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Introduction

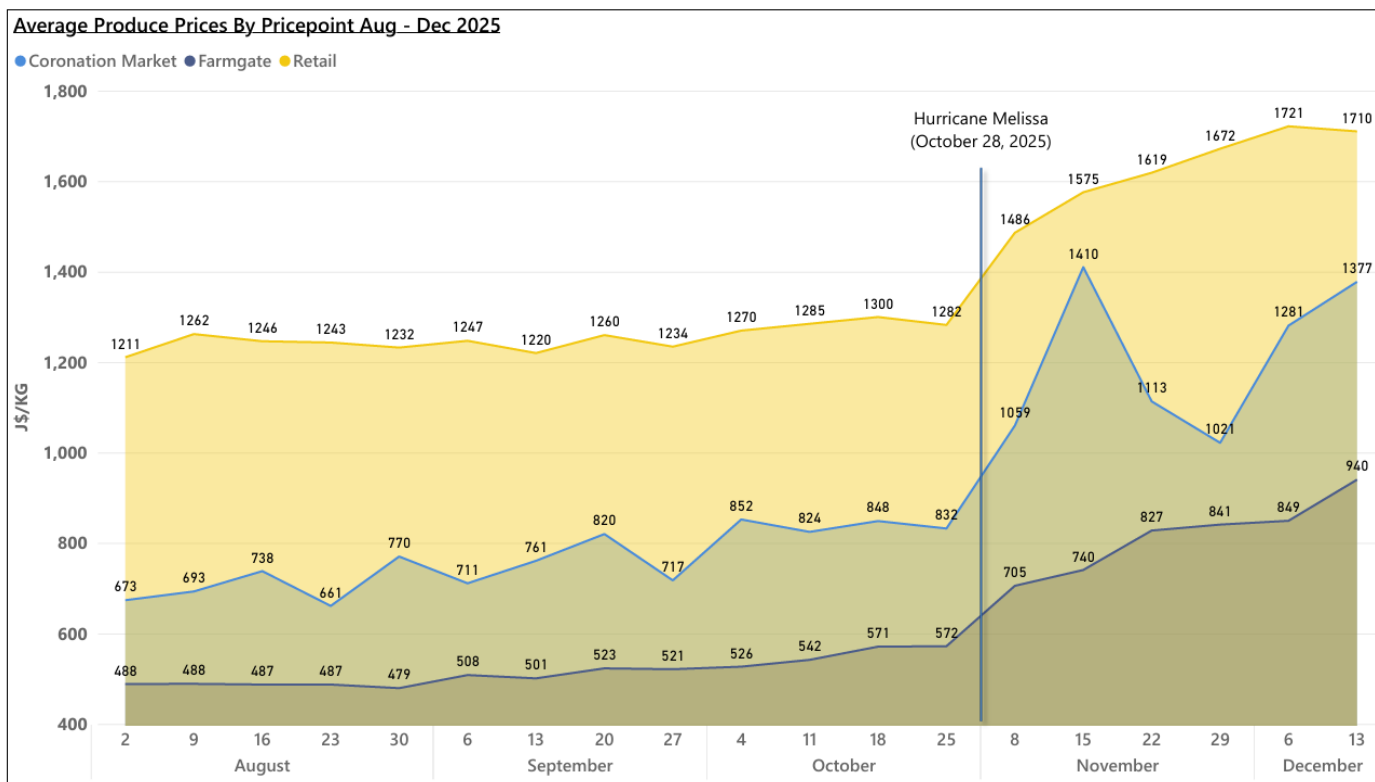
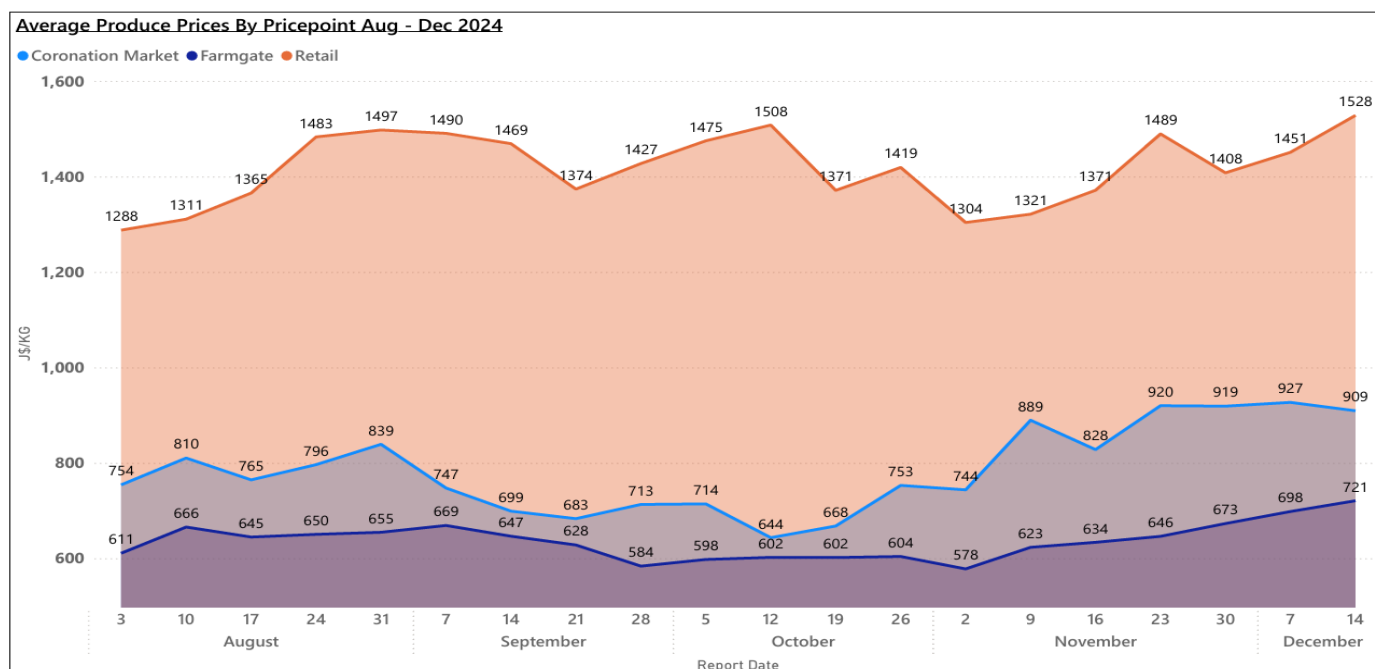
The month of October 2025 marked a significant turning point for Jamaica's agricultural sector following the passage of Category 5 Hurricane Melissa on October 28th. The hurricane severely disrupted production, supply chains and distribution networks across key farming regions. In response, the Agricultural Marketing Information and Incentives Branch conducted a review of price movements to assess the immediate market impacts.

This report presents a comparative analysis of agricultural price behaviour before the hurricane (August to October 25, 2025) and the period following the event assessed as of December 14, 2025. It examines changes in farmgate, Coronation market and retail prices across commodity groups namely; fruits, vegetables, tubers, and herbs and spices to determine the extent to which the hurricane influenced pricing dynamics.

Price Analysis

Figure 1.

Area Chart Comparing the Average Weekly Prices of Produce by Price Point, August – December 14, 2024 and August – December 13, 2025



Source: Compiled with data extracted from JAMIS Reports

In 2024, the average retail prices were 6.73% higher compared to the same period in 2025. Similarly, farmgate prices in 2024 were 4.15% higher. However, average Coronation Market prices were 14.9% lower in 2024 compared to 2025.

As depicted in the 2025 graph, the price trends are consistent with expected market disruptions. From August to October 2025, both farmgate and retail prices increased gradually displaying normal seasonal fluctuations. Coronation Market, although more volatile, still maintained relatively consistent patterns typical of annual market activity.

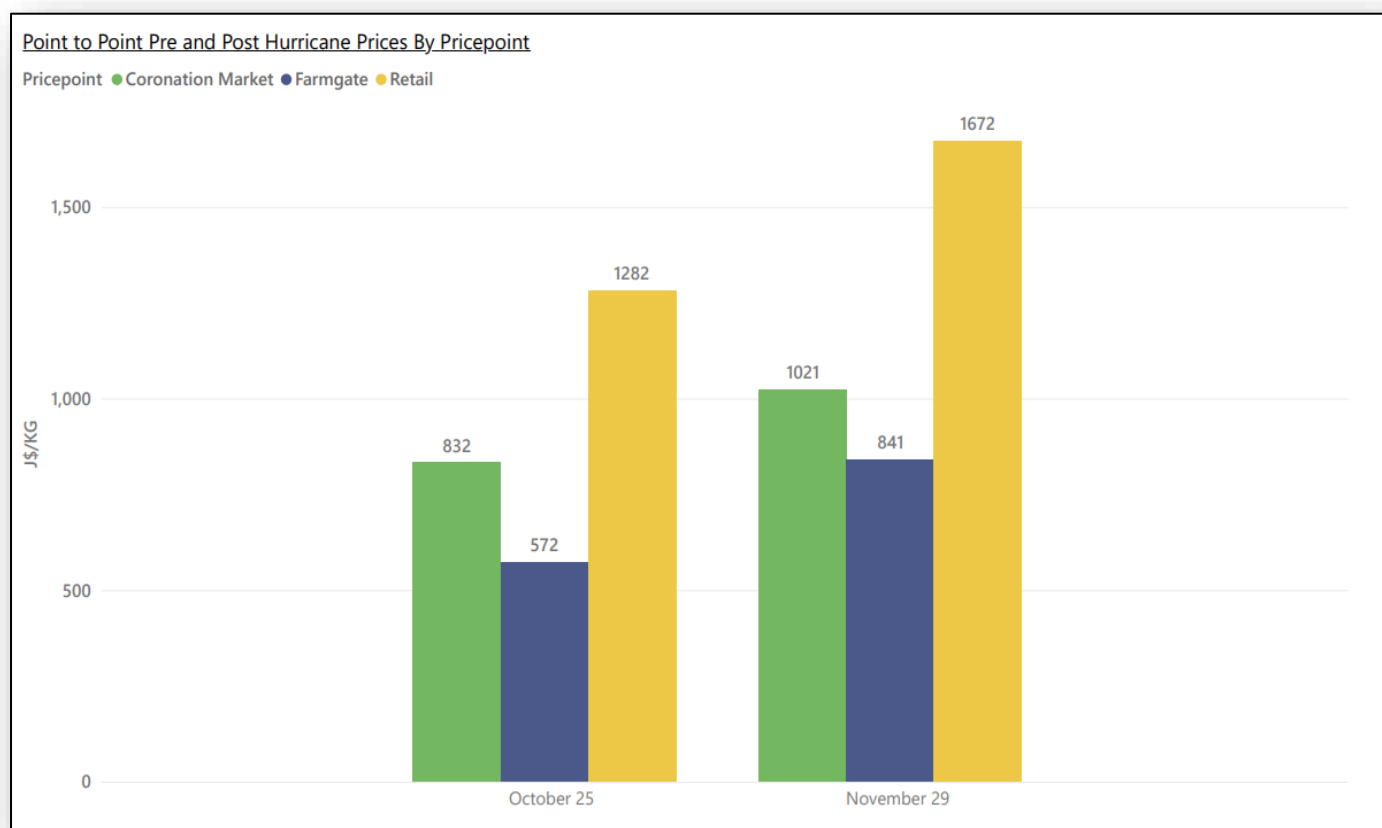
However, in mid-November prices spiked sharply, highlighting the sudden shock to agricultural supply. Coronation Market proved to be the most reactive to the change and exhibited a 69.5% increase between October 25th and November 15th. The market then showed signs of recovery with a 21.1% reduction the following week and a further 8.3% decline toward the end of November.

This pattern may have been influenced by vendor turn out. During the first two weeks after the shock, turnout was significantly below usual levels allowing vendors to set prices as above average. As vendor participation returned to normal levels replenished, sellers had more competition which forced them to lower prices to remain competitive.

Unlike the Coronation Market, Retail and Farmgate showed no major signs of recovery since the hurricane. From October 25, farmgate prices recorded modest weekly increases of 23.3%, 5.0%, 11.8%, 1.7%, 0.9%, and 10.7% over six consecutive weeks. Similarly, retail prices experienced upward weekly price movements of 15.9%, 6%, 2.8%, 3.3%, 2.9% respectively with a slight reduction of 0.6% as of December 13, 2025.

Figure 2.

Column Chart Comparing the Average Prices of Produce by Price point, October 25 and November 29, 2025

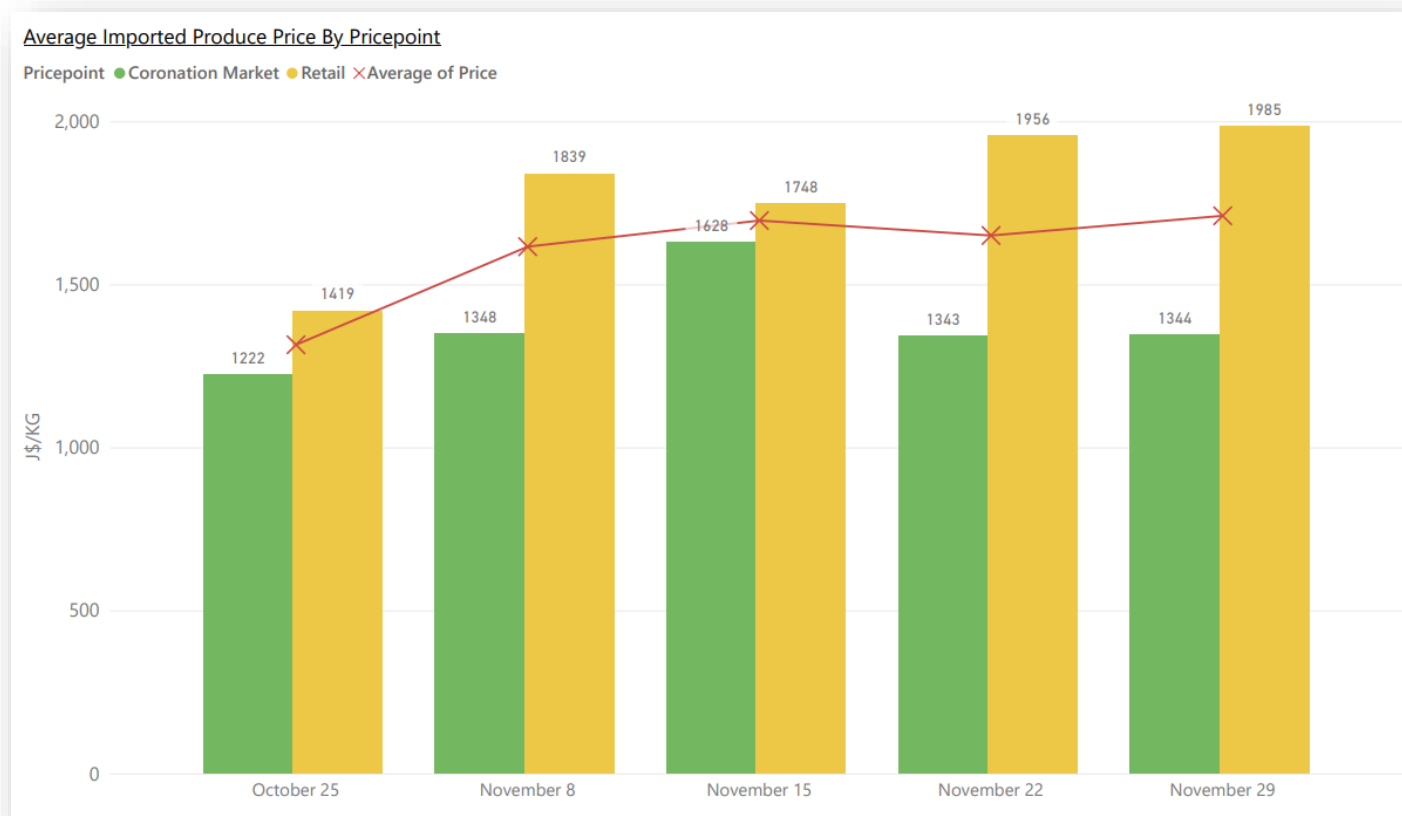


Source: Compiled with data extracted from JAMIS Reports

Prices rose across all price points from the week before the hurricane compared to four weeks after its passage. **Farmgate prices increased by 47%, coronation by 22.7% and retail by 30.4%.**

Figure 3.

Column and Line Graph Comparing the Average Prices of Imported Produce by Price point, October 25 - November 29, 2025

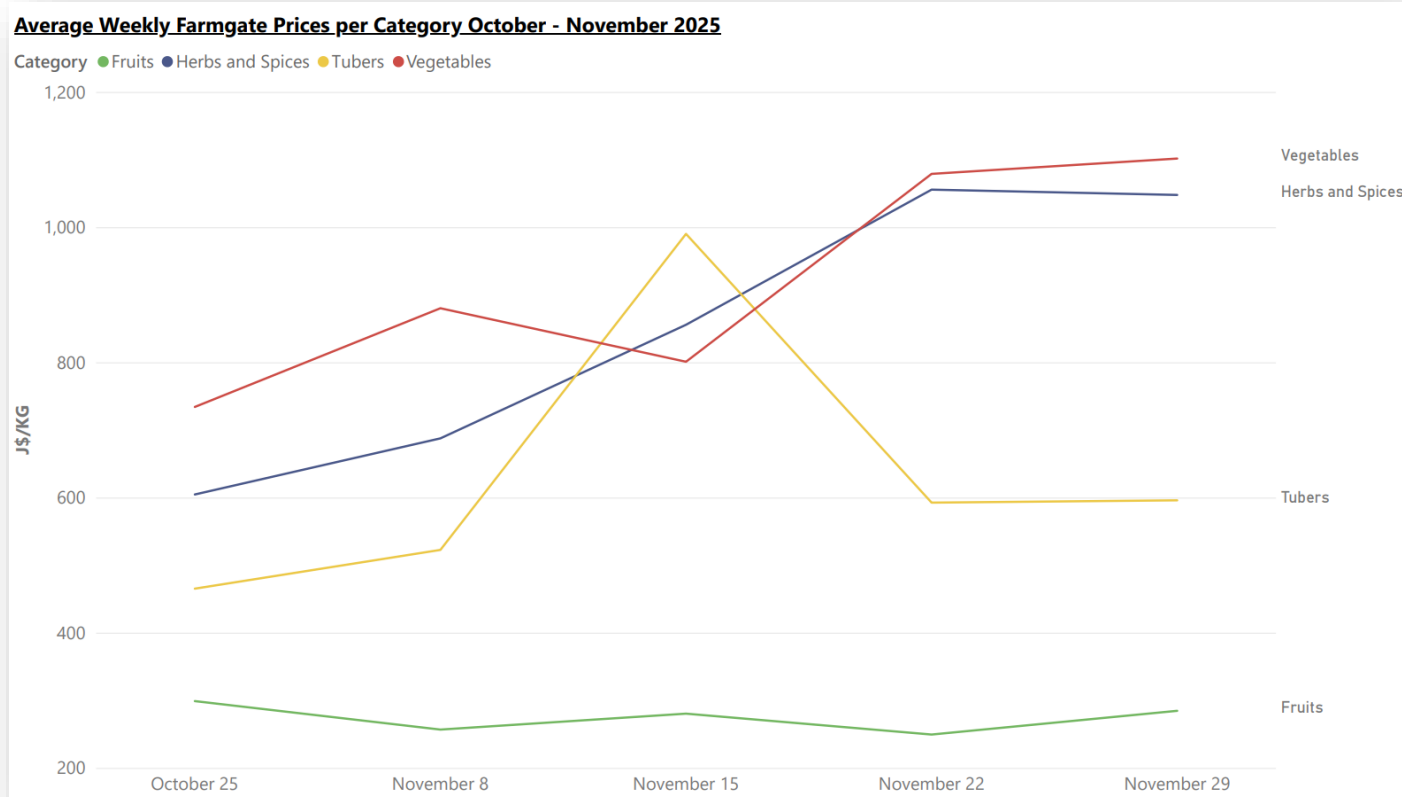


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Imported commodity prices in the Coronation Market Channel increased steadily from the start of the period up to November 15. Thereafter, prices declined by 17.5%, falling to J\$1,314/kg, and remained stable during the following week. In contrast retail prices increased by 29.6% on November 8, then declined slightly by 4.9% on November 15th before rising again 11.9% and 1.5% the following two weeks.

Figure 4.

Line Graph Comparing the Average Farmgate Prices by Commodity Category, October 25th - November 2025



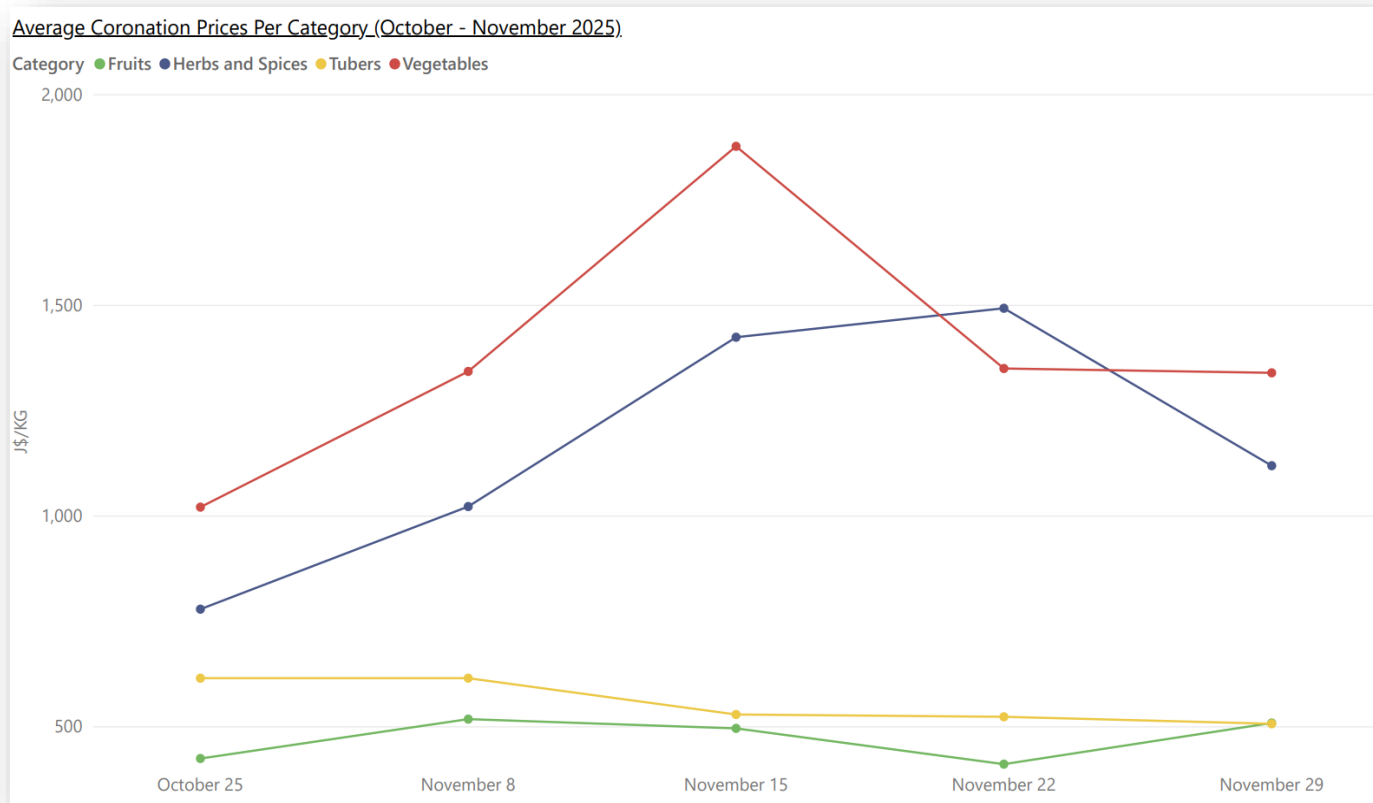
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The farmgate price trends from October 25th to November 29th reveal distinct responses to market disruptions resulting from Hurricane Melissa. Vegetable prices increased 50.1% compared to the October 25, from 733.98/kg to 1,101.47/kg, November 29th. Herbs and Spices also showed strong upward movement, with prices rising 73.3% from J\$604.48/kg at the beginning of the period to J\$1,047.62/kg at the end.

Tuber prices displayed a more volatile pattern, with a 112.8% peak from October 25th to November 15th, this was followed by a 40.2% reduction which held constant the week after. In contrast, fruit prices demonstrated a relatively steady downward trend, with an overall change of 5.1% between October 25 and November 29.

Figure 5.

Line Graph Comparing the Average Coronation Market Prices by Commodity Category, October 25th – November 2025



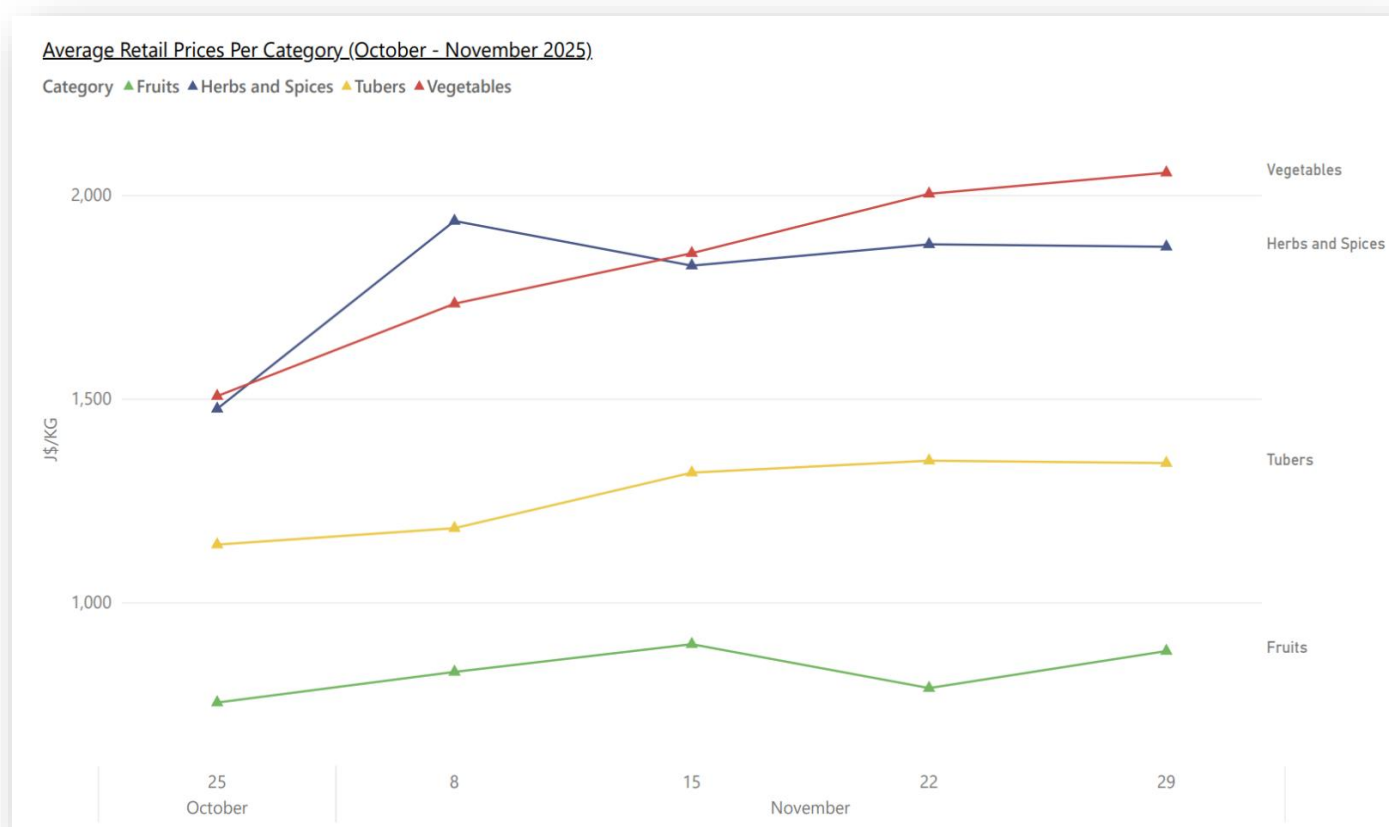
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The Coronation Market price trends from late October to the end of November showed significant volatility among vegetables and herbs and spices, reflecting these commodities' sensitivity to disruptions. Vegetables displayed the sharpest movements, increasing rapidly by 83.9% from J\$1020/kg late October and peaking in mid-November at a close of J\$1,876.11/kg before declining by 28.1%.

Herbs and spices had an overall price increase of 43.8%. It followed a similar upward trajectory but with a more gradual climb, reaching its highest price of J\$1,491.88/kg on November 22 before declining by 25% to close at J\$1,118.33/kg. Tubers showed a 17.6% downward movement in prices between the start and ending of the review timeline moving from J\$614.17/kg to J\$506.00/kg. Fruits displayed a 19.9% increase moving from J\$423.50/kg on October 25th to J\$507.83/kg on November 29.

Figure 6.

Line Graph Comparing the Average Retail Prices by Category, October 25th – November 2025



Source: Compiled with data extracted from JAMIS Reports

Retail prices across all categories trended upwards from late October to the end of November. Vegetables exhibited the most consistent increases, moving 36.42% from J\$1,506.33/kg in late October to over J\$2,054.91/kg by the end of November. Herbs and spices also showed significant volatility, it had an overall price change from J\$1,475.18 on October 25th to J\$1,873.16 on November 29th resulting in a 27% change.

Tubers displayed a moderate but continuous rise throughout the period, moving 17.5% compared to the start of the review timeline. Fruits remained the most stable category, with only mild fluctuations and an overall increase of 16.7%,

Farmgate Prices October to November 2025

Farmgate Prices (\$/KG)									
	OCT 25 2025	NOV 1 2025	NOV 8 2025	NOV 15 2025	NOV 22 2025	NOV 29 2025	DEC 6 2025	DEC 13 2025	% Change OCT 25 - DEC 13
Commodities									
Vegetables		H U R R I C A N E M E L I S S A							
Broccoli	1430		-	880	-	-	1155	1540	8%
Cabbage (Green)	550		605	880	605	770	660	660	20%
Cabbage (Red)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Callaloo (Whole)	220		-	132	132	132	220	242	10%
Carrot	550		-	990	660	660	660	660	20%
Cauliflow er	715		-	-	-	-	440	-	
Cucumber	264		-	275	330	330	440	495	88%
Lettuce (Iceberg)	1430		1980	1503	1540	1210	1100	770	-46%
Lettuce: Romaine (Local)	1128		-	1100	-	-	880	935	-17%
Okra	330		-	176	880	660	770	880	167%
Pak Choi	231		440	301	495	440	330	440	90%
Pumpkin	242		220	242	231	440	385	330	36%
String Bean	550		-	1342	-	880	550	440	-20%
Sw eet Pepper (Green): Green House (Local)	1210		880	880	2200	2200	2200	2200	82%
Sw eet Pepper (Green): Local	660		880	1100	1540	2200	2200	1650	150%
Sw eet Pepper (Red): Green House (Local)	990		1155	1045	2200	2200	2420	2200	122%
Sw eet Pepper (Red): Local	1100		-	-	-	-	-	1210	10%
Sw eet Pepper (Yellow):Green House (Local)	990		1155	1045	2200	2200	1540	1100	11%
Sw eet Pepper (Yellow): Local	880		-	-	-	-	-	1320	50%
Tomato (Plummy)	550		825	623	770	880	880	990	80%
Tomato (Salad)	660		660	1100	1320	1320	1320	1760	167%
Fruits									
Cantaloupe	264		-	477	-	-	550	-	
Green Banana	176		132	132	154	132	220	330	88%
Honeydew Melon	198		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaya	330		-	176	330	440	385	440	33%
Pineapple (Cow Boy)	284		-	330	220	220	345	385	36%
Pneapple (MD2)	550		-	-	-	-	330	374	-32%
Pneapple (Sugar Loaf)	418		-	-	-	220	330	330	-21%
Plantain (Green)	220		198	187	187	264	352	330	50%
Plantain (Ripe)	284		-	220	198	275	275	220	-23%
Watermelon	264	440	440	407	440	440	550	108%	
Tubers									
Coco	473	-	440	440	440	440	495	5%	
Dasheen	396	-	1320	440	440	440	550	39%	
Irish Potato	550	-	2200	517	550	682	550	0%	
Sw eet Potato	242	330	660	440	440	440	440	82%	
Yam (Negro)	550	-	-	660	-	990	495	-10%	
Yam (Sweet)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Yam: White (Lucea)	440	-	440	660	880	880	770	75%	
Yam (Yellow)	605	715	880	990	825	770	880	45%	
Herbs & Spices									
Escallion	253	-	1100	1100	1100	1100	880	248%	
Ginger	1018	-	550	1100	880	440	550	-46%	
Onion	-	-	-	-	-	220	-	-	
Pepper (Scotch Bonnet)	660	880	880	1760	1760	3426	5500	733%	
Pepper (West Indian Red)	330	495	440	1173	1100	1925	1694	413%	
Sorrel	660	-	660	880	880	1100	1100	67%	
Thyme	1063	-	1503	1045	1283	1100	1247	17%	
Turmeric	248	-	-	330	330	330	601	143%	
Legunes									
Gungo Peas (Dry)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gungo Peas (Green)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Source: JAMIS									
Average	572		705	740	827	841	849	940	

Coronation Prices October to November 2025

Commodity	Variety/Source	CORONATION PRICES (KG)									% Change Oct 25 - DEC 13
		Oct 25 2025	Nov 1 2025	Nov 8 2025	Nov 15 2025	Nov 22 2025	Nov 29 2025	Dec 6 2025	Dec 13 2025		
Broccoli	Local	2200	H U R R I C A N E M E L I S S A	-	-	2640	-	-	1760	-20%	
Broccoli	Imported	2640		2200	2200	2200	1760	1760	1540	-42%	
Cabbage Green	Local	550		550	770	880	880	880	990	80%	
Cabbage Green	Imported	-		605	-	770	770	770	770	-	
Cabbage Red	Imported	550		-	880	-	-	770	770	40%	
Cabbage Red	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Callaloo- Shredded	Local	440		880	-	1100	-	660	660	50%	
Callaloo-W/whole	Local	220		880	-	880	660	-	440	100%	
Cantaloupe	Local	-		-	-	825	880	-	880	-	
Cantaloupe	Imported	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrot	Local	770		495	660	770	770	880	605	-21%	
Cauliflower	Local	1540		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cauliflower	Imported	-		-	2200	1100	-	-	1320	-	
Coco	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cucumber	Local	385		330	825	880	880	825	715	86%	
Dasheen	Local	550		550	440	550	495	550	550	0%	
Escallion	Local	385		1430	1430	1540	1320	1320	990	157%	
Ginger	Local	1100		1100	990	880	770	843	770	-30%	
Ginger	Imported	1100		1100	1100	1100	880	1100	880	-20%	
Green Banana	Local	220		-	330	275	242	330	330	50%	
Gungo Peas [Green]	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gungo Peas [Dried]	Imported	-		-	-	880	-	-	880	-	
Honeydew Melon	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Irish Potato	Imported	440		550	440	330	330	330	418	-5%	
Irish Potato	Local	660		605	660	-	-	-	-	-	
Lettuce Iceberg	Imported	-		1540	-	880	-	-	-	-	
Lettuce Iceberg	Local	1760		1980	2200	1760	1458	880	440	-75%	
Lettuce Romaine	Local	-		2200	2200	-	-	-	-	-	
Lettuce Romaine	Imported	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Okra	Local	220		1760	1833	-	-	-	-	-	
Onion	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Onion	Imported	550		660	440	495	440	440	440	-20%	
Pak Choi	Local	440		880	880	550	418	660	330	-25%	
Papaya	Local	341		550	660	-	880	-	825	142%	
Hot Pepper	Scotch Bonnet	880		1100	2750	4400	-	8800	8800	900%	
Hot Pepper	West Indian Red	550		880	1430	-	-	-	7700	1300%	
Pineapple [Cowboy]	Local	-		-	330	286	330	-	330	-	
Pineapple [Sugar Loaf]	Local	660		440	770	330	330	440	550	-17%	
Pineapple [Md 2]	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Plantain [Ripe]	Local	495		495	440	385	385	770	495	0%	
Plantain [Green]	Local	385		440	-	330	-	-	-	-	
Pumpkin	Local	385		440	440	440	440	660	550	43%	
Sorrel	Local	880		880	1045	1320	1430	1760	1760	100%	
String Beans	Local	880		-	-	-	-	1980	1320	50%	
Sweet Pepper [Green]	Local	880		-	3300	-	2713	1760	-	-	
Sweet Pepper [Green]	Imported	1540		2200	2640	2640	2200	1760	1760	14%	
Sweet Pepper [Green]	[Green House]Local	935		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sweet Pepper [Red]	Local	-		-	3300	-	-	1760	-	-	
Sweet Pepper [Red]	Imported	1540		1760	2640	2200	2200	1760	1760	14%	
Sweet Pepper [Red]	[Green House]Local	-		3300	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sweet Pepper [Yellow]	Local	-		-	3300	-	-	-	-	-	
Sweet Pepper [Yellow]	Imported	1540		1760	2640	2200	2200	1760	1650	7%	
Sweet Pepper [Yellow]	[Green House]Local	-		-	3300	-	-	-	-	-	
Sweet Potato	Local	550		440	440	550	440	440	550	0%	
Thyme	Local	-		-	2200	1540	1870	-	-	-	
Tomato [Plummy]	Local	825		880	990	1320	1540	1760	1540	87%	
Tomato [Plummy]	Imported	1100		1100	1100	1320	1320	-	-	-	
Tomato [Salad]	Local	1100		1100	1100	1100	1210	1650	1540	40%	
Turmeric	Local	-		-	-	660	-	-	-	-	
Watermelon	Local	440		660	440	440	-	-	880	100%	
Yam [Yellow]	Local	715		770	660	660	605	660	550	-23%	
Yam [Negro]	Local	-		-	-	-	-	770	-	-	
Yam [Sweet]	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Yam [White/Lucea]	Local	770		770	-	-	660	770	-	-100%	
Average		832		1059	1410	1113	1021	1281	1290	55%	

Retail Prices October to November 2025

Average Retail (J\$/KG)										
Commodities	Variety/Source	OCT 25 2025	NOV 1 2025	NOV 8 2025	NOV 15 2025	NOV 22 2025	NOV 29 2025	DEC 6 2025	DEC 13 2025	Oct 25- Nov 29 % change
Vegetables			H U R R I C A N E M E L I S S A							
Broccoli	Imported	2880		2831	2855	2584	2990	2862	3014	5%
Broccoli	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cabbage (Green)	Local	1223		1288	1252	1514	1414	1367	1534	25%
Cabbage (Red)	Imported	1097		1144	1090	1116	1154	1076	1122	2%
Cabbage (Red)	Local	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Callaloo (Shredded)	Shredded	656		679	710	735	799	726	751	14%
Callaloo (Whole)	Whole	506		590	683	675	715	640	657	30%
Carrot	Local	1364		1561	1578	1594	1638	1681	1619	19%
Cauliflower	Imported	2086		2303	1166	-	2860	2633	2421	16%
Cauliflower	Local	1749		1777	1847	1705	1705	1670	1562	-11%
Cucumber	Local	770		813	884	1044	1285	1300	1242	61%
Lettuce (Iceberg)	Imported	-		1317	1472	1924	1969	2120	-	-
Lettuce (Iceberg)	Local	3122		2858	3051	3231	3141	3215	2977	-5%
Lettuce (Romaine)	Imported	860		-	-	-	-	-	875	2%
Lettuce (Romaine)	Local	2291		2309	2598	2532	2851	2977	2749	20%
Okra	Local	851		782	1749	1749	1801	2176	1885	122%
Pak Choi	Local	896		1029	1111	1294	1200	1230	1180	32%
Pumpkin	Local	536		651	704	734	749	727	747	39%
String Bean	Local	1433		1612	2075	2365	2365	2510	2915	103%
Sweet Pepper (Green)	Green House (Local)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweet Pepper (Green)	Imported	-		-	2164	2327	2491	2533	2475	-
Sweet Pepper (Green)	Local	1532		1668	2219	2601	2722	2896	2526	65%
Sweet Pepper (Red)	Green House (Local)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweet Pepper (Red)	Imported	-		2900	2900	4020	3068	2816	3017	-
Sweet Pepper (Red)	Local	2424		2814	2742	2389	3000	3310	3098	28%
Sweet Pepper (Yellow)	Green House (Local)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweet Pepper (Yellow)	Imported	-		2900	3313	3920	2922	2848	3081	-
Sweet Pepper (Yellow)	Local	2520		2648	2742	2389	2994	3439	3047	21%
Tomatoes(Plummy)	Imported	-		1839	1996	1994	1870	2113	1971	-
Tomatoes(Plummy)	Local	1392		1619	1676	1774	1749	1872	2131	53%
Tomatoes(Salad)	Local	1443		1671	1852	1866	1921	1963	1861	29%
Fruits										
Cantaloupe	Imported	1166		1310	1319	1040	1241	1174	1396	20%
Cantaloupe	Local	935		1066	1043	1071	983	1153	1047	12%
Green Banana	Local	391		415	419	423	460	491	500	28%
Honeydew Melon	Local	836		857	1132	742	983	857	935	12%
Papaya	Local	619		710	753	627	662	719	786	27%
Pineapple (Cow Boy)	Local	787		842	971	735	990	824	990	26%
Pineapple (MD2)	Local	815		765	814	752	791	805	812	0%
Pineapple (Sugar Loaf)	Local	-		833	-	760	-	-	-	-
Plantain (Green)	Local	586		700	794	774	839	791	758	29%
Plantain (Ripe)	Local	622		735	806	814	863	785	859	38%
Watermelon	Local	784		889	922	947	993	1004	1305	66%
Tubers										
Coco	Local	1119		1043	1221	1241	1207	1207	1202	7%
Dasheen	Local	1054		1094	1151	1202	1199	1214	1212	15%
Irish Potato	Imported	978		834	931	1048	1010	942	953	-3%
Irish Potato	Local	1211	1342	1398	1227	1342	1307	1292	7%	
Sweet Potato	Local	724	947	1118	1111	1129	1087	1082	49%	
Yam (Negro)	Local	1439	1514	1651	1618	1580	1706	1582	10%	
Yam (Sweet)	Local	1584	-	-	1584	1584	1584	1540	-3%	
Yam (White, Lucea)	Local	825	-	1485	1403	1385	1445	1418	72%	
Yam (Yellow)	Local	1342	1502	1593	1697	1642	1597	1566	17%	
Herbs and Spices										
Escallion	Local	779	2704	2566	2721	2569	2589	2631	238%	
Ginger	Imported	-	2491	1232	1232	-	1232	2068	-	
Ginger	Local	2234	2082	2149	2155	2115	2189	2196	-2%	
Onion	Imported	910	908	925	932	887	857	856	-6%	
Onion	Local	994	-	-	747	889	747	750	-25%	
Pepper (Scotch Bonnet)	Local	1840	2205	1918	3440	2850	3859	-	-	
Pepper (West Indian Red)	Local	1320	-	1980	2145	1650	1650	4501	241%	
Sorrel	Local	1386	1386	-	1386	-	3060	2443	76%	
Thyme	Local	2878	2795	2930	3035	3010	2781	2928	2%	
Turmeric *	Local	936	920	914	996	1016	982	947	1%	
Legumes										
Gungo Peas (Dry)	Imported	1374	1294	1356	1341	1353	1329	1329	-3%	
Gungo Peas (Green)	Local	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Source: JAMIS										
Average Retail (J\$/KG)		1282		1486	1575	1619	1672	1721	1710	