Weekly report on the prices of raw materials and everyday foodstuffs

Week of 14 to 20 September 2026

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Introduction

The week of 14 to 20 September 2026 was characterised by mixed trends in commodity prices, reflecting adjustments linked to the global economic outlook.

1. Trends in commodity prices

Price movements for commodities during the week under review were characterised by generally mixed trends. The energy sector continued to rise, with WTI up 4.77 per cent, Brent up 3.12 per cent and natural gas up 1.89 per cent. Conversely, the main precious metals fell, whilst steel remained virtually stable and aluminium fell slightly. Exported commodities generally performed poorly, particularly coffee (-5.91 per cent) and cotton (-4.91 per cent), followed by cocoa and rubber, whilst timber remained stable. As for imported commodities, maize prices rose by 3.30 per cent, whilst soya and wheat saw more moderate increases. By contrast, fertiliser and copper prices fell.

Table 1: Overview of commodity prices

Commodities	Average price N-1	Average price N	**Change Year-on-Year**	Highest price	Lowest price	Comment
September 2026	7 to 13 September	14 to 20 September	%	H	B	
Energy						
Brent crude oil ($/ barrel)	102.332	105.526	**+3.12%**	108.50	103.06	▲ Slight increase
Crude oil – WTI (per barrel)	97.484	102.134	**+4.77%**	105.63	99.73	▲ Moderate rise
Natural gas (per kWh)	835.25	851.08	**+1.89%**	855.77	846.98	▲ Slight rise
Metals						
Gold ($/g)	140.35	138.75	**-1.15%**	140.82	137.07	▼ Slight fall
Silver ($/kg)	2,104.36	2,066.81	**-1.78%**	2,132.52	2,024.50	▼ Slight fall
Steel ($/tonne)	1,231.40	1,235.40	**+0.32%**	1,237.00	1,232.00	▲ Virtually unchanged, trending upwards
Aluminium ($/tonne)	3,457.00	3,411.35	**-1.32%**	3,446.75	3,374.25	▼ Slight fall
Exported products						
Cocoa ($/tonne)	5,957.20	5,793.60	**-2.75%**	5,979.00	5,327.00	▼ Slight fall
Cotton ($/tonne)	30.69	29.18	**-4.91%**	29.77	28.30	▼ Moderate fall
Coffee ($/tonne)	6,977.63	6,565.37	**-5.91%**	6,768.19	6,415.45	▼ Moderate fall
Rubber	38.35	37.33	**-2.65%**	37.80	37.00	▼ Slight fall
Timber ($/1,000 board feet)	303.4	302.6	**-0.26%**	309.00	299.00	▼ Virtually stable, with a slight downward trend
Imported products						
Maize ($/tonne)	187.71	193.90	**+3.30%**	196.99	187.43	▲ Slight rise
Soya ($/tonne)	478.38	483.82	**+1.14%**	484.56	476.47	▲ Slight rise
Rice ($/tonne)	575.00	578.16	**+0.55%**	486.03	479.04	▲ Virtually unchanged, trending upwards
Wheat ($/tonne)	263.21	266.54	**+1.26%**	269.39	262.40	▲ Slight rise
Fertiliser ($/tonne)	3,670.85	3,590.23	**-2.20%**	3,639.17	3,553.92	▼ Slight fall
Copper ($/tonne)	14,515.50	14,249.10	**-1.84%**	14,529.00	14,238.50	▼ Slight fall

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

The market for mass-market agricultural products in major cities remained stable during the period under review, despite some upward pressure on the prices of certain agricultural products. The main price rises were for onions in 100 kg sacks, garlic, and Garoua groundnuts, with prices rising for both the 100 kg sack and the 5-litre pack. By contrast, the prices of tomatoes, cassava, potatoes, macabo, salt, sweet potatoes, sugar, mackerel, beans, maize and oils remain unchanged, with refined oil staying at the approved price of 1,400–1,500 FCFA per litre. Overall, the market therefore remains relatively stable, with upward pressure concentrated mainly on onions, garlic and groundnuts.

Table 2: Overview of widely consumed agricultural products

Products	Market price in CFA francs (N-1)	Market price in CFA francs (N)	Comment
September 2026	**7 to 13 September**	**14 to 20 September**	
Tomatoes (CFA francs per crate)	5,000 – 6,000	5,000–6,000	Price stable over the week.
Cassava (F CFA/bag)	14,000 – 15,000	14,000 – 15,000	Price stable over the week.
Potatoes (F CFA/net)	7,000 – 8,000	7,000 – 8,000	Price stable over the week.
Macabo (F CFA/net weight)	25,000 – 26,000	25,000 – 26,000	Price stable over the week.
Onions (CFA francs/100 kg bag)	65,000 — 70,000	90,000 — 100,000	Prices rose slightly over the week.
Garlic (CFA francs per 100 kg bag)	150,000 – 160,000	190,000 – 200,000	Prices rose slightly over the week.
Garoua groundnuts (CFA francs per 100 kg bag)	40,000 – 43,000	45,000 – 50,000	Prices rose slightly over the week.
Garoua groundnuts (CFA francs per 5-litre bag)	2,500 – 2,500	2,500 – 2,600	A slight rise in prices over the week.
Salt (F CFA/bag)	2,800 – 3,000	2,800 – 3,000	Price stable over the week.
Potatoes (CFA francs per 15-litre bucket)	6,000 – 7,500	6,000 – 7,500	Price stable over the week.
Sugar (F CFA/kg)	900–1,000	900–1,000	Price stable over the week.
Mackerel (CFA francs/kg)	2,300 – 2,400	2,300 – 2,400	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)	4,500–5,000	4,500–5,000	Price stable over the week.