# **Burning Economic Issues**

- Q2 GDP growth slows to 1.5% from 1.95% in Q1
  - Agric. Sector growth falls sharply to 1.3% from 3% in Q1
- Brent down 0.13% to \$76.11pb on higher OPEC production
- Nigeria's oil exports set to increase by 22% to 1.71mbpd in October
- Naira depreciates 0.27% to N361/\$ at parallel market
- On-grid power up 4.3% to 3,642 MW/hour
- Diesel Price (retail) flat at N225/litre



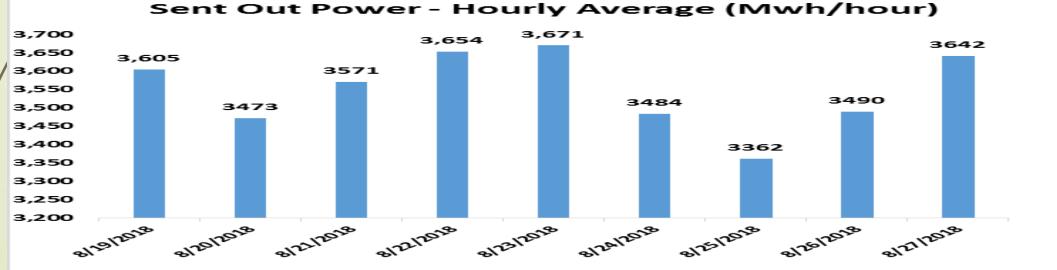


 Increased oil exports is dollar and fiscal revenue positive

- BAD NEWS!
- FG's FY'18 growth target of 3.5% now unlikely
- Tepid pace of GDP growth is a cause for concern for policymakers



Power Sector	State	Temperature				
	Abuja	24°C				
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kano	27°C				
• Average power output: 3,642 MW/h (up by 152MW/h)	Lagos	27°C				
• Gas constraint stood at 1,722.5MW while grid constraint was at 1,998.5MW. No						
water constraint						
Naira equivalent of power loss: N1.79 billion (annualized at N653.35 billion)						





### **Domestic Commodities Price Movement**

#### Relatively Elastic Goods

Commodities	Current Prices	Previous Month Prices	Directional Change	1-Year Low	1-Year High
Palm Oil (25l)	N12, 500	N10,000		N6,000	N25,000
Semovita (10kg)	N2,900	N2,800		N1,800	N3,500
Old Yam (large tuber)	N1,900	N1,900		N400	N1,900
Sugar (50kg)	N14,900	N14,900		N8,000	N20,000



### **Domestic Commodities Price Movement**

#### Relatively Inelastic Goods

Co	ommodities		Current Prices	Previous Month Prices	Directional Change	1-Year Low	1-Year High
Ga	rri (50kg) Yellow		N7,500	N7,500		N7,000	N16,000
Rie	ce (50kg)		N16,000	N15,500		N13,000	N22,000
Flo	our (50kg)	FLOUR	N11,000	N11,000		N8,500	N11,000
Be	ans (Oloyin)(50kg)		N27,000	N27,000	$\langle \rangle$	N12,000	N34,000
Ce	ment (50kg)		N2,550	N2,550		N1,400	N2,700
То	matoes (50kg)		N20,000	N12,000		N8,000	N20,000



## **Consumer Goods – Current price**

Goods	Street price	Supermarket price	% difference
Pepsi (50cl)	N120	N100	20%
Beer (60cl)	N260	N300	-15.30%
Bread Loaf	N350	N400	-12.5%
Indomie (1 carton)	N1,900	N2,100	-15.5%
Gala (big size)	N100	N100	0%

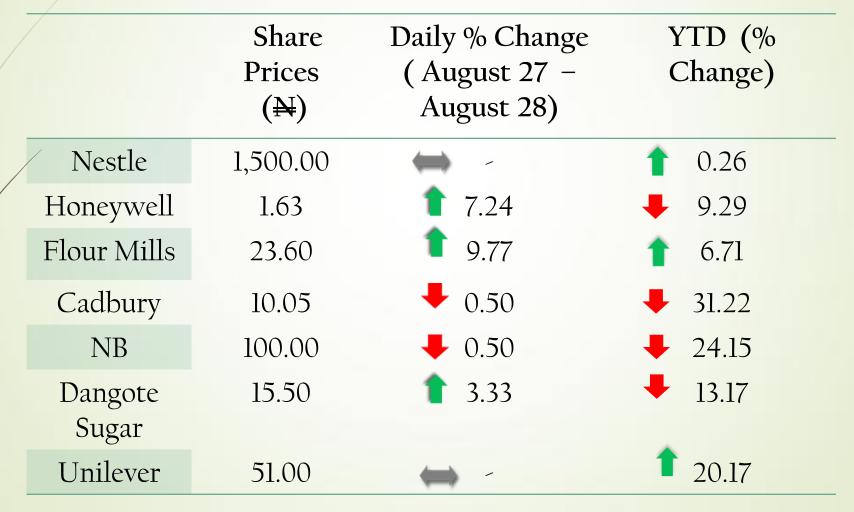
Domestic food prices remain flat



#### **Stock Market**

• NSE ASI **1** 0.58% to 35,516.21 on August 28<sup>th</sup>

•Consumer goods sub index 1 0.24% to 824.35pts







# Tasteful delight



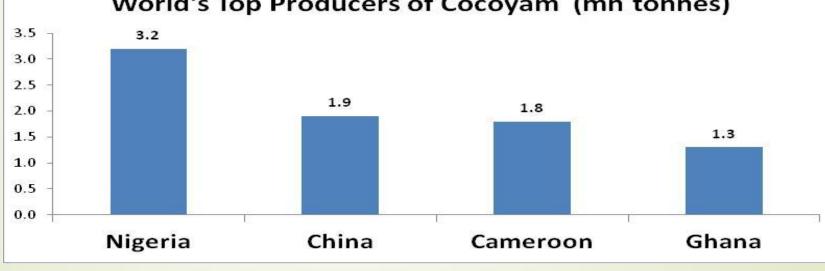


# **Commodity in Focus - Cocoyam**



•Total global production: 10.6mn tonnes (\$2.12bn)

- •World's top producers: Nigeria, China, Cameroon
- •World's top consumers: N Nigeria, 🛨 Ghana, 📩 Cameroon
- •Uses (tubers): boiled, fried, cocoyam flour, cocoyam fufu, animal feed
- •Uses (leaves): cooked as vegetable soup



#### World's Top Producers of Cocoyam (mn tonnes)



Source: FAOSTAT, FDC Think Tank

# **Cocoyam Production in Nigeria**

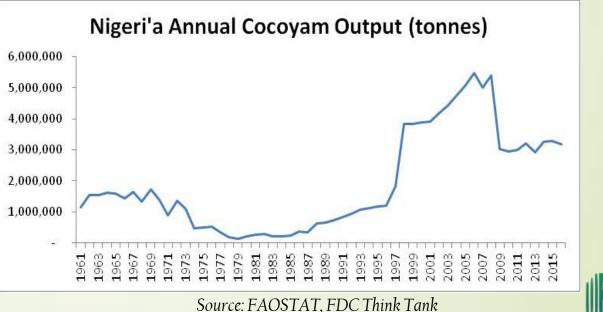
•Total output: 3.2mn tonnes (\$640mn), 30% of total global production

•Rank (Global): 1st

• Mostly consumed by the lower and working class

•Potential output: 5mn tonnes

•Major producing states: Ebonyi, Ondo, Cross River



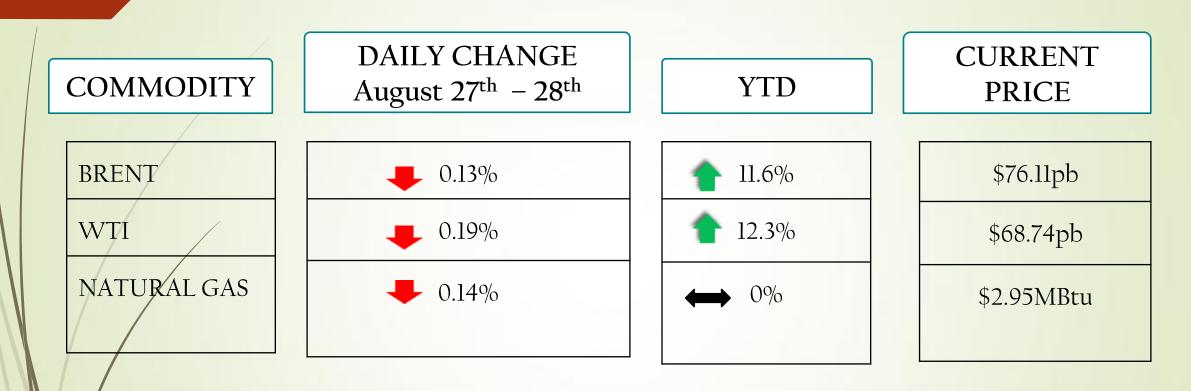


#### **Oil Prices**

- Brent crude down 0.13% to \$76.11pb
- On higher OPEC production and concerns a protracted US-China trade war would dampen global growth
- Declining US rig count and lower US oil inventories offset losses
- OPEC & non-OPEC members set to hold conference call this week to discuss output deal

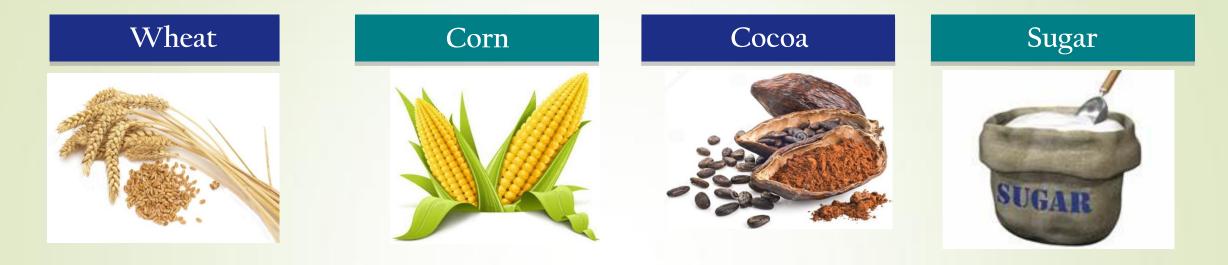


### **Oil Markets Today**





# **Agricultural Commodities**



•Wheat prices dipped by 0.84% to \$5.37/bushel

•On weak global demand •Corn prices down by 1.03% to \$3.78bushel

•As investors monetize gains from last week's rally •Cocoa prices increased by 1.16% to \$2,364/MT

 Partly due to expectations of weak Nigerian production •Sugar prices rose by 1.09% to 0.1023/pound

On bargain-hunting activities

# **OUTLOOK – Oil Prices**

- Concerns over weak global growth would continue to weigh on prices
  - Global oil market set to tighten considerably when US sanctions on Iran take effect in November
  - This would push up oil prices significantly



**OUTLOOK – Agricultural Prices** 

GRAINS • Weather conditions in top producers to influence prices

SOFTS Sugar

• Combination of weak demand and excess supply to depress prices

Cocoa

 Higher production from Ivory Coast & Ghana likely to weigh on the market

