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GHANA COMMODITY PRICES

Price differences in Accra, Kumasi and Takoradi compared to Tamale as at April, 2020

Commodity	Unit	Weight	Accra	Kumasi	Tamale	Takoradi	Previous prices	Current prices	% Change in prices	% Difference (Tam/Acc)		% Difference (Tam/Kum)		% Difference (Tam/Tak)	
										Diff	%	Diff	%	Diff	%
Cassava (Fresh Tubes)	Bag	91kg	177.00	105.00	80.00	146.00	96.50	124.33	28.84%	97.00	121	25.00	31	66.00	83
Cassava (Gari)	Bag	68kg	226.00	240.00	220.00	139.00	200.86	228.29	13.66%	6.00	3	20.00	9	81.00	37
cowpea (white)	Bag	109kg	505.00	480.00	380.00	384.00	371.57	428.29	15.26%	125.00	33	100.00	26	4.00	1%
Groundnut (shelled)	Bag	82kg	615.00	600.00	435.00	458.00	533.71	549.71	3.00%	180.00	41	165.00	38	23.00	5
Maize (White, Grain)	Bag	100kg	207.00	200.00	192.00	93.00	138.86	164.00	18.10%	15.00	8	8.00	4	99.00	52
Millet (Grain)	Bag	93kg	280.00	280.00	250.00	157.00	230.00	247.57	7.64%	30.00	12	30.00	12	93.00	37
Rice (Imported)	Bag	50kg	350.00	360.00	400.00	N/A	365.80	366.00	0.05%	50.00	13	40.00	10	N/A	N/A
Rice (Local-white)	Bag	100kg	419.00	440.00	315.00	260.00	329.86	346.29	4.98%	104.00	33	125.00	40	55.00	17
Soya Beans	Bag	109kg	387.00	280.00	267.00	183.00	261.00	271.71	4.10%	120.00	45	13.00	5	84.00	31
Tomato (cooking)	Crate	72kg	933.00	1,233.00	621.00	398.00	665.17	826.00	24.18%	312.00	50	612.00	99	223.00	36
Wheat (Grain)	Bag	50kg	380.00	N/A	320.00	245.00	283.60	296.40	4.51%	60.00	19	N/A		75.00	23
Yam (Pona-Medium)	100 tubers	250kg	1,500.00	500.00	850.00	570.00	667.17	814.67	22.11%	650.00	76	350.00	41	280.00	33

A look at the comparison of price differences in commodities for the month of March indicates an increase in Accra prices compared to Kumasi. Takoradi showed higher price differentials over Tamale as compared with Kumasi but the price differences between Tamale and Accra was the biggest.

Some International Commodity Prices

as at 26th May, 2020

A C DICLUTURE	LINUT	PRI	%	
AGRICULTURE	UNIT	USD	GHS	Diff
Cotton	USc per lb.	0.58	3.35	1.37
Oats	USc per Bushel	3.25	18.79	0.46
Lumber	per 1.000 board feet	372.90	2,155.36	0.67
Coffee	USc per lb.	1.06	6.13	1.88
Cocoa	GBP per Ton	1,971.00	11,392.38	1.55
Live Cattle	USD per lb.	0.90	5.20	5.61
Lean Hog	USD per lb.	0.59	3.41	-0.72
Corn	USc per Bushel	3.19	18.44	0.55
Feeder Cattle	USc per lb.	1.29	7.46	1.96
Milk	USD per cwt.sh.	12.18	70.40	-0.16
Orange Juice	USc per lb.	1.28	7.40	0.20
Palm Oil	Ringgit per Ton	2,240.00	12,947.20	-1.54
Rapeseed	EUR per Ton	373.75	2,160.28	-0.07
Rice	per cwt.	16.39	94.73	2.15
Soybean Meal	USD per Ton	284.70	1,645.57	0.21
Soybeans	USc per Bushel	8.40	48.55	0.78
Soybean Oil	USD per lb.	0.27	1.56	1.80
Wheat	USc per Ton	188.00	1,086.64	-0.79
Sugar	USc per lb.	0.11	0.64	1.46
Gold	USD per Troy Ounce	1,720.97	9,947.21	-0.47
Silver	USD per Troy Ounce	17.17	99.24	3.81
Aluminum	USD per Ton	1,506.35	8,706.70	-0.95
Oil (Brent)	USD per Barrel	36.58	211.43	2.81
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)	USD per MMBtu	1.78	10.29	0.68
Coal	per Ton	38.55	222.82	-0.26

^{*}The table above shows the average cost at which these key commodities are available for purchase in the world market. In the month of May, 2020, more than half in prices of these commodities have gone up.

MTN Mobile Money Fees/Charges

Transaction Point	Services Type	Transaction Limit (GHC)	Charges (GHC)
At Merchant's/Agent	Registration		Free
At Merchant's/Agent	Money Transfer	1-50	2.50
At Merchant's/ Agent	Money Transfer	Above 50	5%
At Merchant's/Agent	Cash-out	1-50	0.50
At Merchant's/Agent	Cash-out	Above 50	1%
On Mobile	Money Transfer (P2P)	1-50	0.50
On Mobile	Money Transfer (P2P)	Above 50	1%
On Mobile	Money transfer (A2C)	1- 50	1.50
On Mobile	Money transfer (A2C)	Above 50	3%
On Mobile	Airtime top – up	1 -100	Free
On Mobile	Bill payment – ECG , GOtv	N/A	0.50 Flat
On Mobile	Bill payment – DSTV, MTN Postpaid School Fees	N/A N/A	Free 2 Flat
Account Management	Balance enquiry	N/A	Free
Account Management	Mini statement	N/A	0.01

MTN Mobile Money Merchant Commission

When you become an agent, you will receive some transaction benefits which are paid in terms of commission.

The rewarding is done per every transaction the agent carries out, and it serves as the merchant's profit.

The agent's commission structure is as follows;

- Withdrawal between 1GHC and 50GHC charges 0.50GHC
- Withdrawal exceeding 50GHC costs 1% of the withdrawn amount

Ghana Shippers' Authority (Shippers' list)

Expected Time of Arrival of Vessels

VESSELNAME	AGENCY	CARGOTYPE	DESTINATION	ETA
CAP BEATRICE	MGL	CONTAINERS	Takoradi	30/05/2020
LANCELOT	ANTRAK	DEMOBILIZATION	Takoradi	29/05/2020
GH BRICKFIELDER	MGL	CONTAINERS	Takoradi	25/05/2020
OYA 1	ANTRAK	OILWELL EQUIPMENT	Takoradi	23/05/2020
SSI GLORIOUS	НВ	CLINKER	Takoradi	21/05/2020
GRANDE DAKAR	BOLLORE	CONTS/VEH/GEN/S. TIMBER	Takoradi	21/05/2020
SPERO	CMA CGM	CONTAINERS	Takoradi	21/05/2020
PACIFIC PORPOISE	BAJFREIGHT	OILWELL EQUIPMENT	Takoradi	20/05/2020
BOREAS	SMG	IMDG CONTAINERS	Takoradi	19/05/2020
POLAR ONYX	BAJFREIGHT	OILWELL EQUIPMENT	Takoradi	18/05/2020

Vessels at Berth

VESSELNAME	AGENCY	CARGOTYPE	DESTINATION	ETA
AFRICAN JUNIPER	SMA GH	BULK WHEAT	Tema	20/05/2020
PORT GDYNIA	CMA CGM	CONTAINERS	Tema	20/05/2020
CARIBBEAN STAR	EOLIS	FRUITS/CONTAINERS	Tema	19/05/2020
PORT GDYNIA	CMA CGM	CONTAINERS	Tema	19/05/2020
VIENNA	HULL BLYTH	BULK CLINKER	Tema	19/05/2020
WILD ROSE	GLOBAL CARGO	BULK WHEAT	Tema	18/05/2020
SEASPAN CALICANTO	MEARSK GH	CONTAINERS	Tema	17/05/2020
NAVIOS DORADO	HAPAG-LLOYD	CONTAINERS	Tema	16/05/2020
MSC ALTHAIR	MSC GH	CONTAINERS	Tema	15/05/2020
FRISIA OLSLO	HAPAG-LLOYD	Containers	Tema	14/05/2020