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Background and Introduction

Agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, forestry, fisheries and agro-processing with post-harvest handling and marketing, constitutes the basis of socio-economic lives of most smallholder farmers in the Syrian Arab Republic. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Syria works on strengthening value chain and food systems by building the capacity of stakeholders, mainly farmers, and expanding their knowledge and understanding of the local situation by sharing useful reports to make agriculture production more sustainable, gender sensitive, market-driven and climate smart. The Organization in Syria releases the “Monthly agriculture input and commodity price bulletin”, which provides timely insights from 35 districts across Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Tartous, Deir-ez-Zor, Rural Damascus, Al-Hasakeh and Dar’a governorates. The purpose of the bulletin is to inform relevant stakeholders, including the Food Security Sector (FSS) partners supporting agriculture and food security interventions in the country, about the prevailing prices of agriculture inputs and commodities. The bulletin is a useful periodic resource since markets and market information both play an important role in enhancing food security, income generation, resilience and rural-market linkages. Regular dissemination of market information will benefit smallholder farmers in their market-oriented production endeavor.

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Key Highlights

- Findings show that 11 out of 30 monitored agriculture inputs witnessed an increase ranging from 1 percent for NPK, nitrate fertilizer (liquid), phosphate fertilizer (granular), fungicide (liquid), herbicide (liquid)) to 15 percent for urea in local market. Furthermore, the prices of 12 out of 30 monitored agriculture inputs remained constant in November 2021 and these mainly include cotton seed, wheat bran, ammonium nitrate, poultry feed for meat production and others as highlighted in the relevant sections. Moreover, 3 out of 30 monitored agriculture inputs recorded slight to moderate decrease, ranging from 2 percent for maize to 15 percent for urea at the agriculture bank. The price increases recorded herein specifically refer to the change in prices in local Syrian currency. Most farmers rely on the official local Syria currency as terms of trade (ToT).

- For food, 6 out of 17 monitored food commodities showed varying price increases in November 2021, ranging between 1 percent for (e.x. rice), and 9 percent (e.x. sheep meat). The prices of bread, egg, fish and potato remained constant in November 2021. 6 out of 17 monitored food commodities (sugar, sheep meat, cow meat, sunflower oil, tomato, eggplant) showed decrease that will enhance access and dietary diversity; especially for vulnerable and crisis-affected families.

- Based on needs assessment and national priorities, wheat seed distribution is still ongoing mainly by GOSM and by other humanitarian agencies such as FAO. FAO emphasises on the need for collaboration among humanitarian actors to ensure timely and appropriate distribution of quality inputs, including seed. as agriculture input distribution is ongoing, sector partners are also encouraged to enhance coordination to avoid duplication during targeting of vulnerable farmers.

- In November 2021, most farmers were engaged in various field operations, particularly land preparation and planting. However, farmers continue to face various challenges which fuel shortages, limited access to quality agriculture inputs, water scarcity and increased risks of climate change.

- The value of the Syrian pound continues to depreciate in the informal exchange market, ranging between 3 475 / USD to 3 500/ USD during the period October 2021 to November 2021 (https://sp-today.com/en/currency/us_dollar). The continued weakening of the local Syria currency versus the USD is also contributing to the rise in most agriculture inputs, particularly those imported. The FAO market bulletin monitors prices in local Syrian currency and does not specifically analyse the changes in prices in other currency.

- During November 2021, there were reports of forest fires, especially in northern and western locations of Syria. The fires have resulted in an additional layer of challenges to farmers and the environment. An estimated 196 hectares (ha) of agricultural land was affected by 2 932 incident of fire that recorded in November 2021 and this drive the food security needs among owners who lost their livelihood assets their livelihood assets.
Agriculture Commodity and Input Prices

Top dressing fertilizer (Urea)

In November 2021, urea was available in the Agriculture Bank across most of the monitored governorates at an average price of 1 324 SYP per kg. In Hasakeh governorate there was no provision of urea fertilizer from the agriculture bank for more than 6 sequence months. Due to the significant challenge of urea availability in Hasakeh, farmers are forced to purchase their unmet requirements from the local market at an average price of 2 272 SYP per kg (15 percent m-o-m increase). The prices for urea witnessed a notable change in Tartous, Homs and Aleppo governorates (14, 14 and 10 percent m-o-m respectively). While in Hasakeh the selling price increased (4 percent m-o-m), reaching 1 925 SYP per kg. The prices in Hama, Deir-ez-Zor, Rural Damascus and Darã governorates remained constant since October 2021 as highlighted in figure 2.

Figure 2: M-O-M Comparison of Urea Prices in SYP per Kg in Local Market

Nitrate Fertilizer (Granular)

In general, the average selling price was 1 550 SYP per kg in November 2021. A significant challenge in stocking sufficient quantities of nitrate fertilizer across most of the governorates is being noticed, except for Aleppo and Darã governorates. The average selling price of granular nitrate fertilizer remained constant in the aforementioned governorates at 1 700 and 1 400 SYP per kg respectively (figure 3).

Figure 3: M-O-M Comparison of Nitrate Fertilizer (Granular) prices in SYP per Kg in Local Market

Nitrate Fertilizer (Liquid):

A slight decrease was observed for the average selling price of liquid nitrate fertilizer, reaching 6 727 SYP per litre in November 2021 (1 percent m-o-m). The prices for liquid nitrate fertilizer remained generally constant in Dar’á (7 500 SYP/litre), Hama (4 480 SYP/litre), Aleppo (11 000 SYP/litre) and Rural Damascus (7 200 SYP/litre). In Homs and Tartous governorates, a notable m-o-m increase was observed with the average selling price reaching 5 100 and 5 083 SYP per litre respectively. In November 2021, Nitrate fertilizer (Liquid) was not available in Hasakeh and Deir-ez-Zor governorates as highlighted in figure 4.

Figure 4: M-O-M Comparison of Nitrate Fertilizer (Liquid) prices in SYP per litre in Local Market

Ammonium Nitrate (Topdressing):

In general, ammonium nitrate (AN) was available across most of the monitored governorates except in Darã and Aleppo. The average selling price for AN is 2 017 SYP per kg. The price remained constant in Hasakeh, Rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor, Tartous, Hama and Homs governorates and no significant changes were observed as highlighted below (figure 5).

Figure 5: M-O-M Comparison of Ammonium Nitrate prices in SYP per Kg in Local Market
Phosphate fertilizers (Basal)

Shortages in phosphate fertilizer at the agriculture bank were observed in Hama and Hasakeh governorates. In Aleppo, the average selling price observed a significant increase (22 percent m-o-m) reaching 1 220 SYP per kg as highlighted in figure 6 below.

In November 2021, phosphate fertilizer is still available in local markets across all monitored locations at an average selling price of 2 602 SYP per kg (3 percent m-o-m increase). The selling price remained constant in Dará, Hasakeh, Rural Damascus, Deir ez-Zor, Aleppo and Hama governorates since October 2021. In Tartous and Homs governorates, a sharp increase was observed (30 percent m-o-m) and the average selling price reached 1 300 SYP per kg for both aforementioned markets (figure 7). This could be attributed to the prevailing increase demand versus supply shortages and the commencement of vegetable planting season, coupled with the continued depreciation of the local currency and its effect on prices for imported agriculture inputs.

Pesticides

Crop-protection agro-chemicals (i.e. pesticides), which mainly include insecticides, fungicides and herbicides, remain available across all monitored governorates. In general, the average prices of pesticides remain very high and out of reach for most farmers. It is important to note that the price of pesticides continues to limit access for most vulnerable farmers and this tends to affect the application rates, leading to a greater risk of pest and disease incidences and prevalence. This will ultimately affect production, productivity or viability and the quality of farm products. FAO continues to advise sector partners and stakeholders supporting the agriculture sector, to scale-up context-specific Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approaches and tactics to minimize the reliance on expensive pesticides. IPM is an environment friendly strategy that aims at maintaining pest populations below economic damaging levels and reducing the use of toxic synthetic chemicals (i.e. pesticides). The farmers and the Food and Agriculture Sector (FAS) partners are encouraged to adopt context-specific and appropriate IPM practices, where feasible. IPM may offer benefits in terms of long-term pest control, while minimizing the exposure of humans to hazards and avoiding environmental pollution. IPM can increase the resilience of vulnerable farming households, especially due to the prevailing economic situation and lack of price stability for various pesticides. Furthermore, most available pesticides in the local market are coming from unknown and unofficial sources, hence the quality and efficacy is difficult to verify.

* Insecticides (dusts, granules, wettable powders):

In November 2021, the average selling price of dust, granular and wettable powder insecticides was 72 944 SYP per kg. Insecticides are generally available across all the...
monitored locations. The selling prices remained constant in the most of the monitored markets since October 2021 except for Hasakeh governorate that observed a minimal decrease (1 percent m-o-m) and Homs governorate that witnessed a notable increase (1 percent m-o-m) figure 9.

Figure 9: M-O-M Comparison of Insecticide (Dusts, Granules, Wettable Powder) prices in SYP per Kg in Local Market

The average selling price of liquid insecticides in Aleppo, Hasakeh, Dará, Deir-ez-Zor, and Rural Damascus governorates remained constant since October 2021, reaching 44 350, 34 000, 47 000, 36 500 and 60 500 SYP per litre respectively. Liquid insecticides were generally available across all of the monitored markets as illustrated in figure 10.

Figure 10: M-O-M Comparison of Insecticide (Liquid) prices in SYP per Litre in Local Market

* **Liquid Insecticides:**

The average selling price of liquid insecticides in Aleppo, Hasakeh, Dará, Deir-ez-Zor, and Rural Damascus governorates remained constant since October 2021, reaching 44 350, 34 000, 47 000, 36 500 and 60 500 SYP per litre respectively. Liquid insecticides were generally available across all of the monitored markets as illustrated in figure 10.

Figure 11: M-O-M comparison of Fungicide (Dusts, Granules or Wettable Powders) prices in SYP per Kg in Local Market

* **Fungicides**

  1. **(Dusts, granules or wettable powders):**

Fungicides are generally available across the monitored governorates at an average selling price of 53 298 SYP per kg. The prices in Dar’a, Hasakeh, Rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor and Aleppo governorates remained constant since October 2021. Dar’a still records the highest selling price for fungicides across all monitored governorates, reaching 85 000 SYP per kg since May 2021 (figure 11).

Liquid Fungicides:

The price of liquid fungicides recorded an average of 50 376 SYP per litre in November 2021. Data from the market survey shows that a slight increase in the selling price of liquid fungicides occurred in Tartous, Homs and Hama governorates (4, 4 and 1 percent m-o-m respectively). While in Dará, Hasakeh, Rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor and Hama governorates, the prices remained unchanged since October 2021. The prices were 73 000 (Dará), 34 500 (Hasakeh), 62 700 (Rural Damascus), 37 625 (Deir-ez-Zor) and 51 200 (Hama) SYP per litre. The highest selling price was recorded in Dará governorate since April 2021. Furthermore, the price recorded in Hasakeh was the lowest in November (figure 12).

Figure 12: M-O-M comparison of Fungicide prices in SYP per Litre in Local Market

* **Herbicides**

In November 2021, the average price of herbicides (i.e. dusts, granules or Wettable powders) was 64 813 SYP per kg (1 percent m-o-m increase). Slight increases in the selling price of herbicides were recorded in Homs and Hasakeh (3 and 1 percent m-o-m ), reaching 80 000 and 66 250 SYP per kg respectively (figure 13).

Liquid herbicides price remained constant since November 2021 with an average selling price of 45 346 SYP per litre. The price recorded in Dará was the lowest at 20 000 SYP per litre and remained constant since October 2021.
The prices in Rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor, Tartous, Aleppo and Hama governorates also remained unchanged in November 2021. Furthermore, Homs and Hasakeh governorates witnessed a similar notable increase in the average selling price of liquid herbicides (1 percent m-o-m) and the actual prices recorded were 65 400 and 39 500 SYP per litre respectively (figure 14).

In November 2021, the average selling price of poultry feed for chicken meat (i.e. broiler) production recorded was 2 223 SYP per kg. The prices in all monitored governorates except for markets in Homs remained constant since October 2021. The prices were as follow: 2 120 (Hama), 2 300 (Aleppo), 2 117 (Tartous), 2 350 (Deir-ez-Zor), 1 800 (Rural Damascus), 2 625 (Hasakeh) and 2 350 (Darā). No significant increases for poultry feed for chicken meat production were recorded and a slight change was observed in Homs (3 percent m-o-m increase) as highlighted in figure 16.

In terms of cost, feed is the most important input for intensive poultry production. For maximum performance and good health, poultry needs a steady supply of water, energy, protein, essential amino acids, minerals and vitamins. Tracking poultry feed price dynamics is very vital for poultry value chain actors. In general, the average selling price of poultry feed for egg production (i.e. broilers) recorded was 1 695 SYP per kg (13 percent m-o-m decrease). In Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Tartous, Deir-ez-Zor, Rural Damascus and Darā the prices remained constant since October 2021. As reported in previous months, most families in Deir-ez-Zor continue to depend on other governorates to cover their requirements for eggs. Some families continue to obtain eggs from neighbouring countries through illegal trading routes with unverified quality and standards. Subsequently, most vulnerable smallholder farmers engaged in egg production continue to find the situation difficult since they cannot afford the high production costs. This will potentially impact egg production and viability.

In October 2021, Cattle feed was available within the governorates at an estimated price of 1 430 SYP per kg. The availability of cattle feed was acceptable in the monitored governorates. In Aleppo governorate, the prices witnessed a slight decrease (1 percent m-o-m). In contrast, the average price in Hasakeh market witnessed a slight increase (2 percent m-o-m). The prices in Homs, Hama, Tartous, Deir-ez-Zor, Rural Damascus and Darā remained constant since October 2021, recording 1 200, 1 270, 1 262, 1 400, 1 400 and 2 050 SYP per kg respectively. The price in Darā (2 050 SYP per kg), represented the highest selling price for cattle feed in November 2021. While the lowest price was recorded in Tartous governorate. FAO will closely monitor the price trends for cattle feed as the winter and 2021/2022 rainfall season commences.
Diesel Fuel

The average diesel fuel price witnessed a notable m-o-m decrease of 8 percent in local markets, reaching 51 513 SYP per 20 liters (figure 18). The prices in Aleppo, Deir-ez-Zor, Rural Damascus and Dará governorates remained constant since October 2021. Homs and Tartous governorates witnessed a significant price decrease in diesel fuel for a 20 litre gallon (22 and 20 percent m-o-m) and the prices recorded in November 2021 were 51 800 and 52 500 SYP per 20 litre respectively. This could be attributed to the availability in supply versus demand. In Hama also, the price decreased slightly and the prices were at 53 800 SYP per 20 litre. Hasakeh governorate witnessed a notable increase of 7 and percent m-o-m and the selling price reached 9 250 SYP per kg respectively from 8 625 in October 2021. The price in Hasakeh represented the lowest price across all the monitored locations (figure 18).

Diesel fuel shortages and access constraints will affect agricultural production and will subsequently threaten agriculture-based livelihoods, especially water extraction and irrigation operations. Diesel is important for many farming operations, including the afore-mentioned and its continued shortage and limited access in some areas, will affect food production, household-level food and nutrition security and prospects for income generation among crisis-affected farmers.

Wheat seed for planting

In November 2021, the official price of wheat seed announced by GOSM for the 2021/2022 agricultural season is 1 585 SYP per kg. However, in local markets, the price of wheat seed was around 1 569 SYP per kg (5 percent m-o-m increase). In Deir-ez-Zor and Dará governorates, the prices remained constant since October 2021. A notable increase was recorded in Hama (17 percent), Homs (15 percent) and Tartous (14 percent) governorates and the price was at 1 480, 1 500 and 1 483 SYP per kg respectively. A 7 percent m-o-m increase was also observed in Rural Damascus governorate, with the price reaching 1 500 SYP per kg. While in Aleppo and Hasakeh, the selling price for wheat seed observed a notable decrease (3 and 1 percent m-o-m), reaching 1 500 and 1 788 SYP per kg respectively. This slight increase could be attributed to the current high demand in the planting season and also the limited supply and availability of retained seed, because of the poor 2020/2021 agricultural season, which resulted in low yield (figure 18). Sector partners are encouraged to provide immediate support to vulnerable small farmers, through provision of quality wheat seed, to sustain the production of the staple crop and contribute to food security.

Barley seed

In general, the official price of barley seed was announced by GOSM for the upcoming planting season is 1 743 SYP per Kg. Barley seed remained available in the local markets at an average selling price of 1 581 SYP per kg. The prices in Rural Damascus, Homs and Hama governorates remained constant in November 2021. In Homs and Hasakeh governorates, the prices witnessed a minimal decrease (3 and 1 percent m-o-m) and the prices were at 1 690 and 1 400 SYP per kg respectively. In November 2021, also Homs governorate observed a minimal increase (1 percent m-o-m) figure 20 below.
Maize grain (Corn)
In November 2021, the price of maize observed a minimal decrease (2 percent m-o-m) reaching 1 266 SYP per kg. In Darā, Hasakeh, Rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor, Tartous and Hama the price remained constant since October 2021. In Aleppo, a notable decrease was observed (12 percent m-o-m). Homs governorate also witnessed a slight decrease (1 percent m-o-m) and the prices dropped to 1 370 SYP per kg (figure 21). This could be attributed to the low demand by farmers due to the increased availability of corn from the current 2021 summer production. Maize grain is commonly used as an important ingredient during the production of most livestock fodder, due to its high nutritional content, especially starch, fiber and protein.

Soybean Meal
In November 2021, the price of Soya bean reached 2 029 SYP per kg. Soya bean was generally available in six governorates out of the eight that are monitored. In Aleppo, the price decreased 2 percent m-o-m reaching 2 200 SYP per Kg. In Homs, Hama, Tartous, Rural Damascus and Darā governorates, the prices remained constant since October 2021 as highlighted in figure 22.

Barley Grain
The average selling price of barley grain increased slightly 2 percent m-o-m, reaching 1 388 SYP per kg in November 2021. A notable increase of 6 and 4 percent m-o-m was observed in Rural Damascus and Aleppo, with the prices rising to 1 425 and 1 400 SYP per kg respectively. Deir-ez-Zor also observed a slight increase (3 percent m-o-m), and the recorded price was 1 575 SYP per kg. Prices in Darā and Hama governorates remained unchanged since October 2021. The price in Hasakeh witnessed a slight decrease (2 percent m-o-m) reaching 1 275 SYP per kg as highlighted in figure 23 below.
Wheat Straw

Wheat straw was generally available across most of the monitored governorates at an average price of 474 SYP per kg (14 percent m-o-m increase). The price of wheat straw increased significantly in Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates (70 and 23 percent m-o-m respectively) in November 2021 and this can be attributed to the prevailing high demand and diminishing supply. The prices in Hama, Homs, Tartous, Deir-ez-Zor and Darā governorates remained constant since October 2021. In Hasakeh governorate, a notable increase in the price of wheat straw was recorded (10 percent m-o-m) and the average selling price was 575 SYP per kg (figure 26).

Crop Residues

The average selling price of crop residues increased slightly in November 2021 (2 percent m-o-m), reaching 692 SYP per kg in November 2021 after it was 680 SYP per kg in October 2021. Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates witnessed a notable increase (11 and 8 percent m-o-m) and the prices reached 1 000 and 700 SYP per kg respectively. The prices in Homs, Hama, Tartous, Deir-ez-Zor and Darā governorates remained constant since October 2021 (figure 27). Hasakeh governorate witnessed a slight decrease (6 percent m-o-m) and the price was 750 SYP per Kg.

SECTION B. Food Prices:

The official price of bread that announced in September 2021 is 200 SYP per rabta. The price of bread remained constant in most of monitored markets in November 2021 due to the bread subsidy system and monitoring by the local authorities that seeks to stabilize bread prices despite the increase in production costs and wheat shortages (figure 28).

The price of wheat flour recorded a minimal 3 percent m-o-m increase and the average selling price reached 2 029 SYP per kg. While the prices in Darā, Rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor, Tartous and Hama governorates remained constant since October 2021. In Aleppo and Hasakeh governorates, a slight increase had been observed (14 and 8 percent m-o-m), reaching 2 388 and 1 700 SYP per kg respectively, as highlighted in figure 29. This could be explained by the prevailing limited availability of wheat flour at some markets and high demand, combined with the government regulations on wheat trade and stocking.

The average selling price of sugar across the monitored governorates recorded a slight decrease (1 percent m-o-m), reaching 2 516 SYP per kg. The price of sugar in Rural Damascus and Homs governorates decreased slightly (4 and 1 percent m-o-m respectively. The price in Darā, Hasakeh, Deir- ez-Zor, Tartous, Aleppo and Hama governorates remained unchanged since October 2021 (figure 30).

In general, the price of rice increased slightly in October 2021 (1 percent m-o-m), reaching 3 203 SYP per kg. In Aleppo and Homs governorates, the recorded price 4 175 and 2 580 SYP per kg, representing 2 percent m-o-m decrease for both locations. While in Hasakeh and Rural Damascus, the prices...
the prices observed a slight increase (5 and 2 percent m-o-m respectively). The prices in Darā, Deir-ez-Zor, Tartous and Hama governorates remained constant since October 2021, reaching 3 600, 2 900, 2 620 and 2 620 SYP per kg respectively (figure 31).

The average selling price across all monitored locations and markets for **eggs** remained constant in November 2021, reaching 10 374 SYP for a crate or pack. The price in Tartous, Deir-ez-Zor, Rural Damascus and Darā governorates remained unchanged since October 2021. Aleppo and Hasakeh governorates showed slight 4 and 7 percent m-o-m decrease, with the prices dropped to 9 875 and 10 475 SYP per pack. In Homs and Hama the prices recorded a notable increase (7 and 3 percent m-o-m respectively). This increase could be attributed to the limited supply in the market and an increase in the transportation costs, coupled with the increase in the cost of production (figure 32).

**Cow milk**

In general, the selling price of **cow milk** increased slightly in November 2021 (17 percent m-o-m) and the average price reached 1 651 SYP per litre. The prices in Homs, Hama Tartous and Hasakeh increased significantly (37, 27, 26 and 25 percent m-o-m), reaching 1 800, 1 750, 1 758 and 1 750 SYP per litre respectively. Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates witnessed a slight increase (13 and 9 percent m-o-m respectively). This slight increase could be attributed to the prevailing price increase in and limited supply of fodder, due to the poor pasture production and erratic season in 2020/2021. The prices in Darā and Deir-ez-Zor remained constant since October 2021, at 1 400 and 1 200 SYP per litre respectively (figure 33).

**Sheep milk**

The average selling price for **sheep milk** decreased significantly in November 2021 (9 percent m-o-m) across the monitored markets, with the average selling price increasing to 2 055 SYP per litre. A significant increase was recorded in Hasakeh governorate (29 percent m-o-m). This could be
This could be attributed to the general increase in the cost of production and the prevailing and prolonged shortage of feed. Aleppo and Rural Damascus governorates also recorded slight increases in the selling price of sheep milk (17 and 15 percent m-o-m respectively). The selling prices for sheep milk remained constant in Dará and Deir-ez-Zor since October 2021 as shown in figure 34.

Figure 33: M-O-M Comparison of Cow Milk prices in SYP per Litre in Local Market

Figure 34: M-O-M Comparison of Sheep Milk prices in SYP per Litre in Local Market

Chicken meat

For Chicken meat, the average selling price reached 7 943 SYP per kg (2 percent m-o-m increase) in November 2021. The highest selling price of 9 000 SYP per kg was recorded in Aleppo governorate, with (5 percent m-o-m decrease) in November 2021. Hasakeh and Rural Damascus governorates observed a notable increase of 12, 11 percent m-o-m, and the prices were at 6 638 and 8 200 SYP per kg. The selling price of chicken meat increased slightly by 2, 1 and 1 percent m-o-m in Homs, Hama and Tartous governorates respectively. In Deir-ez-Zor and Dará, the price of chicken meat remained constant since October 2021. As highlighted in figure 35.

The average selling price for sheep meat (i.e. mutton) witnessed a negligible decrease in November 2021 (1 percent m-o-m) to 22 604 SYP per kg.

The prices in Dar’a, Hasakeh, Rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor, Tartous, Hama and Homs governorates remained constant since October 2021 at 22 000 SYP (Dar’a), 16 750 (Hasakeh), 28 000 SYP (Rural Damascus), 16 500 SYP (Deir-ez-Zor), 27 833 SYP (Tartous), 24 000 SYP (Hama) and 23 500 SYP (Homs) per kg respectively. For Aleppo governorate, a slight decrease was observed and the average selling prices was 22 250 SYP per kg respectively, as highlighted in figure 36.

Figure 35: M-o-m Comparison of chicken meat prices in SYP per kg in Local Market

Figure 36: M-O-M Comparison of Sheep meat prices in SYP per kg in Local Market

Cow meat

For cow meat (i.e. beef), in general, the average selling price observed a slight decrease (1 percent m-o-m) and the price was 20 121 SYP per kg. The prices in Aleppo decreased slightly (10 percent m-o-m) and the average selling price dropped to 20 250 SYP per kg in November 2021. The prices in Homs, Hama, Tartous, Deir-ez-Zor, Rural Damascus, Hasakeh and Dar’a governorates remained constant since October 2021 as shown in figure 37.

The average selling price for fish reached 8 518 SYP per kg in November 2021. The prices remained constant since October 2021 in all monitored markets. The highest price was still recorded in Rural Damascus at 27 000 SYP per kg as highlighted in figure 38 below. This can be attributed to the increase in demand, limited supply and high transportation cost.
A 2 percent m-o-m decrease was recorded for the average selling price of sunflower oil in October 2021, reaching 8 219 SYP per litre. In Rural Damascus, Hama and Hasakeh the prices were 8 500, 8 580 and 6 175 SYP per litre. This represents an 11 percent m-o-m decrease in Aleppo, 2 percent m-o-m decrease in Hama and a 1 percent m-o-m decrease in Hasakeh. In Dará, Deir-ez-Zor, Tartous and Homs the price for sunflower was 8 500, 8 000, 8 600 and 8 500 SYP per litre respectively with no observed change since October 2021. The price of sunflower oil in Aleppo governorates increased slightly to 8 900 SYP per litre as highlighted in figure 40.

In general, a 15 percent m-o-m decrease was recorded for the average selling price of tomatoes across the monitored locations and markets in November 2021. The average selling price reached 1 022 SYP per kg. Sharp decreases of 38, 25 and 20 percent m-o-m were recorded in Rural Damascus, Hasakeh and Tartous resulting in the prices dropping to 800, 1 500 and 917 SYP per kg respectively (figure 41). The sharp decrease in tomato prices is due to the current available supply versus demand. Hama, Homs and Aleppo governorates witnessed a slight decrease (10, 5 and 4 percent m-o-m respectively). The selling price in Dará and Deir-ez-Zor remained constant since October 2021 at 800 and 1 375 SYP per Kg.

Generally, the average olive oil price increased by 5 percent in November 2021 and the average selling price was at 13 421 SYP per litre for the eight monitored governorates. The increase in demand versus the limited supply of olive oil resulted in a general increase in the price of olive oil across the monitored locations.

The olive oil price in Rural Damascus governorates increased significantly (20 percent m-o-m), reaching 18 000 SYP per litre. Tartous witnessed a notable increase in the selling price (12 percent m-o-m), reaching 13 167 SYP per litre. A slight increase was also noticed in Hama and Homs (3 and 2 percent m-o-m respectively). A 2 m-o-m decrease was recorded in Aleppo governorate, the price reaching 12 750 SYP per litre as shown in figure 39.

Figure 39: M-O-M Comparison of Olive Oil Prices in SYP per Litre in Local Market
The average selling price for **potatoes** remained constant since October 2021, reaching 1 718 SYP per kg in November 2021. Rural Damascus and Homs governorates witnessed a notable decrease (16 and 3 percent m-o-m respectively). While the price increase in Hasakeh, Tartous and Aleppo governorates was 8 percent m-o-m (figure 42). The prices in Deir-ez-Zor and Darā governorates remained constant since October 2021.

**Figure 42: M-O-M Comparison of Potato prices in SYP per kg in Local Market**

The average selling price of **eggplants** decreased slightly in November 2021 across the monitored markets (1 percent m-o-m), and the price reached 1 006 SYP per kg. The selling price of eggplant in Rural Damascus decreased significantly (23 percent m-o-m), reaching 1 000 SYP per kg. While Hasakeh and Tartous witnessed a slight m-o-m increase (14 and 7 percent) and the prices were 1 200 and 800 SYP per kg respectively in November 2021. In Darā, Deir-ez-Zor, Aleppo, Hama and Homs governorates, the prices for eggplants reached 1000 (Darā), 850 (Deir-ez-Zor), 1 500(Aleppo), 820 SYP (Hama) and 880 SYP (Homs) per kg, price in the aforementioned areas remained constant since October 2021.

**Figure 43: M-O-M Comparison of Eggplant prices in SYP per kg in Local Market**
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