

Suuq Bulletin

ISSUE 03 · DAILY MARKET PRICES · NATIVE MEASURES

29 August – 11 September 2026
Afgooye · Baidoa · Bakaaro

PERIOD	MARKETS	PRICE RECORDS	COLLECTION	CROPS	NEXT ISSUE
29 Aug – 11 Sep 2026	3	678	Daily	18	25 Sep

The jerry can is back at \$10: tomatoes **doubled** in a fortnight while maize **found its floor**

Between 29 August and 11 September a Jirgaan of cherry tomatoes went from \$5.50 to \$10 in Afgooye and from \$6 to \$11 in Bakaaro — the same can that sold for \$12 on 4 August and \$3.50 eight days later. White maize at Afgooye, which halved last issue, held between \$25 and \$30 all fortnight. Sesame fell a fifth to a quarter as its harvest arrived. This issue reads the tomato round-trip, checks Bay against the river and against last year, and follows the Shabelle to the market it feeds — and floods.

THE TWO-WEEK READ

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TOMATO, AFGOOYE & BAKAARO

\$5.50 to \$10 and \$6 to \$11 per Jirgaan in fourteen days. Baidoa rose 40% to \$7.

\$25–30

MAIZE, AFGOOYE

A Loor stayed inside a five-dollar band for the whole fortnight. The August fall has stopped.

–20%

SESAME, BOTH FARMS

\$1.50 to \$1.20 a kg at Afgooye, \$1.60 to \$1.20 at Baidoa (–25%). The sesame harvest is arriving.

\$1.00

PULSES, THREE MARKETS

Cowpea and mung bean closed at exactly \$1.00 a Koombo in Afgooye, Baidoa and Bakaaro alike.



Photo: Ben Khattry / Pexels

"The river is our life. But it is also the thing we fear most."

— Hussien Ali, cereal trader, Afgooye market · feature story, pages 7–9



PRICES THIS PERIOD

First and latest observation inside 29 August – 11 September, plus the full range. Never a period average. All prices US\$ in the measure the market actually trades. Bakaaro cereals now carry a full fortnight, and Afgooye horticulture enters the tables on page 3 as promised in Issue 02.

AFGOOYE — SUUQA BADARKA · CEREALS & PULSES · 29 AUG – 11 SEP

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	26.00	25.00	▼ -3.8%	25.00 – 30.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	25.00	21.60	▼ -13.6%	21.60 – 27.00
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	0.75	1.00	▲ +33.3%	0.75 – 1.00
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	1.00	1.00	0.0%	0.75 – 1.00
Sesame (Sisin)	kg	1.50	1.20	▼ -20.0%	1.20 – 1.60
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	0.60	0.60	0.0%	0.55 – 0.70

BAIDOA CITY MARKET — CEREALS & PULSES · 29 AUG – 11 SEP

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	28.80	32.40	▲ +12.5%	28.80 – 32.40
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	25.20	25.20	0.0%	21.60 – 25.20
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	0.75	1.00	▲ +33.3%	0.75 – 1.00
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	1.00	1.00	0.0%	1.00 – 1.30
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	0.90	1.00	▲ +11.1%	0.70 – 1.00
Sesame (Sisin)	kg	1.60	1.20	▼ -25.0%	1.20 – 1.60

BAKAARO MARKET, MOGADISHU — CEREALS & PULSES · 29 AUG – 11 SEP

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	32.00	28.00	▼ -12.5%	28.00 – 32.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	34.00	29.00	▼ -14.7%	28.00 – 34.00
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	1.20	1.00	▼ -16.7%	0.75 – 1.20
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	1.20	1.00	▼ -16.7%	1.00 – 1.60
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	1.00	1.00	0.0%	1.00 – 1.00

Bakaaro sesame was quoted on four days only (1–11 September, \$1.30/kg throughout) and is not tabled.

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 · 29 AUG – 11 SEP · AFGOOYE ENTERS THE TABLES

CROP	MARKET	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Afgooye	Jirgaan	5.50	10.00	▲ +81.8%
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Bakaaro	Jirgaan	6.00	11.00	▲ +83.3%
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Baidoa	Jirgaan	5.00	7.00	▲ +40.0%
Watermelon (Qare)	Afgooye	piece	4.00	4.00	0.0%
Watermelon (Qare)	Baidoa	piece	3.00	1.50	▼ -50.0%
Spinach (Isbinaash)	Afgooye	Xirmo bac	1.50	0.50	▼ -66.7%
Spinach (Isbinaash)	Baidoa	Xirmo bac	1.00	2.00	▲ +100.0%
Potato (Baradho)	Baidoa	kg	1.00	0.50	▼ -50.0%
Potato (Baradho)	Bakaaro	kg	0.50	0.75	▲ +50.0%
Onion (Basal), red	Baidoa	kg	0.85	1.00	▲ +17.6%
Carrot (Karooto)	Bakaaro	Xirmo bac	1.50	0.75	▼ -50.0%

First and Latest are the recorded closing price on the first and last day of the window; Range is the lowest and highest quote inside it. ▲ 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.

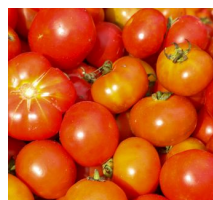
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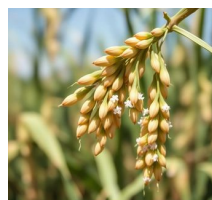
Maize · \$25.00 /Loor
Afgooye



Sorghum · \$25.20
/Loor Baidoa



Tomato · \$10.00
/Jirgaan Afgooye



Sesame · \$1.20 /kg
Afgooye



Cowpea · \$1.00
/Koombo all three



Banana · \$0.11 /piece
Bakaaro

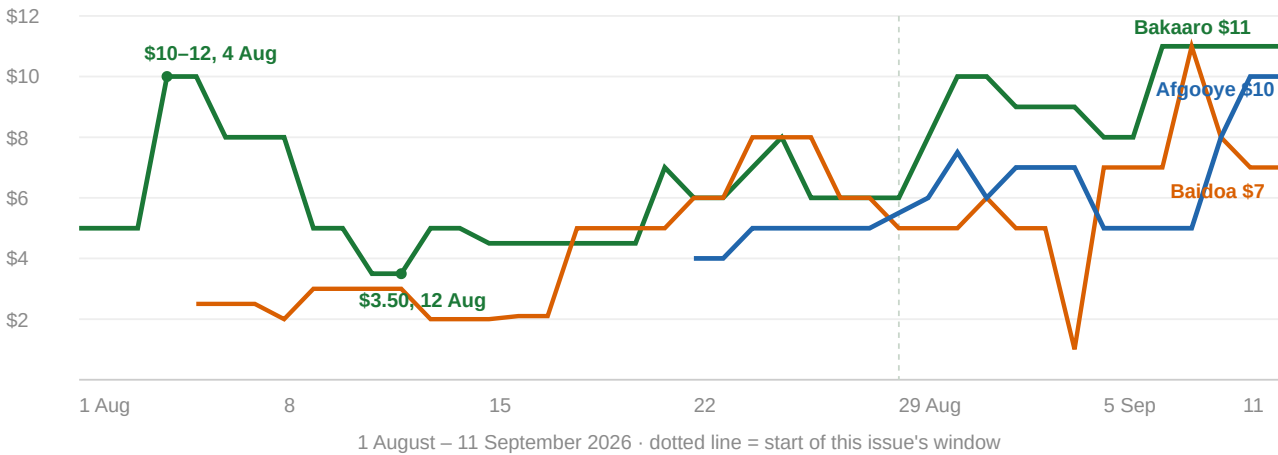
The reading that matters: the harvest fall has moved from maize to sesame

Last issue, maize halved at Afgooye while sesame rose a third. This fortnight the roles swapped: maize held \$25–30 a Loor for fourteen days, and sesame — planted with the Gu and cut in late August — fell 20% at Afgooye and 25% at Baidoa as it reached the market. Both production markets, both directions, the same mechanism: supply arriving in one crop at a time. Wheat, imported, moved 0% at Afgooye and Bakaaro.

THE TOMATO LINE

Six weeks of the Jirgaan: \$12, then \$3.50, then \$11

All three markets quote cherry tomatoes by the Jirgaan, the 20-litre jerry can, so the lines compare directly. Bakaaro (green) opened Issue 01 at \$12 on 4 August, crashed to \$3.50 by the 12th, and has now climbed back to \$11. Afgooye (blue), in collection since 22 August, doubled from \$5 to \$10 in the last week of the window. Baidoa (orange) has been the volatile line throughout — \$2 in mid-August, \$11 on 8 September, \$7 at the close.



Closing price per Jirgaan, US\$. Bakaaro 1 Aug – 11 Sep; Baidoa 5 Aug – 11 Sep; Afgooye 22 Aug – 11 Sep. Lines join observed days only. The 4 August Bakaaro quote ranged \$10–12; Issue 01 published the \$12.

Why this matters to a grower, not a trader. The Gu tomato crop that flooded Bakaaro in early August is finished; what reaches the market now is the tail of it, and the price has climbed back to where it started in six weeks. A grower who plants for the Deyr is planting into the high side of this cycle — and, on the river, into an October–December forecast that names 2023 as its analogue year. Both facts belong in the same decision, which is why this issue's story is about the river.

BETWEEN MARKETS

SAME DAY, SAME MEASURE · 11 SEPTEMBER

CROP	MEASURE	AFGOOYE	BAIDOA	BAKAARO	READ
Maize (Galleey), white	per Loor	25.00	32.40	28.00	Baidoa dearest, 1.3×
Sorghum (Moordi), red	per Loor	21.60	25.20	29.00	Bakaaro 1.15× Baidoa
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	per Jirgaan	10.00	7.00	11.00	Baidoa cheapest
Cowpea (Digir)	per Koombo	1.00	1.00	1.00	level
Mung bean (Salbuko)	per Koombo	1.00	1.00	1.00	level
Wheat (Qamadi)	per Koombo	0.60	1.00	1.00	Afgooye cheapest

Two spreads closed this fortnight. On 22 August Bakaaro sorghum stood 81% above Baidoa; on 11 September it stood 15% above, because the terminal market fell from \$39 to \$29 while Baidoa held. And Baidoa maize, at \$32.40, is now the dearest of the three — a rain-fed production market priced above the Mogadishu terminal, which is what a thin Bay harvest looks like written as a price.