Suuq **Bulletin**

ISSUE 02 · DAILY MARKET PRICES · NATIVE MEASURES

14 – 28 August 2026
Afgooye · Baidoa · Bakaaro

PERIOD	MARKETS	PRICE RECORDS	COLLECTION	CROPS	NEXT ISSUE
14–28 Aug 2026	3	524	Daily	16	11 Sep

Two farmers, one fortnight: maize **fell by half** on the river while sorghum **rose** in Bay

> **In the same fifteen days, white maize in Afgooye dropped from $50 to $26 a Loor as the Gu harvest landed — while red sorghum in Baidoa climbed from $18.00 to $25.20 as a thin harvest met disrupted trade. Two zones, opposite Augusts. This issue reads the split, checks it against last year's published prices, and follows one farmer through the middle of it.**

THE TWO-WEEK READ

−48%
MAIZE, AFGOOYE
$50 to $26 per Loor, 14–28 August, touching $24 as the riverine harvest arrived all at once.

+40%
SORGHUM, BAIDOA
$18.00 to $25.20 per Loor across the fortnight in the rain-fed zone.

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PULSES, AFGOOYE
Mung bean doubled in the same market where maize halved; cowpea held at double until the 28th.

0%
WHEAT, EVERYWHERE
The imported cereal did not move. Whatever happened, happened to the harvest.

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"It's Fasal season arrived, Gu season — meaning it's harvest time."

— recorder's note on the Afgooye sheet, 12 August

PRICES THIS PERIOD

First and latest observation inside 14–28 August, plus the full range. Never a period average — a fortnightly mean would have erased the Afgooye drop entirely. All prices US$ in the measure the market actually trades.

AFGOOYE — SUUQA BADARKA · CEREALS & PULSES · 14–28 AUGUST

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	50.00	**26.00**	▼ −48.0%	24.00 – 50.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	26.00	**25.00**	▼ −3.8%	24.00 – 26.00
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	0.75	**0.75**	0.0%	0.75 – 1.50
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	0.50	**1.00**	▲ +100.0%	0.50 – 1.50
Sesame (Sisin)	kg	1.50	**2.00**	▲ +33.3%	1.50 – 2.00
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	0.60	**0.60**	0.0%	0.59 – 0.60

BAIDOA CITY MARKET — CEREALS & PULSES · 14–28 AUGUST

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	36.00	**28.80**	▼ −20.0%	28.00 – 36.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	18.00	**25.20**	▲ +40.0%	18.00 – 25.20
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	0.80	**0.85**	▲ +6.3%	0.80 – 0.90
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	1.00	**1.00**	0.0%	0.90 – 1.00
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	0.95	**1.00**	▲ +5.3%	0.90 – 1.00
Sesame (Sisin)	kg	2.00	**1.60**	▼ −20.0%	1.60 – 2.00

BAKAARO MARKET, MOGADISHU — CEREALS · FROM 22 AUGUST

CROP	MEASURE	LATEST	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	**30.00**	30.00 – 30.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	**39.00**	39.00 – 39.00
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	**1.00**	1.00 – 1.00

Bakaaro cereal collection began 22 August; vegetables and fruit continue daily as in Issue 01.

> *Every price in this bulletin is quoted in the measure the market actually trades in — the Loor, the Koombo, the Jirgaan, the Xirmo bac. These are the measures farmers and traders buy and sell in every day, and prices quoted in them compare directly across markets.*

VEGETABLES & FRUIT THIS PERIOD

SELECTED HORTICULTURE · 14–28 AUGUST

CROP	MARKET	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Baidoa	Jirgaan	2.00	**6.00**	▲ +200.0%
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Bakaaro	Jirgaan	5.00	**6.00**	▲ +20.0%
Bottle gourd (Bocor)	Baidoa	Loor	11.00	**15.00**	▲ +36.4%
Bottle gourd (Bocor)	Bakaaro	Loor	11.50	**5.00**	▼ −56.5%
Lemon (Liin)	Baidoa	Loor	35.00	**35.00**	0.0%
Watermelon (Qare)	Bakaaro	piece	3.00	**5.00**	▲ +66.7%
Potato (Baradho)	Bakaaro	kg	1.00	**0.50**	▼ −50.0%
Onion (Basal), red	Afgooye	kg	1.25	**0.75**	▼ −40.0%

Where the recorder gave a low–high range, First and Latest use the midpoint and Range uses the outer bounds. ▲ green *marks a price that rose;* ▼ red *marks a price that fell. Read the colour from your side of the trade: a rising price favours the farmer or trader with produce to sell, and a falling price favours the buyer stocking up.*

THE BASKET

Maize · $26.00 /Loor Afgooye

Sorghum · $25.20 /Loor Baidoa

Banana · $0.10 /piece Bakaaro

Sesame · $2.00 /kg Afgooye

Tomato · $6.00 /Jirgaan Baidoa

Lemon · $35.00 /Loor Baidoa

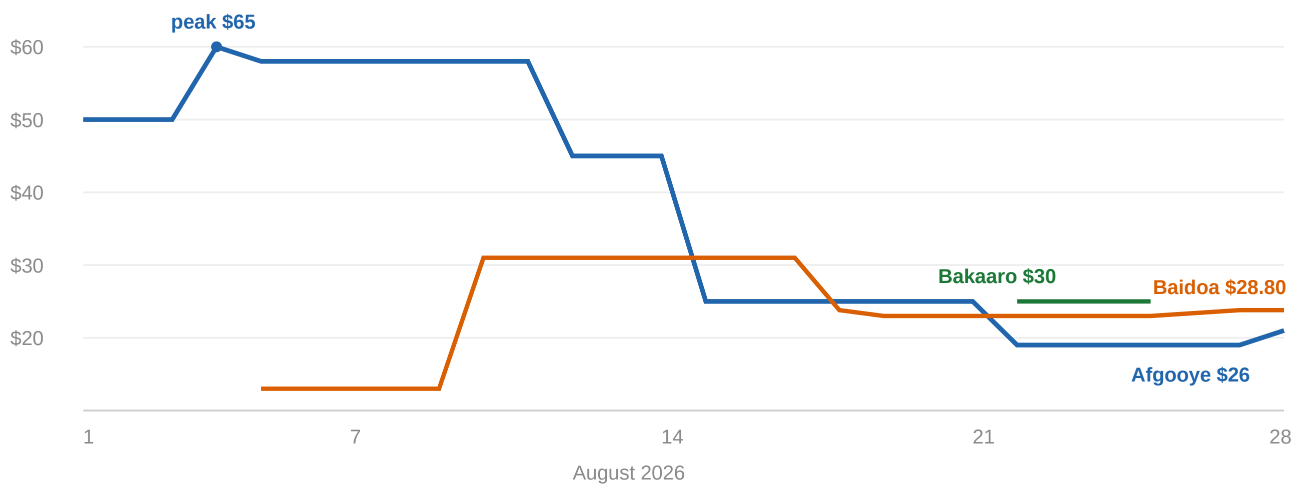
The reading that matters: the fall is confined to the harvest

In the same Afgooye market, over the same fortnight, maize halved while mung bean doubled, cowpea held at double for nine days and sesame rose a third — and wheat, which arrives by ship, did not move at all. A market-wide shock moves everything together. This moved one group of crops one way and the rest the other, with the imported cereal flat. The signal is supply arriving in the harvested crops, not a change in the market as a whole.

THE MAIZE LINE

Two zones, one crop, the same measure — opposite Augusts

Both markets quote white maize by the Loor, so the two lines below compare directly. Afgooye — riverine, irrigated — ran from $55 up to $65 and then stepped down to $24 as the Gu harvest arrived, ending the window at $26. Baidoa (orange) doubled from $18 to $36 in early August and eased only to $28.80. Bakaaro, the Mogadishu terminal market, entered collection on 22 August at $30.



Daily price per Loor, US$. Afgooye 1–28 August; Baidoa 5–28 August; Bakaaro 22–25 August. Lines join observed days only.

> ***Why this matters to a farmer, not a trader.*** *A farmer holding harvested maize watched the value of every Loor in his compound fall by half in under three weeks without touching a single sack. Nothing about the grain changed — only the number of farmers standing in the market beside him. The farmer who could hold for three weeks could decline the worst day; the farmer with a loan due could not. Which is the subject of this issue's feature story.*

BETWEEN MARKETS

SAME DAY, SAME MEASURE · 22 AUGUST

CROP	MEASURE	AFGOOYE	BAIDOA	BAKAARO	READ
Maize (Galleey), white	per Loor	24.00	28.00	**30.00**	Bakaaro 1.3×
Sorghum (Moordi), red	per Loor	24.00	21.60	**39.00**	Bakaaro 1.8×
Wheat (Qamadi)	per Koombo	0.60	1.00	**1.00**	close

The producing markets sit under the terminal market, as they should — but an 81% sorghum gap between Baidoa and Bakaaro on one day is the cost of moving grain along that corridor, written as a price.