Weekly report on the prices of raw materials and everyday food products

Week of July 27 to August 2, 2026

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Introduction

The week of July 27 to August 2, 2026, was marked by a decline in commodity prices, reflecting adjustments related to the global economic outlook. This trend indicates an easing of energy and agricultural markets, which could contribute to a slowdown in inflationary pressures on importing economies.

1. Evolution of commodity prices

The week's commodity price trends reveal a downward trend. The energy market was marked by a general decline in prices, with Brent crude (-6.57%), WTI crude (-5.18%), and natural gas (-5.54%) all falling. Metals performed differently: steel rose by 1.99%, supported by industrial demand, while aluminum (-2.82%), gold (-0.01%), and silver (-0.34%) declined, with copper remaining virtually unchanged (-0.04%). Among export commodities, cocoa (-5.10%), cotton (-0.32%), and rubber (-1.26%) prices fell, while coffee rose by 2.19%, driven by uncertainties surrounding global supply. Lumber remained broadly stable (+0.20%). Finally, imported products showed a downward trend, with declines in corn (-1.96%), soybeans (-3.52%), rice (-2.96%), and wheat (-4.84%), which could ease the costs of food imports. Conversely, fertilizer prices increased by 2.55%, which could maintain pressure on agricultural production costs.

Table 1 : Overview of raw material prices

Materials	Average Course N-1	Average Course N	Variation N/N-1	Highest Price	Lowest Price	Observation
Month	**July 20-26**	**July 27th to August 2nd**	**%**	**H**	**B**	
			Energy			
Brent crude oil ($/Barrel)	94.57	88,358	**-6.57%**	90.59	83.92	▼ Sharp drop in prices
Crude oil - WTI (per barrel)	87,364	82.84	**-5.18%**	84.54	81.96	▼ Sharp drop in prices
Natural gas (/ kWh)	846.98	800.08	**-5.54%**	811.81	779.57	▼ Sharp drop in prices
			Metals			
Gold ($/g)	130.66	130.64	**-0.01%**	131.93	129.53	▼ Nearly stable on the downside
Silver ($/kg)	1870.76	1864.33	**-0.34%**	1897,18	1838.03	▼ Slight decrease
Steel ($/tonne)	1155.20	1178.20	**+1.99%**	1195.00	1156.00	▲ Slight increase
Aluminium ($/ tonne)	3552.80	3452.75	**-2.82%**	3542.00	3334.75	▼ Slight decrease
			Exported products			
Cocoa ($/ tonne)	5,426.40	5,149.50	**-5.10%**	5201.00	5100.00	▼ Sharp drop in prices
Cotton ($/ tonne)	29.03	28.94	**-0.32%**	29.03	28.67	▼ Slight decrease
Coffee ($/ tonne)	7081.25	7236.67	**2.19%**	7473.67	7120.93	▼ Slight decrease
Rubber	41.28	40.76	**-1.26%**	42.00	39.80	▼ Slight decrease
Lumber ($/1000 board feet)	302.4	303	**+0.20%**	305.00	301.00	▲ Nearly stable on the upside
			Imported products			
Corn ($/tonne)	168.39	165.09	**-1.96%**	168.69	162.07	▼ Slight decrease
Soybeans ($/ tonne)	452.72	436.76	**-3.52%**	445.22	430.51	▼ Slight decrease
Rice ($/tonne)	519.93	504.56	**-2.96%**	514.34	497.79	▼ Slight decrease
Wheat ($/ tonne)	253.74	241.46	**-4.84%**	244.40	234.47	▼ Sharp drop in prices
Fertilizer ($/ tonne)	3120.92	3200.46	**2.55%**	3258.53	3107.37	▼ Slight decrease

Copper ($/ tonne)	13,748.40	13,743.10	**-0.04%**	13834.00	13633.00	▼ Nearly stable on the downside

2. Agricultural products consumed in large quantities in the two main metropolitan areas (Yaoundé and Douala)

The market for staple agricultural products in major metropolitan areas showed generally stable dynamics during the period under review. Key food products, including tomatoes, cassava, sweet potatoes, taro, beans, maize, and mackerel, maintained their price levels from the previous week. Similarly, the prices of essential goods such as onions, garlic, peanuts, salt, potatoes, sugar, refined oil, and red palm oil remained unchanged, reflecting the relative stability of supply chains and the absence of significant market tensions. However, the continued high prices of certain products, particularly mackerel and cassava, continue to weigh on the purchasing power of the most vulnerable households.

Table 2 : Overview of agricultural consumer products

Products	Market price in CFA francs (N)	Market price in CFA francs (N)	Observation
July 2026	**July 20-26**	**July 27th to August 2nd**	
Tomato (CFA francs/crate)	4000 - 5000	4000 - 5000	Price remained stable over the week.
Cassava (CFA francs/Filet)	12,000 – 13,000	12,000 – 13,000	Price remained stable over the week.
Potato (CFA Francs/Fill)	7,000 – 8,000	7,000 – 8,000	Price remained stable over the week.
Macabo (CFA/Filet)	20,000 – 22,000	20,000 – 22,000	Price remained stable over the week.
Onion (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	43,000 - 45,000	43,000 - 45,000	Price remained stable over the week.
Garlic (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	150,000 – 155,000	150,000 – 155,000	Price remained stable over the week.
Garoua Peanuts (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	58,000 – 63,000	58,000 – 63,000	Price remained stable over the week.
Garoua Peanuts (CFA francs/5L bag)	3200 - 3500	3200 - 3500	Price remained stable over the week.
Salt (CFA francs/bag)	2,800 – 3,000	2,800 – 3,000	Prices remained stable over the week.
Potato (CFA francs/15 L bucket)	2500 – 3000	2500 – 3000	Price remained stable over the week.
Sugar (CFA francs/kg)	800 - 1000	800 - 1000	Prices remained stable over the week.
Mackerel fish (CFA francs/kg)	2500 – 3000	2500 – 3000	Price remained stable over the week.
Red bean (CFA francs/15 L bucket)	6500 - 7000	6500 - 7000	Price remained stable over the week.
White bean (CFA francs/15 L bucket)	13,500 – 14,000	13,500 – 14,000	Price remained stable over the week.
Refined oil (CFA francs/L)	1,400 – 1,500	1,400 – 1,500	Price approved.
Red palm oil (1L)	800 - 900	800 - 900	Price remained stable over the week.
Corn (CFA francs/15 L bucket)	3000 - 3500	3000 - 3500	Price remained stable over the week.