WFP MONTHLY MARKET UPDATE
SUDAN, MAY 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- **IN EL GADARIF AUCTION MARKET, THE MONTHLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF SORGHUM AND MILLET DECREASED BY 13 AND 16%, RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED TO APRIL 2019.**

- **IN MAY 2019, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SORGHUM INCREASED BY 4.6 PERCENT COMPARED TO APRIL 2019. IT INCREASED IN 7 OUT OF 12 STATES.**

- **THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF GOAT INCREASED BY 4.1 PERCENT COMPARED TO APRIL 2019, IT INCREASED IN 6 OUT OF 10 STATES.**

- **THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF GROUNDNUT DECREASED BY 2.0 PERCENT COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH. IT VARIED AMONG DIFFERENT STATES, INCREASED IN FIVE AND DECREASED IN FIVE.**

- **INFLATION IN 2019, FROM JANUARY TO APRIL 2019 RANGED BETWEEN 42 TO 47% COMPARED TO SIXTIES IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2018.**

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**Sudan Inflation Rate; 2018 - 2019**

Source: Trading Economics

**The Sudan - National Cereal Production (Local Supply/Demand Balance, January-December 2019)**

(GAP FILLED BY IMPORTATION)
CEREAL PRICES IN THE MAIN PRODUCTION AREA - GADARIF AUCTION MARKET

The average wholesale price of sorghum for May 2019 was SDG1,556/sack (=90Kg); it decreased by 13 percent compared to April 2019 and it is higher by 63 percent compared to the same month of the previous year (see chart 1 - annex 1).

The average wholesale price of millet for April 2019 was SDG2,353/sack (=100Kg); it decreased by 16 percent compared to April 2019 and it is higher by 26 percent compared to the same period of the previous year (see chart 2 - annex 1).

Summary of Market Prices in WFP Areas

The national average price of sorghum increased by 4.9 percent compared to April 2019. The sorghum price is steadily increasing from the beginning of this year. This increase is mainly attributed to the inflationary increase in the cost of production, demand for export and scarcity of cash. Partial lifting of wheat subsidy and devaluation of Sudanese currency (increase the prices of imported inputs and encouraged border trading and export) contributed to the increase.

The current national retail price of sorghum is higher by 62 percent compared to the same period of the previous year (May 2018). The national average price of sorghum was 227 percent higher than the five-year average of the same month. Without solving the inherent problem of cash, the price is expected to remain high at least until the new season prospect becomes clear in July/August.
The national average price of goat increased by 4.1 percent, compared to the previous month (April 2019). This is mainly attributed to the inflationary increase in the prices of commodities and Agricultural inputs. The national retail price of goat increased by 104 percent compared to the same month of the previous year. It is also higher by 307 percent compared to the five-year average of May.

This high variation in the national average price of goat compared to previous months/years is mainly attributed to the inflationary increase in the cost of inputs and devaluation of the Sudanese currency, which also increased the demand for the export market.

The national average price of groundnut decreased by 2 percent compared to the previous month. The price of groundnut has decreased this month due to the diminishing demand of the groundnut to export market as the result of political instability during the last two months.

The national average price of groundnut was higher by 24.0 percent compared to the same month of the previous year. This is due to the inflationary increase in the cost of production and demand for export markets.

The national average price of groundnut was higher by 124 percent compared to the five-year average of May.

Additional price data of the three commodities for 2017, 2018 and 2019 by states are available in annex 2.
Sorghum

In May 2019, sorghum retail prices increased in 7 out 12 states compared to the previous month, while it remained stable in the rest of the states. It significantly increased in East Darfur (13 percent), North Darfur (12 percent), Red Sea (8.1 percent), North Kordofan (7.6 percent), White Nile (7.3 percent) and slightly in Blue Nile (4.9 percent) and West Darfur (2.5 percent). It remained stable in Kassala, South Kordofan, South Darfur and Central Darfur.

The highest sorghum price was recorded in East Darfur (SDG21.8/Kg) while the lowest was observed in Central Darfur (SDG13.2/Kg).

The sorghum prices sharply increased in all states by 28 to 90 percent compared to the same period of the previous year.

The sorghum prices were higher by 182 to 280 percent in all states compared to the 5-year average of May.
Goat

The retail price of goat increased in 6 out of 10 states compared to April 2019. It sharply increased in South Kordofan (28 percent), Blue Nile (21 percent), Red Sea (12 percent), North Darfur (12 percent) and north Kordofan (6 percent), and slightly in Central Darfur (2.0 percent). It decreased in Kassala (6 percent), West Darfur (6 percent) and East Darfur (3 percent), while it remained constant in South Darfur.

Kassala showed the highest price among all states (SDG 3,342/head) while East Darfur recorded the lowest (SDG 1,745/head).

The price of goat increased by 60 to 205 percent in all states compared to the same month of the previous year. The current retail prices of goat are higher by 214 to 569 percent in all states compared to the 5-year average of May.
Groundnut

The retail price of groundnut increased in five out of 10 states compared to the previous month. It sharply increased in North Kordofan (19 percent), significantly in East Darfur (12 percent), South Darfur (9 percent), Blue Nile (9 percent) and West Darfur (6 percent).

It sharply decreased in Kassala (22 percent), North Darfur (16 percent), White Nile (10 percent) and slightly in South Kordofan (2 percent) and Central Darfur (2 percent) compared to April 2019.

The highest groundnut price was recorded in South Kordofan (SDG1,059/Kantar) while the lowest was recorded in West Darfur (SDG700/Kantar).

The groundnut prices were varied across states compared to May 2018, it is higher by 20 to 44 percent in 8 states, while it declined in two states, North Darfur (10 percent) and Kassala (7 percent).

Groundnut prices are higher by 37 to 170 percent in all states compared to the five-year average of May.
THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF THE MAIN COMMODITIES: SORGHUM, GOAT AND GROUNDNUT PRICE COMPARED TO APRIL 2019 & MAY 2018
VAM Local Food Basket Cost - by state:

[chart showing cost by state]

Percentage Change of the VAM LFB Cost: May compared to April and January 2019

[chart showing percentage change]
### TERMS OF TRADE (TOT): SOME INCOME SOURCES VERSUS VAM LOCAL FOOD BASKET

1. **Terms of Trade - Daily casual labour wage (non-agriculture) versus VAM LFB:**

   ![Graph of Terms of Trade - Daily casual labour wage](image)

   - Red Sea
   - Kassala
   - White Nile
   - North Kordofan
   - South Kordofan
   - North Darfur
   - West Darfur
   - South Darfur
   - East Darfur
   - Blue Nile
   - West Kordofan
   - Central Darfur
   - National Average

   **Jan-19**

   **May-19**

2. **Terms of Trade - Groundnut (one 90Kg sack) versus VAM LFB:**

   ![Graph of Terms of Trade - Groundnut](image)

   - Red Sea
   - Kassala
   - White Nile
   - North Kordofan
   - South Kordofan
   - North Darfur
   - West Darfur
   - South Darfur
   - East Darfur
   - Blue Nile
   - West Kordofan
   - Central Darfur
   - National Average

   **Jan-19**

   **May-19**

3. **Terms of Trade - Goat (one medium size) versus VAM LFB**

   ![Graph of Terms of Trade - Goat](image)

   - Red Sea
   - Kassala
   - White Nile
   - North Kordofan
   - South Kordofan
   - North Darfur
   - West Darfur
   - South Darfur
   - East Darfur
   - Blue Nile
   - West Kordofan
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   **Jan-19**

   **May-19**
Annex 1: Gadarif Auction Market – Prices and Supplies: *

Chart 1: Daily Sorghum (feterita) Wholesale Price

Chart 2: Daily Millet Wholesale Price
Chart 3: Total Supply of Sorghum and Millet _ December 2018 – May 2019

Chart 4: Average price of Sorghum and Millet _ December 2018 - May 2019

* Data source: Gadarif Auction Market
Annex 2: The Sorghum, Goat and Groundnut prices for 2017, 2018 and 2019 by States:

Red Sea

![Sorghum Prices in Port Sudan](image1)

![Goat Prices in Port Sudan](image2)

Kassala

![Sorghum Prices in Kassala](image3)

![Goat Prices in Kassala](image4)

![Groundnut Prices in Kassala](image5)
Blue Nile

North Kordofan
South Kordofan

Sorghum Prices in Kadugli

Goat Prices in Kadugli

Groundnut Prices in Kadugli

West Kordofan

Sorghum Prices in El Fula

Goat Prices in El Fula

Groundnut Prices in El Fula
North Darfur

Sorghum Prices in AlFashir

Goat Prices in AlFashir

Groundnut Prices in AlFashir

East Darfur

Sorghum Prices in EdDein

Goat Prices in EdDein

Groundnut Prices in EdDein
**South Darfur**

- **Sorghum Prices in Nyala**
- **Goat Prices in Nyala**
- **Groundnut Prices in Nyala**

**West Darfur**

- **Sorghum Prices in ElGenaina**
- **Goat Prices in ElGenaina**
- **Groundnut Prices in ElGenaina**
Central Darfur

![Sorghum Prices in Zalengai](image1)

![Goat Prices in Zalengai](image2)

![Groundnut Prices in Zalengai](image3)

White Nile

![Sorghum Prices in Kosti](image4)

![Goat Prices in Kosti](image5)

![Groundnut Prices in Kosti](image6)
National Average

Sorghum Prices National Average

Goat Prices National Average

Groundnut Prices National Average