WFP MONTHLY MARKET UPDATE
SUDAN, APRIL 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- **IN EL GADARIF AUCTION MARKET**, the monthly average wholesale price of sorghum and millet increased by 14 and 3.8 %, respectively, compared to March 2019. It increased by 92% and 61 %, respectively, compared to April 2018.

- **IN APRIL 2019**, the national average retail price of sorghum increased by 6.1 percent compared to March 2019. It increased in all states except in Central Darfur and South Kordofan.

- **THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF GOAT** increased by 4.6 percent in April compared to March 2019, it increased in all states except in West Darfur where it slightly decreased.

- **THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF GROUNDNUT** increased by 3.0 percent compared to previous month. It varied among different states, increased in three, decreased in two and remained stable in three.

**CEREAL PRICES IN THE MAIN PRODUCTION AREA - GADARIF AUCTION MARKET**

The average wholesale price of sorghum for April 2019 was SDG1,556/sack (=90Kg); it increased by 14 percent compared to March 2019 and it is higher by 94 percent compared to the same month of the previous year (see chart 1 - annex 1 in page 8).

The average wholesale price of millet for April 2019 was SDG2,353/sack (=100Kg); it increased by 3.8 percent compared to March 2019 and it is higher by 61 percent compared to the same period of the previous year (see chart 2 - annex 1 in page 8).
Summary of Market Prices in WFP Areas

The national average price of sorghum increased by 6.1 percent compared to March 2019. Although the supply from the last season production is ongoing, the sorghum price is steadily increasing during the last two months. This increase is mainly attributed to the high 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 69 percent compared to the same period of the previous year (April 2018). The national average price of sorghum was 214 percent higher than the five-year average of the same month (April). Without solving the inherent problem of cash, the price is expected to remain high at least until the new season prospect becomes clear.

The national average price of goat increased by 4.6 percent, compared to the previous month (March 2019). This is mainly attributed to the inflationary increase the cost of production. The national retail price of goat increased by 103 percent compared to the same month of the previous year. It is also higher by 303 percent compared to the five-year average of the same month.

This high variation in the national average price of goat compared to previous years is mainly attributed to the inflationary increase in the cost of inputs as the result of devaluation of the Sudanese currency, which also increased the demand for the export market.
The national average price of groundnut increased by 3 percent compared to the previous month. The price of groundnut has increased this month due to the diminishing supply of the groundnut from the last season harvest and it’s expected to increase until the onset of the new production in October. This increase is also attributed to inflationary increase in the cost of production and prices of substitute (sesame) and due to the shortage of cash.

The national average price of groundnut was higher by 36.7 percent compared to the previous month. This is due to the high cost of production and growing demand for export markets.

The national average price of groundnut was higher by 153 percent compared to the five-year average of April.

Additional price data of the three commodities for 2017, 2018 and 2019 by states are available in annex 2 (page 9).
Sorghum

In April 2019, sorghum retail prices increased in all states compared to the previous month, except Central Darfur (decreased by 1 percent) and South Kordofan (remained constant). It sharply increased in North Darfur (15 percent), East Darfur (14 percent), South Darfur (10 percent), White Nile (10 percent), and slightly increased in North Kordofan (8 percent), Kassala (6 percent), Red Sea (5 percent), West Darfur (4 percent) and Blue Nile (3 percent).

The highest sorghum price was recorded in East Darfur (SDG19.3/Kg) while the lowest was observed in Central Darfur (SDG13.2/Kg).

The sorghum prices sharply increased in all states by 46 to 92 percent compared to the same period of the previous year.

The sorghum prices were higher by 187 to 263 percent in all states compared to the 5-year average of April.
Goat

The retail price of goat increased in all states except West Darfur, where it decreased by 2 percent compared to March 2019. It sharply increased in North Darfur (19.2 percent), Red Sea (13.9 percent), South Kordofan (13.3 percent), Blue Nile (8.3 percent), and slightly increased in East Darfur (4.0 percent), Central Darfur (2.7 percent), White Nile (2.6 percent), South Darfur (1.7 percent), Kassala (1.2 percent) and North Kordofan (1 percent).

Kassala showed the highest price among all states (SDG3,572/head) while East Darfur recorded the lowest (SDG 1,797/head).

The price of goat increased by 42 to 295 percent in all states compared to the same month of the previous year. The current retail prices of goat are higher by 165 to 503 percent in all states compared to the 5-year average of April.
Groundnut

The retail prices of groundnut increased in five states compared to the previous month, while it decreased in two states and remained unchanged in three states. It sharply increased in East Darfur (18 percent), South Darfur (14 percent) and slightly increased in Blue Nile (5 percent), North Kordofan (4 percent) and West Darfur (2 percent). It sharply decreased in White Nile (1.7 percent) and slightly in South Kordofan (2 percent). It remained stable in Central Darfur, North Darfur and Kassala states.

The highest groundnut price was recorded in South Kordofan (SDG1,075/Kantar) while the lowest was recorded in North Kordofan (SDG643/Kantar).

The groundnut prices are higher by 9 to 43 percent in most states compared to the same period of the previous year (April 2018), while it remained unchanged in North Kordofan.

Groundnut prices are higher by 76 to 173 percent in all states compared to the five-year average of April.

Groundnut Prices, by State
THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF SORGHUM, GOAT AND GROUNDNUT PRICES COMPARED TO THE MARCH 2019 AND APRIL 2018

States’ ranking according to the level of variation in the prices of commodities

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Annex 1: Gadarif Auction Market – Prices and Supplies:

Chart 1: Daily Sorghum (feterita) Wholesale Price

![Sorghum Wholesale Price Chart]

Chart 2: Daily Millet Wholesale Price

![Millet Wholesale Price Chart]
Chart 3: Total Supply of Sorghum and Millet _ December 2018 – April 2019

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

Goat Prices in Port Sudan

Kassala

Sorghum Prices in Kassala

Goat Prices in Kassala

Groundnut Prices in Kassala
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Blue Nile

Sorghum Prices in Damazine

Goat Prices in Damazine

Groundnut Prices in Damazine

North Kordofan

Sorghum Prices in ElObeid

Goat Prices in ElObeid

Groundnut Prices in ElObeid
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**
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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

Goat Prices in Zalengai

Groundnut Prices in Zalengi

White Nile

Sorghum Prices in Kosti

Goat Prices in Kosti

Groundnut Prices in Kosti
National Average

Sorghum Prices National Average

Goat Prices National Average

Groundnut Prices National Average