

MONTHLY MARKET MONITORING BULLETIN

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Background

The market data and information is collected from six FSIS Programme target Governorates through the Governorate Focal Units (GFU) and FSTS in Sanaa city. The prices are collected from Hodeidah, Hajjah, Dhamar, Hadramout, Lahej and Sanaa city markets. The prices collected from at least 3 representative market centers and average price is calculated for each location. The Market monitoring bulletin provides tables and charts that show the monthly prices in the targeted Governorate markets. It also provides and allows the users to compare the current prices with the previous month and the pre-crisis average.



Highlights

- Supply and availability of essential food and non-food commodities in the local markets significantly improved. Although import of essential food commodities and trade are improved, conflict continues to prevent traders from transporting goods to many areas of the country.
- The average prices of locally produced cereal and pulses reflect a relative stability in January 2016 compared to December 2015. However, these prices are still significantly higher when compared to the pre-crisis era in February 2015.
- The supply of fuel and cooking gas show slight improvement in most target governorates. However, the average monthly price of petrol increased by 33%-122% across the target governorates compared to the pre-crisis. Moreover, the prices in parallel markets is still very high and official channels of selling fuel and cooking gas are very limited and under the full dominance of parallel market prices.
- The average price of diesel in Hadramout has declined by 14%, which directly contributed for the drop in the cost of irrigation by 25%. The price drop encouraged farmers cultivating their irrigable land, which also created opportunity and demand for agricultural labor for winter season vegetables, fruits, tobacco production.
- The average retail price of onion and tomatoes sharply declined between 32 - 43% in the targeted governorates. Due to improved supply, the price of tomato dropped between 12 - 29% in Sanaa, Dhamar, Hodeidah and Hadramout markets. The decrease in prices of onions and tomatoes is mainly seasonal and increased production in the coastal areas and mid altitude areas.
- Due to the increased need for potato planting material (seedlings) by farmers, the retail price of potatoes goes up sharply in January by 50 % in Dhamar followed by 35% in Sanaa, by 29 in Hajjah and 27% in Hadramout. The slight increase in potato prices is mainly because of short supply due to seasonal factors affecting potato production during this time of the year.
- The average prices of the imported commodities (wheat & wheat flour) remains stable in Sanaa and Dhamar governorates, while it declined slightly in Hajjah, Hadramout and Lahej. This reflects the relative improvement in the imports of staple food commodities.
- Because of the import restriction and blockage, there is high shortage of agriculture input, mainly improved vegetable seeds in the monitored markets of Lahej, Hajjah and Dhamar. Besides, expired vegetable seeds are observed in some markets, which will be a risk of loss of production if used by farmers.
- The average prices of different types live animals in January showed more or less similar trend of December 2015, but it showed remarkable improvement (40-50%) compared to the prices of April/May 2015. This is due to good rain and pasture in the Tihammah area during the previous months where farmers prefer keeping their animals until they get better prices while those in dry areas with scarce forage and pasture have a tendency of selling to reduce their flock size which influenced the prices in addition to the other market factors.

Monthly Average Prices of locally produced commodities

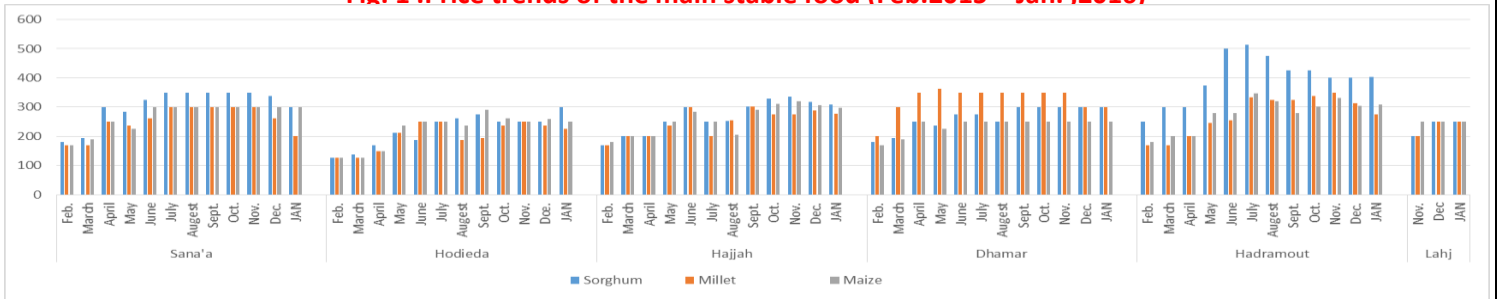
Cereals

Table 1: Average price of locally produced cereals (YR/Kg), Dec2015/Jan. 2016

| Item | Month | Sanaa | Hodeida | Hajjah | Dhamar | Hadramout | Lahj |
|--------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|------|
| Sorghum | Dec | 338 | 250 | 318 | 300 | 400 | 250 |
| | Jan | 300 | 300 | 309 | 300 | 402 | 250 |
| Millet | Dec | 263 | 238 | 288 | 300 | 313 | 250 |
| | Jan | 200 | 225 | 278 | 300 | 275 | 250 |
| Maize | Dec | 300 | 260 | 308 | 250 | 305 | 250 |
| | Jan | 300 | 250 | 298 | 250 | 308 | 250 |
| Barley | Dec | 350 | 300 | 296 | 250 | 300 | 250 |
| | Jan | 300 | 238 | 276 | 250 | 300 | 250 |
| Faba – Beans | Dec | 375 | 306 | 255 | 320 | 335 | NA |
| | Jan | 300 | 325 | 253 | 320 | 330 | NA |
| Beans | Dec | 463 | 425 | 393 | 400 | 350 | 492 |
| | Jan | 538 | 416 | 375 | 425 | 340 | 400 |
| Lentils | Dec | 450 | 500 | 398 | 500 | 495 | 508 |
| | Jan | 469 | 425 | 410 | 500 | 479 | 500 |

- The average prices of sorghum and millet in the targeted governorates is more or less the same as of December 2015. The slight increase in the average price of sorghum in Hudaida was mainly because of the increased demand of sorghum seeds for planting of sorghum as fodder.
- Despite the stable prices of sorghum and millet in Dec.r 2015 and January 2016, the comparison of average prices of these commodities with the average prices of the pre-crisis era in February 2015 revealed that there is a significant price increase of sorghum and millet compared to the pre-crisis era. The increase ranged from more than 60% to 136% for sorghum and 18% to 77% for millet.
- The average prices per Kg of maize and barley in January 2016 were somehow comparable to the average prices of December 2015 in the same-targeted governorates..
- When average prices of December 2015 and January 2016 are compared to the prices of the pre-crisis it appears that a significant increase did occur on maize and barley in all targeted governorates. This increase ranged from 60% to 70% for maize and from 56% to 114% for barley in all targeted governorates.
- The average prices of one Kg of different pulses showed a slight fluctuation, which could be considered a natural reflection of supply and demand of these commodities in all targeted governorates.

Fig. 1 .Price trends of the main stable food (Feb.2015 – Jan. ,2016)





Imported food commodities

Table 2 : Average price of Imported food commodities (YR/Kg), Dec2015 -Jan. -2016

| Commodities | | Governorates | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|------|
| | | Sanaa | Hodeida | Hajjah | Dhamar | Hadramout | Lahj |
| Wheat | Dec | 123 | 115 | 100 | 120 | 165 | 122 |
| | Jan | 123 | 110 | 99 | 120 | 143 | 118 |
| Wheat flour | Dec | 153 | 150 | 155 | 150 | 150 | 146 |
| | Jan | 153 | 140 | 134 | 150 | 150 | 146 |
| Sugar | Dec | 185 | 190 | 200 | 200 | 180 | 166 |
| | Jan | 200 | 178 | 198 | 200 | 263 | 171 |
| Rice | Dec | 283 | 350 | 276 | 300 | 296 | 365 |
| | Jan | 300 | 350 | 275 | 300 | 285 | 361 |
| Veg. oil | Dec | 604 | 350 | 399 | 430 | 314 | 448 |
| | Jan | 615 | 350 | 400 | 435 | 327 | 438 |

- The average price of wheat and wheat flour in January 2016 showed little fluctuation compared to December 2015. The differences were minimal and ranged from 0% to -13% in Hadramout. However, when the average prices of January are compared to the pre-crisis era in March 2015 it appeared that there are differences in the average prices of wheat ranging from -6% in Sanaa to 9% and 28% in the other targeted governorates. The increase in the average prices of wheat flour ranged from 0% in Dhamar to 34% in Hajja.
- The average price of sugar was more or less stable in January 2016 compared to December 2015. Exceptional change was registered in Hadramout with an average increase of 46% compared to December 2015.
- The average prices of rice in January 2016 showed some minor fluctuations when compared to December 2015. These fluctuations could be attributed to the supply and demand of rice in the local markets of the targeted governorates. Despite the minor fluctuation of the price of rice during the last few months, the average price of this commodity has increased dramatically compared to the pre-crisis era in February 2015. The increase ranged from 14% and 17% in Hadramout and Hodeida to 100% in Sanaa and Dhamar.
- The average prices of vegetable oil showed minor fluctuation in the targeted governorates. The fluctuation in prices is mainly because of the availability of wide range of vegetable oil in the market with different qualities and prices. Many households in both urban and rural areas were forced to shift to much cheaper types of vegetable oil to meet their demands or vice versa depending on the type of vegetable oil available.

Vegetables

Table 3: Average Prices of vegetables (YR/Kg) Dec2015 - Jan-2016.

| Commodities | Month | Sanaa | Hodeida | Hajjah | Dhamar | Hmout | Lahj |
|-------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| Onion | Dec | 425 | 313 | 400 | 388 | 298 | 333 |
| | Jan | 288 | 213 | 316 | 225 | 171 | 215 |
| Tomato | Dec | 313 | 288 | 350 | 350 | 308 | 227 |
| | Jan | 275 | 238 | 288 | 263 | 218 | 177 |
| Potato | Dec | 213 | 213 | 213 | 200 | 250 | 233 |
| | Jan | 288 | 250 | 275 | 300 | 317 | 265 |
| Pepper | Dec | 550 | 444 | 888 | 481 | 650 | 510 |
| | Jan | 400 | 300 | 838 | 400 | 463 | 389 |

- The average price of onions per Kg showed a slight decline in prices in January 2016 compared to December 2015. This decrease in prices occurred in most targeted governorates. The decrease in prices is mainly related to the
- Increased amounts of onions in the markets especially from the eastern region of the country where it is a major harvesting season there.
- The same scenario applies to the average price of tomatoes. The growing and harvesting season is in progress in the coastal areas and most of the tomatoes are produced there. This led to decreased prices in comparison with December 2015.
- The case of potato production is a little different. January is the last month in the production of potatoes in the mid altitude areas. The amount of potatoes in the market is decreasing and in the absence of refrigeration facilities in markets contribute to increased prices of potatoes.
- Prices of one Kg pepper slightly decreased in January 2016 compared to December 2015 in all targeted governorates.

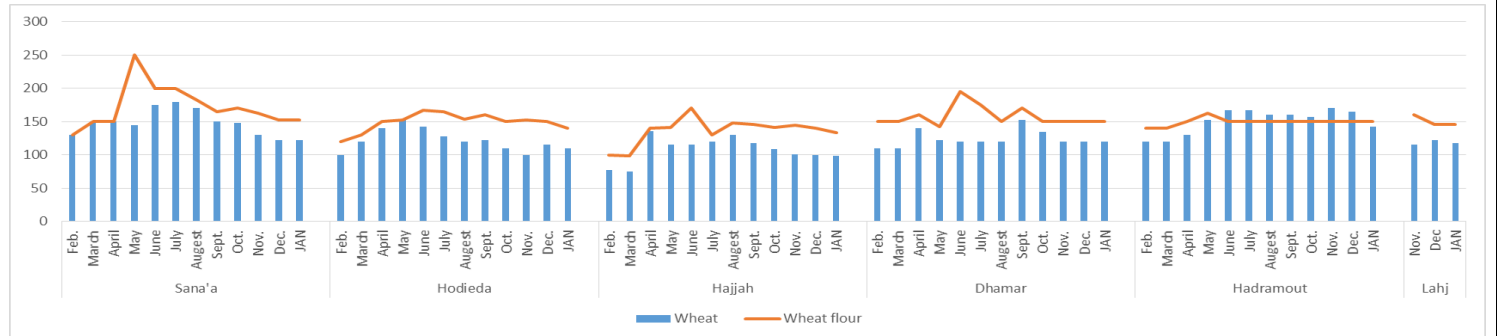
Fisheries

Table (4) : Availability & Average price of common fish types (YR/Kg), Dec2015. - Jan. 2016

| Governorates | | Common Fish Types | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | | Thamad | Sakhla | Bagha | Jahsh |
| Sanaa | Dec | 1875 | 2075 | 600 | 1500 |
| | Jan | 2375 | 2350 | 625 | 1425 |
| Dhamar | Dec | 3000 | 2000 | 600 | 1800 |
| | Jan | NA | 2400 | 575 | 1650 |
| Hodeidah | Dec | NA | 1575 | 550 | 1175 |
| | Jan | NA | 1425 | 575 | 1400 |
| Hadramout | Dec | 1350 | 4000 | 625 | 975 |
| | Jan | 1321 | 3320 | 550 | 925 |
| Hajjah | Dec | 1813 | 1850 | 375 | 1400 |
| | Jan | 1663 | 1755 | 365 | 1400 |
| Lahj | Dec | 1650 | NA | 440 | 829 |
| | Jan | 1900 | NA | 460 | 879 |

- The highest price of one Kg Thamad was recorded in Sanaa in January 2016. It must be noted that Thamad type of fish was not available in the markets of Dhamar and Al-Hudaida. The price of Thamad in the majority of targeted governorates was higher when compared to December 2015. The exception was monitored in Hajja where a decrease in price of one Kg Thamad was noticed..
- Sakhla type of fish faced a decrease in prices in January 2016 compared to December 2015. However, it must be noted that this decrease in prices is minimal and can be attributed to the supply and demand factor.
- The price of one Kg of Jahsh type of fishes in January 2016 is slightly lower compared to December 2015. The exception in this is increased prices of one Kg Jahsh in Hudaida.
- The lowest price of different types of fishes was recorded in Lahej in both December 2015 and January 2016 compared to other targeted governorates.

Fig. 2. Price trends of main imported food commodities (Feb.2015 – Jan. ,2016)



Livestock and livestock products

Table 5 : Average price of animal products (YR/Kg) Dec. 2015- Jan.2016

| Commodities | | Sanaa | Hodeidah | Hajjah | Dhamar | Hadramout | Lahj |
|--------------|-----|-------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|------|
| Beef | Dec | 2000 | 2500 | 2313 | 2000 | NA | NA |
| | Jan | 2000 | 2500 | 2263 | 2000 | NA | NA |
| Mutton | Dec | 2500 | 2500 | 1858 | 2500 | 3000 | 2500 |
| | Jan | 2500 | 2500 | 2400 | 2500 | 3055 | 2500 |
| Milk (liter) | Dec | 300 | 400 | 428 | 350 | 350 | 1900 |
| | Jan | 300 | 400 | 393 | 350 | 345 | 1900 |
| Chicken meat | Dec | 950 | 1000 | 1100 | 810 | 758 | 935 |
| | Jan | 835 | 1025 | 1063 | 850 | 675 | 856 |
| Eggs 30/pack | Dec | 900 | 875 | 800 | 850 | 856 | 921 |
| | Jan | 900 | 938 | 908 | 880 | 931 | 894 |

Table 6: Average price of live animal (YR/Head),Dec2015. -Jan. ,2016

| Commodities | month | Governorates | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|
| | | Sanaa | Hodeida | Hajja | Dhamar | Hadramout | Lahj |
| Sheep/6 month | Dec | 24250 | 15750 | 12125 | 18750 | 18000 | 21958 |
| | Jan | 23000 | 16000 | 12075 | 18125 | 19000 | 20188 |
| Sheep12 month | Dec | 32250 | 24250 | 22375 | 26625 | 27250 | NA |
| | Jan | 31250 | 26500 | 23125 | 26125 | 29000 | 31000 |
| Goat /6 month | Dec | 25750 | 17500 | 11250 | 19500 | 20000 | 23444 |
| | Jan | 26000 | 19500 | 11300 | 19125 | 22500 | 24500 |
| Goat/12 month | Dec | 34250 | 26500 | 20250 | 28000 | 30000 | NA |
| | Jan | 34750 | 29500 | 22125 | 27000 | 32500 | NA |
| Chicken (live) | Dec | 1000 | 863 | 975 | 1150 | NA | 885 |
| | Jan | 1025 | 813 | 950 | 1100 | NA | 975 |

- The average price of one Kg beef remained stable in most targeted governorates in January 2016 compared to December 2015. The exception in this appeared in Hajja where a slight decrease in prices of one Kg of beef in January 2016 compared to December 2015.
- Beef was not available in both Lahej and Hadramout in both months. This is mainly because of less popularity of beef in these governorates.
- The average price of one Kg mutton was more or less stable in most targeted governorates. The exception was noticed in Hajja with an increase of 29% per one Kg mutton compared to December 2015.
- The average price of milk remained stable in most targeted governorates. The prices in Lahej were given to one Kg powdered milk and cannot be compared to natural milk.
- The average price per Kg of chicken meat was lower in January 2016 compared to December 2015 in most targeted governorates.
- The average price of 30 eggs pack ranged from 880 YR to 930 YR. The fluctuation in prices in different targeted governorates in both months is a function of supply and demand in these targeted governorates.

- During January 2016, the highest price of 6 months old sheep was registered in Sanaa market followed by Lahej governorate while Hajja showed the lowest price.
- Prices of 6 months old sheep were more or less stable in Hajja and Dhamar. The high prices of 6 months old live animals in Sanaa is mainly related to the fact that there is a big demand for this types of animals which are marketed from other governorates.
- Sanaa market registered the highest prices for the 12 months old sheep.
- The average price of 6 months old goat ranged from 26000 YR in Sanaa to 11300 YR in Hajja. The average prices in other governorates fluctuate between these two figures.
- The average price of 12 months old goats fluctuates between 34750 YR in Sanaa to 22125 YR in Hajja. The differences in prices could be attributed to the fact that Hajja has a better supply as it is a major animal raising governorate and the blockage of cross border trade with Saudi Arabia due to the conflict. The differences in prices between December 2015 and January 2016 are mainly related to the seasonal differences on rainfall and vegetation cover between the highland and lowland areas. Currently, the highlands are on dry season with very limited rainfall, which forces livestock owners to reduce their flock in order to cope with the scarcity of the forage and limitation of the grazing areas. On the other hand, the lowland areas have relatively better forage and pasture where farmers prefer keeping their animals until they get better price.
- Average prices of live chicken remain more or less stable in both months. The differences in prices are minimal.

| Commodities | | Governorates | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|--------------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|------|
| | | Sanaa | Hodeidah | Hajjah | Dhamar | Hadramout | Lahj |
| Diesel | Dec | 279 | 265 | 280 | 275 | 193 | 260 |
| | Jan | 208 | 183 | 194 | 200 | 165 | 244 |
| Petrol | Dec | 319 | 338 | 295 | 281 | 200 | 254 |
| | Jan | 294 | 333 | 306 | 303 | 200 | 244 |
| Cooking gas | Dec | 3950 | 4875 | 3875 | 4100 | 2900 | 4421 |
| | Jan | 3200 | 4375 | 3325 | 3525 | 3213 | 3650 |

- The average price of diesel dropped in January 2016 compared to December 2015 in all targeted governorates.
- The average price of petrol was lower in Sanaa, Hodeida and Lahej in January 2016 compared to December 2015 while there is a slight increase in Hajjah and Dhamar.
- The magnitudes of the changes in prices in both months are mainly due to the scarcity of fuel in the official market outlets and fluctuation in the supply of the fuel in the parallel market while the demand remained the same.

- It must be noted that the official supply of Diesel and Petrol is not regular and frequently interrupted by various reasons. However, the diesel and petrol in the parallel market is the dominant feature of fuel supply in most targeted governorates.
- The average price of cooking gas showed a slight decline in Sanaa, Hodeida, Hajja, Dhamar while there is an increase in Hadramout and Lahej compared to December 2015. The fluctuation in prices of cooking gas is due to reduced supply to the market while the demand has increased due to the use of cooking gas for locomotives in the local markets. The official price per cooking gas cylinder is much lower than the current price of the same commodity.
- It can be concluded that despite the slight improvement of prices of different types of fuel (Diesel and Petrol) and cooking gas the average prices are still significantly higher than the official prices of these commodities during the pre-crisis era in March 2015.

Fig.3. Prices trends of Cooking gas (YR/Cylinder) (Feb.2015 – Jan.,2016)

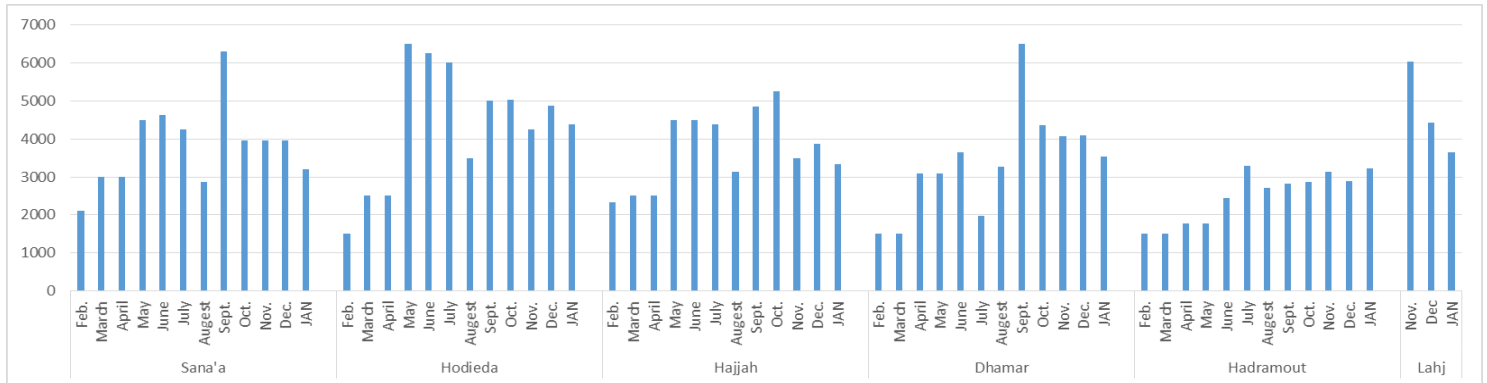
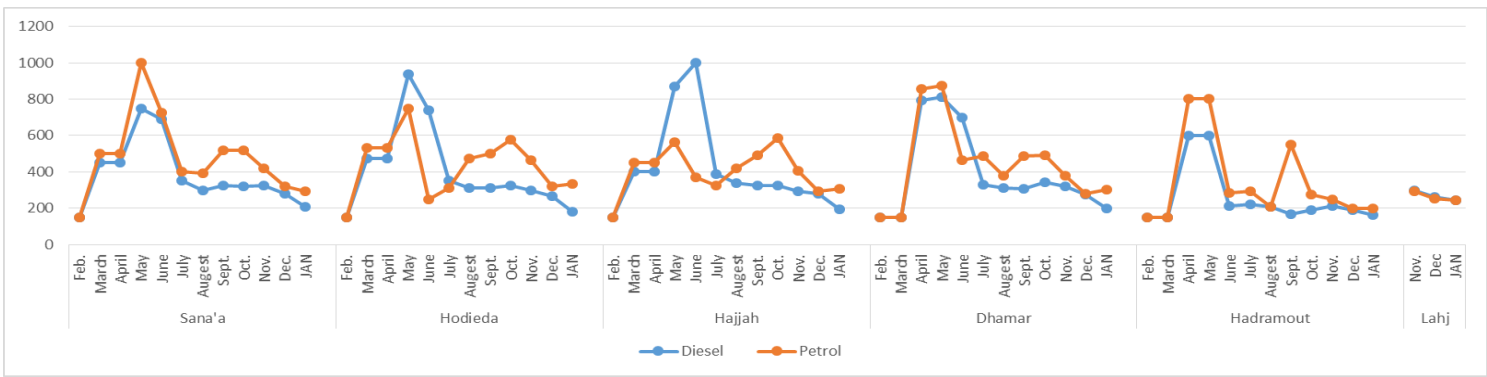


Fig.4. Prices trends of Diesel and petrol (YR/lt) (Feb.2015 – Jan.,2016)



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