Weekly report on the prices of raw materials and everyday foodstuffs

Week of 10 to 16 August 2026

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Introduction

The week of 10 to 16 August 2026 was characterised by mixed trends in commodity prices, reflecting adjustments linked to the global economic outlook.

1. Trends in commodity prices

Commodity price movements during the week under review were characterised by a generally very favourable environment for agricultural supply costs, thanks to falls in the prices of several cereals and fertilisers; however, the rise in Brent crude prices is likely to continue to fuel pressure on energy and transport costs. Precious and industrial metals recorded the sharpest rises overall, notably silver (+5.16 per cent), gold (+3.16 per cent) and copper (+3.33 per cent), whilst steel remained virtually stable. Among exported commodities, cotton, rubber and, above all, cocoa remain at high levels, despite some fluctuations, whilst timber remains stable. Conversely, the main imported commodities are showing a broadly downward trend, with falls in soya (-2.47 per cent), wheat (-2.50 per cent), maize (-1.69 per cent) and, in particular, fertilisers (-4.68 per cent); only rice recorded a rise (+3.07 per cent). In the energy market, trends are mixed, with a sharp rise in Brent crude (+8.09 per cent), contrasting with falls in WTI and natural gas.

Table 1: Overview of commodity prices

Commodities	Average price (N-1)	Average price N	Change (N/N-1)	Highest price	Lowest price	Comment
August 2026	3 to 9 August	10 to 16 August	%	H	B	
Energy						
Brent crude oil ($/ barrel)	81.6	88.202	+8.09%	89.17	87.02	▲ Sharp rise
Crude oil – WTI (per barrel)	77.136	82.372	-6.89%	83.46	81.18	▼ Moderate fall
Natural gas (per kWh)	791.29	811.22	-1.10%	820.60	800.08	▼ Slight fall
Metals						
Gold ($/g)	134.78	140.77	+3.16%	141.74	139.90	▲ Slight rise
Silver ($/kg)	1,960.58	2,089.44	+5.16%	2,114.20	2,073.05	▲ Moderate rise
Steel ($/tonne)	1,192.67	1,195.60	+1.23%	1,196.00	1,195.00	▲ Slight rise
Aluminium ($/tonne)	3,368.79	3,412.00	-2.43%	3,470.00	3,355.50	▼ Slight fall
Exported products						
Cocoa ($/tonne)	5,860.60	5,673.00	+13.81%	5,821.00	5,543.00	▲ Significant increase
Cotton ($/tonne)	30.06	30.50	+3.87%	30.87	30.14	▲ Slight rise
Coffee ($/tonne)	7,182.66	7,403.12	-0.75%	7,495.72	7,341.39	▼ Virtually flat, trending downwards
Rubber	41.28	41.45	+1.28%	42.20	40.80	▲ Slight rise
Timber ($/1,000 board feet)	302.6	300.6	-0.13%	302.00	299.00	▼ Virtually flat, trending downwards
Imported products						
Maize ($/tonne)	162.29	164.65	-1.69%	168.69	160.60	▼ Slight fall
Soya ($/tonne)	425.96	425.92	-2.47%	429.04	421.69	▼ Slight fall
Rice ($/tonne)	520.07	515.29	+3.07%	522.06	511.03	▲ Slight rise
Wheat ($/tonne)	235.43	238.96	-2.50%	247.70	231.90	▼ Slight fall
Fertiliser ($/tonne)	3,050.69	3,100.74	-4.68%	3,144.24	3,055.76	▼ Slight fall
Copper ($/tonne)	14,200.50	14,384.10	+3.33%	14,545.00	14,285.00	▲ Slight rise

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

The market for widely consumed agricultural products in the major cities remained broadly stable over the period under review. Although refined oil remains under strict control with a regulated price, the market shows significant price variations depending on the food category: highly perishable goods such as tomatoes exhibit the greatest intra-market volatility (with a difference of up to 33.3 per cent between the minimum and maximum prices), whilst macabo is the most expensive tuber and white beans maintain a significant price premium of +77.4 per cent compared with red beans for the same 15-litre pack.

Table 2: Overview of widely consumed agricultural products

Products	Market price in CFA francs (N)	Market price in CFA francs (N)	Observation
August 2026	**3 to 9 August**	**10 to 16 August**	
Tomatoes (CFA francs per crate)	3,000–4,000	3,000–4,000	Price stable over the week.
Cassava (F CFA/bag)	1 3,000 – 14,000	1 3,000 – 14,000	Price stable over the week.
Potato (F CFA/net)	7,000 – 8,000	7,000 – 8,000	Price stable over the week.
Macabo (F CFA/net)	22,000 – 23,000	22,000 – 23,000	Price stable over the week.
Onions (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	43,000 — 45,000	43,000 — 45,000	Price stable over the week.
Garlic (F CFA/100 kg bag)	150,000 – 155,000	150,000 – 155,000	Price stable over the week.
Garoua groundnuts (CFA francs per 100 kg bag)	58,000 – 63,000	58,000 – 63,000	Price stable over the week.
Garoua peanuts (CFA francs per 5-litre bag)	3,000 – 3,500	3,000 – 3,500	Price stable over the week.
Salt (F CFA/bag)	2,800 – 3,000	2,800 – 3,000	Prices remained stable over the week.
Potatoes (CFA francs per 15-litre bucket)	4,000 – 4,500	4,000 – 4,500	Price stable over the week.
Sugar (F CFA/kg)	900–1,000	900–1,000	Price stable over the week.
Mackerel (F CFA/kg)	2,300 – 2,500	2,300 – 2,500	Price stable over the week.
Red beans (F CFA/15-litre bucket)	7,500 – 8,000	7,500 – 8,000	Price stable over the week.
White beans (F CFA/15-litre bucket)	13,500 – 14,000	13,500 – 14,000	Price stable over the week.
Refined oil (F CFA/litre)	1,400 – 1,500	1,400 – 1,500	Approved price.
Red palm oil (1L)	900–1,000	900–1,000	Price stable over the week.
Maize (F CFA/15-litre bucket)	4,000–4,500	4,000–4,500	Price stable over the week.