

HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2025

Paddy production for the 2024/2025 Maha season, based on the sown extent as of end March 2025, is forecasted at 2.62 million metric tons, a 3.8% decline from the previous Maha season

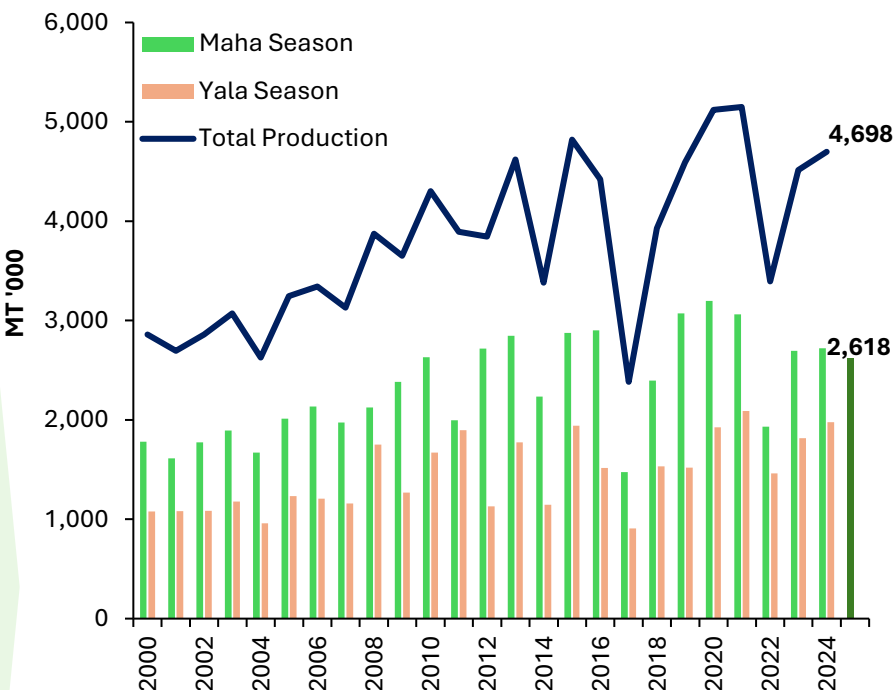
Fish production marginally decreased by 1.8% (y-o-y) in March 2025, driven by the decline in inland fishing activities

Domestic Tea production increased by 24.8% (y-o-y) in March 2025, while global tea prices remained broadly stable

Coconut production declined by 23.1% (y-o-y) in March 2025, yet the production trend has been improving since February, signaling a recovery in output



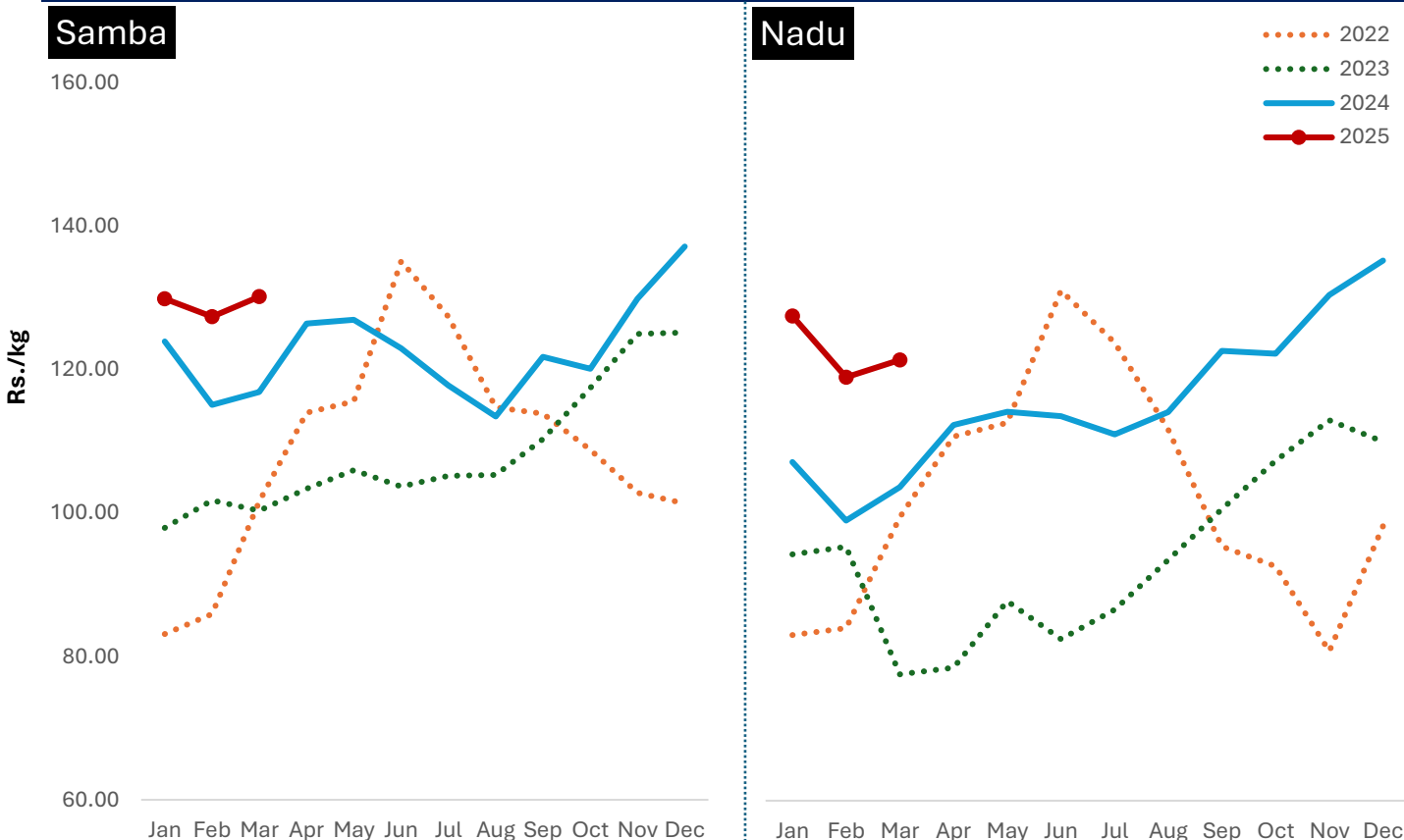
Paddy Production



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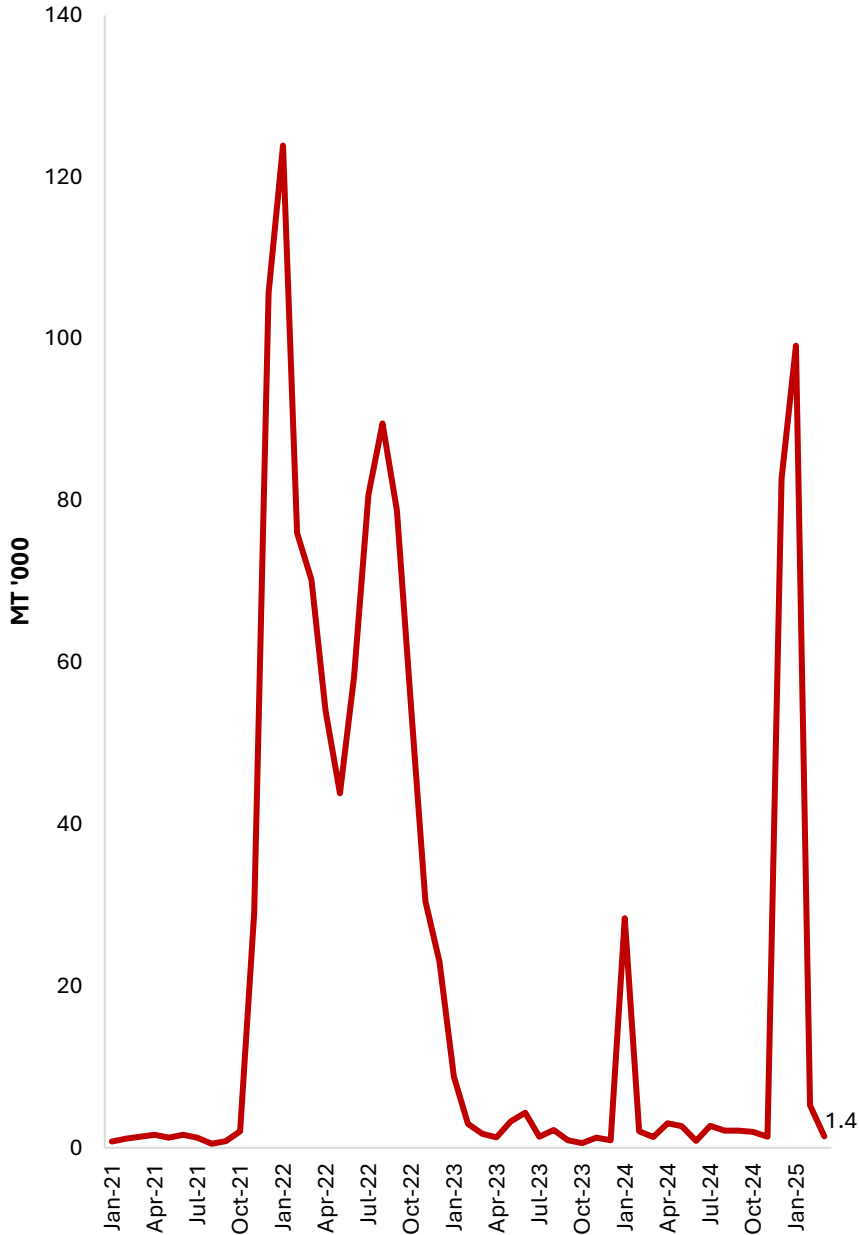
Season	2023 (mn mt)	2024 (mn mt)	Growth (%)
Maha	2.70	2.72	1.0
Yala	1.82	1.98	8.8
Annual	4.51	4.70	4.1

Farmgate/Producer Prices of Paddy



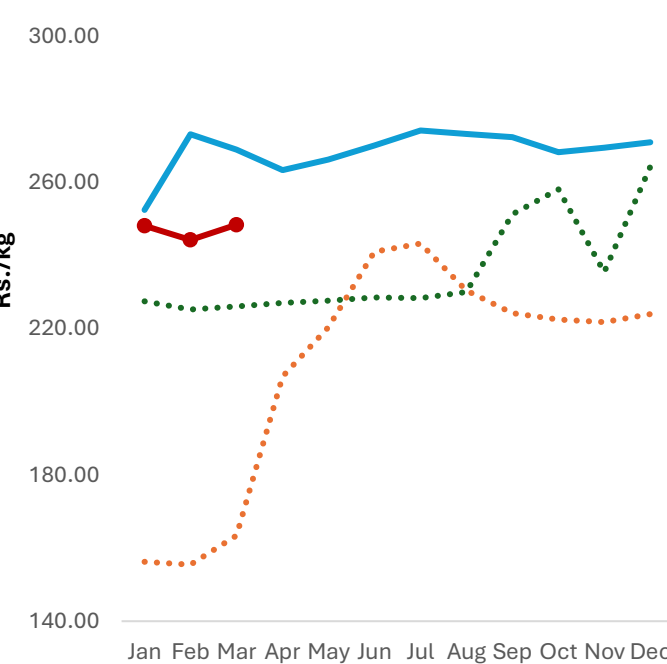
- Paddy production forecast of the Department of Agriculture for 2024/2025 Maha season, based on the sown extent reported as of end March 2025, stands at **2.62 million metric tons (3.8% decline from the previous Maha season)**.
- Paddy production for 2024 Yala season is **1.98 million metric tons (8.8% increase from the previous Yala season)** where total paddy production for the year 2024 was recorded as **4.7 million metric tons (4.1% increase from the previous year)**.

Rice Imports

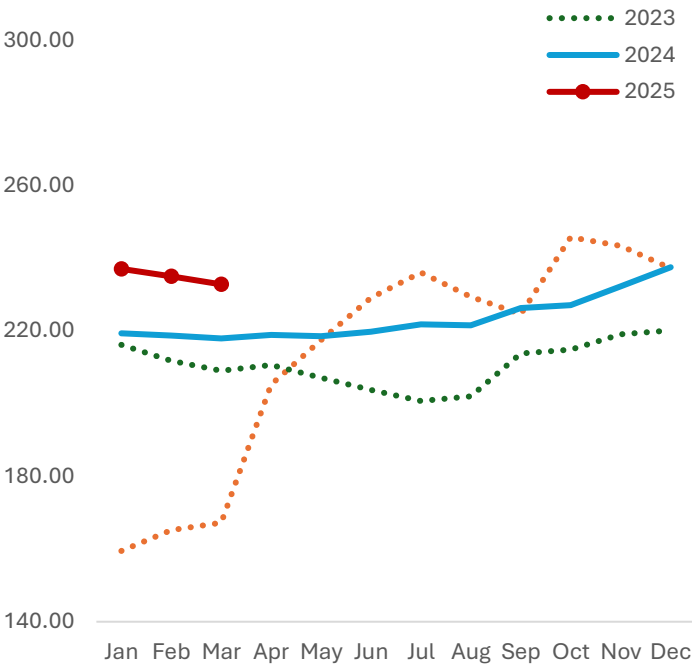


Retail Rice Prices

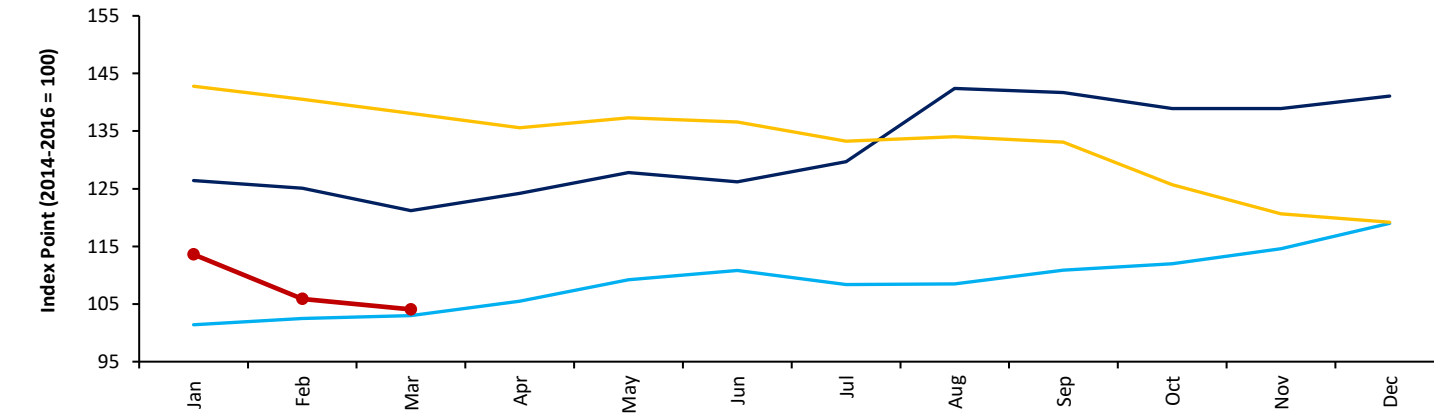
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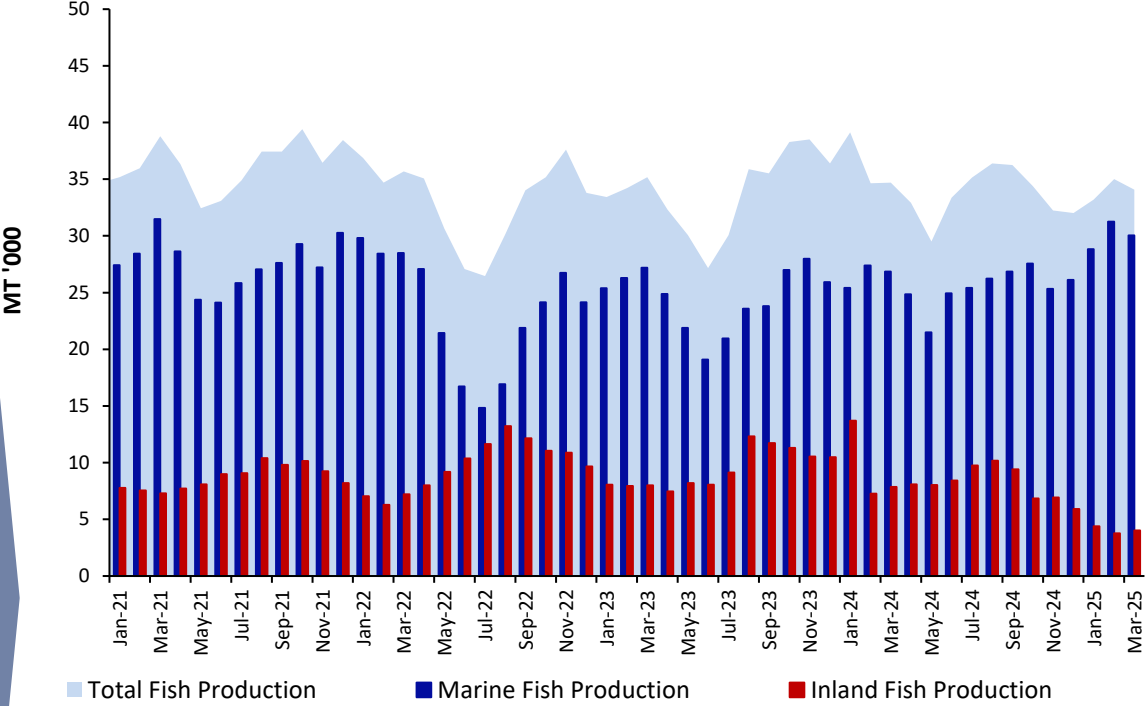
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FAO All Rice Price Index

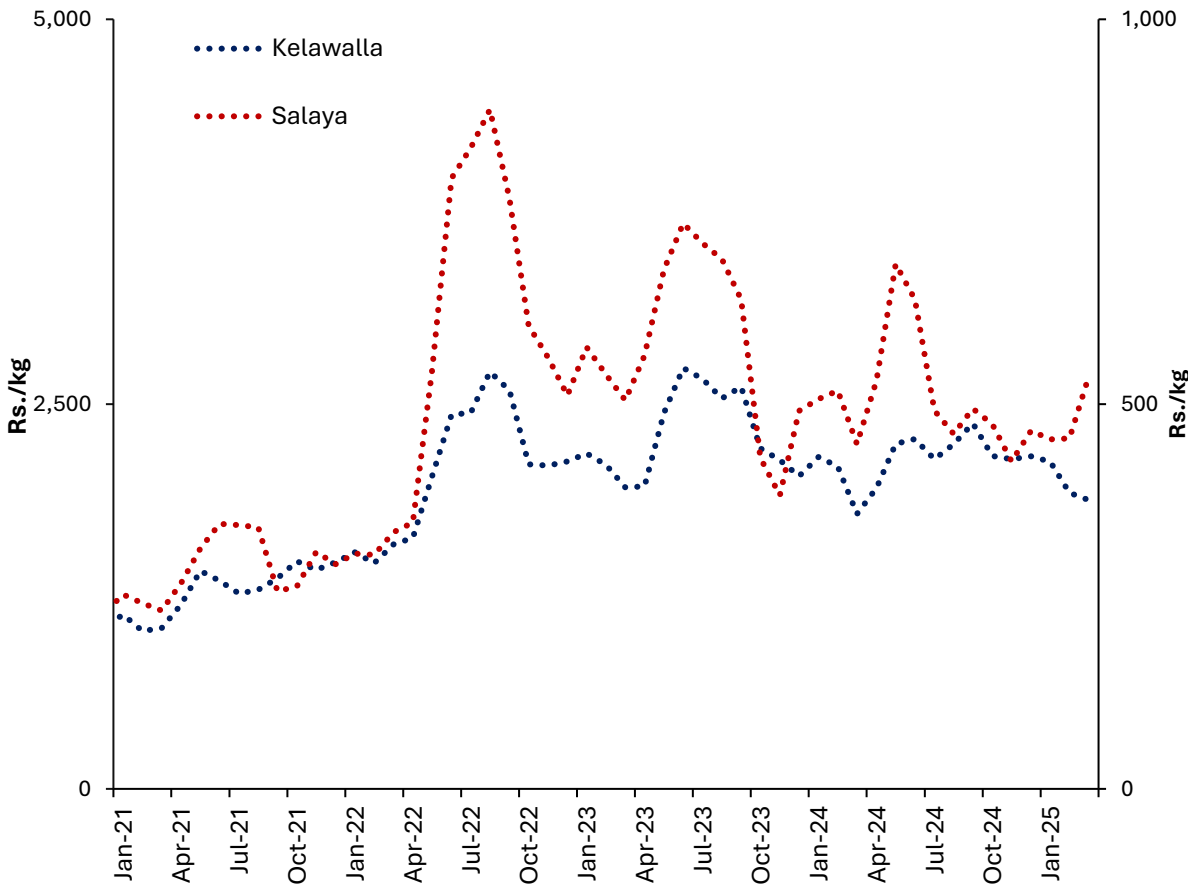


Fish Production



Production (MT '000)	2023	2024	2024 Jan-Mar	2025 Jan-Mar
Marine	294	308	80	90
Inland	113	102	29	12
Total	407	411	108	102

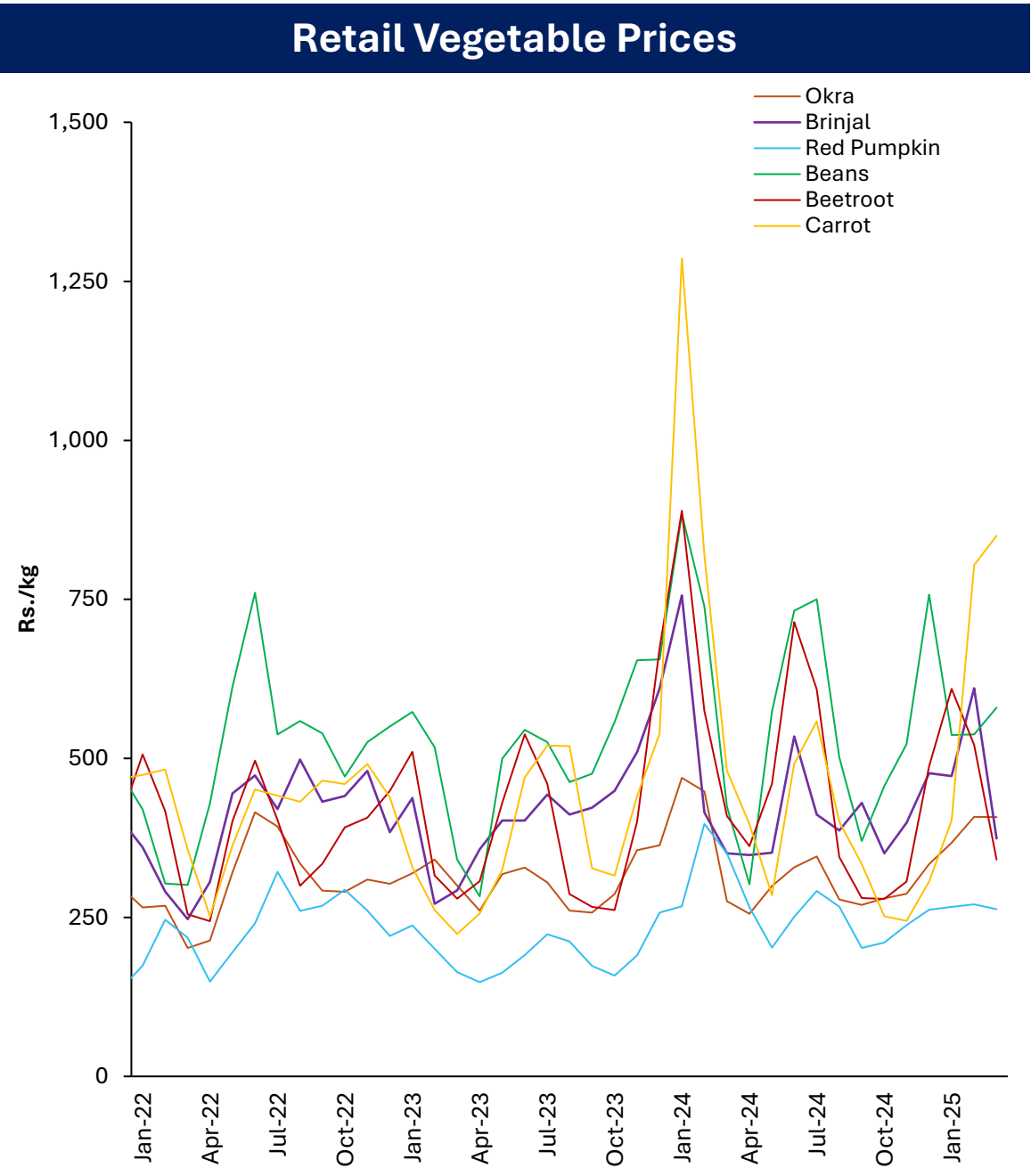
Retail Fish Prices



Fish production decreased marginally by **1.8%** (y-o-y) in March 2025, as the increase in marine fishing activities was offset by a decline in inland fishing activities.

Vegetable Production (MT)						
	22/23 Maha	2023 Yala	23/24 Maha	2024 Yala	24/25 Maha*	24/25 Maha Y-o-Y Change
Up Country						
Tomatoes	46,244	34,169	39,293	34,945	41,551	↑
Cabbage	52,310	47,773	58,552	48,242	55,110	↓
Carrot	40,084	25,267	48,836	24,374	44,410	↓
Beetroot	17,178	21,444	17,332	20,034	21,520	↑
Raddish	26,955	27,557	40,159	27,567	37,249	↓
Beans	41,139	25,287	36,345	26,128	49,810	↑
Low Country						
Luffa	24,852	18,417	22,225	18,521	15,276	↓
Okra	38,984	31,351	37,620	35,003	33,326	↓
Brinjal	80,637	54,450	69,584	54,660	57,486	↓
Cucumber	21,013	26,603	17,937	27,161	15,630	↓
Red pumpkin	59,163	41,779	46,890	42,565	43,593	↓
Ash plantain	35,369	22,833	33,783	24,477	4,832	↓
Long bean	35,395	27,456	35,539	28,855	36,463	↓

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Source: Department of Census and Statistics and Department of Agriculture

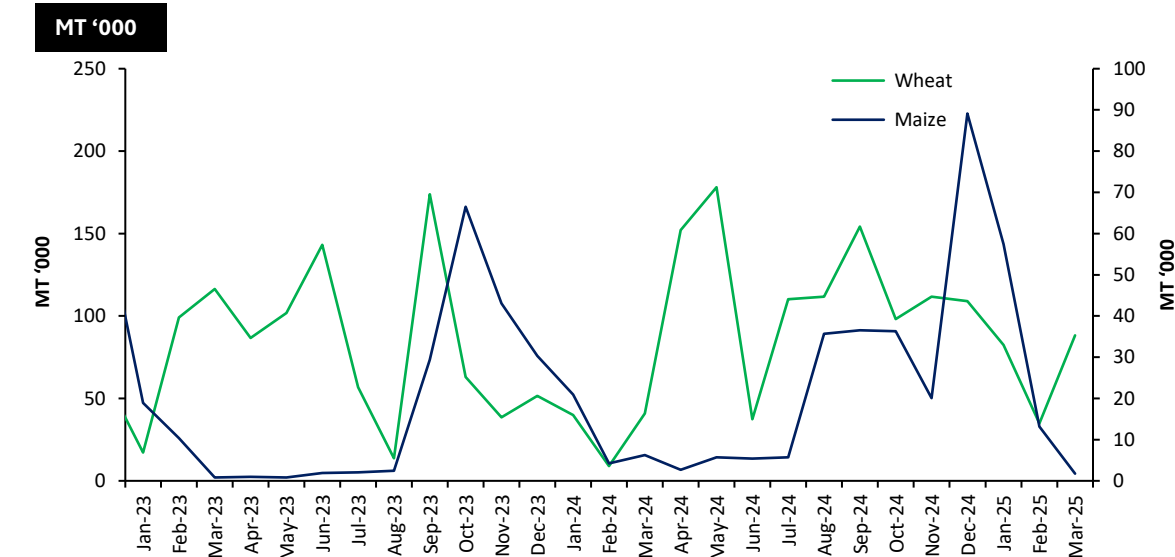
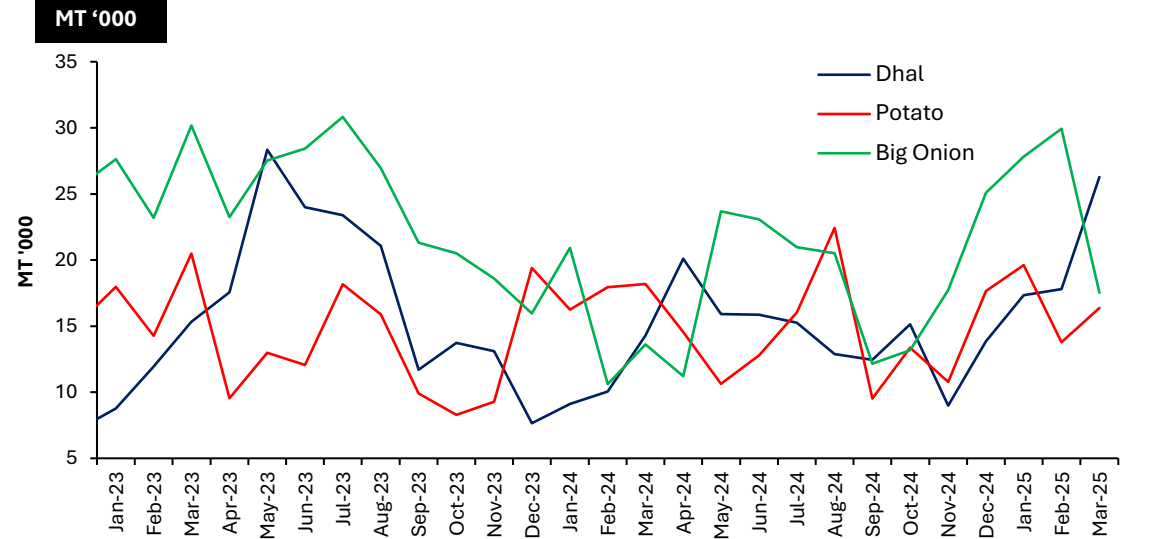
Other Field Crops

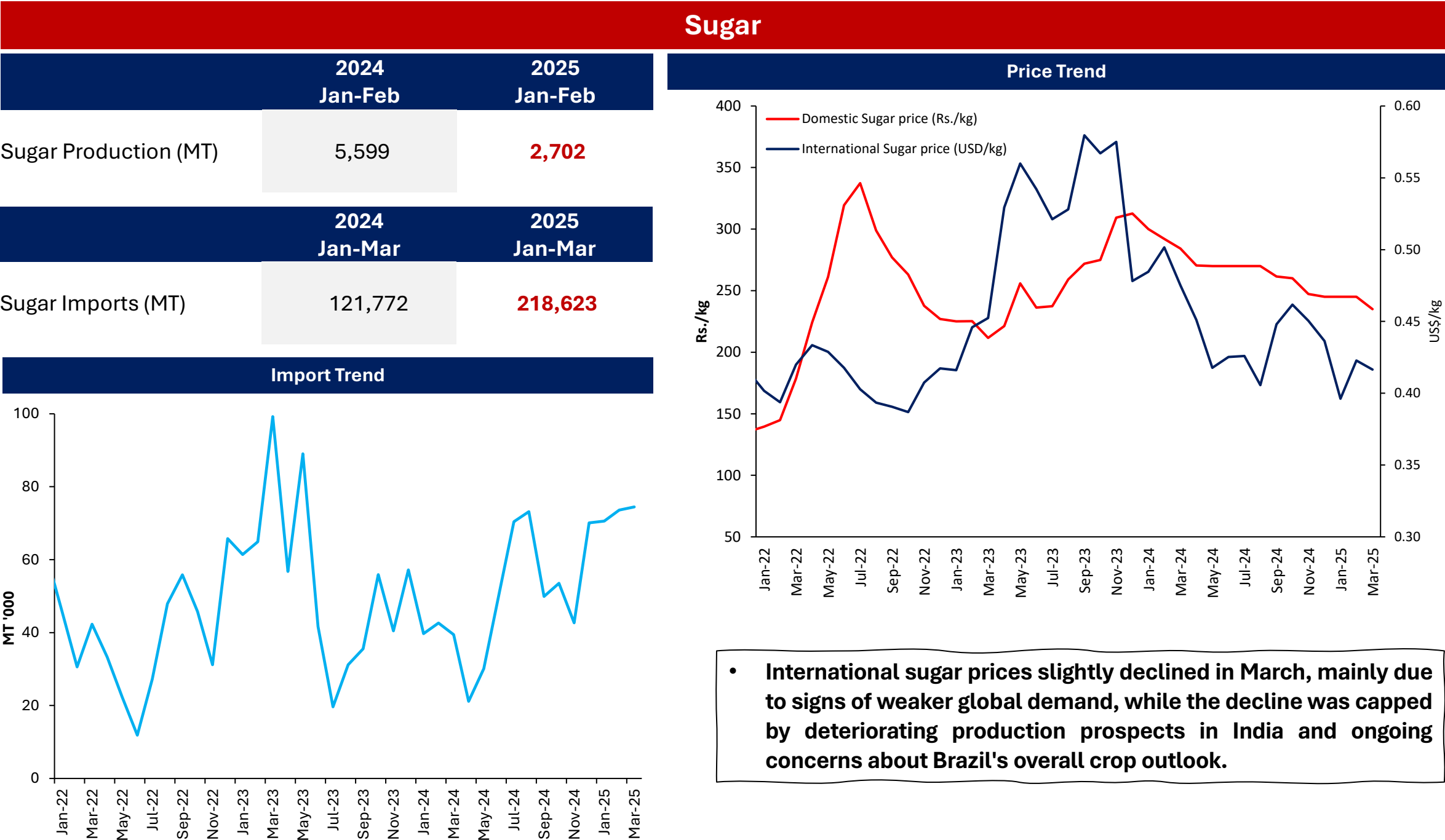
Production (MT)	2022/23 Maha	2023 Yala	2023/24 Maha	2024 Yala	2024/25 Maha*	24/25 Maha Y-o-Y Change
Potato	19,723	21,026	21,291	20,916	25,510	↑
Red Onion	26,673	22,678	24,762	19,749	29,409	↑
Big Onion	329	4,755	257	8,572	281	↑
Green Chillie	42,270	25,128	40,438	26,200	69,997	↑
Cowpea	7,022	5,779	5,955	5,458	7,269	↑
Black gram	8,346	1,437	8,518	1,828	12,270	↑
Maize	198,601	22,647	196,871	26,626	341,595	↑
Ground Nut	19,014	10,666	17,336	11,626	17,460	↑
Gingelly	2,701	8,651	2,210	8,293	1,655	↓
Green gram	6,940	5,514	6,156	8,909	6,473	↑

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Imports (MT)	2023	2024	2024 Jan-Mar	2025 Jan-Mar
Dhal	196,601	163,881	33,447	61,397
Potato	168,184	180,121	52,389	49,772
Big Onion	294,386	212,720	45,121	75,291

Import Trend of Selected Food Items





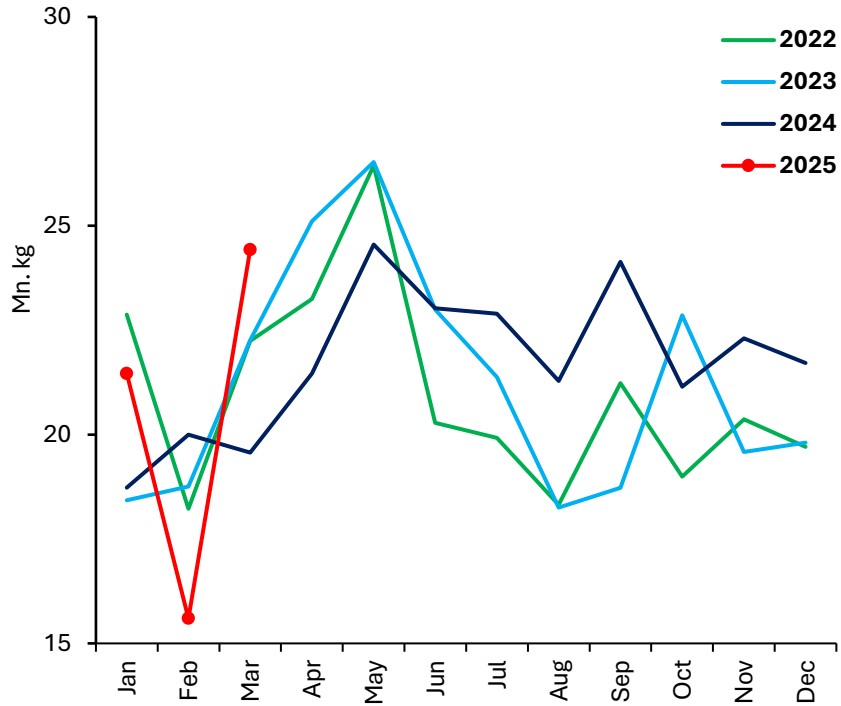
Livestock

		2024 Jan	2024 Dec	2025 Jan
Production	Egg (mn)	196	308	302
	Chicken (000 MT)	21	24	22
Price	Egg-White (Rs./egg)	50.9	38.3	33.6
	Egg - Red (Rs./egg)	52.8	38.5	35.7
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	1062.5	1,047.7	1019.0
Cost of Production	Egg (Rs./egg)	30.1-35.9	33.3-37.0	30.4-35.1
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	795.7	746.5	743.4

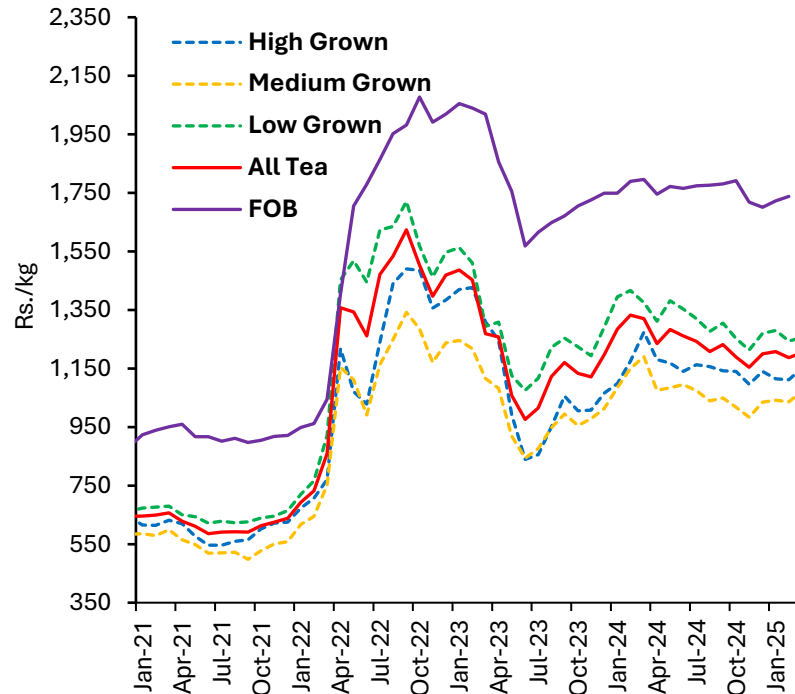
Feed Ingredients (Rs./kg)	2024 Jan	2024 Dec	2025 Jan
Maize	n.a	200.6	161.9
Soya bean meal	311.7	224.0	201.2
Fish meal	358.8	300-497.5	406.7-550
Rice polish	99.3	154.8	131.4
Rice bran	163.1	80.0	n.a.

Tea

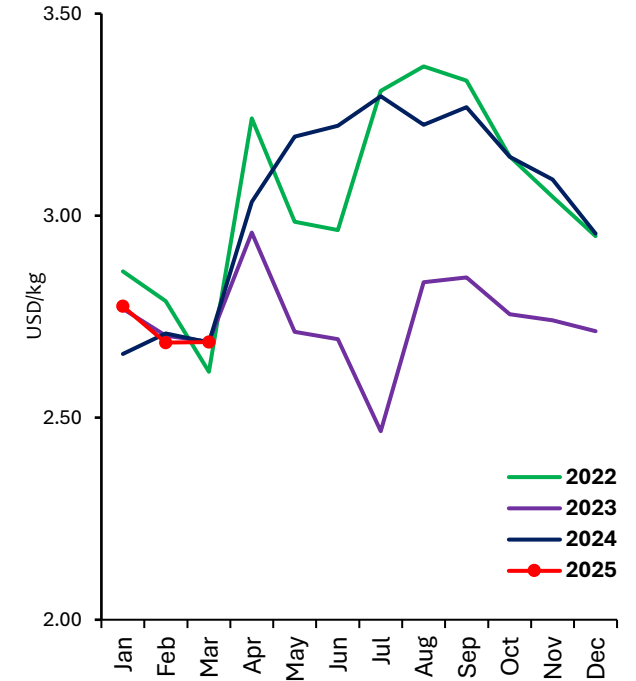
Tea Production



Tea Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Tea Prices



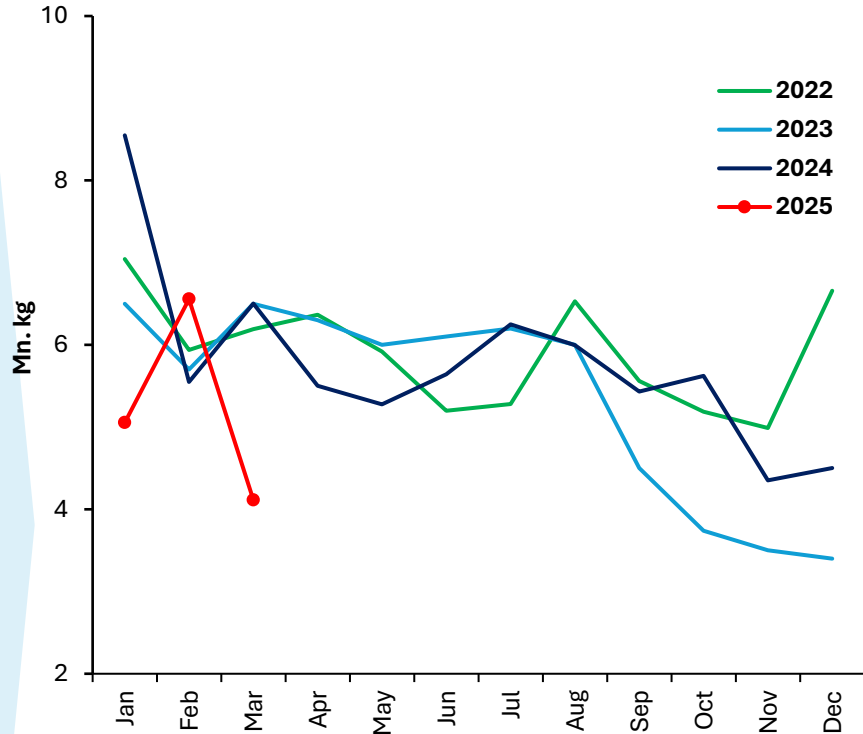
*Average Auction Price of Colombo, Kolkata & Mombasa

Tea Production (mn kg)	2024	2024 Jan-Mar	2025 Jan-Mar	Growth %
High grown	56.4	13.0	13.8	5.9
Medium grown	46.1	10.1	11.0	9.1
Low grown	158.3	35.2	36.7	4.3
Total	260.8	58.3	61.5	5.5

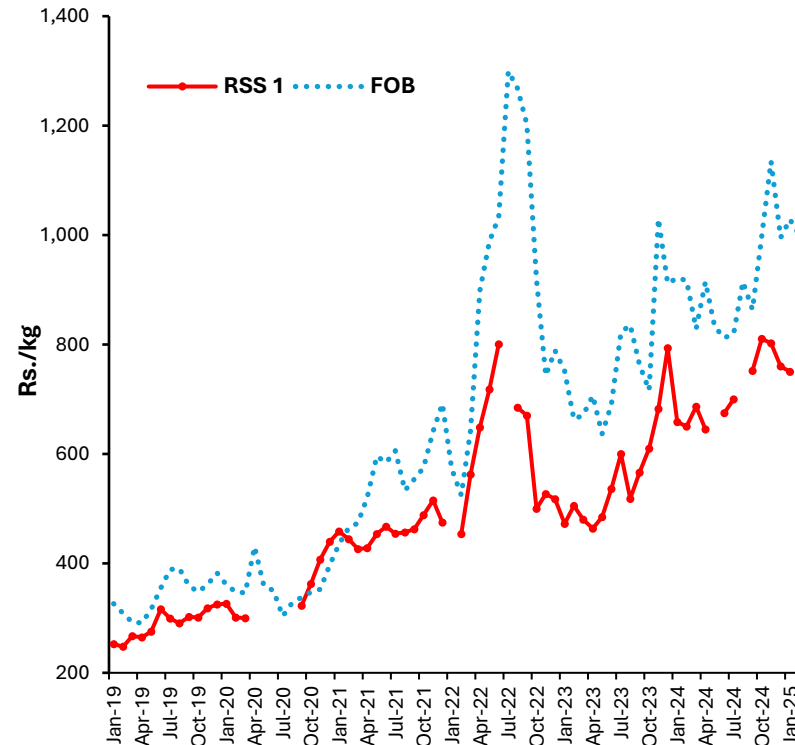
- Domestic tea production increased by **24.8%** (y-o-y) during the month of March 2025, mainly attributed to favourable weather conditions.
- Global tea prices remained stable in March 2025 compared to the previous month, with only Colombo reporting a slightly higher average price, while Mombasa and Kolkata recorded slightly lower average prices.

Rubber

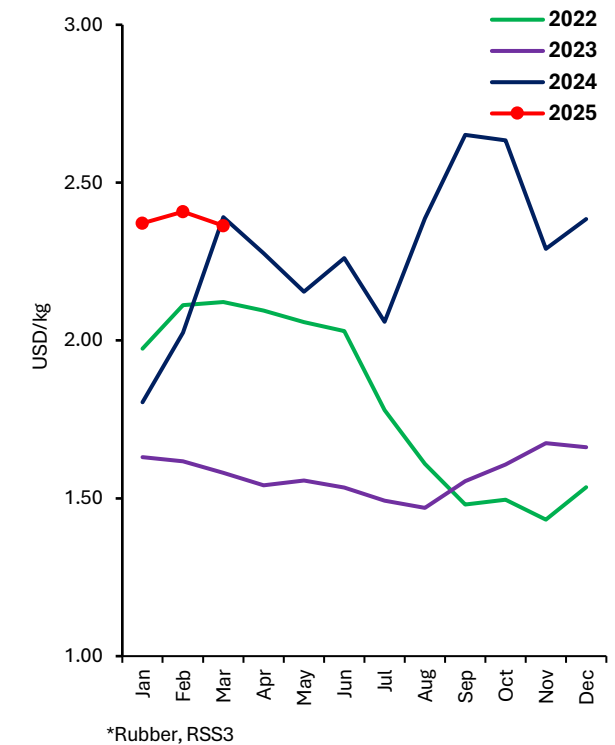
Rubber Production



Rubber Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Rubber Prices



*Rubber, RSS3

Rubber Production (mn kg)	2024	2024 Jan-Mar	2025 * Jan-Mar	Growth %
Sheet Rubber	33.5	8.2	7.1	(14.1)
Crepe Rubber	10.1	3.1	3.0	(3.7)
Other	25.6	9.2	5.7	(38.9)
Total	69.2	20.6	15.7	(23.7)

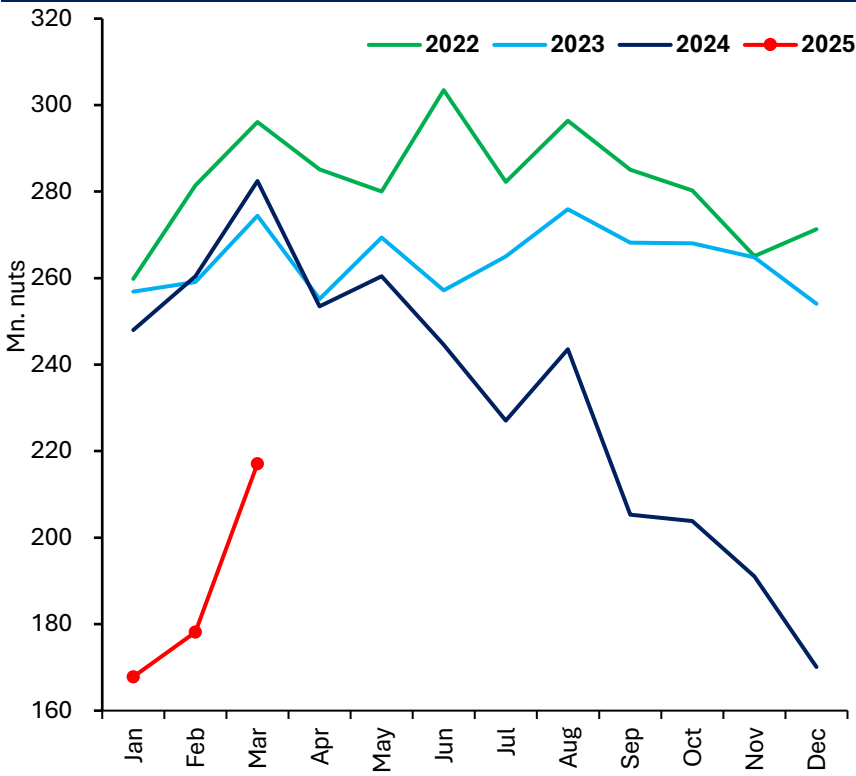
- Domestic rubber production saw a year-on-year decline in March 2025, according to highly provisional data from the Rubber Development Department.
- Natural rubber prices in global markets saw a slight decline in March 2025 due to stable supply and improved logistics, but further weakening was limited by tariffs imposed by the US on key trading partners.

*Highly provisional data from RDD due to delays in data submissions from rubber production companies

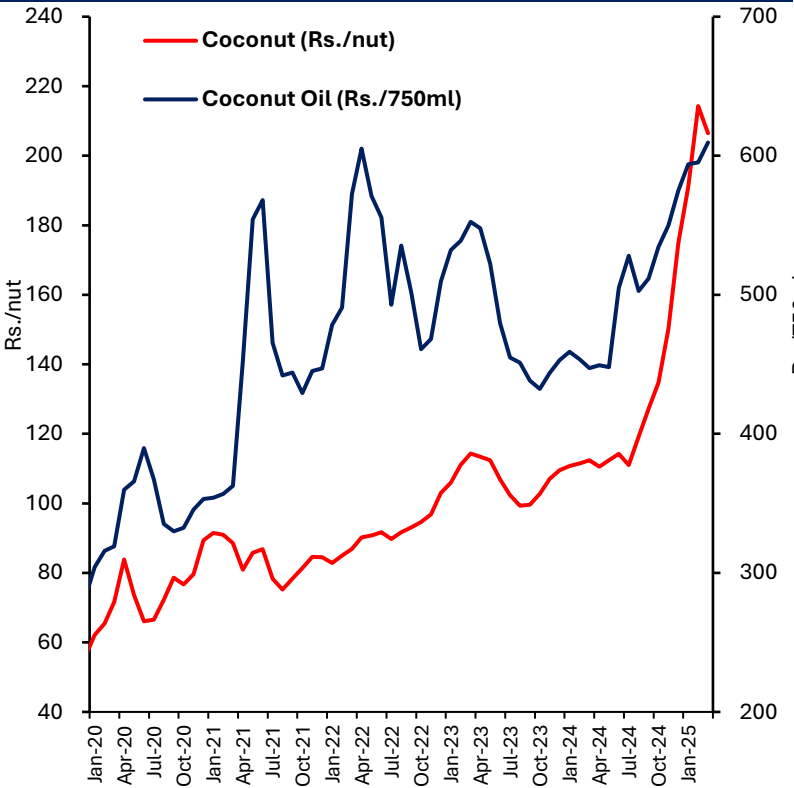
Sources: Rubber Development Department, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka Customs, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, World Bank

Coconut

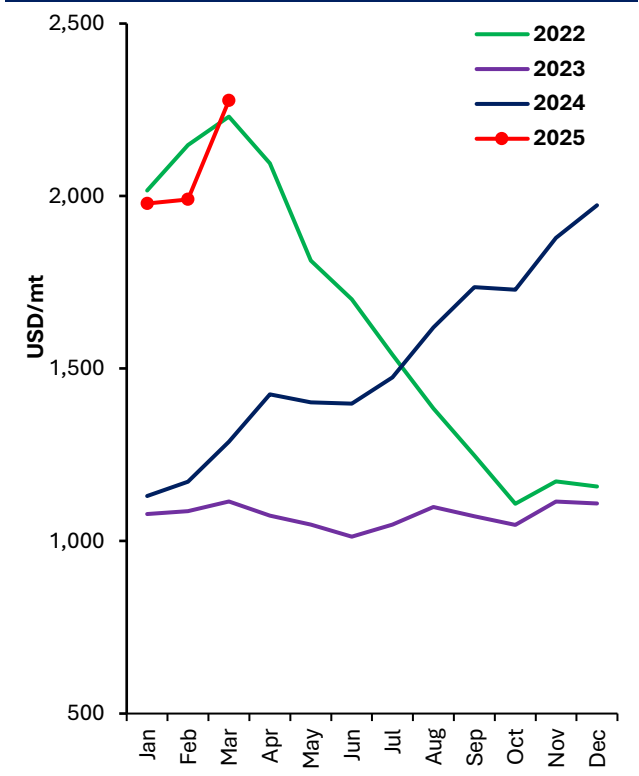
Coconut Production



Retail Price of Coconut and Coconut Oil



International Coconut Oil Prices

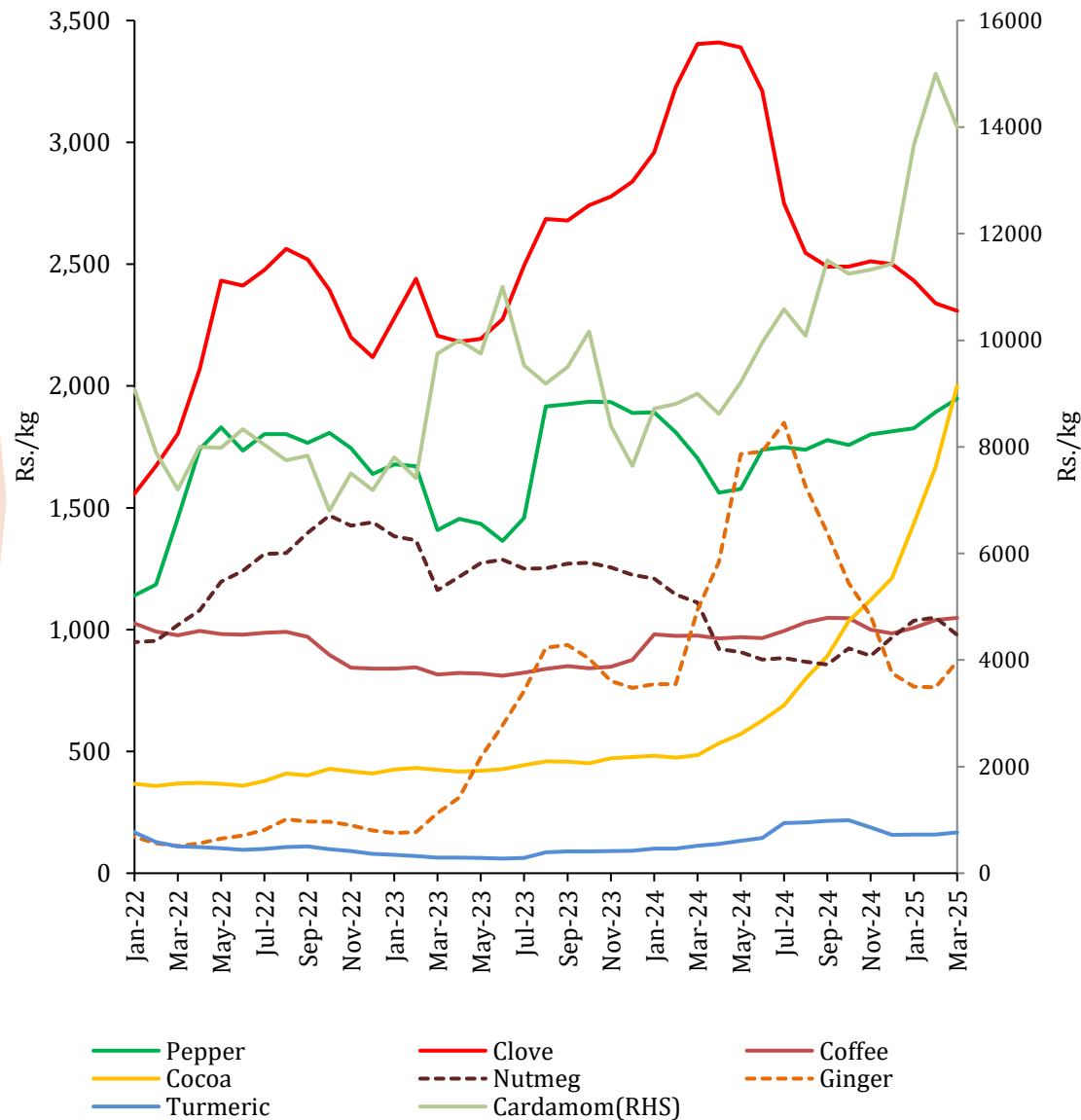


Coconut Production	2024	2024 Jan-Mar	2025 Jan-Mar	Growth %
Coconut (mn nuts)	2,790	790.9	563.1	(28.8)
Desiccated Nut (MT)	33,177	7,540	4,017	(46.7)
Coconut Oil (MT)	30,842	8,101	6,528	(19.4)

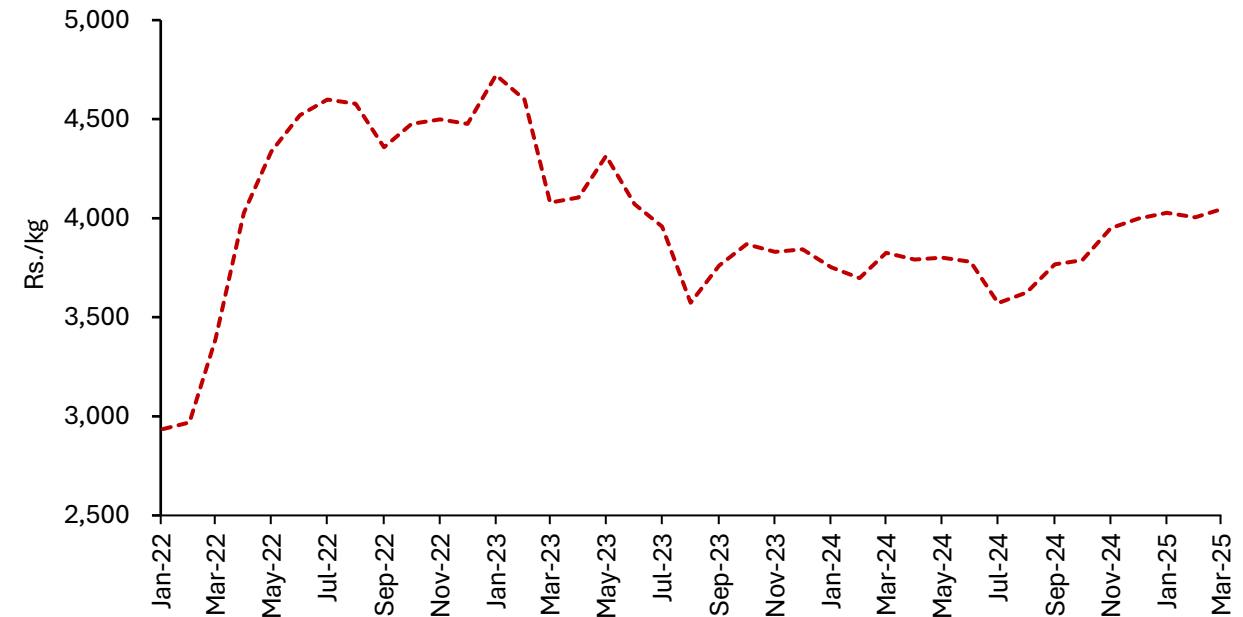
Despite a **23.1% y-o-y** decline in domestic coconut production in March 2025, the upward trend observed since February 2025 indicates a gradual recovery in output

Other Export Agriculture

Farmgate/Producer Prices of Selected Export Agriculture Crops



Farmgate/Producer Price of Cinnamon



- In March 2025, the market prices of many export crops such as Pepper, Coffee, Cocoa, Cinnamon, Ginger and Turmeric experienced an increase, while prices of Clove, Cardamom and Nutmeg registered a decline.
- Earnings from exports of spices increased in the month of March 2025 (y-o-y), mainly due to the strong performance in exports of Pepper, Cinnamon and Cloves.

Agricultural Input Import Trends

Imports	2023	2024	2024 Jan-Mar	2025 Jan-Mar
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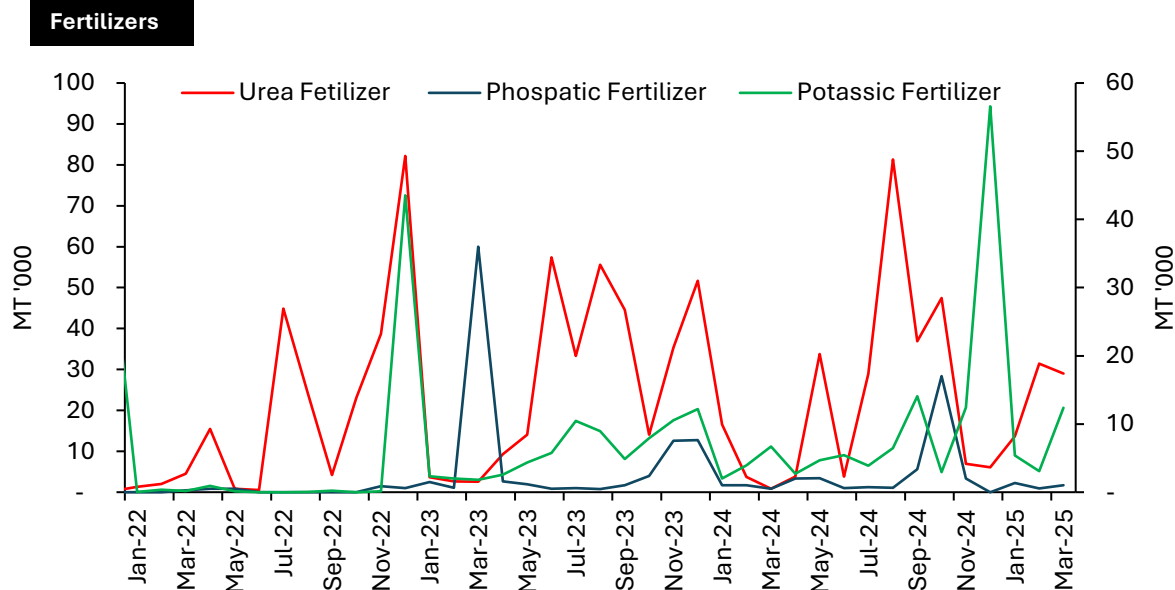
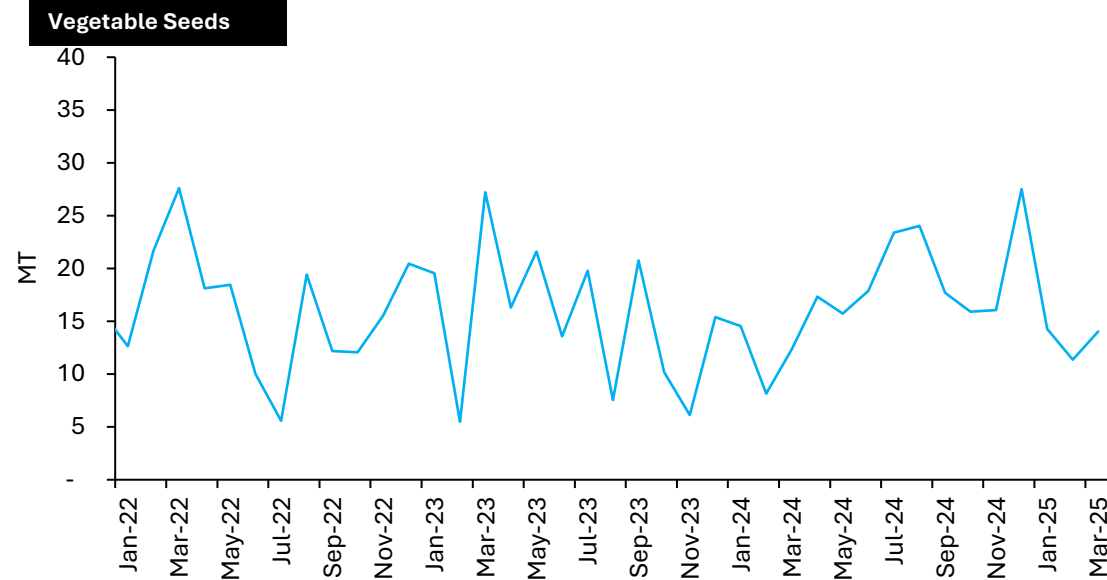
Plants and Seeds

Vegetable seeds (MT)	184	211	35	40
Potato seed (MT)	797	773	125	100
Plants & parts (MT)	4,236	6,874	1,498	1,327
Live trees and other plants (No. '000)	1,039	1,248	358	59

Fertilizers (MT '000)

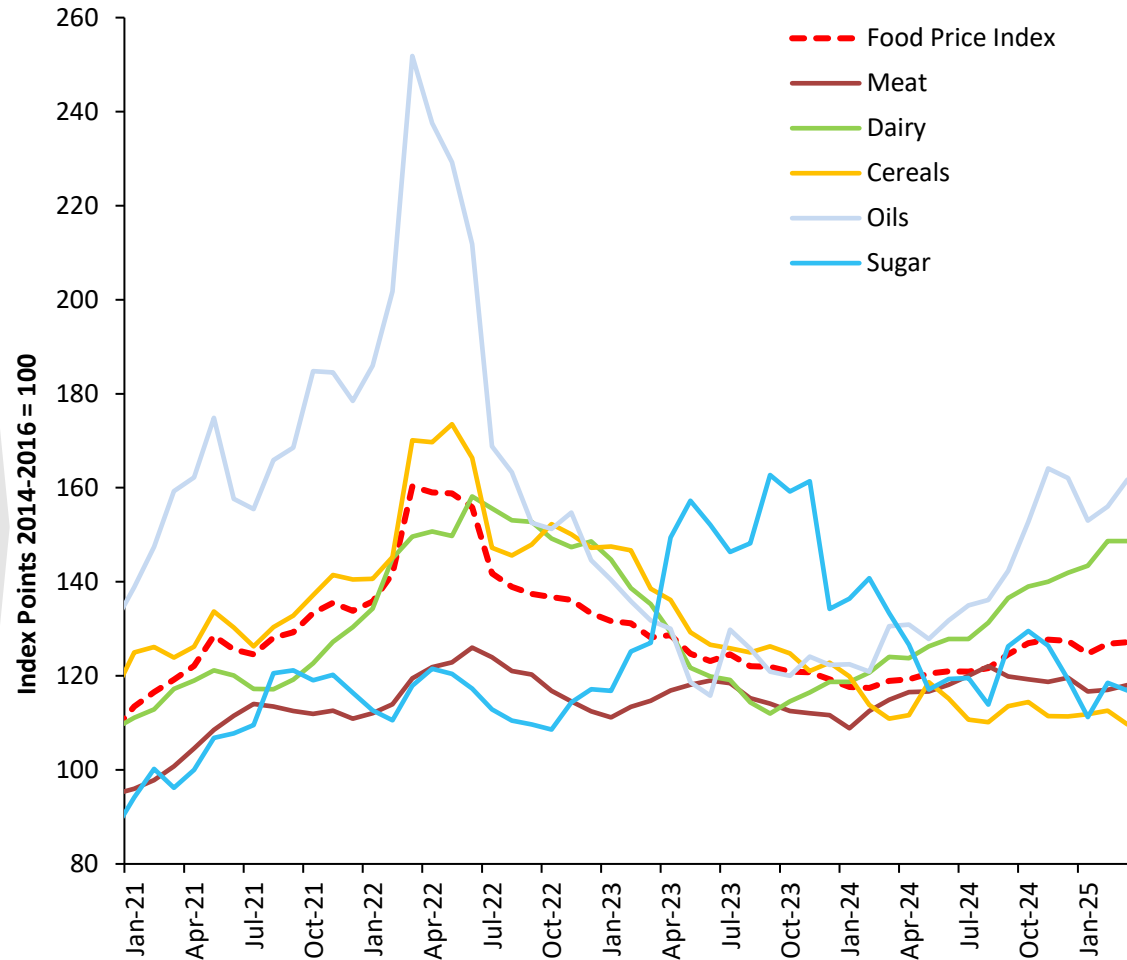
Urea	324	270	21	74
Other nitrogenous fertilizers	65	68	11	31
Phosphatic	61	31	2	3
Potassic	74	122	13	21
Other fertilizers	19	16	2	5

Import Trend of Selected Agricultural Inputs

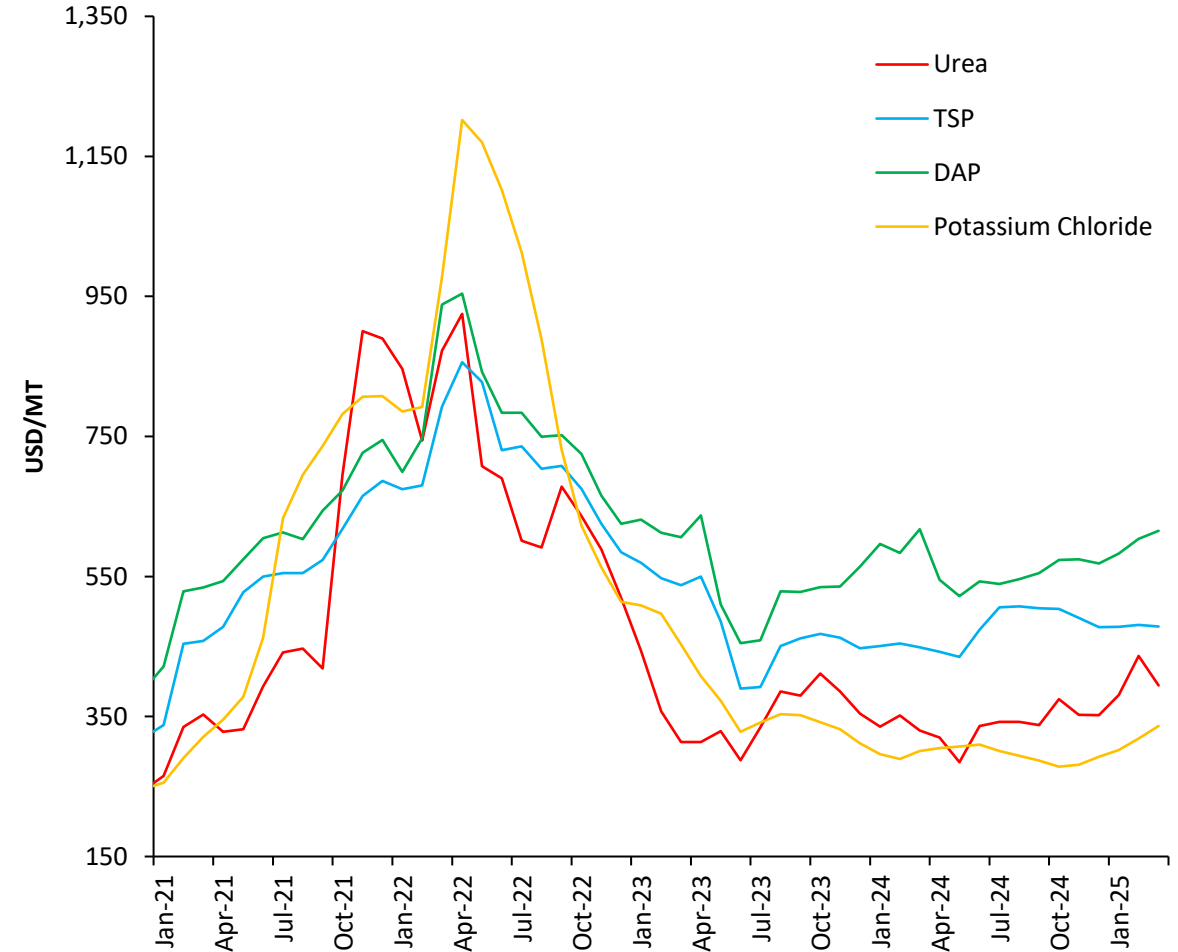


International Agricultural Commodity Prices

FAO Food Price Index



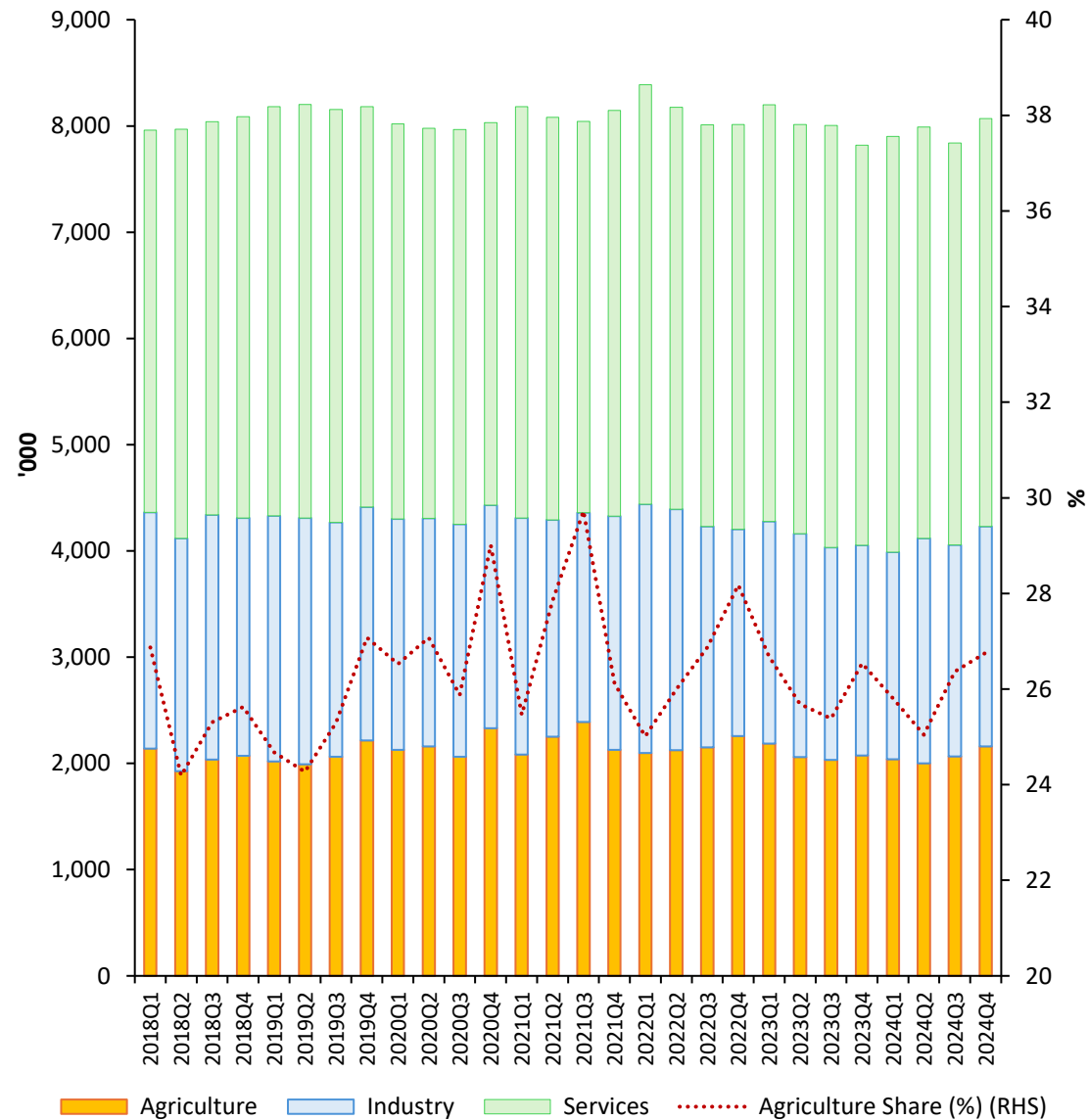
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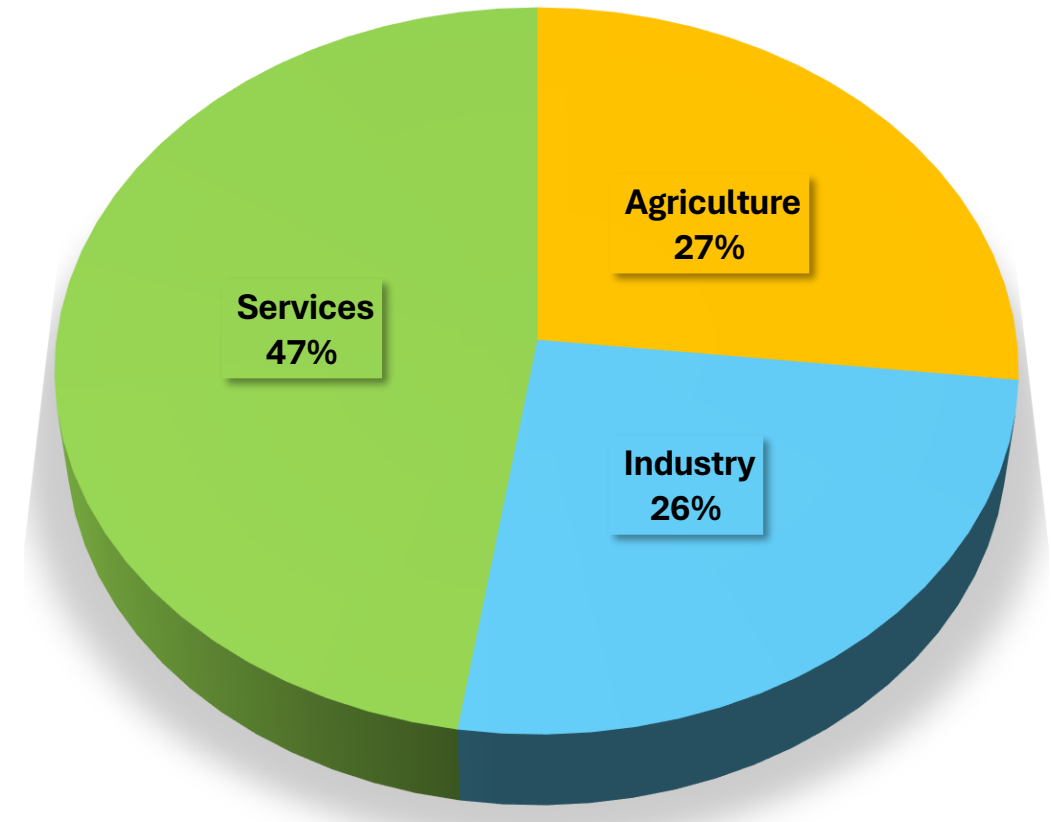
The FAO Food Price Index increased slightly in March 2025 compared to the previous month, with prices rising in categories such as meat and vegetable oils, while other food categories such as cereals and sugar declined during the month.

Employment in Agriculture

Sector-wise Employed Population



Sector-wise Employed Population – 2024 Q4





Datasets are accessible via:

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



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**The figures for 2024 and 2025 provided in this data summary are highly provisional.*