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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

Week ending on (20-05-21)

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) is computed on weekly basis to assess the price movements of essential items at shorter interval of time so as to review the current price situation in the country. SPI comprises of 51 necessary commodities which are being collected from 50 markets in 17 cities of the country.

SPI Review by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:

The SPI for the week ended on 20th May, 2021 recorded an increase of **0.82%** over last week because of increase in the prices of Chicken (12.74%), Bananas (11.26%), Onions (6.97%), Eggs (5.36%), Sugar (3.35%), Bread Plain (3.30%), Wheat Flour (3.01%), Beef (2.07%), Cooked Beef (1.32%), Garlic (1.31%), Mustard Oil (1.21%) and Mutton (1.18%) with joint impact of **1.33%** into the overall SPI for combined group of (0.82%).

On the other hand, decrease in the prices of Tomatoes (17.96%), Electricity for Q1 (3.24%), Pulse Moong (0.92%), LPG (0.26%), Rice Irri 6/9 (0.11%), Pulse Masoor (0.06%) and Potatoes (0.02%) was witnessed for the week under review.

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 25 (49.0%) items increased, 07 (13.7%) items decreased and 19 (37.3%) items remained constant.

The year on year trend depicts increase of **17.05%** with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder(129.95%), Electricity for Q1 (61.62%), Eggs (56.05%), Chicken (57.77%), Diesel (38.03%), Mustard Oil(33.88%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Petrol (32.96%), Match Box (31.64%), Bananas (31.28%) and Wheat Flour(29.37%), while a major decrease was observed in the prices of Garlic (36.34%), Onions (24.76%), Pulse Moong (20.34%), Potatoes (18.25%), Tomatoes (7.12%), Pulse Masoor (5.77%) and LPG (0.79%).

The following table reveals that price increase affected Q4 and Q5 in higher manner as compared to other three groups .

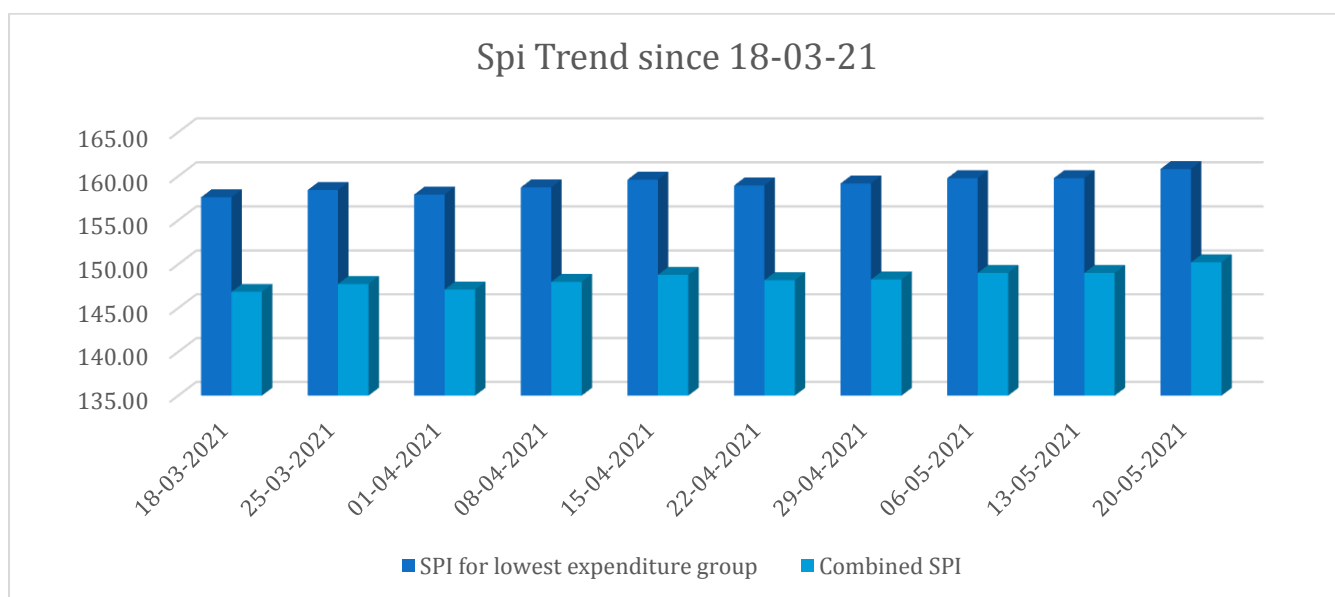
Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change	
		20/05/2021	13/05/2021	30/04/2020	13/05/2021	20/05/2020
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	160.83	159.78	134.06	0.66	19.97
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	150.76	149.83	128.71	0.62	17.13
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	152.35	151.08	130.84	0.84	16.44
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	149.12	147.60	127.73	1.03	16.75
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	150.34	149.00	129.05	0.90	16.50
-	<u>Combined</u>	150.23	149.01	128.15	0.82	17.23

Analysis of Price Impact of 27 kitchen items on combined & lowest expenditure group

For the week ended on 20th May, 2021, price impact of 27 essential kitchen items witnessed an increase of **2.21%** in combined group over last week because of rise in price impact of Wheat

Flour Bag (0.16), Beef with Bone (Average Quality) (0.18%), Bananas (0.27%), Onions (0.02%), Chicken Farm Broiler (Live) (1.02%), Sugar Refined (0.35%), Mutton (Average Quality) (0.07%), however a decline in price impact was witnessed in Potatoes (0.03%), Tomatoes (0.11%), and Pulse Moong (0.01). On year-on-year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **19.26%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e., Wheat Flour Bag (1.74%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.30%), Chicken (3.86%), Milk Fresh (4.50%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.16%), Mutton (0.67%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (1.24%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg Pouch (0.71%), and Sugar (1.20%).

In lowest income group Q1, an upward price impact of 1.78% was recorded in 27 kitchen items over last week, on YOY basis Q1 witnessed an increasing price impact of 18.02%. The graph given below shows increasing price impact of 27 essential kitchen items on lowest income group continues rising trend.



Average Prices of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities for Week Ended On 20-05-21

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	1252.14	1278.78	1061.42	1305.10	1244.99	1128.47
2	Rice Basmati Broken	109.00	99.87	88.78	110.79	94.91	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1287.32	1286.47	1089.73	1157.68	1149.27	896.99
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	330.83	318.58	299.00	343.90	389.91	311.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	129.51	124.45	96.07	128.43	120.00	125.15
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	150.07	146.37	145.00	148.60	154.95	150.00
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	250.65	237.85	235.54	245.94	269.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	273.23	270.56	287.06	256.83	279.97	255.00
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	168.90	160.49	145.54	159.34	174.95	150.00
11	Potatoes	56.33	48.65	51.32	40.00	44.81	47.37
12	Onions 1kg	47.13	36.69	25.39	32.91	34.76	35.20
13	Tomatoes 1kg	49.49	42.49	22.72	35.12	29.72	37.25
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	102.47	99.16	100.00	102.53	100.00	100.00
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	109.08	109.10	109.10	109.09	109.09	109.09

CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) based weekly inflation for the week under review, witnessed an increase of **0.82%** compared to last week, the increase resulted because of increase in average prices of essential commodities like. Chicken, Bananas, Onions, Eggs, Sugar, Bread Plain, Wheat Flour, Beef Cooked Beef, Garlic, Mustard Oil and Mutton. The week under review compared to corresponding week of last year witnessed an increase of **17.05%** in prices. The spike of 12.74 percent in chicken prices is caused by the gap in supply and demand. The poultry farmers have suffered losses over the last few months due to Covid-19 related supply disruption and poultry disease, fuelled poultry prices.