

# Weekly update on commodity and consumer food prices

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## Introduction

The week of 13 to 17 April 2026 was marked by mixed trends in commodity prices, reflecting adjustments linked to the global economic outlook and geopolitical tensions. Overall, the week reflected a cautious global market, dominated by economic uncertainty.

### 1. Trends in commodity prices

The energy market recorded a downward trend, marked by a 2.90% fall in Brent crude oil prices, an 8.65% drop in WTI (West Texas Intermediate) crude oil prices and a 4.41% decline in natural gas prices.

Conversely, metals, notably gold (+1.66%) and silver (+5.94%), benefited from their status as safe-haven assets, whilst aluminium (+5.98%) and copper (+4.81%) rose on the back of industrial prospects and demand linked to the energy transition. Export commodities rose overall, notably cocoa (+6.29%), cotton (+4.43%) and timber (+2.48%), supported by international demand. Meanwhile, imported commodities saw moderate movements: a fall in maize, soya, rice and fertilisers, against a rise in wheat.

Commodities	Average Price N-1	Average Price N	Change Y/Y	Highest price	Lowest price	Comment
April 2026	6 to 10	13 to 17	%	H	B	
<b>Energy</b>						
Brent crude oil (\$/barrel)	98.2875	95.44	-2.90%	98.08	91.4	▼ Sharp weekly decline, market under pressure with downward volatility.
Crude oil - WTI (\$/barrel)	100.54	91.844	-8.65%	97.89	84.96	▼ Sharp correction over the week.
Natural gas (\$/kWh)	806.92	771.36	-4.41%	782.5	761.98	▼ Prices continue to fall.
<b>Metals</b>						
Gold (\$/g)	151.77	154.30	1.66%	154.0	149.5	▲ Rise in gold prices, a safe-haven asset sought after in a climate of uncertainty.
Silver (\$/kg)	2389.34	2531.25	5.94%	2603.5	2430.6	▲ Sustained rise.
Steel (\$/tonne)	1047.40	1046.00	-0.13%	1046	1046	▼ Market virtually stable, with a slight but significant downward trend over the period.
Aluminium (\$/tonne)	3,399.30	3,602.60	5.98%	3648	3,573	▲ Strong growth.
<b>Exported products</b>						
Cocoa (\$/tonne)	3173.40	3,373.00	6.29%	3,557	3,186	▲ Significant rise linked to market concerns.
Cotton (\$/tonne)	26.53	27.71	4.43%	28.3	27.20	▲ Upward trend.
Coffee (\$/tonne)	6,490.41	6,583.00	1.43%	6702.1	6,371.4	▲ A slight rise in a market focused on harvest prospects.
Rubber	33.70	33.52	-0.53%	35.00	32.60	▼ Slight decline.
Timber	318.5	326.4	2.48%	328.00	324.00	▲ Upward trend.
<b>Imported products</b>						
Maize (\$/tonne)	164.35	164.13	-0.13%	166.1	162.1	▼ Down.
Soya (\$/tonne)	428.24	427.35	-0.21%	428.7	425.4	▼ Slight decrease.

Rice (\$/tonne)	404.12	399.63	-1.11%	409.2	391.9	▼ A moderate decline following the tensions observed in previous weeks.
Wheat (\$/tonne)	214.48	217.49	1.41%	220.9	213.9	▲ Moderate rise, driven by geopolitical uncertainties
Fertilisers (\$/tonne)	3,449.03	3,378.43	-2.05%	3435.5	3,255.3	▼ Falling prices, reflecting lower energy costs.
Copper (\$/tonne)	12,479.88	13,079.90	4.81%	13,180.0	12,820.5	▲ Significant increase.

## 2. Mass-market agricultural products in the two main cities (Yaoundé and Douala)

The market for widely consumed agricultural products was generally characterised by **relative stability**, with a few significant fluctuations. The main **price rises** were for tomatoes, potatoes and maize, reflecting supply constraints or stronger demand. Conversely, cassava, groundnuts, onions and red palm oil recorded **falls**, driven by improved market supply. Other products remained broadly stable.

Products	Market price in CFA francs (N)	Market price in CFA francs (N)	Observation
<b>26 April</b>	<b>6 to 10</b>	<b>13 to 17</b>	
Tomato (CFA francs/ crate)	3,000–4,000	3,500–4,500	Price increase, linked to reduced supply and sustained demand.
Cassava (F CFA/bag)	10,000–12,000	9,000–10,000	Significant fall in prices, reflecting improved market supply.
Potato (CFA francs/net)	10,000 - 12,000	10,000–12,000	Prices remained stable over the period observed.
Macabo (CFA francs/net)	18,000 - 20,000	18,000–20,000	Prices unchanged.
Onions (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	26,000–28,000	25,000–27,000	Prices fell slightly, driven by regular supplies.
Garlic (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	150,000 - 170,000	150,000–170,000	Prices remain stable.
Garoua groundnuts (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	60,000–70,000	50,000–60,000	Significant fall in prices, due to abundant supply.
Salt (CFA francs/bag)	5,000–6,000	5,000–6,000	Prices stable over the week.
Potatoes (CFA francs/15-litre bucket)	4,000 - 4,000	5,000–6,000	Sharp rise.
Sugar (CFA francs/kg)	800–1,000	800–1,000	Retail prices stable.
Mackerel (CFA francs/kg)	1800–2200	1,800–2,200	Prices unchanged, market normally supplied.
Red beans (CFA francs/15-litre bucket)	8,000–9,000	8,000–9,000	Prices stable.
White beans (CFA francs/15-litre bucket)	13,000–15,000	13,000–15,000	Prices remain stable with no significant change.
Refined oil (F CFA/L)	1,400–1,500	1,400–1,500	Prices stable on the markets.
Red palm oil (1L)	900–1,000	800–900	Prices falling, supported by improved seasonal availability.
Maize (F CFA/15L bucket)	3500 - 4000	4,000–4,500	Moderate rise in prices.