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HIGHLIGHTS

- **In July 2015, retail prices of most food commodities monitored in 12 markets across Nepal showed an upward trend due to the lean season and the interruption in supplies because of frequent road obstructions caused by monsoon rains and landslides.**
- **Overall inflation rate in July 2015 was 7.6 percent. The food and beverage group was higher at 9.2 percent, as were several sub-groups: legume varieties (36.1 percent), spices (15.7 percent), fruits (13.1 percent) and cereal grains (12.6 percent).**

Prices

In July 2015, retail prices of food commodities monitored across the country showed an upward trend. On a month-on-month basis, retail prices of coarse rice and wheat flour increased by 1.2 and 0.6 percent respectively. Prices of black gram and broken lentil increased by 4.2 and 2.2 percent respectively. Likewise, prices of red potato and chicken meat went up by 1.3 and 3.1 percent respectively. However, the price of edible oils remained relatively stable. Compared to three months earlier, most prices also showed an upward trend with the exception of edible oils. Compared to the same period last year, most prices showed an upward trend (with the exception of edible oils and red potato). Overall, the price of most commodities over the past 12 months (see **Figure 1**) showed an upward trend with expected seasonal fluctuations, while that of black gram and broken lentil showed a sharp increase since May 2015.

Prices in regional markets (see **Figure 2**) showed somewhat different trends than the national averages, with an upward trend in the price of coarse rice in the Terai markets and a stable trend in the other markets, while the price of wheat flour showed an upward trend in all markets with the exception of the Terai markets. The price of broken lentil showed an upward trend in all markets.

Wholesale prices regularly monitored by FNCCI/AEC in the five large markets of Birtamod, Kathmandu, Butwal, Surkhet and Dhangadhi showed an upward trend with the exception of the price of coarse rice over the past one month. As shown in **Table 1**, wholesale prices monitored in the Kalimati Fruits and Vegetables Market mostly showed a sharp increase month-on-month: prices of green peas, arum, dry onion, cabbage, bitter gourd, carrot, brinjal, okra, cow pea, smooth gourd and radish increased by more than 22 percent due to a reduction in supply, while that of apple and banana decreased by 4 percent due to the start of the harvest.

In July 2015, the overall consumer price index (CPI) released by Nepal Rastra Bank was 221.5, an increase of 2.3 percent month-on-month. The inflation rate, as measured by the year-on-year increase in the CPI, was 7.6 percent. The food and beverage group of the CPI was 268.2, an increase of 2.2 percent month-on-month and 9.2 percent year-on-year; several sub-groups showed higher year-on-year increases: legume varieties (36.1 percent), spices (15.7 percent), fruits (13.1 percent) and cereal grains (12.6 percent). The non-food and services group of the CPI was 183.8, an increase of 2.4 percent month-on-month and 6.1 percent year-on-year.

Supply

The food supply situation across the country has been disrupted because of the impact of monsoon-induced floods and landslides on roads and transportation services. Moreover, frequent and prolonged *bandhs* (general strikes) called by various political parties and ethnic groups, mainly in the Terai region, have disrupted the smooth supply of food and non-food commodities as well as cross-border trade.

Outlook

Most food prices are expected to increase in the next month due to the lean season and supply disturbances because of frequent and prolonged *bandhs* (general strikes), particularly in the Terai.

As of 28 August, paddy transplantation progress has reached 90 percent compared to a normal year. Plantation area is already 1.8 percent more than the total area of last year's paddy crop.

Table 1: Largest changes in commodity prices (month-on-month)

Commodity	Price NPR/kg or liter	% change 1 month	Observations
Green peas, arum, dry onion, cabbage, bitter gourd, carrot, brinjal, okra, cow pea, smooth gourd and radish	various	> 22	Decrease in supply due to lean season
Apple and banana	various	-4	Increase in supply due to harvest season

Figure 1: Average retail price over 12-month period*

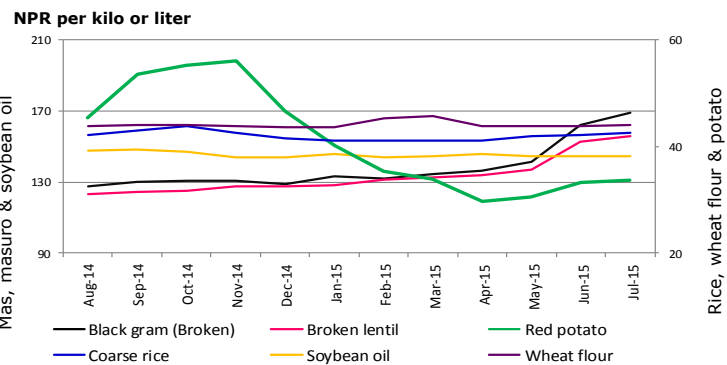
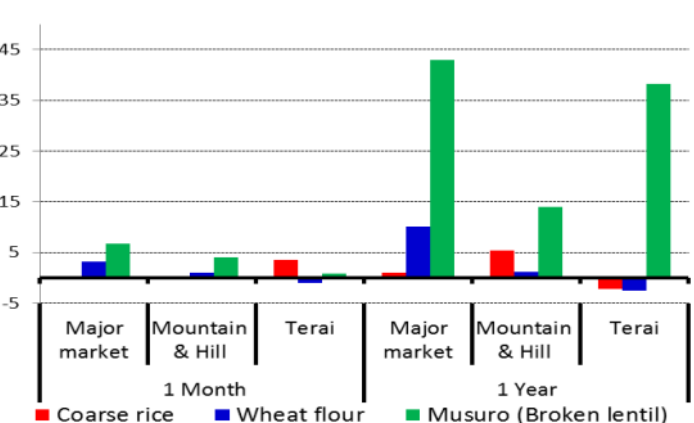


Figure 2: Percentage change in retail prices (1 month & 1 year)**



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† Prices relate to the Nepali month of Ashad 2072.

* 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 change over		
			1 m	3 m	1 yr	1m	3m	1yr
Major consumer markets								
Kathmandu	Coarse rice	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	50.0	6.4	6.4	11.1	▲	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	143.0	2.1	5.9	-2.7	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	380.0	58.3	24.6	2.7	▲	▲	▶
	Mustard oil	173.0	3.6	4.8	3.6	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	183.0	19.6	26.2	52.5	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	170.0	13.3	24.1	36.0	▲	▲	▲
	Potato	30.0	0.0	0.0	-45.5	▶	▶	▼
Pokhara	Coarse rice	49.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	49.0	0.0	2.1	8.9	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	131.3	0.2	-6.3	-6.3	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	320.0	0.0	-20.0	3.2	▶	▼	▶
	Mustard oil	180.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	180.0	0.0	20.0	38.5	▶	▲	▲
	Musuro	180.0	0.0	24.1	50.0	▶	▲	▲
	Potato	35.0	0.0	0.0	-27.1	▶	▶	▼
Regional Terai markets								
Biratnagar	Coarse rice	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	40.0	0.0	0.0	-4.8	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	131.0	0.0	4.8	-3.0	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	320.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	167.0	0.0	1.2	1.2	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	175.0	0.0	25.0	45.8	▶	▲	▲
	Musuro	144.0	0.0	6.7	20.0	▶	▶	▶
	Potato	29.0	0.0	45.0	-27.5	▶	▲	▼
Birgunj	Coarse rice	33.0	0.0	-8.3	-21.4	▶	▶	▼
	Wheat flour	35.0	0.0	-12.5	-16.7	▶	▼	▼
	Soybean oil	150.0	0.0	-2.6	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	300.0	0.0	-7.7	-9.1	▶	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	190.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	130.0	0.0	6.6	13.0	▶	▶	▶
	Musuro	150.0	0.0	10.3	27.1	▶	▲	▲
	Potato	20.0	0.0	11.1	-50.0	▶	▲	▼
Nepalgunj	Coarse rice	37.0	0.0	-2.6	5.7	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	38.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	160.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	300.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	▶	▶	▲
	Mustard oil	200.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	150.0	0.0	30.4	50.0	▶	▲	▲
	Musuro	150.0	0.0	42.9	57.9	▶	▲	▲
	Potato	30.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	▶	▲	▶
Dhangadhi	Coarse rice	42.0	10.5	5.0	13.5	▲	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	36.0	-5.3	-14.3	2.9	▼	▼	▶
	Soybean oil	132.0	-2.9	-1.5	-5.7	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	312.0	9.1	1.3	-8.2	▲	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	172.0	3.0	11.7	7.5	▶	▲	▶
	Mas (black gram)	190.0	6.7	26.7	43.9	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	172.0	-2.3	17.8	41.0	▶	▲	▲
	Potato	25.0	0.0	8.7	-16.7	▶	▶	▼

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			1 m	3 m	1 yr	1m	3m	1yr	
Bhairahawa	Coarse rice	32.0	6.7	10.3	-8.6	▲	▶	▶	
	Wheat flour	35.0	0.0	9.4	-2.8	▶	▶	▶	
	Soybean oil	120.0	0.0	2.1	-20.0	▶	▶	▼	
	Chicken	340.0	13.3	13.3	-2.9	▲	▲	▶	
	Mustard oil	130.0	0.0	-20.0	-25.7	▶	▼	▼	
	Mas (black gram)	180.0	5.9	41.2	63.6	▲	▲	▲	
	Musuro	160.0	6.7	25.5	45.5	▲	▲	▲	
	Potato	25.0	0.0	150.0	-28.6	▶	▲	▼	
Hill and Mountain markets with road access									
Dhankuta	Coarse rice	42.8	0.0	1.3	1.9	▶	▶	▶	
	Wheat flour	45.7	0.0	0.0	-2.8	▶	▶	▶	
	Soybean oil	166.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	▶	▶	▶	
	Chicken	320.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Mas (black gram)	148.9	0.0	0.6	24.1	▶	▶	▲	
	Musuro	126.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	▶	▶	▶	
	Potato	40.0	14.3	0.0	-20.0	▶	▶	▼	
	Rolpa	Coarse rice	48.0	0.0	6.7	41.2	▶	▶	▲
Wheat flour		45.0	0.0	12.5	12.5	▶	▲	▶	
Soybean oil		130.0	0.0	0.0	-13.3	▶	▶	▶	
Chicken		400.0	0.0	0.0	21.2	▶	▶	▶	
Mas (black gram)		230.0	0.0	76.9	109.1	▶	▲	▲	
Musuro		150.0	0.0	7.1	15.4	▶	▶	▶	
Potato		50.0	0.0	25.0	-9.1	▶	▲	▶	
Santebagar		Coarse rice	40.0	0.0	0.0	-11.1	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	42.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Soybean oil	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Chicken	390.0	0.0	-2.5	2.6	▶	▶	▶	
	Mas (black gram)	150.0	0.0	7.1	20.0	▶	▶	▲	
	Musuro	170.0	0.0	25.9	30.8	▶	▲	▲	
	Potato	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Jumla	Coarse rice	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
Wheat flour		70.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
Soybean oil		160.0	0.0	-11.1	-15.8	▶	▼	▼	
Chicken		440.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
Mas (black gram)		150.0	0.0	0.0	-6.3	▶	▶	▶	
Musuro		150.0	0.0	0.0	-6.3	▶	▶	▶	
Potato		30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
Bajura		Coarse rice	40.0	0.0	11.1	-4.8	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	44.0	4.8	4.8	-4.3	▶	▶	▶	
	Beans	-	-	-	-	-	▼	▼	
	Mas (black gram)	150.0	20.0	15.4	15.4	▲	▲	▲	
	Musuro	150.0	20.0	15.4	15.4	▲	▲	▲	
	Potato	40.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	▶	▶	▶	
	Mountain markets without road access								
	Humla	Coarse rice*	52.0	0.0	0.0	10.6	▶	▶	▶
Wheat flour		200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
Soybean oil		280.0	0.0	-6.7	-6.7	▶	▶	▶	
Beans		150.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	▶	▶	▶	
Mas (black gram)		350.0	0.0	-	75.0	▶	-	▲	
Musuro		350.0	0.0	133.3	-	▶	▲	-	
Potato	70.0	0.0	0.0	-30.0	▶	▶	▼		
Dolpa	Coarse rice	145.0	3.6	31.8	3.6	▶	▲	▶	
	Wheat flour	130.0	8.3	13.0	8.3	▶	▲	▶	
	Soybean oil	240.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Beans	160.0	6.7	6.7	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Mas (black gram)	200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶	
	Musuro	200.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	▶	▲	▶	
Potato	60.0	50.0	20.0	0.0	▶	▲	▶		



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Major consumer markets								
Kathmandu	Coarse rice	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	47.0	0.0	0.0	9.3	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	140.0	2.2	3.7	-6.7	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	240.0	-17.2	-33.3	-31.4	▼	▼	▼
	Mustard oil	167.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	153.0	5.5	13.3	27.5	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	150.0	4.9	9.5	36.4	▶	▶	▲
	Potato	30.0	0.0	0.0	-14.3	▶	▶	▶
Pokhara	Coarse rice	49.0	2.1	3.2	2.1	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	49.0	2.1	8.9	8.9	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	131.0	-6.4	0.8	-6.4	▼	▼	▶
	Chicken	320.0	-20.0	-22.0	-8.6	▼	▼	▶
	Mustard oil	180.0	0.0	5.9	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	180.0	20.0	28.6	28.6	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	180.0	24.1	28.6	50.0	▲	▲	▲
	Potato	35.0	0.0	-22.2	-27.1	▶	▼	▼
Regional Terai markets								
Biratnagar	Coarse rice	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	131.0	4.8	4.8	0.8	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	320.0	14.3	-3.0	10.3	▲	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	167.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	175.0	25.0	25.0	59.1	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	144.0	2.9	2.9	25.2	▶	▶	▶
	Potato	29.0	45.0	45.0	-17.1	▲	▲	▼
Birgunj	Coarse rice	33.0	-8.3	-8.3	-13.2	▼	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	35.0	-12.5	-22.2	-12.5	▼	▼	▶
	Soybean oil	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	300.0	0.0	0.0	-6.3	▶	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	190.0	0.0	-5.0	8.6	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	130.0	6.6	36.8	30.0	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	150.0	0.0	36.4	36.4	▶	▲	▲
	Potato	20.0	11.1	0.0	-20.0	▲	▶	▼
Nepalgunj	Coarse rice	37.0	-2.6	0.0	2.8	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	38.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	160.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	150.0	30.4	33.9	36.4	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	150.0	42.9	50.0	57.9	▲	▲	▲
	Potato	30.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	▲	▲	▶
Dhangadhi	Coarse rice	38.0	-9.5	3.5	-5.5	▼	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	38.0	0.0	-9.5	7.3	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	136.0	0.0	3.0	-2.9	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	286.0	-3.4	-3.4	-7.1	▶	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	167.0	4.4	4.4	4.4	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	178.0	7.9	33.8	36.9	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	176.0	14.3	28.5	39.7	▲	▲	▲
	Potato	25.0	8.7	8.7	-37.5	▲	▶	▼

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Bhairahawa	Coarse rice	30.0	-14.3	3.4	0.0	▼	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	35.0	0.0	-22.2	-2.8	▶	▼	▶
	Soybean oil	120.0	4.3	-4.0	-14.3	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	300.0	0.0	-6.3	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mustard oil	130.0	-21.2	-27.8	-23.5	▼	▼	▼
	Mas (black gram)	170.0	30.8	21.4	54.5	▲	▲	▲
	Musuro	150.0	11.1	7.1	36.4	▲	▶	▲
	Potato	25.0	25.0	66.7	-28.6	▲	▲	▼

Hill and Mountain markets with road access

Dhankuta	Coarse rice	42.8	1.3	1.3	1.9	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	45.7	-2.5	0.0	-2.8	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	166.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	320.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	148.9	0.0	0.0	24.1	▶	▶	▲
	Musuro	126.0	0.0	0.8	14.5	▶	▶	▶
	Potato	35.0	-12.5	-12.5	-22.2	▼	▼	▼
	Rolpa	Coarse rice	48.0	20.0	33.3	41.2	▲	▲
Wheat flour		45.0	12.5	-10.0	12.5	▲	▶	▶
Soybean oil		130.0	-3.7	-7.1	-13.3	▶	▶	▶
Chicken		400.0	25.0	21.2	21.2	▲	▲	▲
Mas (black gram)		230.0	53.3	76.9	109.1	▲	▲	▲
Musuro		150.0	3.4	3.4	15.4	▶	▶	▶
Potato		50.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	▲	▶	▶
Sanjibpur		Coarse rice	40.0	0.0	0.0	-11.1	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	42.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Chicken	390.0	0.0	-2.5	2.6	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	150.0	0.0	7.1	20.0	▶	▶	▶
	Musuro	170.0	13.3	25.9	30.8	▲	▲	▲
	Potato	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	▶	▶	▶
	Jumla	Coarse rice	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶
Wheat flour		70.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
Soybean oil		160.0	-11.1	-11.1	-11.1	▼	▼	▶
Chicken		440.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	▶	▶	▶
Mas (black gram)		150.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	▶	▶	▶
Musuro		150.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	▶	▶	▶
Potato		30.0	0.0	-14.3	0.0	▶	▼	▶
Bajura		Coarse rice	40.0	5.3	-11.1	-4.8	▶	▼
	Wheat flour	42.0	0.0	-6.7	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Beans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mas (black gram)	125.0	-3.8	-3.8	-10.7	▶	▶	▶
	Musuro	125.0	-3.8	-3.8	4.2	▶	▶	▶
	Potato	40.0	0.0	-20.0	14.3	▶	▼	▶

Mountain markets without road access

Humla	Coarse rice*	52.0	0.0	0.0	23.8	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	200.0	0.0	0.0	-16.7	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	280.0	-6.7	-6.7	-6.7	▼	▶	▶
	Beans	150.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	350.0	-	94.4	-	▶	▶	▶
	Musuro	350.0	133.3	-	-	▶	▶	▶
Dolpa	Coarse rice	70.0	0.0	0.0	-30.0	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	140.0	27.3	0.0	16.7	▶	▶	▶
	Wheat flour	120.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	▶	▶	▶
	Soybean oil	240.0	4.3	0.0	118.2	▶	▶	▶
	Beans	150.0	0.0	0.0	-	▶	▶	▶
	Mas (black gram)	200.0	0.0	0.0	-20.0	▶	▶	▶
	Musuro	200.0	33.3	0.0	-20.0	▶	▶	▶
	Potato	40.0	-20.0	0.0	-52.9	▼	▶	▶

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