

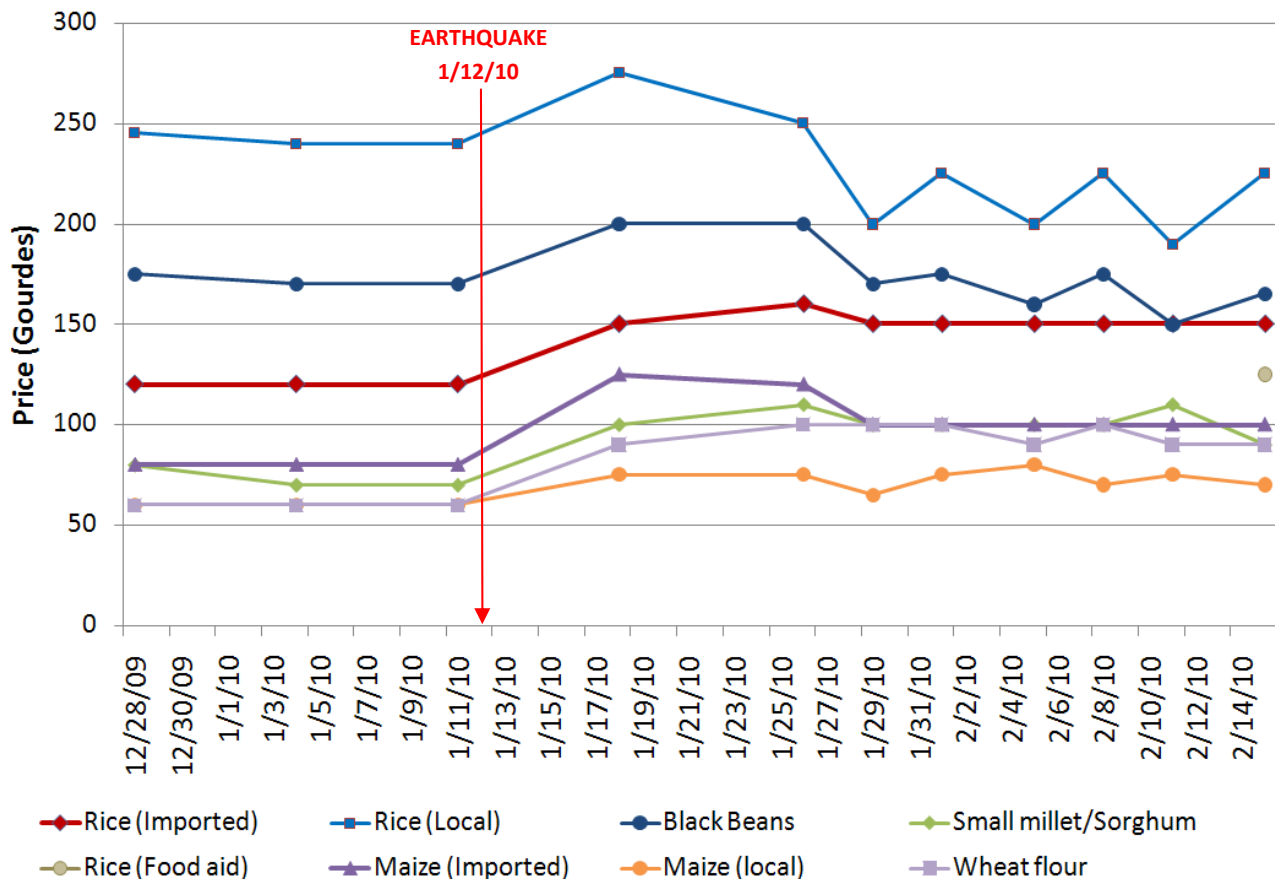


HAITI: Price Update for Port-au-Prince and Jacmel

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- The price of imported rice in Port-au-Prince has remained stable at 150 Gourdes/6 lbs, 35 percent above the pre-earthquake level.
- In Jacmel, the price of imported rice rose 20 percent between February 8th and February 15th, to 180 Gourdes/6 lbs, and is now 36 percent above the pre-earthquake level.
- Most other cereal and bean prices remain above pre-earthquake levels in both cities. Sweet potatoes, fruits and vegetables are abundant and their prices have declined to reportedly unprofitable levels to farmers and traders.
- FEWS NET and CNSA expect that the price of beans may increase further before stabilizing and declining by end of February when harvests from the lower Plains reach markets.
- Food aid rice is available for sale at 125 Gourdes/6 lbs on Port-au-Prince markets and in IDP camps. FEWS NET and CNSA believe that this low price has reduced demand for imported and locally produced rice, both the luxury and common varieties.
- FEWS NET and CNSA anticipate that the volume of food aid being sold on local markets is likely to increase, both in Port-au-Prince and in surrounding provinces.

Figure 1. Trends in staple food prices, Croix-de-Bossales market, Port-au-Prince



Source: FEWS NET

Table 1. Recent prices for staple commodities, Croix-de-Bossales market, Port-au-Prince (Gourdes)

Commodity	Price 1/11/10	Price 2/11/10	Price 2/15/10	Percent change, previous price collection to present (2/11 to 2/15)	Percent change, pre-earthquake to present (1/11 to 2/15)
Rice (imported) – 6 lbs	120	150	150	0%	+25%
Rice (local) – 6 lbs	240	190	225	+18%	-6%
Rice (food aid)	-	-	125	-	-
Red beans – 6 lbs	180	200	200	0%	+11%
Black Beans – 6 lbs	170	150	165	+10%	-3%
Maize (Imported) – 6 lbs	80	100	100	0%	+25%
Maize (local) – 6 lbs	60	75	70	-7%	+17%
Small millet/Sorghum – 6 lbs	70	110	90	-18%	+29%
Wheat flour – 6 lbs	60	90	90	0%	+50%
Bulgur wheat – 6 lbs	90	100	90	-10%	0%
Salt	20	30	30	0%	+50%
Sugar (white)	130	160	150	-6%	+15%
Sugar (unrefined)	120	125	125	0%	+4%
Cooking Oil (Alberto brand) – 1 gal	250	275	275	0%	+10%
Cooking Oil (Rika brand) – 1 gal	250	250	250	0%	0%
Spaghetti (imported) - 175 g bag	12	12.5	13	0%	+4%
Charcoal - Large bag	600	700	700	0%	+17%

Table 2. Recent prices for staple commodities, Jacmel market, Department of the South-East (Gourdes)

Commodity	Price 1/11/10	Price 2/11/10	Price 2/15/10	Percent change, previous price collection to present (2/11 to 2/15)	Percent change, pre-earthquake to present (1/11 to 2/15)
Rice (imported) – 6 lbs	132	150	180	+20%	+36%
Rice (local) – 6 lbs	360	300	360	+20%	0%
Red beans – 6 lbs	210	300	300	0%	+43%
Black beans – 6 lbs	150	180	180	0%	+20%
Maize (imported) – 6 lbs	90	120	120	0%	+33%
Maize (local) – 6 lbs	60	60	72	+20%	+20%
Small millet/Sorghum – 6 lbs	90	90	120	+33%	+33%
Wheat flour – 6 lbs	120	120	120	0%	0%
Bulgur wheat – 6 lbs	120	-	120	-	0%
Salt	45	-	45	-	0%
Sugar (white)	150	180	180	0%	+20%
Sugar (unrefined)	132	-	132	-	0%
Cooking Oil (Alberto brand) – 1 gal	250	300	300	0%	+20%
Cooking Oil (Rika brand) – 1 gal	275	-	275	-	0%
Spaghetti (imported) - 175 g bag	13	-	15	-	+20%
Charcoal - Large bag	300	150	350	-	+17%