

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Weekly Cereals and Fertilizer Price Monitoring

#### I. Background

The demand for timely information for palay/rice and corn prices by the Department of Agriculture necessitated the development and implementation of the Weekly Cereals and Fertilizer Price Monitoring (WCFPM) by the former Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) in 1989. To this day, the activity has been sustained by the Philippine Statistics Authority and has been the source of the weekly update on cereal data users. Moreover, this has been the source of the official data for dealers' prices of fertilizers.

#### II. Data Collection

##### A. Types of Prices Monitored

###### A1. Farmgate Prices

***Farmgate Prices*** are prices received by farmers for the sale of their produce at their first point of sale during their last transaction within the reference period.

###### A1.1 Coverage

The WCFPM covers all provinces. The commodities covered include:

1. Palay
  - Fancy, fresh & dry
  - Other Variety, fresh & dry
2. Corngrains
  - Corngrain Yellow
  - Corngrain White

###### A1.2 Frequency and Schedule of Collection of Prices

Prices are collected weekly **every Monday** within the reference period that is, Wednesday of previous week to Tuesday of the current week. Transmission of prices to the Central Office is Tuesday.

###### A1.3 Sources of Information

Information are gathered from farmers who sold their palay/corn and/or from traders and grains warehouses (with or without mills) who bought palay/corn from farmers during the reference period.

#### **A1.4 Number of Respondents**

Samples are chosen purposively within the province. Respondents for each type of cereals are 5 farmers, traders and/or grains warehouses.

#### **A2. Wholesale Selling and Retail Selling Prices**

**Wholesale Selling Prices (WSP)** are prices at which traders or distributors sell their commodities to other distributors and to retailers.

**Retail Selling Prices (RSP)** on the other hand, are the prices at which retailers sell commodities to consumers.

##### **A2.1 Coverage**

Covers all provinces. Commodities included in the price monitoring survey are the following:

1. Rice
  - Rice Fancy
  - Rice Premium
  - Well Milled Rice
  - Regular Milled Rice
2. Corngrain
  - Corngrain yellow
  - Corngrain white
3. Corngrits
  - Corngrits yellow
  - Corngrits white

##### **A2.2 Frequency and Schedule of Collection of Prices**

For selected provinces, collection is site specific and during peak trading day/hour while other provinces, collection is on MWF from 7:00 to 9:00 am.

##### **A2.3 Number of Respondents**

Prices are collected from five (5) respondents per market per price type (wholesale selling/retail) each province in every survey round.

### **III. Transmission of data**

There are two forms used for this activity:

Transmission of price data to the Central Office is every Tuesday. Cut-off time is 12:00 noon. The forms are transmitted to the Central Office thru email at [e.varona@psa.gov.ph](mailto:e.varona@psa.gov.ph) or [ptssamsad@gmail.com](mailto:ptssamsad@gmail.com).

#### **IV. Information Dissemination**

Prices gathered for the week are disseminated weekly through the Weekly Updates of Palay, Rice and Corn Prices. This summary report contains the prevailing prices of palay/rice and corn for the week from the reporting provinces including Metro Manila. These prices are also compared to the previous week's and the same period of last year's price levels.

PDF files are available weekly and can be downloaded from the PSA website (<http://psa.gov.ph>).

Attachment 1

MIS-2  
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**COLLECTION FORM  
WEEKLY CEREALS AND FERTILIZER PRICE MONITORING**

Province : \_\_\_\_\_

Collection Date : \_\_\_\_\_

(peso per kilogram)

ITEM (1)	RESPONDENT					PREVAILING PRICE (7)	PRICE RANGE (8)
	1 (2)	2 (3)	3 (4)	4 (5)	5 (6)		
<b>FARM PRICES</b>							
Palay, fancy, fresh							
Palay, fancy, dry							
Palay, Other Variety (fresh)							
Palay, Other Variety (dry)							
Corngrain, yellow							
Corngrain, white							
<b>WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES</b>							
Corngrain, yellow							
Corngrain, white							
Corngrits, yellow							
Corngrits, white							
<b>RETAIL PRICES</b>							
Corngrain, yellow							
Corngrain, white							
Corngrits, yellow							
Corngrits, white							
<b>DEALER'S PRICES*</b>							
Urea (45-0-0)							
Ammosul (21-0-0)							
Ammophos (16-20-0)							
Complete (14-14-14)							

\* - per 50 kilograms

Attachment 2

MIS-4A  
(Revised 2010)

**COLLECTION FORM FOR WHOLESale SELLING PRICES  
WEEKLY CEREALS AND FERTILIZER PRICE MONITORING**

Market (for AGMARIS only) : \_\_\_\_\_

Collection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Province : \_\_\_\_\_

(peso per kilogram)

TYPE OF RICE/NAME OF RESPONDENT (1)	PRICE/BOX/SACK							PREVAILING PRICE (9)	PRICE RANGE (10)
	1 (2)	2 (3)	3 (4)	4 (5)	5 (6)	6 (7)	7 (8)		
<b>Rice, Regular Milled (RMR)</b>									
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									
<b>Rice, Well Milled (WMR)</b>									
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									
<b>Rice, Premium</b>									
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									
<b>Rice, Special</b>									
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									

