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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

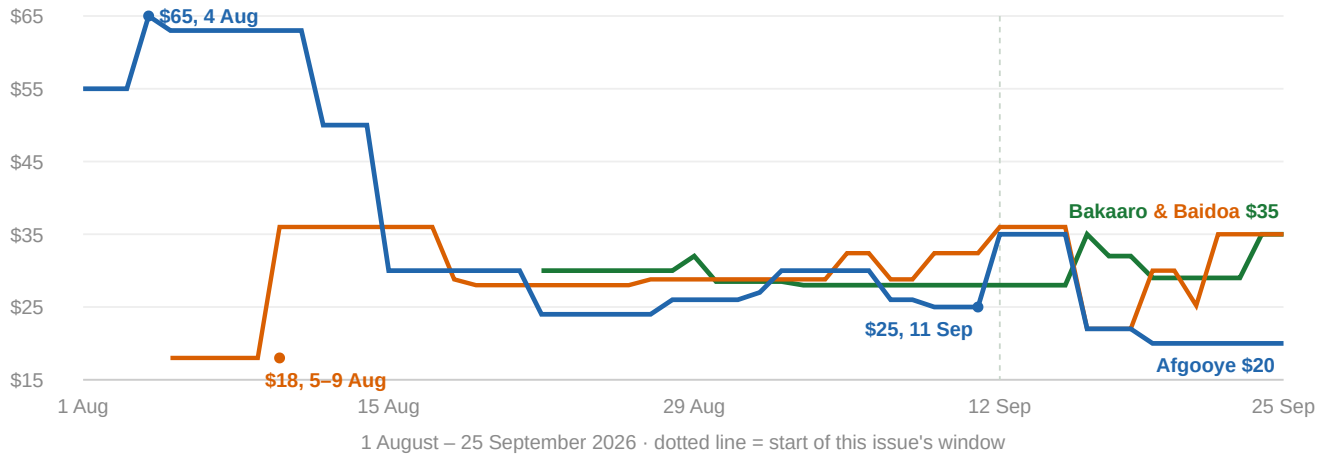
The reading that matters: the river and the city have come apart on maize

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.



AGAINST LAST YEAR

This fortnight against the last published 2025 prices

Reference: *Sicirka Suuqa ee Dalaga Beeraha*, Warbixin 5.6, Wasaaradda Beeraha iyo Waraabka (FGS Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation), 8–14 August 2025 — the last weekly issue published, and now six weeks earlier in the season than our window. Cereal comparisons converted at the register's grain Loor. Jowhar is the riverine reference for Afgooye; the Ministry series does not cover Afgooye or Marka.

CROP	MARKET (2026)	25 SEP 2026 $/KG	REFERENCE (AUG 2025)	AUG 2025 $/KG	CHANGE
Maize, white	Afgooye	**0.27**	Jowhar	0.43	▼ −38%
Maize, white	Baidoa	**0.49**	Beydhabo	0.27	▲ +80%
Maize, white	Bakaaro	**0.47**	Muqdisho	0.60	▼ −22%
Sorghum, red	Baidoa	**0.35**	Beydhabo	0.24	▲ +45%
Sorghum, red	Bakaaro	**0.34**	Muqdisho	0.60	▼ −44%
Sesame	Afgooye	**1.00**	Jowhar	0.86	▲ +16%
Sesame	Baidoa	**2.00**	Beydhabo	1.30	▲ +54%
Onion, red	Baidoa	**0.80**	Beydhabo	1.00	▼ −20%
Potato	Baidoa	**0.75**	Beydhabo	0.58	▲ +29%
Potato	Bakaaro	**0.75**	Muqdisho	1.00	▼ −25%

How to read it — the zone split has widened, not closed

Two weeks ago the river sat a quarter under last August and Bay two-thirds above. Now Afgooye maize sits 38% under the Jowhar reference and Baidoa 80% above its own, and the terminal market has moved toward Bay — Bakaaro maize was 38% under last August on 11 September and is 22% under now. FEWS NET's 31 August update, from its own collection, already put Baidoa sorghum 68% and maize 42% above August 2025. Same direction, two series: Bay and the capital pay more than last year, the river pays less — the widest zone gap we have recorded.

The farm-gate reference

The same 2025 bulletin published farm-gate maize at 756,000 SOS per Loor (100 madaal). Afgooye's market price of $20 a Loor on 25 September sits clearly below that level once converted — seven weeks after the harvest fall, the river's market price is under last year's farm-gate, while the capital's is not.

WHERE WE ARE IN THE SEASON

FEWS NET's 31 August update remains the latest published assessment: *better-than-anticipated* Xagaa rains in July–August; the riverine Gu harvest in Shabelle and Juba average to above average, maize the main contributor; the sorghum zones of Bay, Gedo and Lower Juba below average, Bay-Bakool low-potential areas exceptionally poor. The maize spread on page 4 is that assessment written as a price: the zone that harvested well is cheap, the zone that did not is dear.

Security context, Baidoa: the clashes reported in Baidoa this season fell outside this window — 3 September before it opened, and 28 September after it closed, when heavy fighting resumed inside the city, roads to the hospital were blocked and residents could not move freely. Issue 05's Baidoa readings will span those days and should be read as a disrupted market, not as the season.

Looking forward: ICPAC's 18 August outlook gives a 90% chance of enhanced October–December rainfall over central and southern Somalia as El Niño strengthens, with 2023 as the analogue year and an early to normal onset. FEWS NET warns that extreme, widespread flooding in the southern riverine and agropastoral zones would carry a credible risk of Famine (IPC Phase 5) from October. On 12 September the Somali Disaster Management Agency named 29 districts at high flood risk — Afgooye, Marka, Balcad, Jowhar, Baidoa and Mogadishu among them. The grain priced at $20 on page 2 is sitting in compounds on the bank.

WHAT TO DO WITH THIS, IF YOU FARM

- **Cereal growers, riverine:** $20 a Loor at Afgooye is the lowest price since collection began, and the same sack fetched $35 in Mogadishu on the same day. Do not clear a compound at $20 to beat the rains — move the grain to higher ground instead, and sell only the share a payment forces you to sell. Where a group of growers can fill one lorry together, the $15 to Bakaaro is the margin to talk to a transporter about.
- **Cereal growers, Bay:** Baidoa maize held $35 and sorghum $25 through the window — but fighting resumed in the city on 28 September, after the window closed. Treat Baidoa's prices as unsettled; do not hold stock in the city on the strength of them. Household needs and safety first.
- **Vegetable growers:** the Jirgaan is $9 in all three markets — there is no margin in moving tomatoes between them this fortnight. Whatever is planted now for the Deyr goes into a forecast wet season: keep nurseries and low-lying plots away from the bank and the known breach points.
- **Sesame growers:** the two production markets are a dollar apart on a kilogram — $1.00 at Afgooye, $2.00 at Baidoa. Selling into the arrival weeks on the river is the worst timing of the year; if you can store dry and safe, hold.
- **Pulse growers and traders:** cowpea is $0.70 a Koombo at Afgooye, $0.80 at Bakaaro and $1.00 at Baidoa. Unlike last fortnight, there is now a margin between markets — but it is thinner than a sack's transport.

Based on price observation only. Not agronomic advice; not reviewed by an agronomist. Flood guidance follows the Somali Disaster Management Agency's 12 September advice; monitor official SWALIM and SoDMA alerts.

THE MEASURES

Common Markets Measures (Bakaara, Afgooye & Baidoa Market)

MEASURE	BASIS	HOLDS / CAPACITY	TYPICALLY USED FOR	VISUAL GUIDE
Loor (Sack)	Weight	72 or 75 kg	Sack – cereals, onions, lemon, bottle gourd	Cereals; Onions; Lemon; Bottle gourd
Koombo (Cup)	Weight	1 kg	Cup – grain and pulses at retail	Grain; Pulses
Jirgaan (Tanag)	Weight	12 or 15 kg	20-litre jerry can – tomatoes	Tomatoes (20-litre jerry can)
Xirmo bac (Maas)	Weight	1 kg	Bagged bundle – salad, spinach, carrot	Salad; Spinach; Carrot
Maas (Bundle)	Weight	0.5 kg	Basket bundle – leafy vegetables	Leafy vegetables bundle
Sakeel / Baaldi (Bucket)	Weight	7.5 kg	Bucket – bell pepper, chilli	Bell pepper (1 Sakeel / Baaldi); Chilli (1 Sakeel / Baaldi)
Butacow (Small cup)	Weight	0.25 kg	Small cup measure	Small cup measure

Coming next

The September measurement study has been in the field in Afgooye, Bakaaro and Baidoa: every container weighed, plus trader interviews on where each measure comes from. Its results — a verified kilogram equivalent for every measure in the register — follow once the analysis is complete. Collection points at Marka and Balcad are being set up to follow.



Photo: M-Tacab — Afgooye, Lower Shabelle

FROM THE COLLECTION AREAS

M-Tacab has commissioned its own photography of the farming areas that supply the markets in this bulletin. These are the first frames, from the riverine belt of Lower and Middle Shabelle, the rain-fed fields around Baidoa, and Lower Jubba. Captions give the place and what is in the frame.



Rain-fed fields at Bonkay on the edge of Baidoa, Bay region, with the town behind. Plots are worked by hand between scattered trees; this is the zone whose sorghum and maize are priced at Baidoa City Market.



Hand-weeding a field at Jowhar, Middle Shabelle — the riverine reference market used on page 5 for Afgooye's year-on-year comparison.



Breaking dry ground with a hand hoe at Qaam Qam, Lower Jubba, ahead of the Deyr. Lower Jubba is not yet a collection point; it is one of the zones FEWS NET records as below average this Gu.

All photographs on this page and the cover: M-Tacab field photography, September 2026.

HOW WE MEASURE

Prices are collected daily by M-tacab recorders at Suuqa Badarka Afgooye, Baidoa City Market and Bakaaro Market, Mogadishu, in the measures the markets trade in. Where a trader gave a low–high range, the closing quote is recorded and the range kept. Missing days are recorded as missing, never estimated. Comparisons to 2025 use the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation's last published weekly bulletin (Warbixin 5.6, 8–14 August 2025) as the reference; the window mismatch is stated where it applies.

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