

# Weekly update on commodity and consumer food prices

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## Introduction

Against a backdrop of global economic uncertainty, price fluctuations can have a significant impact on households and producers. During the week of 9 to 13 March 2026, several key agricultural commodities, such as wheat, maize, soya, cocoa and coffee, recorded significant price fluctuations, due to a range of factors including global demand, weather conditions, production costs, conflicts, etc.

### 1. Trends in commodity prices

Commodity	Average Price N-1 in \$	Average Price N in \$	Year-on-year change %	Highest price in \$	Lowest price in \$	Comments
<b>Energy</b>						
Brent crude oil (tonne)	83,862	95,974	14.44%	103.85	89.26	Sharp rise linked to supply chain disruptions and the conflict in the Middle East
<b>Metals</b>						
Gold (g)	165.94	164.63	-0.79%	166.8	161.4	Slight fall in the price of gold due to the marginal appreciation of the dollar
Silver (kg)	2717.98	2735.66	0.65%	2841.1	2592.3	Modest rise in silver
Steel (tonne)	1016.60	1017.00	0.04%	1,018	1,017	Minor fluctuations in steel prices, likely due to steady demand from the construction and industrial sectors
Iron (tonne)	1,894.70	1,796.04	-5.21%	1827.5	1,765.50	Significant fall in iron prices due to a decline in steel demand or an industrial slowdown
Aluminium (tonne)	3219.60	3,366.15	4.55%	3464	3322	Significant rise in aluminium prices, linked to supply tensions
<b>Exported products</b>						
Cocoa (tonnes)	2,985	3,278.25	9.82%	3,356	3,197	Significant increase due to higher demand on international markets
Cotton (tonnes)	23.01	23.80	3.43%	23.9	23.52	Moderate increase, likely due to stable demand.
Coffee (tonne)	6,424.27	6,569.78	2.26%	6658.0	6,547.7	Slight increase due to the reassessment of costs and demand
Rubber	37.27	33.93	-8.94%	33.20	34.80	Sharp fall in rubber prices
Timber	343.50	343.5	0.00%	343.50	343.50	Prices unchanged, indicating a stable market between supply and demand.

Imported products						
Maize (tonne)	160.90	163.54	1.64%	166.9	160.6	Stable market demand
Soya (tonne)	427.35	439.78	2.91%	446.3	433.8	increased demand for animal feed and biofuels
Rice (tonnes)	385.91	391.91	1.56%	416.5	391.9	Supply difficulties resulting from adverse weather conditions in key production regions
Wheat (tonnes)	210.95	221.79	5.14%	227.6	215.8	Growing demand on international markets, concerns regarding production volumes in certain producing regions
Fertiliser (tonnes)	3,450.23	3,668.2	6.32%	3,867.3	3,494.9	Sharp rise in fertiliser prices
Copper (tonne)	12,931.8	12,837	-0.73%	12,920.5	12,750.5	Slight fall in copper prices due to a slight easing in the market

## 2. Consumer agricultural commodities

Products	Market prices in CFA francs	Comments
Tomatoes (crate)	1,500–2,500	A historic decline linked to high production, poor road infrastructure and low levels of processing
Cassava (net)	10,000–12,000	
Potato (net)	10,000–12,000	
Macabobo (net)	18,000 – 22,000	
Palm oil (1L)	700–800	
Onions (100 kg bag)	29,000–32,000	
Garlic (100 kg bag)	170,000–180,000	Low availability due to the period of scarcity and seasonality.
Garoua groundnuts (100 kg bag)	60,000 – 70,000	Price increases due to high demand and transport costs, the Ramadan period
Salt (bag)	5,000 – 6,000	
Potatoes (15L)	4,000 – 4,500	
Sugar (kg)	800–1,000	
Fish (mackerel in kg)	1,800 – 2,200	
Red beans (15L)	8,000–9,500	
White beans (15L)	17,000–18,500	
Refined oil (1L)	1,400–1,500	
Red palm oil (1L)	800–1,000	
Maize (15L)	3,500–4,000	