



HIGHLIGHTS

Paddy production for the 2024/2025 Maha season, based on the sown extent as of end December 2024, is forecasted at 2.57 million metric tons, a 5.7% decline from the previous Maha season.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

Fish production decreased by 16.3% during the month of November, largely driven by declines in inland fishing activities.

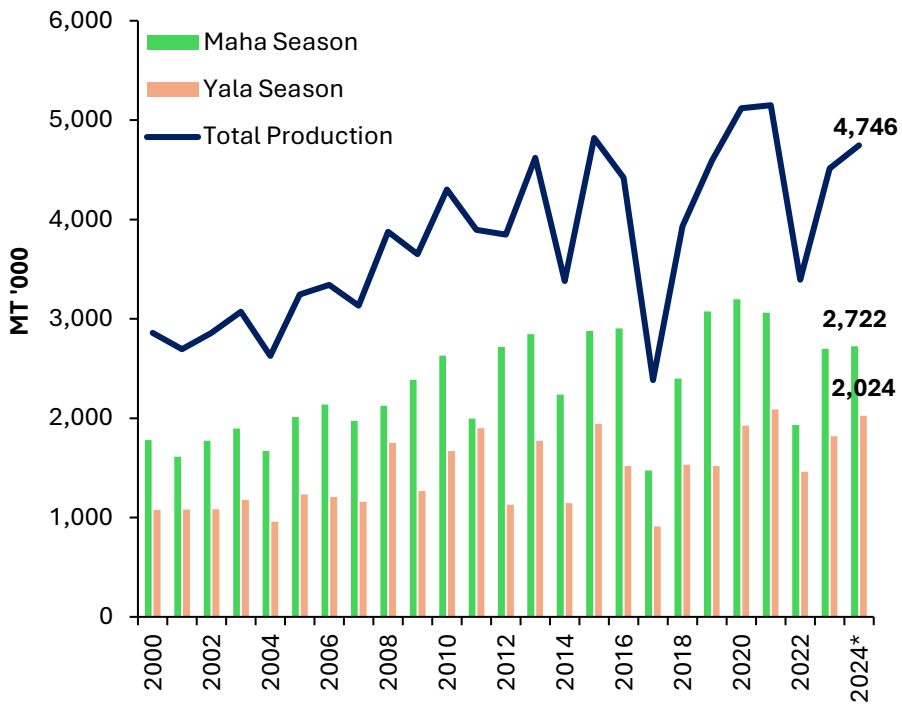
While **domestic tea production** increased by 13.9% during November and 9.6% in December, global tea prices continued their declining streak through both of these months.

Local rubber production grew by 24.3% in November while global rubber prices picked up slightly in December 2024 after the decline seen in the previous month.

Coconut production experienced a significant decline of 27.9% in November 2024.



Paddy Production

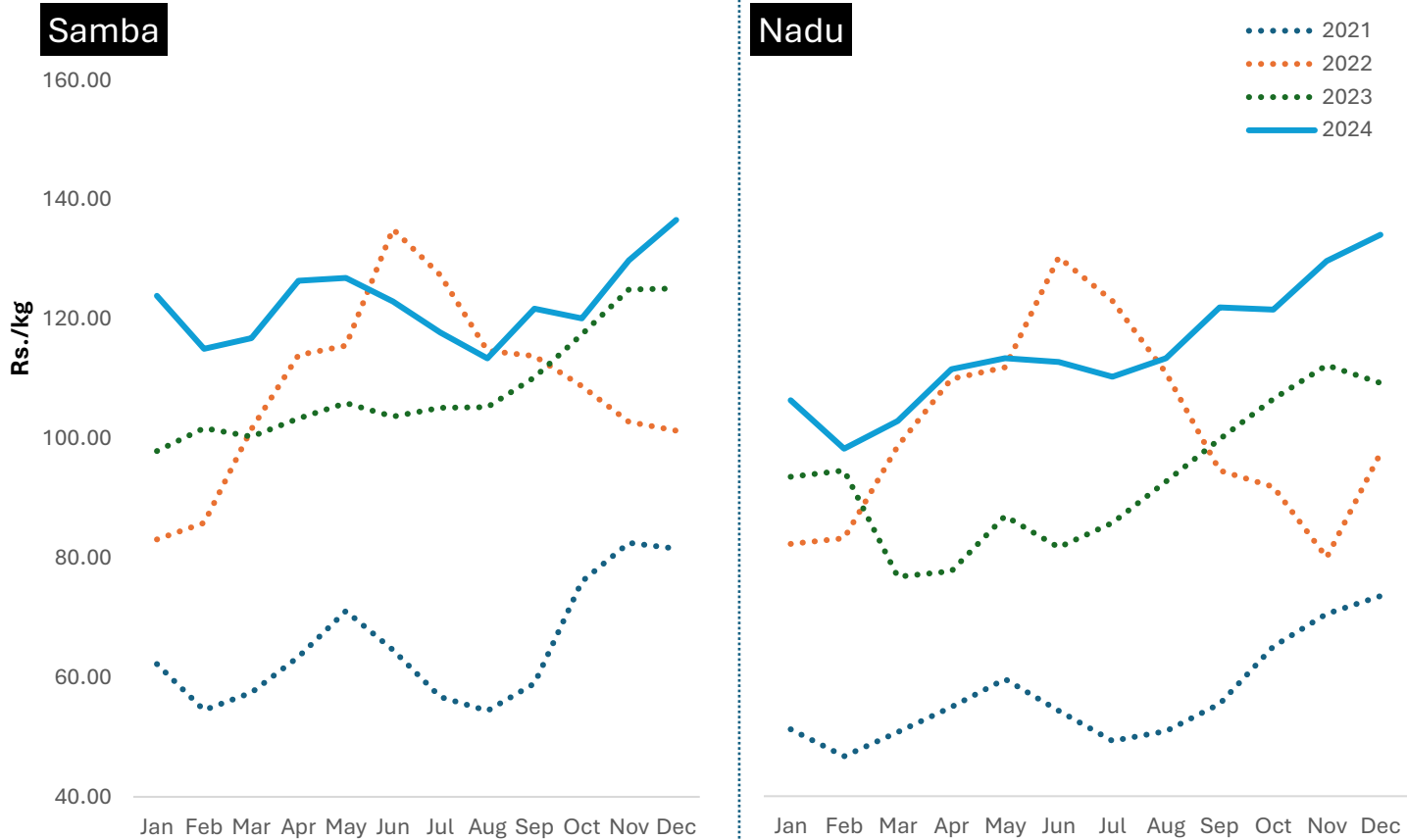


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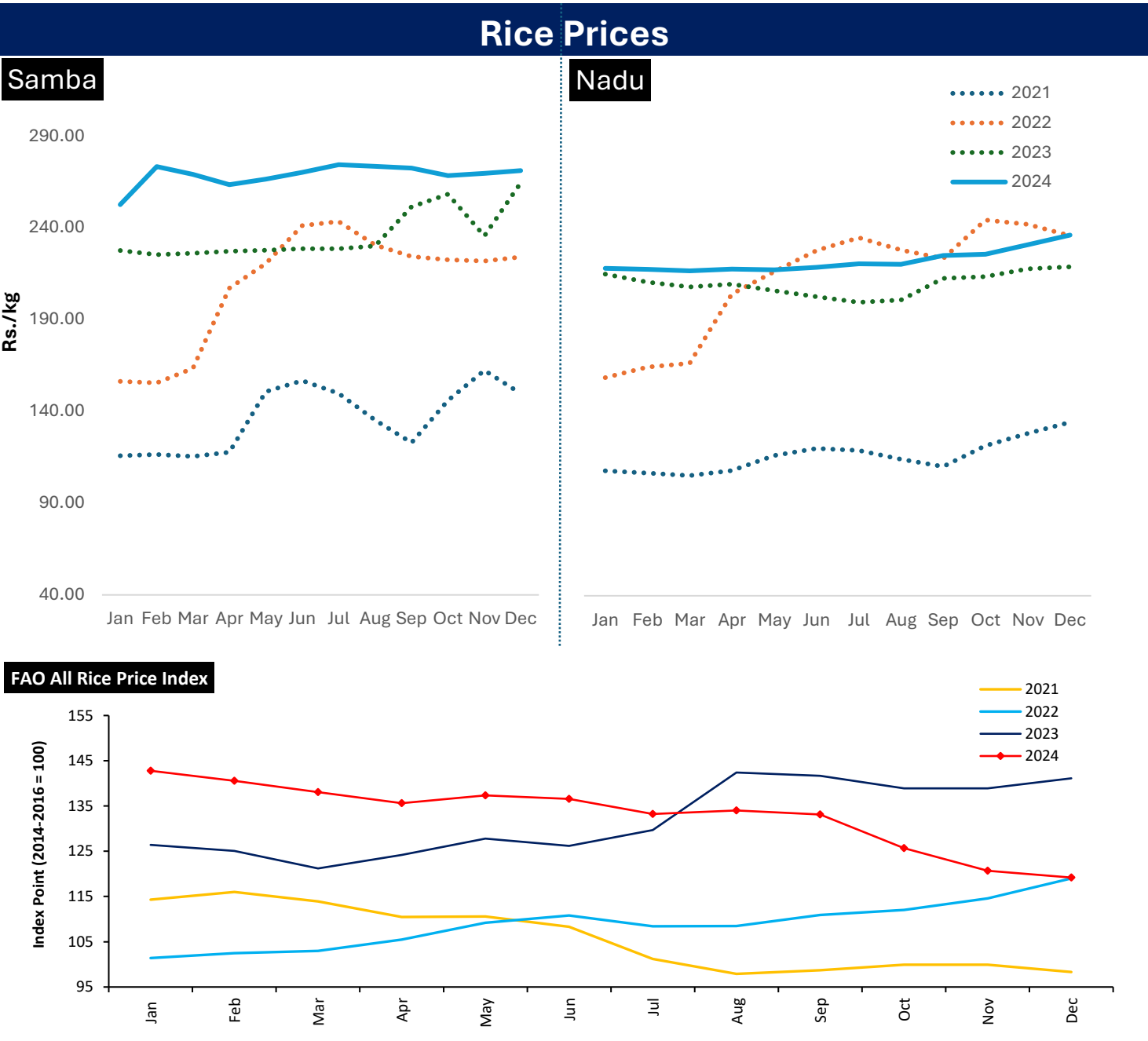
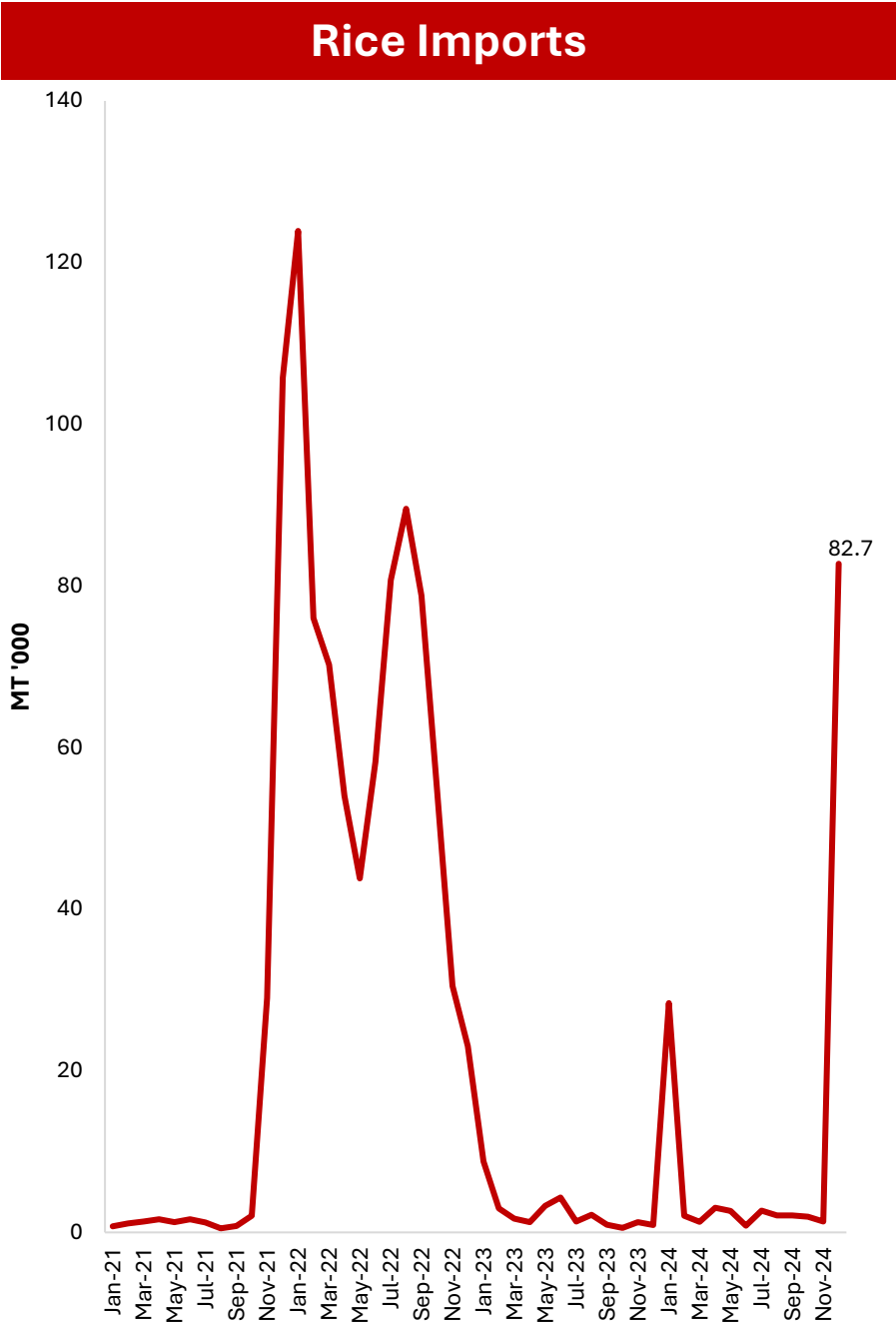
Season	2023 (mn mt)	2024* (mn mt)	Growth (%)
Maha	2.70	2.72	1.0
Yala	1.82	2.02	11.4
Annual	4.51	4.75	5.2

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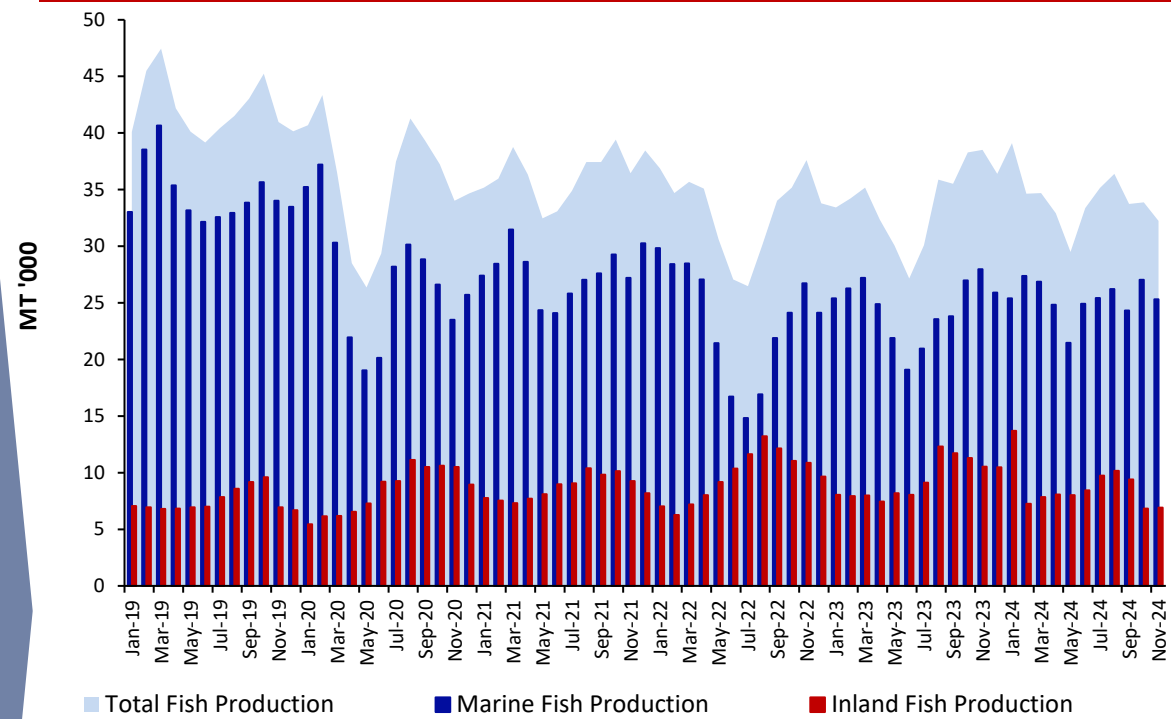
Paddy Prices



- The DoA's paddy production forecast for the 2024/2025 Maha season, based on the sown extent reported as of end December 2024, stands at **2.57 million metric tons (5.7% 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)**.

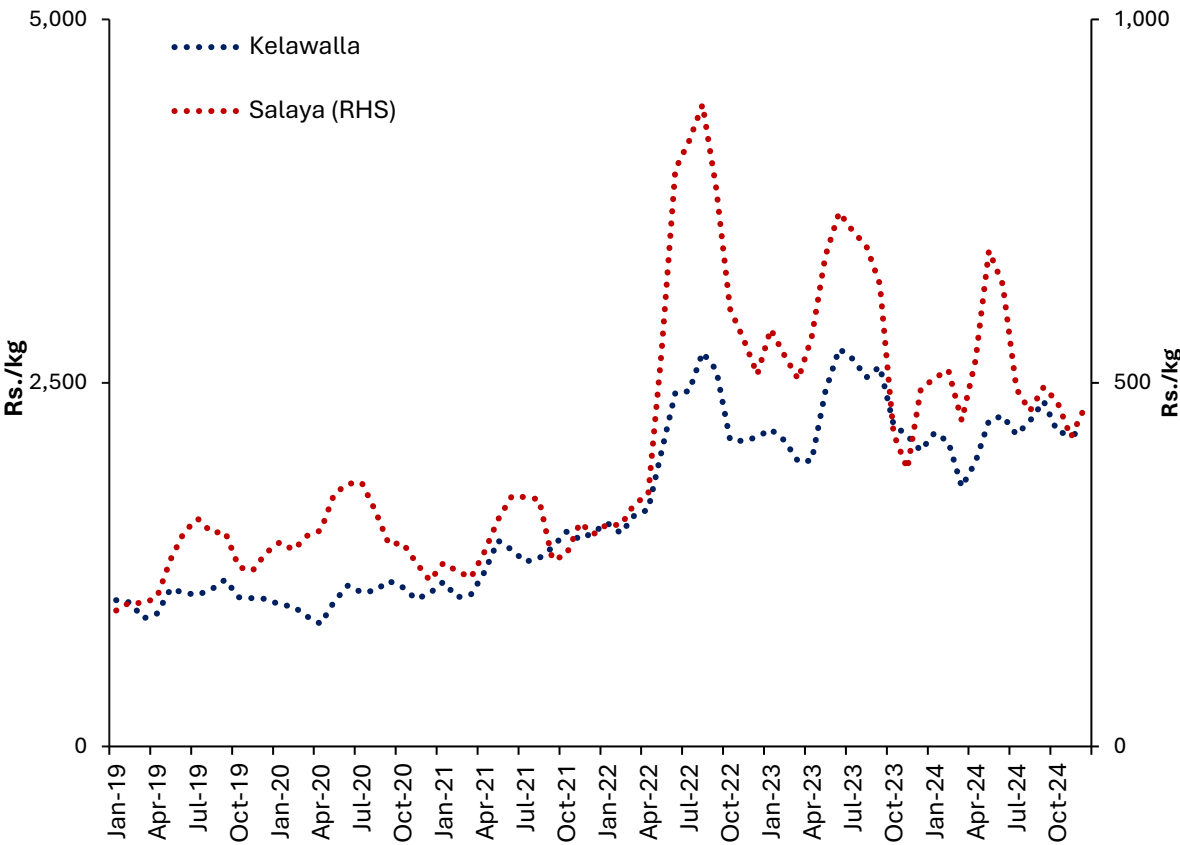


Fish Production



Production (MT '000)	2022	2023	2023 Jan-Nov	2024 Jan-Nov
Marine	281	294	268	279
Inland	117	113	103	96
Total	397	407	371	376

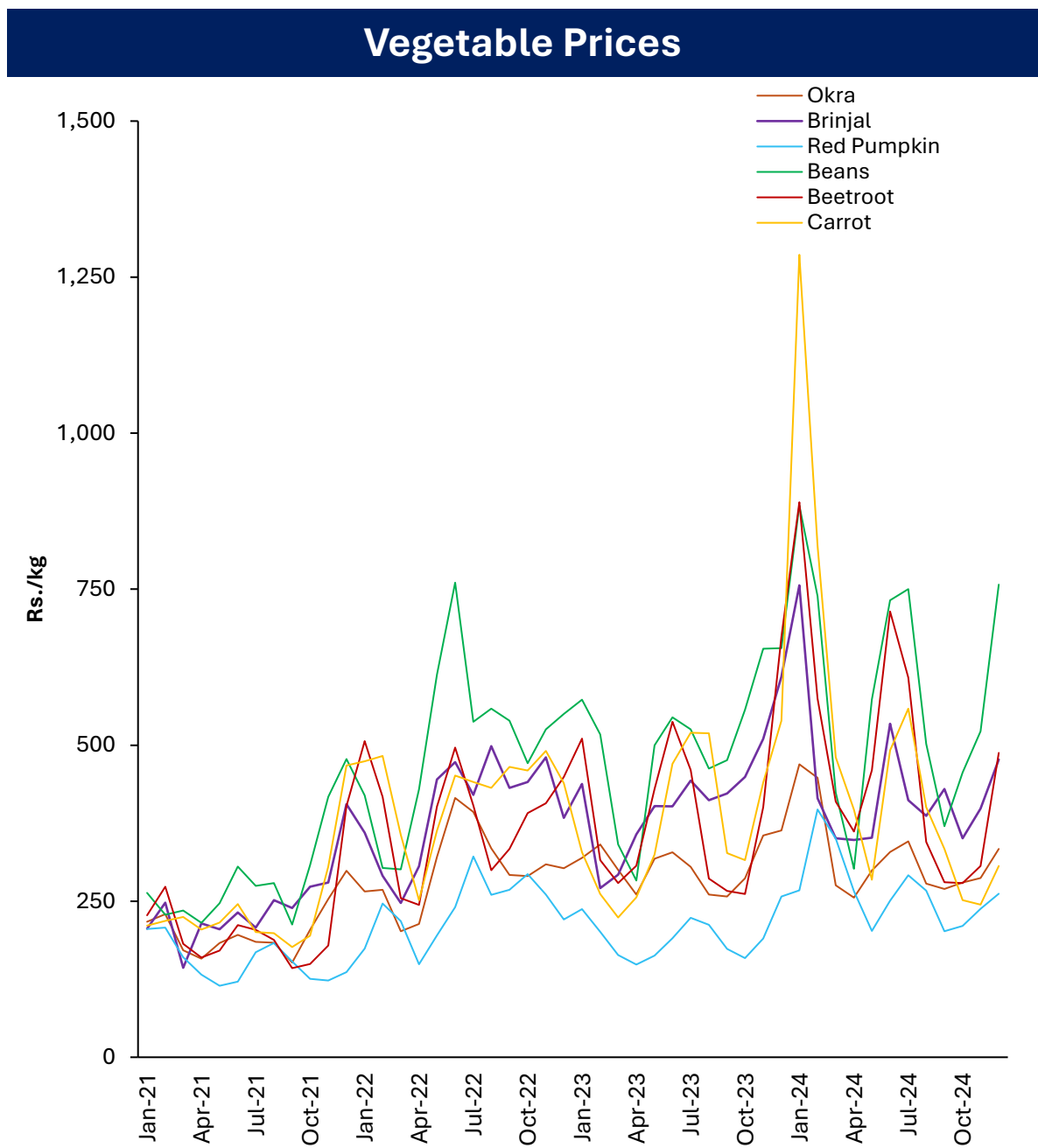
Fish Prices



Fish production decreased by **16.3%** (y-o-y) in November 2024, with inland fishing activities being a key contributor to the decline.

Vegetable Production (MT)					
	2022 Yala	2022/23 Maha	2023 Yala	2023/24 Maha	2024 Yala*
Up Country					
Tomatoes	47,425	46,244	34,169	39,293	42,480
Cabbage	67,069	52,310	47,773	58,552	47,301
Carrot	40,806	40,084	25,267	48,836	36,815
Beetroot	15,580	17,178	21,444	17,332	15,592
Raddish	38,506	26,955	27,557	40,159	24,181
Beans	33,929	41,139	25,287	36,345	30,516
Low Country					
Luffa	19,288	24,852	18,417	22,225	15,182
Okra	36,181	38,984	31,351	37,620	31,594
Brinjal	61,628	80,637	54,450	69,584	56,445
Cucumber	15,959	21,013	26,603	17,937	20,939
Red pumpkin	44,249	59,163	41,779	46,890	58,582
Ash plantain	24,926	35,369	22,833	33,783	5,380
Long bean	30,735	35,395	27,456	35,539	37,785

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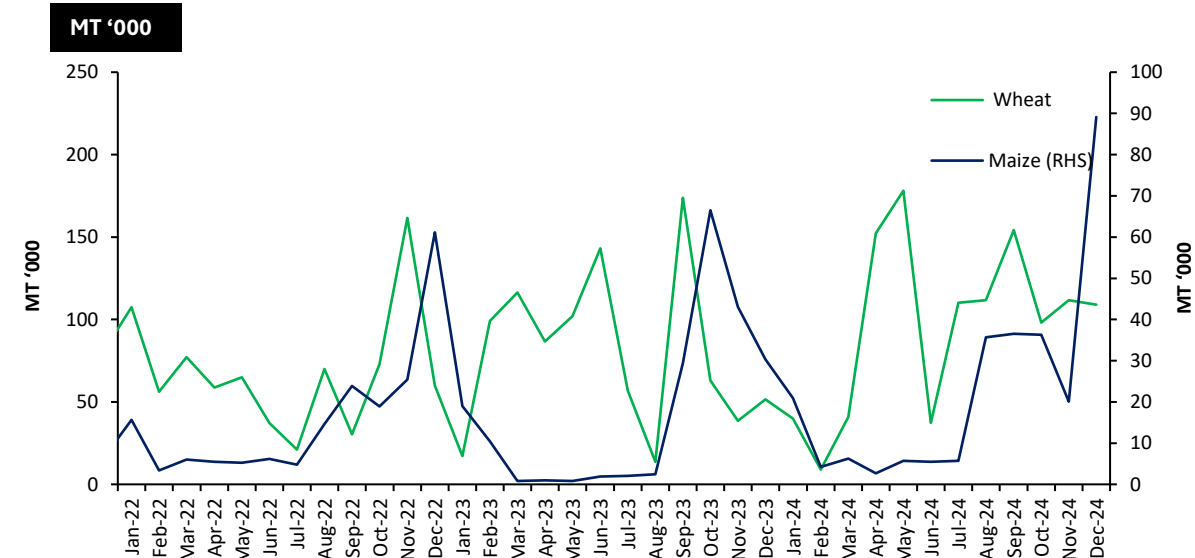
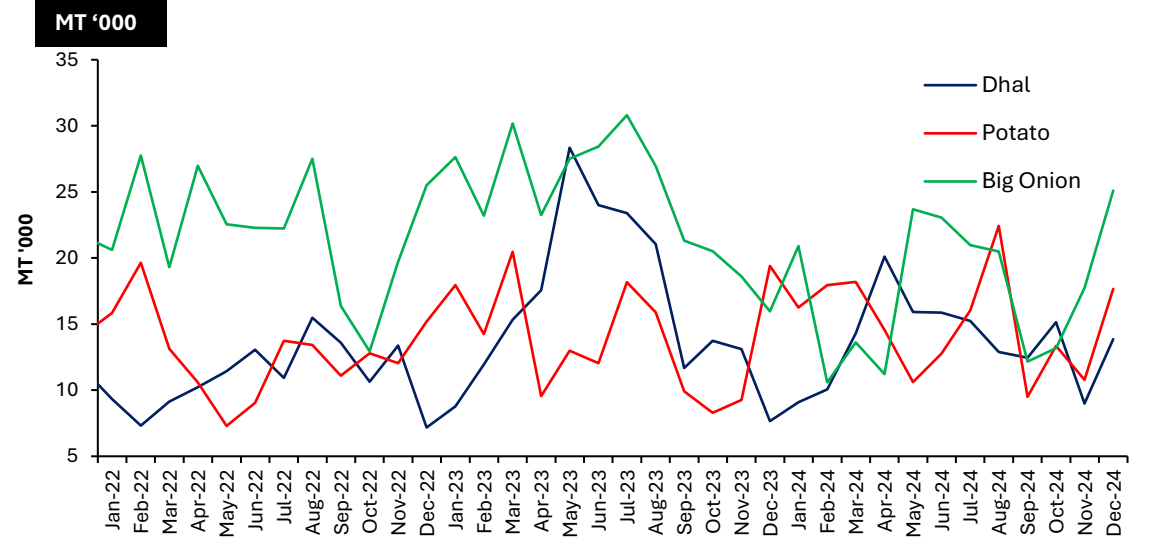
Other Field Crops

Production (MT)	2022 Yala	2022/23 Maha	2023 Yala	2023/24 Maha	2024 Yala*
Potato	27,764	19,723	21,026	21,291	21,158
Red Onion	19,565	26,673	22,678	24,762	29,966
Big Onion	17,164	329	4,755	257	21,875
Green Chillie	27,316	42,270	25,128	40,438	36,419
Cowpea	6,976	7,022	5,779	5,955	5,678
Black gram	2,632	8,346	1,437	8,518	4,075
Maize	22,112	198,601	22,647	196,871	38,011
Ground Nut	11,204	19,014	10,666	17,336	17,515
Gingelly	7,742	2,701	8,651	2,210	4,489
Green gram	6,757	6,940	5,514	6,156	16,093

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Imports (MT)	2022	2023	2024
Dhal	131,711	196,601	163,881
Potato	153,827	168,184	180,121
Big Onion	263,781	294,386	212,720

Import Trend of Selected Food Items



Sources: Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka Customs

Sugar

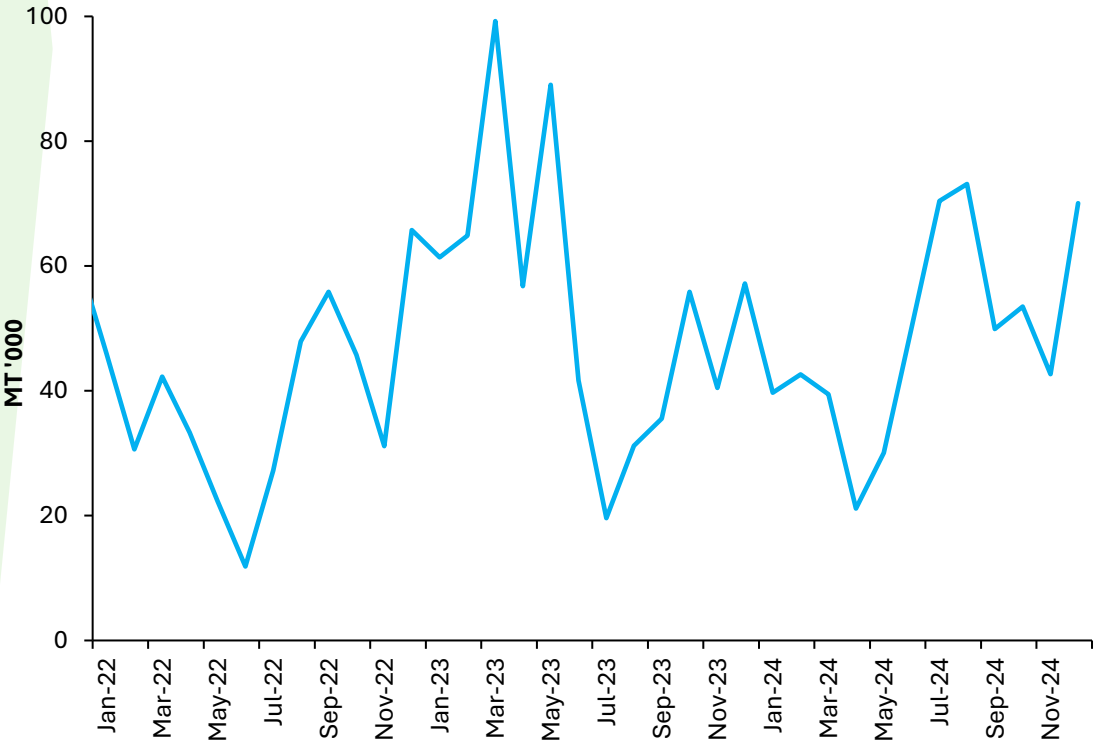
	2023 Jan-Nov	2024 Jan-Nov
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Sugar Production (MT)	66,177	79,986
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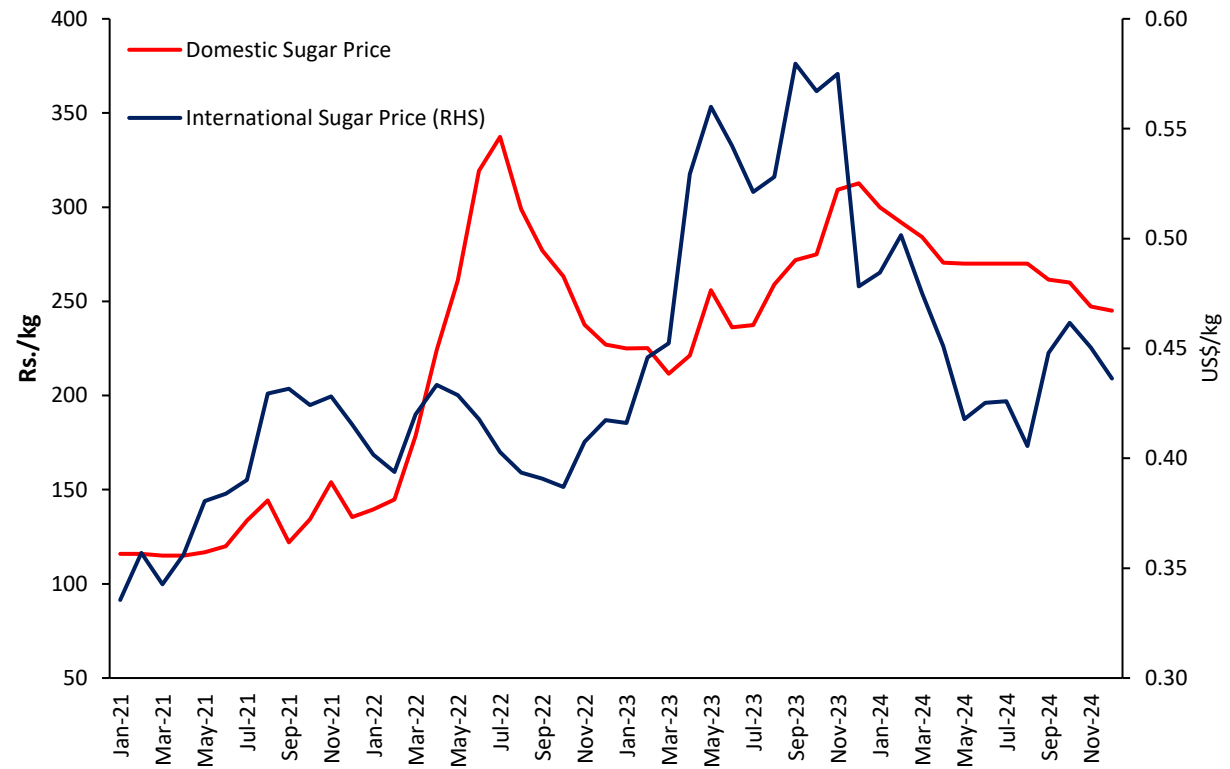
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Sugar Imports (MT)	652,876	582,906
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Import Trend



Price Trend



- Domestic sugar production increased by **20.9%** (y-o-y) during January to November 2024.
- International sugar prices decreased in December 2024 amid improving sugarcane crop prospects in the main producing countries.

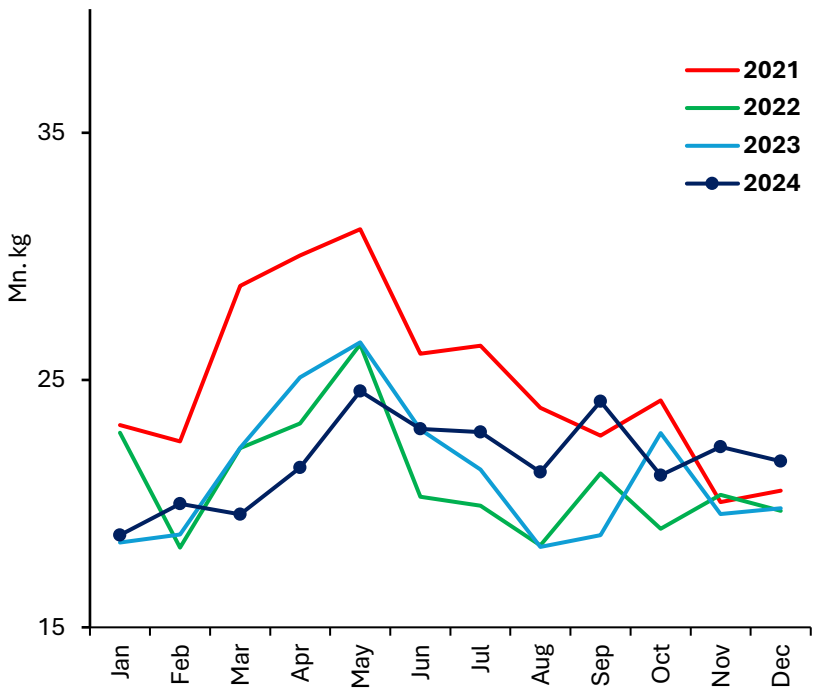
Livestock

	2023 Oct	2024 Sep	2024 Oct
Production	Egg (mn)	154	269
	Chicken (000 MT)	21	21
Price	Egg-White (Rs./egg)	42.50	45.54
	Egg - Red (Rs./egg)	47.25	50.00
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	1111.67	1088.20
Cost of Production	Egg (Rs./egg)	29.77-34.72	30.62-35.64
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	829.97	702.80

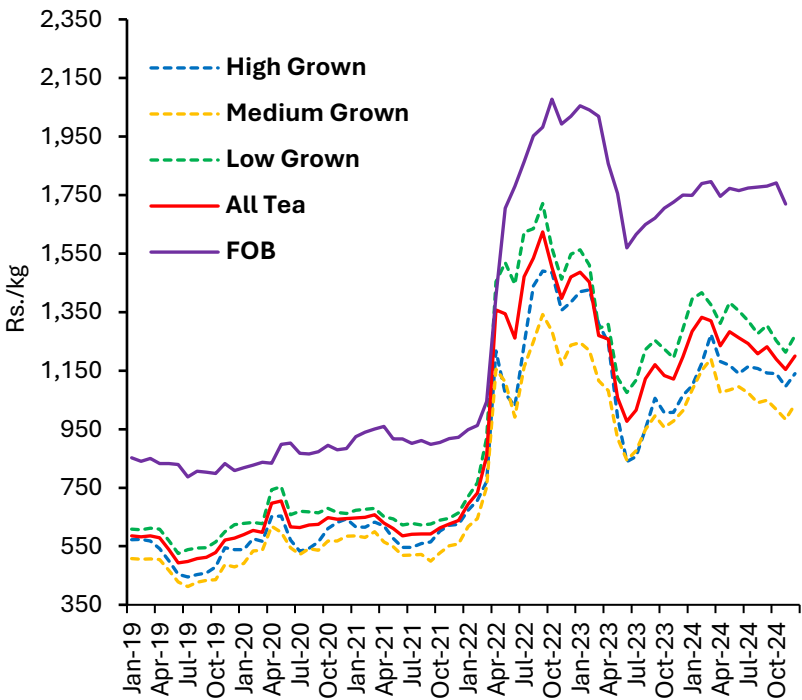
Feed Ingredients (Rs./kg)	2023 Oct	2024 Sep	2024 Oct
Maize	n.a	177.19	179.38
Soya bean meal	262.21	230.92	229.25
Fish meal	473.96	300.00-470.00	310.00-470.00
Rice polish	90.79	126.00	129.54
Rice bran	142.50	66.25	70.00

Tea

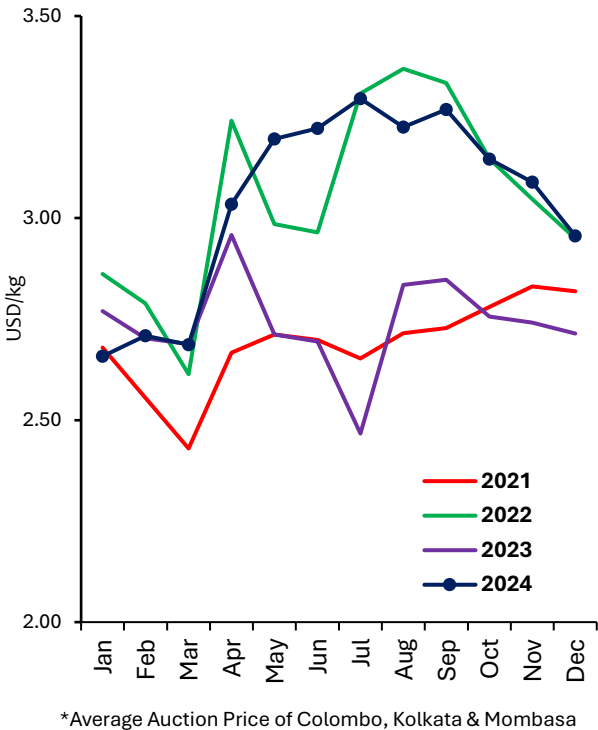
Tea Production



Tea Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Tea Prices

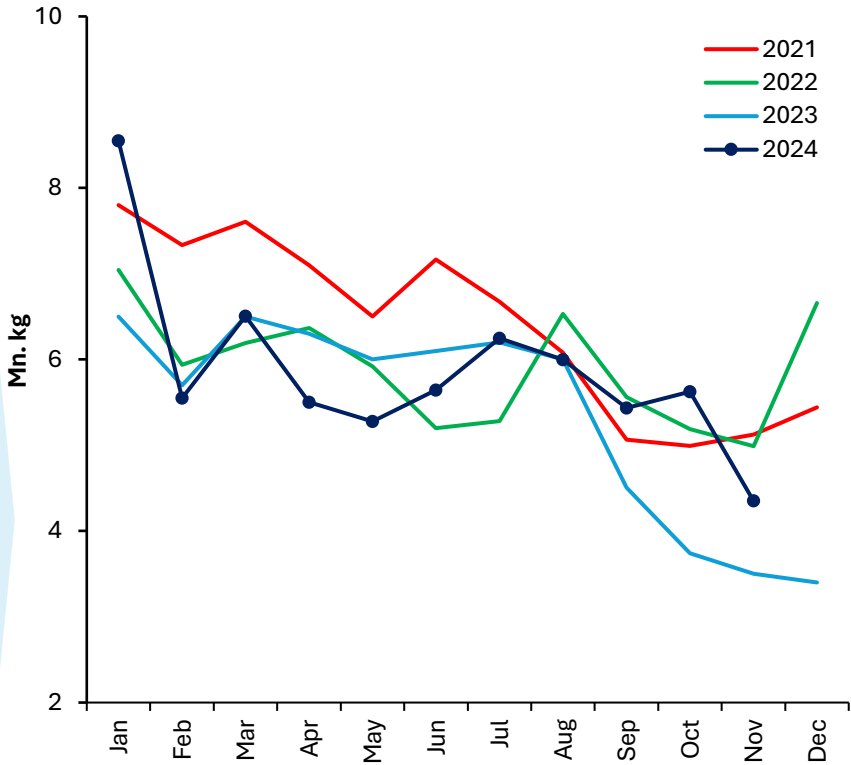


Tea Production (mn kg)	2023	2024	Growth %
High grown	58.0	56.4	(2.7)
Medium grown	42.2	46.1	9.2
Low grown	154.5	158.3	2.5
Total	254.7	260.8	2.4

- Domestic tea production increased by **9.6%** (y-o-y) during the month of December 2024.
- Global tea prices declined in December 2024 compared to the previous month, with only Colombo reporting higher average prices, while Mombasa and Kolkata recorded lower average prices.

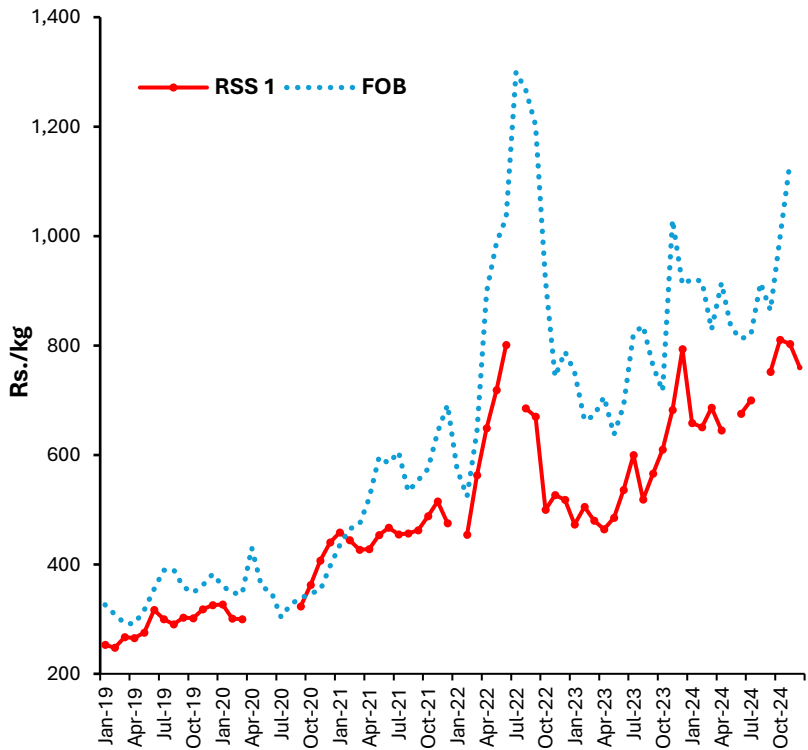
Rubber

Rubber Production

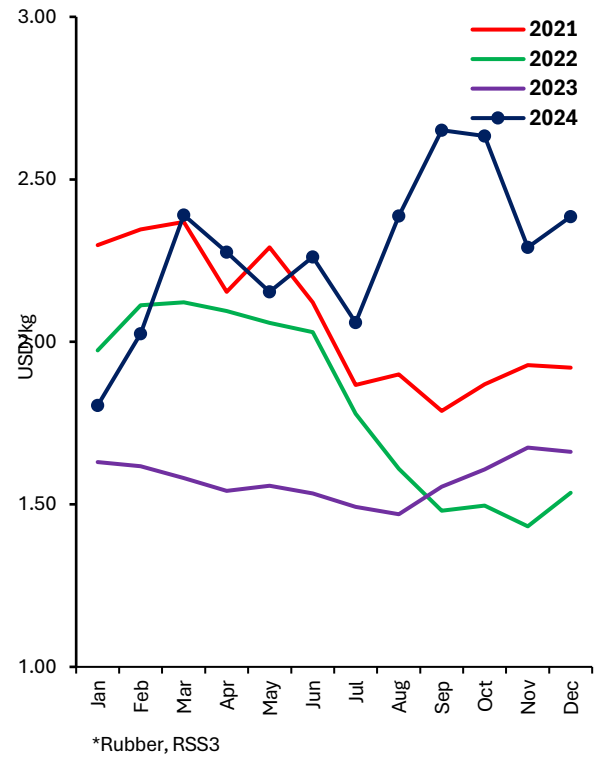


Rubber Production (mn kg)	2023	2023 Jan-Nov	2024 Jan-Nov	Growth %
Sheet Rubber	32.2	30.3	31.2	2.7
Crepe Rubber	11.1	10.4	9.3	(10.6)
Other	21.1	20.3	24.2	19.3
Total	64.4	61.0	64.7	6.0

Rubber Auction Prices & FOB Prices



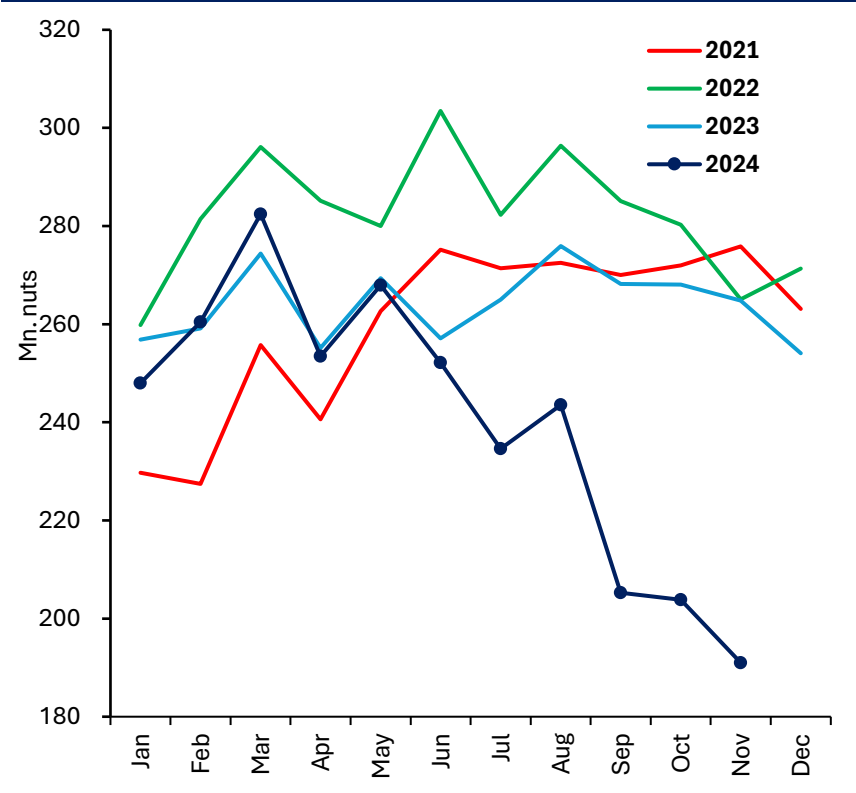
International Rubber Prices



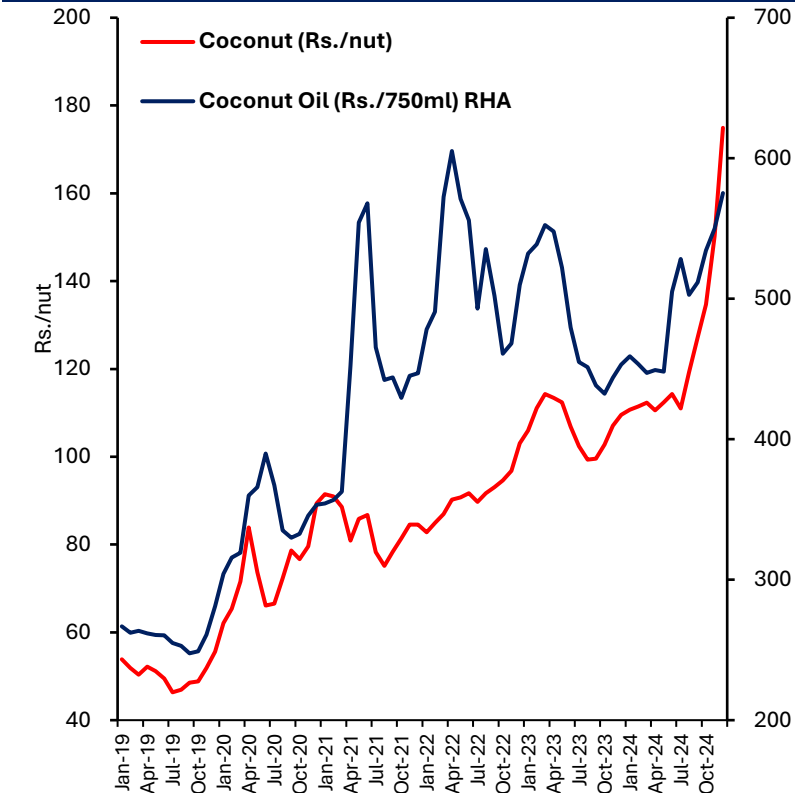
- Domestic rubber production increased by **24.3%** (y-o-y) during the month of November 2024.
- Natural rubber prices in global markets experienced an increase in December 2024.

Coconut

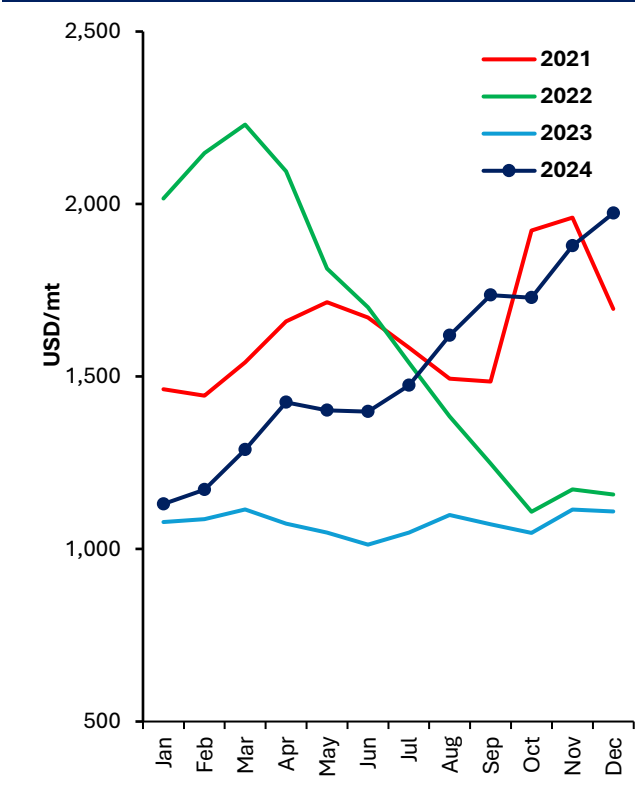
Coconut Production



Price of Coconut and Coconut Oil



International Coconut Oil Prices

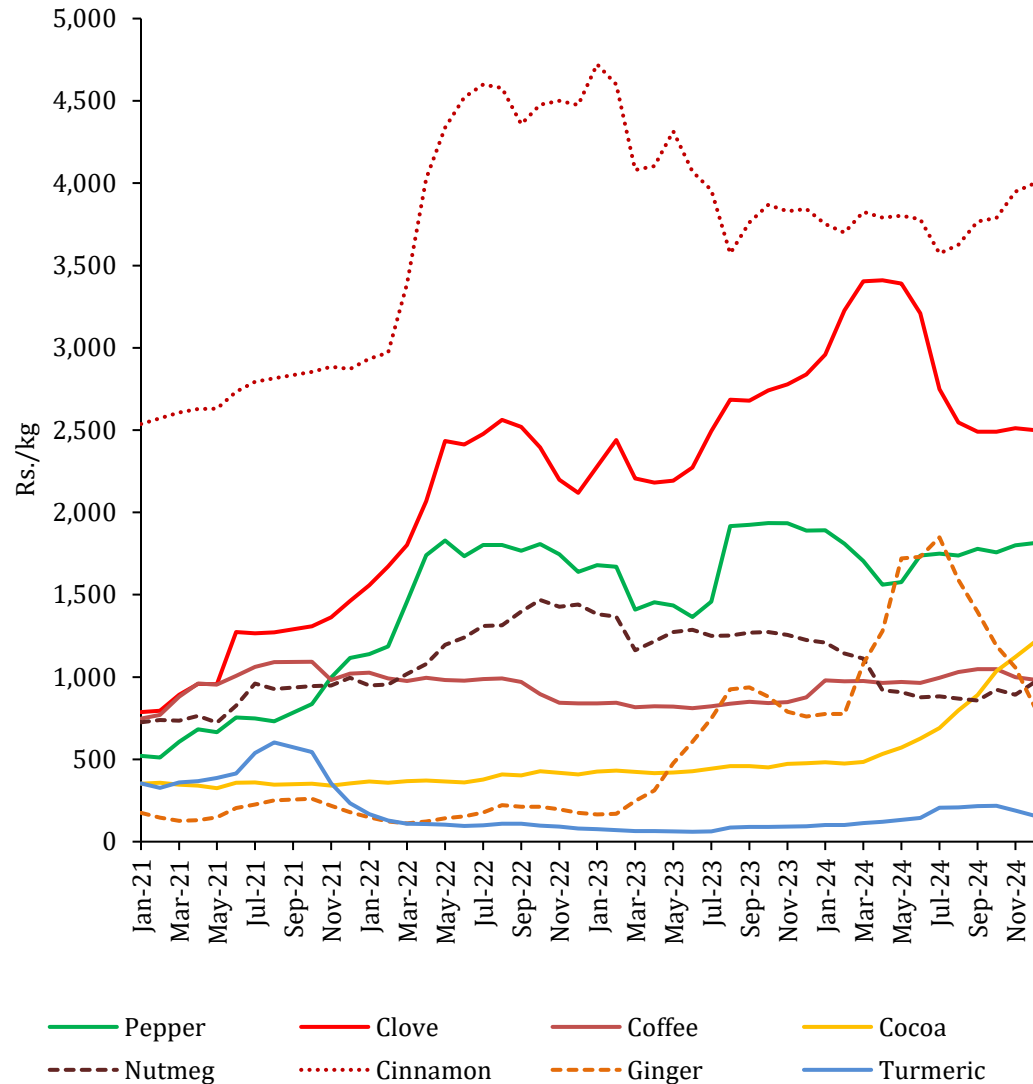


Coconut Production	2023	2023 Jan-Nov	2024 Jan-Nov	Growth %
Coconut (mn nuts)	3,170	2,914	2,643	(9.3)
Desiccated Nut (MT)	31,985	29,940	31,284	4.5
Coconut Oil (MT)	43,475	41,037	28,850	(29.7)

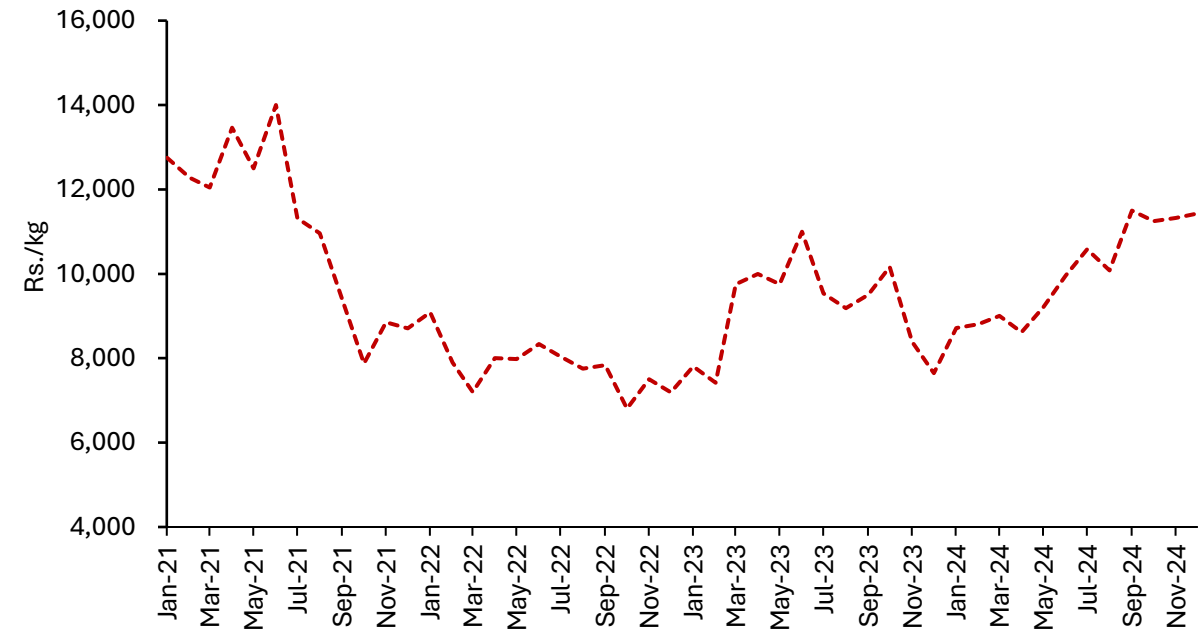
Domestic coconut production decreased by **27.9%** (y-o-y) during the month of November 2024.

Other Export Agriculture

Prices of Selected Export Agriculture Crops



Price of Cardamom



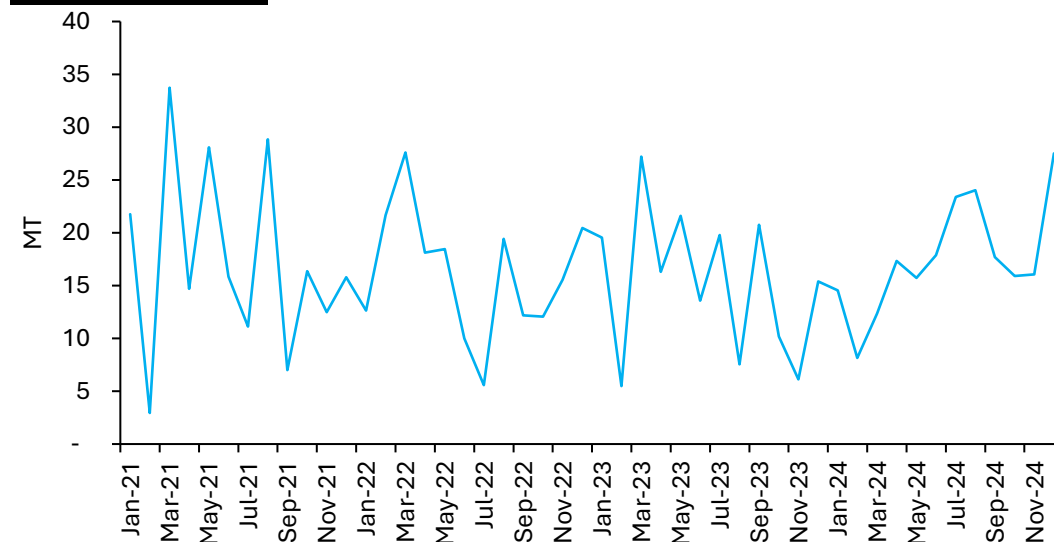
- In December 2024, the market prices of export crops such as Pepper, Cinnamon, Cocoa, Cardamom, and Nutmeg experienced an increase, while prices of Clove, Coffee, Ginger, and Turmeric registered a decline.
- Earnings from exports of spices increased in the month of December 2024 (y-o-y), mainly due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

Agricultural Input Import Trends

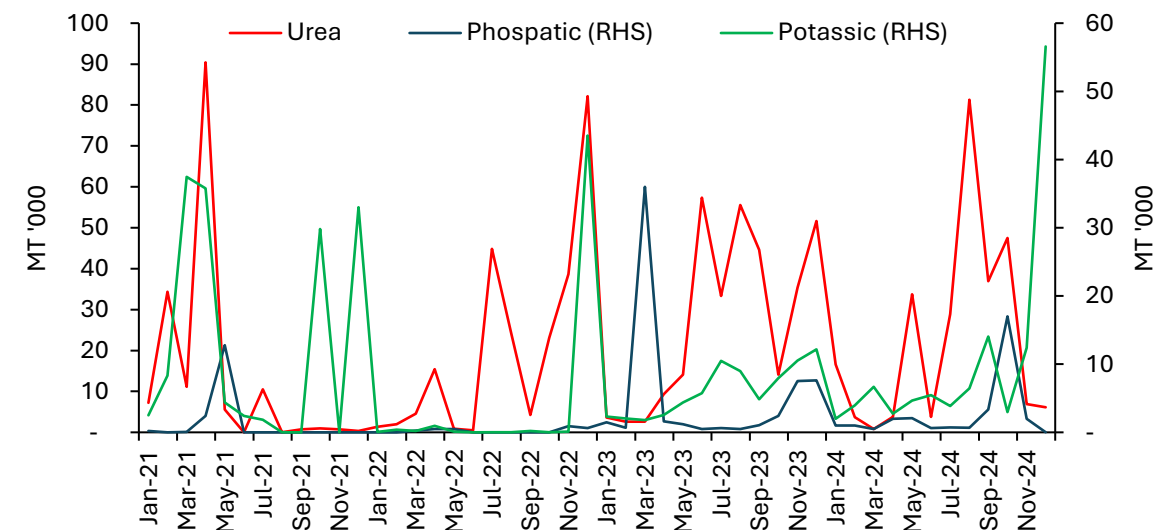
Imports	2022	2023	2024
Plants and Seeds			
Vegetable seeds (MT)	194	184	211
Potato seed (MT)	1,001	797	773
Plants & parts (MT)	3,848	4,236	6,874
Live trees and other plants (No. '000)	1,555	1,039	1,248
Fertilizers (MT '000)			
Urea	242	324	270
Other nitrogenous fertilizers	57	65	68
Phosphatic	3	61	31
Potassic	46	74	122
Other fertilizers	16	19	16

Import Trend of Selected Agricultural Inputs

Vegetable Seeds

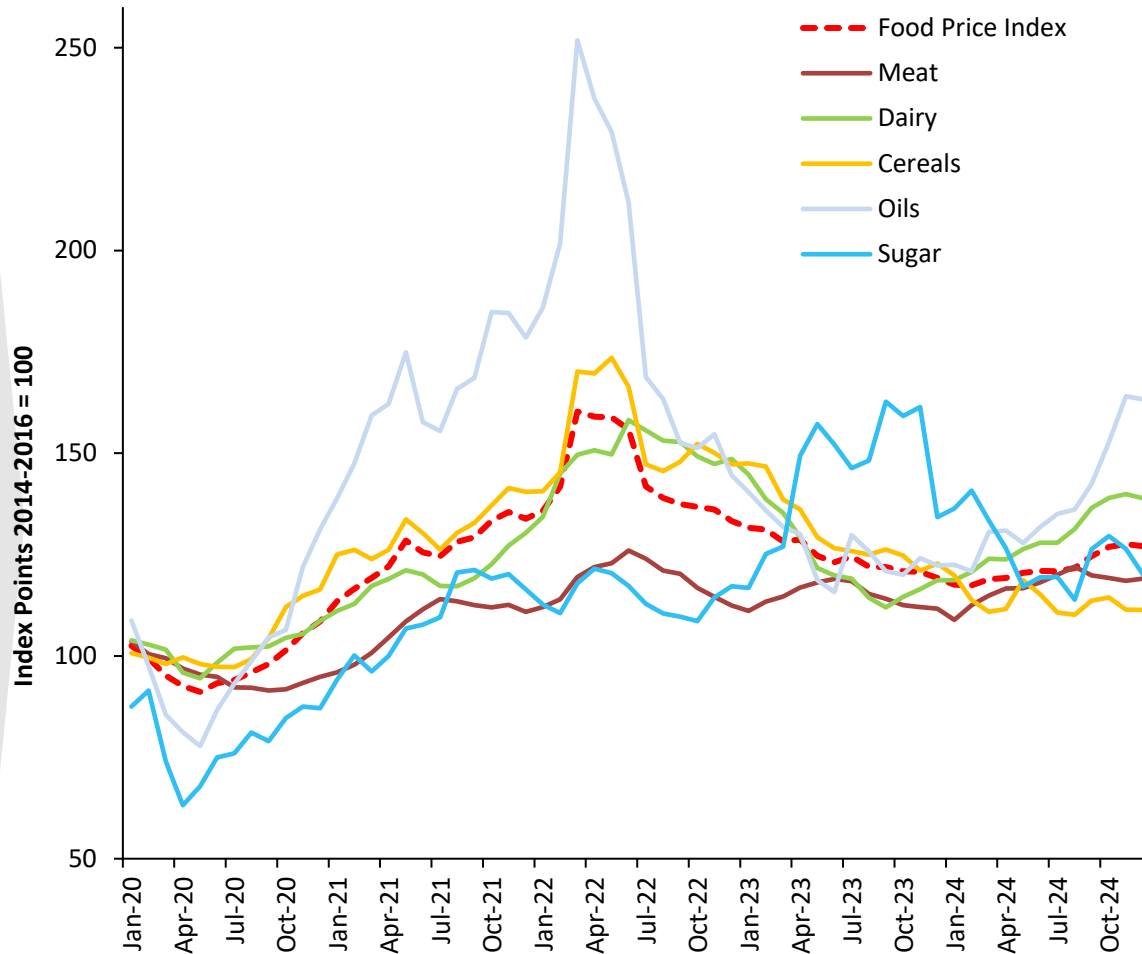


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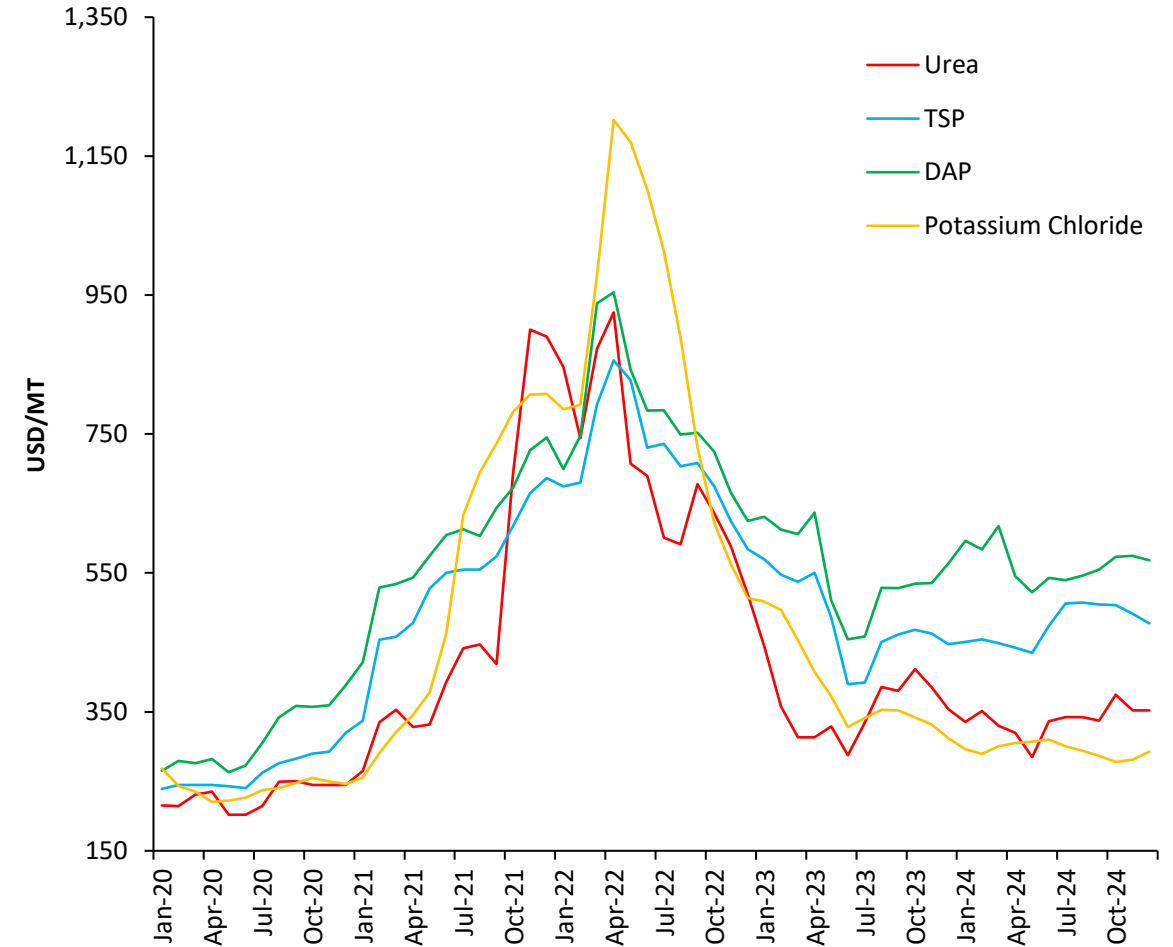


International Agricultural Commodity Prices

FAO Food Price Index



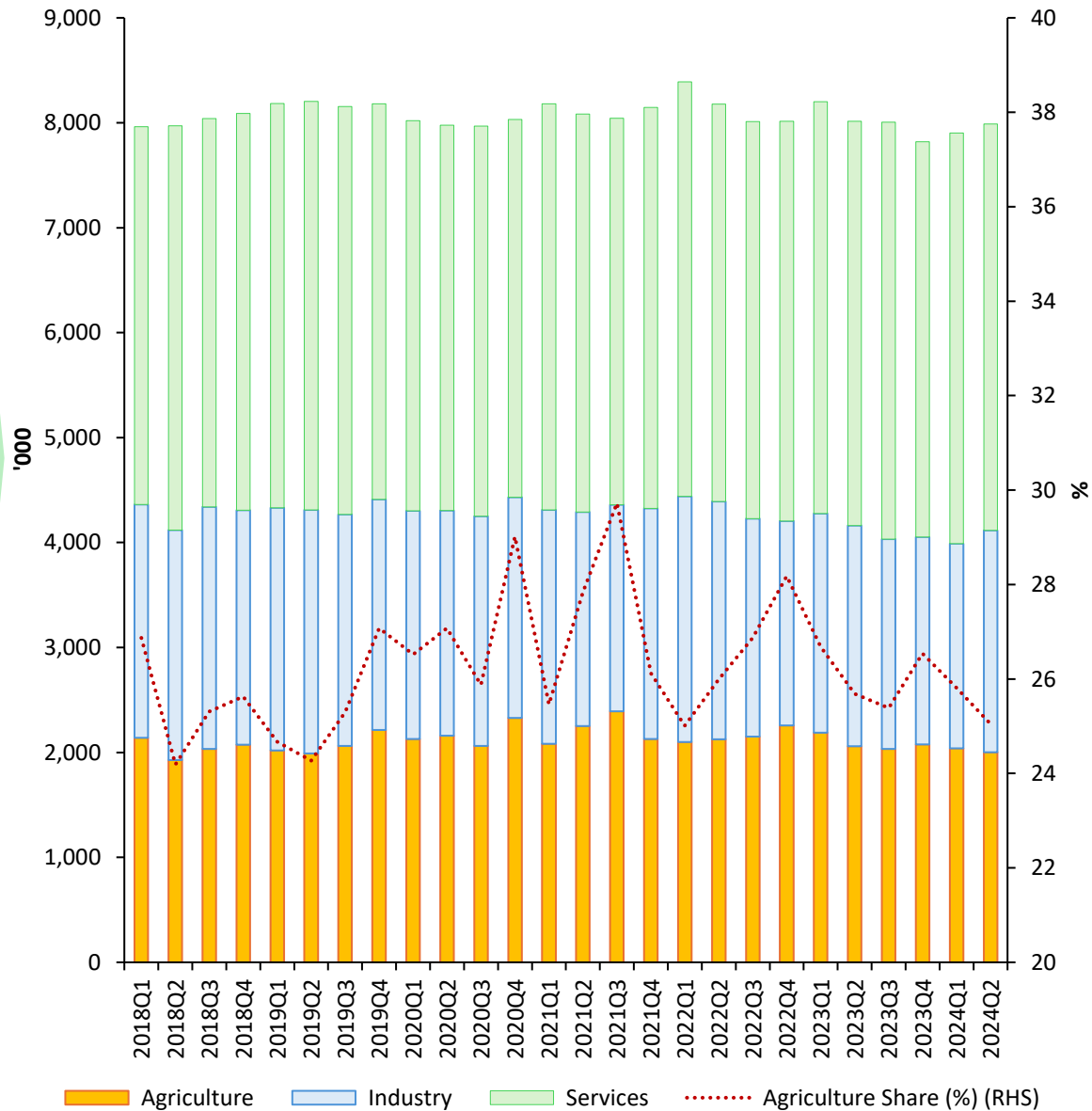
International Fertilizer Prices



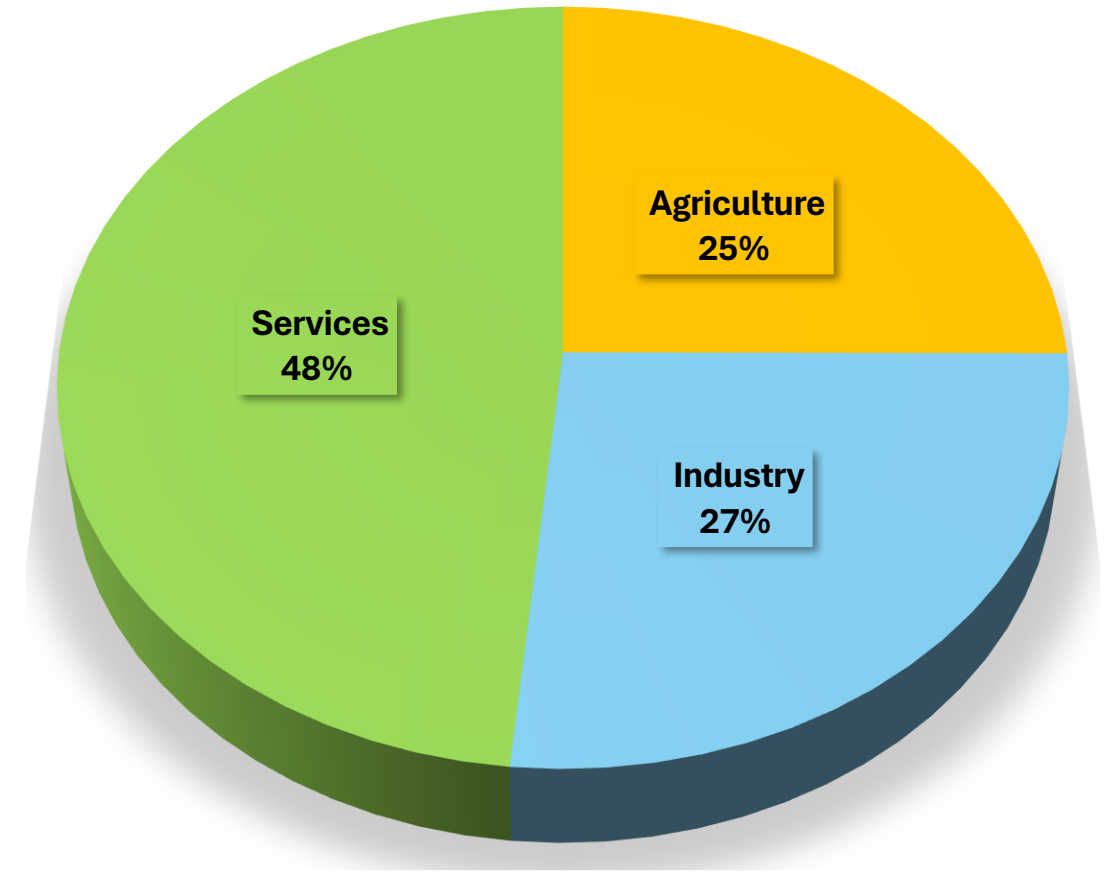
The FAO Food Price Index decreased in December 2024, with prices rising slightly only for meat, while all other food categories, such as oil, dairy, cereals, and sugar, declined.

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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