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## BASIC FOOD INDEX – OCTOBER 2021

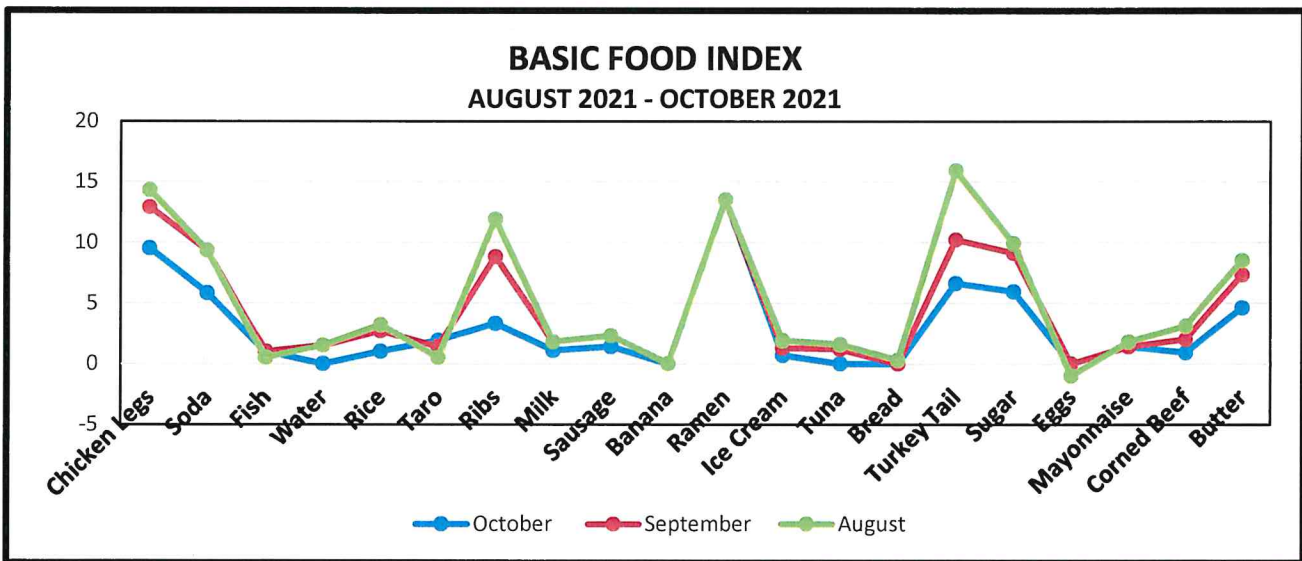
REGISTERED AT 126.7 POINTS – AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF BASIC FOOD BY 4.4%

The monthly Basic Food Index (BFI) in October registered a substantial increase of 4.4% from last month's BFI.

Fifteen out of twenty food commodities contributed to this month's increase of 4.4% except for five food commodities – bottled water, banana, canned tuna, bread and eggs – which remained constant throughout the month of October.

The incline for this month's BFI is due to substantial increase of fifteen food items: turkey tails (6.6%), soft drinks (5.8%), fish (1.0%), rice (1.0%), taro (1.9%), pork spare ribs (3.3%), fresh milk (1.1%), sausage (1.4%), ramen (13.5%), ice cream (0.7%), sugar (5.9%), mayonnaise (1.4%), corned beef (0.9%), and butter (4.6%). The cost of chicken legs increased substantially having the greatest month over price increase of 9.5% for this month.

Seven major food outlets were selected for this monthly survey.



### Samoan Translation:

O leni fua fa'atatau o lo'o fa'atinoina i masina ta'itasi, ua fa'aagaaga lea mo taumafa e vave ona mo'imia ma taualoa mo le fofoga taumafa, ina ia vave ona iloa le si'itia o nei oloa i masina ta'itasi ma po'o a fo'i oloa o lo'o mafua ai nei si'itaga. O le masina o Oketopa na si'itia tau i leni masina. E aofia ai pusa vae moa, apa inu, i'a, alaiasa, talo, pepa susu, pepa sosisi, pepa saimin, aisa kulimi, si'usi'u pipi, suka, fagu mayonnaise, apa pisupo, ribs ma le paka. E fitu ni faleoloa tetele o lo'o fa'aogaina e fa'atino ai leni fua fa'atatau fa'alemasina.

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