



Paddy production in the 2024 Yala season is estimated to be 2.02 million metric tons which is an 11.4% increase from the previous Yala season.

2024 Sep/Oct Performance

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Domestic sugar production surged by 41.1% in September 2024, while global sugar prices showed a slight increase in October 2024.

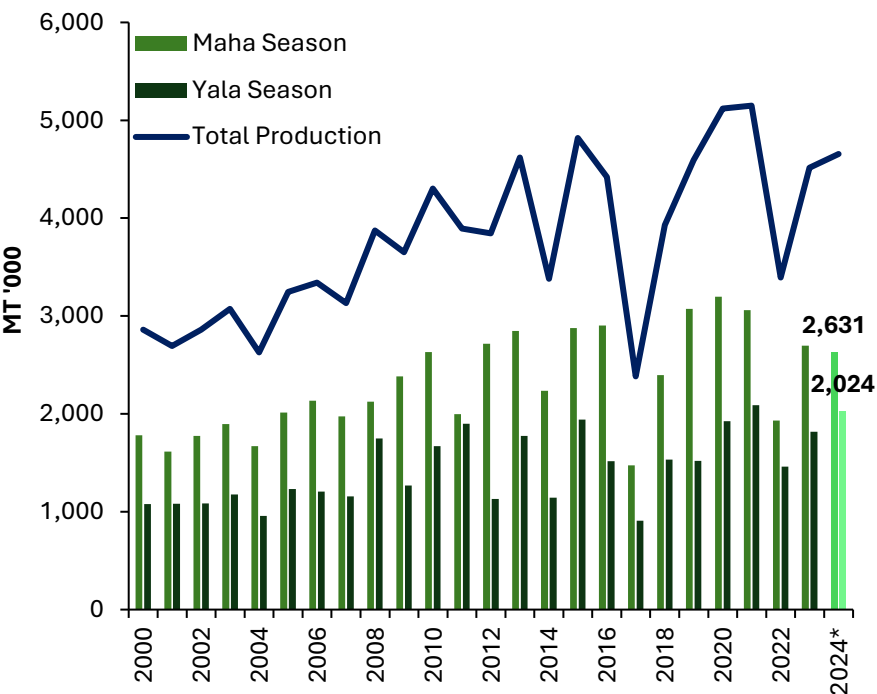
Domestic tea production increased by 28.9% in September 2024. Meanwhile, global tea prices experienced a decline in October 2024 compared to the previous month but remained at elevated levels.

Local rubber production grew by 3.2% in September 2024. Meanwhile, global rubber prices saw a slight decline in October 2024, following an upward trend in previous months.

Coconut production experienced a significant decline of 17.8% in September 2024.



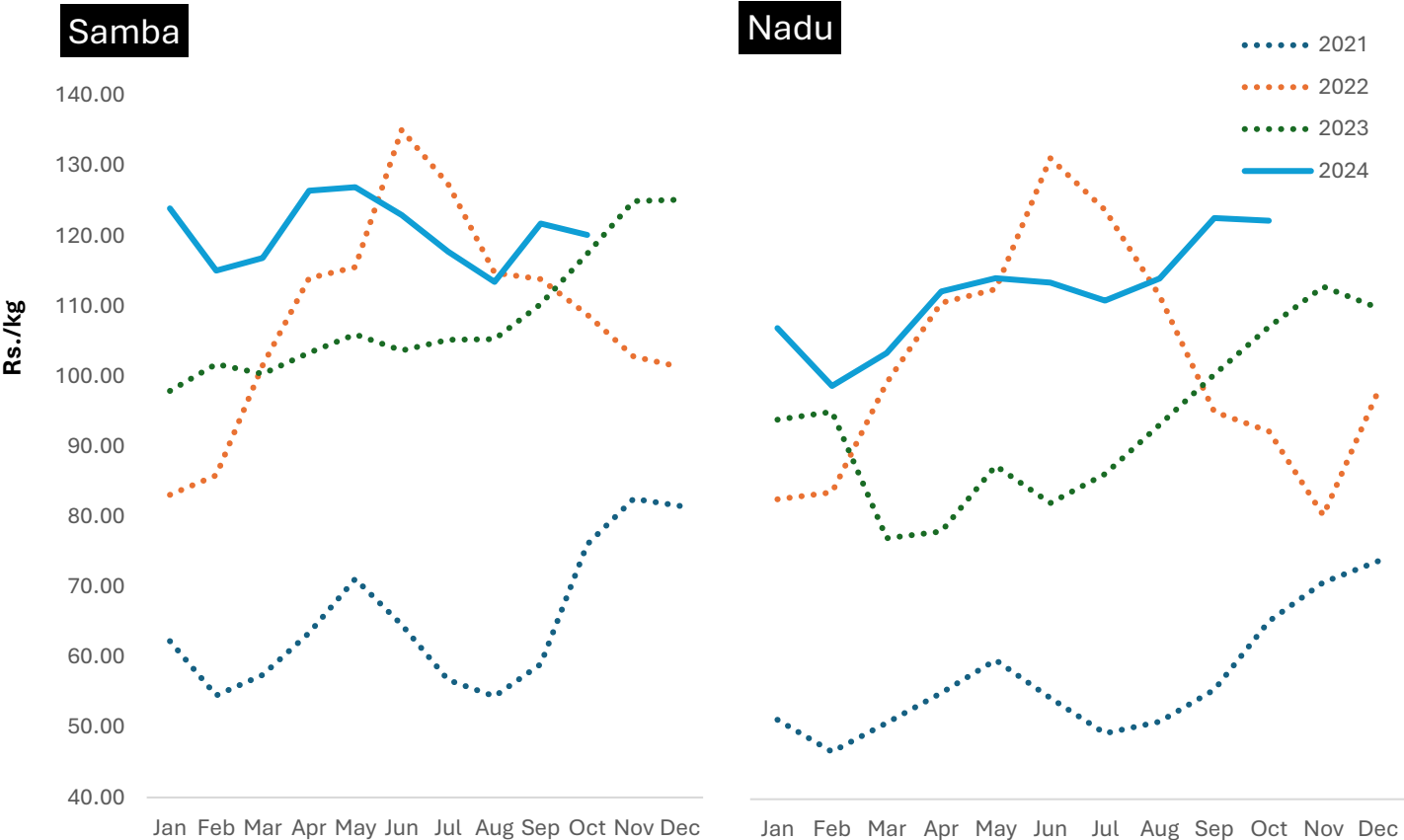
Paddy Production



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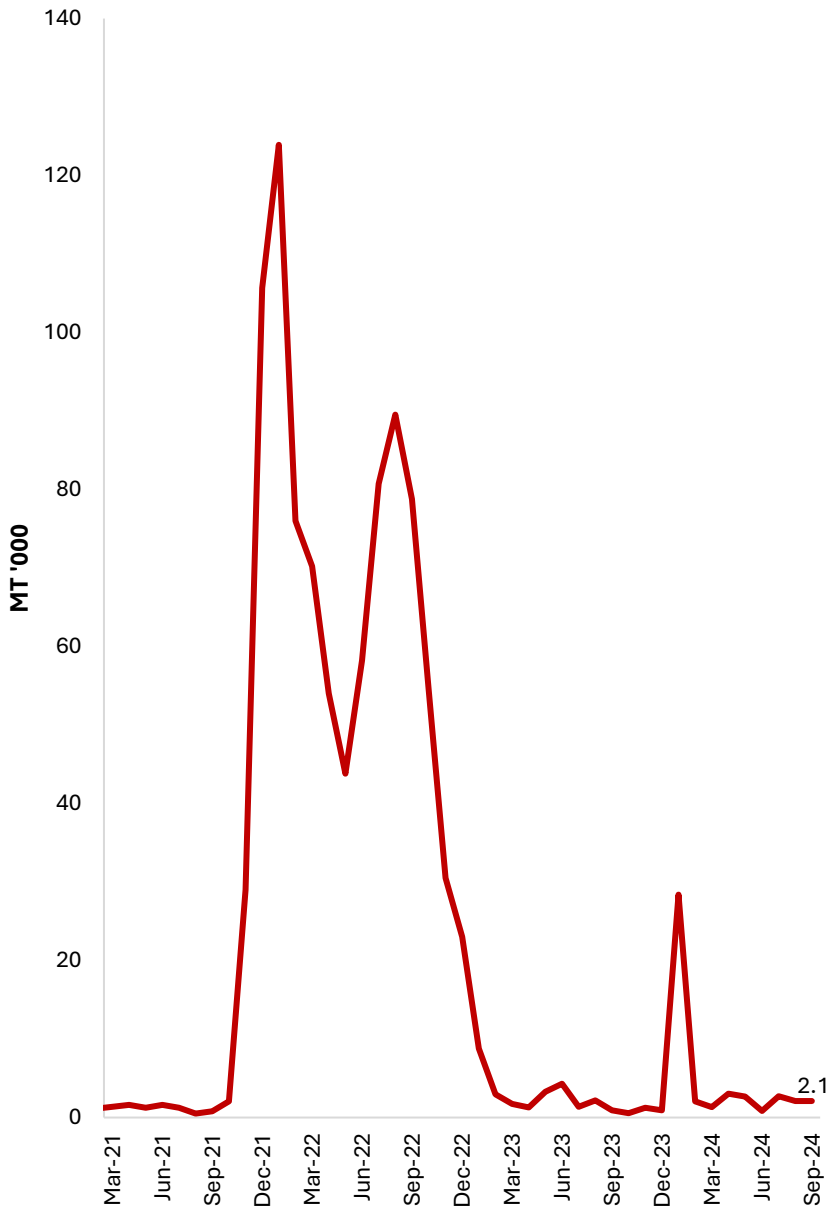
Season	2022 (mn mt)	2023 (mn mt)	Growth (%)	Rice Availability (mn mt) (Without imports)
Maha	1.93	2.70	39.6	1.65
Yala	1.46	1.82	24.3	1.11
Annual	3.39	4.51	33.0	2.76

Paddy Prices



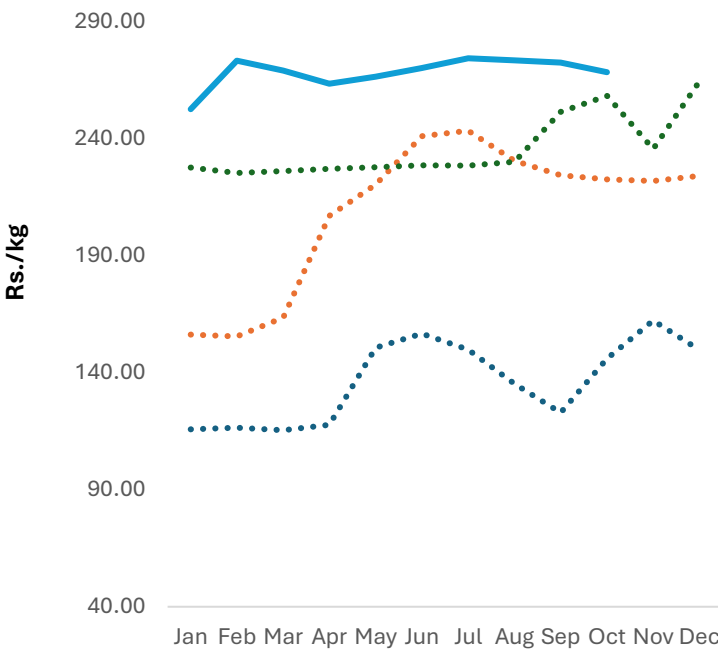
- The DoA's paddy production forecast for the 2023/2024 Maha season, based on the sown extent reported as of end March 2024, stands at **2.63 million metric tons (2.4% decline from the previous Maha season)**.
- Paddy production forecast for the 2024 Yala season, based on the sown extent reported as of end September 2024, is **2.02 million metric tons (11.4% increase from the previous Yala season)**.

Rice Imports

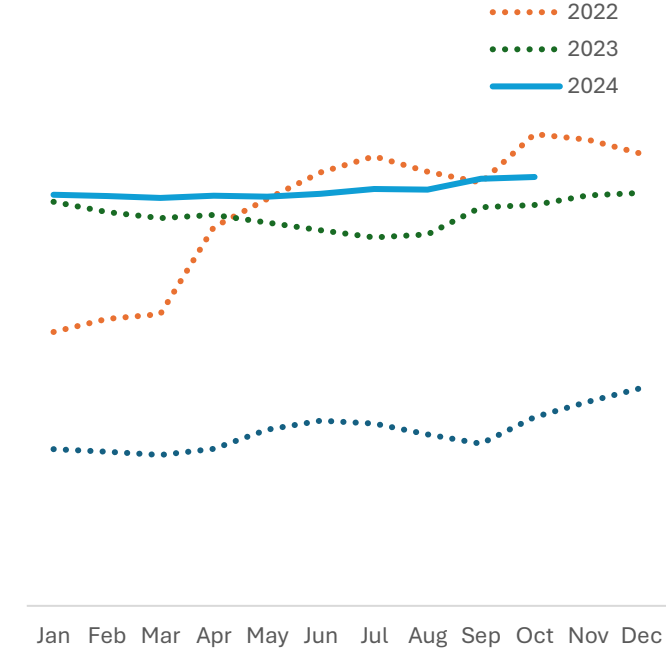


Rice Prices

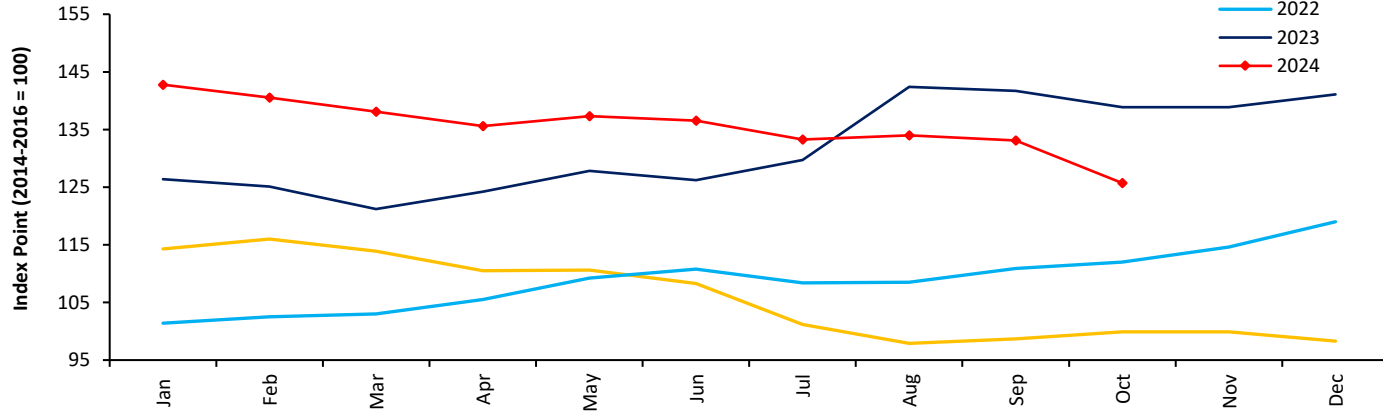
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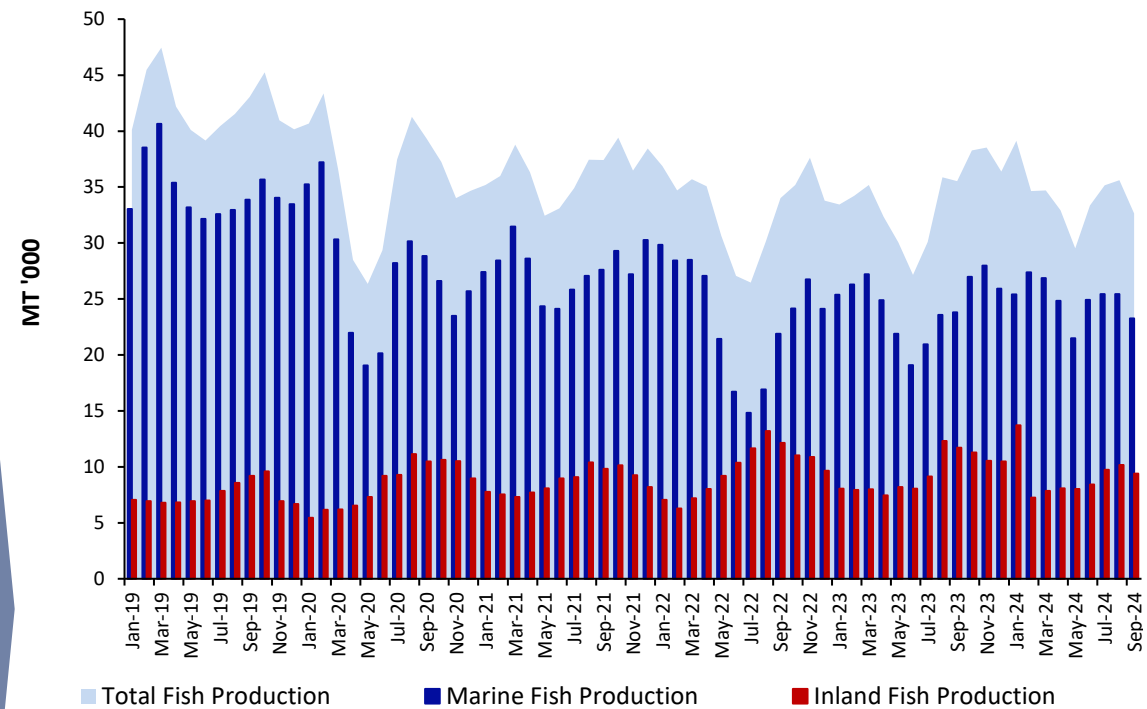
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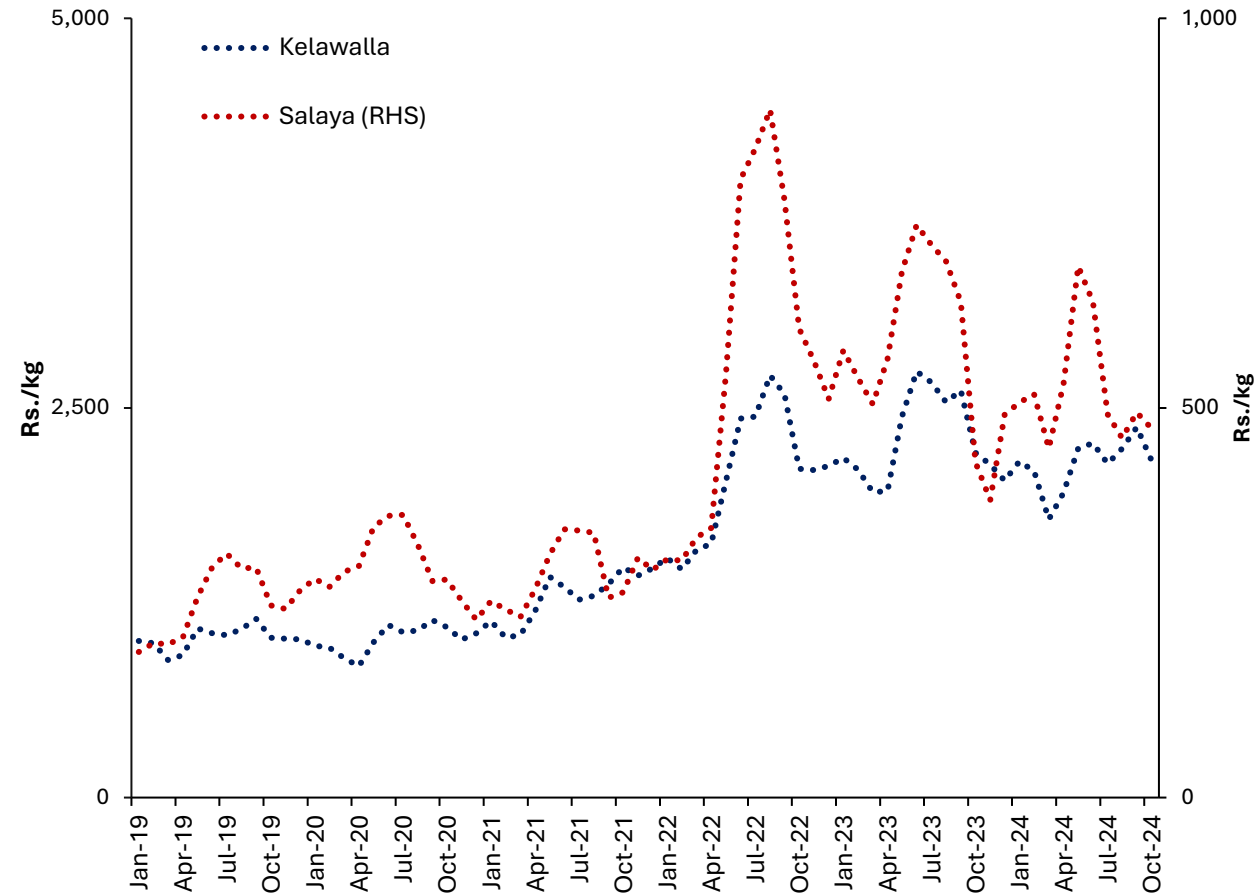


Fish Production



Production (MT '000)	2022	2023	2023 Jan-Sep	2024 Jan-Sep
Marine	281	294	213	225
Inland	117	113	81	83
Total	397	407	294	308

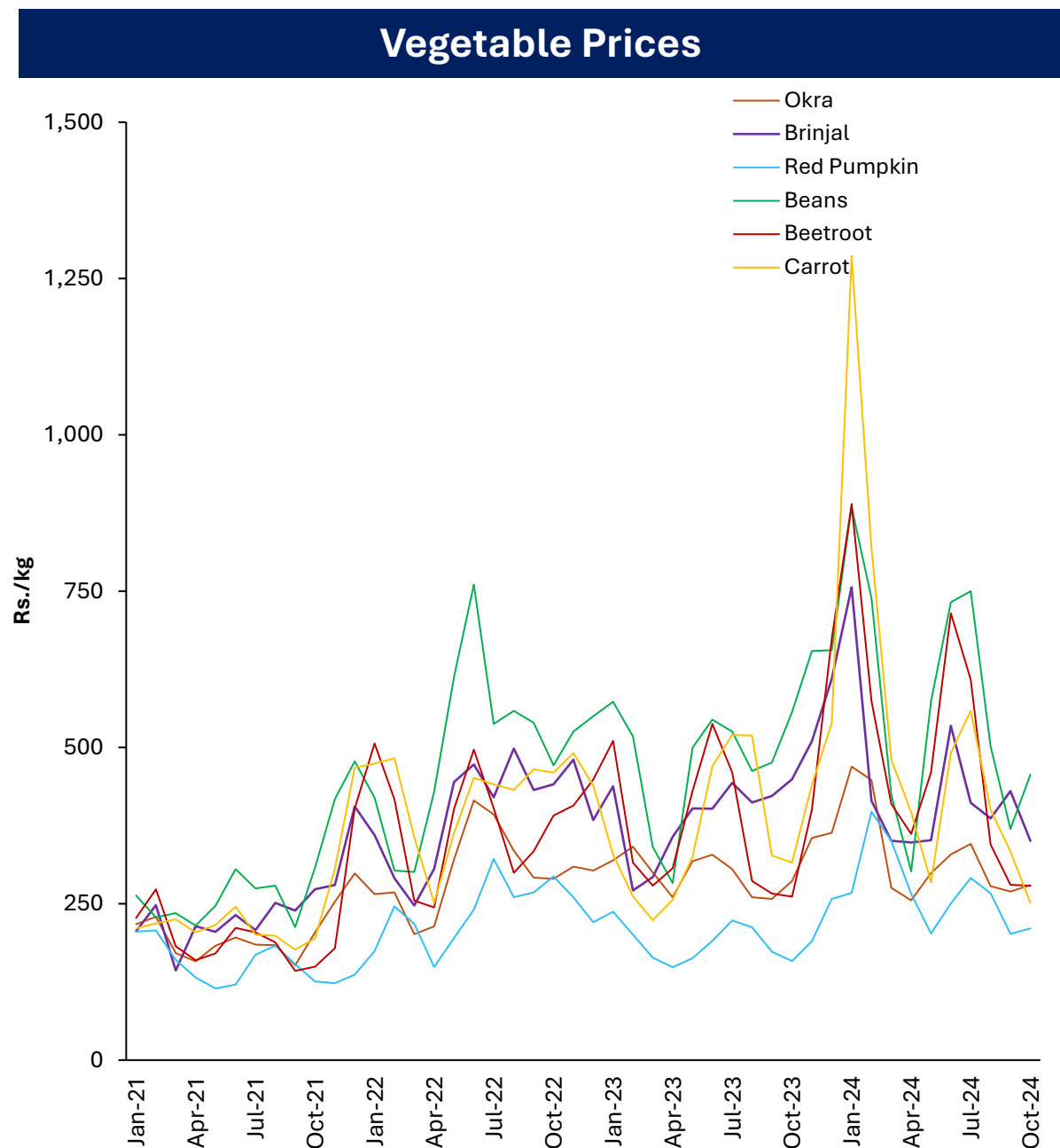
Fish Prices



Fish production decreased by **8.1%** (y-o-y) in September 2024, largely driven by inland fishing activities.

Vegetable Production (MT)					
	2022 Yala	2022/23 Maha	2023 Yala	2023/24 Maha*	2023/24 Yala*
Up Country					
Tomatoes	47,425	46,244	34,169	34,862	42,480
Cabbage	67,069	52,310	47,773	50,193	47,301
Carrot	40,806	40,084	25,267	38,991	36,815
Beetroot	15,580	17,178	21,444	14,337	15,592
Raddish	38,506	26,955	27,557	25,126	24,181
Beans	33,929	41,139	25,287	35,275	30,516
Low Country					
Luffa	19,288	24,852	18,417	14,005	15,182
Okra	36,181	38,984	31,351	32,925	31,594
Brinjal	61,628	80,637	54,450	60,052	56,445
Cucumber	15,959	21,013	26,603	15,781	20,939
Red pumpkin	44,249	59,163	41,779	42,833	58,582
Ash plantain	24,926	35,369	22,833	5,374	5,380
Long bean	30,735	35,395	27,456	33,694	37,785

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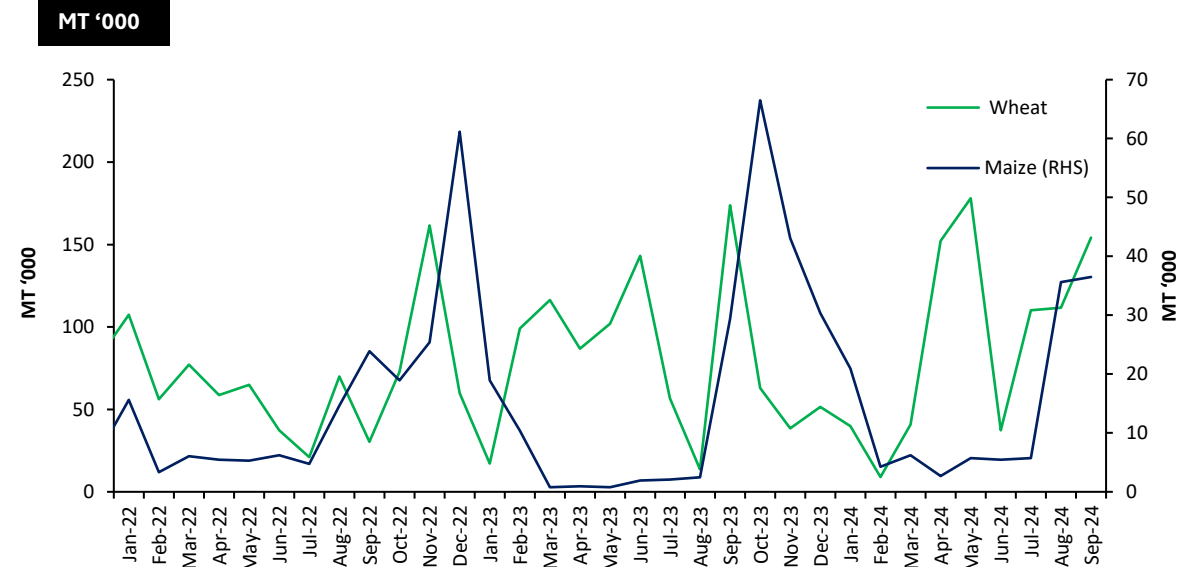
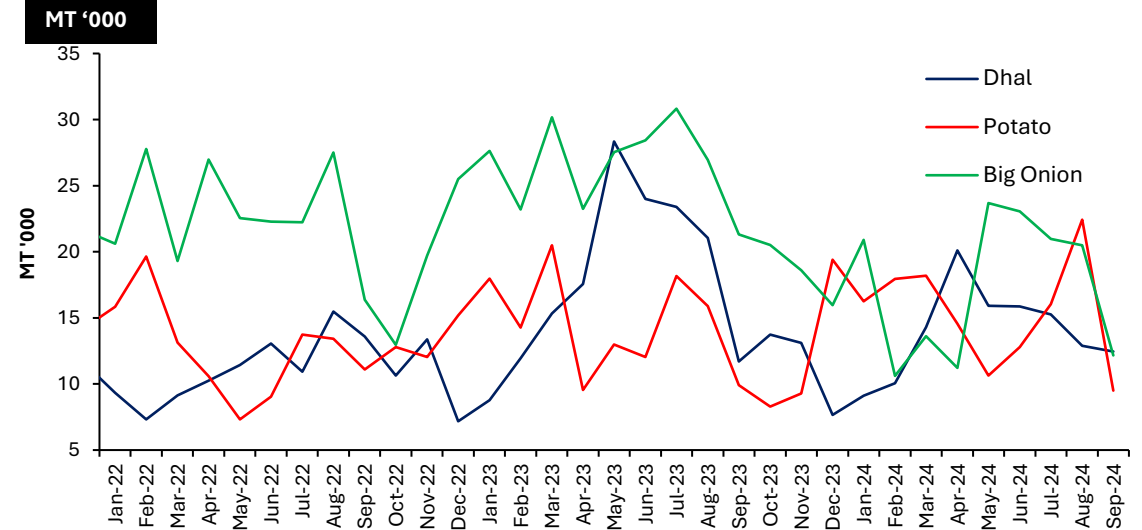
Other Field Crops

	2022 Yala	2022/23 Maha	2023 Yala	2023/24 Maha*	2023/24 Yala*
Potato	27,764	19,723	21,026	21,852	21,158
Red Onion	19,565	26,673	22,678	29,190	29,966
Big Onion	17,164	329	4,755	76	21,875
Green Chillie	27,316	42,270	25,128	36,096	36,419
Cowpea	6,976	7,022	5,779	8,570	5,678
Black gram	2,632	8,346	1,437	11,072	4,075
Maize	22,112	198,601	22,647	298,985	38,011
Ground Nut	11,204	19,014	10,666	21,647	17,515
Gingelly	7,742	2,701	8,651	1,343	4,489
Green gram	6,757	6,940	5,514	5,621	16,093

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Imports	2022	2023	2023 Jan - Sep	2024 Jan - Sep
Dhal	131,711	196,601	162,094	125,911
Potato	153,827	168,184	131,234	138,332
Big Onion	263,781	294,386	293,305	156,715

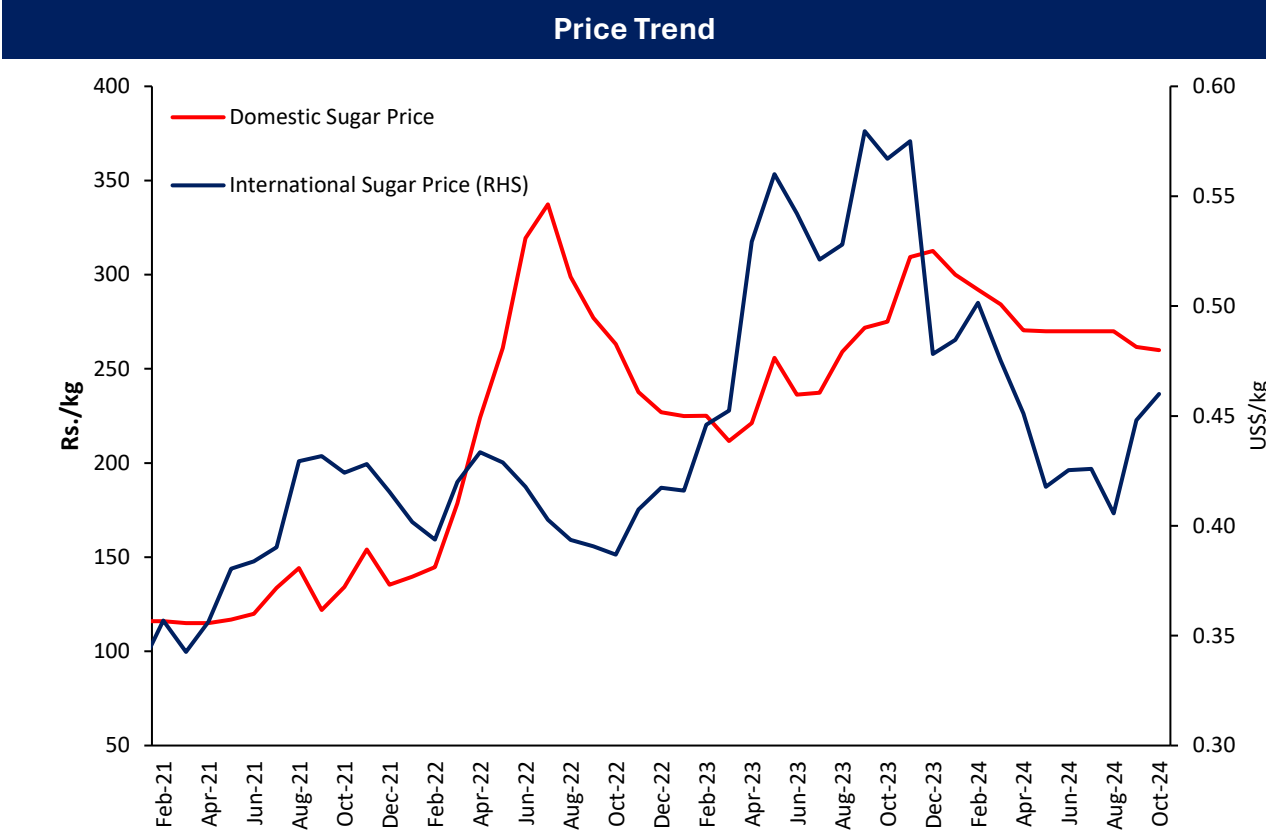
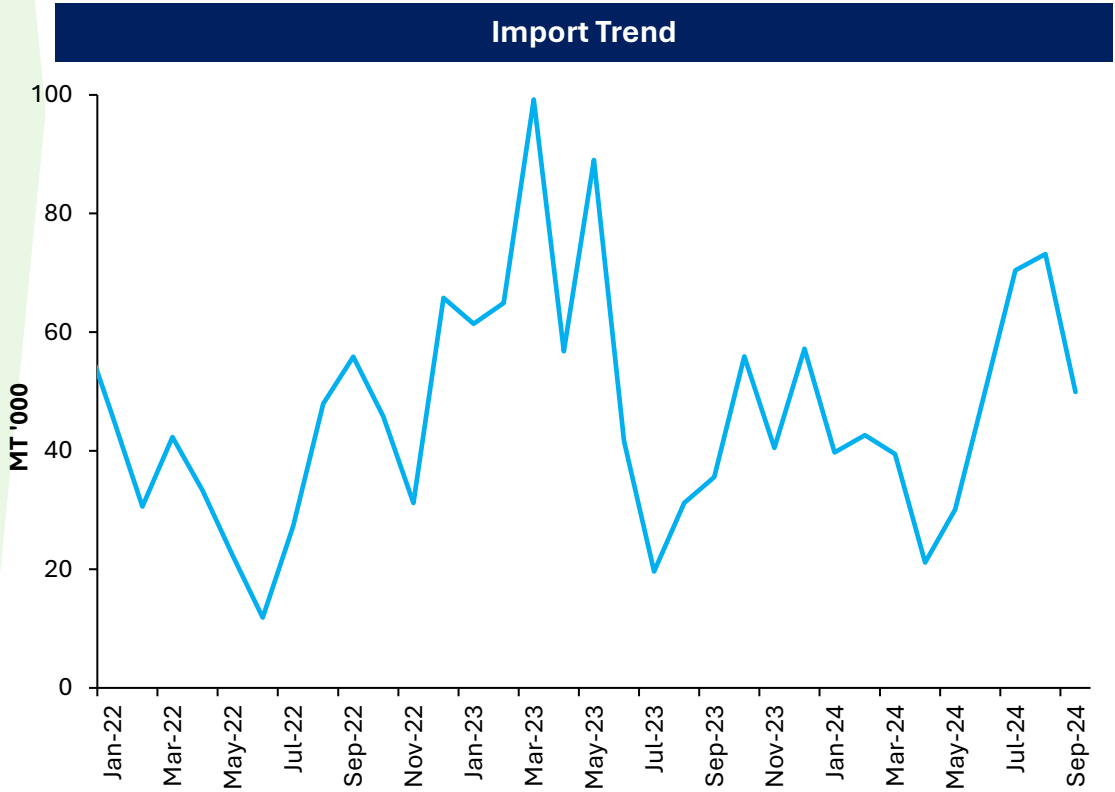
Import Trend of Selected Food Items



Sources: Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka Customs

Sugar

	2023 Jan-Sep	2024 Jan-Sep
Sugar Production (MT)	62,458	74,970
Sugar Imports (MT)	499,327	416,647



- Domestic Sugar production increased by **41.1% (y-o-y)** during the month of September 2024.
- International sugar prices experienced a slight increase in October, driven by concerns over Brazil's production outlook, with gains moderated by improved weather later in the month and the weakening of the Brazilian real against the US dollar.

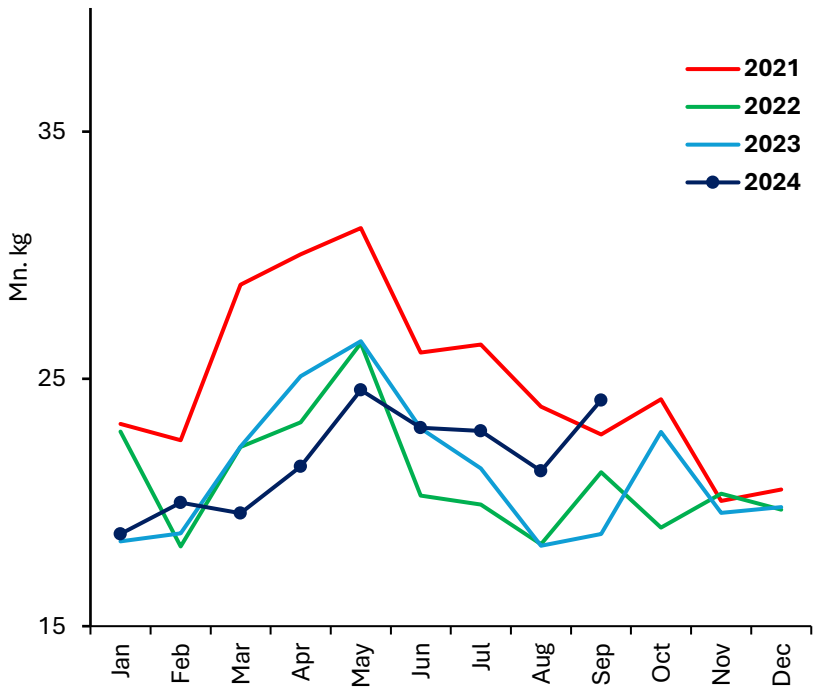
Livestock

	2023 Jul	2024 Jun	2024 Jul
Production	Egg (mn)	172	236
	Chicken (000 MT)	19	22
Price	Egg-White (Rs./egg)	44.00	48.13
	Egg - Red (Rs./egg)	46.00	50.19
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	1442.50	1151.77
Cost of Production	Egg (Rs./egg)	30.91-36.08	32.36-35.62
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	936.27	767.72

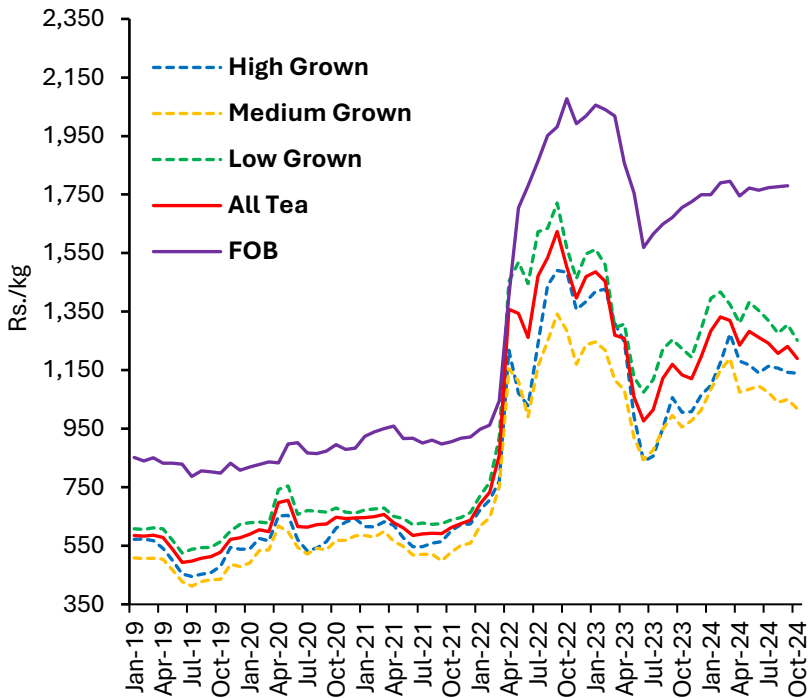
Feed Ingredients (Rs./kg)	2023 Jul	2024 Jun	2024 Jul
Maize	n.a	193.13	183.75
Soya bean meal	246.36	234.25	235.21
Fish meal	425.00	337.50-430.00	312.50-530.00
Rice polish	80.13	125.79	119.58
Rice bran	115.00	63.75	63.75

Tea

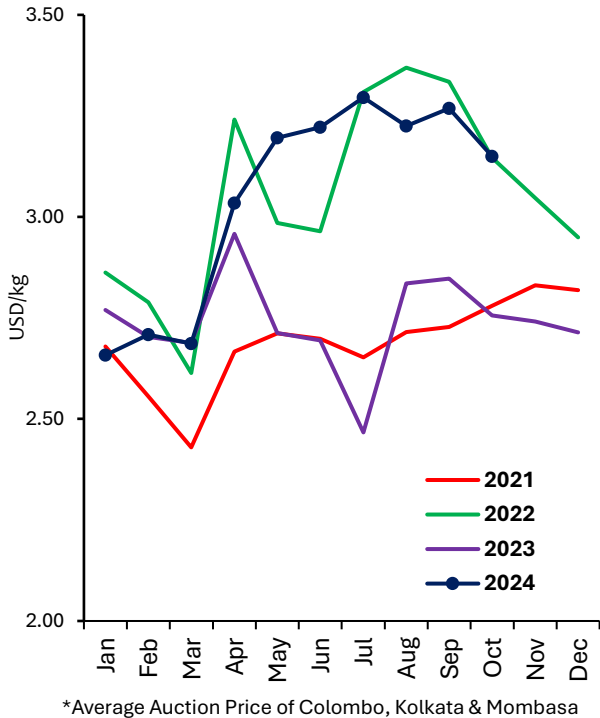
Tea Production



Tea Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Tea Prices



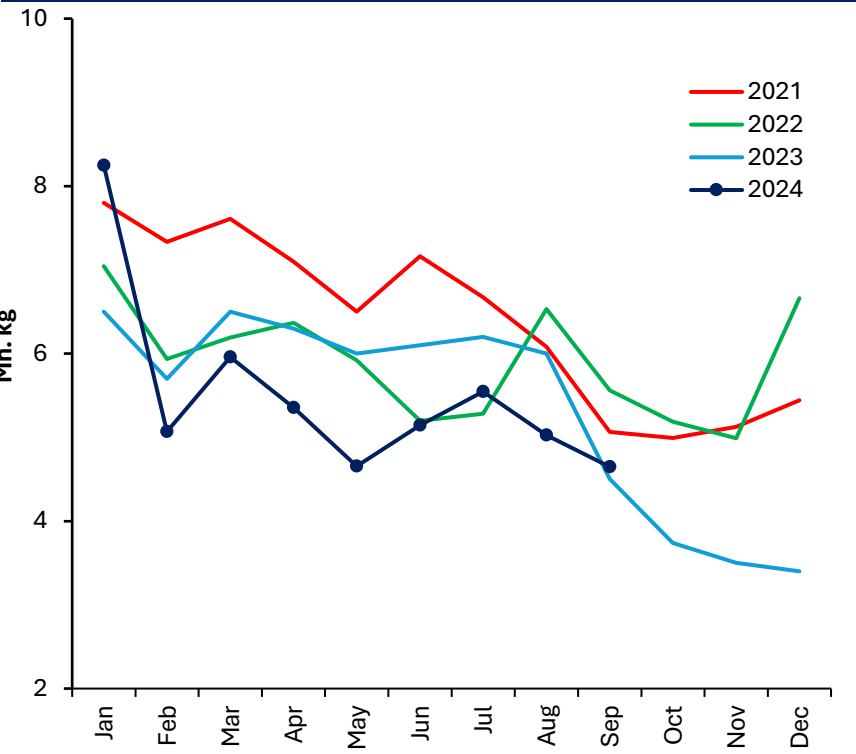
*Average Auction Price of Colombo, Kolkata & Mombasa

Tea Production (mn kg)	2023	2023 Jan-Sep	2024 Jan-Sep	Growth %
High grown	58.0	44.7	42.5	(4.9)
Medium grown	42.2	32.0	34.4	7.8
Low grown	154.5	115.7	118.7	2.5
Total	254.7	192.4	195.6	1.7

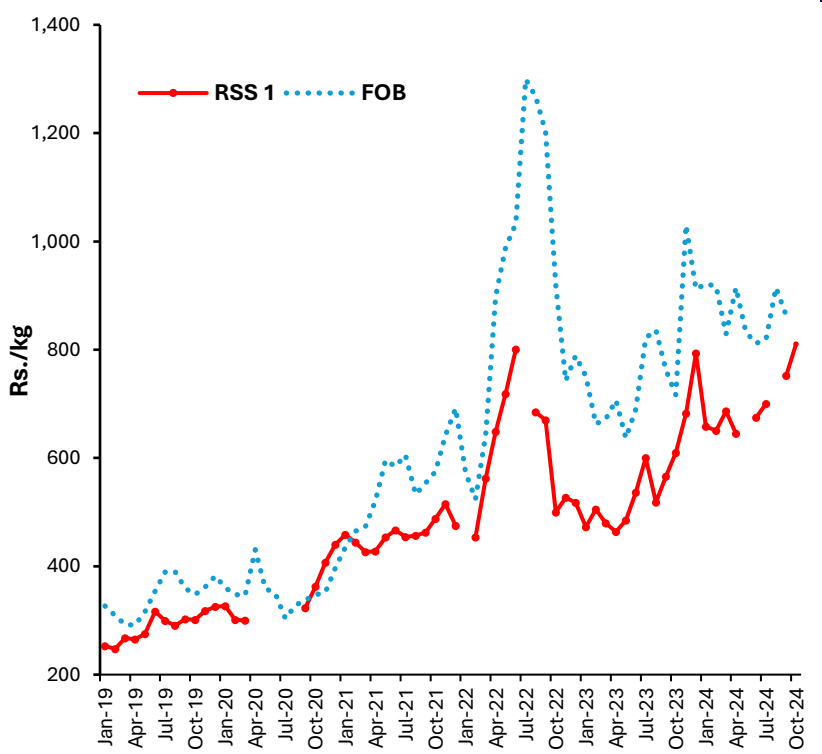
- Domestic tea production increased by **28.9%** (y-o-y) during the month of September 2024.
- Global tea prices declined in October 2024 compared to the previous month, with all three major auctions Kolkata, Mombasa, and Colombo reporting lower average prices.

Rubber

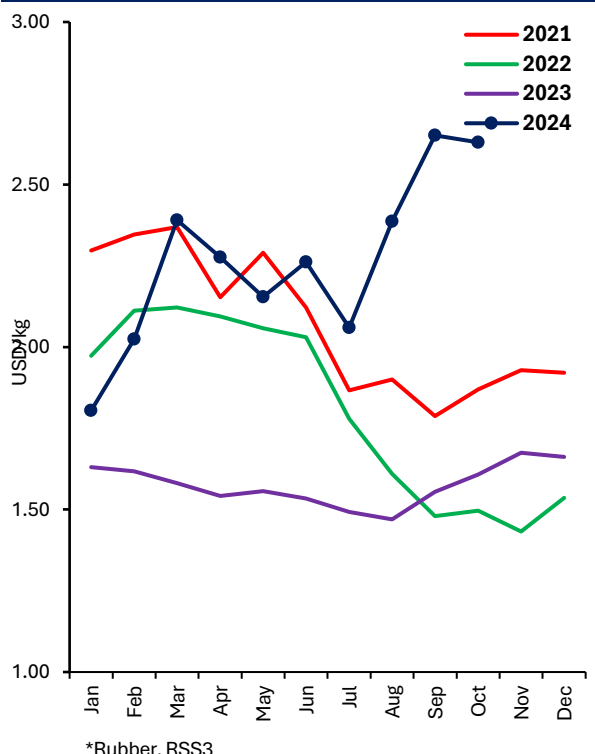
Rubber Production



Rubber Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Rubber Prices



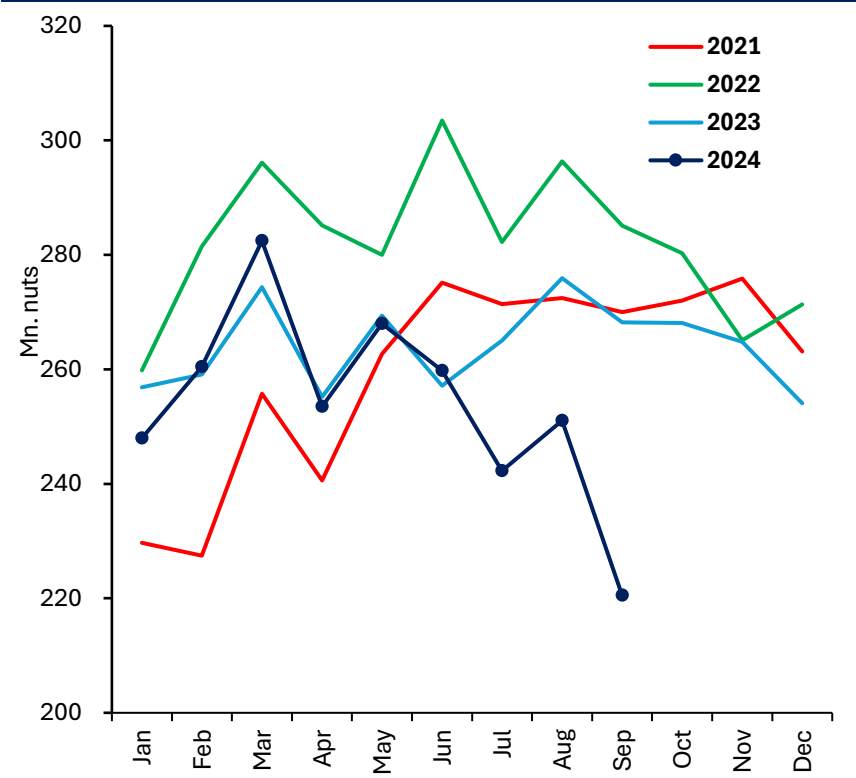
*Rubber, RSS3

Rubber Production (mn kg)	2023	2023 Jan-Sep	2024 Jan-Sep	Growth %
Sheet Rubber	32.2	26.4	23.5	(11.1)
Crepe Rubber	11.1	9.1	7.5	(18.4)
Other	21.1	18.3	18.7	2.5
Total	64.4	53.8	49.6	(7.7)

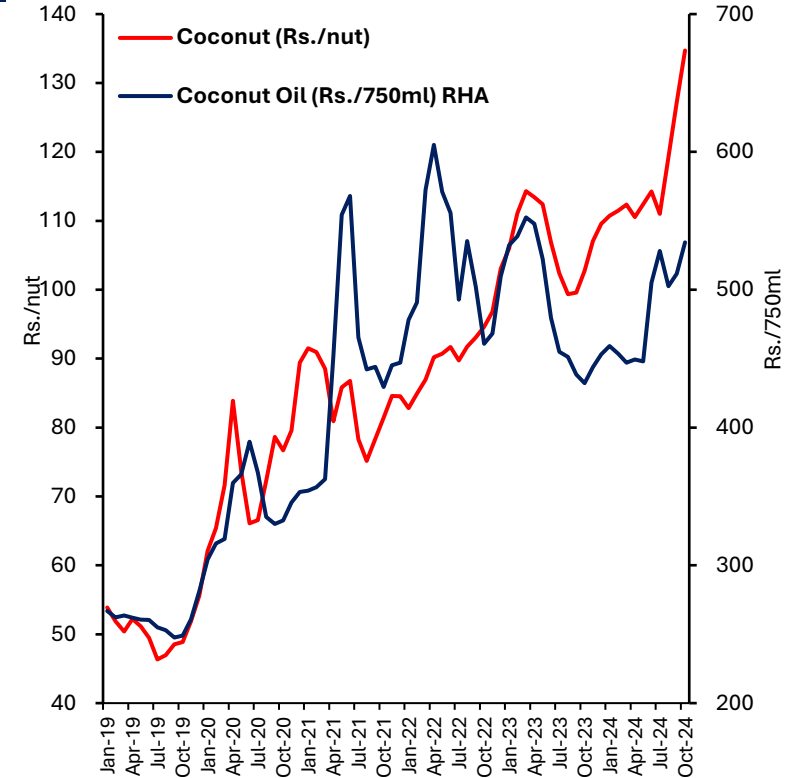
- Domestic rubber production increased by **3.2% (y-o-y)** during the month of **September 2024**.
- Natural rubber prices in global markets, especially in Asia, declined as concerns over a supply shortage eased following the EU's delay in its deforestation regulation proposal.

Coconut

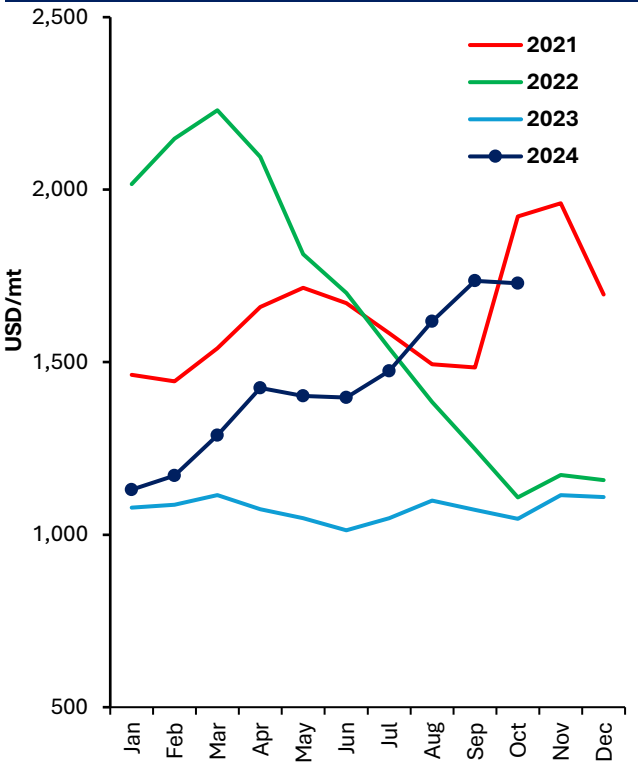
Coconut Production



Price of Coconut and Coconut Oil



International Coconut Oil Prices

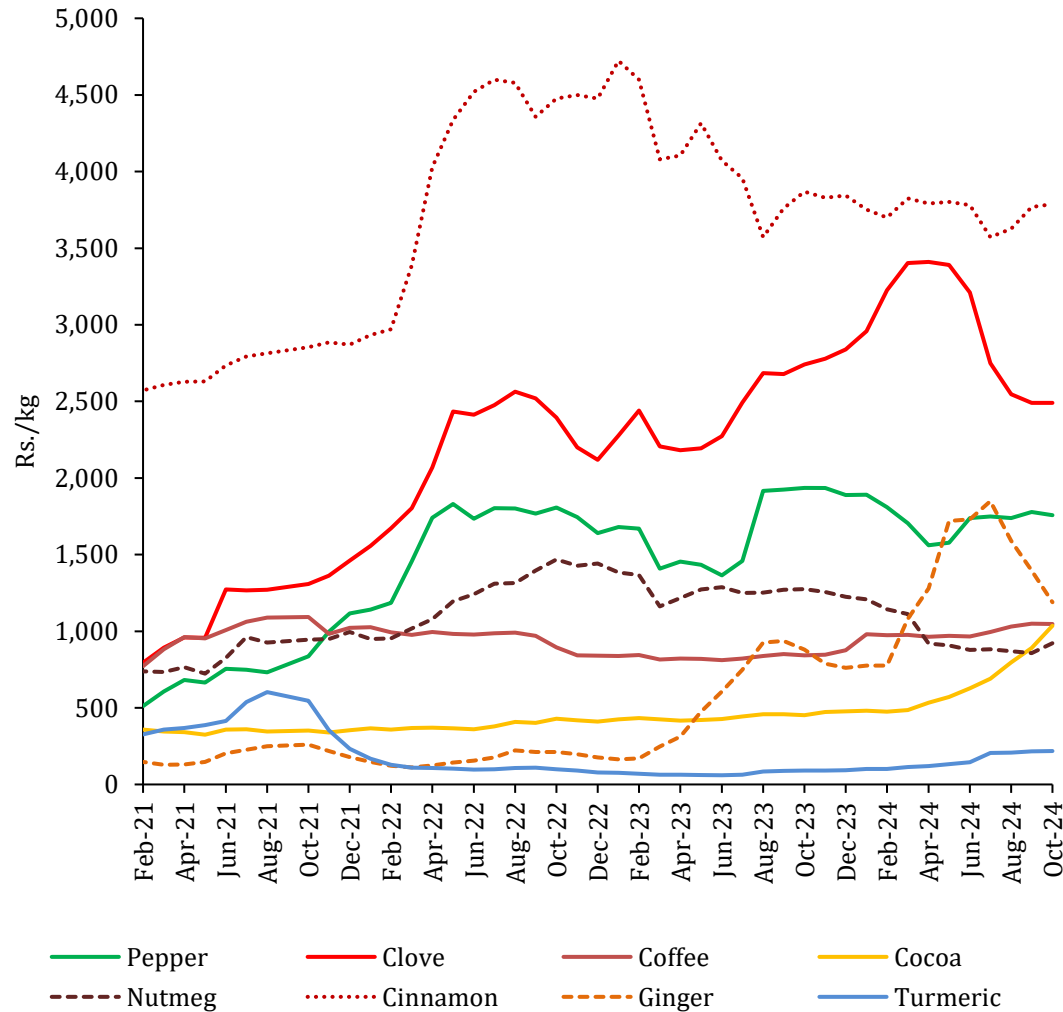


Coconut Production	2023	2023 Jan-Sep	2024 Jan-Sep	Growth %
Coconut (mn nuts)	3,170	2,381	2,286	(4.0)
Desiccated Nut (MT)	31,985	23,943	25,207	5.3
Coconut Oil (MT)	43,475	35,589	23,789	(33.2)

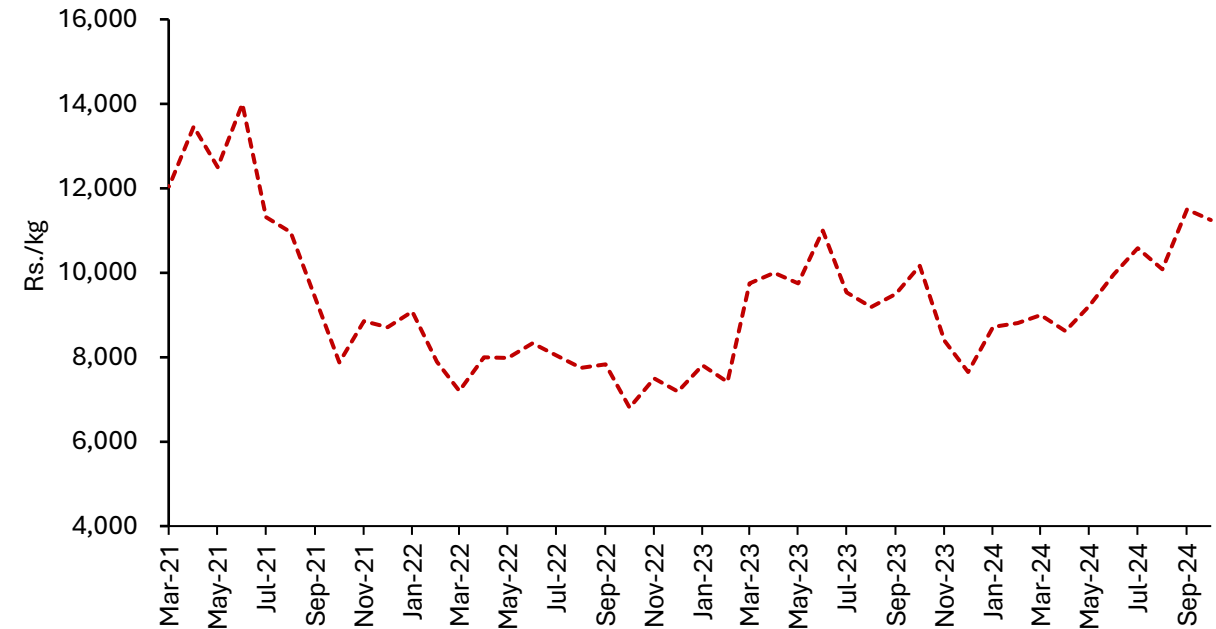
Domestic coconut production decreased by **17.8%** (y-o-y) during the month of September 2024.

Other Export Agriculture

Prices of Selected Export Agriculture Crops



Price of Cardamom



- In October 2024, the market prices of export crops such as Clove, Cocoa, Nutmeg, Cinnamon, and Turmeric experienced an increase, while prices of Pepper, Coffee, Cardamom and Ginger registered a decline.
- Earnings from exports of spices increased in the month of September 2024 (y-o-y), mainly due to the strong performance in exports of Pepper and Cinnamon.

Agricultural Input Import Trends

Imports	2022	2023	2023 Jan - Sep	2024 Jan - Sep
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Plants and Seeds

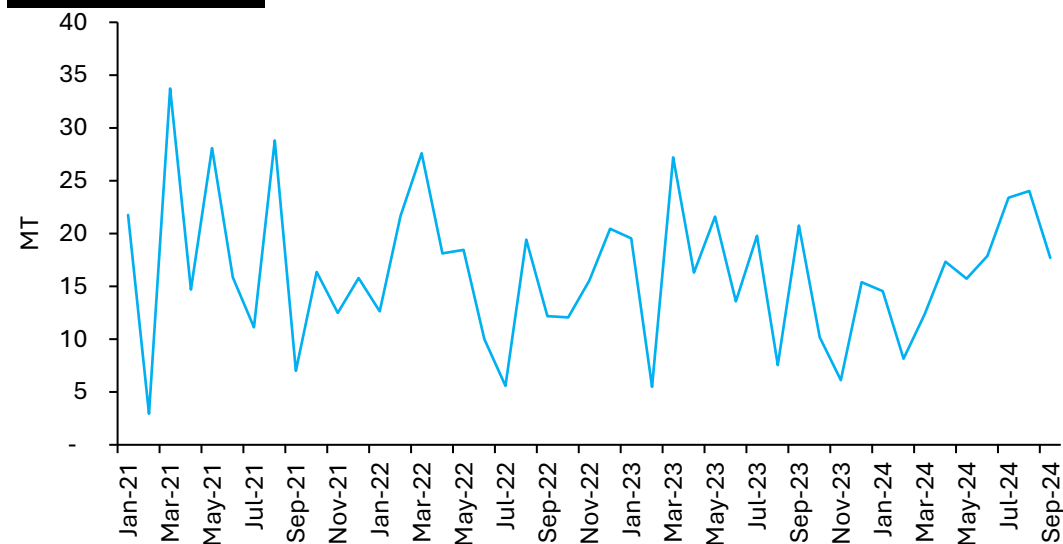
Vegetable seeds (MT)	194	184	152	151
Potato seed (MT)	1,001	797	50	146
Plants & parts (MT)	3,848	4,236	2,922	5,214
Live trees and other plants (No. '000)	1,555	1,039	867	896

Fertilizers (MT '000)

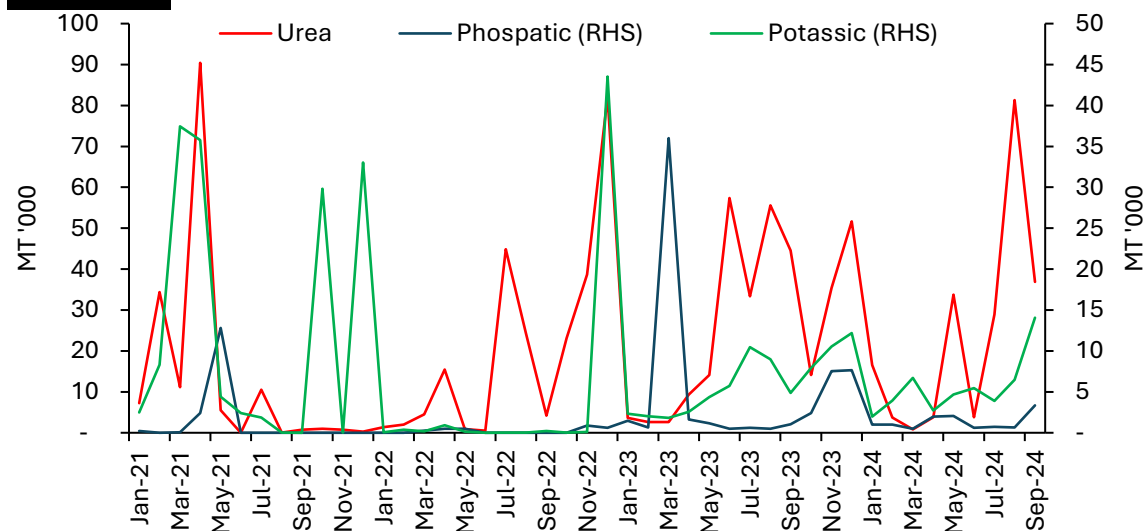
Urea	242	324	223	210
Other nitrogenous fertilizers	57	65	45	42
Phosphatic	3	61	44	12
Potassic	46	74	43	50
Other fertilizers	16	19	14	10

Import Trend of Selected Agricultural Inputs

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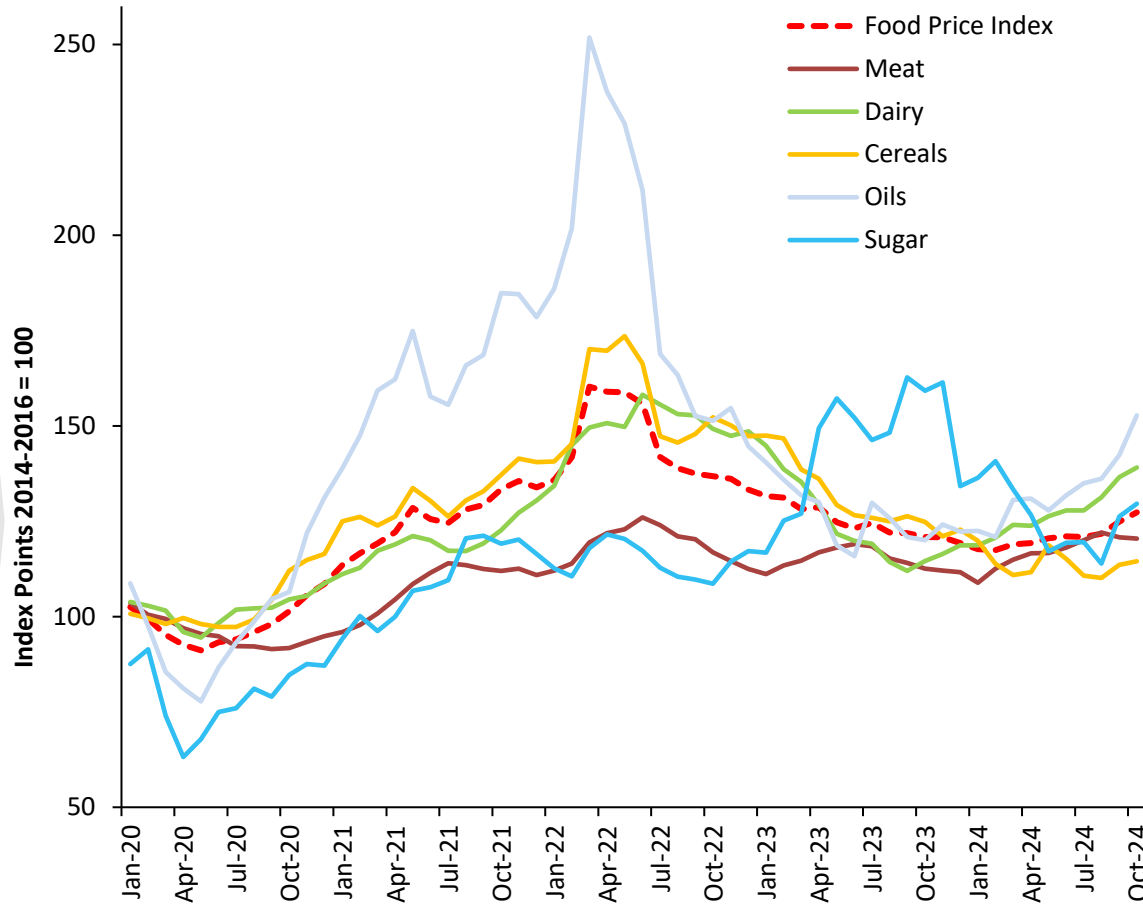


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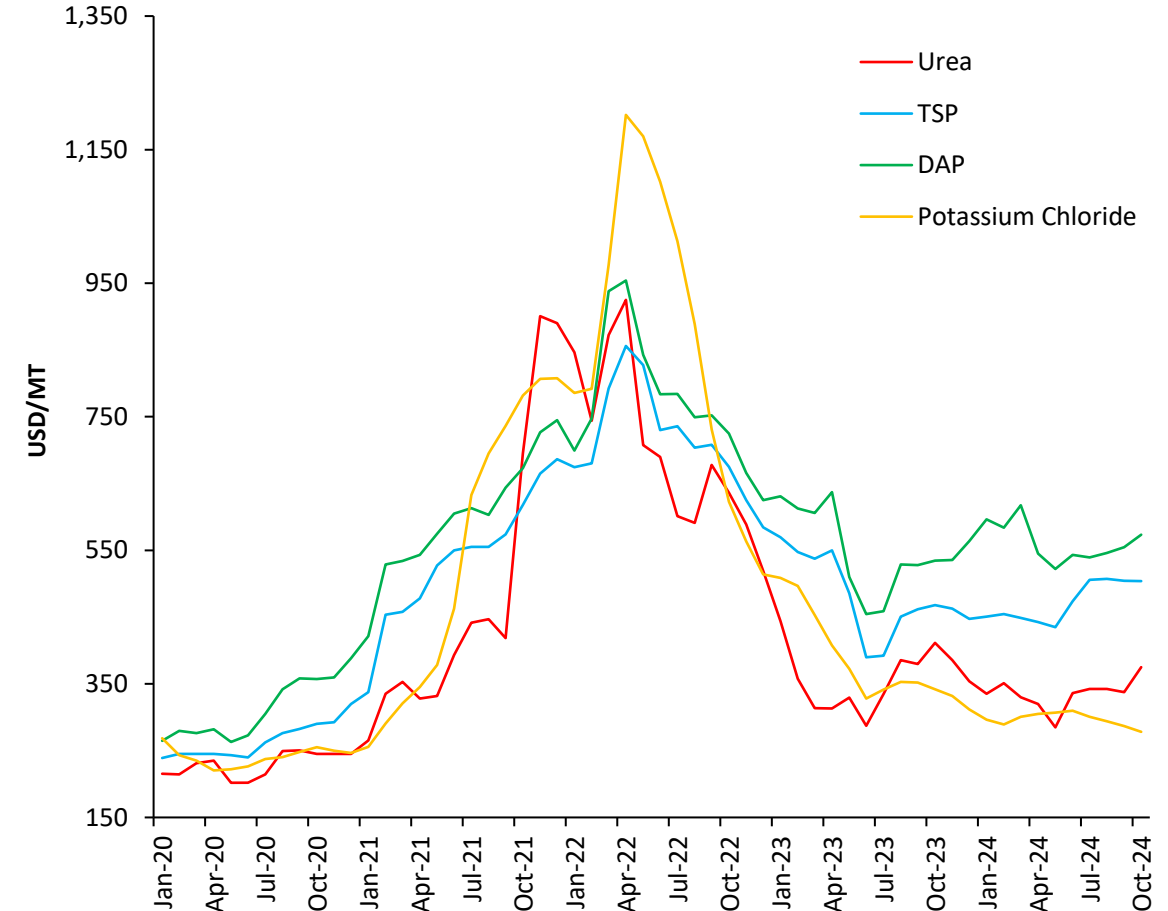


International Agricultural Commodity Prices

FAO Food Price Index



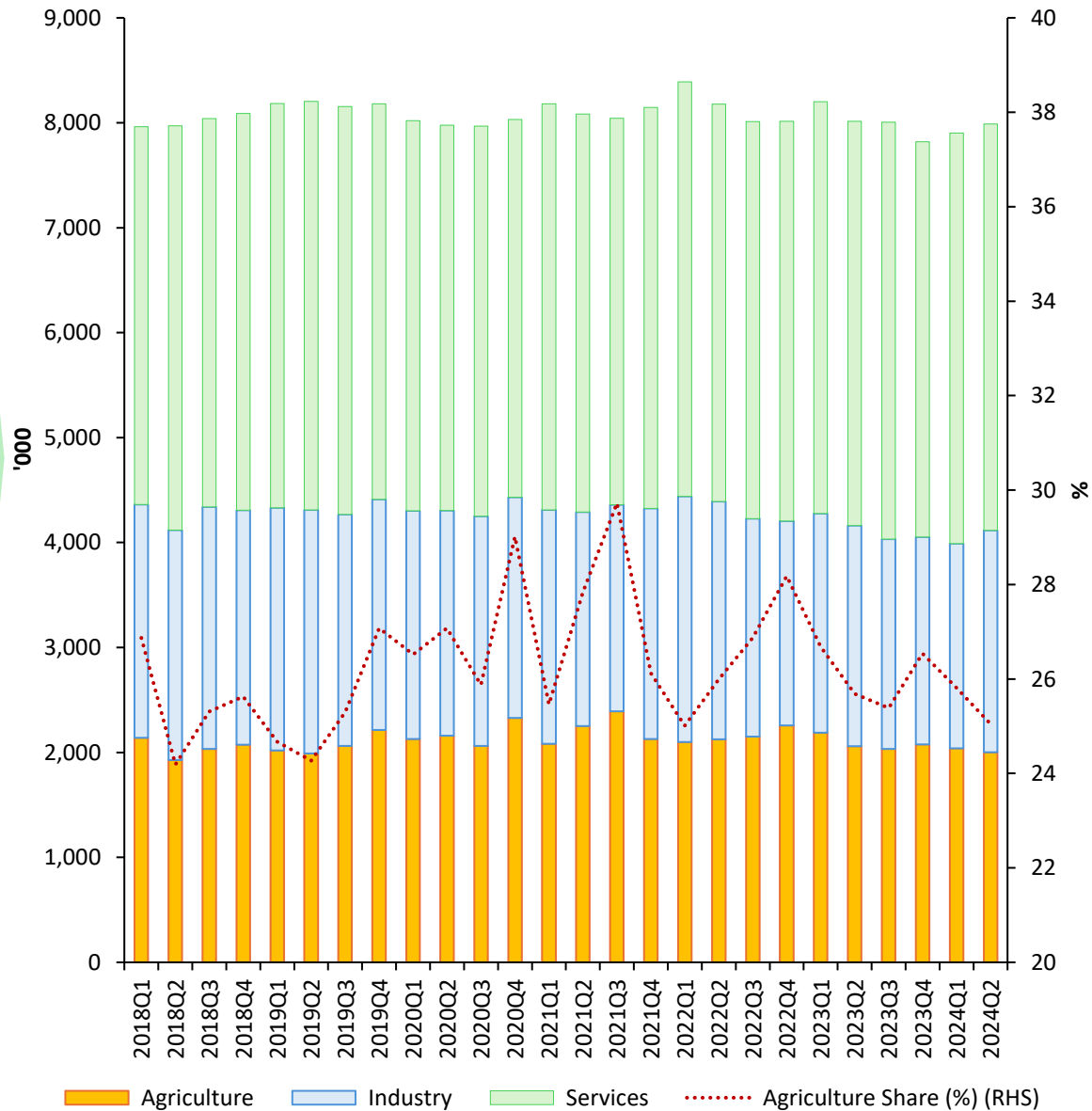
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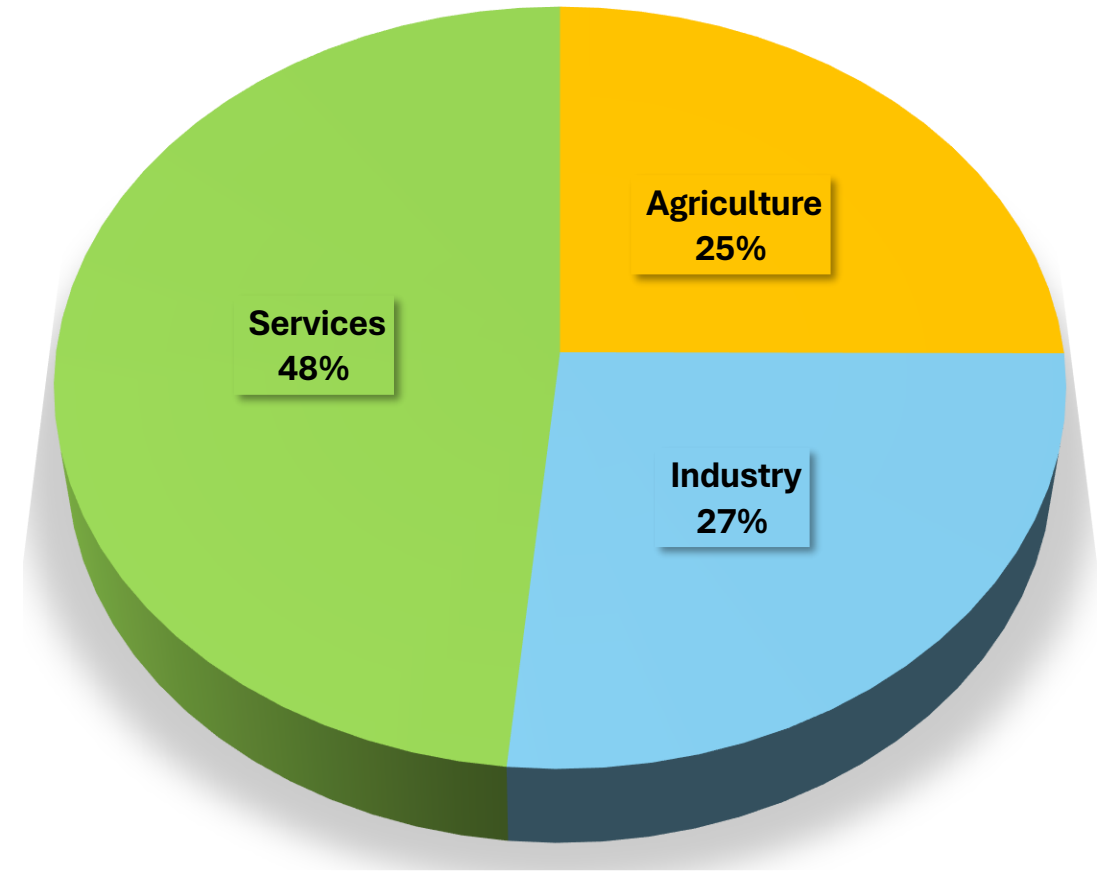
The FAO Food Price Index experienced an increase in October 2024, with prices rising in food categories such as sugar, cereals, dairy, and vegetable oils.

Employment in Agriculture

Sector-wise Employed Population



Sector-wise Employed Population – 2024 Q2





Datasets are accessible via:

<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/statistics/statistical-tables/real-sector/production-indicators>



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