	2563	2000	2833
	1 M	4.00%	NA	0.00%	-5.57%

Thamad: In April, the Tamad type of fish was not available in Hodeidah and Hajjah for eight months in a row. The prices decreased in the other targeted governorates by 22.85% in Hadramout, by 13.69% and by 6.71% in Lahej.

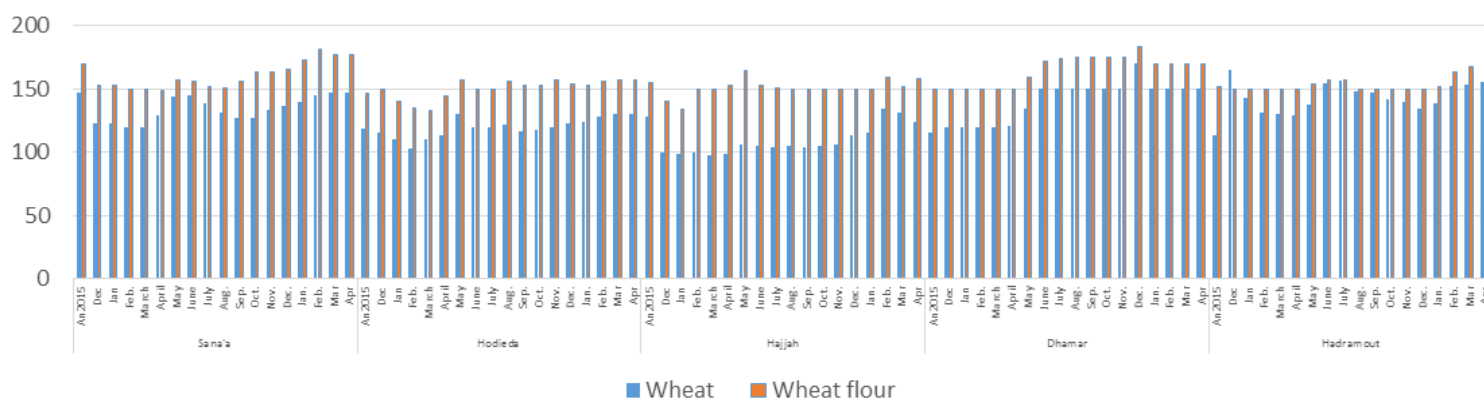
Sakhla: During April, this type of fish was not available in Lahej for the eight month in a row and available in Taiz compared to the previous month. Average prices of Sakhla fish showed decreased trends in Sana'a city and Hadramout and increased trends in Hodeidah and Dhamar by less than 3% and 5.74% respectively.

Bagha: The average prices of Bagha fish in April remained same as in March in Taiz, and declined in all other governorates. The highest decline was recorded in Sana'a city by 17.52% followed by 12% in Hodeida. Additionally, this type of fish was available in Al Houpan local market of Taiz city during April for the second time since September 2016 and its retail price showed the highest price among all targeted governorates.

Jahsh: Apart from Hodeidah and Hajjah Governorates, the average prices of Jahsh fish in April decreased in all other targeted governorates. The decrease ranged from less than 1% in Dhamar, 5.57% in Taiz, 6.25% in Lahej.

Availability and supply: According to the seasonal calendar, the above-mentioned types of fish and during the period of October – March are available in the local markets and then begin to disappear as they enter the reproductive stage. Seasonality and weather factors play important roles in the market supply and price fluctuation for all fish types in Yemen. It should be noted that there is no fishing activities in the coast of Taiz due to the current security situation and the main supply comes from Aden markets.

Fig. 4 Price trends of the Imported wheat and Wheat flour (Annual 2015 to April 2017)



Livestock

Table 7: Average price of live animal (YR/Head), April 2017– and % change (previous month).

Type of animal and age	Month	Governorates						
		Sanaa city	Hodaidah	Hajja	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz
Sheep/6 month	April.	22250	11000	20500	20875	32417	23583	25167
	1 M	3.49%	0.00%	-2.96%	-1.18%	-2.99%	4.04%	2.03%
Sheep/12 month	April.	30500	23000	31625	30000	44000	29917	35667
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	-5.60%	-1.64%	0.38%	13.97%	2.88%
Goat/6 month	April.	22500	11000	18688	21250	38417	24167	30500
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	-0.99%	-2.07%	0.00%	9.39%	-0.54%
Goat/12 Month	April.	32000	23333	25625	30750	49500	30333	50000
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	-4.65%	-3.15%	-0.34%	4.00%	2.04%
Chicken (live)	April.	813	1042	883	973	1233	1000	1533
	1 M	-14.42%	-4.58%	21.12%	-30.50%	-1.04%	0.00%	1.05%

Sheep - 6 and 12 months old: The monthly average prices of both types of sheep in April remained unstable with highest price increase of 13.9% for 12-month sheep recorded in Lahj. Other targeted governorates prices either remained the same or declined slightly for both types of sheep.

Goat - 6 and 12 months old: In April, the average prices of 6 months old goats remained the same as in March 2017 in Sana'a city, Hodeidah and Hadramout, increased by 9.39% in Lahj and decreased by less than 1% in Taiz and Hajjah. The 12 months old decreased slightly in Hajjah, Hadramout and remained the same as in March in Sana'a city and Hodeida. The highest price of the single head of 12 month goat was in Taiz (50000 YR), followed by Hadramout (49500 YR) and Sana'a city (32000 YR)

Live chicken: Compared to March 2017, the average price of live chicken in April remained unchanged in Lahj, while it decreased sharply in Dhamar by 30.50% followed by Sana'a city by 14.42%, however, prices increased by 21.12% in Hajjah.

Note: The average prices of live animals from Hodeida, the Tihamah part of Hajjah, and west of Dhamar are from the primary markets, which is closer to the farmers or producer price. On the other hand, the prices from Sana'a City, Hadramout, Taiz and Lahj are collected inside the city considered as secondary markets.

Livestock Products

Table 8: Average Prices of animal products (YR/Kg) April 2017– and % change with the previous month.

Commodities	Month	Sana'a city	Hodaidah	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz
Beef*	April	2767	2800	2242	2750	3417	NA	2500
	1 M	0.00%	0.00%	7.17%	0.00%	-1.19%	NA	0.00%
Mutton	April	2500	2933	2279	3000	3600	3000	3500
	1 M	0.00%	0.55%	-5.71%	0.00%	-2.04%	0.00%	0.00%
Local Cow's milk	April	300	425	363	375	305	298	403
	1 M	0.00%	-5.56%	NA	0.00%	0.66%	0.00%	0.00%
Processed Powdered milk	April	1500	1660	2025	1600	1758	2000	2367
	1 M	-0.53%	0.24%	2.12%	3.23%	3.66%	0.00%	0.00%
Chicken meat	April	860	1000	754	800	713	850	1700
	1 M	7.50%	-4.76%	0.53%	0.00%	-3.39%	0.95%	0.00%
Egg (30 eggs pack)	April	800	825	779	875	892	863	967
	1 M	-3.96%	-8.33%	2.77%	3.43%	-2.30%	-0.92%	-22.64%

* the price of beef in Sana'a city is the average prices of the beef from imported animal and local animals

Beef: In April, the average prices of one kg of beef remained unchanged as in March 2017 in Sana'a city, Hodeidah Taiz and Dhamar. Beef was unavailable in Lahj governorate due to consumption preferences. Prices increased in Hajjah by 7.17%, and decreased in Hadramout by less than 2%.

Mutton: The average prices of mutton almost followed the same trends of beef, where prices remained the same as in March 2017 in Sana'a city, Lahj, Dhamar and Taiz. Prices decreased by 5.71% in Hajjah and by less than 3% in Hadramout.

Local Cow's Milk: The average retail price of the packed cow' milk remained unchanged in Sana'a city, Dhamar, Lahj and Taiz; while in Hadramout the prices increased by less than 1% compared to the previous month. Prices however decreased by 5.56% in Hodeidah.

Processed Powdered Milk: The average prices of processed milk in April remained the same as in March 2017 in Lahj and Taiz. Price increased in Hodeidah, Hajjah, Dhamar and Hadramout between less than 1% and 4%.

Chicken Meat: Compared to the previous month, the average price of chicken meat remained stable in most of targeted governorates apart from Sana'a City where prices went up by 8%.

Eggs: Except of Dhamar and compared to March 2017, the average prices of 30 eggs pack declined in most of the targeted governorates. The decrease reached 22.6% in Taiz, 8.33% in Hodeidah and nearly 4% in Sana'a city.

Fuel Commodities

Table 9 : Average price of fuel (Diesel and Petrol) and Cooking gas and % change April 2017, previous month and Pre-crisis)

Items	%change	Sana'a City	Hodeida	Hajjah	Dhama	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz
Diesel YR/LT	April	237	227	230	239	175	250	263
	1M	0.00%	0.89%	0.88%	2.58%	0.00%	7.30%	-4.36%
	Pre-crisis	58.00%	51.33%	53.33%	59.33%	16.67%	67%	75.33%
Petrol YR/Lt	April	216	228	225	215	190	250	305
	1M	-6.09%	-3.80%	-4.66%	-9.66%	0.00%	0.00%	-12.86%
	Pre-crisis	44.00%	52.00%	50.00%	43.33%	26.67%	66.67%	103.33%
Cooking gas YR/18Kg	April	3283	3433	3192	3250	1900	3000	6833
	1M	17.97%	14.43%	13.68%	11.76%	0.00%	0.00%	-2.39%
	Pre-crisis	56.33%	128.87%	37.29%	116.67%	26.67%	NA	173.32%

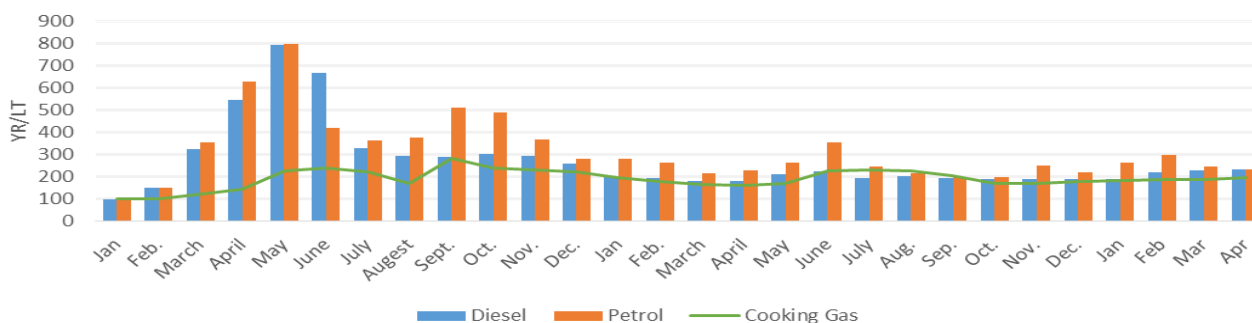
• **Diesel:** In April, the average price of a single liter of diesel remained the same as in March 2017 in Sana'a city and Hadramout. The average price increased slightly compared to the previous month by less than 1% in Hodeidah and Hajjah, 7.30% in Lahej and decreased in Taiz by less than 5%. However, the price is still significantly higher than the pre-crises period by more than 50% in all targeted governorates apart from Hadramout.

• **Petrol:** The average retail price of a single liter of petrol dropped in April in all targeted governorates. It decreased sharply by nearly 13% in Taiz and above 6% in Sana'a city and nearly 10% in Dhamar and by nearly 5% in Hajjah. However, the current average monthly prices are still much higher by 103.33% in Taiz, 66.67% in Lahj, 52% in Hodeida and 50% in Hajjah when compared to the pre-crisis time.

• **Cooking Gas:** In April and compared to the previous month, the retail price of cooking gas cylinder (18 kg) is still the highest in Taiz compared to the other targeted governorates. The prices increased sharply by 18% in Sana'a city, above 14% in Hodeidah, 13.68% in Hajjah, the average price declined only in Taiz by less than 3%. However, the prices are still much higher when compared to the pre-crises era by 173.32% in Taiz, 128.87% in Hodeidah, 116.67% in Dhamar and by 56.33% in Sana'a city

• See Fig 5 below for the price trends

Average Retail Price of Diesel, Petrol and Cooking gas (YR/LT) January 2015-April 2017

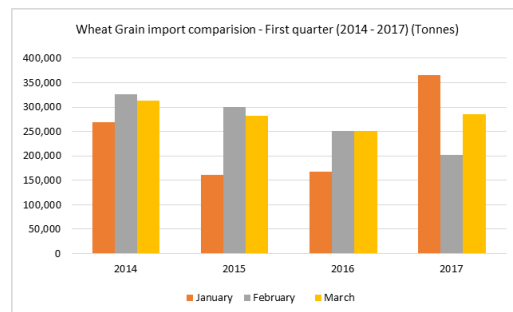


Food Imports

In December 2015, the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) estimated wheat grain requirement for 2016 to be around (3,024,827 MT), which was higher than 2015 by 5.4%. By the end of 2016, the total amount of wheat grains that entered the country was (2,293,508 MT), a deficit of 32% from the estimated requirements. During the first quarter (January – March 2017), an estimated (1,083,746 MT) of various food items (wheat grains, wheat flour, sugar, rice and cooking oil) were imported into the country through the various ports (Aden, Al Hodeidah, Al Salif and Al Mukalla)¹. Out of which 850,825 MT wheat 79% of total imports which is the highest compared to the same quarter of the past two years (2015 & 2016) but 7% lower than that was imported in 2014.

Table 11: Wheat Grain Importation , First quarter, (2014 - 2017)

Months\ Years	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	268,874	160,550	166,750	364,864
February	326,337	300,256	251,070	201,417
March	313,185	282,600	250,291	284,544
Total	908,396	743,406	668,111	850,825



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