Livestock Price Trends
March 2015

Compared to preceding month, there were drop in the supply and a decline in prices of cattle in most of the major markets reporting across Ethiopia. The average cattle prices remained relatively flat through the month of March, 2015 with slight improvement at end of the month. However, maintained strong price differential by grade although price differences between fat and medium grade animals tightened up by the end of March because of the ending fasting season and onset of holiday particularly in highlands markets.

Based on the new live animal market structure (proclamation) most of the second level live animals markets has received a decline supply particularly in highland markets; Addis Ababa Shegole 79.6 % ↓, Debre Birhan 75 % ↓, Areka 66.4 % ↓, Mekele 18.6 % ↓, Gondar 10.4 % ↓, Negele Borna 3.6 % ↓, Harobeke 3.2 % ↓, while there was an improve supply in Ayssita 25.9 %↑, Babile Somali, 18.1 %↑, Kebri Dar 34.1 %↑, Midaga 18.5 %↑, and Jinka 36 %↑.

The pastoral areas market has mixed trend in terms of price and supply however, the body condition supplied into market continued with lower grade and this can be attributed to scarce of pasture.

The goat market fairly remain stable with slight increase in price however the prices for fat grades of goat and sheep has an increased trends in all the reporting markets compared with other grades. In general the sheep market has a decline price while the supply for both species has slightly improved.

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