

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Paddy production** for the 2024/2025 Maha season, based on the sown extent as of end January 2025, is forecasted at 2.61 million metric tons, a 4.2% decline from the previous Maha season

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

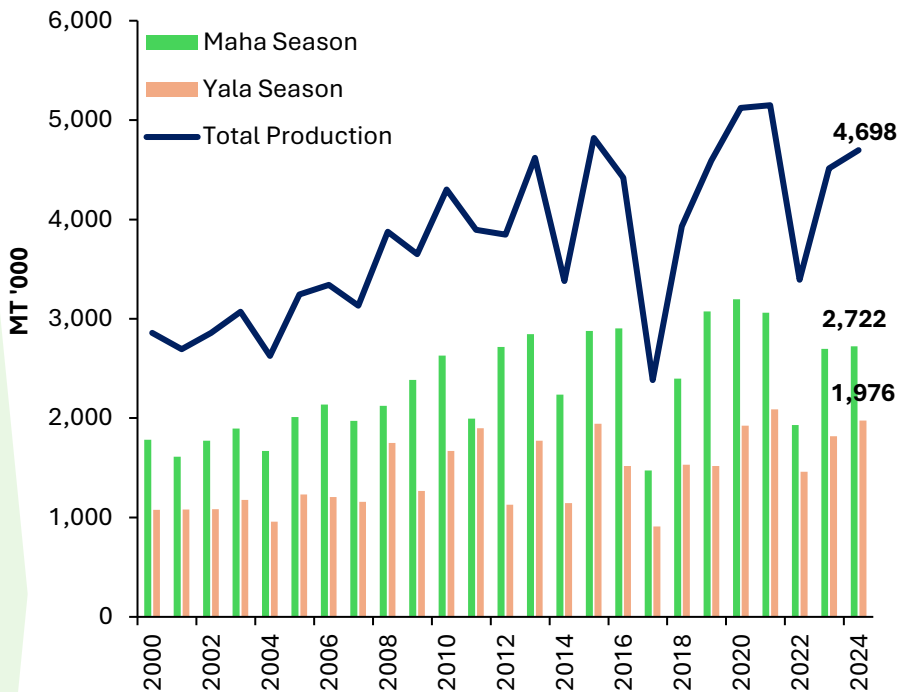
**Fish production** decreased by 15.1% (y-o-y) during the month of January 2025 and marginally increased by 1.0% (y-o-y) in February 2025, largely driven by declines in inland fishing activities

While **Domestic Tea production** decreased by 22.0% (y-o-y) in February 2025, global tea prices continued to decline

**Coconut production** experienced a significant y-o-y decline of 31.6% in February 2025 as well.

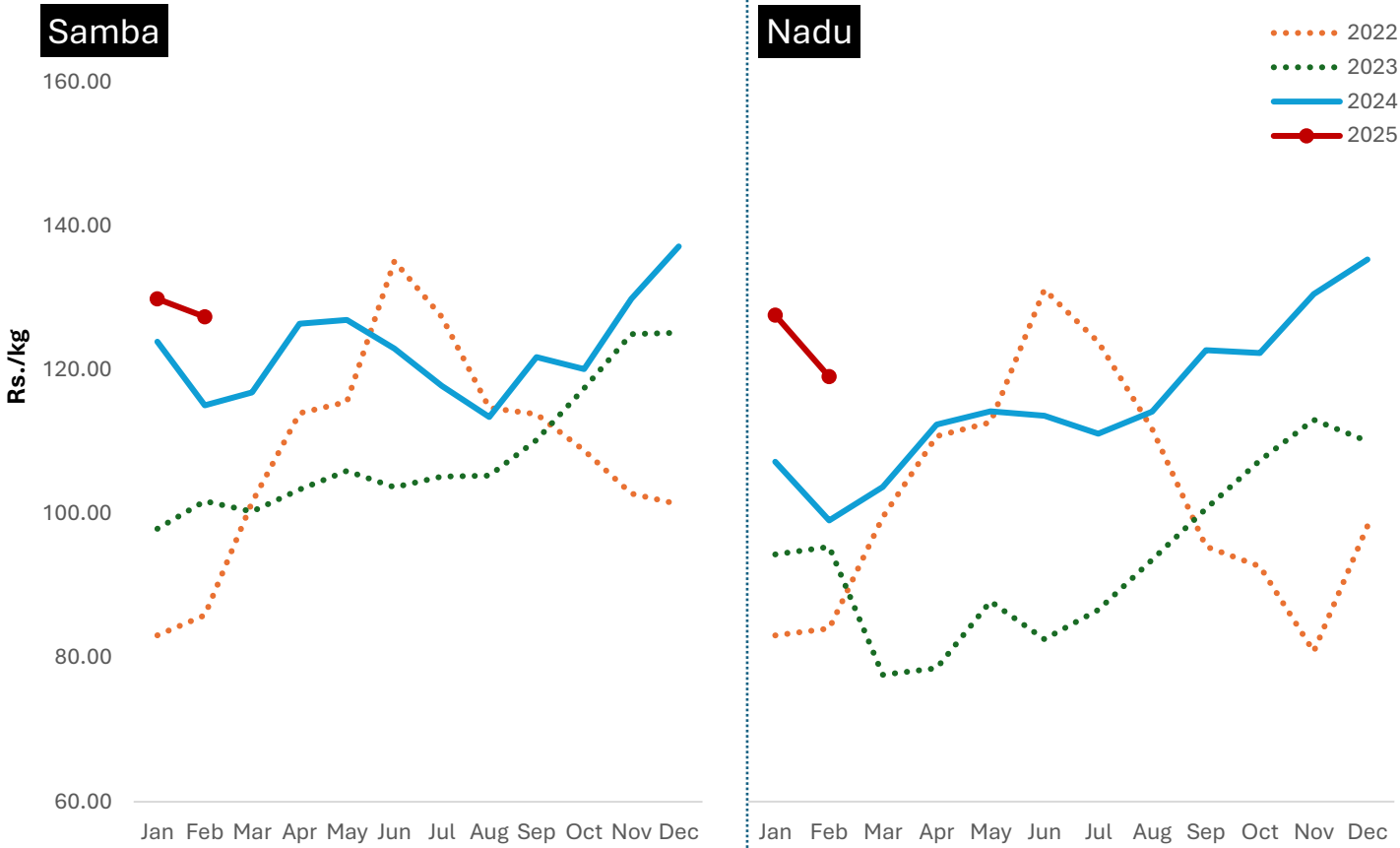


Paddy Production



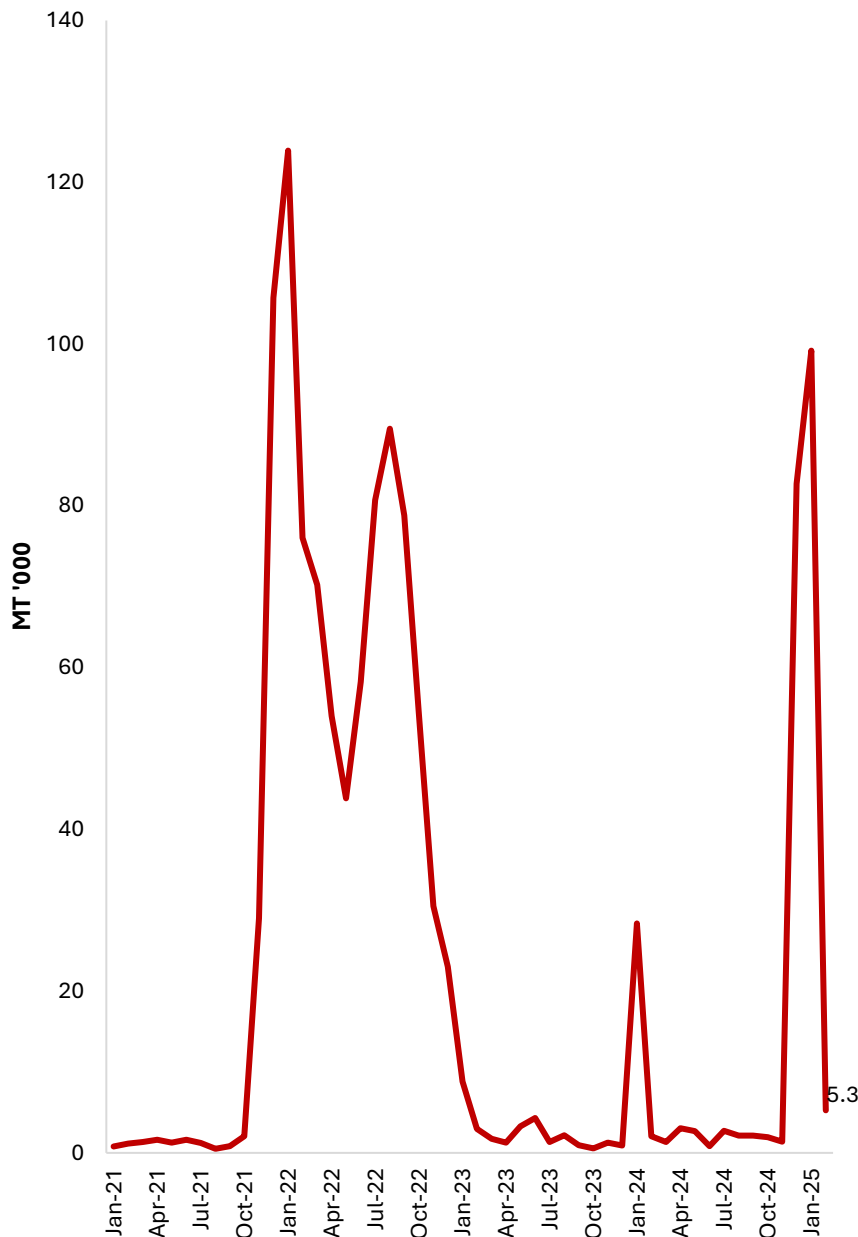
| Season | 2023<br>(mn mt) | 2024<br>(mn mt) | Growth<br>(%) |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Maha   | 2.70            | 2.72            | 1.0           |
| Yala   | 1.82            | 1.98            | 8.8           |
| Annual | 4.51            | 4.70            | 4.1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

Farmgate/Producer Prices of Paddy



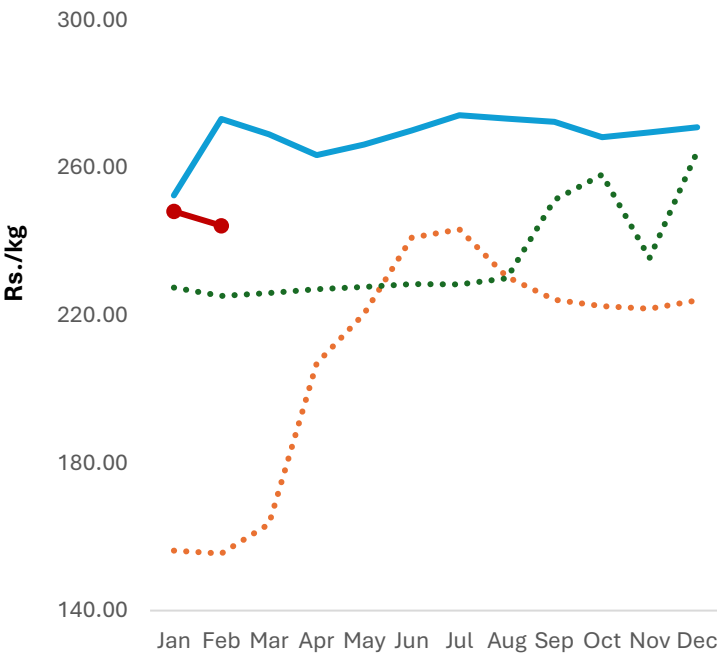
- Paddy production forecast of the Department of Agriculture for 2024/2025 Maha season, based on the sown extent reported as of end January 2025, stands at **2.61 million metric tons (4.2% decline from the previous Maha season)**.
- Paddy production for 2024 Yala season is **1.98 million metric tons (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

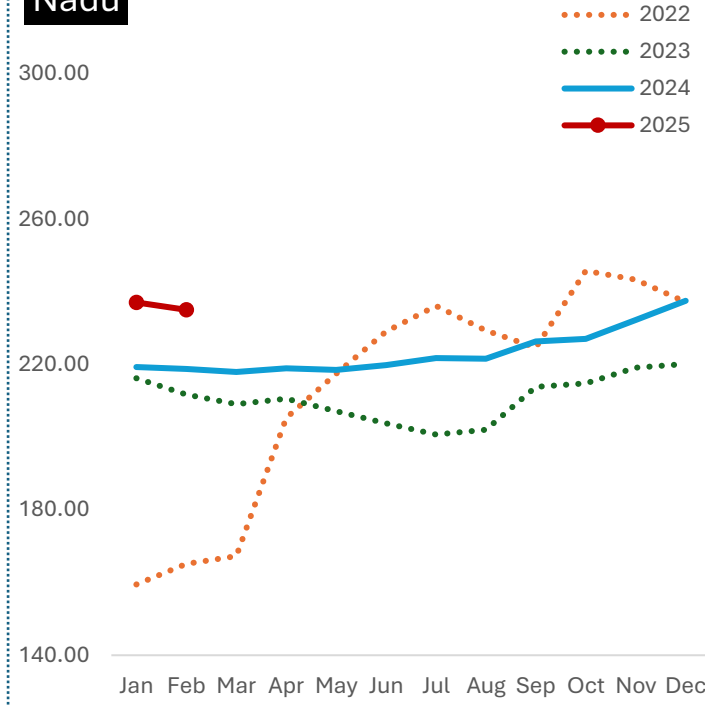


# Retail Rice Prices

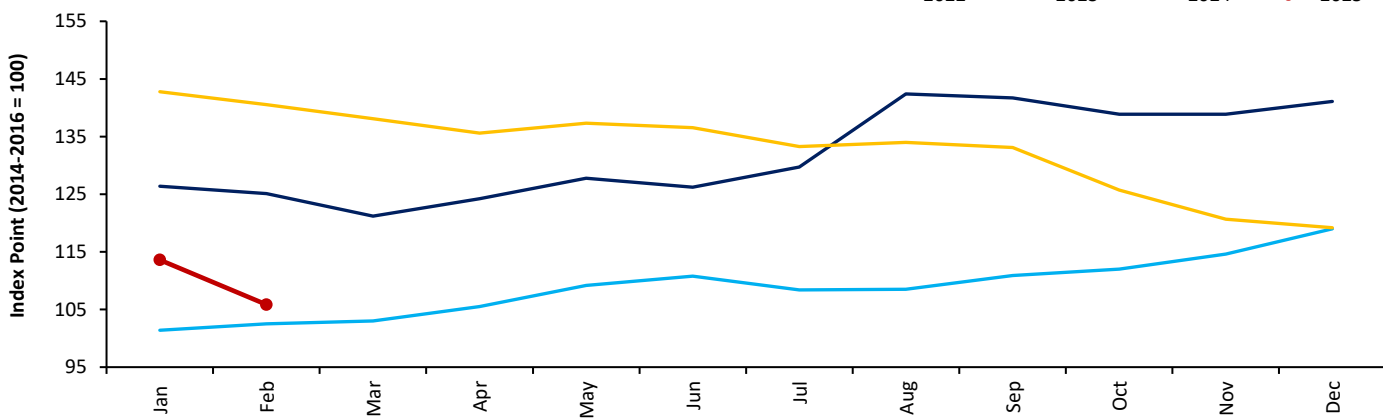
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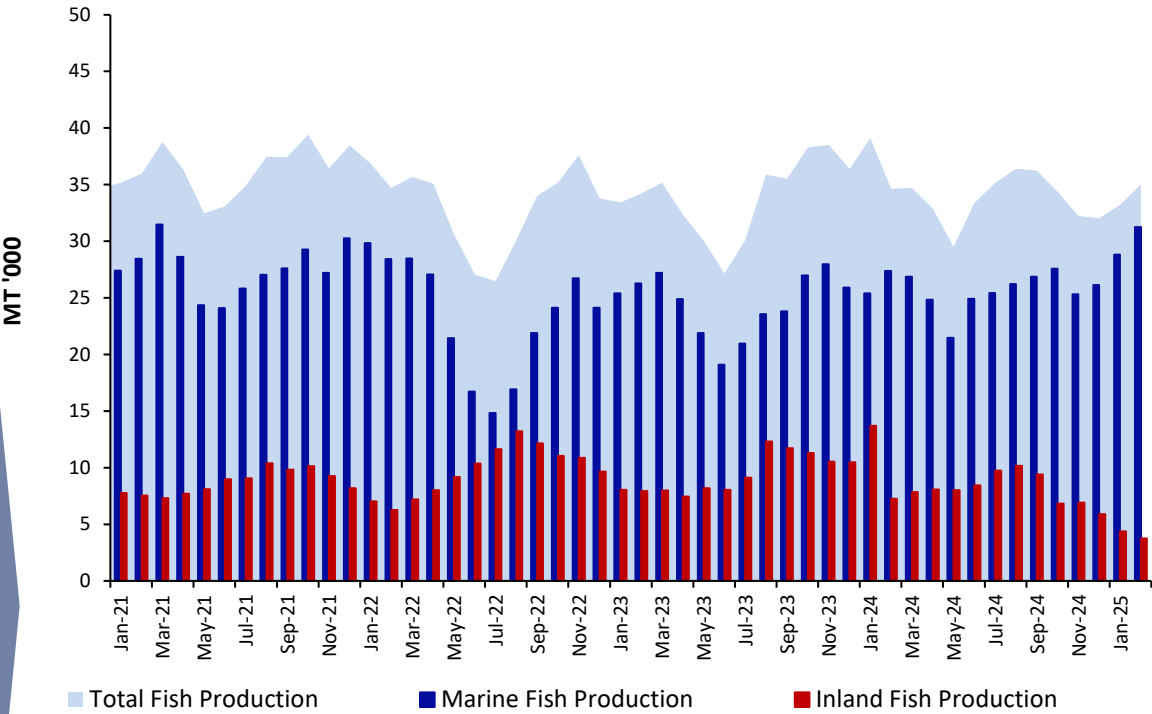
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## FAO All Rice Price Index

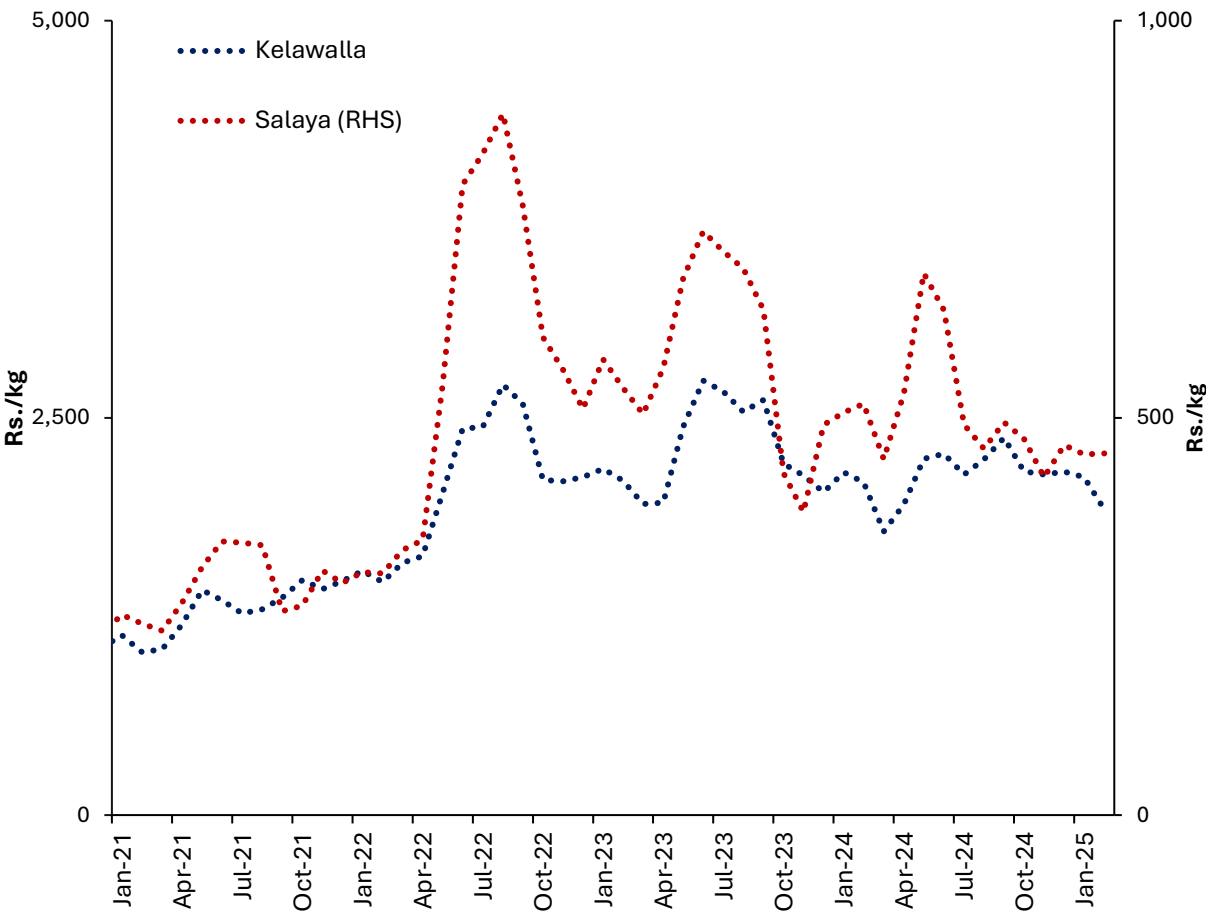


Fish Production



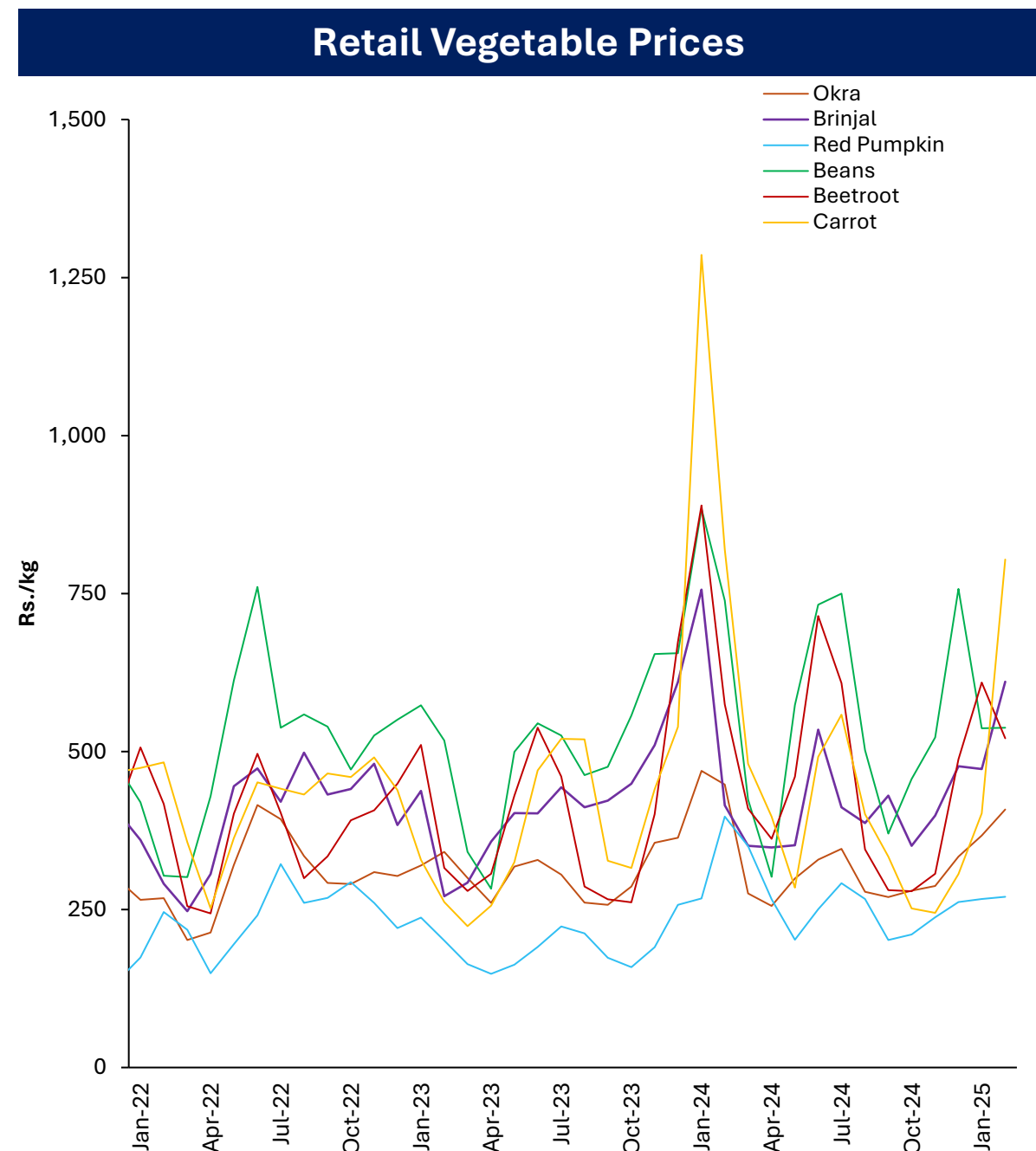
| Production (MT '000) | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 Jan-Feb | 2025 Jan-Feb |
|----------------------|------|------|--------------|--------------|
| Marine               | 294  | 308  | 53           | 60           |
| Inland               | 113  | 102  | 21           | 8            |
| Total                | 407  | 411  | 74           | 68           |

Retail Fish Prices



Fish production increased marginally by **1.0%** (y-o-y) in February 2025, with the increase in marine fishing activities being the sole contributor, while inland fishing activities recorded a decline.

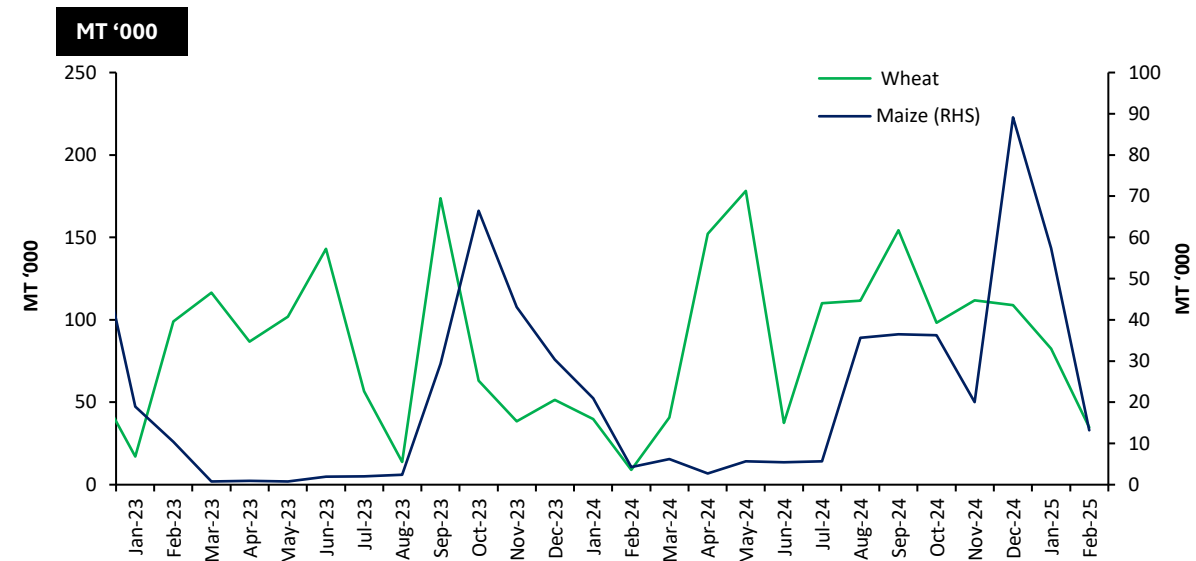
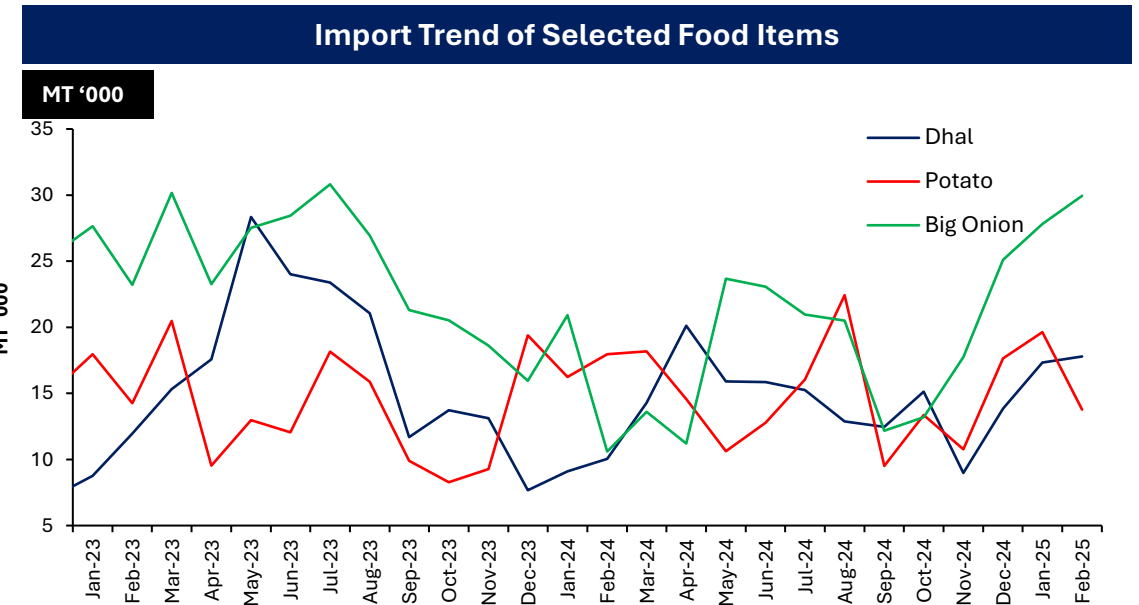
| Vegetable Production (MT) |              |                 |              |                 |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                           | 2022<br>Yala | 2022/23<br>Maha | 2023<br>Yala | 2023/24<br>Maha | 2024<br>Yala |
| Up Country                |              |                 |              |                 |              |
| Tomatoes                  | 47,425       | 46,244          | 34,169       | 39,293          | 34,945       |
| Cabbage                   | 67,069       | 52,310          | 47,773       | 58,552          | 48,242       |
| Carrot                    | 40,806       | 40,084          | 25,267       | 48,836          | 24,374       |
| Beetroot                  | 15,580       | 17,178          | 21,444       | 17,332          | 20,034       |
| Raddish                   | 38,506       | 26,955          | 27,557       | 40,159          | 27,567       |
| Beans                     | 33,929       | 41,139          | 25,287       | 36,345          | 26,128       |
| Low Country               |              |                 |              |                 |              |
| Luffa                     | 19,288       | 24,852          | 18,417       | 22,225          | 18,521       |
| Okra                      | 36,181       | 38,984          | 31,351       | 37,620          | 35,003       |
| Brinjal                   | 61,628       | 80,637          | 54,450       | 69,584          | 54,660       |
| Cucumber                  | 15,959       | 21,013          | 26,603       | 17,937          | 27,161       |
| Red pumpkin               | 44,249       | 59,163          | 41,779       | 46,890          | 42,565       |
| Ash plantain              | 24,926       | 35,369          | 22,833       | 33,783          | 24,477       |
| Long bean                 | 30,735       | 35,395          | 27,456       | 35,539          | 28,855       |



## 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       | <b>20,916</b> |
| Red Onion       | 19,565    | 26,673       | 22,678    | 24,762       | <b>19,749</b> |
| Big Onion       | 17,164    | 329          | 4,755     | 257          | <b>8,572</b>  |
| Green Chillie   | 27,316    | 42,270       | 25,128    | 40,438       | <b>26,200</b> |
| Cowpea          | 6,976     | 7,022        | 5,779     | 5,955        | <b>5,458</b>  |
| Black gram      | 2,632     | 8,346        | 1,437     | 8,518        | <b>1,828</b>  |
| Maize           | 22,112    | 198,601      | 22,647    | 196,871      | <b>26,626</b> |
| Ground Nut      | 11,204    | 19,014       | 10,666    | 17,336       | <b>11,626</b> |
| Gingelly        | 7,742     | 2,701        | 8,651     | 2,210        | <b>8,293</b>  |
| Green gram      | 6,757     | 6,940        | 5,514     | 6,156        | <b>8,909</b>  |

| Imports (MT) | 2023    | 2024    | 2024 Jan-Feb | 2025 Jan-Feb  |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| Dhal         | 196,601 | 163,881 | 19,156       | <b>35,135</b> |
| Potato       | 168,184 | 180,121 | 34,201       | <b>33,403</b> |
| Big Onion    | 294,386 | 212,720 | 31,511       | <b>57,754</b> |



Sugar

|  | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|
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| Sugar Production (MT) | 66,177 | 80,102 |
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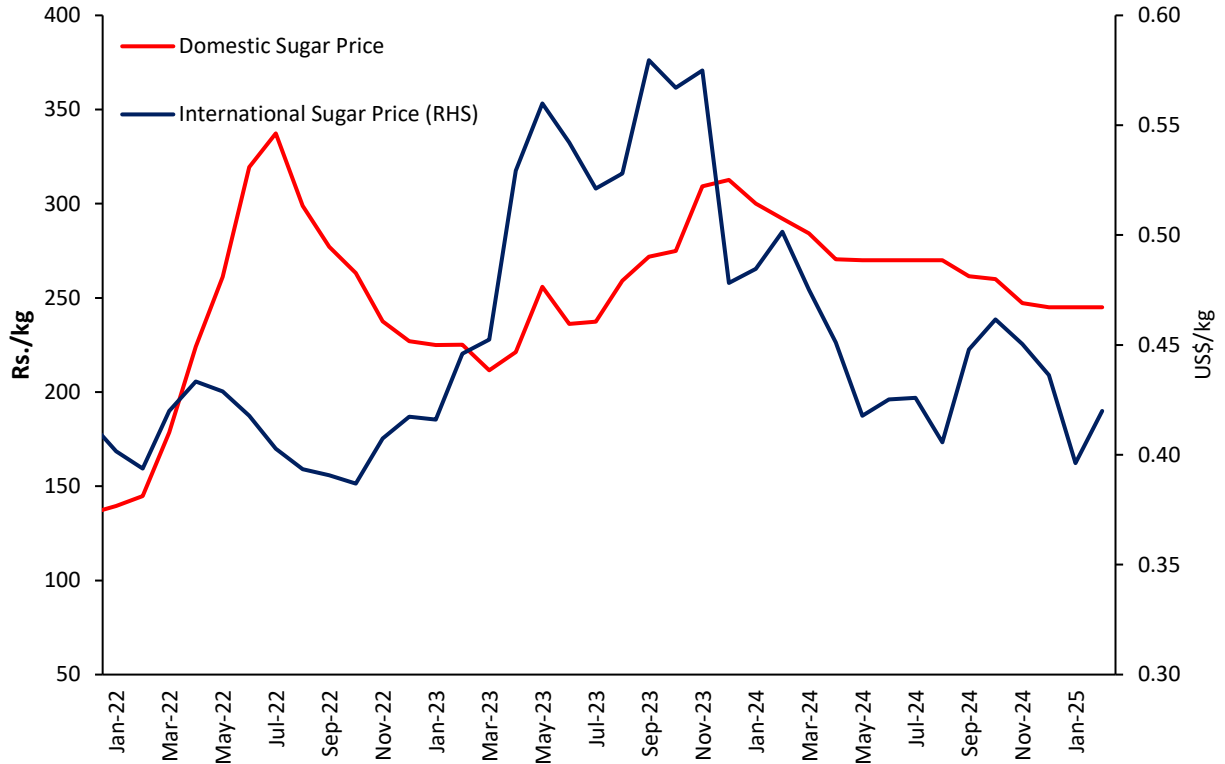
|  | 2024<br>Jan-Feb | 2025<br>Jan-Feb |
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| Sugar Imports (MT) | 82,342 | 144,135 |
|--------------------|--------|---------|

Import Trend



Price Trend



• International sugar prices increased in February 2025 mainly due to concerns over tighter global supplies for the 2024/25 season, driven by lower production prospects in India and adverse weather affecting crops in Brazil.

## Livestock

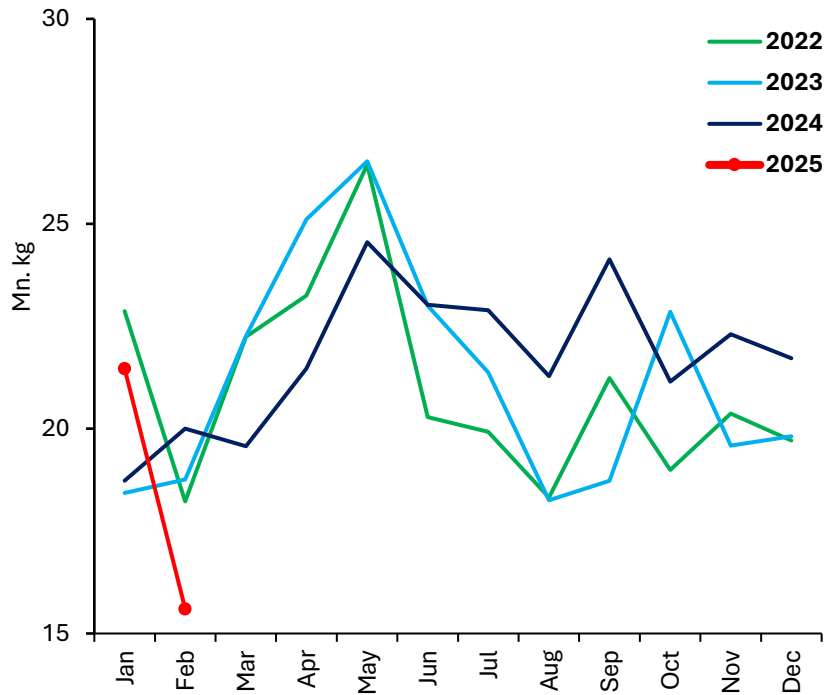
|                    |                     | 2023 Dec  | 2024 Nov  | 2024 Dec  |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Production         | Egg (mn)            | 171       | 294       | 308       |
|                    | Chicken (000 MT)    | 21        | 21        | 24        |
| Price              | Egg-White (Rs./egg) | 55.5      | 39.6      | 38.3      |
|                    | Egg - Red (Rs./egg) | 59.1      | 41.3      | 38.5      |
|                    | Chicken (Rs./kg)    | 1,229.3   | 1,035.6   | 1,047.7   |
| Cost of Production | Egg (Rs./egg)       | 31.6-35.9 | 31.6-37.0 | 33.3-37.0 |
|                    | Chicken (Rs./kg)    | 825.00    | 757.4     | 746.5     |

| Feed Ingredients (Rs./kg) | 2023 Dec | 2024 Nov    | 2024 Dec    |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Maize                     | n.a      | 193.3       | 200.6       |
| Soya bean meal            | 307.5    | 222.3       | 224.0       |
| Fish meal                 | 362.5    | 310.0-503.8 | 300.0-497.5 |
| Rice polish               | 95.8     | 132.1       | 154.8       |
| Rice bran                 | 160.0    | 71.3        | 80.0        |

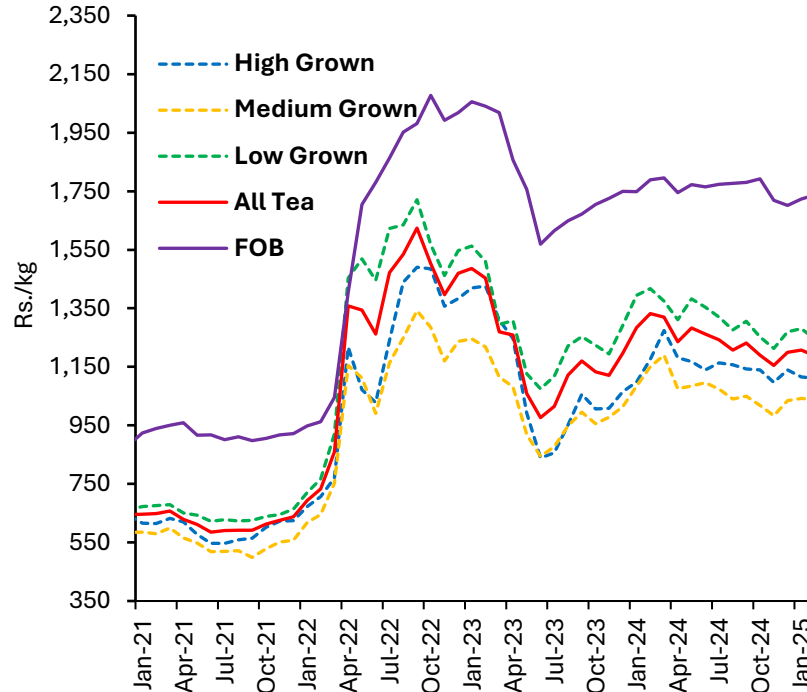


Tea

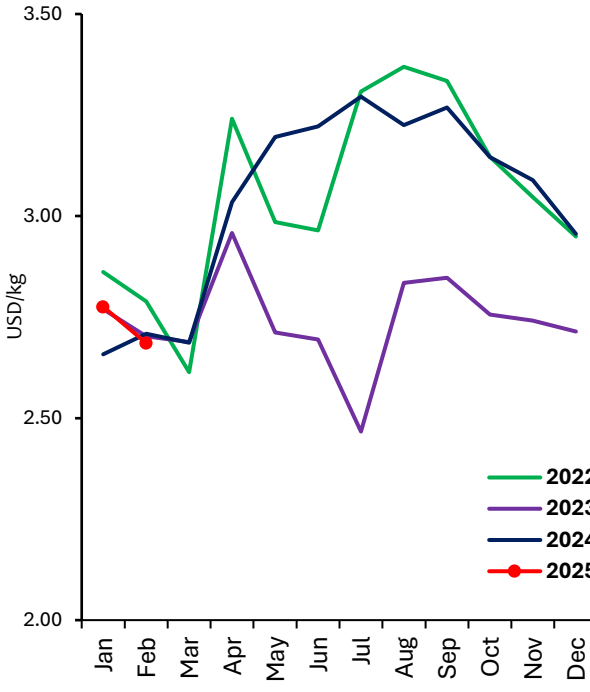
Tea Production



Tea Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Tea Prices



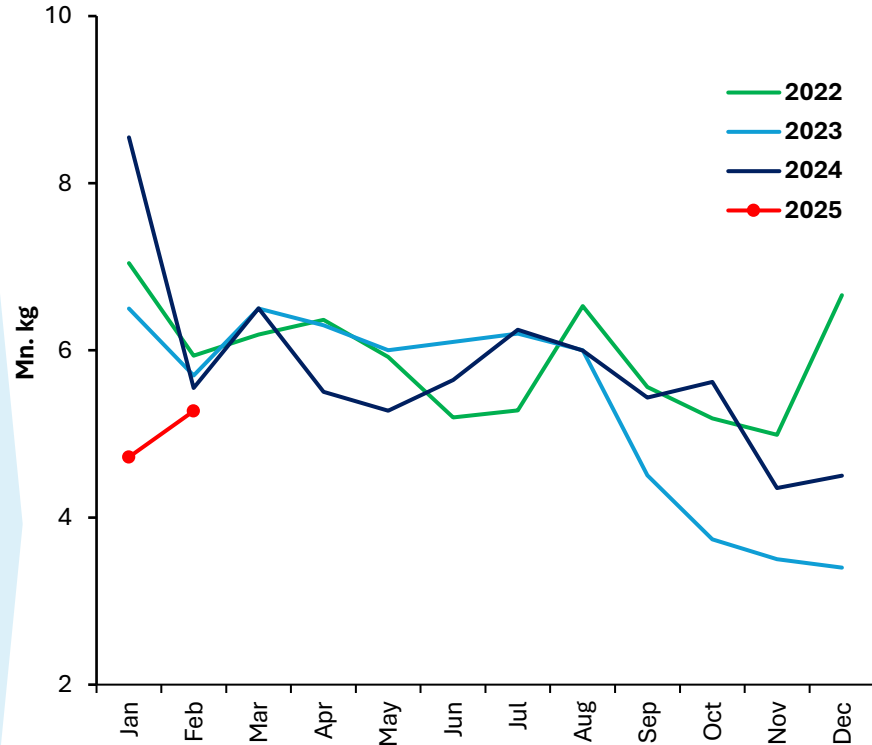
\*Average Auction Price of Colombo, Kolkata & Mombasa

| Tea Production (mn kg) | 2024  | 2024 Jan-Feb | 2025 Jan-Feb | Growth % |
|------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| High grown             | 56.4  | 8.1          | 8.1          | 0.6      |
| Medium grown           | 46.1  | 6.2          | 6.1          | (2.8)    |
| Low grown              | 158.3 | 24.4         | 22.9         | (6.3)    |
| Total                  | 260.8 | 38.7         | 37.1         | (4.3)    |

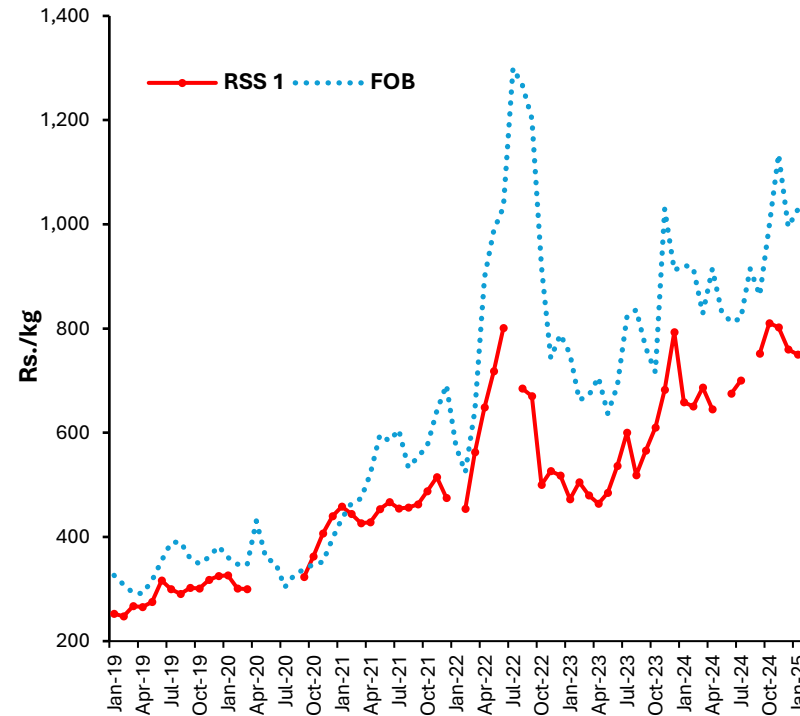
- Domestic tea production decreased by **22.0%** (y-o-y) during the month of February 2025 mainly attributed to dry weather conditions.
- Global tea prices declined in February 2025 compared to the previous month, with only Mombasa reporting a slightly higher average price, while Colombo and Kolkata recorded lower average prices.

# Rubber

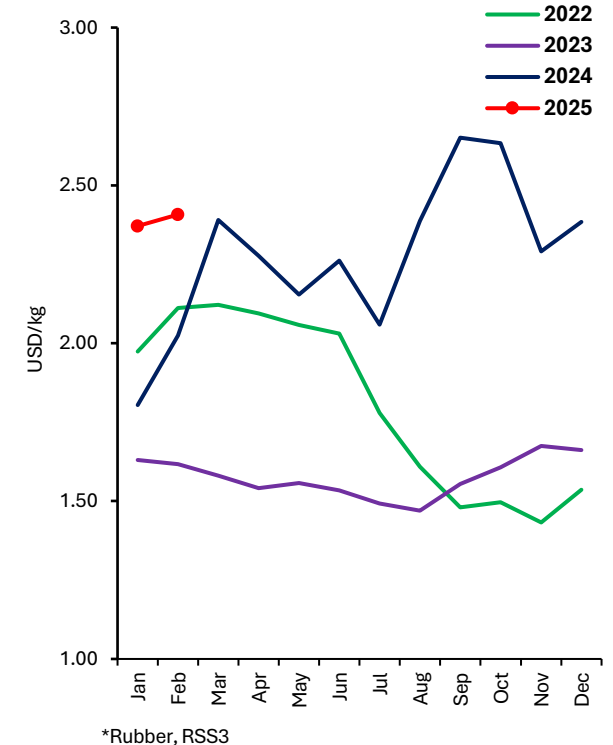
## Rubber Production



## Rubber Auction Prices & FOB Prices



## International Rubber Prices



\*Rubber, RSS3

| Rubber Production (mn kg) | 2024        | 2024 Jan-Feb | 2025 * Jan-Feb | Growth %      |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sheet Rubber              | 33.5        | 5.6          | 4.0            | (29.1)        |
| Crepe Rubber              | 10.1        | 2.1          | 2.0            | (4.7)         |
| Other                     | 25.6        | 6.4          | 4.0            | (37.1)        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>69.2</b> | <b>14.1</b>  | <b>10.0</b>    | <b>(29.1)</b> |

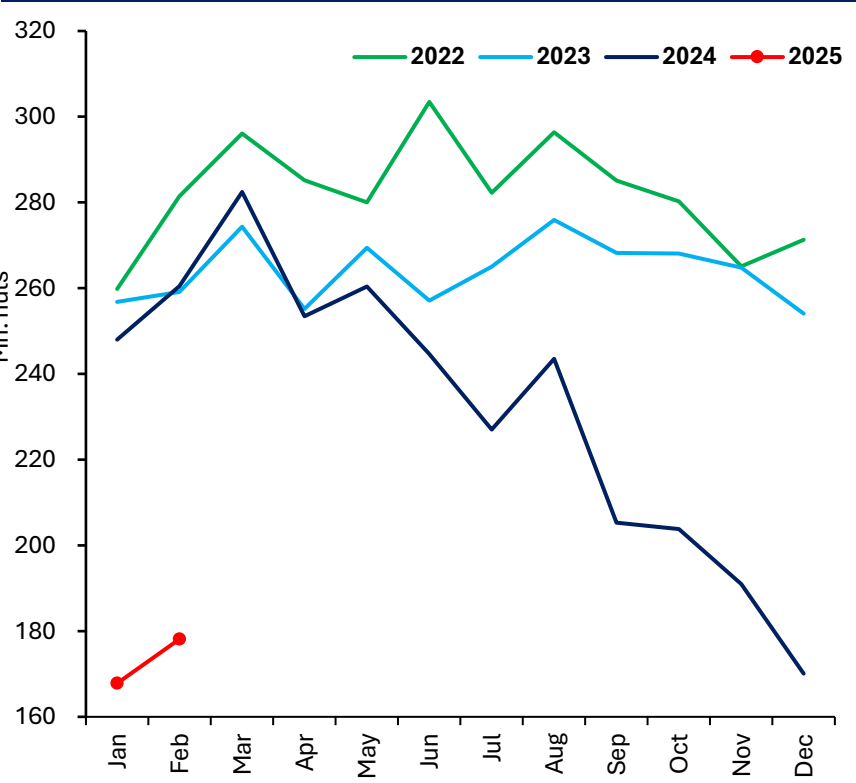
- Domestic rubber production saw a year-on-year decline in February 2025, according to provisional data from the Rubber Development Department.
- Natural rubber prices in global markets experienced an increase in February 2025 due to challenges including adverse weather conditions that hindered output in key cultivation areas.

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

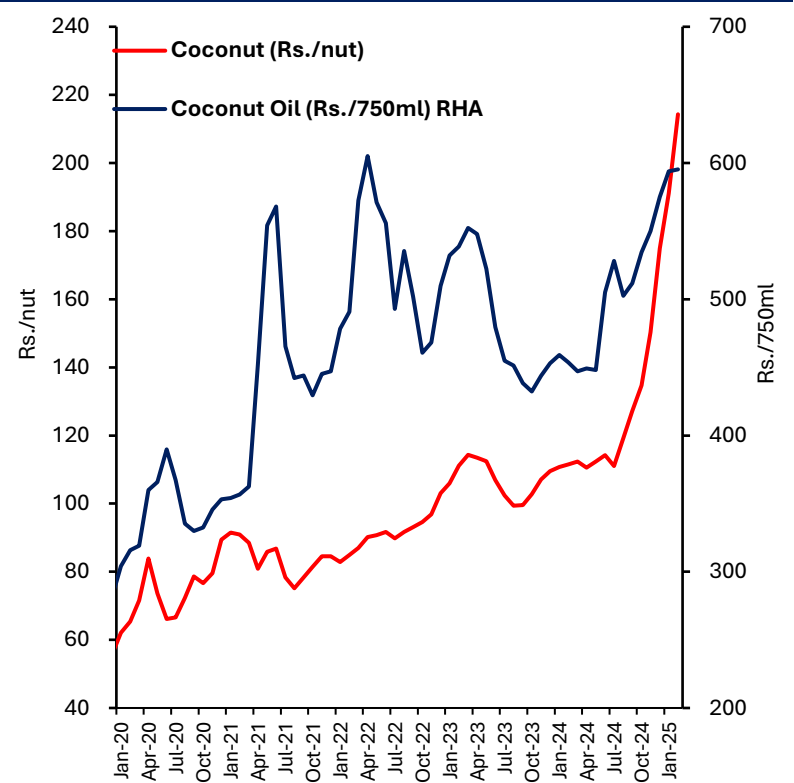
Sources: Rubber Development Department, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka Customs, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, World Bank

# Coconut

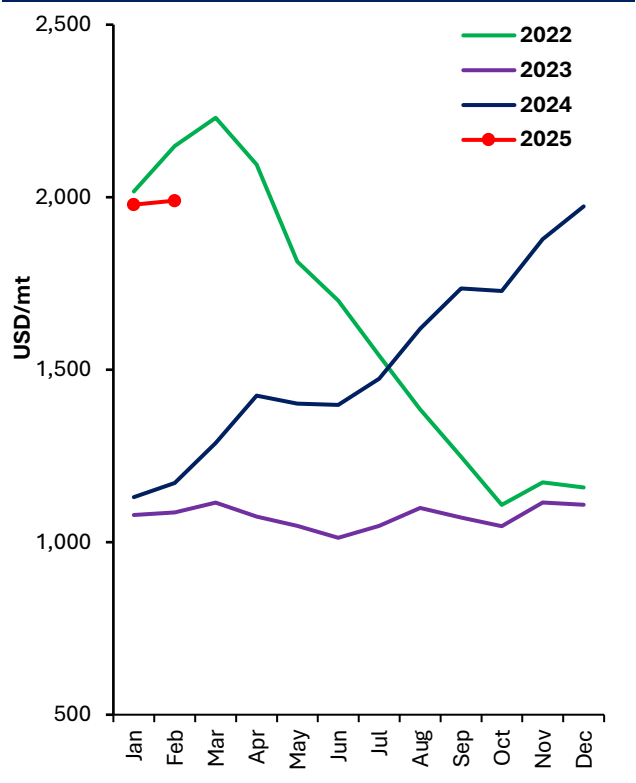
Coconut Production



Retail Price of Coconut and Coconut Oil



International Coconut Oil Prices

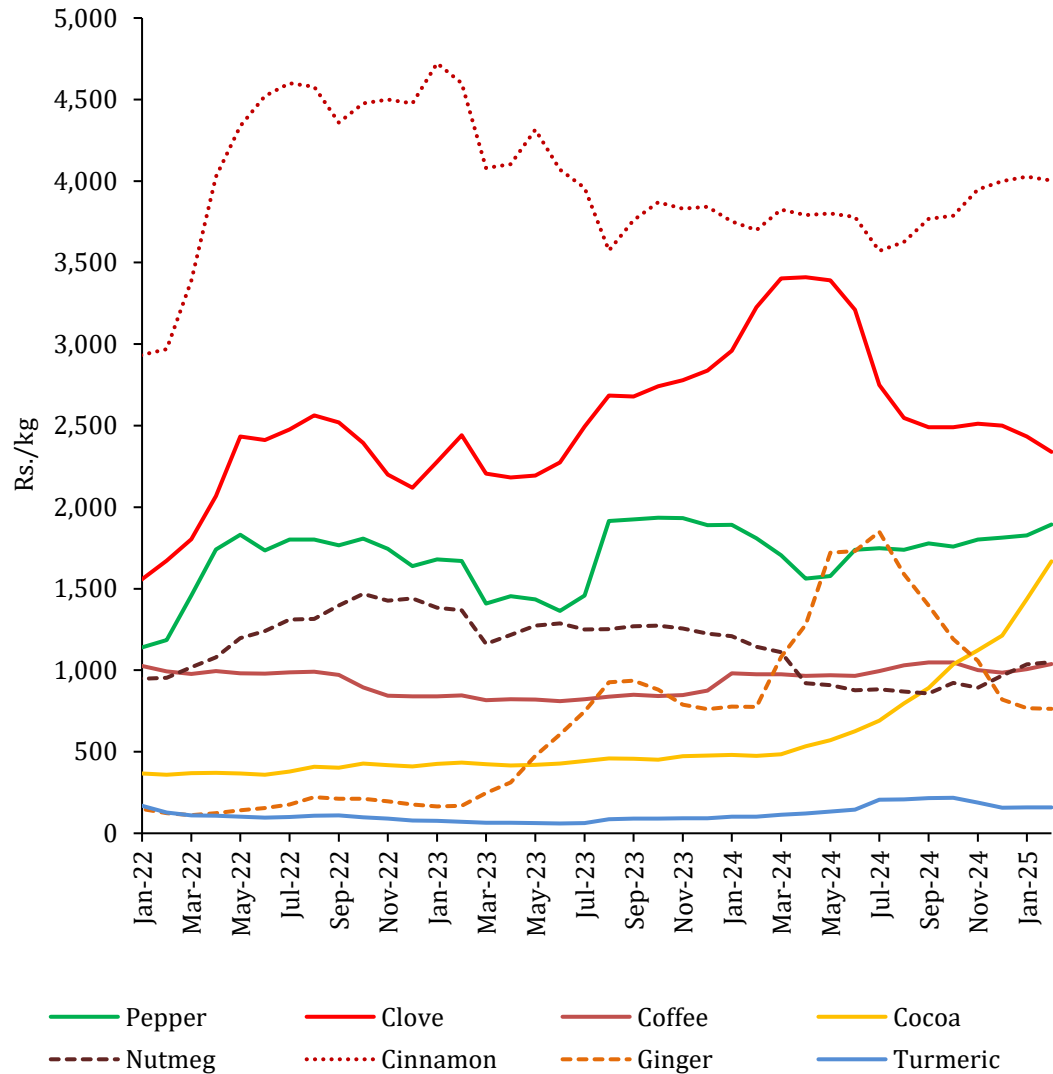


| Coconut Production  | 2024   | 2024 Jan-Feb | 2025 Jan-Feb | Growth % |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Coconut (mn nuts)   | 2,790  | 508          | 346          | (32.0)   |
| Desiccated Nut (MT) | 33,177 | 4,943        | 2,518        | (49.1)   |
| Coconut Oil (MT)    | 30,842 | 4,694        | 3,505        | (25.3)   |

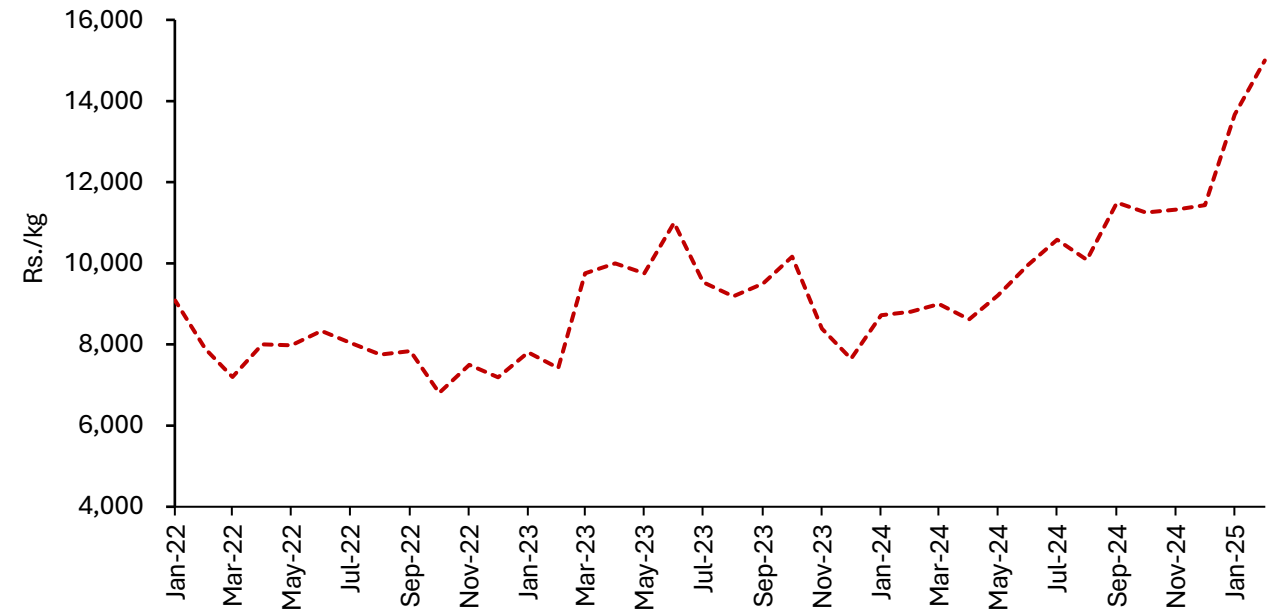
Domestic coconut production decreased by **31.6%** (y-o-y) during the month of February 2025.

## Other Export Agriculture

### Farmgate/Producer Prices of Selected Export Agriculture Crops



### Farmgate/Producer Price of Cardamom



- In February 2025, the market prices of many export crops such as Pepper, Coffee, Cocoa, Cardamom and Nutmeg experienced an increase, while prices of Cinnamon, Clove, Ginger and Turmeric registered a decline.
- Earnings from exports of spices increased in the month of February 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<br>Jan-Feb | 2025<br>Jan-Feb |
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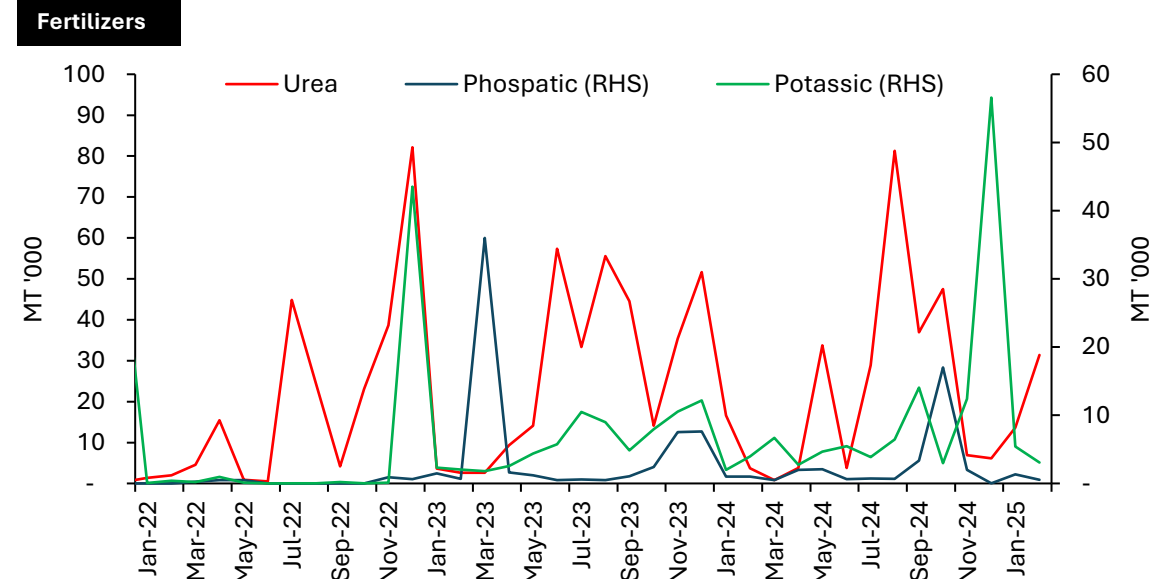
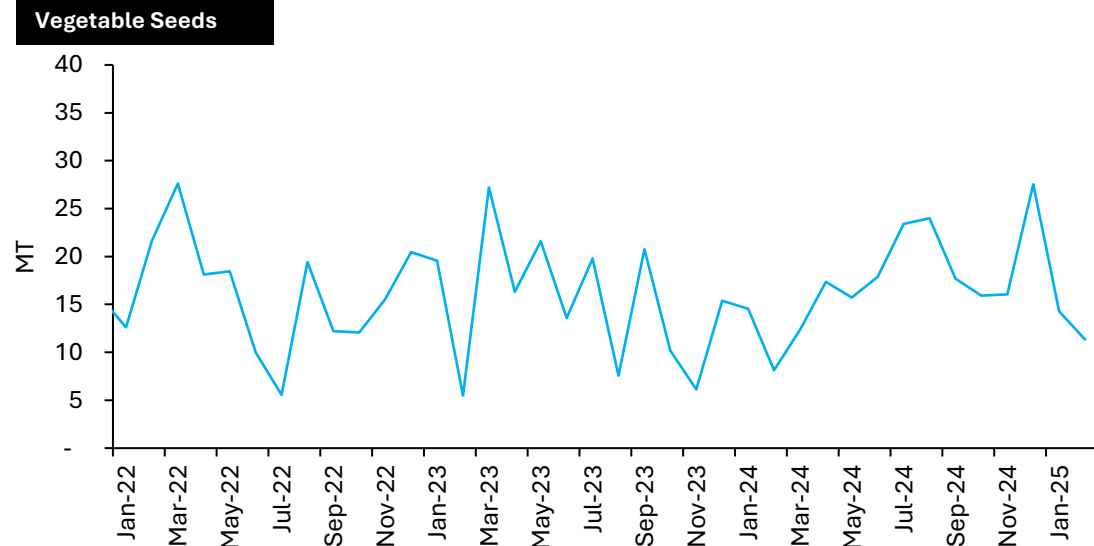
### Plants and Seeds

|                                        |       |       |      |     |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-----|
| Vegetable seeds (MT)                   | 184   | 211   | 23   | 26  |
| Potato seed (MT)                       | 797   | 773   | 125  | 100 |
| Plants & parts (MT)                    | 4,236 | 6,874 | 1254 | 652 |
| Live trees and other plants (No. '000) | 1,039 | 1,248 | 94   | 27  |

### Fertilizers (MT '000)

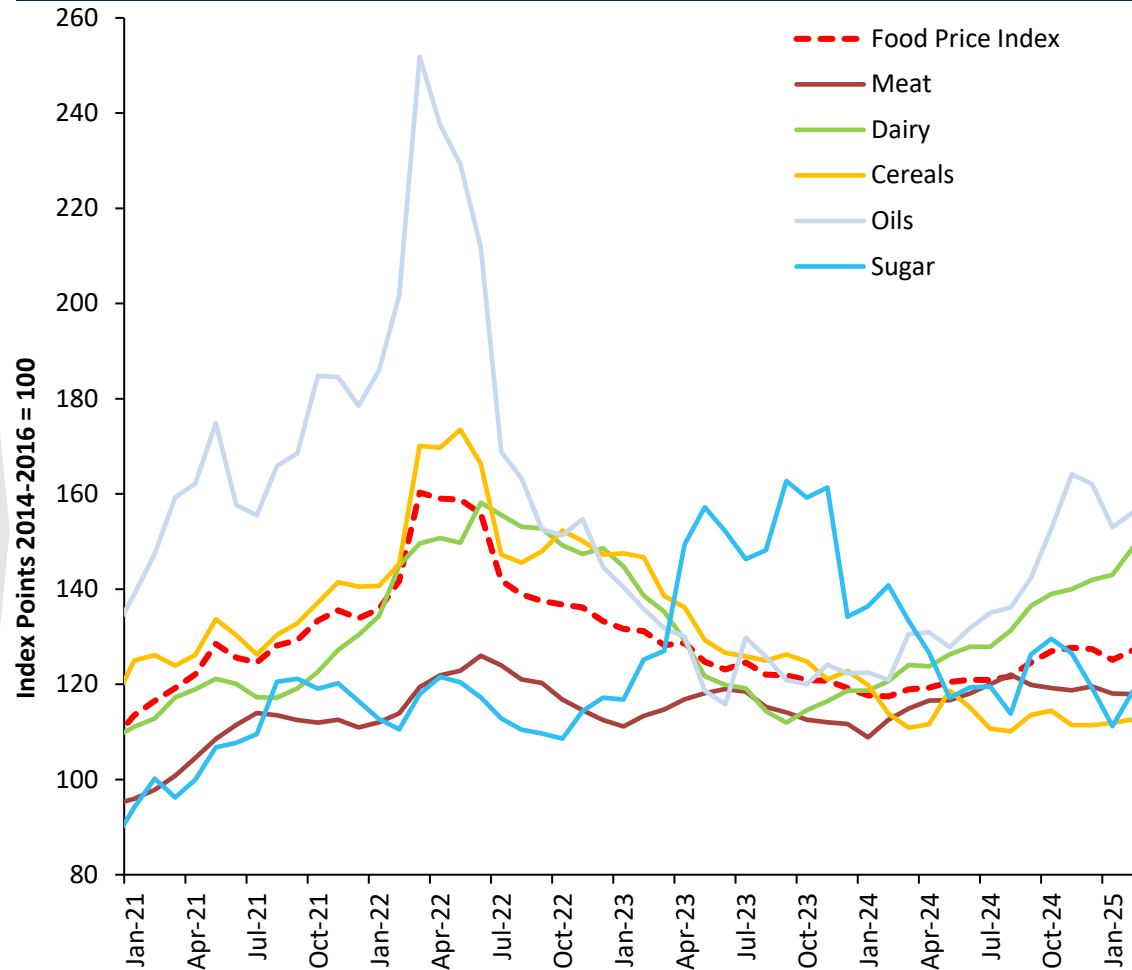
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| Urea                          | 324 | 270 | 20 | 45 |
| Other nitrogenous fertilizers | 65  | 68  | 8  | 16 |
| Phosphatic                    | 61  | 31  | 2  | 2  |
| Potassic                      | 74  | 122 | 6  | 8  |
| Other fertilizers             | 19  | 16  | 1  | 4  |

### Import Trend of Selected Agricultural Inputs

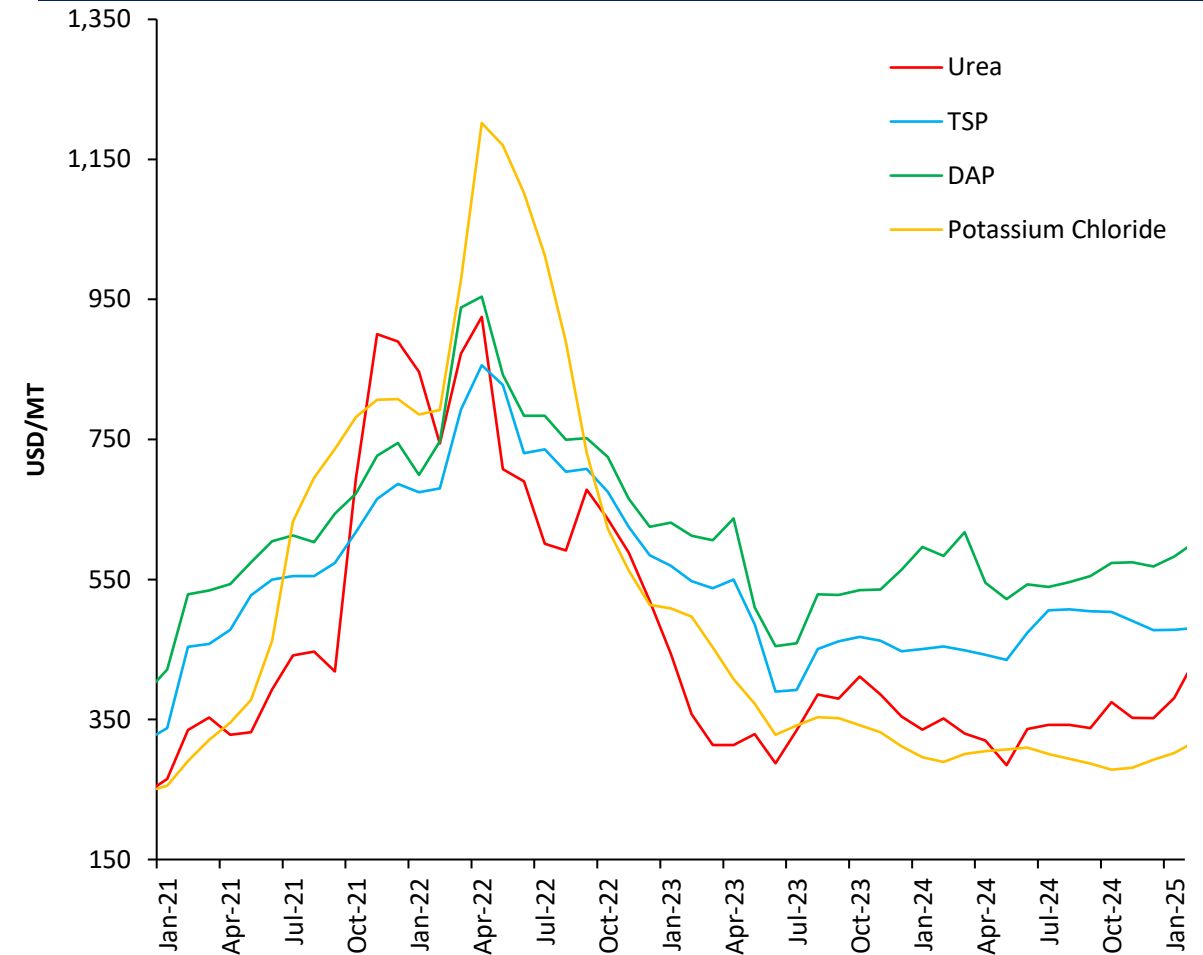


# International Agricultural Commodity Prices

## FAO Food Price Index



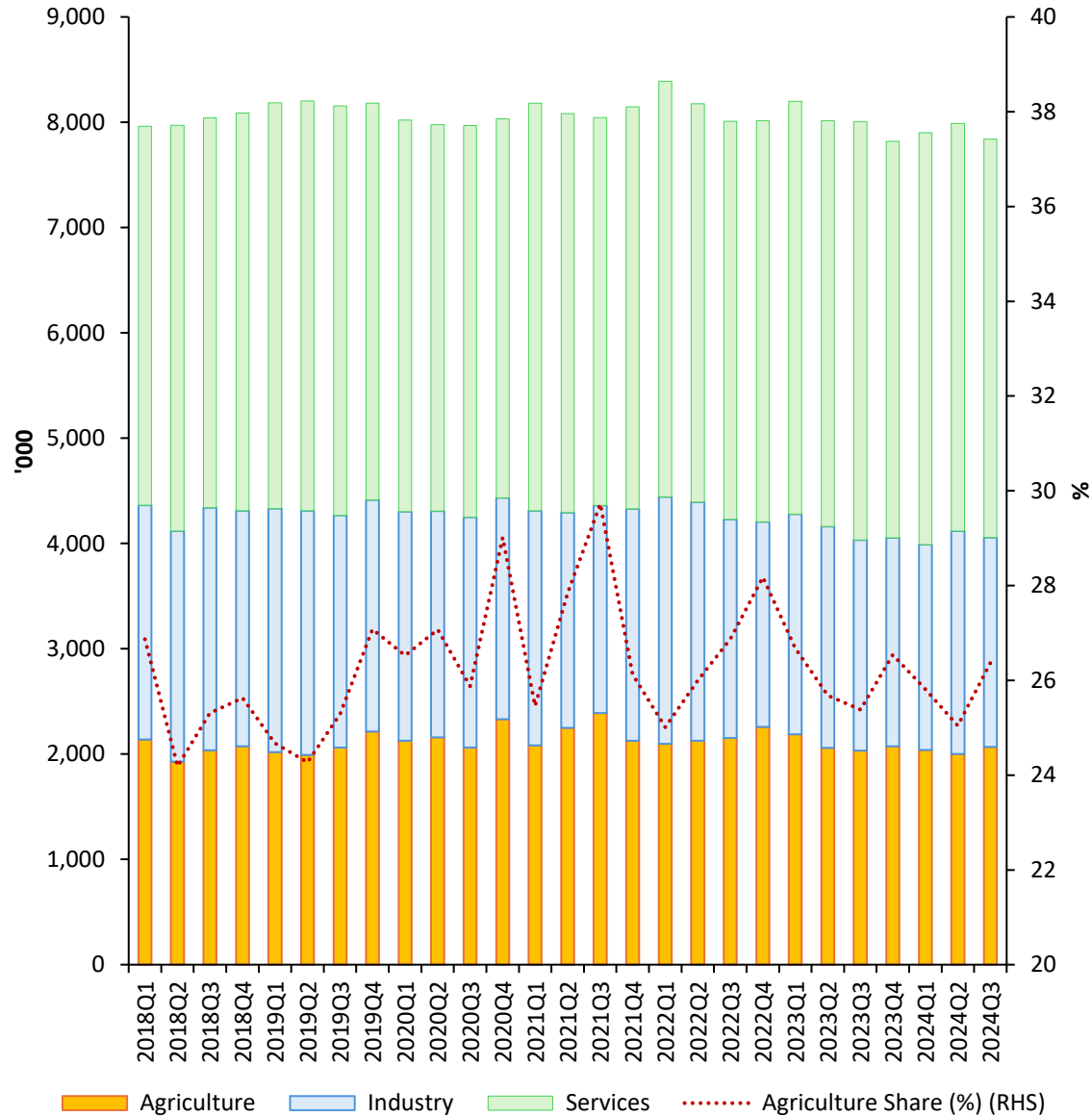
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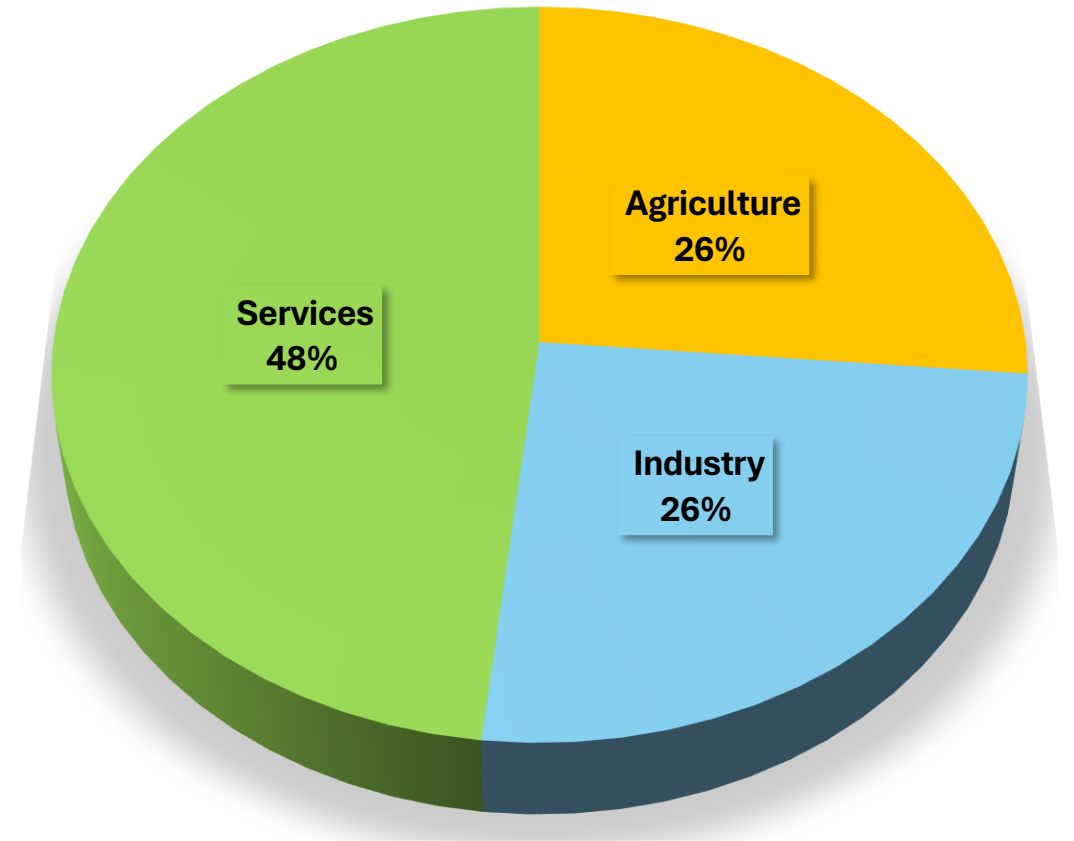
**The FAO Food Price Index increased in February 2025, with prices rising in all considered categories; dairy products, cereals, vegetable oils and sugar whilst meat prices held steady during the month.**

# Employment in Agriculture

## Sector-wise Employed Population



## Sector-wise Employed Population – 2024 Q3







**Datasets are accessible via:**

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



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*\*The figures for 2023 and 2024 provided in this data summary are highly provisional.*