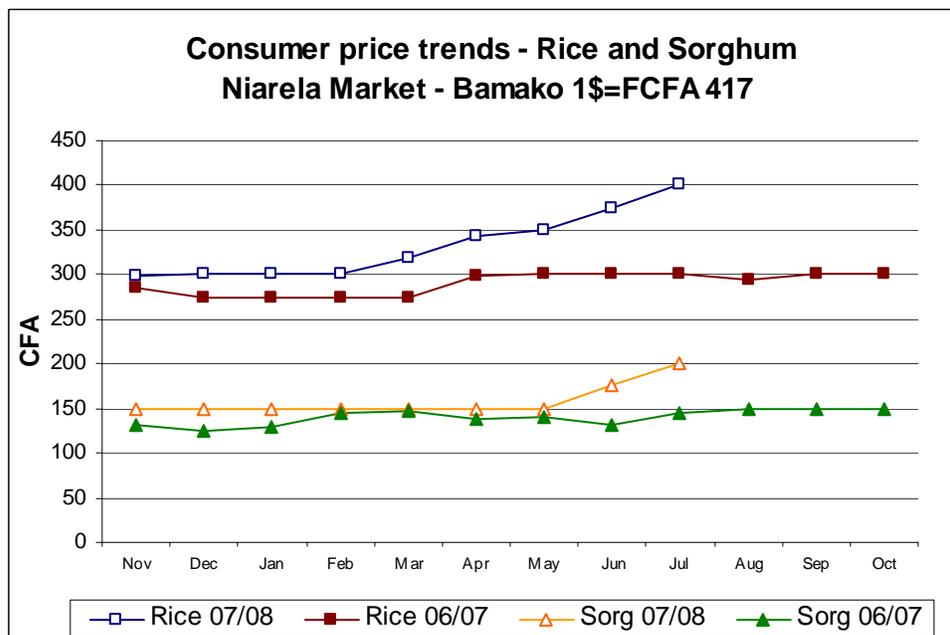




Mali – Periodic Update on the domestic food security situation USAID/Mali Summary --- situation as of July 25, 2008

Director's perspective: Mali is expected to receive supplemental funding under the President's Global Food Security Response to High Food Prices.

During the last three weeks, the consumer price of millet/sorghum and maize has increased by 14% per kilo and the price of **Gambiaka**, the preferred local variety has increased by 6.6% per kilo. The consumer price of millet is 38% higher than last year at the same period but only 11% higher than the past five years average. In contrast, the consumer price of gambiaka is 33% higher than last year's at the same period and 40% higher than the past five year average for the same period. The **subsidized imported rice** continues to be scarce in the market.



Source: Observatoire des Marchés Agricoles - OMA

More Details:

The Muslim month of Ramadan will begin in September this year, in a context of global food price increases. As in previous years, the Government of Mali has adopted measures to maintain the price of basic foodstuff at a bearable level. Targeted commodities will be exonerated from import duties and taxes. As of July 21, 2008, 88451 tons of rice has been subsidized at a cost of over FCFA 4 billion in terms of lost revenues. The price of refined oil imported from WAEMU countries will be reduced by 14.21% (from FCFA 950/liter to FCFA 850/liter). Forgone revenues are estimated at over FCFA 1.5 billion. The price of powdered milk will be reduced by 9.19 % (from FCFA 3200/kilo to FCA 2906/kilo). The importations of 3596 tons of powdered milk will cost the Government FCFA 2.8 billion in terms of lost revenues. The exoneration measure will not concern sugar as its price is within the past five-year average and the market is well stocked.

Producer prices of rice: The increase in per kilo producer price in the last two weeks has ranged from 0% to -6.3% for millet, from 0% to 13% for sorghum, 4% to 0% for maize. Over the same period, the increase in the price paid to producers of Gambiaka, the preferred local variety of rice ranged from 3% to 0%.

Consumer prices of rice: During the last two weeks the consumer price of **Gambiaka** has increased from FCFA 375/kilo to FCFA 400/kilo in Niarela.

Consumer price at regional level are as follows as of July 25, 2008:

Per kilogram, \$1= 413 Fcfa

	Bamako/ Niaréla Mali	Ouaga/ ankaryare Burkina Faso	Niamey/ Katakò Niger	Dakar/ Tilène Senegal	Abidjan Adjamé Cote d'Ivoire	Lagos/ Birnin Kebbi Nigeria	Lomé/ Akodessewa Togo
Millet	200	185	-	225	-	245	360
Sorghum	200	172	-	225	-	245	360
Maize	200	188	-	225	-	245	290
rice – imp	400	400	-	375	-		

Source: OMA

Additional local prices available on request see contact below.

Please note that the next update of the fact sheet will be updated on September 2, 2008

Additional Sources of Information

- Observatoire du Marché Agricole (OMA) Market Information Office Mali www.oma.gov.ml/
- Système d'alerte précoce (SAP) National Early Warning System of the Government of Mali (www.sap.gov.ml)

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