Challapata Market Update, 11.11.2014

Price Development

On Sunday 9 November the price for white quinoa was 1220 Bolivianos per quintal (US\$3.95 per kg) Red quinoa closed at 1400 Bolivianos per quintal, equivalent to US\$4.53 per kg. The price for black quinoa was 850 Bolivianos per quintal (US\$2.89).

Prices for white and black quinoa are still low. The price for white quinoa went up only slightly since it reached its lowest price this year at US\$3.67 per kg on 5 October.

For more information about the price development of quinoa, contact us at mercadero.ml



Price development 2014



Please note: The red lines are assumed prices by deriving the average of the known prices in the week before and the week after.



Price Record

Date	Colour	in Bolivianos per quintal (46kg)	in US\$ per kg	Oanda Currency Converter
	white	1,950	6.24	
	red	1,050	3.36	6.7888
5-jan-14	black	1,350	4.32	
	white	1,800	5.82	
	red	1,050	3.39	6.7258
12-jan-14	black	1,350	4.36	
	white	1,950	6.24	
	red	1,300	4.16	6.7906
19-jan-14	black	1,350	4.32	
	white	2,030	6.50	
	red	1,200	3.84	6.7852
26-jan-14	black	1,350	4.33	
	white	2,050	6.56	
	red	1,100	3.52	6.7931
2-feb-14	black	1,350	4.32	
	white	1,800	5.81	
	red	1,000	3.23	6.73
9-feb-14	black	1,000	3.23	
	white	1,500	4.82	
	red	1,050	3.37	6.7718
16-feb-14	black	1,000	3.21	



	white	1,500	4.83	
	red	1,050	3.38	6.7489
23-feb-14	black	1,000	3.22	
	white	1,500	4.82	
	red	1,050	3.38	6.7614
2-march-14	black	1,000	3.22	
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	white	1,350	4.34	
	red	1,100	3.54	6.763
22-march-14	black	1,000	3.21	
	white	1,350	4.33	
	red	1,100	3.53	6.7705
29-march-14	black	1,000	3.21	
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	white	1,370	4.40	
	red	1,300	4.17	6.7746
5-apr-14	black	1,000	3.21	
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	white	1,350	4.34	
	red	1,250	4.02	6.7615
12-apr-14	black	1,250	4.02	
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	white	1,350	4.33	
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19-apr-14	black	1,250	4.01	



	white	1,520	4.89	
	red	1,500	4.83	6.7559
3-may-2014				
	black	1,250	4.02	
	white	1,750	5.60	
	red	1,500	4.80	6.793
10-may-2014	black	1,250	4.00	
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	white	1,800	5.80	
	red	1,500	4.83	6.747
17-may-2014	black	1,250	4.03	
	white	1,600	5.14	
	red	1,500	4.82	6.767
24-may-2014	black	1,250	4.02	
	white	1,650	5.30	
	red	1,500	4.82	6.76
31-may-2014	black	1,250	4.02	

	red	1,600	5.15	6.7487
7-june-2014	black	1,000	3.22	
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	white	1,750	5.63	
	red	1,600	5.15	6.7549
14-june-2014	black	1,000	3.22	
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	white	1,750	5.62	
	red	1,600	5.14	6.7673
21-june-14	black	1,000	3.21	

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	white	1,750	5.62	
28 June 2014	red	1,600	5.14	6.7635
	black	1,000	3.21	
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	white	1,750	5.62	
6 July 2014	red	1,600	5.14	6.7631
	black	1,000	3.21	
	white	1,500	4.82	
13 July 2014	red	1,500	4.82	6.7628
	black	1,000	3.21	
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	white	1,500	4.82	
20 July 2014	red	1,500	4.82	6.7616
	black	1,000	3.21	
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	white	1,500	4.82	
27 July 2014	red	1,600	5.14	6.7672
	black	1,000	3.21	
	white	1,500	4.82	
3 August 2014	red	1,600	5.14	6.7606
	black	1,000	3.21	
	white	1,500	4.82	
10 August 2014	red	1,550	4.98	6.7612
	black	900	2.89	
	white	1,500	4.82	
17 August 2014	red	1,600	5.14	6.7611
	black	900	2.89	

24 August 2014	white	1,550	4.98	
	red	1,600	5.14	6.7596
	black		2.80	
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31 August 2014	white	1,600	5.13	
	red	1,600	5.14	6.7864
	black	900	2.89	
7-sep-14	white	1,550	4.99	
	red	1,550	4.99	6.7575
	black	900	2.90	
14-sep-14	white	1,450	4.68	
	red	1,500	4.84	6.7358
	black	900	2.90	
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21-sep-14	white	1,450	4.65	
	red	1,400	4.49	6.7729
	black	900	2.89	
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28-sep-14	white	1,450	4.65	
	red	1,400	4.49	6.7845
	black	900	2.88	
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5-okt-14	white	1,150	3.67	
	red	1,300	4.15 2.87	6.8081
	black	900	2.07	
12-okt14	white	1,150	3.69	
12-08114	red	1,300	4.17	6.7732
	black	900	2.89	0.7732
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19-okt-14	white	1,250	4.02	
	red	1,400	4.51	6.7526
	black	800	2.90	5520
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26-okt-14	white	1,230	3.97	
	red	1,400	4.51	6.7426
	black	850	2.58	
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2-nov-14	white	1,220	3.91	
	red	1,400	4.49	6.7822
	black	850	2.72	
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9-nov-14	white	1,220	3.95	
	red	1,400	4.53	6.7152
	black	850	2.75	

The Meaning of the Challapata Price

The price figures below give an insight into the market price for Bolivian quinoa as it is determined weekly on the Challapata market in the Bolivian Southern Altiplano. Challapata is the main national open market for quinoa, named "Quinoa Wallstreet" for the consequences its price setting dynamics have on international trade. Every week, producers and traders from all over the country come to the small town to buy and sell quinoa. The price for which the grain is traded is decided weekly and can raise or drop within the day. The Challapata price is determined by supply and demand. It is so important since it is the benchmark for most exporting companies and associations. The price politics of most companies take the Challapata price as a basis and then adds 50, 60 or 100 Bolivianos extra.

At Mercadero, we update the Challapata price every week and explain why the price moves in a certain direction. The price refers to coventional guinoa.



Picture: Women trading in Challapata, March 2013; A. Gabriel

