Inflation Report November 2025

Nigeria's Inflation drops to 14.45% in November 2025: Inflation Continues its Disinflationary Streak

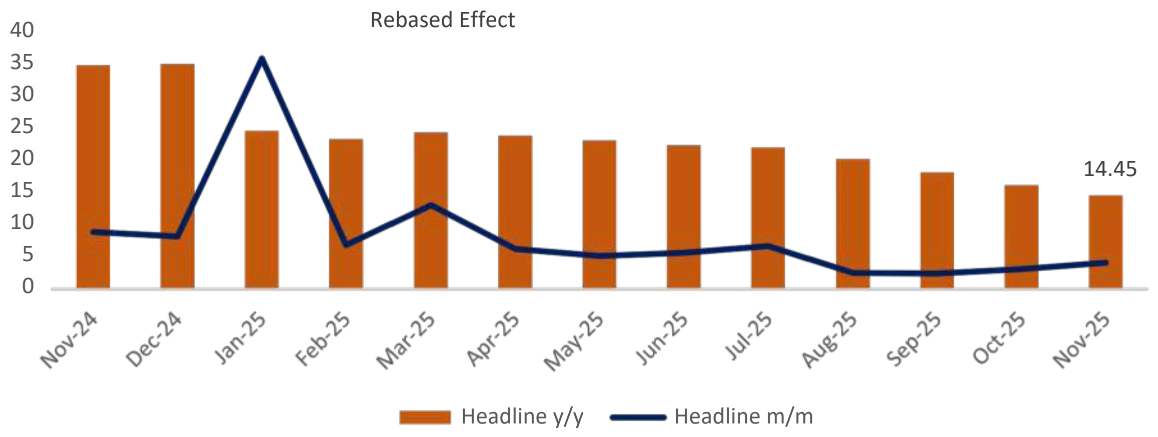
The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) reported that Nigeria's headline inflation rate decreased by **160 basis points** to **14.45%** year-on-year (y/y) in November 2025, down from **16.05%** y/y in October 2025, reflecting a moderation of 1.60%

MONTH	HEADLINE INFLATION	FOOD INFLATION	CORE INFLATION
October	16.05 %	13.12 %	18.69 %
November	14.45% ▼	11.08% ▼	18.04% ▼

This marks the **eighth consecutive** month of easing and underscores an ongoing slowdown in price pressures. Year-on-Year, the rate fell 20.15 basis points below November 2024's 34.60%, reflecting substantial relief from prior inflationary peaks. Additionally, food inflation eased to 11.08% y/y (down from 39.93% in November 2024), while core inflation stood at 18.04% y/y (down from 28.75% in November 2024).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) edged up to 130.5 points in November from 128.9 the previous month, signaling a modest 1.6-point rise in overall price levels. Month-on-month inflation rose slightly to 1.22%, up from October's 0.93%, indicating that while prices advanced, the broader annual rate of increase continued to decelerate significantly. On a month-on-month basis, food inflation was 1.13% (up from -0.37% in October), and core inflation was 1.28% (down from 1.42% in October)

Figure 1: Nigeria Inflation Rate



Source: NBS, Certari Research

Nigeria's food inflation rate declined to 11.08% year-on-year in November 2025 from 39.93% in November 2024, reflecting a sharp moderation driven mainly by CPI rebasing, which improved trend measurement, and the impact of the ongoing harvest season. On a month-on-month basis, food prices increased by 1.13%, compared with a contraction of 0.37% in October, signaling a shift from price declines to mild increases. This was influenced by mixed price movements in items such as onions, selected fruits, vegetables, and meats, even as prices of major staples remained relatively subdued. The 12-month average food inflation rate for the period ending November 2025 stood at 20.80%, down from 38.12% a year earlier, underscoring a sustained easing in food price pressures.

Nigeria's core inflation rate—which excludes volatile agricultural and energy components—eased to 18.04% year-on-year in November 2025 from 28.75% in the same period of 2024. Month-on-month core inflation moderated slightly to 1.28% from 1.42% in October. The 12-month average ending November 2025 was about 21.50%, lower than the previous year's level, pointing to gradual stabilization in underlying inflation. This trend continues to reflect the effects of CPI rebasing alongside moderating non-food and non-energy cost pressures.

Despite the broader disinflationary trend, imported food inflation rose to 3.3% month-on-month in November 2025, up from 1.28% in October. This divergence suggests that external cost pressures remain elevated, particularly along the import value chain, driven by logistics costs and delays in the pass-through of exchange rate improvements to retail prices.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR INVESTORS

Nigeria's headline inflation eased to 14.45% YoY in November 2025, marking eight consecutive months of decline and raising expectations for CBN interest rate reductions in February 2026. Lower rates could reduce borrowing expenses, fuel gains in bonds, and benefit fixed-income portfolios as the yield curve steepens.

The economy shows divergence: food inflation fell sharply to 11.08% YoY, providing uplift for agricultural and consumer goods stocks, while elevated core inflation at 18.04% pressures services, potentially eroding broader market valuations and profit margins in non-resource industries.

Looking back at November MPC's decision to maintain rates, the CBN signals readiness for gradual easing to support naira stability and economic rebound. Investors may find value in growth-focused sectors, but should limit exposure to import-dependent areas given ongoing global commodity fluctuations.

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