

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

**Paddy production** for the 2025 Yala season, based on the sown extent as of end August 2025, is forecasted at 2.21 million metric tons, a 11.9% increase from the previous Yala season



**Total fish production** decreased by 10.7% (y-o-y) in August 2025, mainly attributed to the decline in inland fish production



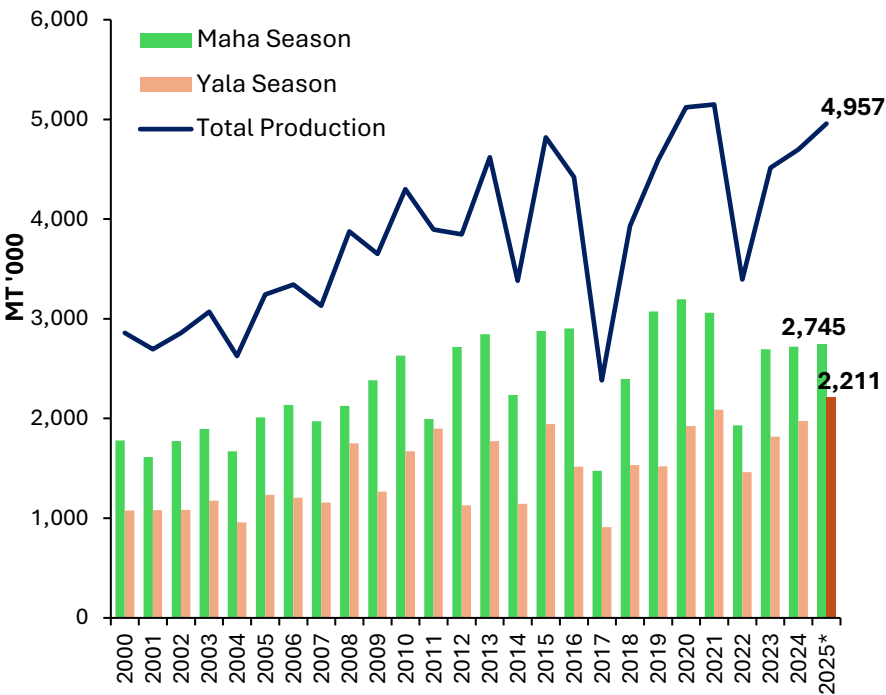
**Domestic Tea production** decreased by 7.8% (y-o-y) in August 2025, while international tea prices remain stable compared to previous month



**Domestic coconut production** increased by 17.8% (y-o-y) in August 2025, sustaining a steady recovery from prolonged production losses



# Paddy Production

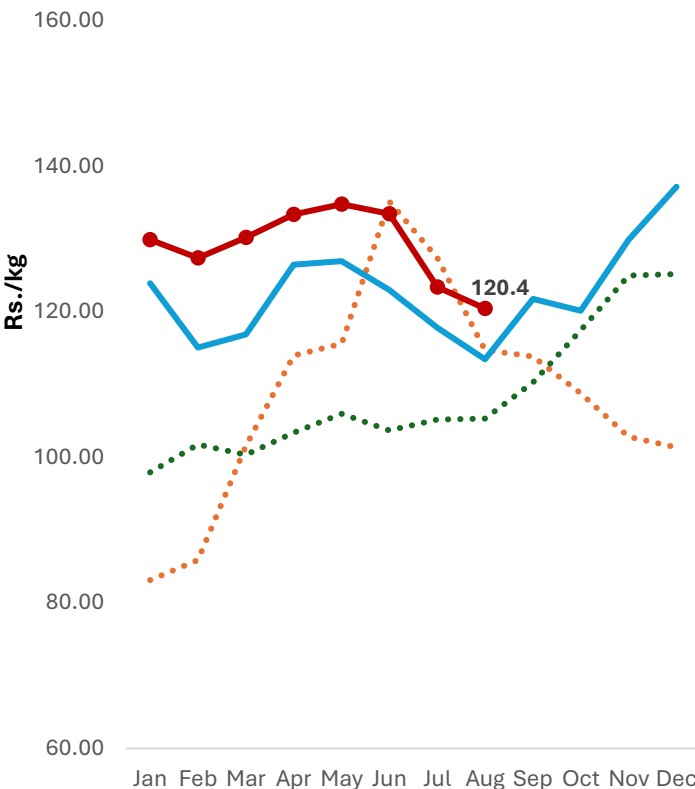


\*2025 Yala season production is based on the Department of Agriculture forecast

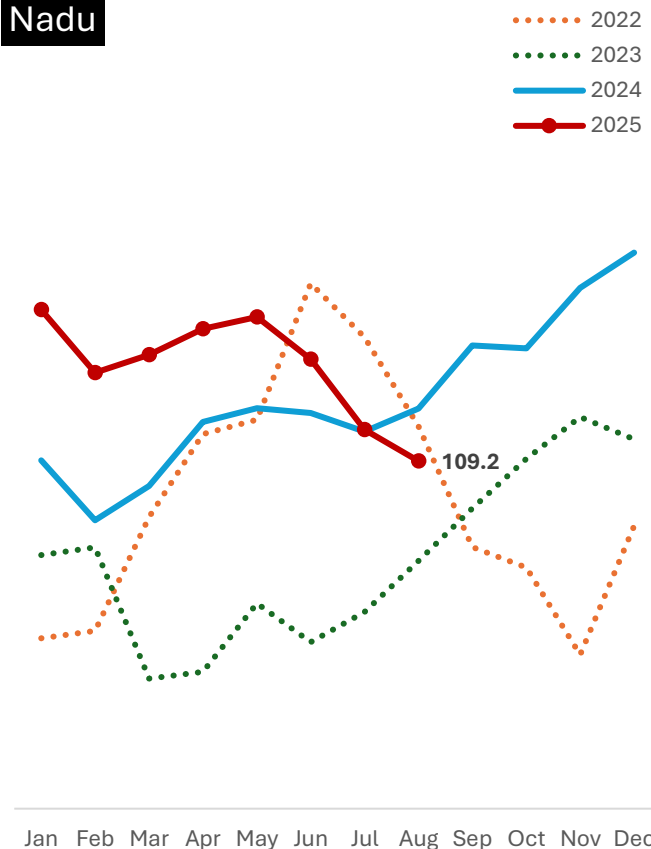
| Season | 2023<br>(mn mt) | 2024<br>(mn mt) | Growth<br>(%) |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Maha   | 2.70            | 2.72            | 1.0           |
| Yala   | 1.82            | 1.98            | 8.8           |
| Annual | 4.51            | 4.70            | 4.1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

# Farmgate/Producer Prices of Paddy

## Samba

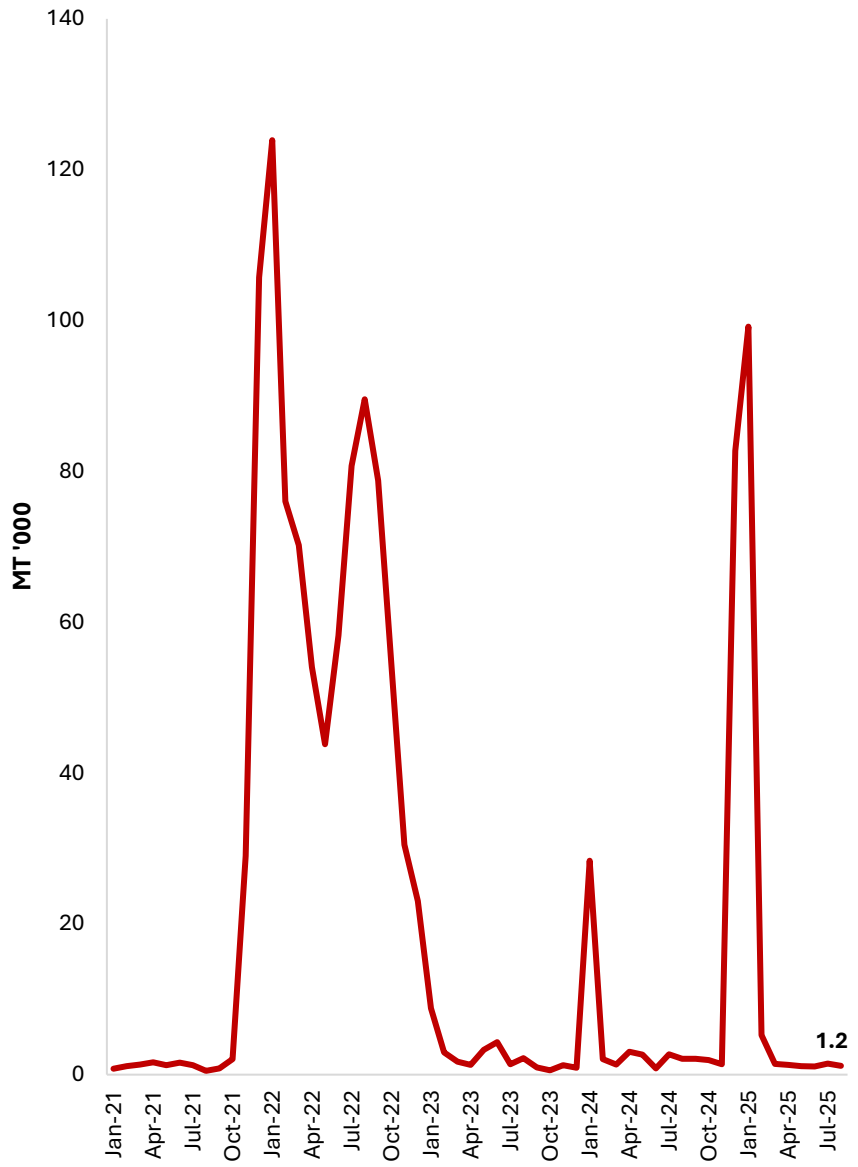


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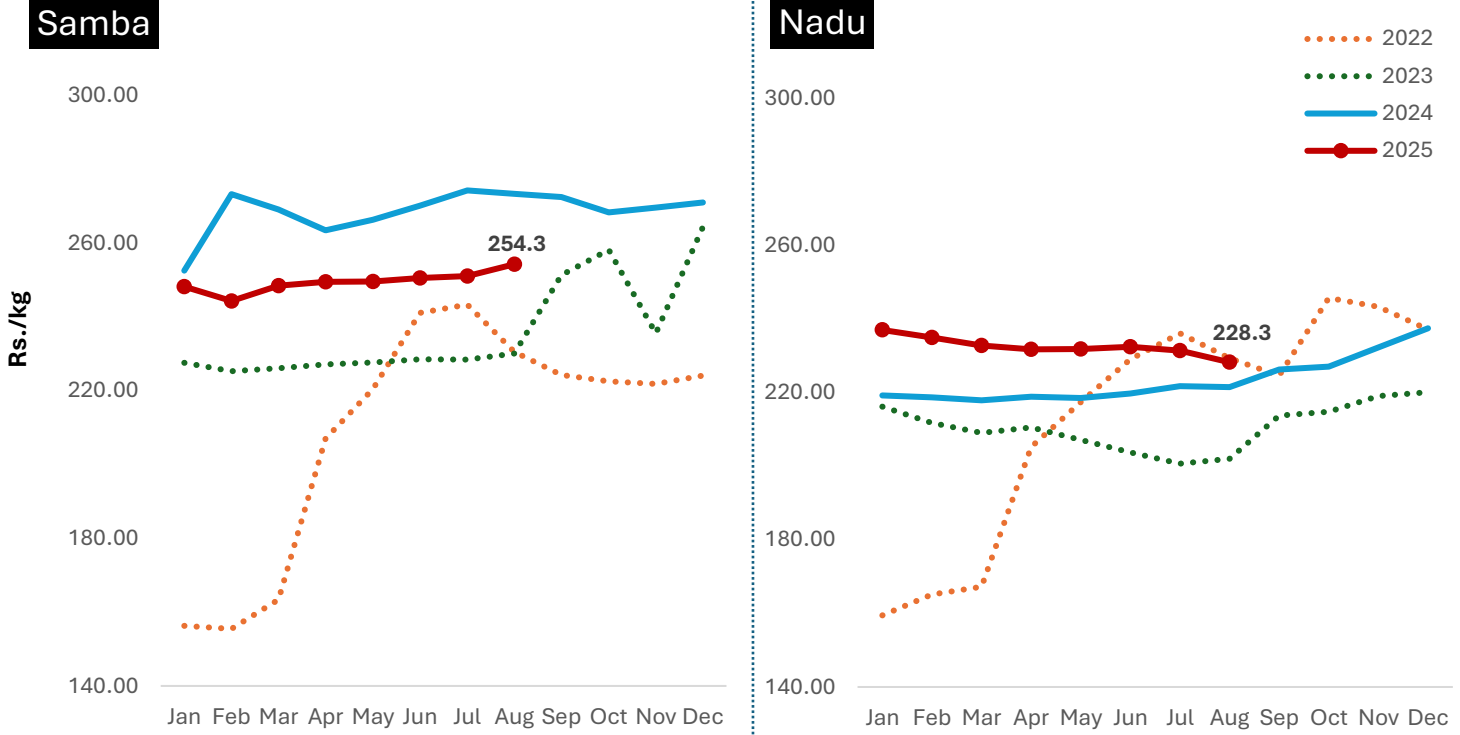


- Paddy production forecast of the Department of Agriculture for 2025 Yala season, based on the sown extent reported as of end August 2025, stands at **2.21 million metric tons (11.9% increase from the previous Yala season)**
- Accordingly, paddy production forecasts for 2025 is estimated as **4.96 million metric tons (5.5% increase from the previous year)**

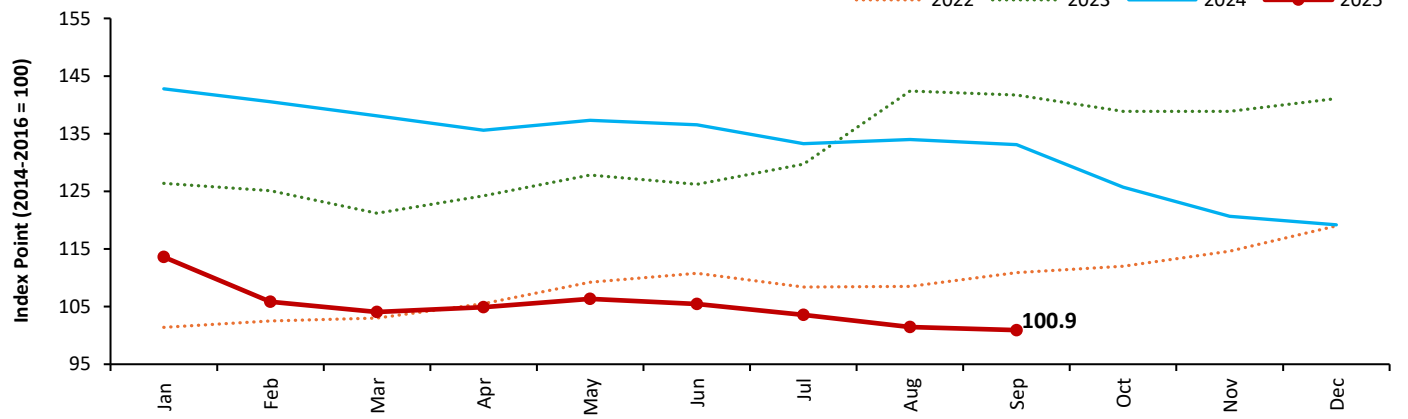
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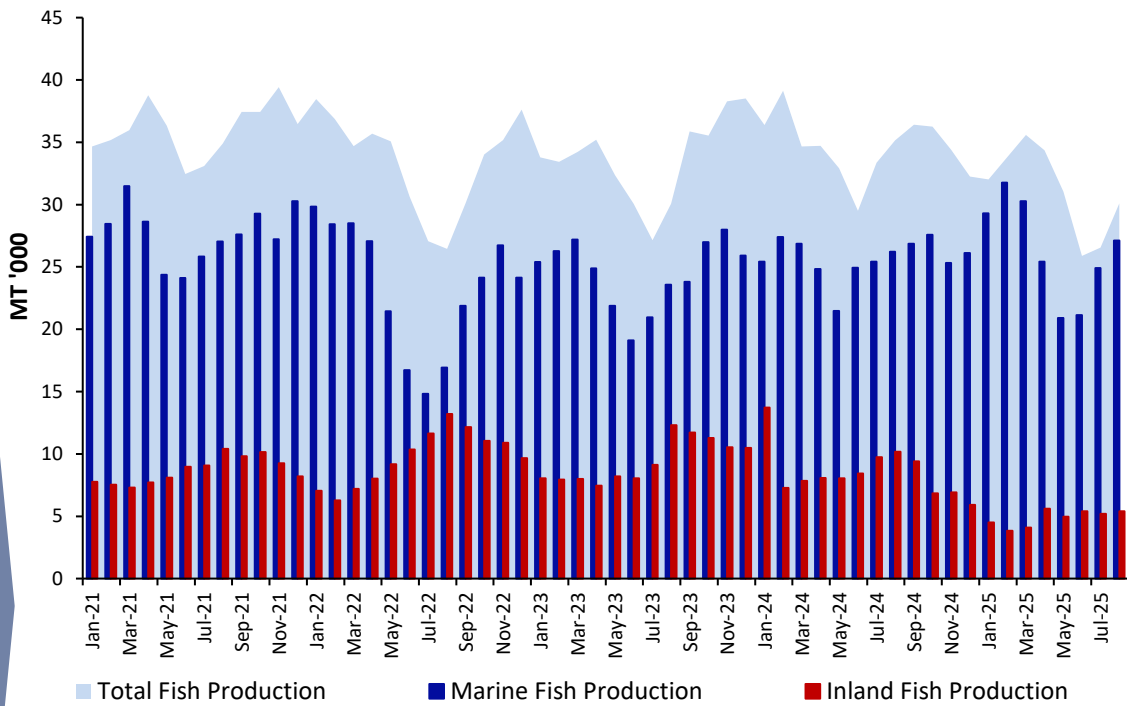
# Retail Rice Prices



# FAO All Rice Price Index

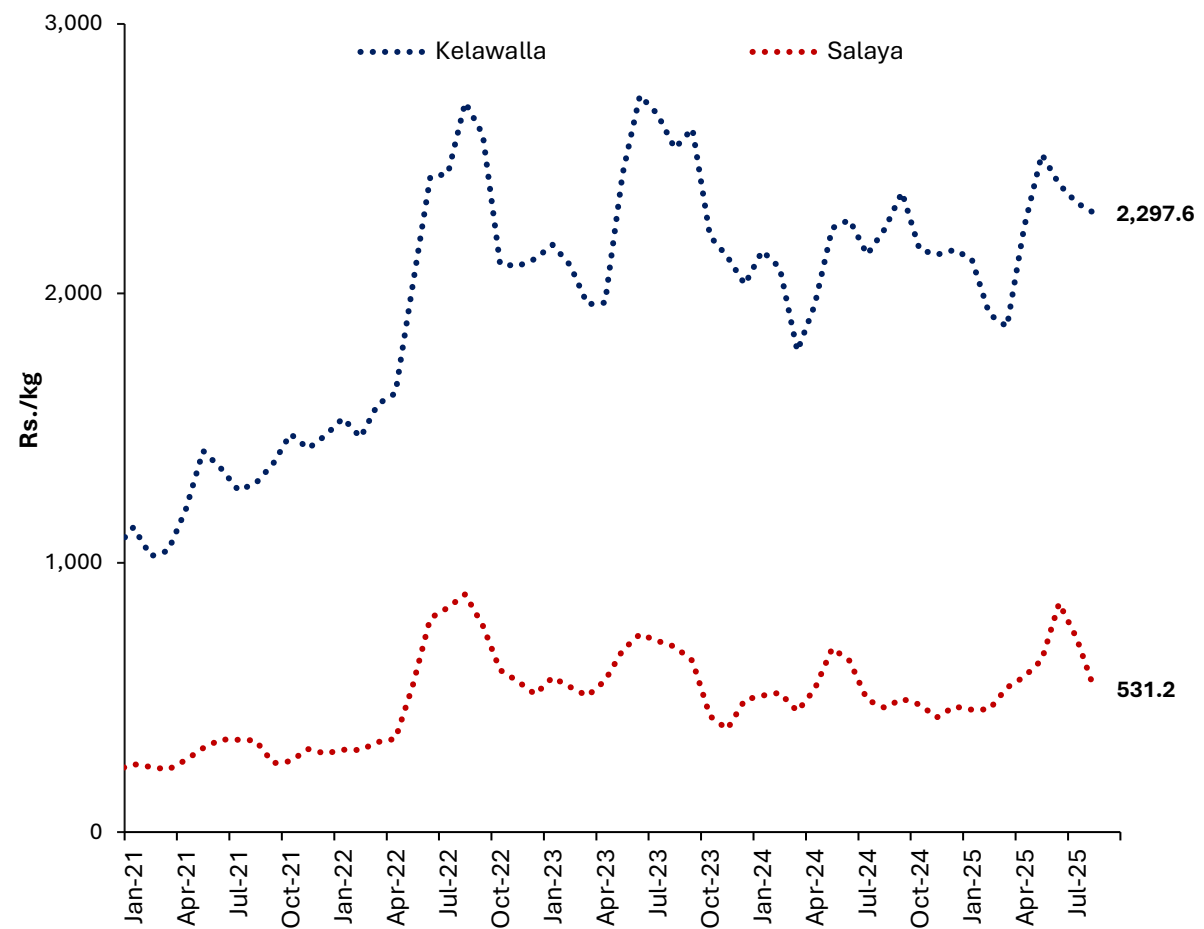


Fish Production



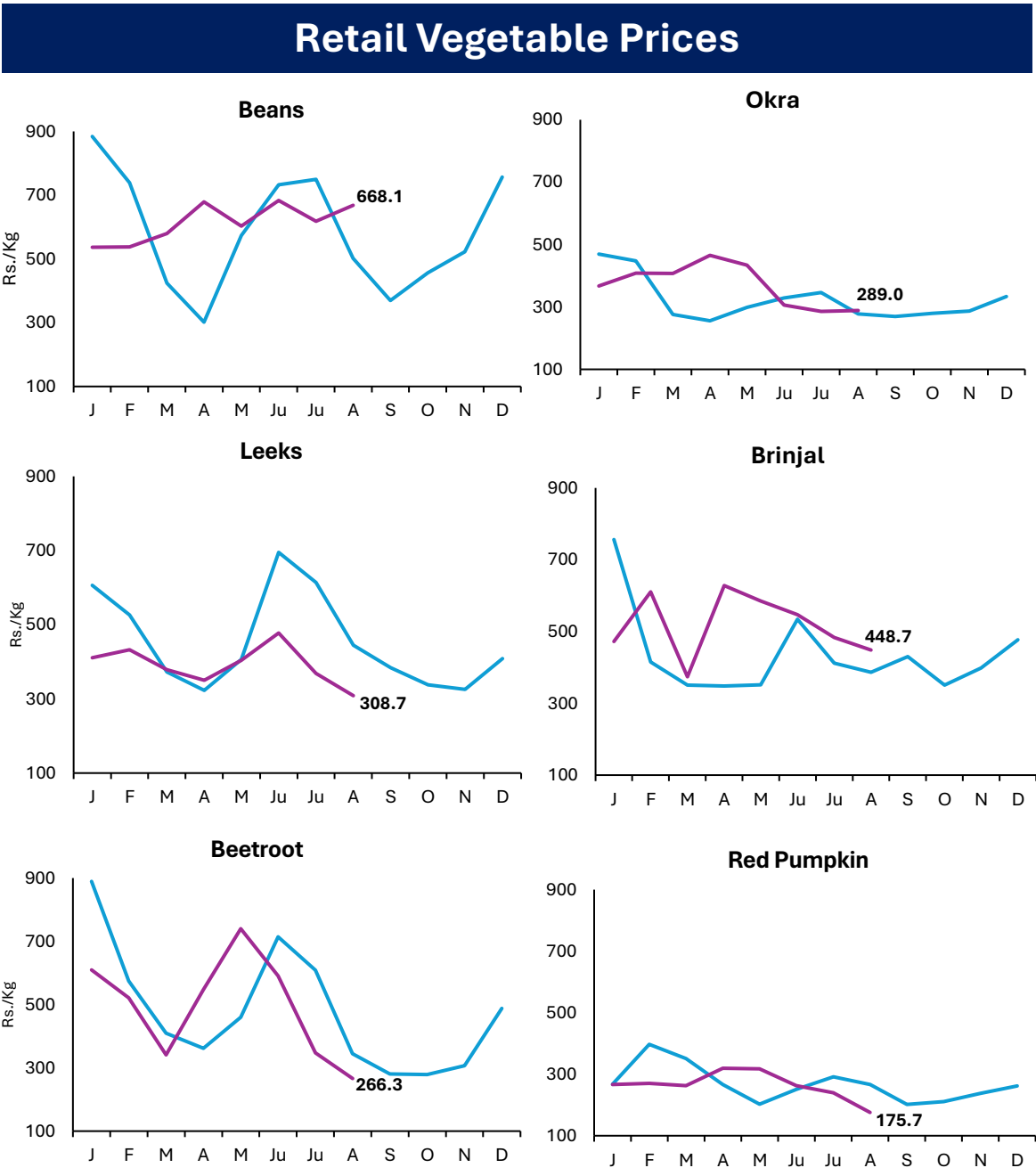
| Production (MT '000) | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 Jan-Aug | 2025 Jan-Aug |
|----------------------|------|------|--------------|--------------|
| Marine               | 294  | 308  | 203          | 211          |
| Inland               | 113  | 102  | 73           | 39           |
| Total                | 407  | 411  | 276          | 250          |

Retail Fish Prices



• Fish production decreased by **10.7%** (y-o-y) in August 2025, mainly attributed to **46.9%** (y-o-y) decline in inland fish production, however marine fish production recorded a **3.4%** (y-o-y) growth in August 2025

| Vegetable Production (MT) |               |              |               |              |               |                               |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                           | 22/23<br>Maha | 2023<br>Yala | 23/24<br>Maha | 2024<br>Yala | 24/25<br>Maha | 24/25 Maha<br>Y-o-Y<br>Change |
| Up Country                |               |              |               |              |               |                               |
| Tomatoes                  | 46,244        | 34,169       | 39,293        | 34,945       | 28,480        | ↓                             |
| Cabbage                   | 52,310        | 47,773       | 58,552        | 48,242       | 41,811        | ↓                             |
| Carrot                    | 40,084        | 25,267       | 48,836        | 24,374       | 25,604        | ↓                             |
| Beetroot                  | 17,178        | 21,444       | 17,332        | 20,034       | 15,825        | ↓                             |
| Raddish                   | 26,955        | 27,557       | 40,159        | 27,567       | 31,271        | ↓                             |
| Beans                     | 41,139        | 25,287       | 36,345        | 26,128       | 20,468        | ↓                             |
| Low Country               |               |              |               |              |               |                               |
| Luffa                     | 24,852        | 18,417       | 22,225        | 18,521       | 20,465        | ↓                             |
| Okra                      | 38,984        | 31,351       | 37,620        | 35,003       | 40,296        | ↑                             |
| Brinjal                   | 80,637        | 54,450       | 69,584        | 54,660       | 64,545        | ↓                             |
| Cucumber                  | 21,013        | 26,603       | 17,937        | 27,161       | 18,982        | ↑                             |
| Red pumpkin               | 59,163        | 41,779       | 46,890        | 42,565       | 48,389        | ↑                             |
| Ash plantain              | 35,369        | 22,833       | 33,783        | 24,477       | 29,506        | ↓                             |
| Long bean                 | 35,395        | 27,456       | 35,539        | 28,855       | 34,926        | ↓                             |



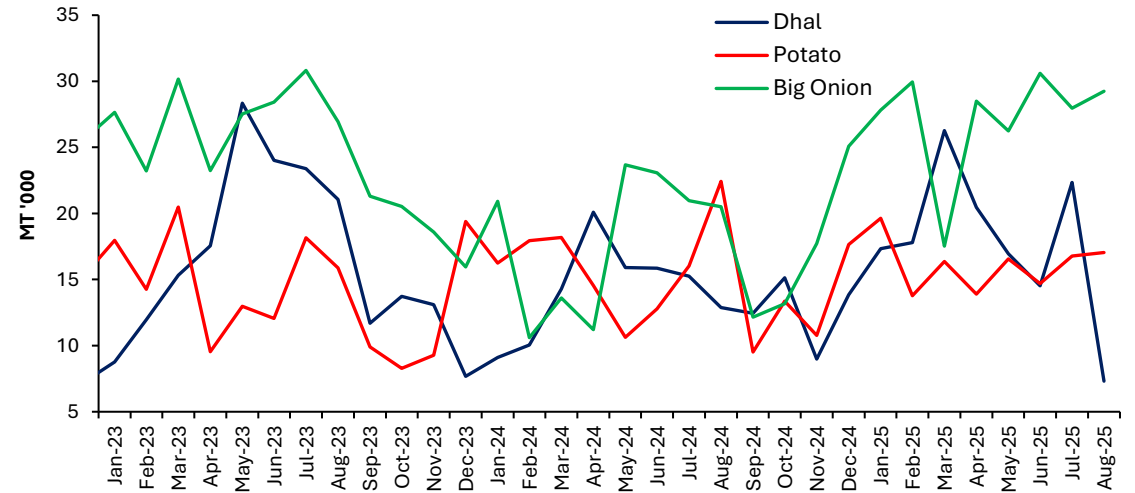
## Other Field Crops

| 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    | 15,010       | ↓                       |
| Red Onion       | 26,673       | 22,678    | 24,762       | 19,749    | 24,440       | ↓                       |
| Big Onion       | 329          | 4,755     | 257          | 8,572     | 395          | ↑                       |
| Green Chillie   | 42,270       | 25,128    | 40,438       | 26,200    | 38,285       | ↓                       |
| Cowpea          | 7,022        | 5,779     | 5,955        | 5,458     | 6,307        | ↑                       |
| Black gram      | 8,346        | 1,437     | 8,518        | 1,828     | 7,224        | ↓                       |
| Maize           | 198,601      | 22,647    | 196,871      | 26,626    | 245,351      | ↑                       |
| Ground Nut      | 19,014       | 10,666    | 17,336       | 11,626    | 18,751       | ↑                       |
| Gingelly        | 2,701        | 8,651     | 2,210        | 8,293     | 1,675        | ↓                       |
| Green gram      | 6,940        | 5,514     | 6,156        | 8,909     | 6,754        | ↑                       |

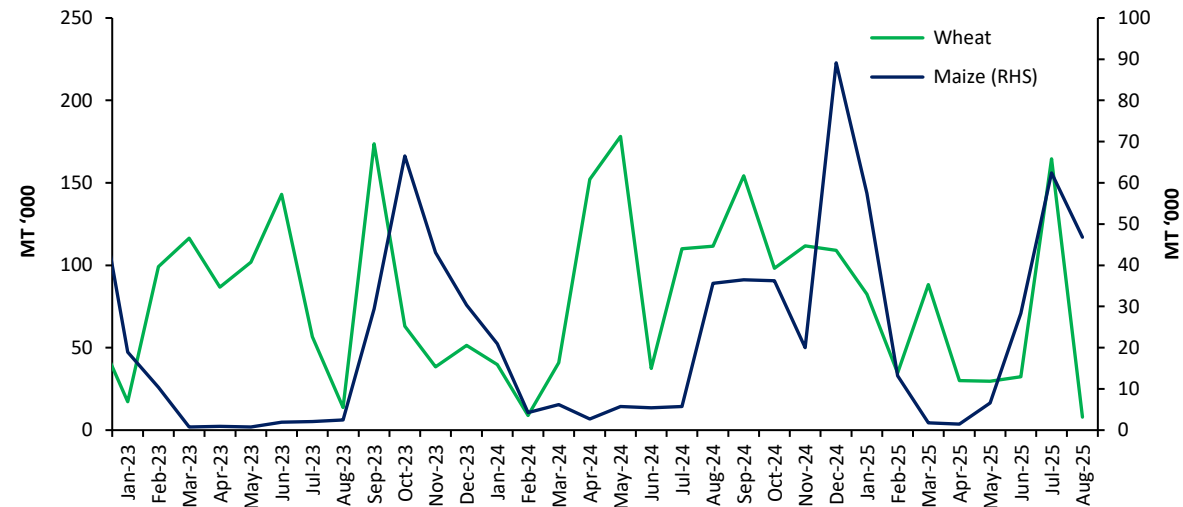
| Imports (MT) | 2023    | 2024    | 2024 Jan-Aug | 2025 Jan-Aug |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Dhal         | 196,601 | 163,881 | 113,456      | 143,002      |
| Potato       | 168,184 | 180,121 | 128,822      | 128,758      |
| Big Onion    | 294,386 | 212,720 | 144,551      | 217,883      |

## Import Trend of Selected Food Items

MT '000



MT '000



Sources: Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka Customs

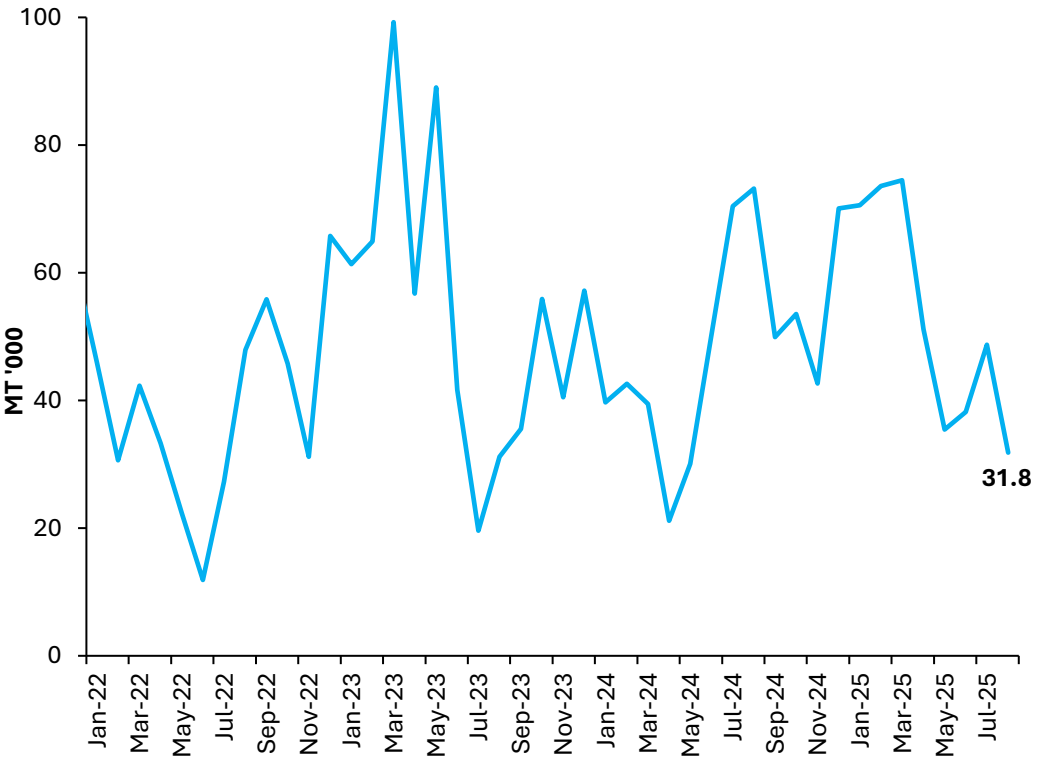
Sugar

|  | 2024<br>Jan-Aug | 2025<br>Jan-Aug |
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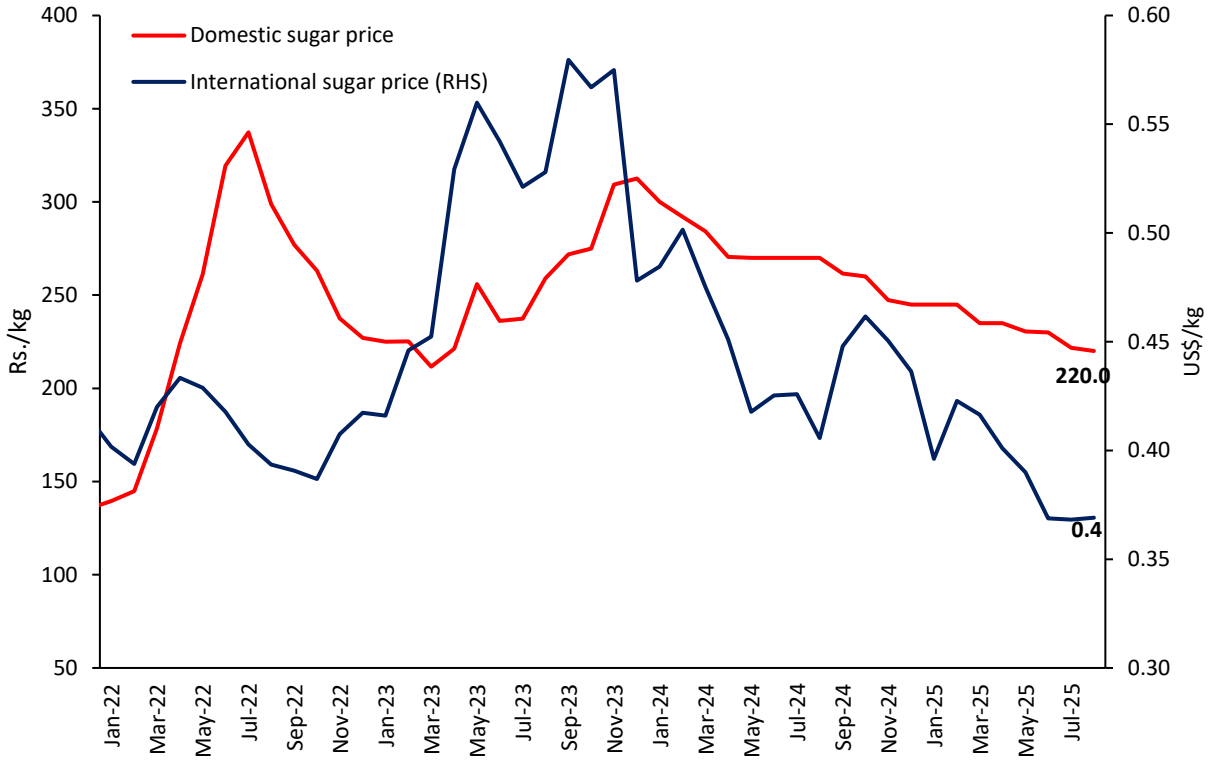
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| Sugar Production (MT) | 65,984 | 47,415 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|

|                    |         |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Sugar Imports (MT) | 366,730 | 423,960 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|

Import Trend



Price Trend



- International sugar prices declined in August 2025 reaching its lowest level since May 2021. The drop was driven by higher sugar output in Brazil, favourable harvests in India and Thailand after good monsoon rains and expanded plantings.

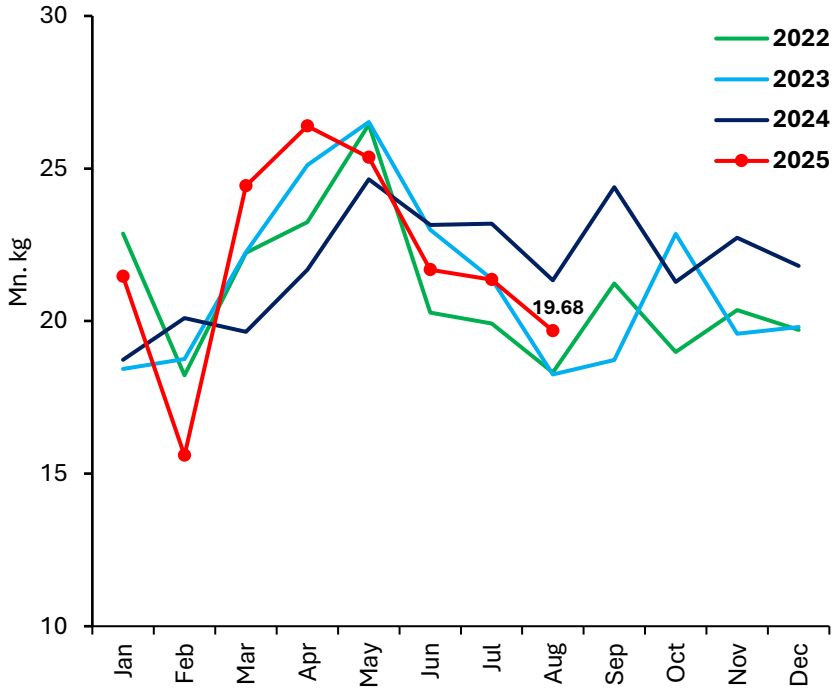
## Livestock

|                           | 2024 July           | 2025 June | 2025 July |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Production</b>         | Egg (mn)            | 257       | 305       |
|                           | Chicken (000 MT)    | 23        | 22        |
| <b>Price</b>              | Egg-White (Rs./egg) | 48.7      | 33.3      |
|                           | Egg - Red (Rs./egg) | 49.1      | 36.6      |
|                           | Chicken (Rs./kg)    | 1,068.0   | 1,282.3   |
| <b>Cost of Production</b> | Egg (Rs./egg)       | 33.2-35.5 | 28.4-31.6 |
|                           | Chicken (Rs./kg)    | 761.0     | 765.9     |

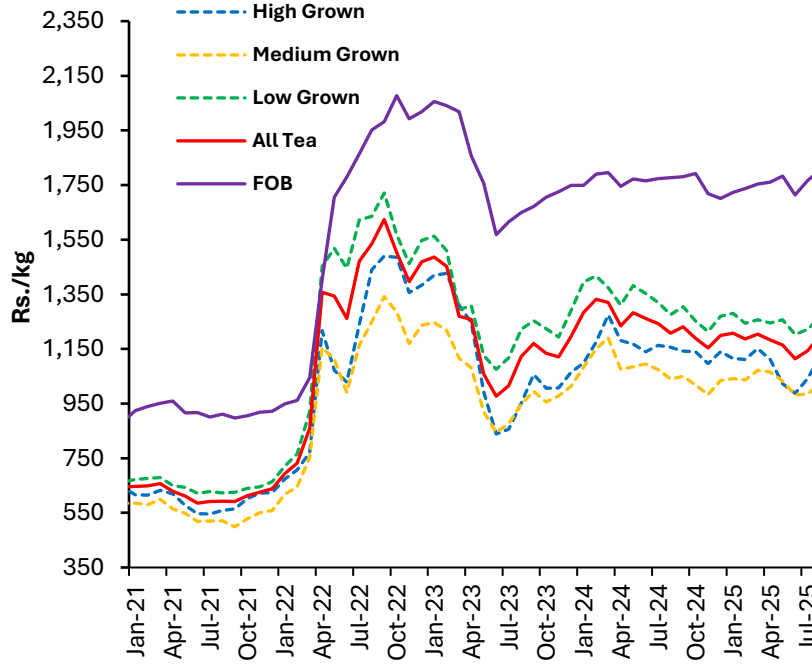
| Feed Ingredients (Rs./kg) | 2024 July   | 2025 June   | 2025 July   |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Maize                     | 183.8       | 160.3       | 157.5       |
| Soya bean meal            | 235.2       | 180.6       | 180.0       |
| Fish meal                 | 312.5-530.0 | 454.0-651.7 | 380.0-503.3 |
| Rice polish               | 119.6       | 139.0       | 137.7       |

Tea

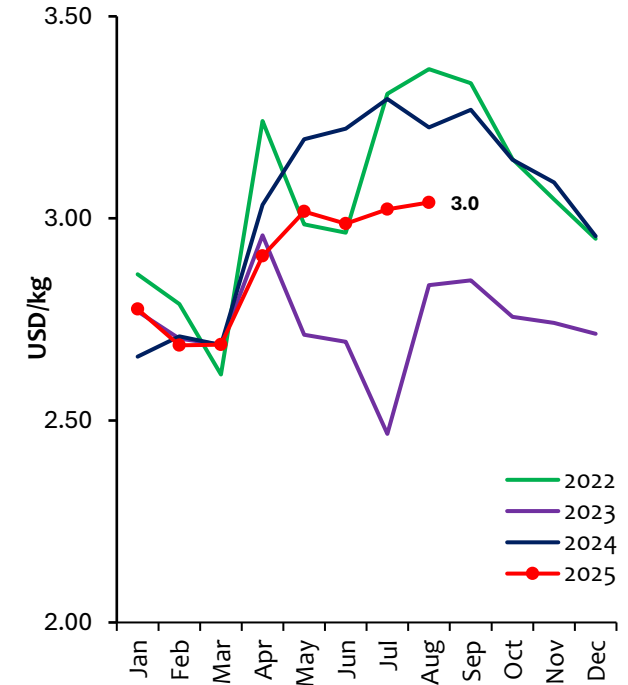
Tea Production



Tea Auction Prices & FOB Prices



International Tea Prices



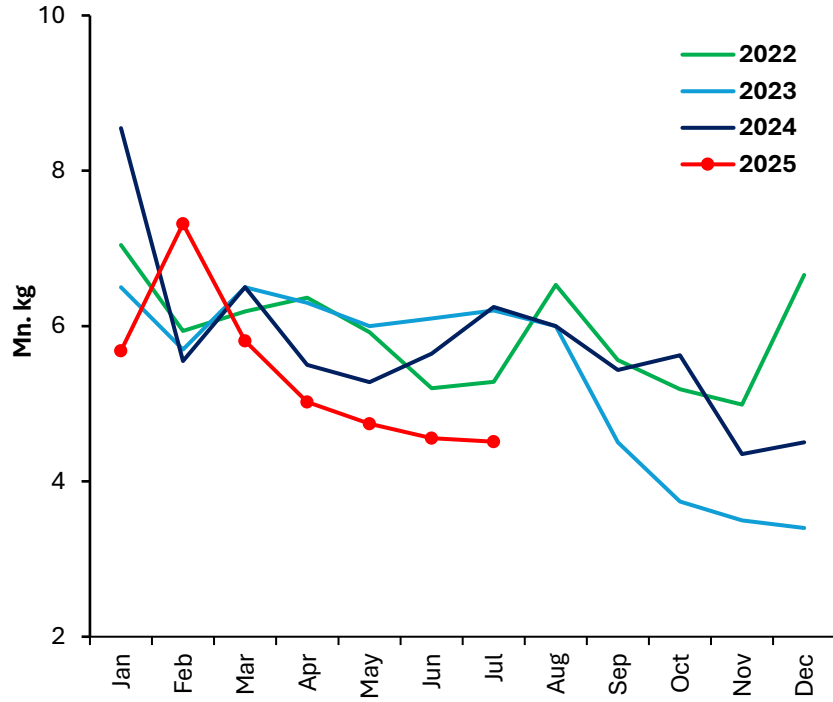
\*Average Auction Price of Colombo, Kolkata & Mombasa

| Tea Production (mn kg) | 2024  | 2024 Jan-Aug | 2025 Jan-Aug | Growth % |
|------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| High grown             | 55.7  | 37.1         | 38.1         | 2.7      |
| Medium grown           | 47.4  | 31.6         | 32.4         | 2.7      |
| Low grown              | 159.6 | 103.8        | 105.5        | 1.6      |
| Total                  | 262.7 | 172.5        | 176.0        | 2.0      |

- Domestic tea production decreased by **7.8%** (y-o-y) during the month of **August 2025**, though Jan-Aug 2025 production recorded a marginal increase
- Global tea prices increased marginally in August 2025 compared to the previous month, with **Colombo and Mombasa** recording increases in average prices, while **Kolkata** prices recording a decline

# Rubber

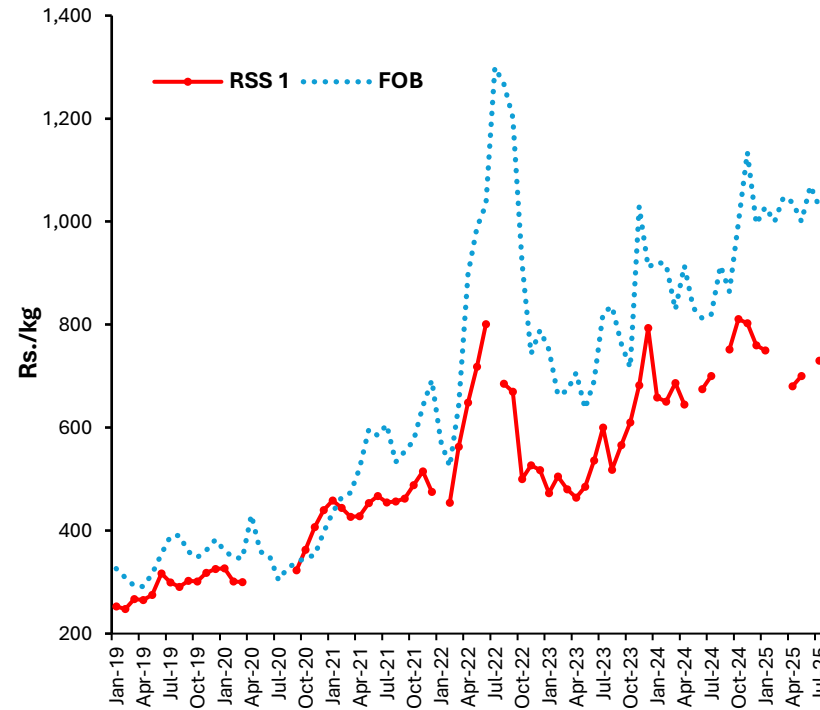
## Rubber Production



| Rubber Production (mn kg) | 2024        | 2024 Jan-Jul | 2025 * Jan-Jul | Growth %      |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sheet Rubber              | 33.5        | 20.0         | 18.3           | (8.9)         |
| Crepe Rubber              | 10.1        | 6.1          | 6.2            | 1.7           |
| Other                     | 25.6        | 17.2         | 13.2           | (23.1)        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>69.2</b> | <b>43.3</b>  | <b>37.6</b>    | <b>(13.0)</b> |

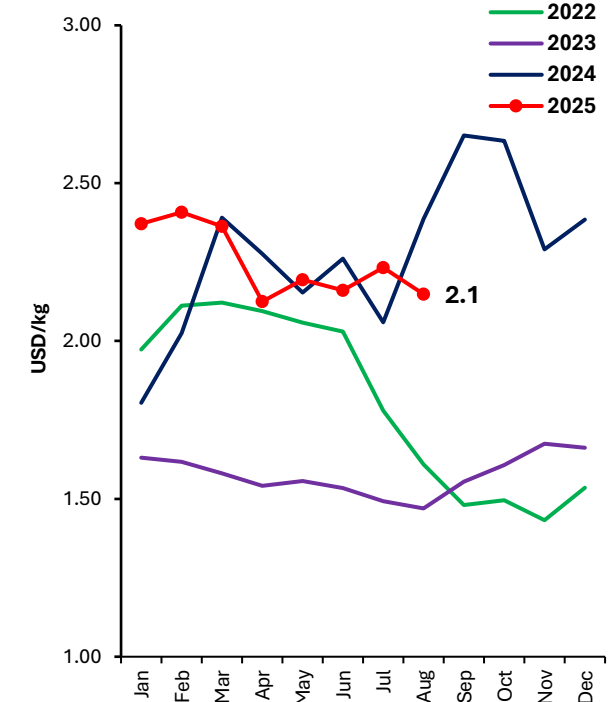
\*Highly provisional data from RDD, due to delays in submissions from rubber production companies and subject to updates based on TSR and CESS collection data.

## Rubber Auction Prices & FOB Prices



\*There were no trades of RSS1 in some months

## International Rubber Prices

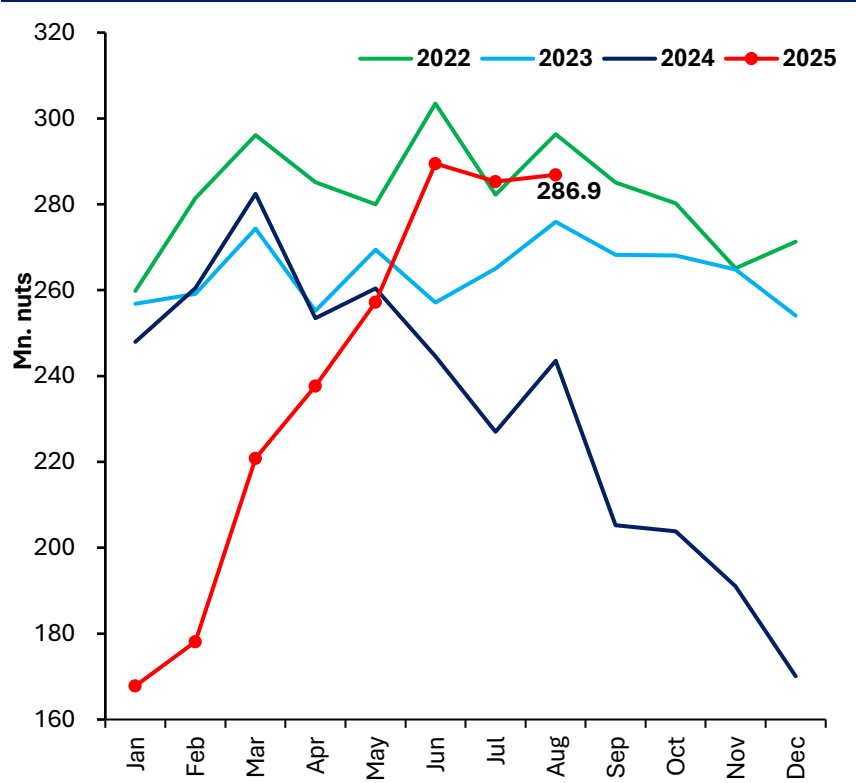


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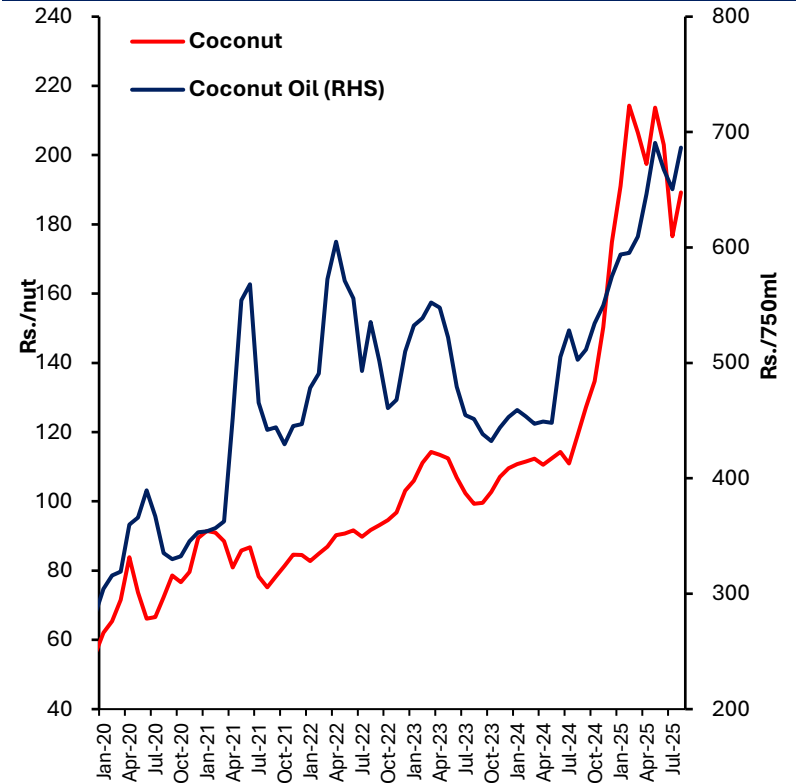
- Domestic rubber production saw a year-on-year decline in July 2025, according to highly provisional data from the Rubber Development Department
- Natural rubber (NR) prices fluctuated in August 2025 despite the traditional peak season, amid tight supply conditions and improving demand

Coconut

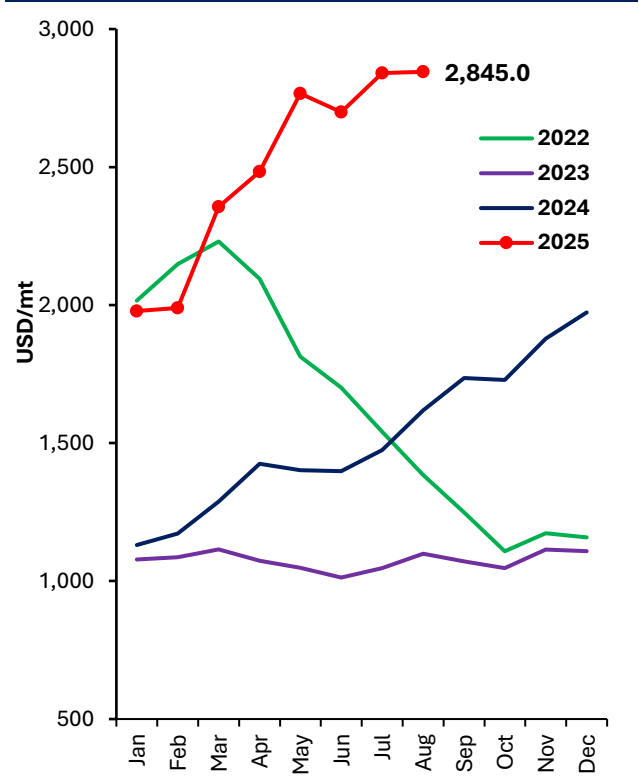
Coconut Production



Retail Price of Coconut and Coconut Oil



International Coconut Oil Prices



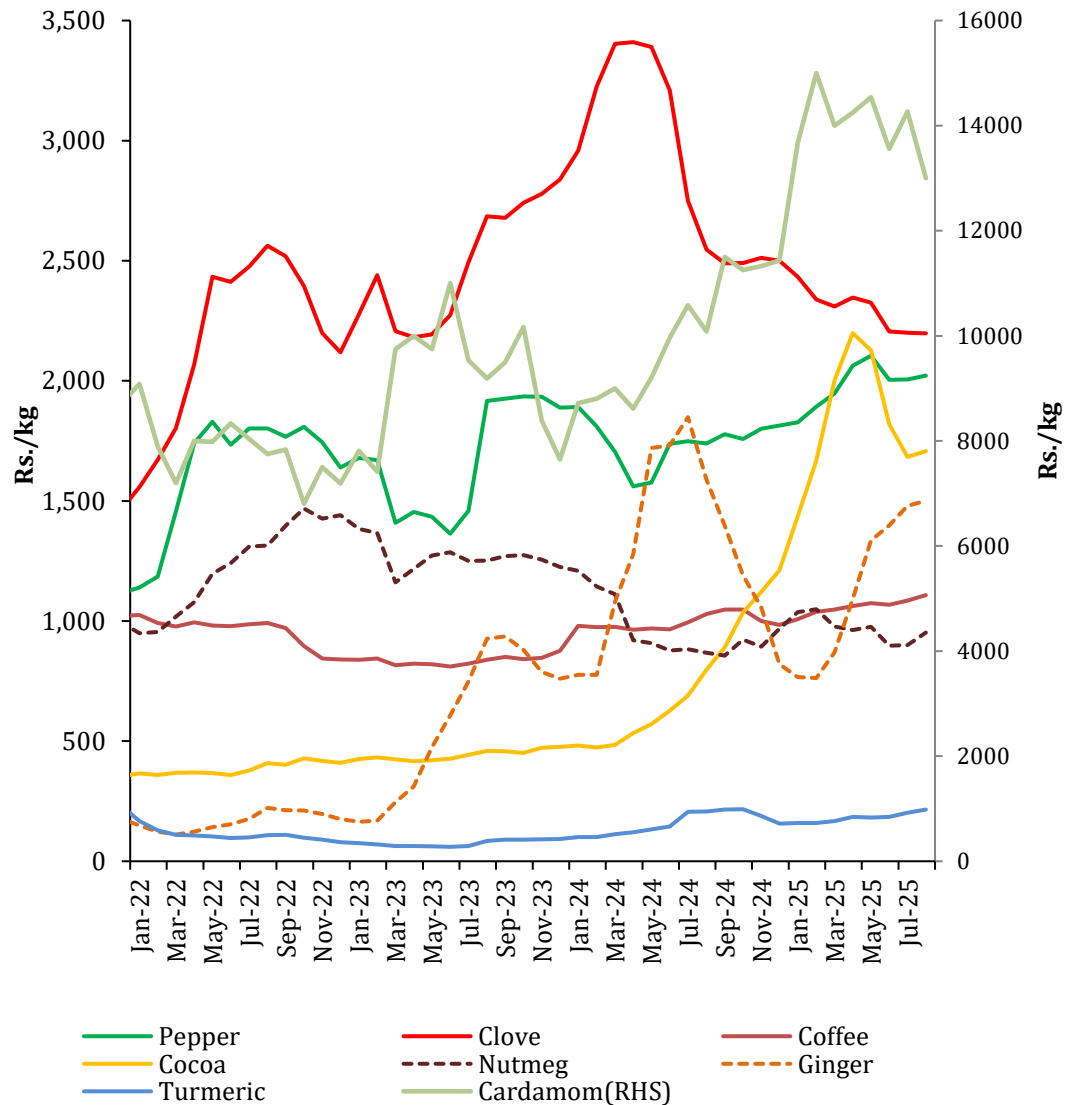
| Coconut Production  | 2024   | 2024 Jan-Aug | 2025 Jan-Aug | Growth % |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Coconut (mn nuts)   | 2,790  | 2,020        | 1,923        | (4.8)    |
| Desiccated Nut (MT) | 33,177 | 22,332       | 18,967       | (15.1)   |
| Coconut Oil (MT)    | 30,842 | 21,086       | 22,007       | 4.4      |

Coconut production recorded a **17.8%** y-o-y increase in August 2025 reflecting a steady growth

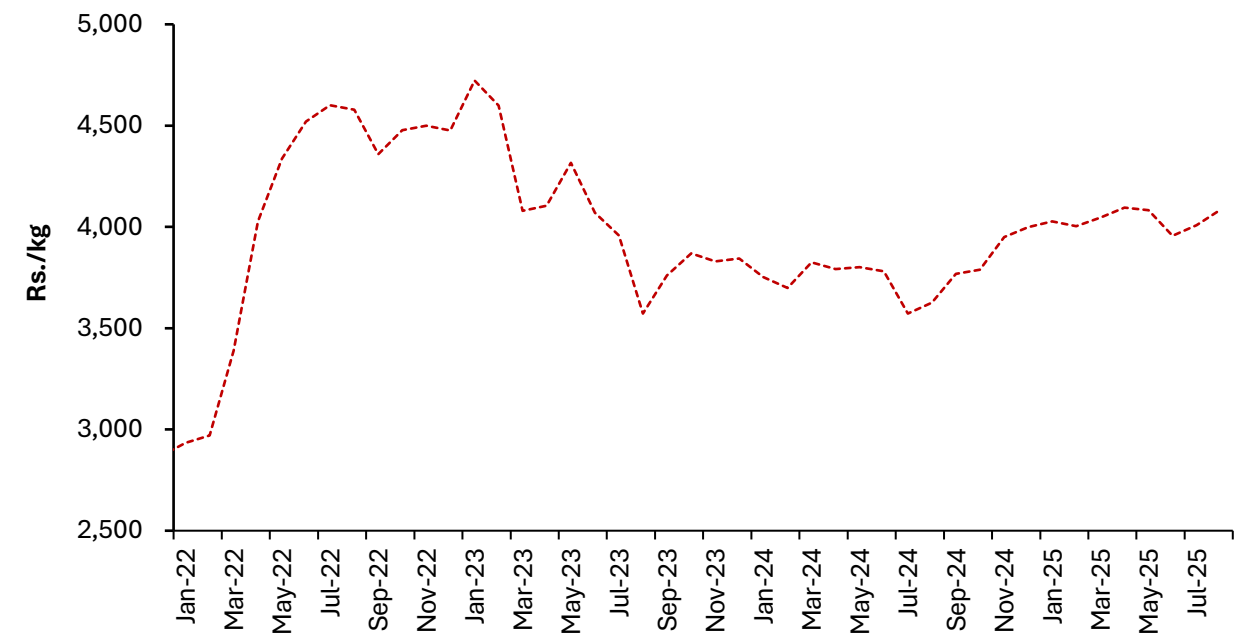
The surge in international coconut oil prices that began in the second half of 2024 remained elevated in 2025, supported by strong demand and limited supply.

## Other Export Agriculture

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



### Farmgate/Producer Price of Cinnamon



- In August 2025, the market prices of most export crops increased compared to the previous month, while only Clove and Cardamom prices registered a decline
- Earnings from exports of spices increased in the during the period of January to August 2025 (y-o-y), mainly due to strong performance in exports of Cinnamon and Cloves

## Agricultural Input Import Trends

| Imports | 2023 | 2024 | 2024<br>Jan-Aug | 2025<br>Jan-Aug |
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### Plants and Seeds

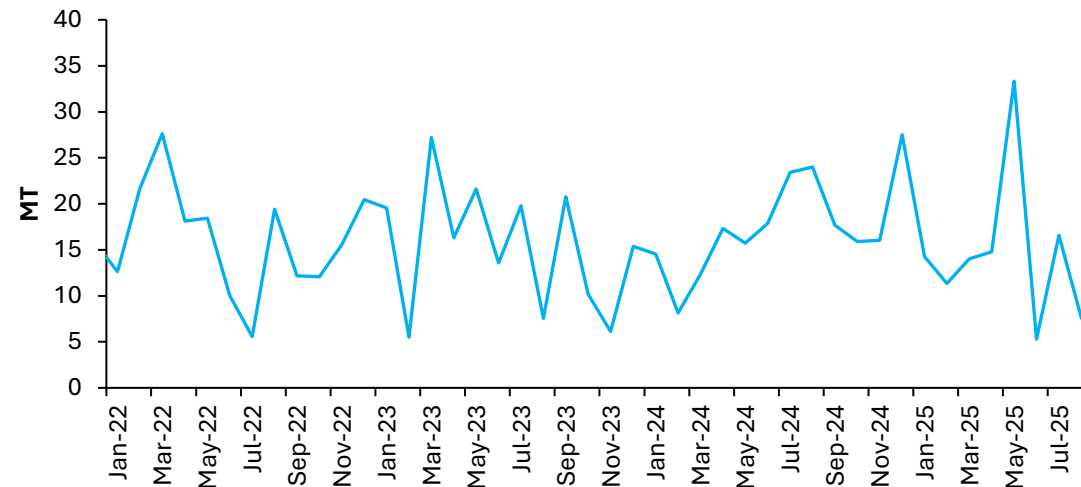
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|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Vegetable seeds (MT)                   | 184   | 211   | 133   | 117   |
| Potato seed (MT)                       | 797   | 773   | 146   | 100   |
| Plants & parts (MT)                    | 4,236 | 6,874 | 4,446 | 3,473 |
| Live trees and other plants (No. '000) | 1,039 | 1,248 | 708   | 538   |

### Fertilizers (MT '000)

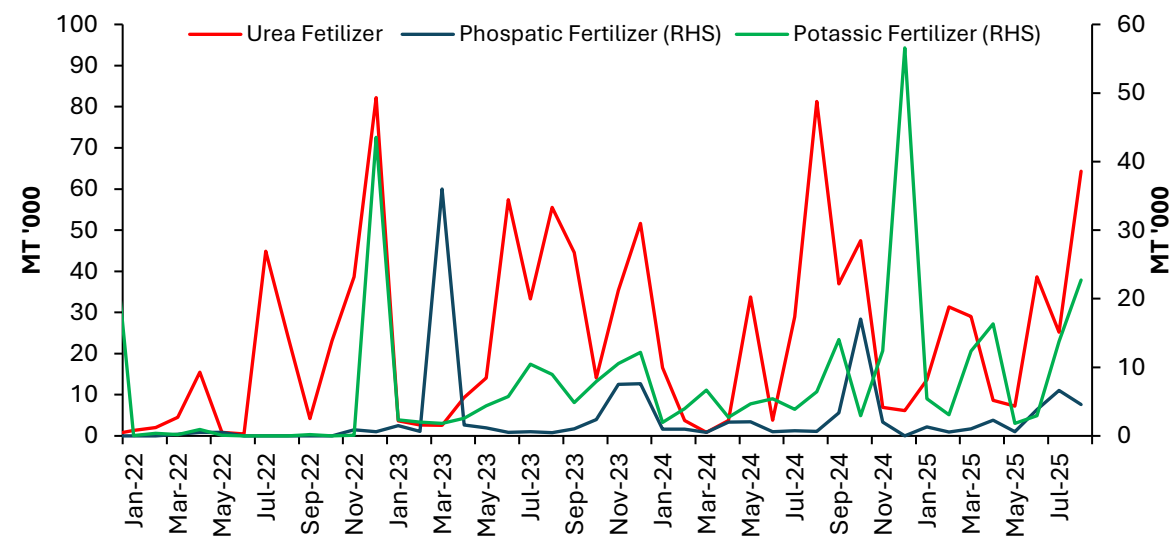
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|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Urea                          | 324 | 270 | 173 | 218 |
| Other nitrogenous fertilizers | 65  | 68  | 41  | 62  |
| Phosphatic                    | 61  | 31  | 9   | 21  |
| Potassic                      | 74  | 122 | 36  | 78  |
| Other fertilizers             | 19  | 16  | 8   | 22  |

### Import Trend of Selected Agricultural Inputs

#### Vegetable Seeds

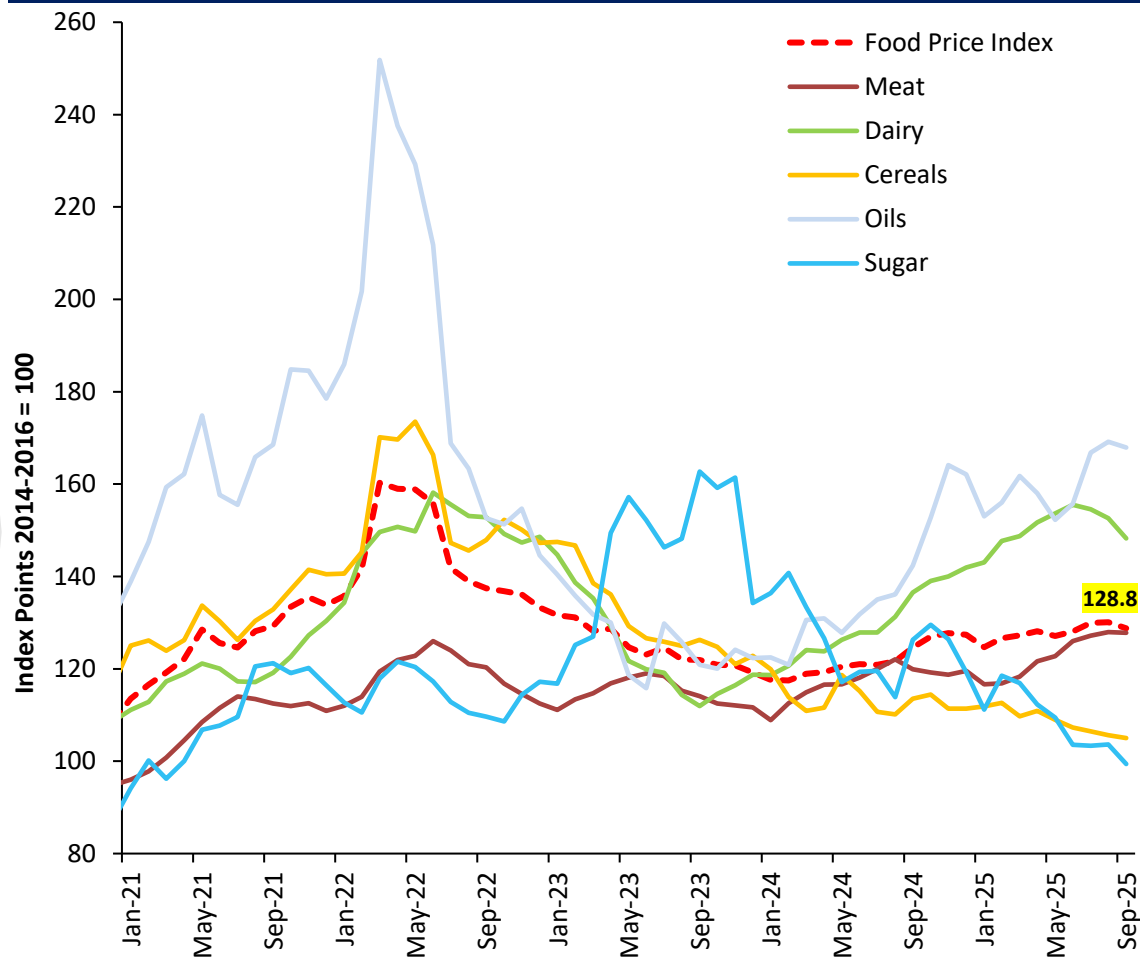


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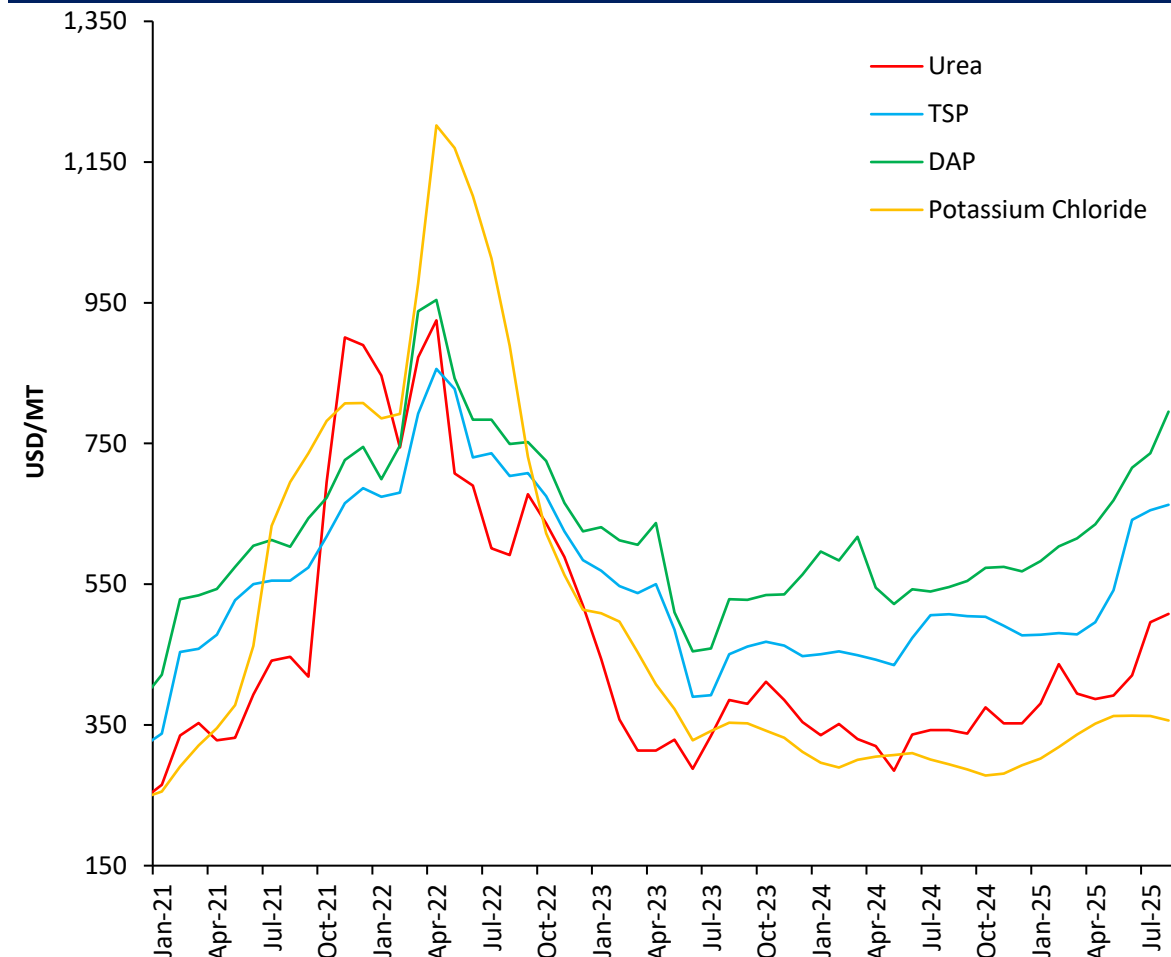


# International Agricultural Commodity Prices

## FAO Food Price Index



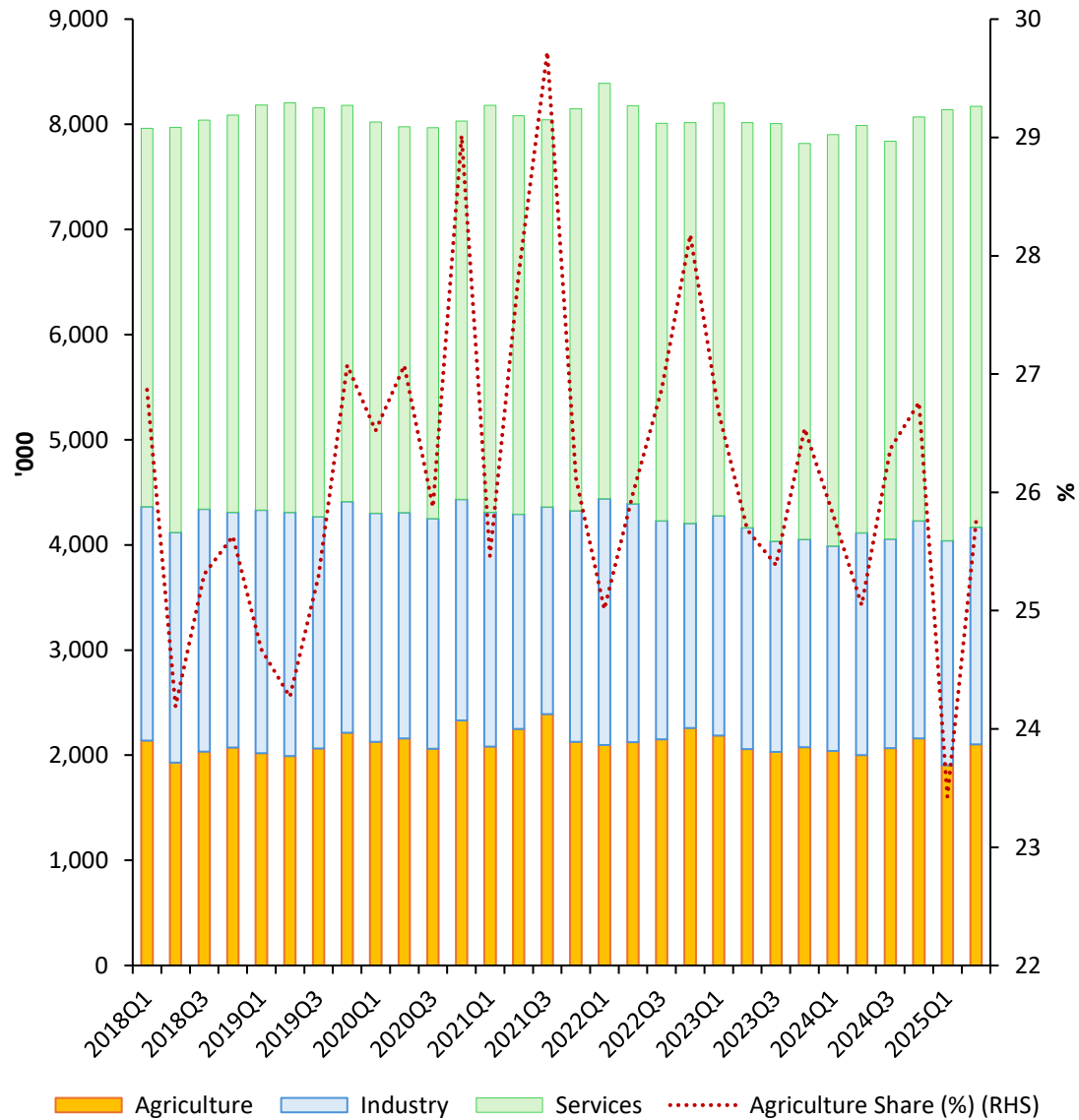
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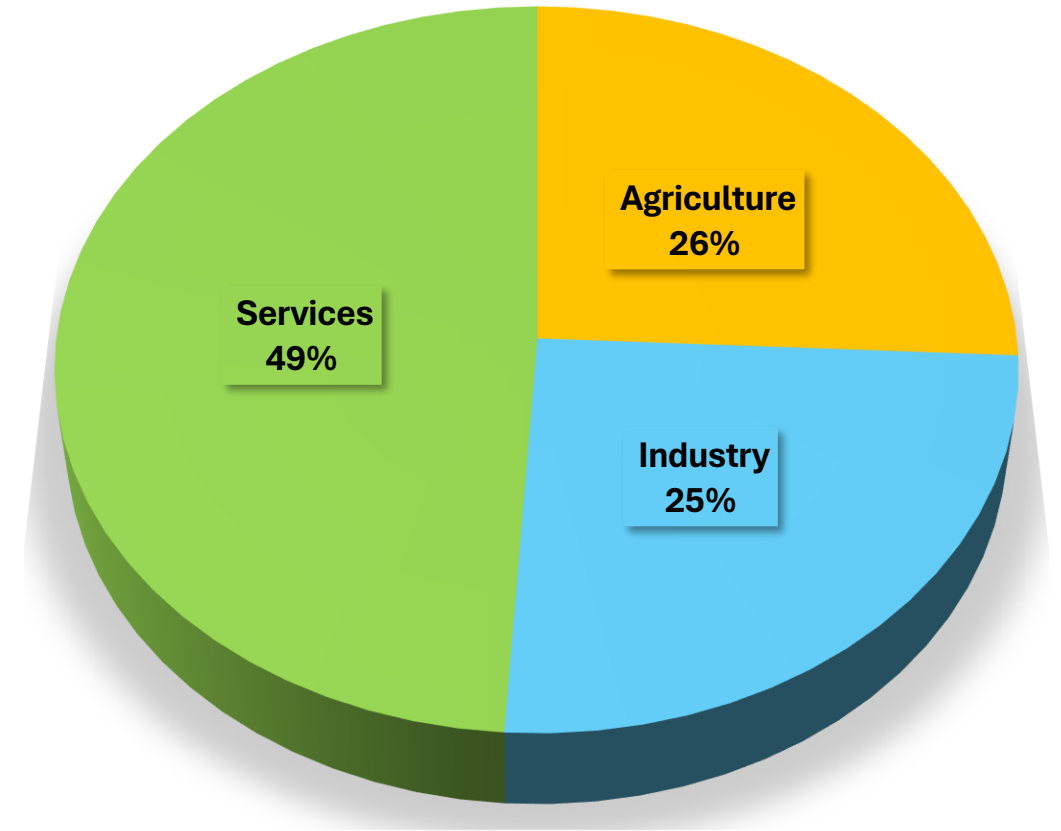
**In September 2025, the FAO Food Price Index declined slightly from its revised August level. Declines were recorded across all the sub indices of cereal, dairy, sugar, oil and meat.**

# Employment in Agriculture

## Sector-wise Employed Population



## Sector-wise Employed Population – 2025 Q2





**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.*