



# Market Watch 49

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Most retail prices monitored in various markets across the country were marginally increased or remained stable over the past one month. An increased trend is due to lean period for some commodities such as wheat flour and broken lentil, while for other commodities it remained stable due to improved supplies.**
- **Supply situation has partially disrupted in the mid western mountains due to landslides in the Karnali highway caused by rainfall and heavy snowfalls.**

## NATIONAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT

### Price

Most retail prices regularly monitored by MoAD and WFP in various markets across the country showed an upward trend or remained stable over the past one month. Average prices of coarse rice and wheat flour increased by 0.5 percent and 5.5 percent and reached to Rs. 36.6 and Rs. 39.5 per kilo respectively. Likewise, prices of black gram and broken lentil went up by 1.0 percent and 2.3 percent respectively, while that of red potato declined by 9.7 percent, which is mainly due to harvest period of winter potato. Prices of edible oils such as mustard oil and soybean oil showed a marginal increase over the past one month. As compared to October 2012, prices indicated mixed trend, while as compared to the same period last year, prices showed an upward trend.

Price in the regional markets showed mixed trend. Price of coarse rice remained same in the major consumer markets, whereas it declined by 0.2 percent in the Terai markets and climbed up by 1.2 percent in the hill and mountain markets with road access. However, price of wheat flour showed an increasing trend in regional markets perhaps due to lean season. Likewise, price of broken lentil indicated an upward trend with an exception of the hill and mountain markets with road access over the past one month.

Wholesale prices of commodities monitored by FNCCI/AEC in the five large markets (Birtamode, Kathmandu, Butwal, Surkhet and Dhangadhi) showed an increasing trend over the past one month which is in line with the trend of retail prices of these commodities. For instance, wholesale price of coarse rice increased by more than 5 percent and prices of edible oils increased by more than 2 percent over the past one month. Wholesale prices of fruits and vegetables monitored by the Kalimati Fruits and Vegetables market showed a mixed trend. Prices of seasonal vegetables and fruits such as cabbage, garlic and apple declined by more than 7 percent, while that of lean season commodities such as cucumber, pumpkin, okra and bitter gourd increased by more than 9 percent over the past one month.

### Supply

Supply situation across the country is so far normal with few exceptions in the mountain districts. According to the WFP NeKSAP District Coordinators, roads and trails linked to the mid west mountains mainly in the Karnali zone from the major wholesale markets in Terai belt have been partially obstructed due to landslides caused by the recent rainfall and heavy snowfall. This situation needs to be monitored closely.

### Outlook

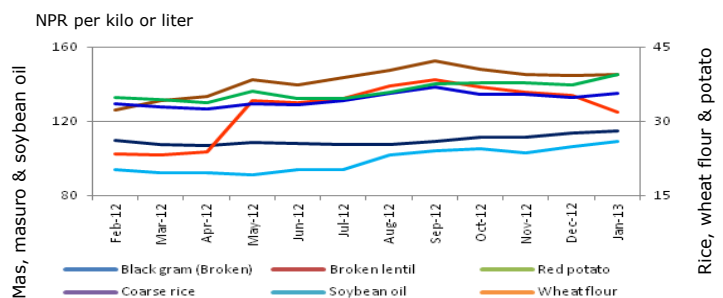
Price trend over the past one month indicates that most food prices are likely to remain same in the next month. However, as compared to summer crops which were harvested in October/November 2012, food prices of lean season commodities such as wheat flour and pulses will likely increase until the next harvest which is anticipated in April/May 2013.

Outlook of winter crops indicates normal against the moderate outlook in the last month, which is mainly due to rainfall in January 2013. However, the impact of rainfall on the growth of winter crops has yet to forecast. NeKSAP will closely monitor the overall outlook of winter crops.

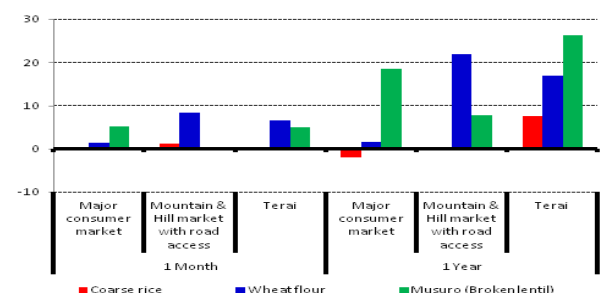
### Largest Changes in prices of commodities

Commodity	Price Rs/kg or liter	% change 1month	Observation
Pumpkin, okra and bitter gourd	various	>9	Decline in supply due to lean season.
Cabbage, garlic and apple	various	>-7	Increase in supply due to harvest season.

### Average price over 12 month period\*



### Percentage change in prices\*\* (1 month & 1 year)



† Prices relate to the Nepali month of Poush 2069.

\* Prices are from markets listed on the back of this report, not including 'Hill & Mountain No Road' markets.

\*\* Change in price considers all markets shown in this report



Market	Commodity	Current price (NRS per Kg/Lt.)	Change in price (%)*			Average monthly change over			
			1 m	3 m	1 yr	1m	3m	1yr	
<b>Major consumer markets</b>									
Kathmandu	Coarse rice	36.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	▶	▶	▶	
	Wheat flour	34.0	0.0	0.0	-2.9	▶	▶	▶	
	Soybean oil	137.0	-5.5	-4.2	3.0	▼	▶	▶	
	Chicken	225.0	4.7	-18.2	9.8	▶	▼	▶	
	Mustard oil	173.0	-10.4	-10.4	26.3	▼	▼	▲	
	Mas (black gram)	113.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	▶	▶	▶	
	Musuro	100.0	0.0	-2.9	20.5	▶	▶	▲	
	Potato	34.0	-8.1	-15.0	36.0	▼	▼	▲	
	Pokhara	Coarse rice	42.0	0.0	-6.7	-6.7	▶	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	35.0	2.9	0.0	6.1	▶	▶	▶
Soybean oil		145.0	0.0	-6.5	11.5	▶	▶	▶	
Chicken		270.0	-3.6	-16.7	32.4	▶	▼	▲	
Mustard oil		180.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	▶	▶	▲	
Mas (black gram)		120.0	1.7	4.3	11.1	▶	▶	▶	
Musuro		105.0	10.5	-4.5	16.7	▶	▶	▲	
Potato		35.0	-30.0	-30.0	53.5	▼	▼	▲	
<b>Regional Terai markets</b>									
Biratnagar		Coarse rice	30.0	0.0	0.0	-4.2	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	36.0	2.9	16.1	22.7	▶	▲	▲	
	Soybean oil	135.0	-3.6	-6.9	12.5	▶	▶	▶	
	Chicken	273.0	36.5	5.0	13.8	▲	▶	▶	
	Mustard oil	180.0	0.0	-2.7	21.6	▶	▶	▲	
	Mas (black gram)	90.0	-10.0	-10.0	-8.5	▼	▶	▶	
	Musuro	110.0	0.0	15.8	46.7	▶	▲	▲	
	Potato	30.0	-25.0	-14.3	114.3	▼	▼	▲	
	Birgunj	Coarse rice	34.0	0.0	-2.9	25.9	▶	▶	▲
		Wheat flour	35.0	0.0	16.7	20.7	▶	▲	▲
Soybean oil		152.0	0.0	1.3	15.2	▶	▶	▲	
Chicken		240.0	0.0	-7.7	9.1	▶	▶	▶	
Mustard oil		180.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	▶	▶	▲	
Mas (black gram)		100.0	0.0	5.3	8.7	▶	▶	▶	
Musuro		110.0	0.0	0.0	48.6	▶	▶	▲	
Potato		22.0	0.0	-26.7	46.7	▶	▼	▲	
Nepalgunj		Coarse rice	32.0	6.7	6.7	14.3	▲	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	32.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	▲	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	140.0	21.7	0.0	5.0	▲	▶	▶	
	Chicken	280.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	▲	▶	▶	
	Mustard oil	200.0	11.1	11.1	29.0	▲	▲	▲	
	Mas (black gram)	140.0	21.7	55.6	71.4	▲	▲	▲	
	Musuro	90.0	20.0	0.0	28.6	▲	▶	▲	
	Potato	30.0	20.0	0.0	100.0	▲	▶	▲	
	Dhangadhi	Coarse rice	35.0	6.1	9.4	-1.7	▲	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	32.6	1.9	1.9	1.9	▶	▶	▶
Soybean oil		135.0	6.3	10.7	4.8	▲	▲	▶	
Chicken		284.0	13.6	13.6	67.1	▲	▲	▲	
Mustard oil		176.0	4.8	11.4	25.7	▶	▶	▲	
Mas (black gram)		134.0	1.5	-1.3	-4.3	▶	▶	▶	
Musuro		110.0	0.0	4.8	-8.3	▶	▶	▶	
Potato		25.0	0.0	-28.6	25.0	▶	▼	▲	
<b>Hill and mountain markets with road access</b>									
Bhairahawa		Coarse rice	25.0	-13.8	-13.8	4.2	▼	▼	▶
	Wheat flour	35.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	▶	▶	▲	
	Soybean oil	140.0	-3.4	-3.4	55.6	▶	▶	▲	
	Chicken	260.0	0.0	0.0	44.4	▶	▶	▲	
	Mustard oil	170.0	-12.8	-12.8	13.3	▼	▼	▶	
	Mas (black gram)	125.0	4.2	4.2	31.6	▶	▶	▲	
	Musuro	110.0	4.8	10.0	15.8	▶	▶	▲	
	Potato	22.0	-12.0	-26.7	22.2	▼	▼	▲	
	Dhankuta	Coarse rice	33.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	▶	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	35.0	0.0	0.0	-5.4	▶	▶	▶
Soybean oil		150.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	▶	▶	▶	
Chicken		260.0	-7.1	-7.1	8.3	▼	▶	▶	
Mas (black gram)		120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
Musuro		115.0	0.0	0.0	35.3	▶	▶	▲	
Potato		50.0	11.1	16.3	100.0	▲	▲	▲	
Rolpa		Coarse rice	40.0	0.0	17.6	21.2	▶	▲	▲
		Wheat flour	55.0	-	37.5	57.1	-	▲	▲
		Soybean oil	140.0	-	-6.7	21.7	-	▶	▲
	Chicken	270.0	-	-3.6	-3.6	-	▶	▶	
	Mas (black gram)	100.0	-	-9.1	-16.7	-	▶	▼	
	Musuro	110.0	-	0.0	-8.3	-	▶	▶	
	Potato	25.0	-	-37.5	-28.6	-	▼	▼	
	Sanjebagar	Coarse rice	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	36.0	-5.3	2.9	2.9	▼	▶	▶
		Chicken	300.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	▶	▶	▶
Mustard oil		180.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	▶	▶	▲	
Mas (black gram)		120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
Musuro		110.0	-	0.0	-8.3	-	▶	▶	
Potato		50.0	0.0	0.0	42.9	▶	▶	▲	
Jumla		Coarse rice	50.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	▶	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	70.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	▶	▶	▲
		Soybean oil	180.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	380.0	8.6	-	18.8	▲	-	▲	
	Mas (black gram)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Musuro	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Potato	30.0	0.0	0.0	-25.0	▶	▶	▼	
	Bajura	Coarse rice	35.0	6.1	-12.5	16.7	▲	▼	▲
		Wheat flour	50.0	38.9	13.6	38.9	▲	▲	▲
		Beans	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
Mas (black gram)		120.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	▶	▶	▲	
Musuro		120.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	▶	▶	▲	
Potato - red		30.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	▶	▶	▲	
<b>Mountain markets without road access</b>									
Humla		Coarse rice*	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	150.0	-34.8	-34.8	-37.5	▼	▼	▼
		Soybean oil	300.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	▶	▶	▶
	Beans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Mas (black gram)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Musuro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Potato	50.0	25.0	0.0	66.7	▲	▶	▲	
	Dolpa	Coarse rice	100.0	-9.1	-9.1	11.1	▼	▶	▶
		Wheat flour	130.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
		Soybean oil	240.0	4.3	0.0	20.0	▶	▶	▲
Beans		220.0	-12.0	10.0	10.0	▼	▶	▶	
Mas (black gram)		220.0	-4.3	10.0	10.0	▶	▶	▶	
Musuro		220.0	-4.3	4.8	10.0	▶	▶	▶	
Potato		30.0	-14.3	-14.3	-25.0	▼	▼	▼	

▲ Price increase above normal price fluctuation

▶ Normal price fluctuation

▼ Price decrease below normal price fluctuation

Price fluctuation is considered normal if the price change is within 5% for 1 month, or within 10% for 3 months or within 15% for one year.

\* This is the price of NFC subsidized rice, as there is virtually no other stock.

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