

Trade and Market Headlines South Darfur



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- In general, **cereal prices** were stable in most monitored markets during the quarter, millet prices in particular. The highest price was reported in AlbanGedeed as a consumption area and the lowest price was reported in Umdafog as a production area. This trend reflects the good harvest season and relative stability in the security situation over the quarter. See Figure 1.
- Livestock prices** varied widely from one market to another. In some monitored markets cattle and sheep prices slightly increased and in others remained stable or decreased. This reflects the seasonal movement of livestock around the state in search of better pasture and water points. Thus, livestock prices go up and down accordingly. Also, donkey prices sharply increased during May in most monitored markets as demand rose at the start of the agricultural season. See Figure 2.

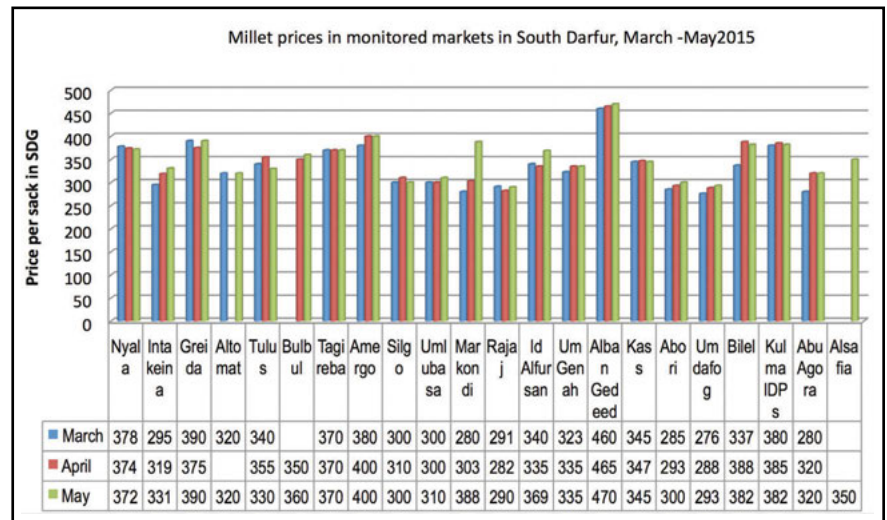


Figure 1: Millet prices in monitored markets in South Darfur, March to May 2015

Background and methodology

The goal of this community-based market monitoring initiative is to deepen analysis and understanding of the shifting patterns of trade and markets in Darfur, on an ongoing basis for key agricultural and livestock commodities, to identify how livelihoods and the economy can be supported through trade, and to identify peace-building opportunities through trade. Sixteen CBOs/NGOs are monitoring 22 markets across South Darfur on a weekly basis. Quantitative data, for example the price of Darfur's main cereals, livestock, cash crops and fruits and vegetables are collected weekly as well as qualitative data, for example on sources of supply. Some data are collected on a monthly basis, for example transport costs, transport routes and the impact of the conflict on flows of commodities. DDRA holds quarterly analysis workshops with the CBO enumerators.

Map of monitored markets to be provided next quarter.

List of CBOs and markets monitored in South Darfur

Al Methag Organization	Nyala	People's Organization for Development & Rehabilitation	Kas
Rehead -Alfrsan for Rural Development	Intakeina	Darfur Peace Initiative for Development	Aborey
Ghafran for Peace and Development	Geraida	Rufaida Health Foundation	Um Dafoeg
Afag Al Mustagbl	Bulbul Tembisco	Jebel Marra Charity for Rural Development	Belail, Kalma IDP camp
Al Ruhma for Development	Al Tomat, Tolous	Ghaya for Development	Abu-Ajora
National Organization for Care & Development	Tajreba, Um Morgo	Shera Alamal	Al-Safia
Al Shorog Organization	Silgo, Um Labasa, Markondi		
United Peace Organization	Ragag		
Save Motherhood and Children's Organization	Um Ganah, Id-Alfrsan		
Al Shamail for Humanitarian Support	Al Ban Gadeed		

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- **Cash crop prices**, especially the price of groundnuts, were stable during the quarter in most monitored markets, reflecting the good harvest season of 2015. See Figure 3. The price of sesame, dried okra and dried tomato fluctuated during this quarter. Gum Arabic was available in some monitored markets and the price was stable.
- In terms of **fruit and vegetables**, onion prices decreased during the quarter March to May 2015 in all monitored markets, indicating the seasonal harvest and therefore availability, while the price of fresh tomatoes sharply increased reflecting the off-season. See Figure 4.
- All **trade routes** in and out of South Darfur State were calm and functioning during the quarter.
- The main sources of **daily labouring** work during the quarter were construction work and brick-making besides looking after animals (shepherding).

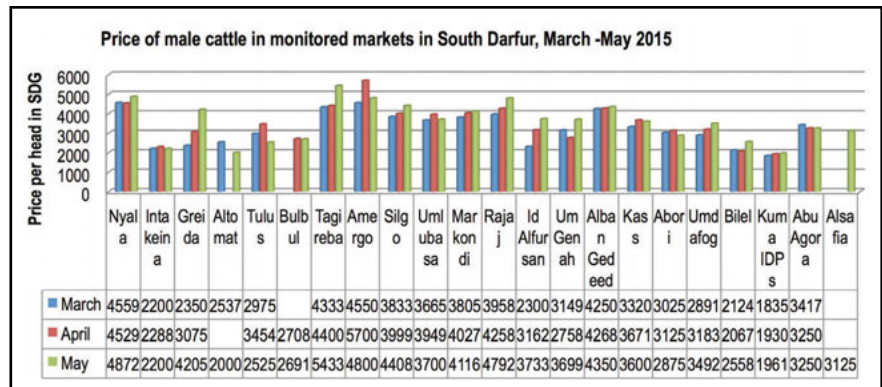


Figure 2: Price of male cattle in monitored markets in South Darfur, March to May 2015

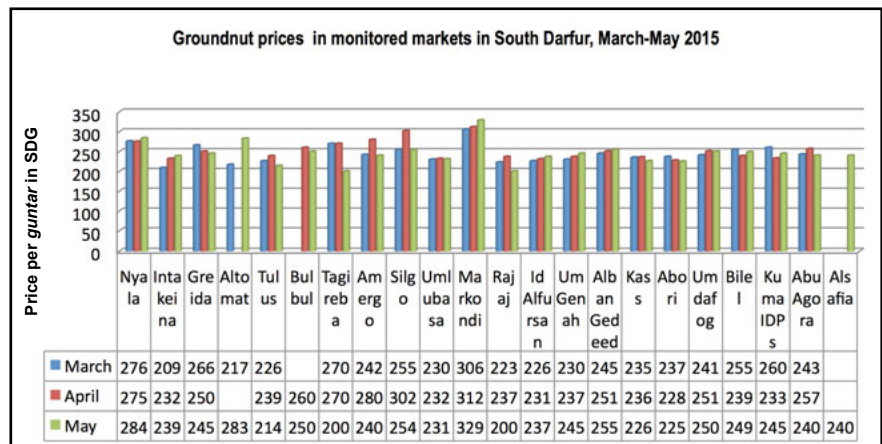


Figure 3: Groundnut prices in monitored markets in South Darfur, March to May 2015

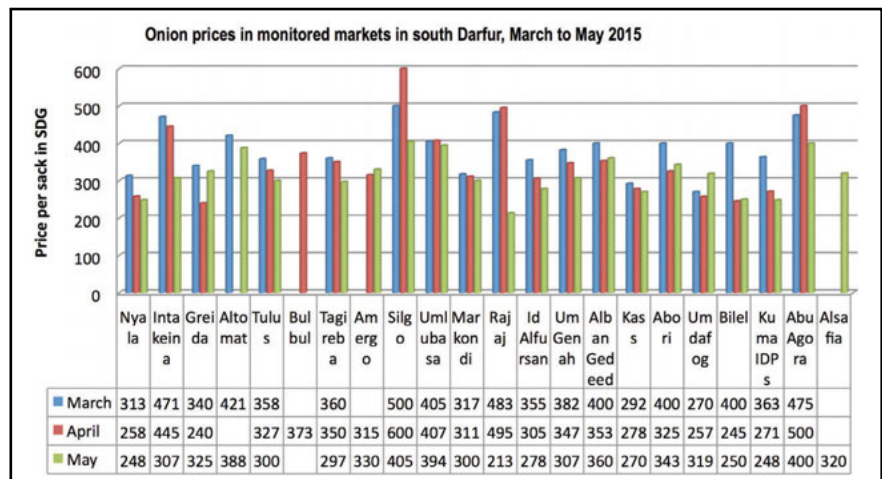


Figure 4: Onion prices in monitored markets in South Darfur, March to May 2015