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BASIC FOOD INDEX (A SELECTED BASKET OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS) FOR AUGUST 2021 REGISTERED AT 119.4 POINTS: AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF BASIC FOOD BY 1.0%.

The monthly Basic Food Index (BFI) in August rose again for the third consecutive month. Eleven food commodities contributed to this month's increase were: chicken legs, rice, pork spare ribs, ice cream, canned tuna, bread, turkey tail, sugar, mayonnaise, corned beef and butter.

The cost of turkey tails measured the greatest month-over-month price increase of 5.7% for this month followed by the cost of pork spare ribs at 3.1%, chicken legs at 1.4%, butter at 1.2%, corned beef at 1.1% and the rest with minimal increases of less than a percent each.

Only three food commodities decreased in prices: fish at -0.5%, taro at -0.9% and eggs at -1.0%. The rest of the food items not mentioned above remained constant in the month of August 2021.

Seven major food outlets were selected for this monthly survey.

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Samoan Translation:

Fua fa'atatau o mea taumafa iloga ma le vave mo'omia mo le masina o Aukuso, 2021.

O lenei fua fa'atatau o lo'o fa'atinoina i masina ta'itasi, ua fa'aagaaga lea mo taumafa e vave ona mo'omia 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 ne'i si'itaga. O le masina o Aukuso na si'itia ai le tauaofa'i o nei taumafa i le 1.0% mai le masina o Iulai, 2021. E sefulu ma le tasi mea'ai taumafa ua si'itia tau i lenei masina. E aofia ai pauna o si'usi'u pipi, a'ano o manufasi (meatuaolo), apa tuna, pisupo, suka, falaoa, paka ma le fagu mayonnaise. E fitu ni faleoloa tetele o lo'o fa'aogaina e fa'atino ai lenei fua fa'atatau fa'alemasina.