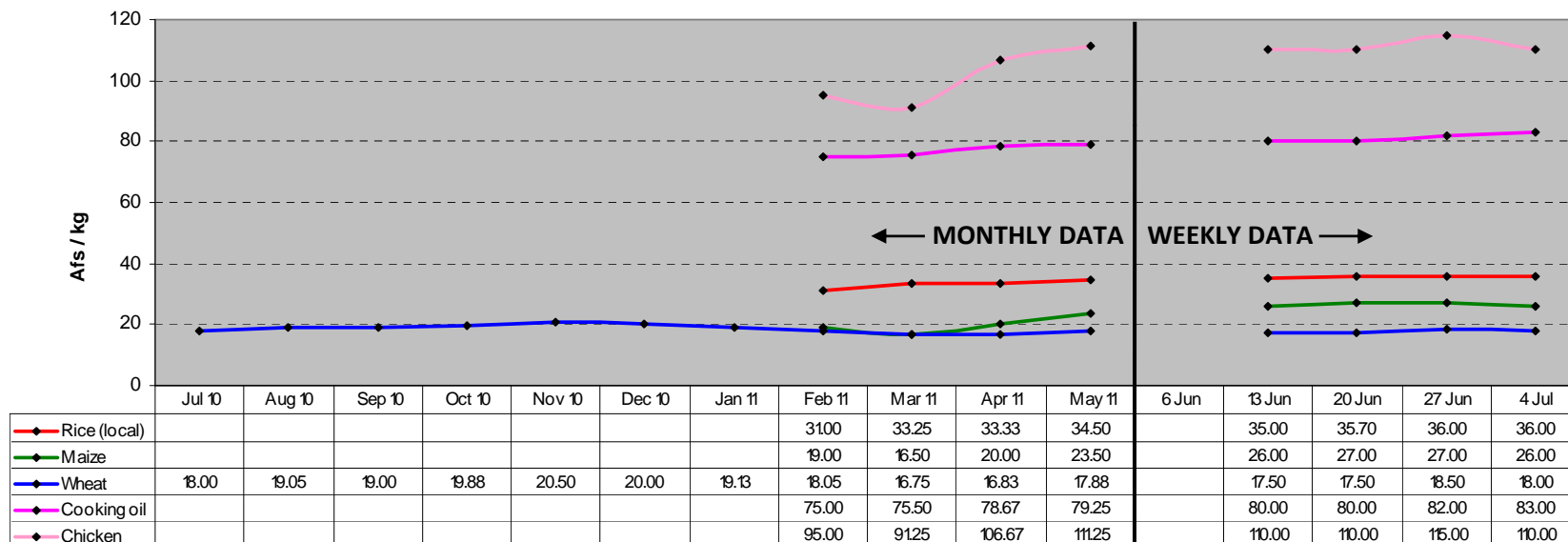


Retail Staple Food Prices

AFGHANISTAN, Kabul

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- The price of local rice remained stable from the previous week, and has remained largely stable over the past month. However, it is up 8 percent from three months earlier (April 2011).
- Wheat prices dropped by 2.7 percent over the past week, but are 6.9 percent higher than in April 2011. They are currently at the same level as they were one year ago, in July 2010.
- Maize and chicken prices dropped by 3.7 and 4.3 percent from a week earlier.



SOURCE: Statistics and Marketing Information Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock; and WFP Afghanistan

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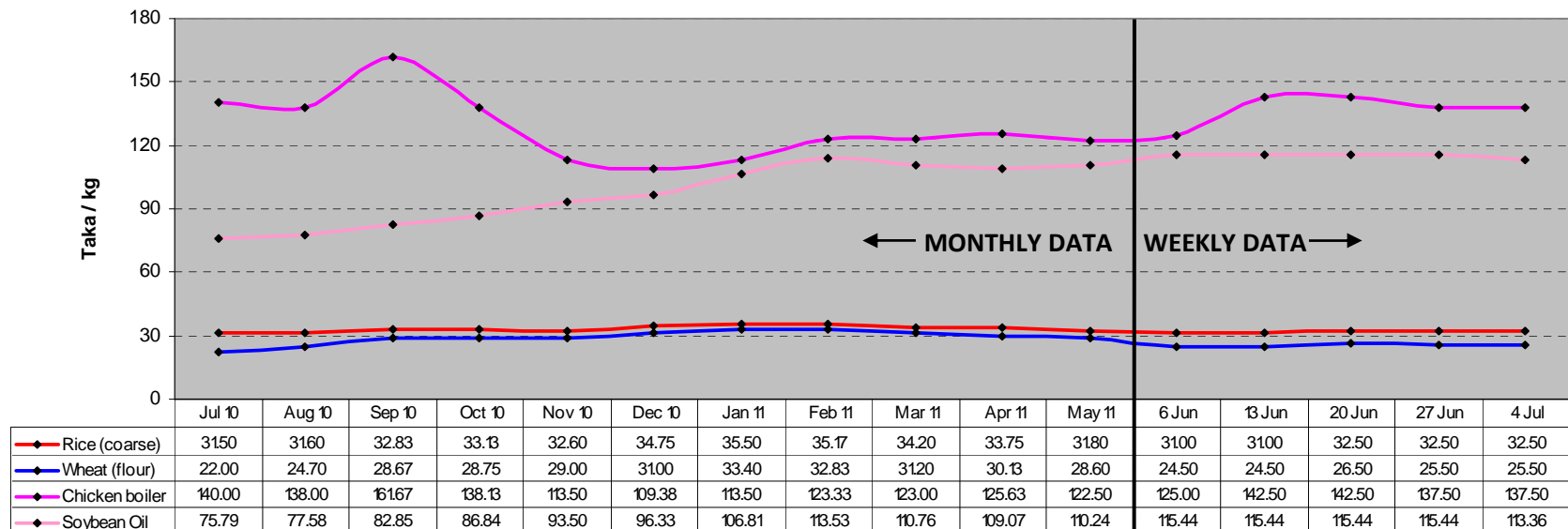
- The World Bank provided a \$22 million Grant to boost private sector development. The project is expected to create around 1,500 jobs in the short term with much higher job growth expected over the long run (Ministry of Finance, 4 July 2011).
- Wheat prices increased in the North in response to a very poor rain fed wheat harvest. Price levels in the east and southeast of the country have been tempered by expanded imports of wheat from Pakistan where wheat prices have been flat or declining slightly due to the new harvest. (Famine Early Warning Systems Network, June 2011).

Retail Staple Food Prices

BANGLADESH, Dhaka

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Prices of coarse rice remain unchanged from last week, and are 3.1 percent above the levels observed a year earlier (July 2010).
- Wheat flour prices remain stable from the previous week, at a level 23.6 percent below the peak reached in January 2011 and 15.9 percent above the levels observed a year ago (July 2010).
- Chicken prices remain unchanged from last week, at a level 21.1 percent above the prices observed at the beginning of 2011.
- Soybean oil prices remain nearly stable (-1.8%), but still 49.5 percent above the prices observed a year earlier.



SOURCE: Ministry of Food and Disaster Management

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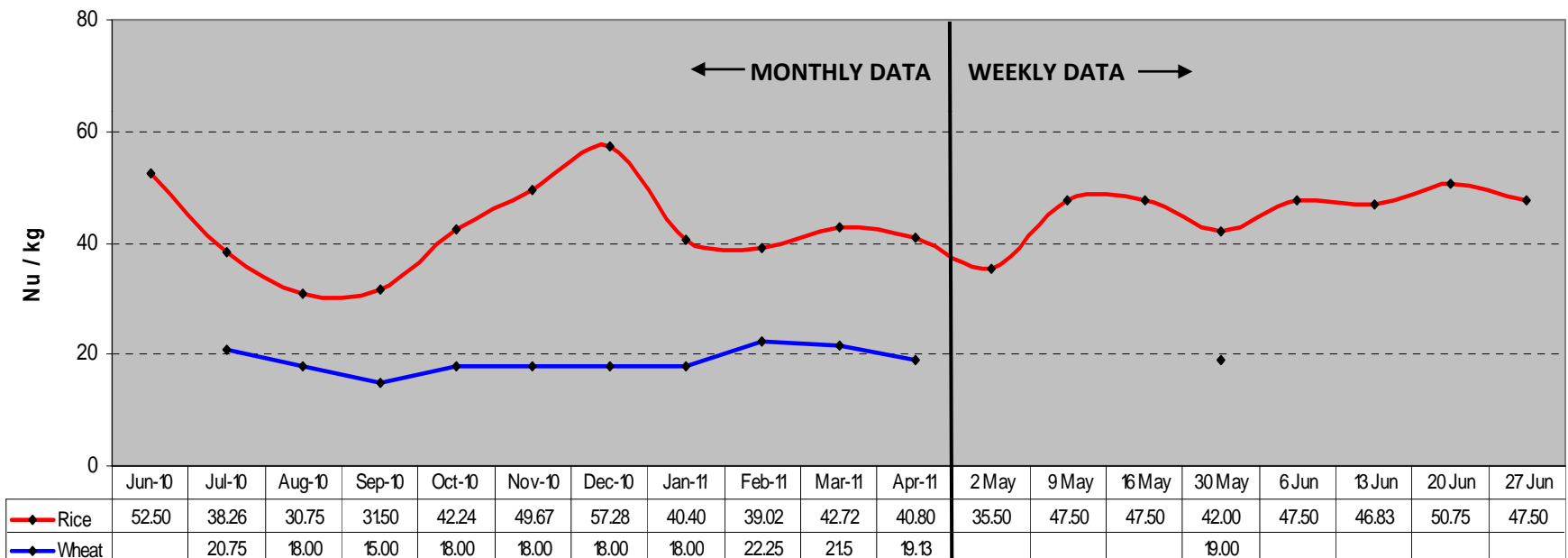
- According to media reports, Bangladesh will buy 100,000 tonnes of 15 percent broken white rice from Vietnam at \$525 per tonne. Bangladesh's imports of wheat and rice are set to reach a record 5.5 million tonnes in the year to June, with nearly 1.4 million tonnes of rice imported by the government alone to ward off domestic price rises (Business Recorder, July 3rd, 2011).
- According to media reports, Boro rice output surpassed the target of 18.65 million tonnes this year as production hit a record 20.6 million tonnes, which represents an increase of 12 percent from a year earlier. Favourable weather and production inputs (quality seed, fertiliser, pesticide and water) helped to boost production. According to the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) and the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the country has targeted to grow 37.04 million tonnes of food grain including rice, wheat and maize in 2010-11 financial year (Financial Express, June 28th).

Retail Staple Food Prices

BHUTAN

Highlights (as of 27 Jun 2011)

- Rice prices have been fairly volatile since the beginning of 2011, and are currently 9.5 percent below the prices observed a year earlier (July 2010).
- Wheat prices have also been fairly volatile since the beginning of 2011 and are now 5.6 percent above the levels observed early this year (January 2011) and 8.4 percent below the prices a year ago (July 2010).



SOURCE: Department of Agricultural Marketing

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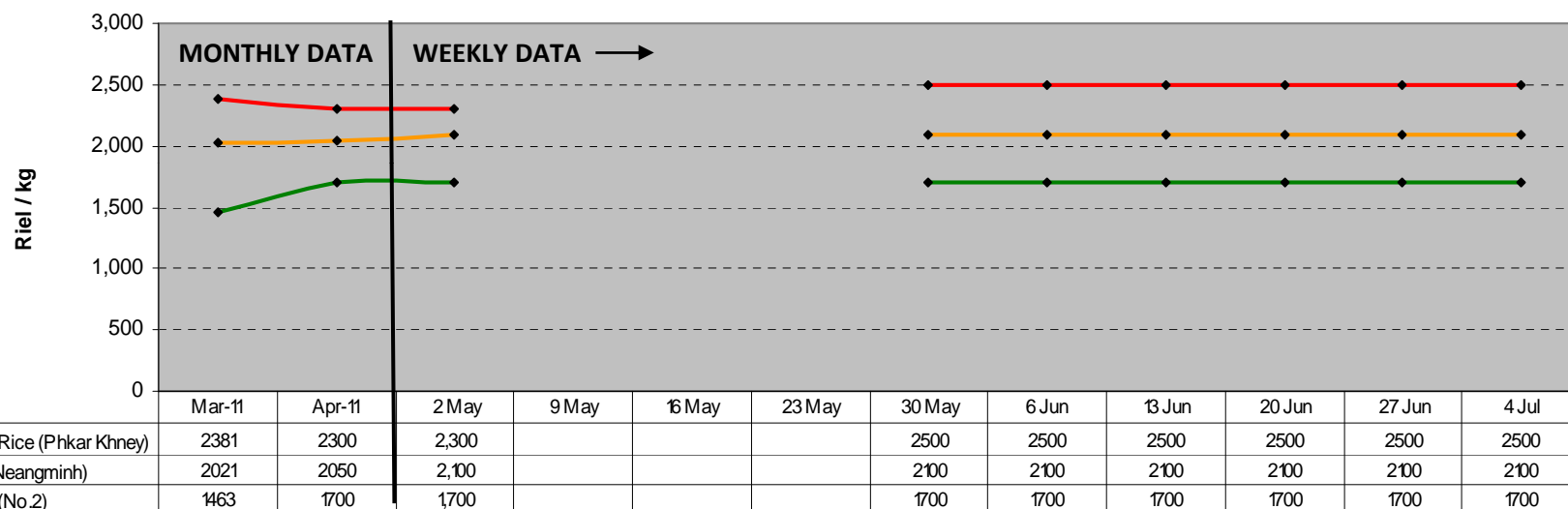
- The national budget for the financial year 2011-2012 was presented on June 21st. Agriculture, mining and manufacturing, roads, communications and energy have together been allocated Nu 9.7B, which is 23.5 percent of the total (Government of Bhutan, 21 June 2011).

Retail Staple Food Prices

CAMBODIA, Phnom Penh

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Rice and maize prices have remained stable for the past month, although the price of Phkar Khney milled rice is up nearly 9 percent since the beginning of May 2011.



SOURCE: Agricultural Marketing Office

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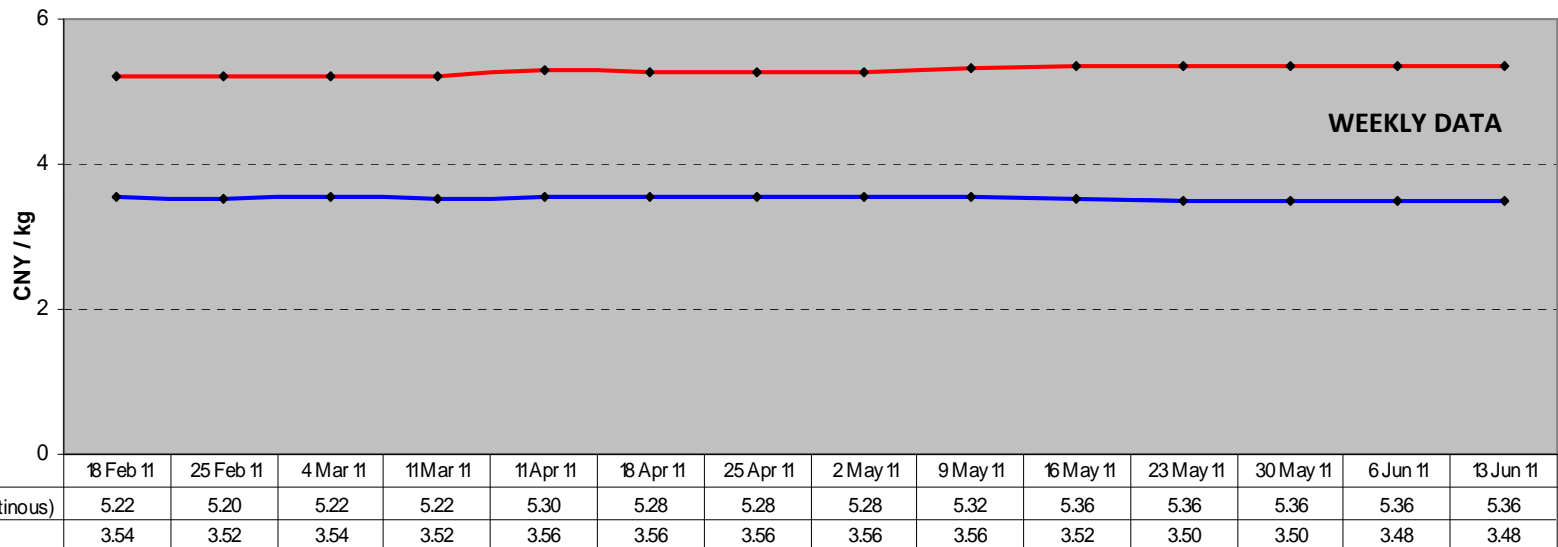
- According to media reports, meat prices on Phnom Penh's markets have seen large gains over the first half of the year. In the first six months of 2011, beef has increased some 12.1 percent (26,000 riel/kg); smoked fish has seen a 22.6 percent increase (16,800 riel/kg), and pork has climbed 25.4 percent (21,800 riel/kg) in Phnom Penh markets (Phnom Penh Post, 4th July 2011).
- In western Cambodia, international demand for animal feed is pushing corn prices higher, fuelling the growth of the corn industry. Prices have increased by 25 percent (year on year), leading also to an increase in area planted (Phnom Penh Post, 22 June 2011).

Retail Staple Food Prices

CHINA, Beijing

Highlights (as of 13 Jun 2011)

- No change in rice and wheat prices was reported for this week.



SOURCE: Beijing Municipal Bureau of Grain

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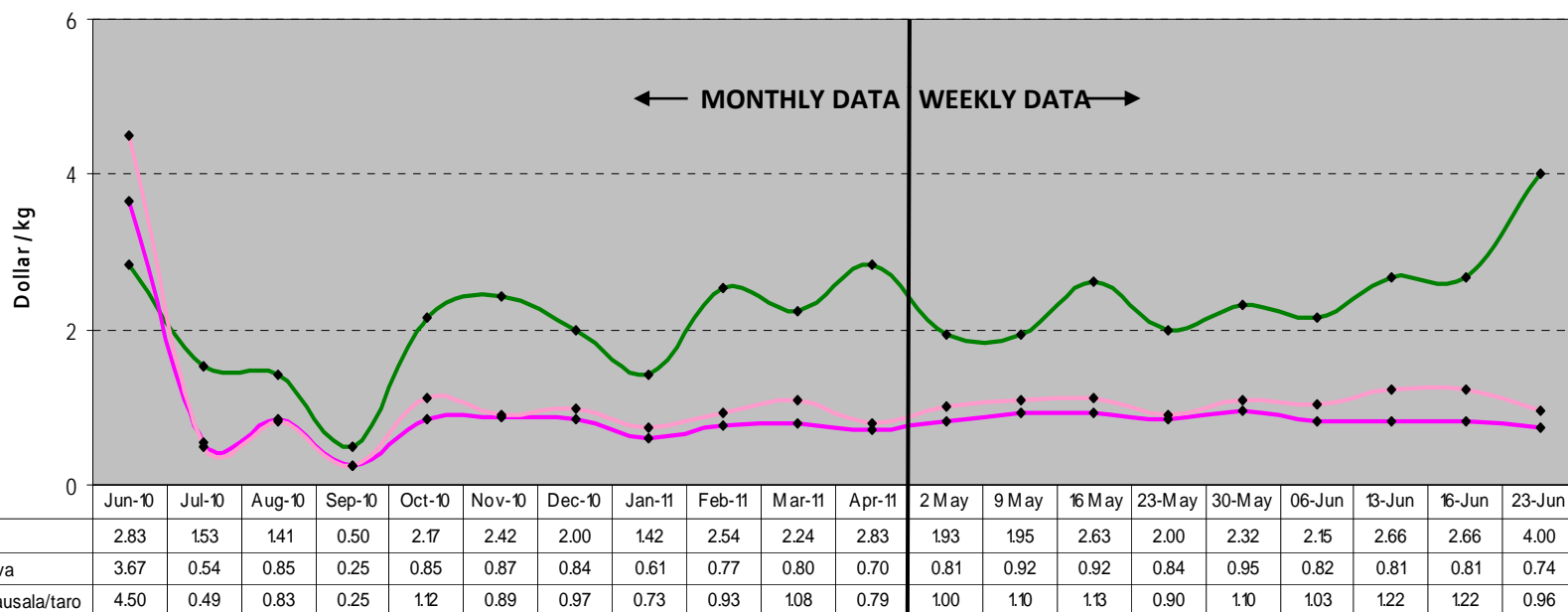
- According to a media report, China has increased its grains and edible oils storage capacity to enable the government to control food price rises and cover deficits in years of poor harvests (Reuters, 21 June 2011).
- Ninety percent of the winter wheat crop has been harvested. (Xinhua News, 22 June 2011).
- According to NBS, food prices, which account for nearly a third of the basket of goods in the nation's CPI calculation, were 11.7 percent higher in May 2011 than in May 2010.

Retail Staple Food Prices

Fiji, Suva

Highlights (as of 23 Jun 2011)

- Overall prices for reported staple food commodities have been volatile over the past year.
- Corn prices have doubled over the past five weeks, and continued to rise sharply during the most recent week reported.
- Prices of the main staple root crops, cassava and *Dalo tausala* taro spiked in June 2010. Following a 18.5 percent increase at the beginning of June, the price of *Dalo tausala* taro dropped by over 20% in the past week.



Source: Department of Agriculture

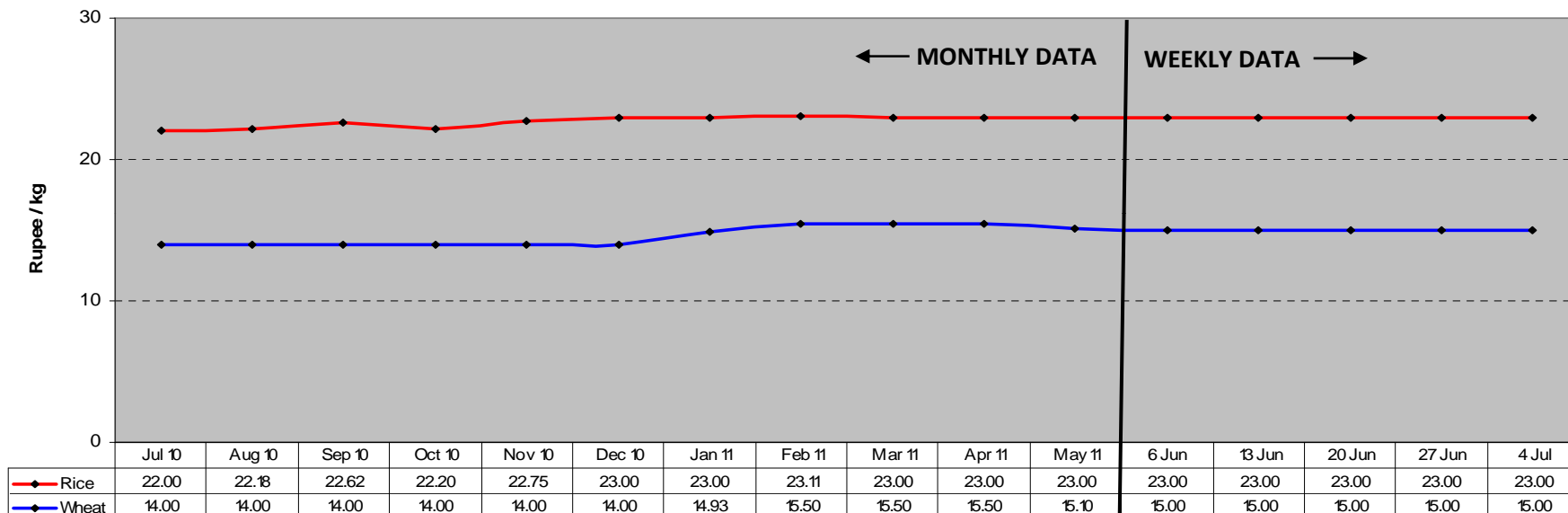
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Retail Staple Food Prices

INDIA, Delhi

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Rice and wheat prices remained stable of the past week, and have changed little since the beginning of the year.



SOURCE: Ministry of Consumer Affairs

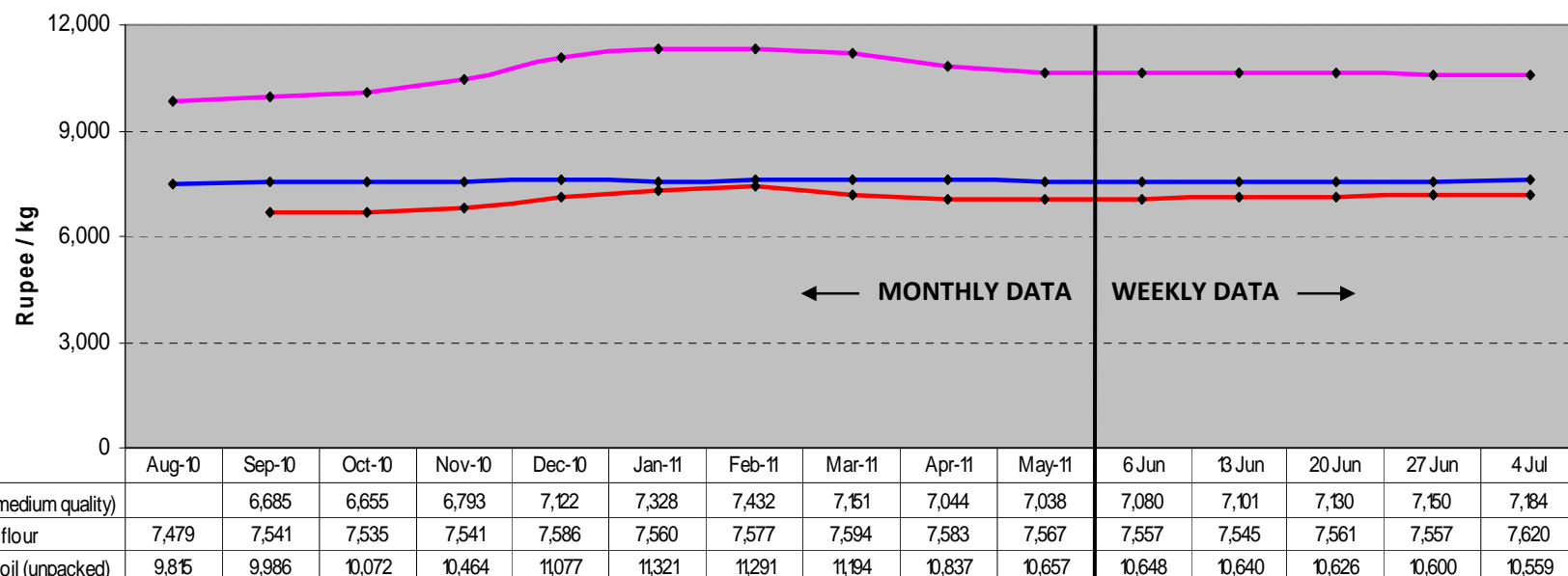
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- The proposed Food Security Bill envisages designating “mother” as the head of selected households entitled to rice, wheat and nutri-cereals under the scheme (The Tribune, 30 June 2011).
- According to media reports, the Food Security Bill is being prepared in case the government intends to introduce it during the monsoon session of Parliament (The Hindu, 18 June 2011)
- According to media reports, the government decided on June 23rd to provide 5 MT of foodgrains to the states at prices below the minimum support price, leaving a window open for export at a later date (Indian Express, 24 June 2011).
- The Ministry of Finance has urged state governments to reduce levies on diesel, kerosene and cooking gas in line with the duty cuts undertaken by the union government to provide some relief to the common man (Ministry of Finance, 28 June 2011).

Retail Staple Food Prices INDONESIA, national average

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Rice prices remain largely stable (+0.05%) since last week, and are 7.5 percent above the levels observed in September 2010.
- Wheat flour prices remain largely stable (+0.08%) from the previous week., and are 1.9 percent above the prices observed in August 2010.
- Edible oil prices remain largely stable (-0.04%) from the past week, and are 7.6 percent above the prices observed in August 2010.



SOURCE: Ministry of Trade

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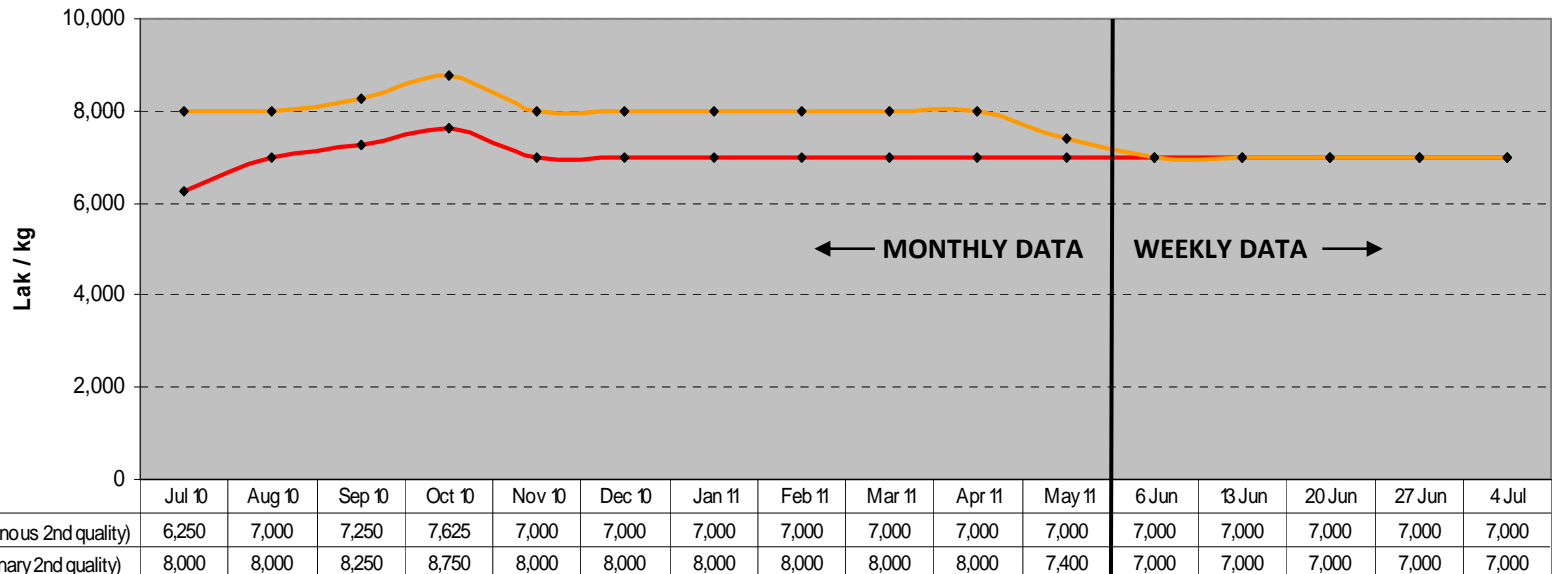
- According to media reports, Indonesia expects a higher un-milled rice output for 2011 (67.31 MMT), resulting in a bigger surplus of the staple food. Planted area increased by 2.4 percent, covering a total area of 313,150 hectares (Business Recorder, 3 July 2011).
- On April 1st, rice import duties were introduced again at \$450 Rupiah per kg (Global Trade Alert). In response to record rice prices the government had waived import duties on rice until the March harvest. Import duties on wheat and soybeans, however, were waived for the entire year.

Retail Staple Food Prices

LAO PDR, Vientiane

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Second quality glutinous rice prices have remained unchanged since November 2010.
- Following nine months of stable prices, the price of ordinary second quality rice dropped by 7.5 percent from April 2011 to May 2011. During the first week of June 2011 the prices of rice (ordinary second quality) dropped by 5.4 percent and have remained unchanged since then.



SOURCE: Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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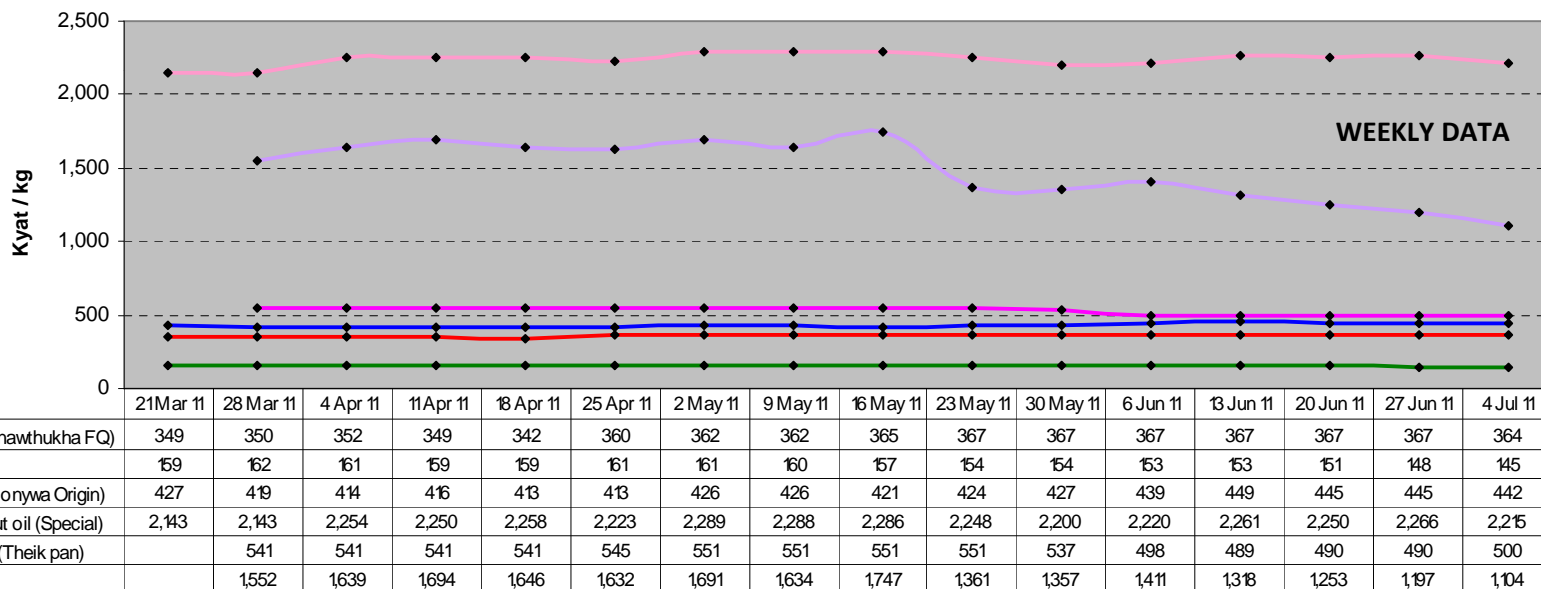
- Food assistance in kind has been delivered by the US to Lao: rice 1,460 MT and vegetable oil 100 MT. Donations are channeled through WFP and target more than 37,000 people in Khammuane, Savannakhet, Saravane, Sekong and Attapeu provinces with a three-month food ration (WFP, 5 July 2011).
- According to the Fish Farm Breeding Association, fish farmers are struggling with a second price drop since Lao New Year (Pi Mai) because of growing competition from overseas fish farmers operating in Vientiane. In April, the price of fish bought at farms was 19,000 -20,000 kip per kg and last month it fell to 17,000-18,000 kip. This month the price has dropped again to 12,000-13,000 kip per kg. (Vientiane Times, June 2011).

Wholesale Staple Food Prices

MYANMAR, Yangon and Mandalay

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Prices for rice, wheat, and cooking oil remained largely stable during the past week.
- Prices of maize dropped slightly (-2.03%), while groundnut oil prices rose slightly (+2.2%) during this week.
- Palm oil prices dropped for the fourth consecutive week by 7.7 percent compared to the previous week. However palm oil prices are currently 36.8 percent lower than the peak level observed in mid- May.



SOURCE: E-Trade Myanmar

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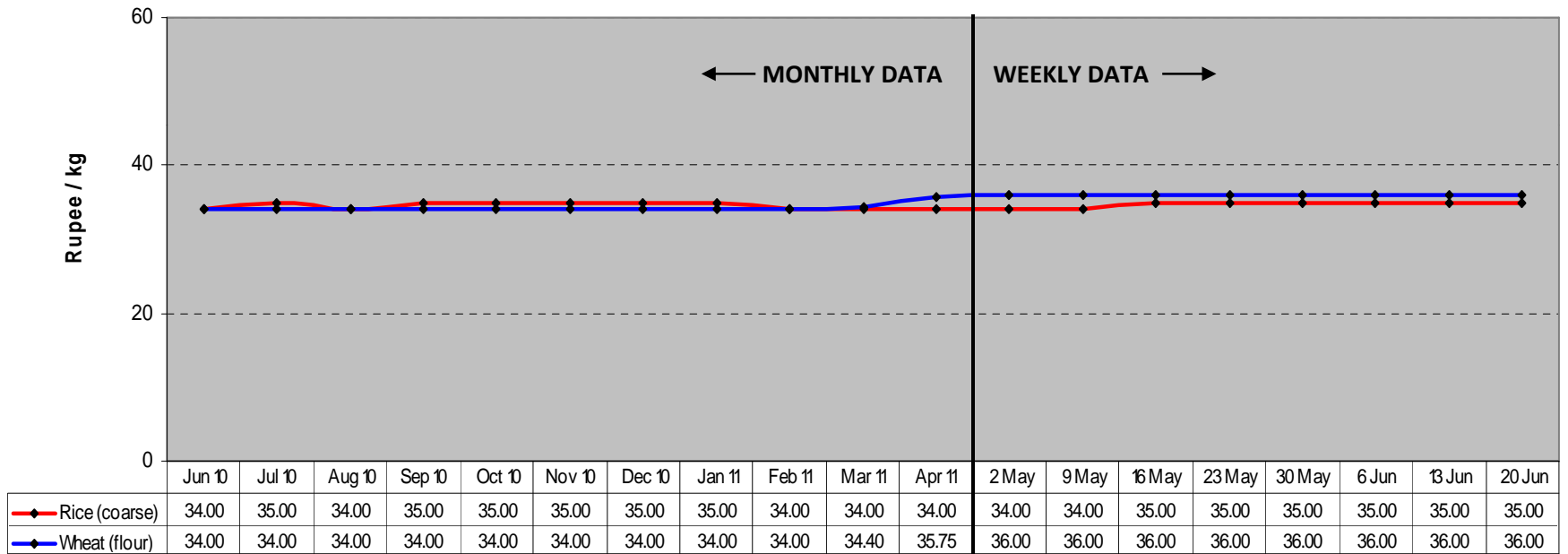
- According to the Ministry of Commerce, the value of Myanmar's agricultural exports came to US\$ 492 million in fiscal year 2011/12 as compared to US\$ 320 million in the previous fiscal year (Myanmar Times, June 27th).

Retail Staple Food Prices

NEPAL, Kathmandu

Highlights (as of 20 Jun 2011)

- Rice and wheat prices remain stable.



SOURCE: Market Watch (WFP, MoAC, FNCCI, CIPF)

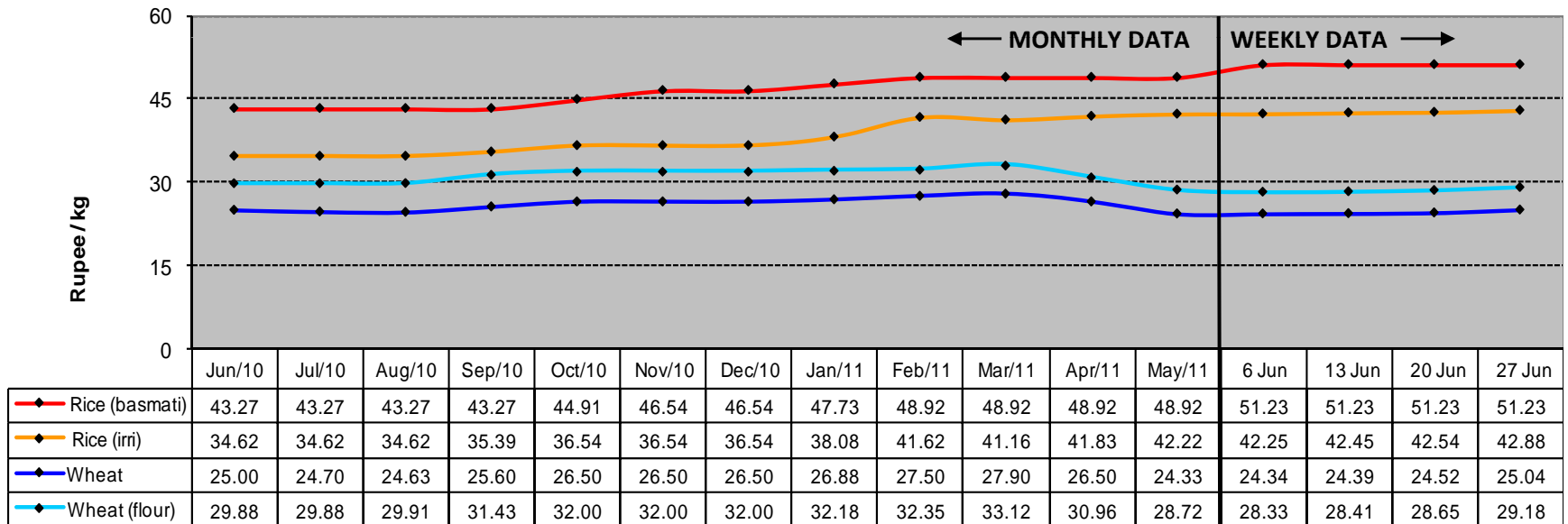
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Retail Staple Food Prices

PAKISTAN, Karachi

Highlights (as of 27 Jun 2011)

- Rice prices and wheat prices were largely stable last week. Basmati rice and IRRI rice prices are up 18.4 and 23.8 percent respectively, compared to a year ago.
- Wheat prices have shown a slow downward movement since late March 2011. They rose slightly (+2.1%) from last week, and have risen 6.8 percent since the beginning of 2011.
- Wheat flour prices have remained largely stable since early May, and are 9.3 percent below their levels in January 2011 and 2.3 percent below their levels a year earlier (June 2010).



SOURCE: Bureau of Statistics

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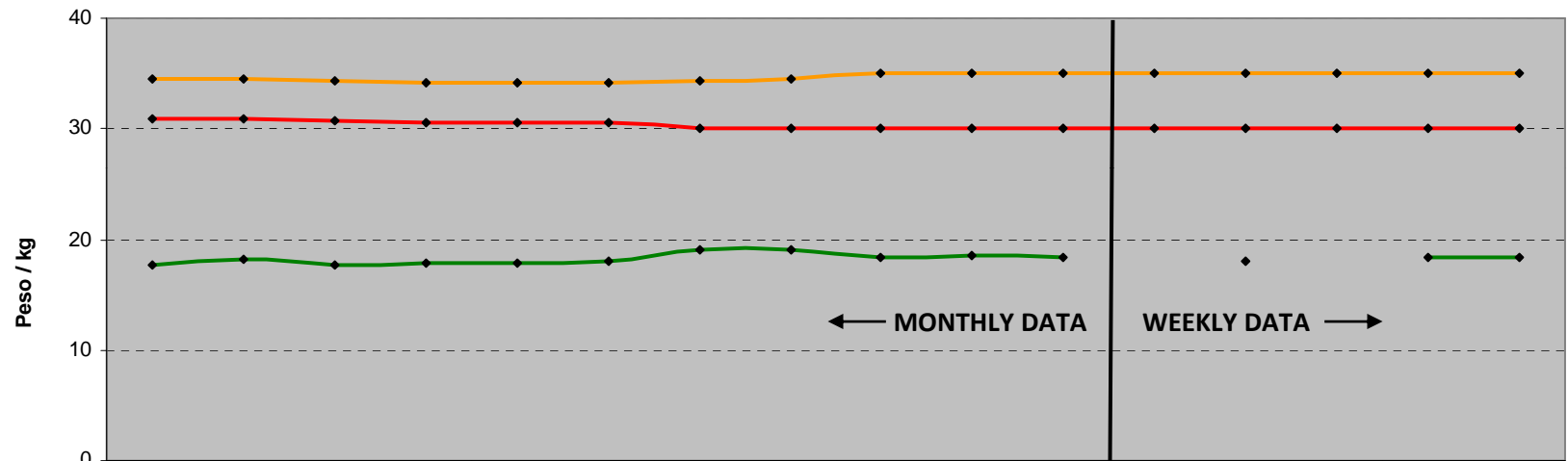
- Pakistan's inflation eased in June, reducing pressure on the central bank to raise interest rates. Consumer prices rose 13.13 percent from a year earlier, slowing from a 13.23 percent gain in May (Bloomberg News, July 2nd, 2011).

Retail Staple Food Prices

PHILIPPINES, Metro Manila

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Rice prices in the Philippines remained largely stable over the past week.
- Maize prices remain 3.4 percent below the prices observed both in January 2011 and July 2010.



	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	Mar 12	06-Jun	13-Jun	20-Jun	27-Jun	04-Jul
◆ Rice (regular milled)	30.87	30.89	30.81	30.56	30.51	30.61	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
◆ Rice (well milled)	34.46	34.47	34.38	34.18	34.09	34.11	34.34	34.58	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
◆ Maize (white)	17.72	18.22	17.74	17.87	17.85	18.06	18.99	19.04	18.40	18.50	18.29		18.00		18.33	18.33

SOURCE: Bureau of Agricultural Statistics

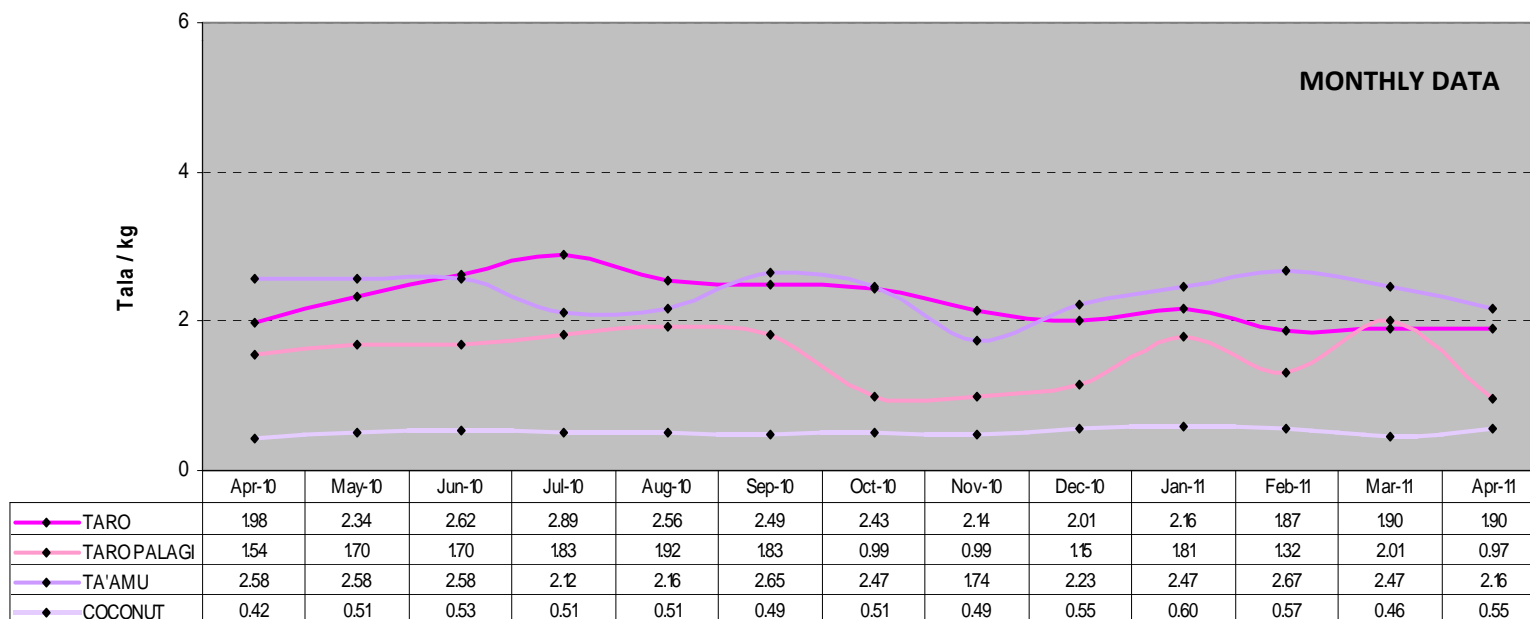
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- The government is encouraging tobacco farmers to plant rice during the wet season in its bid towards rice self-sufficiency. Government will distribute P200 million ~US 4.5 million in loans, with minimal interest rates. Under this scheme, 1,484 farmer associations are expected to use 1,242 hectares of "tobacco land" for rice planting purposes (Department of Agriculture, 3 July 2011).
- According to official sources, government will not impose a suggested retail price (SRP) for chicken and other poultry products, to provide assurance that there is sufficient supply, the poultry industry is stable, and there is no need for additional imports (Department of Agriculture, 30 June 2011).

Retail Staple Food Prices SAMOA, national average

Highlights (as of April 2011)

- Taro prices reached a peak in July 2010 and have shown a downward movement since then, and are currently 34.3 percent lower than the peak, and by March 2011 were slightly lower than they were a year earlier .
- Taro Palagi prices dropped sharply from September to October 2010. Prices have been volatile since the beginning of 2011, and dropped by more than 50 percent from March to April 2011.
- Ta'amu prices have been volatile since June 2010. Following a peak in February 2011, they have dropped nearly 20 percent in the subsequent two months.



SOURCE: FAO Representative

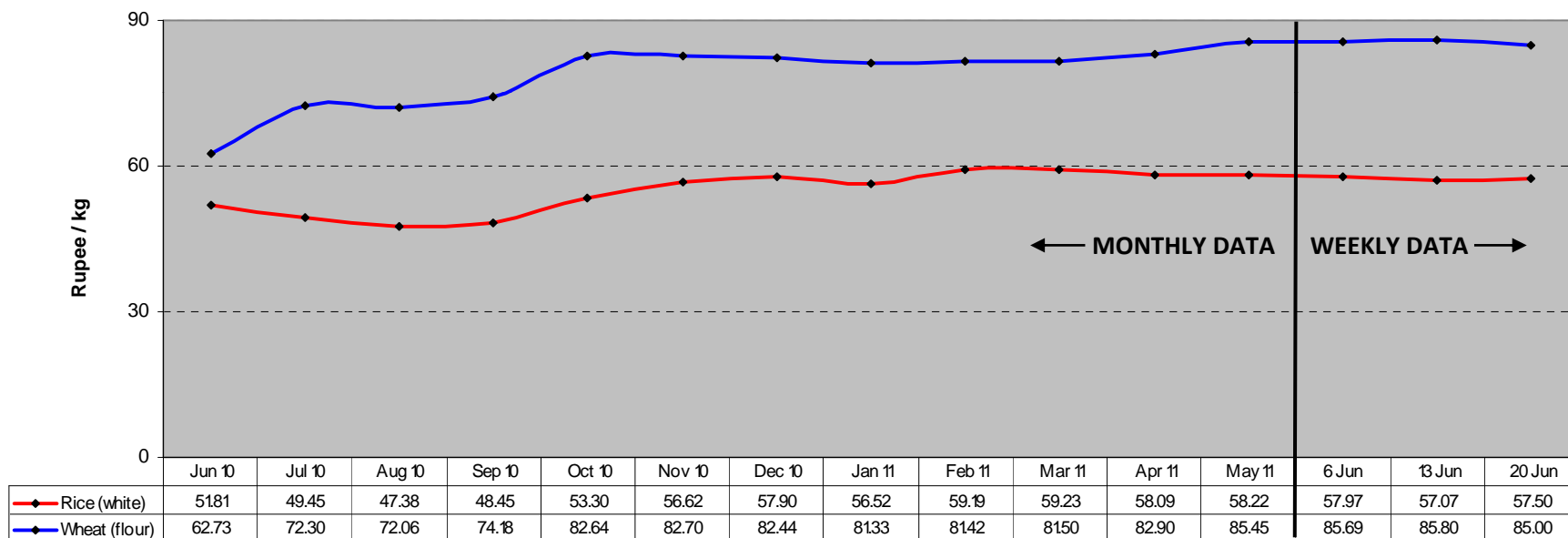
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Retail Staple Food Prices

SRI LANKA, Colombo

Highlights (as of 20 Jun 2011)

- Rice and wheat prices remained largely stable over the past week. At the end of May 2011, wheat flour and rice prices were higher than the prices observed a year ago by 35.5 percent and 10.9 percent, respectively.



SOURCE: Department of Census and Statistics

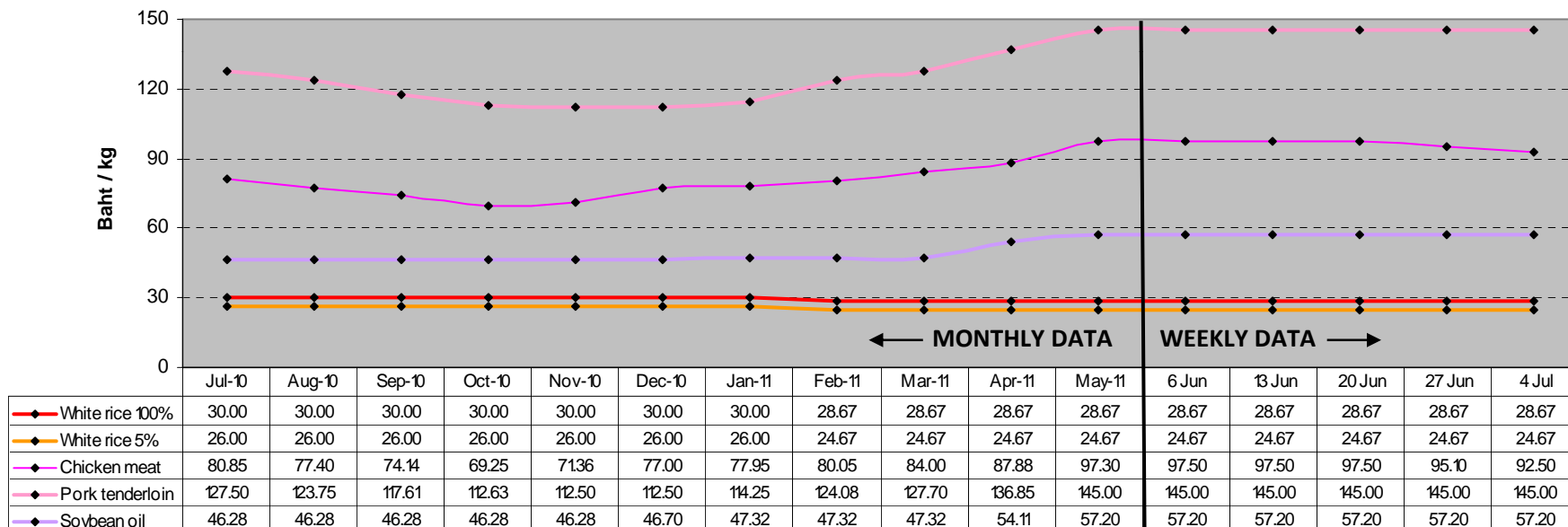
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Retail Staple Food Prices

THAILAND, Bangkok

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Rice prices have remained largely stable in Thailand since April 2011, and are at nearly the same level as last year at the same time.
- Chicken prices dropped by 2.7 percent from last week and have shown an upward trend since November 2010 (+29.6%) after declining in the summer of 2010.
- Pork prices have been largely stable since May 2011, but have increased by 26.9 percent since the beginning of January 2011.
- Soybean oil prices have been stable after rising sharply in early April. They are 23.6 percent above the price a year earlier.



SOURCE: Department of Internal Trade (DIT)

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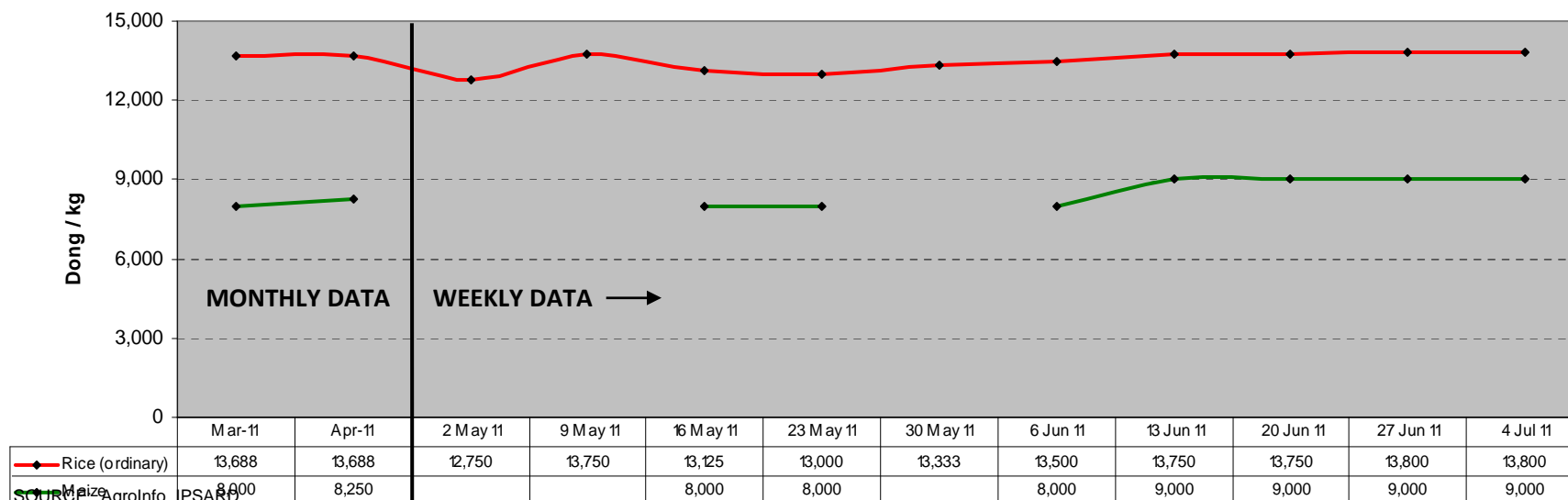
- According to a media report, the Ministry of Commerce has temporarily suspended exports of live pigs to neighboring countries in an attempt to bring down domestic retail pork prices. The ban does not cover exports of pork products (Bangkok Post, 30 June 2011).

Retail Staple Food Prices

VIETNAM, Hanoi

Highlights (as of 4 Jul 2011)

- Prices for rice and maize remain unchanged from last week.



Additional Information

- According to media reports, Vietnam, plans to raise output this year to 41 million tonnes of paddy, up 2.5 percent from 2010 when it already shipped a record volume (Business Recorder, 3 July 2011).
- According to the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Market Watch Team, an increase of nearly 10 percent in fertiliser prices in June has created problems for farmers (Viet Nam news, 22 June 2011).
- All catfish farmers will be required to apply the new VietGAP (Viet Nam Good Agricultural Practice) standards in the near future. In the first five months of this year, Viet Nam exported about 249,000 tonnes of catfish, earning nearly \$600 million, an increase of 2.6 per cent in volume and 23 per cent in value (Ministry of Agriculture, 25 June 2011).