

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

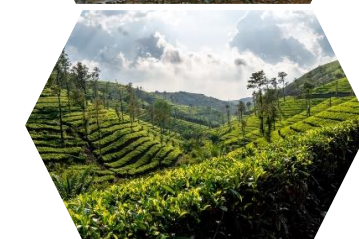
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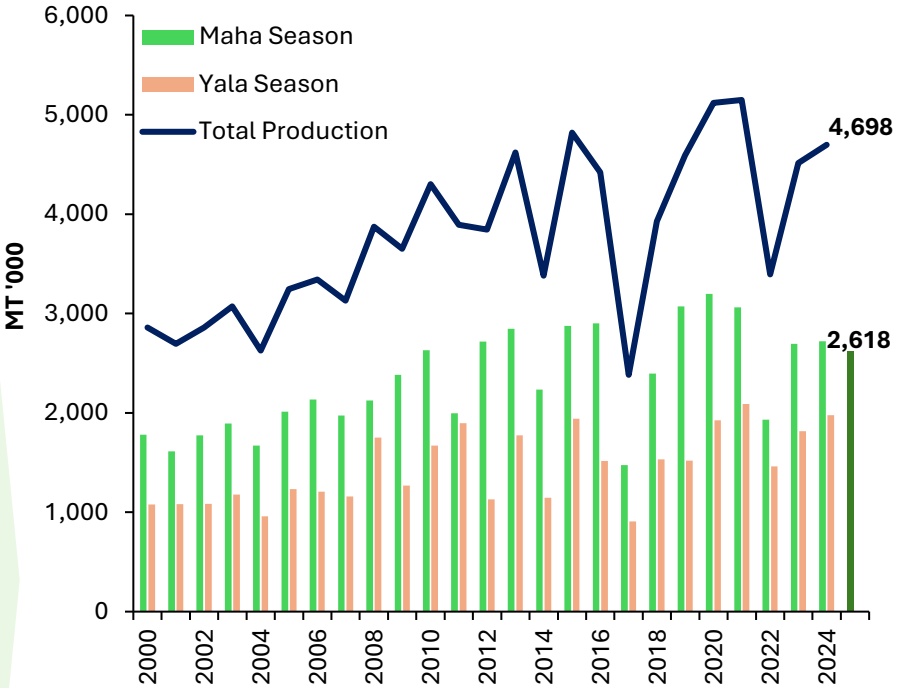
Total fish production marginally decreased by 0.1% (y-o-y) in April 2025, as declined inland fishing activities was largely offset by improvements in marine fishing activities.

Domestic Tea production increased by 23.0% (y-o-y) in April 2025 mainly attributed to favourable weather conditions, while global tea prices have increased in April 2025

Coconut production declined by 6.2% (y-o-y) in April 2025, yet the production trend has been improving since February, signaling a recovery in output



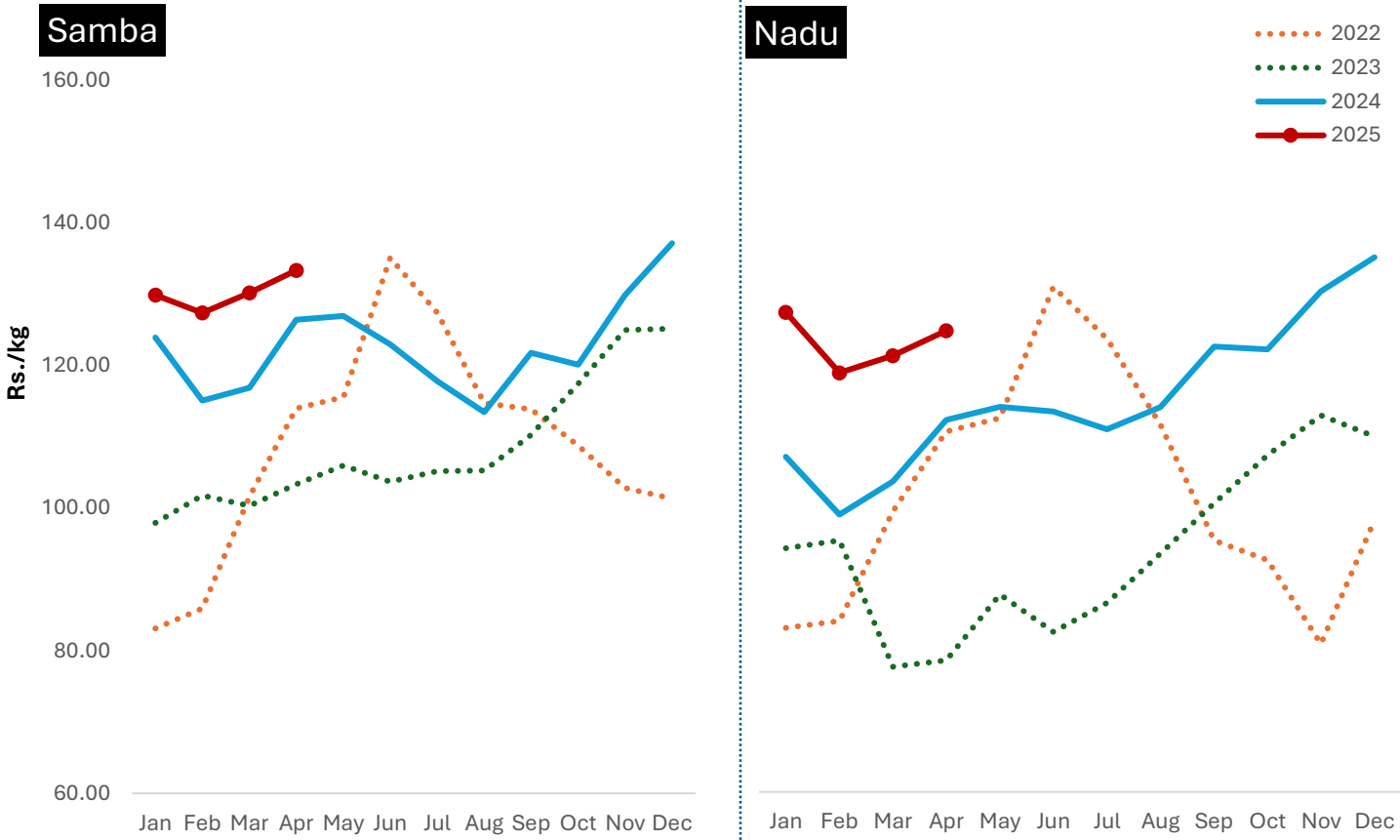
Paddy Production



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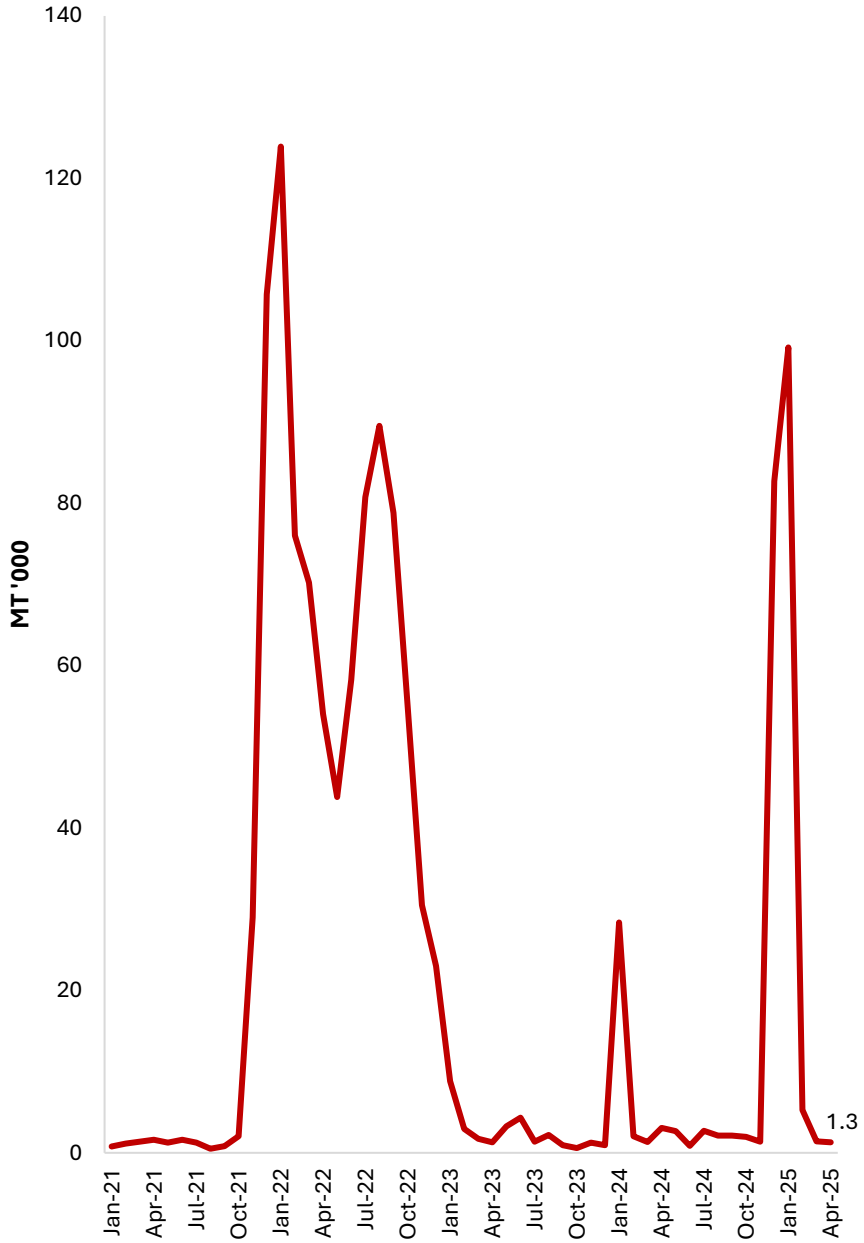
Season	2023 (mn mt)	2024 (mn mt)	Growth (%)
Maha	2.70	2.72	1.0
Yala	1.82	1.98	8.8
Annual	4.51	4.70	4.1

Farmgate/Producer Prices of Paddy



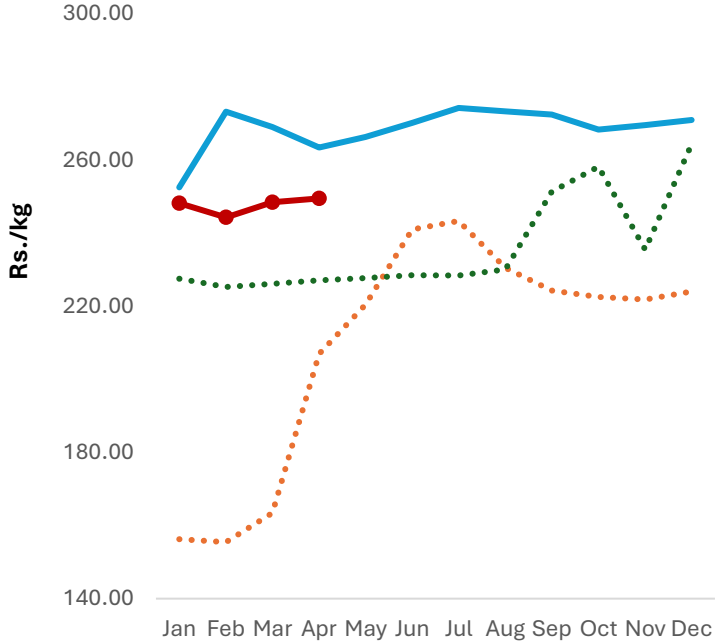
- Paddy production forecast of the Department of Agriculture for 2024/2025 Maha season, based on the sown extent reported as of end March 2025, stands at **2.62 million metric tons (3.8% decline from the previous Maha season)**.
- Paddy production for 2024 Yala season was **1.98 million metric tons (8.8%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

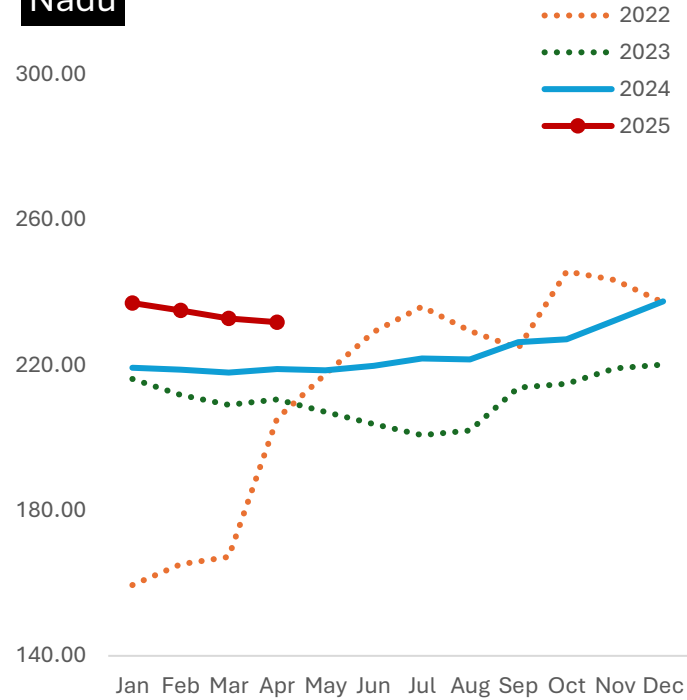


Retail Rice Prices

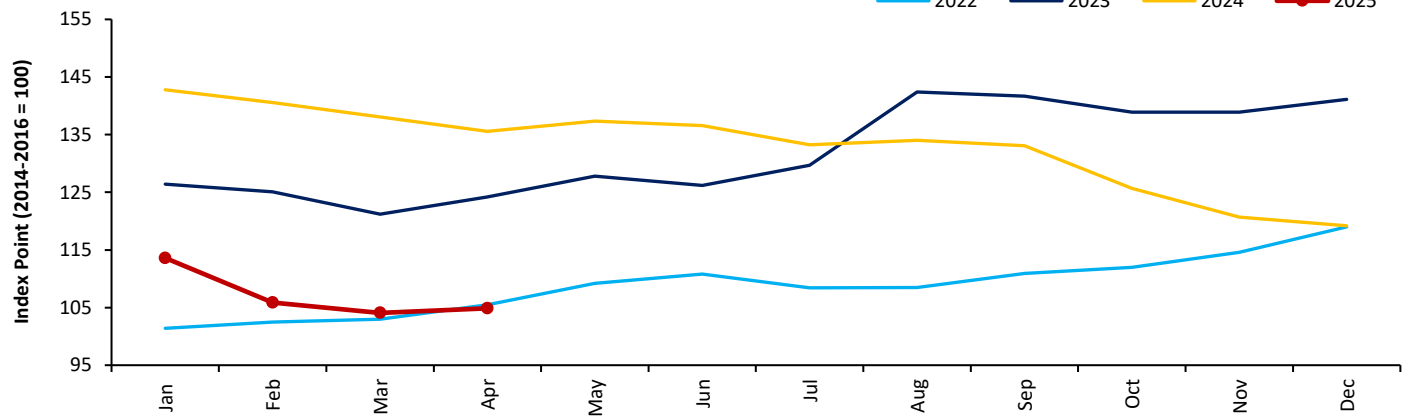
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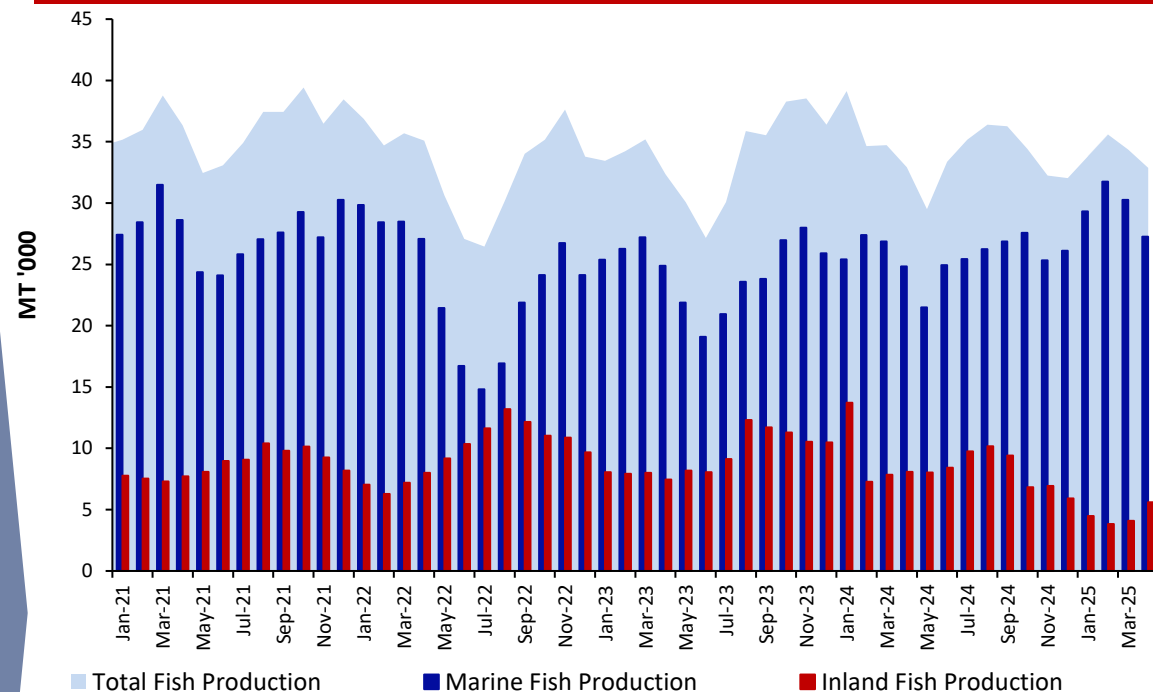
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FAO All Rice Price Index

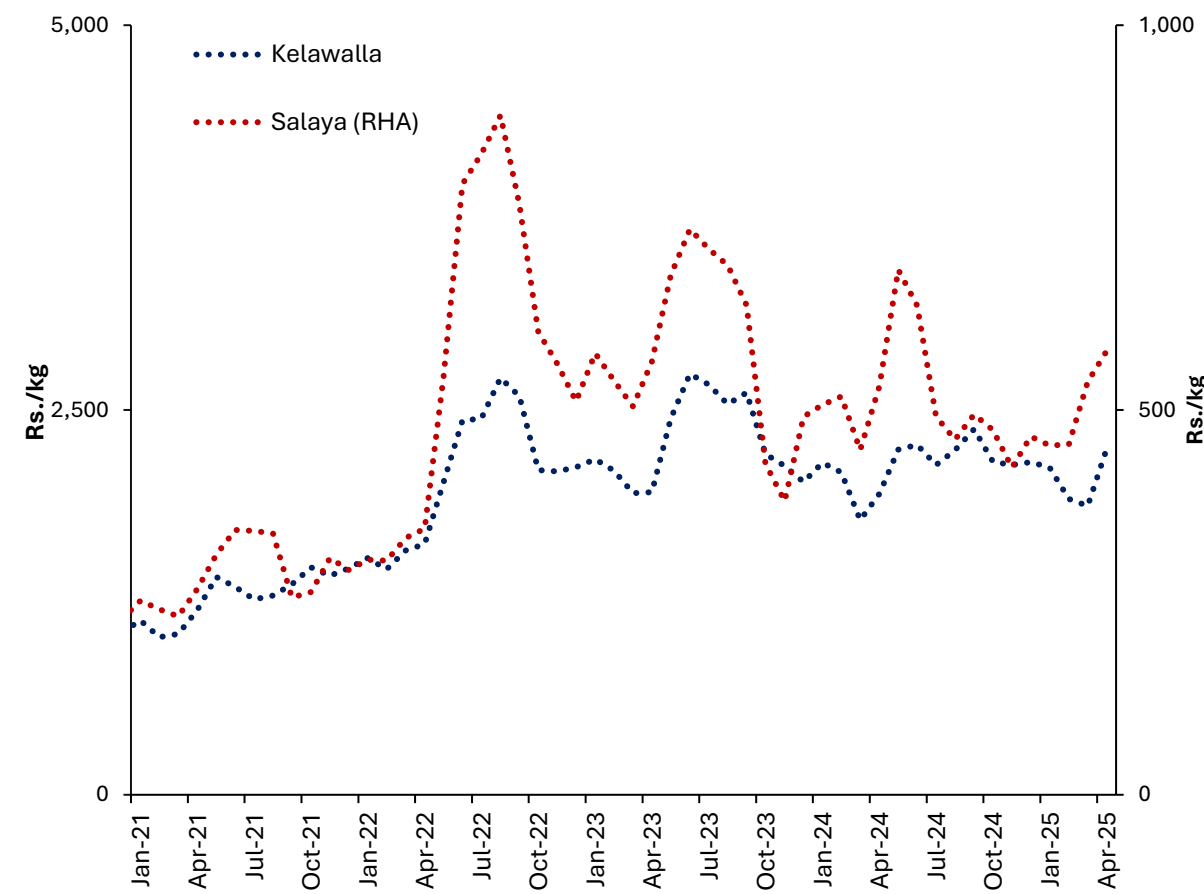


Fish Production



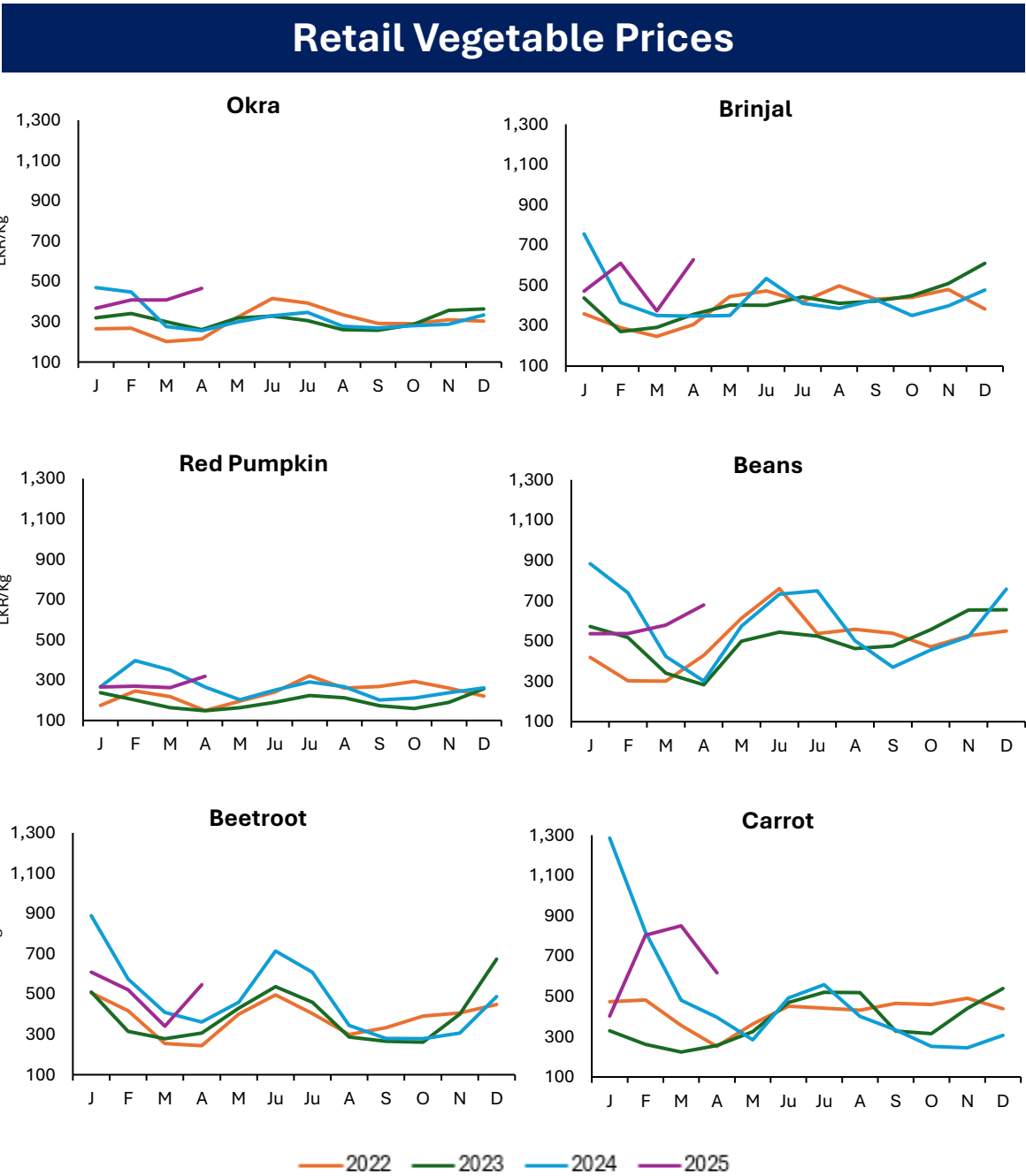
Production (MT '000)	2023	2024	2024 Jan-Apr	2025 Jan-Apr
Marine	294	308	105	119
Inland	113	102	37	18
Total	407	411	141	137

Retail Fish Prices



Fish production decreased marginally by **0.1%** (y-o-y) in April 2025, as a significant setback in inland fishing activities (**y-o-y 30.5% decline**) was largely offset by improvements in marine fishing activities (**y-o-y 9.7% increase**).

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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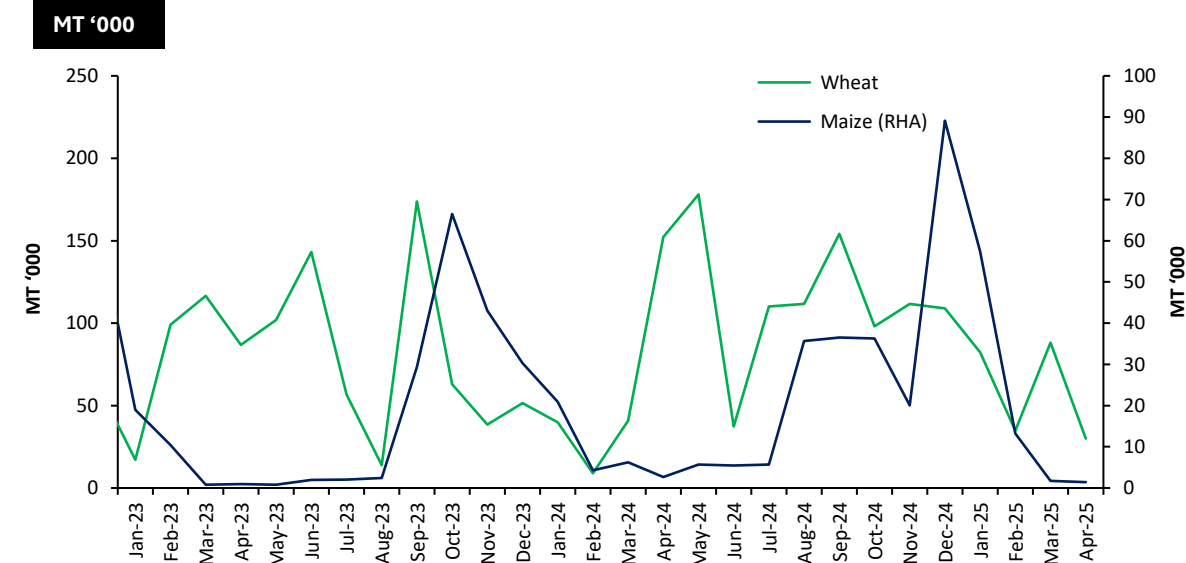
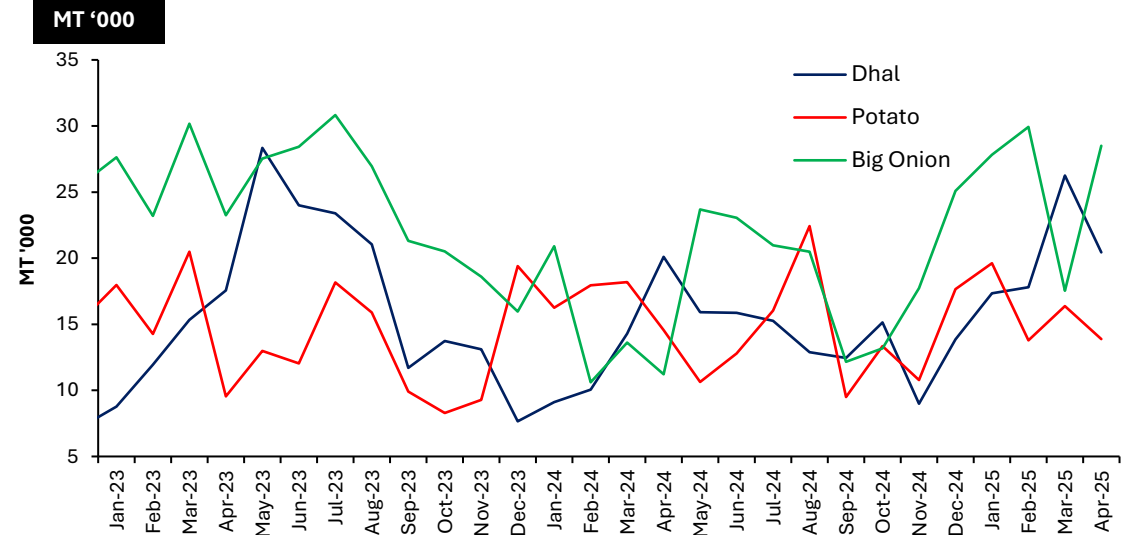
Other Field Crops

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	68,997	↑
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-Apr	2025 Jan-Apr
Dhal	196,601	163,881	53.551	81,849
Potato	168,184	180,121	66.951	63,658
Big Onion	294,386	212,720	56.331	103,789

Import Trend of Selected Food Items



Sources: Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka Customs

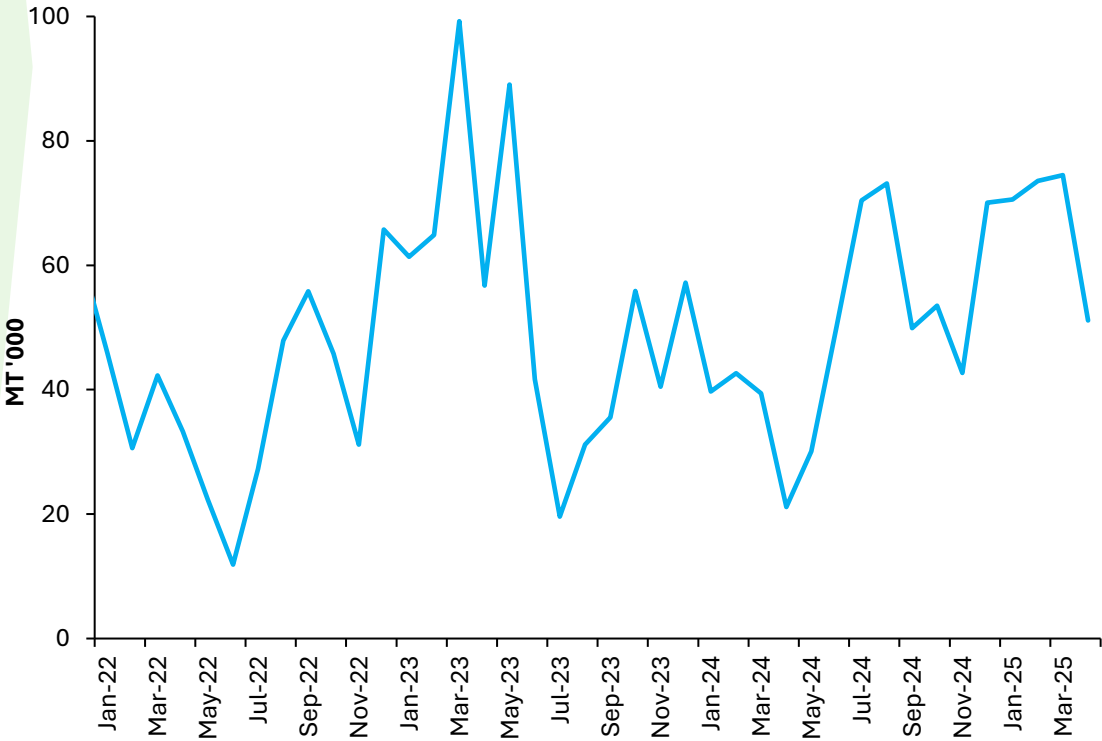
Sugar

	2024 Jan-Apr	2025 Jan-Apr
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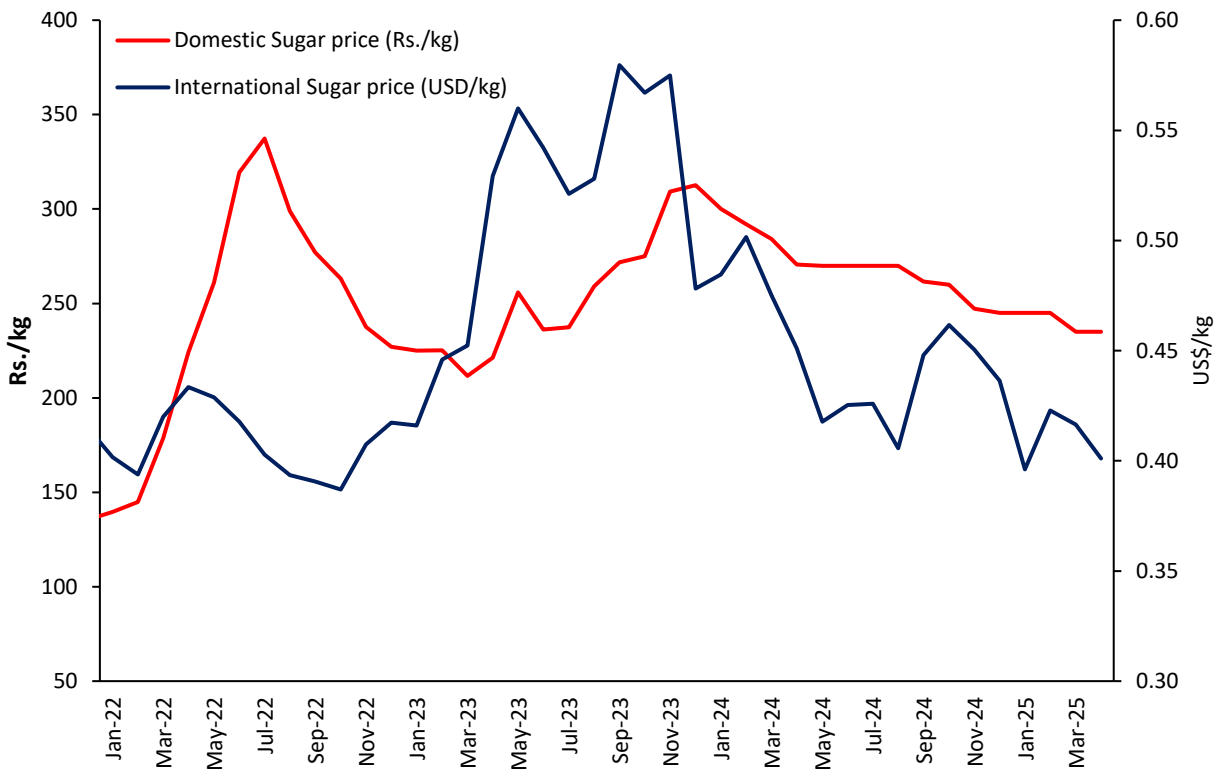
Sugar Production (MT)	21,506	15,296
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Sugar Imports (MT)	142,903	269,766
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Import Trend



Price Trend



• International sugar prices declined in April for the second consecutive month, mainly due to concerns over the global economic outlook and its potential impact on demand from the food and beverage sectors. Higher-than-expected sugar output in Brazil also added downward pressure.

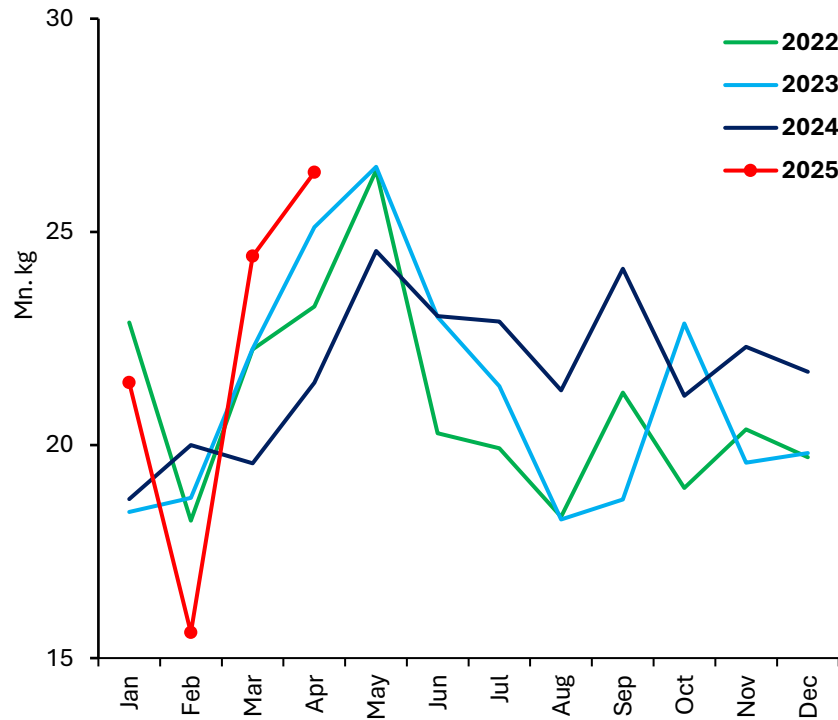
Livestock

		2024 Feb	2025 Jan	2025 Feb
Production	Egg (mn)	207	302	314
	Chicken (000 MT)	20	22	24
Price	Egg-White (Rs./egg)	59.4	33.6	31.3
	Egg - Red (Rs./egg)	61.3	35.7	33.4
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	1,205	1,019.0	1,079.2
Cost of Production	Egg (Rs./egg)	29.2-34.3	30.4-35.1	31.3-34.3
	Chicken (Rs./kg)	802.8	743.4	755.6

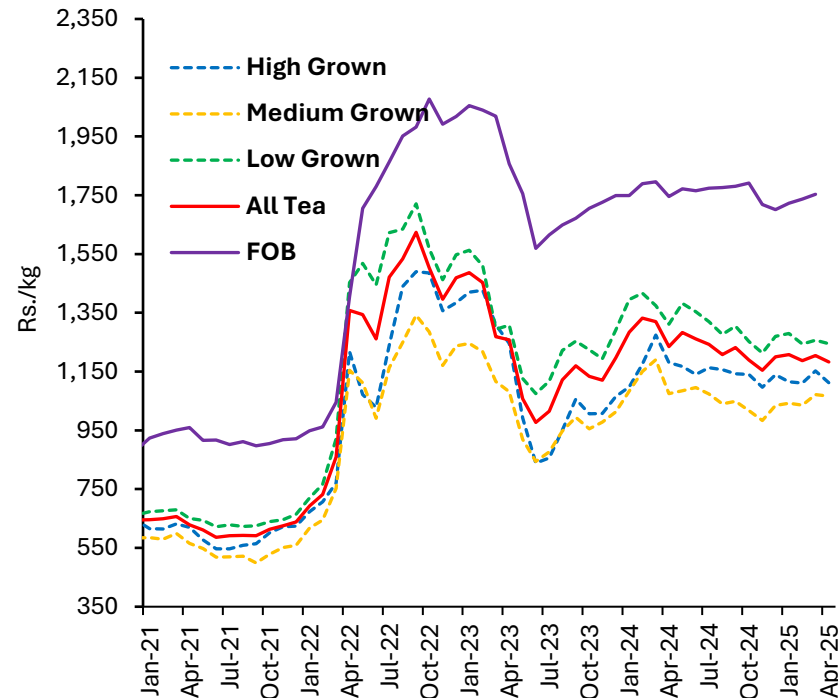
Feed Ingredients (Rs./kg)	2024 FEB	2025 Jan	2025 Feb
Maize	152.8	161.9	158.5
Soya bean meal	306.3	201.2	202.6
Fish meal	312.5-551.3	406.7-550	420-550
Rice polish	99.2	131.4	137.4

Tea

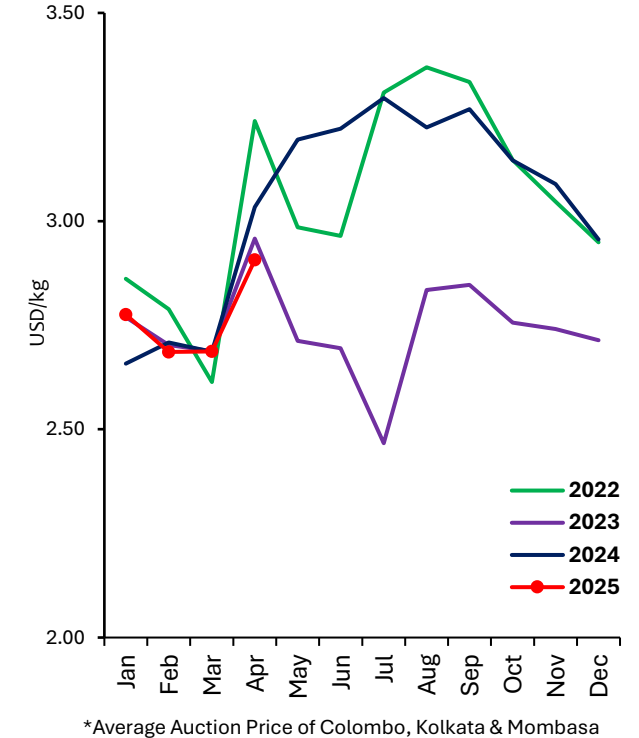
Tea Production



Tea Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Tea Prices

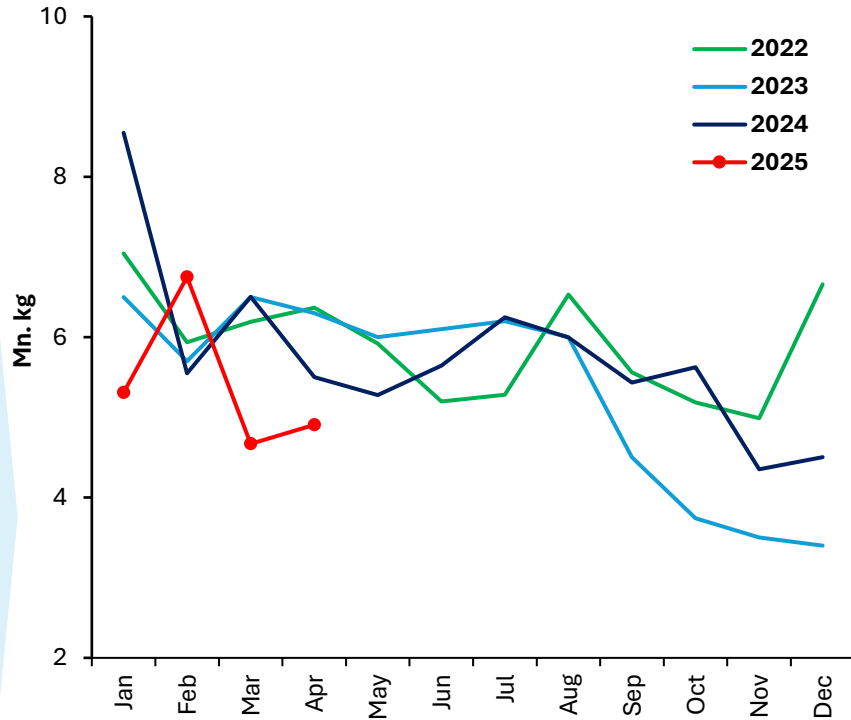


Tea Production (mn kg)	2024	2024 Jan-Apr	2025 Jan-Apr	Growth %
High grown	56.4	17.6	20.2	14.3
Medium grown	46.1	13.7	16.4	20.2
Low grown	158.3	48.5	51.3	5.9
Total	260.8	79.8	87.9	10.2

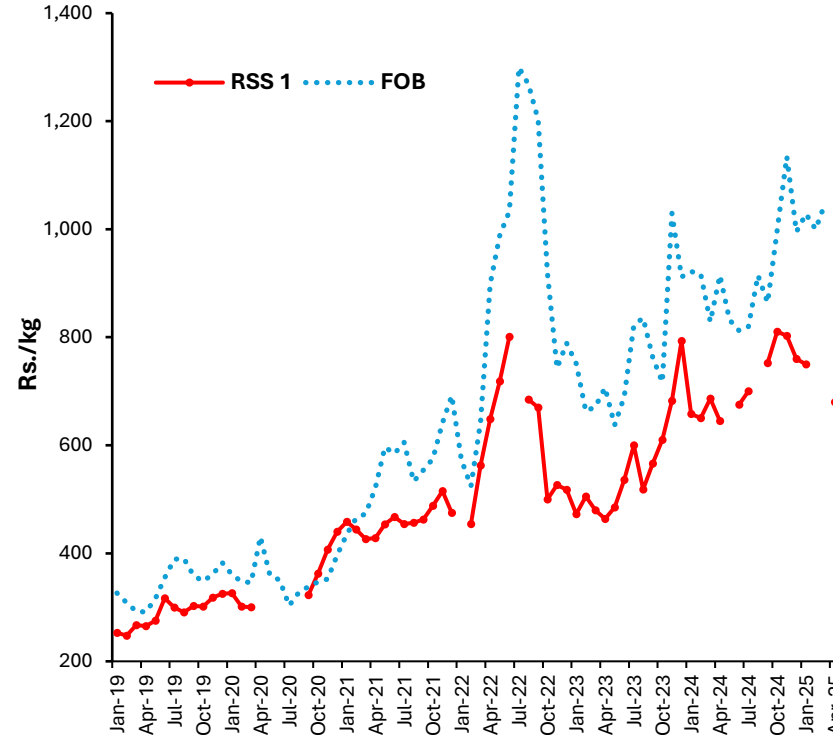
- Domestic tea production increased by **23.0%** (y-o-y) during the month of April 2025, mainly attributed to favourable weather conditions.
- Global tea prices increased in April 2025 compared to the previous month, with Kolkata reporting a notably higher average price, while Mombasa and Colombo recorded lower average prices.

Rubber

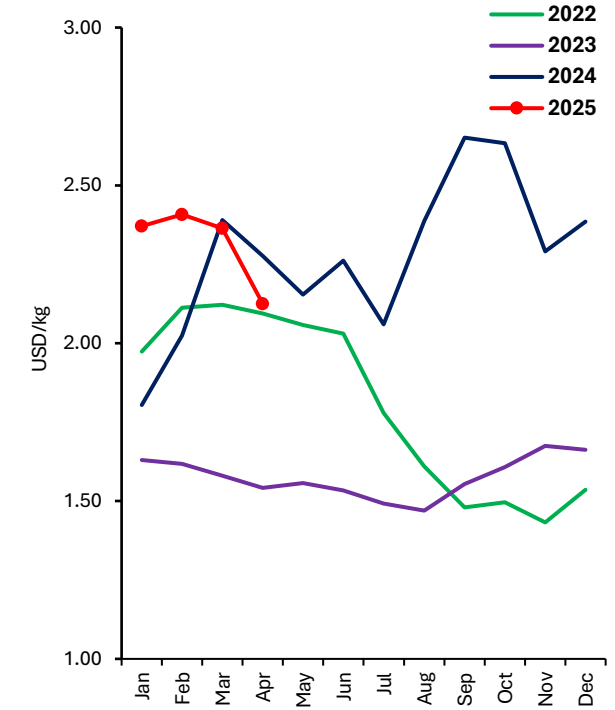
Rubber Production



Rubber Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Rubber Prices



*Rubber, RSS3

Rubber Production (mn kg)	2024	2024 Jan-Apr	2025 * Jan-Apr	Growth %
Sheet Rubber	33.5	11.1	10.1	(9.2)
Crepe Rubber	10.1	3.9	3.8	(1.2)
Other	25.6	11.1	7.7	(30.6)
Total	69.2	26.1	21.6	(17.1)

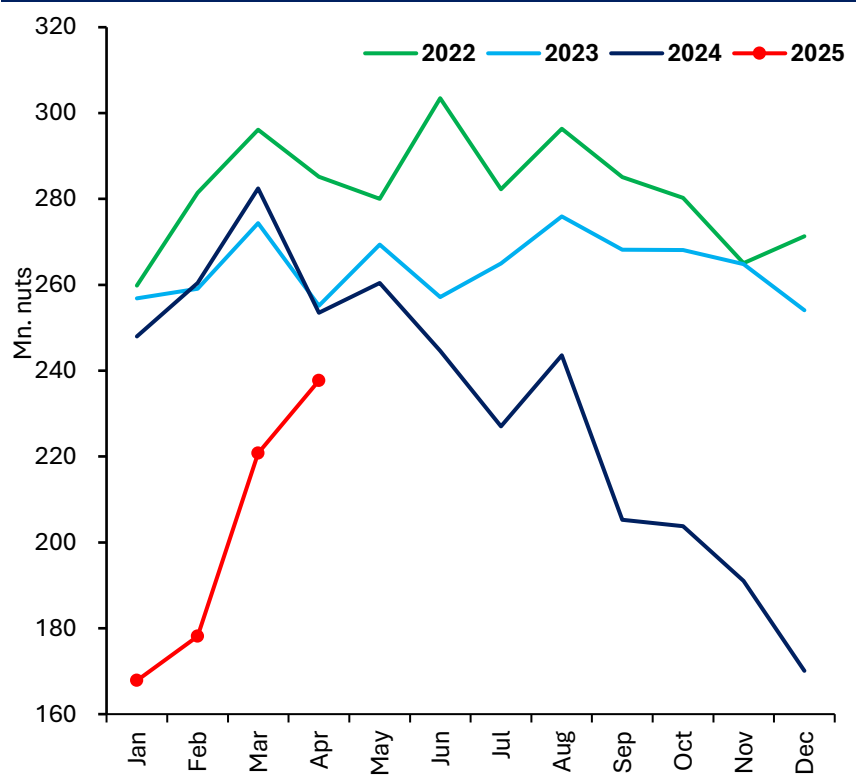
- Domestic rubber production saw a year-on-year decline in April 2025, according to highly provisional data from the Rubber Development Department.
- Natural rubber prices in global markets saw a decline in April 2025 due to the steady growth of the tapping activities along with the limited demand for the commodity amid the ongoing uncertainty in the market due to the trade tariff.

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

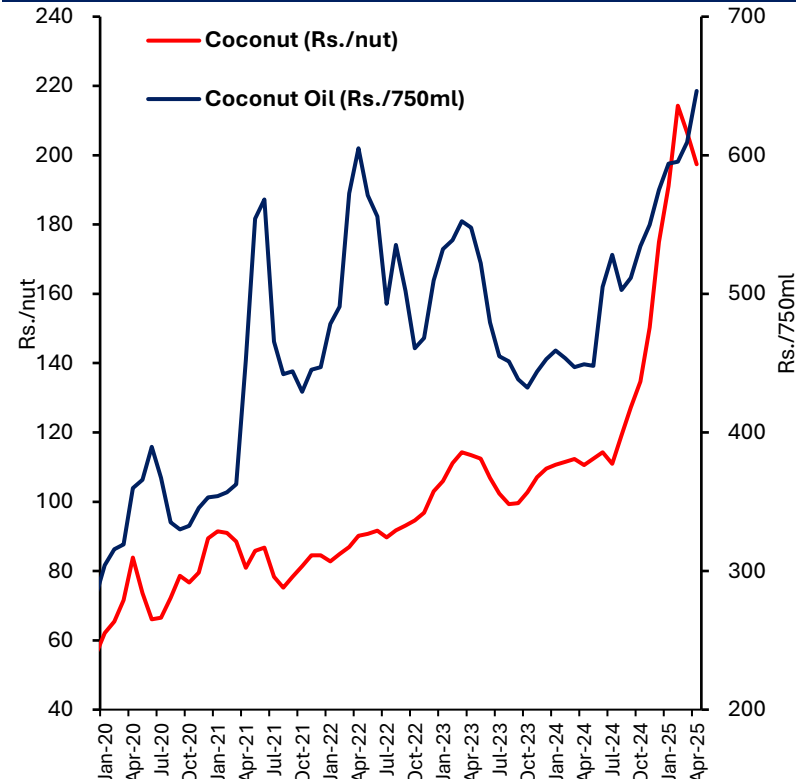
Sources: Rubber Development Department, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka Customs, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, World Bank

Coconut

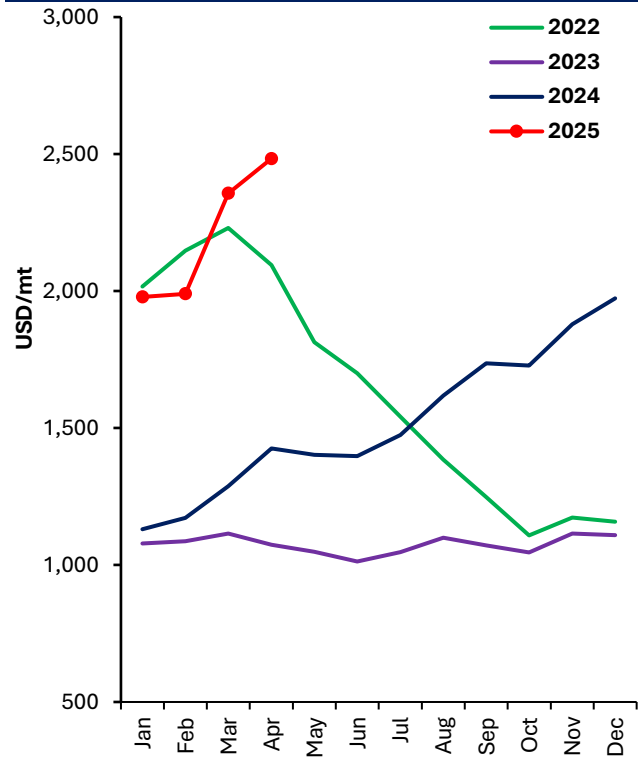
Coconut Production



Retail Price of Coconut and Coconut Oil



International Coconut Oil Prices

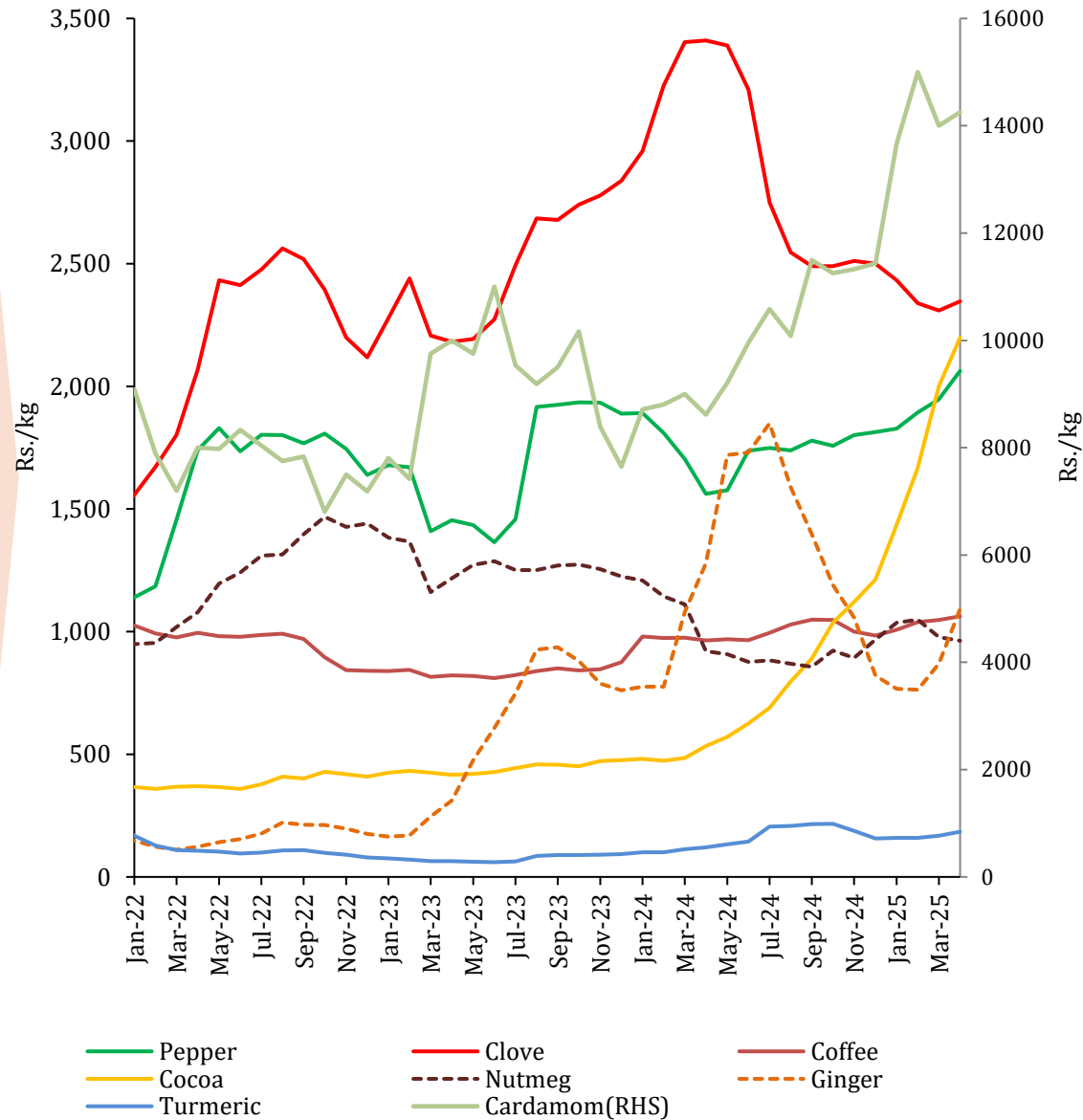


Coconut Production	2024	2024 Jan-Apr	2025 Jan-Apr	Growth %
Coconut (mn nuts)	2,790	1,044.4	804.5	(23.0)
Desiccated Nut (MT)	33,177	9,628	5,457	(43.3)
Coconut Oil (MT)	30,842	10,586	10,118	(4.4)

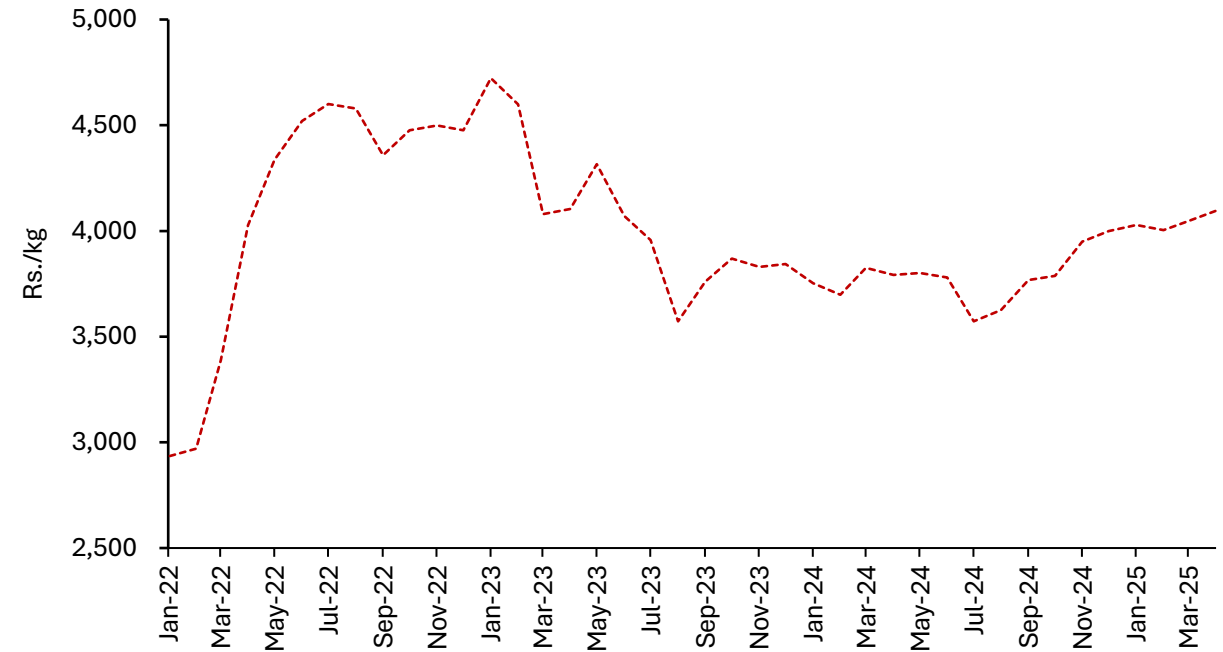
Despite a **6.2%** y-o-y decline in domestic coconut production in April 2025, the upward trend observed since February 2025 indicates a gradual recovery in output.

Other Export Agriculture

Farmgate/Producer Prices of Selected Export Agriculture Crops



Farmgate/Producer Price of Cinnamon



- In April 2025, the market prices of all export crops — Pepper, Coffee, Cocoa, Cinnamon, Clove, Cardamom, Ginger, and Turmeric — increased, while only the price of Nutmeg registered a decline.
- Earnings from exports of spices increased in the month of April 2025 (y-o-y), mainly due to the strong performance in exports of Pepper and Cloves.

Agricultural Input Import Trends

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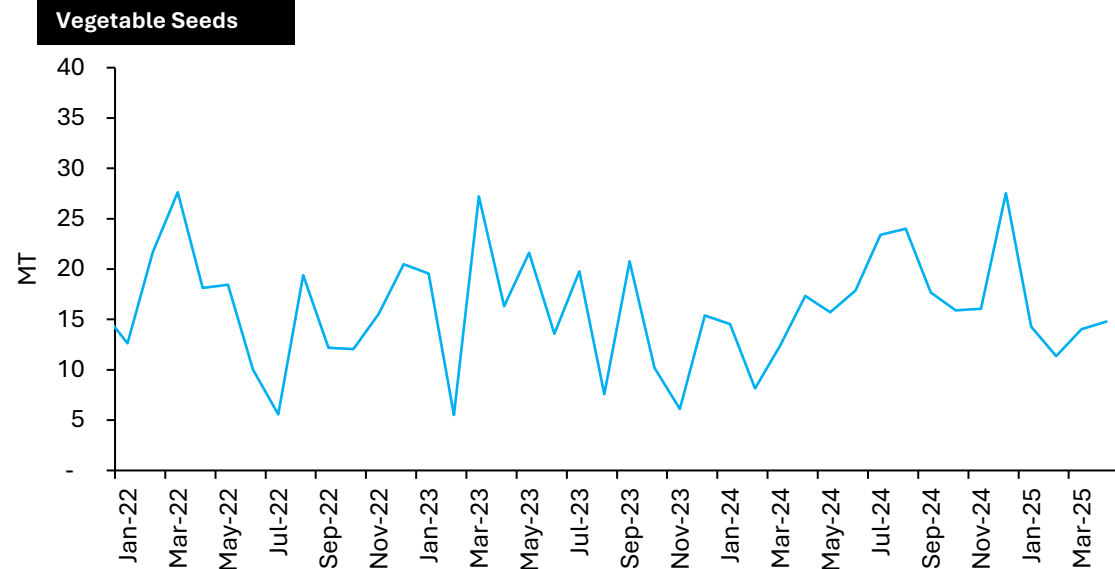
Plants and Seeds

Vegetable seeds (MT)	184	211	52	54
Potato seed (MT)	797	773	125	100
Plants & parts (MT)	4,236	6,874	1,958	1,521
Live trees and other plants (No. '000)	1,039	1,248	368	266

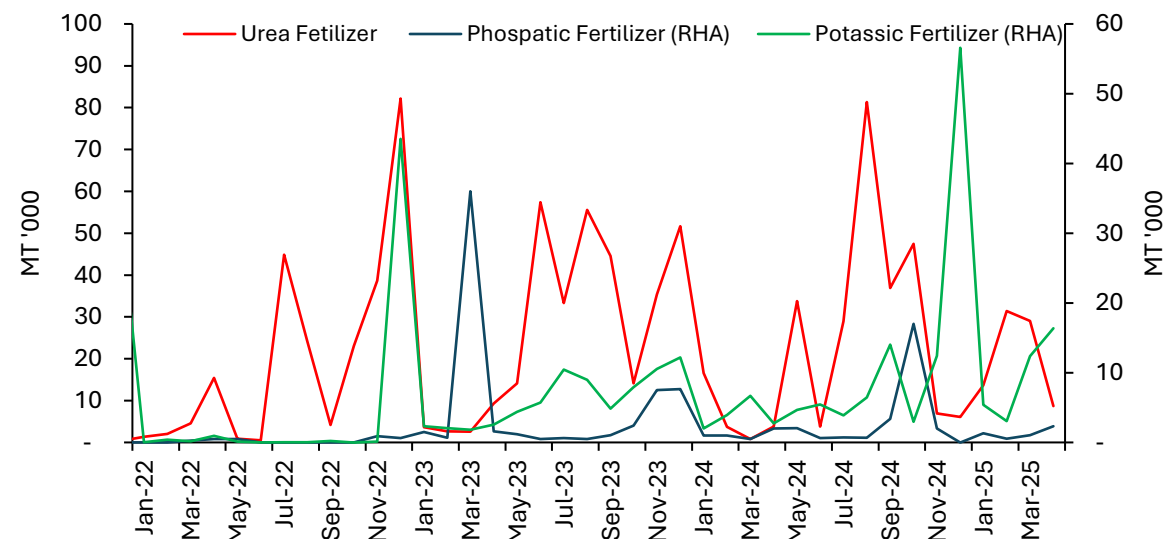
Fertilizers (MT '000)

Urea	324	270	25	83
Other nitrogenous fertilizers	65	68	15	35
Phosphatic	61	31	4	5
Potassic	74	122	15	37
Other fertilizers	19	16	3	6

Import Trend of Selected Agricultural Inputs

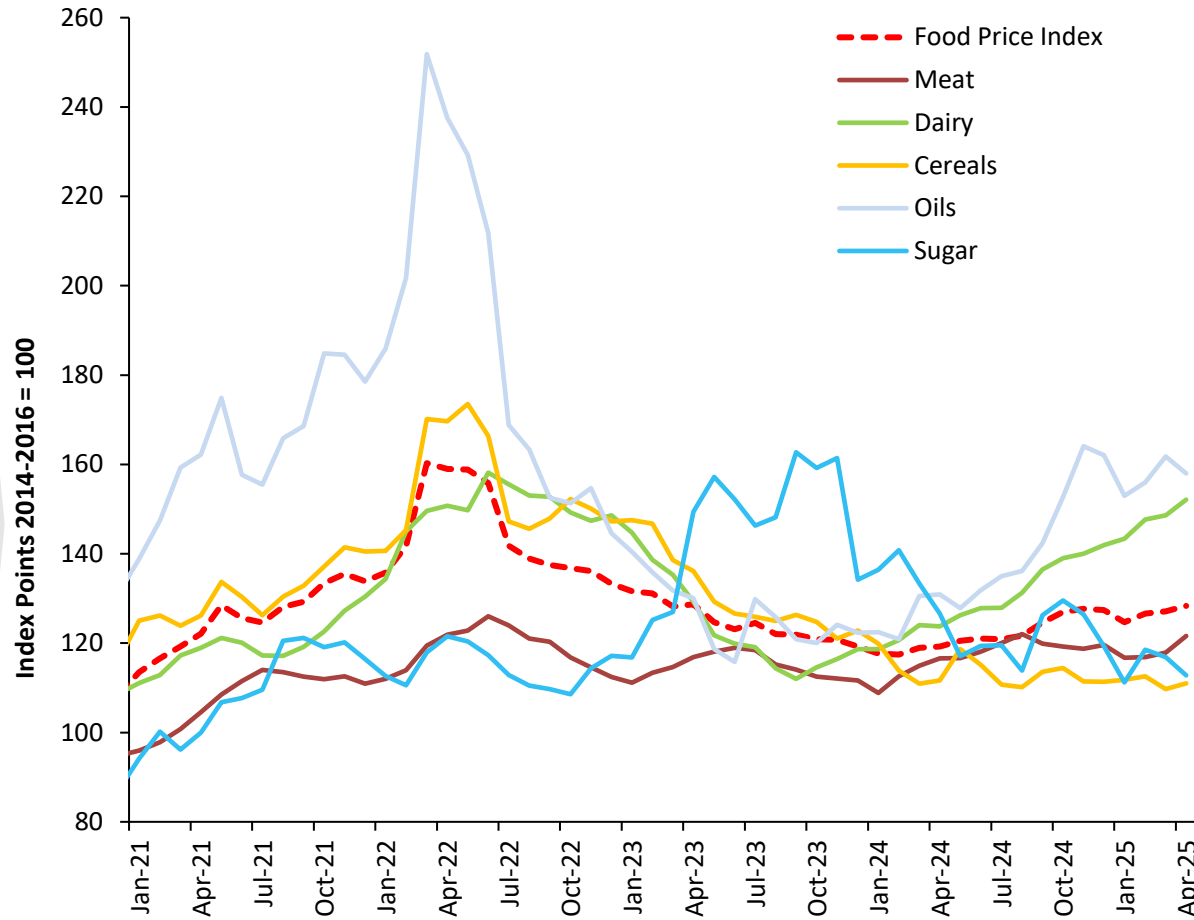


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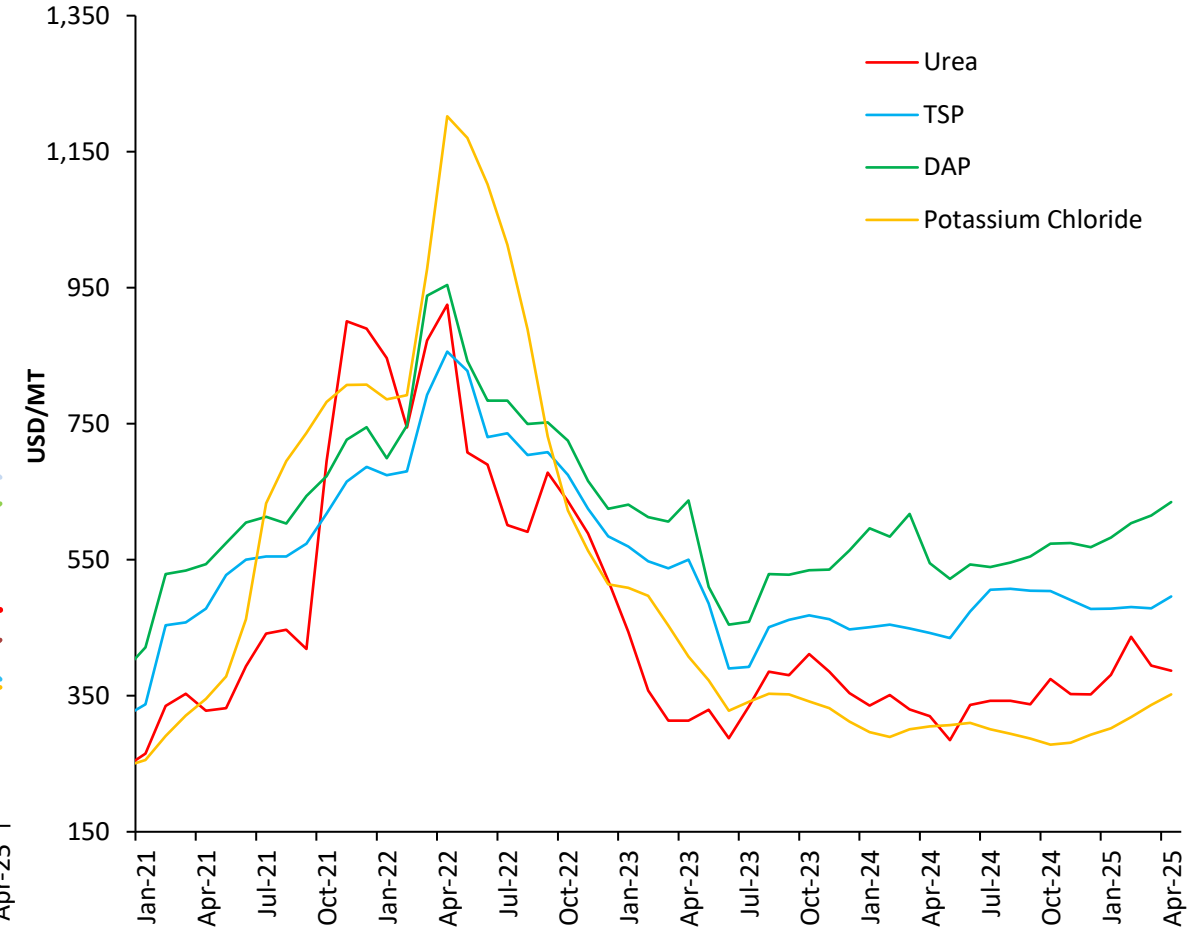


International Agricultural Commodity Prices

FAO Food Price Index



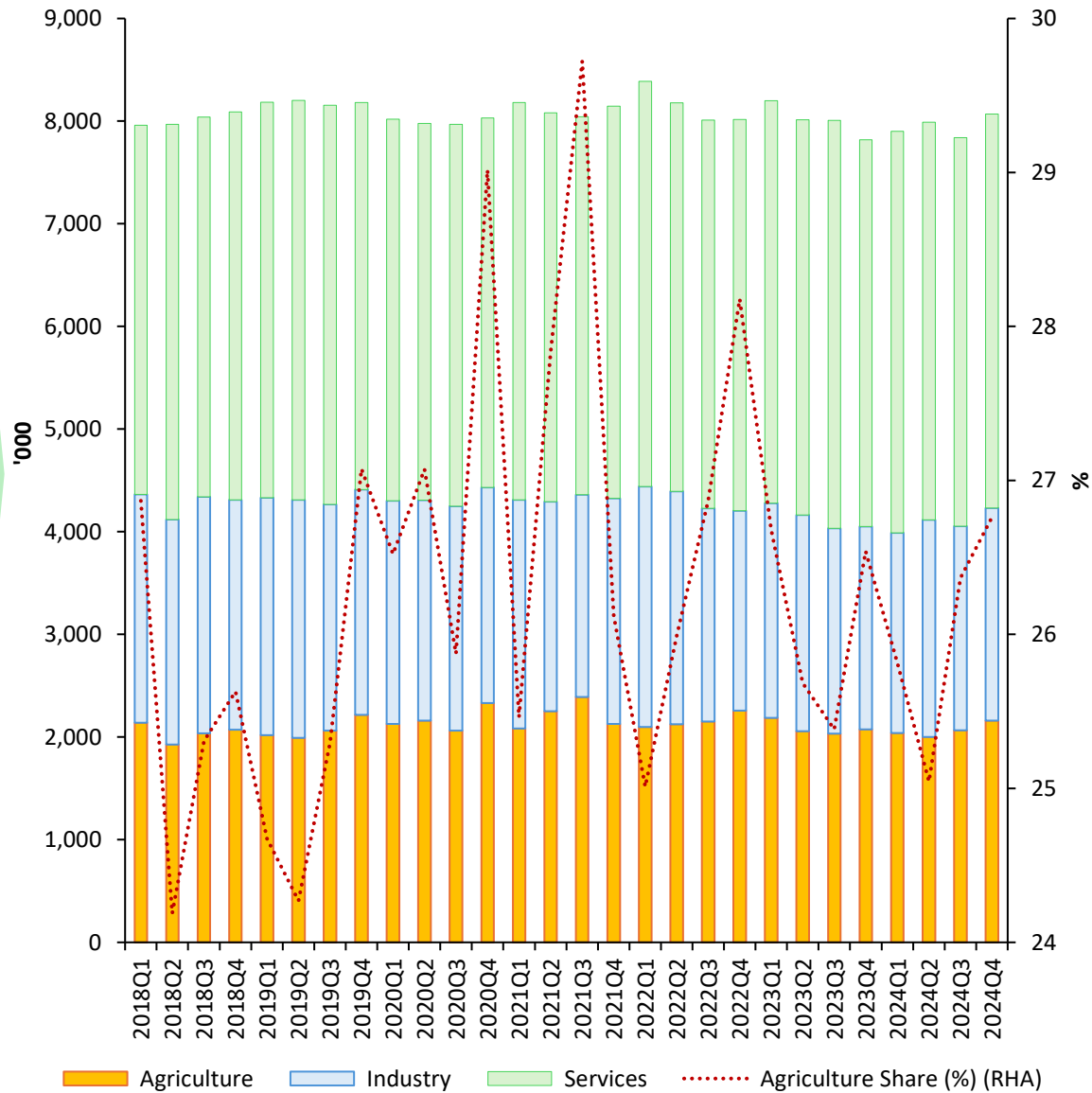
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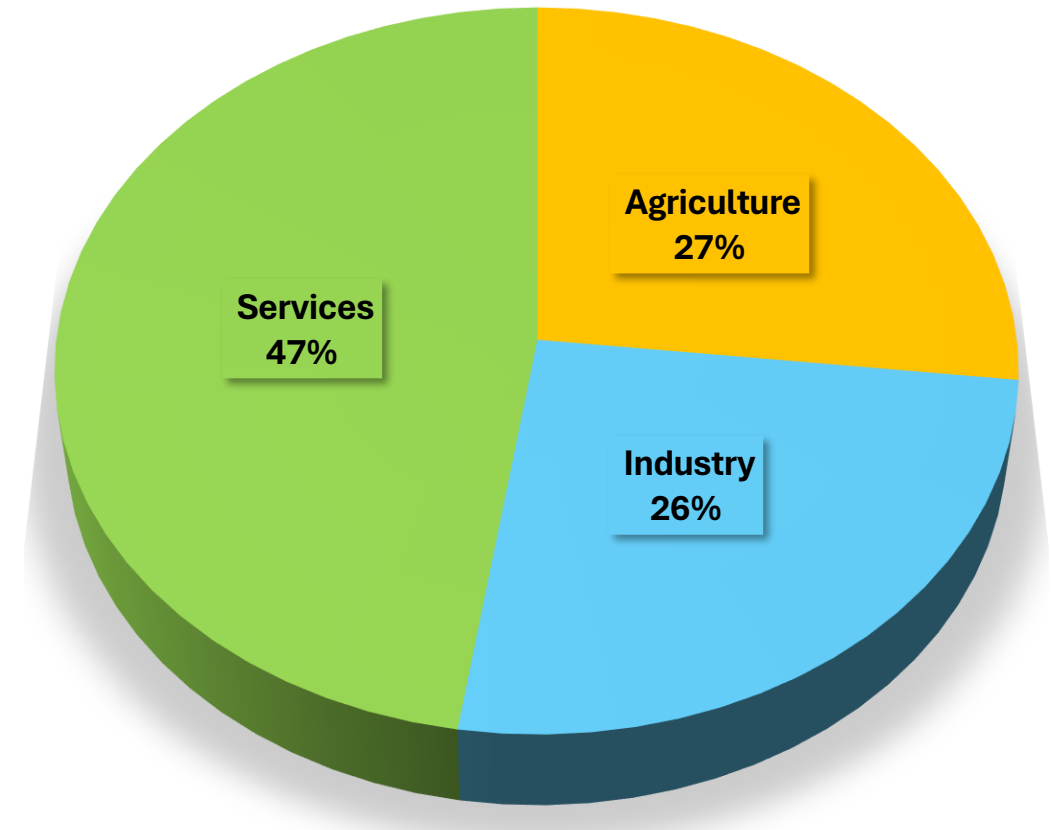
The FAO Food Price Index increased in April 2025 compared to the previous month, with prices rising in categories such as meat, dairy and cereals, while other food categories such as vegetable oils and sugar declined during the month.

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.*