Suuq Bulletin

ISSUE 04 · DAILY MARKET PRICES · NATIVE MEASURES

12 – 25 September 2026
Afgooye · Baidoa · Bakaaro

PERIOD	MARKETS	PRICE RECORDS	COLLECTION	CROPS	NEXT ISSUE
12 – 25 Sep 2026	3	672	Daily	16	9 Oct

The river's maize fell to $20 a Loor — Baidoa and Bakaaro paid $35 for the same sack

Between 12 and 25 September white maize at Afgooye went from $35 to $20 a Loor — the lowest price recorded since collection began on 1 August — while Bakaaro rose from $28 to $35 and Baidoa closed at $35. A $15 spread on one measure. Cherry tomatoes, which doubled last issue, settled at exactly $9 a Jirgaan in all three markets. Sesame split by zone: down 23% at Afgooye, up 67% at Baidoa. This issue reads the maize spread, the tomato convergence, and Bay against the river and against last year.

THE TWO-WEEK READ

$20
MAIZE, AFGOOYE
$35 to $20 a Loor in fourteen days. The lowest since collection began on 1 August.

$35
MAIZE, BAKAARO & BAIDOA
Bakaaro rose 25% from $28; Baidoa closed at $35. A $15 spread to the river on the same measure.

$9
TOMATO, THREE MARKETS
Afgooye, Baidoa and Bakaaro all closed the Jirgaan at $9. Last issue's doubling has stopped.

−46%
COWPEA, AFGOOYE
$1.30 to $0.70 a Koombo. Baidoa held $1.00 and Bakaaro $0.80.



Coconut palms over irrigated beds of young maize and vegetables at Afgooye, Lower Shabelle — the riverine zone whose maize is priced on page 2. First frames from M-Tacab's own field photography.



PRICES THIS PERIOD

First and latest observation inside 12 – 25 September, plus the full range. Never a period average. All prices US$ in the measure the market actually trades. Three markets, fourteen days each, 672 price records.

AFGOOYE — SUUQA BADARKA · CEREALS & PULSES · 12 – 25 SEP

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	35.00	**20.00**	▼ −42.9%	20.00 – 35.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	26.00	**21.00**	▼ −19.2%	21.00 – 26.00
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	1.30	**0.70**	▼ −46.2%	0.70 – 1.30
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	1.00	**0.80**	▼ −20.0%	0.80 – 1.30
Sesame (Sisin)	kg	1.30	**1.00**	▼ −23.1%	1.00 – 1.30
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	0.60	**0.60**	0.0%	0.60 – 0.60

BAIDOA CITY MARKET — CEREALS & PULSES · 12 – 25 SEP

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	36.00	**35.00**	▼ −2.8%	22.00 – 36.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	26.00	**25.00**	▼ −3.8%	25.00 – 26.00
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	0.90	**1.00**	▲ +11.1%	0.90 – 1.00
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	1.00	**0.90**	▼ −10.0%	0.90 – 1.00
Wheat (Qamadi)	Koombo	1.00	**1.00**	0.0%	1.00 – 1.00
Sesame (Sisin)	kg	1.20	**2.00**	▲ +66.7%	1.20 – 2.00

BAKAARO MARKET, MOGADISHU — CEREALS & PULSES · 12 – 25 SEP

CROP	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE	RANGE IN PERIOD
Maize (Galleey), white	Loor	28.00	**35.00**	▲ +25.0%	28.00 – 35.00
Sorghum (Moordi), red	Loor	28.00	**25.20**	▼ −10.0%	25.20 – 28.50
Cowpea (Digir)	Koombo	1.00	**0.80**	▼ −20.0%	0.80 – 1.00
Mung bean (Salbuko)	Koombo	1.00	**1.00**	0.0%	1.00 – 1.00

Bakaaro wheat ($0.60 a Koombo, quoted 12–20 September) and Bakaaro sesame (quoted on eight days, $1.30 then $2.00 a kg) are not tabled this issue.

> *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 · 12 – 25 SEP · THREE MARKETS

CROP	MARKET	MEASURE	FIRST	LATEST	CHANGE
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Afgooye	Jirgaan	10.00	**9.00**	▼ −10.0%
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Bakaaro	Jirgaan	10.00	**9.00**	▼ −10.0%
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	Baidoa	Jirgaan	11.00	**9.00**	▼ −18.2%
Watermelon (Qare)	Afgooye	piece	6.00	**3.50**	▼ −41.7%
Watermelon (Qare)	Baidoa	piece	2.00	**3.00**	▲ +50.0%
Watermelon (Qare)	Bakaaro	piece	3.00	**4.00**	▲ +33.3%
Spinach (Isbinaash)	Baidoa	Xirmo bac	1.60	**2.50**	▲ +56.2%
Spinach (Isbinaash)	Bakaaro	Xirmo bac	2.00	**2.50**	▲ +25.0%
Potato (Baradho)	Baidoa	kg	0.60	**0.75**	▲ +25.0%
Potato (Baradho)	Bakaaro	kg	0.50	**0.75**	▲ +50.0%
Onion (Basal), red	Baidoa	kg	1.30	**0.80**	▼ −38.5%
Carrot (Karooto)	Bakaaro	Xirmo bac	2.50	**2.00**	▼ −20.0%
Bottle gourd (Bocor)	Bakaaro	Loor	5.00	**9.00**	▲ +80.0%

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.

THE BASKET



Maize · $20.00 /Loor Afgooye



Sorghum · $25.00 /Loor Baidoa



Tomato · $9.00 /Jirgaan all three



Sesame · $1.00 /kg Afgooye



Cowpea · $0.70 /Koombo Afgooye



Banana · $0.10 /piece all three

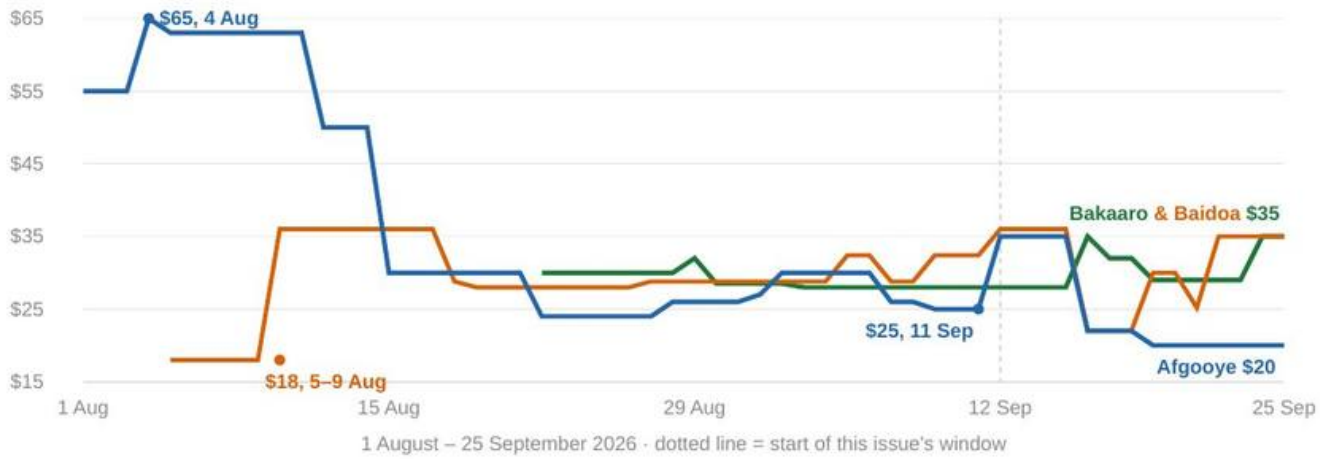
The reading that matters: the river and the city have come apart on maize

On 11 September Afgooye maize stood $3 under Bakaaro. On 25 September it stood $15 under — Afgooye fell from $35 to $20 a Loor while Bakaaro climbed from $28 to $35 and Baidoa closed at $35. The same sack, the same fortnight, opposite directions. Tomatoes did the reverse: three markets that were $10, $11 and $7 last issue all closed at $9. Watermelon split by zone — $6 to $3.50 a piece at Afgooye, $2 to $3 at Baidoa — and so did sesame, down 23% on the river and up 67% in Bay. Wheat, imported, moved 0% everywhere it was quoted.

THE MAIZE LINE

Eight weeks of the Loor: $65 on the river in August, $20 on 25 September

All three markets quote white maize by the Loor, so the lines compare directly. Afgooye (blue) opened collection at $55 on 1 August, touched $65 on the 4th, halved as the Gu harvest landed, held $24–30 from 22 August to 11 September, then stepped to $35 on 12 September and down to $22 and $20, where it closed. Bakaaro (green) spent its first month at $28–32, touched $35 on 16 September and closed there. Baidoa (orange), $18 in the first week of August, doubled to $36 on 10 August, has not been below $22 since, and closed at $35.



Closing price per Loor, US$. Afgooye 1 Aug – 25 Sep; Baidoa 5 Aug – 25 Sep; Bakaaro 22 Aug – 25 Sep. Lines join observed days only. Afgooye traders quoted $25–35 on 12–13 September; the closing quote is drawn.

> ***Why this matters to a grower, not a trader.*** *The riverine harvest that halved Afgooye maize in August is still reaching the market at $20 a Loor — and it is not reaching Mogadishu or Baidoa at that price. A $15 gap between a production market thirty kilometres from the capital and the capital's terminal market is the margin of whoever moves the sack. For a farmer selling at Afgooye it is the clearest number in this issue: the price of the grain is not the problem; the distance to the buyer paying $35 is.*

BETWEEN MARKETS

SAME DAY, SAME MEASURE · 25 SEPTEMBER

CROP	MEASURE	AFGOOYE	BAIDOA	BAKAARO	READ
Maize (Galleey), white	per Loor	**20.00**	35.00	35.00	Afgooye 43% under both
Sorghum (Moordi), red	per Loor	**21.00**	25.00	25.20	Afgooye cheapest, 16% under
Cherry tomato (Yaanyo)	per Jirgaan	9.00	9.00	9.00	level
Cowpea (Digir)	per Koombo	**0.70**	1.00	0.80	Baidoa 1.4× Afgooye
Mung bean (Salbuko)	per Koombo	**0.80**	0.90	1.00	Afgooye cheapest
Sesame (Sisin)	per kg	**1.00**	2.00	—	Baidoa 2× Afgooye

One spread closed and one reopened. Tomatoes, which stood $4 apart between the dearest and cheapest market on 11 September, closed level at $9. Maize went the other way: Afgooye stood 11% under Bakaaro on 11 September and 43% under on 25 September. Every cereal and pulse in the table is now cheapest at Afgooye — the river is the cheapest place in our network to buy grain, and the dearest places are a rain-fed production market and the capital.