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Monthly Food Prices (June-July)

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Report Highlights:

The trend of increasing consumer food prices in Uzbekistan continued slowly during June-July 2011. The highest price increases were observed for bulb onions, sugar, meat and vegetable oil.

The average change in consumer food products prices for June was -0.87% and for July was 5.48%. The change for the previous 12 months was 33.29% in June and 38.28% in July. The price change from beginning of the year in June was 4.70% and in July it increased to 8.64%.

The sharp price increase of meat (beef, lamb) over the last two months is attributable to the decline in feed crops this year, which created a deficit of cattle fodder.

Also, in July wheat flour prices have decreased almost to 35% mainly because the new crop harvest is available and GOU took steps to decrease old stocks. In addition, the recent decisions of Russia and Kazakhstan to lift their grain export restrictions allowed wheat flour imports to resume.

Table 1. Consumer Food Product Prices (June 2011)

| Consumer Food Products | Price in UZS | Change | | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | 1 month | 12 months | YTD |
| Average | | -0.87 % | 33.29% | 4.70% |
| Bread | 400 | 0.00% | 14.29% | 0.00% |
| Flour (1kg) | 3,200 | 3.23% | 60.00% | 28.00% |
| Rice (1 kg) | 3,200 | 0.00% | 45.45% | 6.67% |
| Meat (beef)(1kg) | 15,500 | 3.33% | 55.00% | 19.23% |
| Potatoes (1kg) | 800 | 0.00% | -20.00% | -27.27% |
| Bulb onions (1g) | 700 | 0.00% | 40.00% | -12.50% |
| Apples (1 kg) | 3,000 | 33.33% | 20.00% | -14.29% |
| Sugar (1kg) | 4,000 | 5.26% | 53.85% | 17.65% |
| Milk (1 litre) | 3,000 | 11.11% | 50.00% | 36.36% |
| Egg (1 pc) | 250 | 0.00% | 0.00% | -7.41% |
| Vegetable oil (1 ltr) | 5,000 | 0.00% | 42.86% | 6.38% |
| Butter (1 kg) | 14,500 | 0.00% | 38.10% | 3.57% |

Table 2. Consumer Food Product Prices (July 2011)

| Consumer Food Products | Price in UZS | Change | | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | 1 month | 12 months | YTD |
| Average | | 3.73% | 38.28% | 8.64% |
| Bread | 400 | 0.00% | 14.29% | 0.00% |
| Flour (1kg) | 2,100 | -34.38% | 5.00% | -16.00% |
| Rice (1 kg) | 3,300 | 3.04% | 50.00% | 10.00% |
| Meat (beef)(1kg) | 17,000 | 8.84% | 70.00% | 30.77% |
| Potatoes (1kg) | 800 | 0.00% | -20.00% | -27.27% |
| Bulb onions (1g) | 1,200 | 41.67% | 140.00% | 50.00% |
| Apples (1 kg) | 3,000 | 0.00% | 20.00% | -14.29% |
| Sugar (1kg) | 4,500 | 11.12% | 73.00% | 32.35% |
| Milk (1 litre) | 3,000 | 0.00% | 50.00% | 36.36% |
| Egg (1 pc) | 250 | 0.00% | 0.00% | -7.41% |
| Vegetable oil (1 ltr) | 5,500 | 9.09% | 57.14% | 17.02% |
| Butter (1 kg) | 14,500 | 0.00% | 38.10% | 3.57% |

Note: Data was gathered by Post at retail facilities located in various districts of Tashkent as well as price information published by other independent sources which cover other regions of Uzbekistan. Consumer food products in the table above include the 12 staple products of the typical Uzbek diet.

