

A large assortment of groceries is displayed on a dark surface. The items include several loaves of bread (one in a paper bag, others in plastic), a pineapple, a yellow lemon, two heads of broccoli, a head of green lettuce, and various bell peppers in red, yellow, and green. There are also packages of salmon, a bag of white rice, a box of instant noodle cups, a carton of milk, a can of soda, and other packaged food items.

The sugar price index rose 1.4%, as strong sugar crush numbers from Brazil only partly mitigated the effects of rising

energy prices and the prospects of lower sugar production in Thailand due to a severe drought.

The **meat price index**, in contrast, declined by 1.8% in July and averaged 9.2% below its level of July 2019. Pig and bovine meat quotations both fell in the month as global import demand volumes remained below export availabilities, despite the coronavirus-induced disruptions to the industry in key exporting regions.

Poultry meat prices increased, influenced by production cuts in Brazil triggered by high feed costs and concerns over future demand.

The price coverage of the FAO Food Price Index was expanded and rebased in July 2020. The feature article of the latest [Food Outlook](#) explains details on this revision.

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