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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2025 FIRST QUARTER FARMGATE PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IN BILIRAN

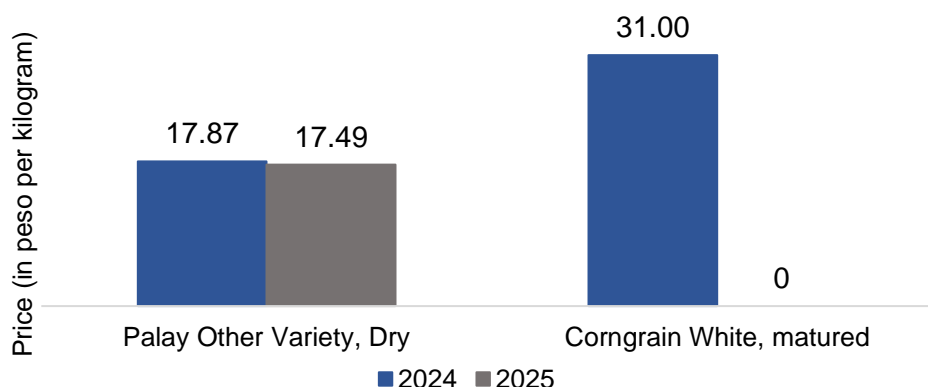
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### FARMGATE PRICES OF CEREALS

Palay other variety, dry recorded an average farmgate price of Php 17.49 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2025. This figure is lower by 2.13 percent compared to its average farmgate price of Php 17.87 per kilogram during the same quarter in 2024. Meanwhile, corngrain white, matured had no recorded average farmgate price during the first quarter of 2025 but reported an average farmgate price of Php 31.00 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2024. *(Figure 1 and Table 1)*

Figure 1. Average Farmgate Prices of Cereals, Biliran:  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Farm Price Survey and Corn Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

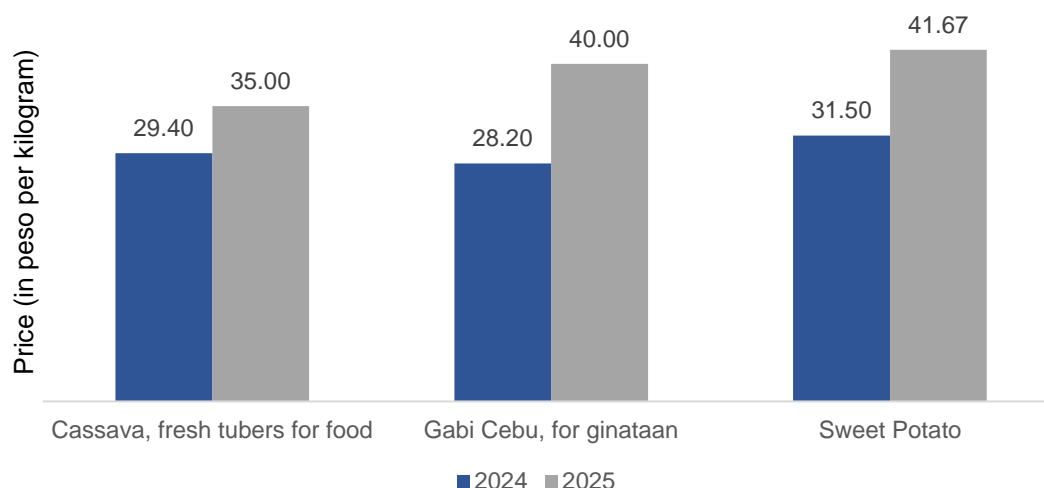
### FARMGATE PRICES OF ROOTCROPS

Average farmgate prices for rootcrops generally increased in the province during the first quarter of 2025. Among the rootcrops, Gabi Cebu, for ginataan recorded the highest increase by 41.84 percent from Php 28.20 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2024 to Php 40.00 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2025. Similarly, sweet potato and cassava, fresh tubers for food increased by 32.29 percent and 19.05 percent, respectively. The average farmgate prices of sweet potato and cassava, fresh tubers for food was recorded at Php 41.67 per kilogram and



Php 35.00 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2025 from their average farmgate prices of Php 31.50 per kilogram and Php 29.40 per kilogram in the same quarter of 2024, respectively. (Figure 2 and Table 1)

Figure 2. Average Farmgate Prices of Rootcrops, Biliran:  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)

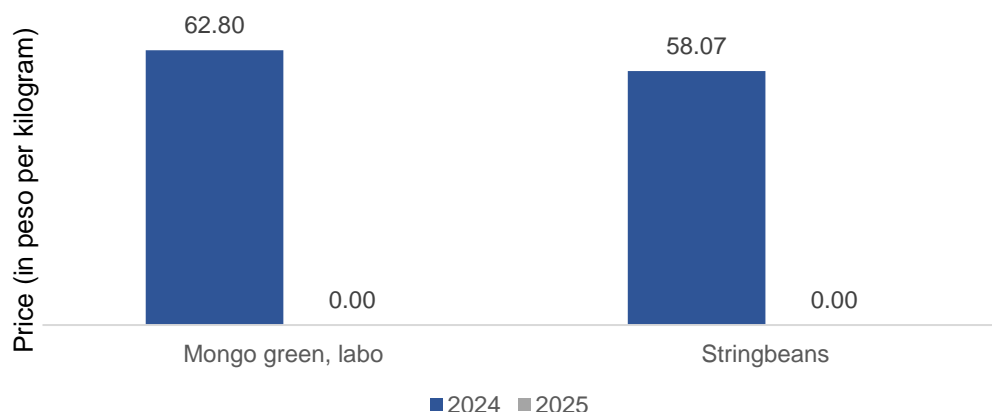


Source: Crops Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

## FARMGATE PRICES OF BEANS AND LEGUMES

Mongo, green labo and stringbeans recorded average farmgate prices of Php 62.80 per kilogram and Php 58.07 per kilogram, respectively, during the first quarter in 2024. However, there was no recorded average farmgate prices for both commodities for the same quarter in 2025. (Figure 3 and Table 1)

Figure 3. Average Farmgate Prices of Beans and Legumes,  
Biliran: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Crops Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority



## FARMGATE PRICES OF CONDIMENTS

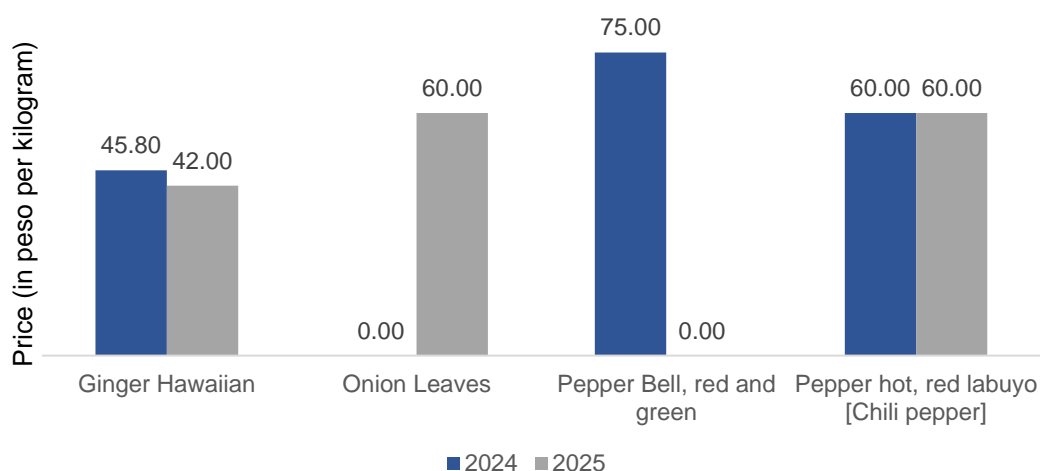
The average farmgate price of Ginger Hawaiian decreased by 8.30 percent, from Php 45.80 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2024 to Php 42.00 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2025.

Pepper hot, red labuyo recorded an average farmgate prices of Php 60.00 per kilogram for the same quarter in 2024 and 2025.

Onion leaves recorded an average farmgate price of Php 60.00 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2025; however, there was no recorded average farmgate price for this condiment in the first quarter of 2024.

Pepper bell, red and green recorded an average farmgate price of Php 75.00 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2024. However, it has no reported average farmgate price of this condiment in the first quarter of 2025. (*Figure 4 and Table 1*)

Figure 4. Average Farmgate Prices of Condiments, Biliran:  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Crops Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

## FARMGATE PRICES OF FRUIT VEGETABLES

The following fruit vegetables observed an increase in its average farmgate prices in the first quarter of 2025 from its average farmgate prices in the first quarter of 2024:

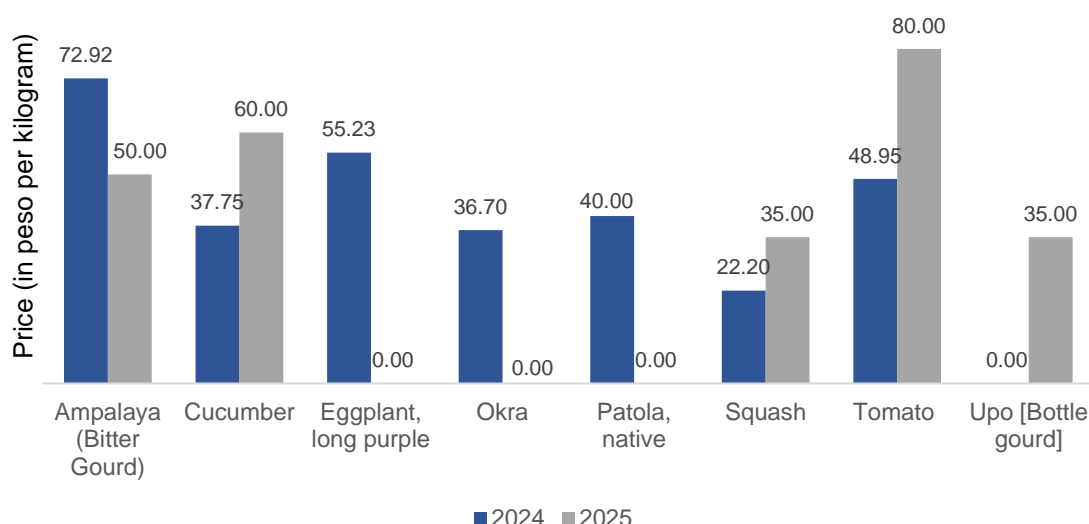
- Cucumber at Php 60.00 per kilogram from Php 37.75 per kilogram;
- Squash at Php 35.00 per kilogram from Php 22.20 per kilogram; and
- Tomato at Php 80.00 per kilogram from Php 48.95 per kilogram.

In contrast, lower average farmgate price was recorded for ampalaya by 31.43 percent from Php 72.92 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2024 to Php 50.00 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2025.

Upo or bottle gourd recorded an average farmgate price of Php 35.00 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2025 with no reported average farmgate price in the first quarter of 2024.

Meanwhile, the eggplant long, purple; okra; and patola recorded an average farmgate prices of Php 55.23 per kilogram, Php 36.70 per kilogram, and Php 40.00 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2024. All of these commodities had no reported average farmgate prices in the same quarter of 2025. (*Figure 5 and Table 1*)

Figure 5. Farmgate Prices of Fruit Vegetables, Biliran:  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Crops Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

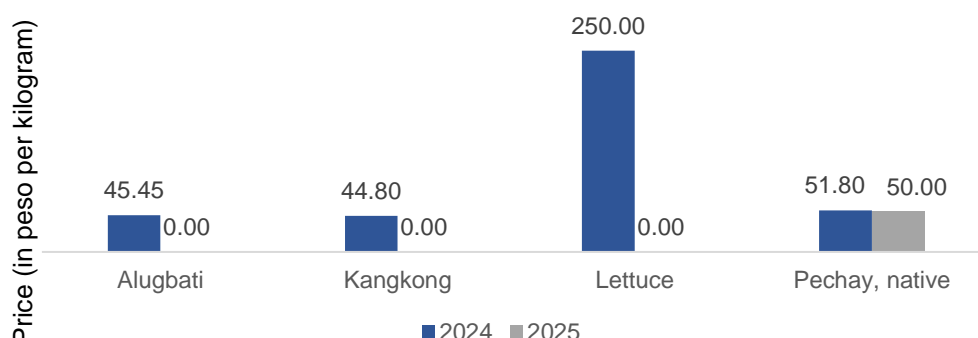
## FARMGATE PRICES OF LEAFY VEGETABLES

Average farmgate price of pechay native decreased by 3.47 percent from its average farmgate price of Php 51.80 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2024 to Php 50.00 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2025.

Meanwhile, the alugbati, kangkong, and lettuce recorded an average farmgate prices of Php 45.45 per kilogram, Php 44.80 per kilogram, and Php 250.00 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2024. All of these commodities had no reported average farmgate prices in the same quarter of 2025. (*Figure 6 and Table 1*)



Figure 6. Average Farmgate Prices of Leafy Vegetables,  
Biliran: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Crops Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

## FARMGATE PRICES OF FRUITS

In the first quarter of 2025, the following fruits recorded a decrease in its average farmgate prices compared to the average farmgate prices in the first quarter of 2024:

- Banana Latundan, green at Php 21.05 per kilogram from Php 21.17 per kilogram;
- Calamansi at Php 51.17 per kilogram from Php 58.00 per kilogram;
- Guyabano at Php 40.00 per kilogram from Php 50.00 per kilogram; and
- Jackfruit, ripe at Php 55.10 per kilogram from Php 39.96 per kilogram.

In contrast, Banana Saba, green recorded increase in its average farmgate price, rising to Php 23.78 per kilogram in the first quarter of 2025 from Php 23.21 per kilogram in the same quarter in 2024.

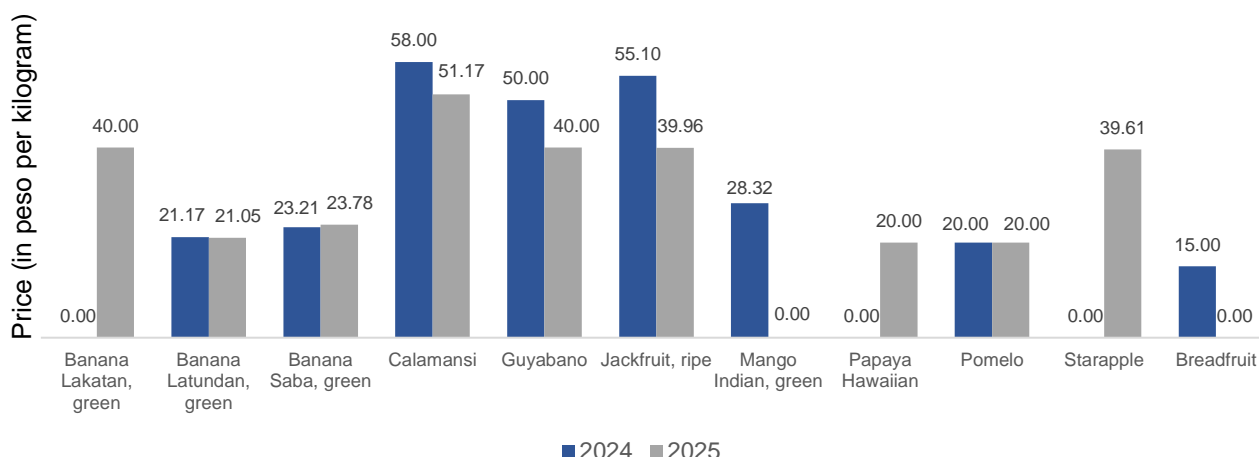
The following fruits recorded average farmgate prices in the first quarter of 2025 but had no reported average farmgate prices in the first quarter of 2024:

- Banana Lakatan, green at Php 40.00 per kilogram;
- Papaya Hawaiian at Php 20.00 per kilogram; and
- Starapple at Php 39.61 per kilogram.

On the other hand, Mango Indian, green and Breadfruit recorded average farmgate prices of Php 28.32 per kilogram and Php 15.00 per kilogram, respectively, during the first quarter of 2024. However, there were no reported average farmgate prices for these fruits in the same quarter of 2025. (Figure 7 and Table 1)



Figure 7. Average Farmgate Prices of Fruits, Biliran: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025  
(in peso)



Source: Crops Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority

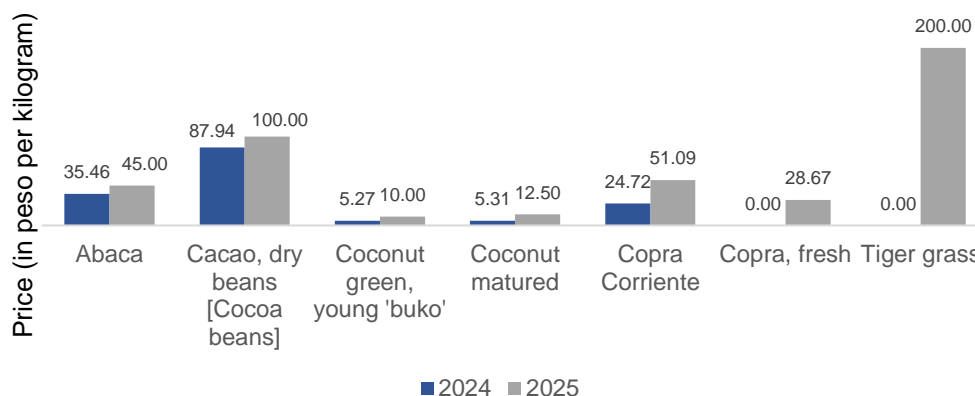
## FARMGATE PRICES OF COMMERCIAL CROPS

Coconut matured reported the highest increase in its average farmgate price among commercial crops during the first quarter of 2025, rising by 135.40 percent from Php 5.31 per kilogram during the first quarter of 2024 to Php 12.50 per kilogram during the same quarter in 2025.

Moreover, copra corriente and coconut green, young 'buko' recorded increased average farmgate prices by 106.67 percent and 89.75 percent, respectively.

Similarly, higher average farmgate prices were recorded for abaca and cacao, dry beans increasing by 26.90 percent and 13.71 percent, respectively. (Figure 8 and Table 1)

Figure 8. Average Farmgate Prices of Commercial Crops, Biliran: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Crops Production Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority



## FARMGATE PRICES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: HOUSEHOLD

Average farmgate price of Carabao for Slaughter from household increased by 11.11 percent from Php 150.00 per kilogram of liveweight during the first quarter of 2024 to Php 166.67 per kilogram of liveweight during the first quarter of 2025. Average farmgate price of chicken native/improved from household also increased by 4.17 percent from Php 200.00 per kilogram of liveweight to Php 208.33 per kilogram of liveweight. Moreover, duck egg from household recorded an increase in its average farmgate price by 16.67 percent from Php 6.00 per egg to Php 7.00 per egg.

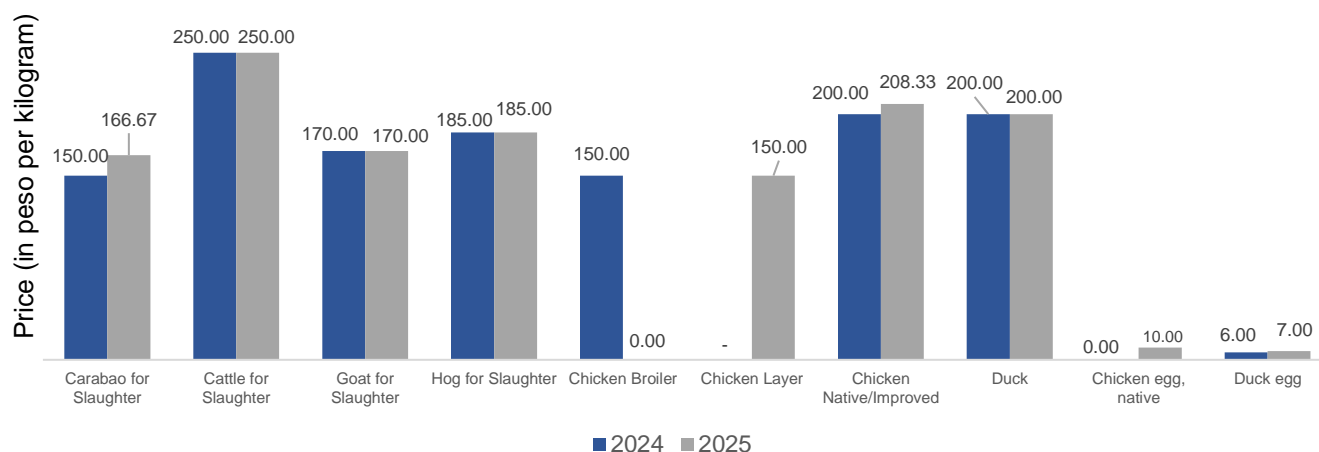
Chicken layer and chicken egg, native recorded an average farmgate prices of Php 150.00 per kilogram of liveweight and Php 10.00 per egg, respectively, during the first quarter of 2025. However, there were no reported average farmgate prices for these commodities in the same quarter in 2024.

Chicken broiler from household recorded an average farmgate price of Php 150.00 per kilogram of liveweight in the first quarter of 2024 with no reported average farmgate price in the same quarter in 2025.

Meanwhile, the average farmgate prices of the following livestock and poultry products in the first quarter of 2025 retained their average farmgate prices in the first quarter of 2024:

- Cattle for slaughter at Php 250.00 per kilogram of liveweight;
- Goat for slaughter at Php 170.00 per kilogram of liveweight;
- Hogs for slaughter at Php 185.00 per kilogram of liveweight; and
- Duck at Php 200.00 per kilogram of liveweight. *(Figure 9 and Table 1)*

Figure 9. Average Farmgate Prices of Livestock and Poultry (Household), Biliran:  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Livestock and Poultry Survey: Household, Philippine Statistics Authority





## FARMGATE PRICES OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: ESTABLISHMENT

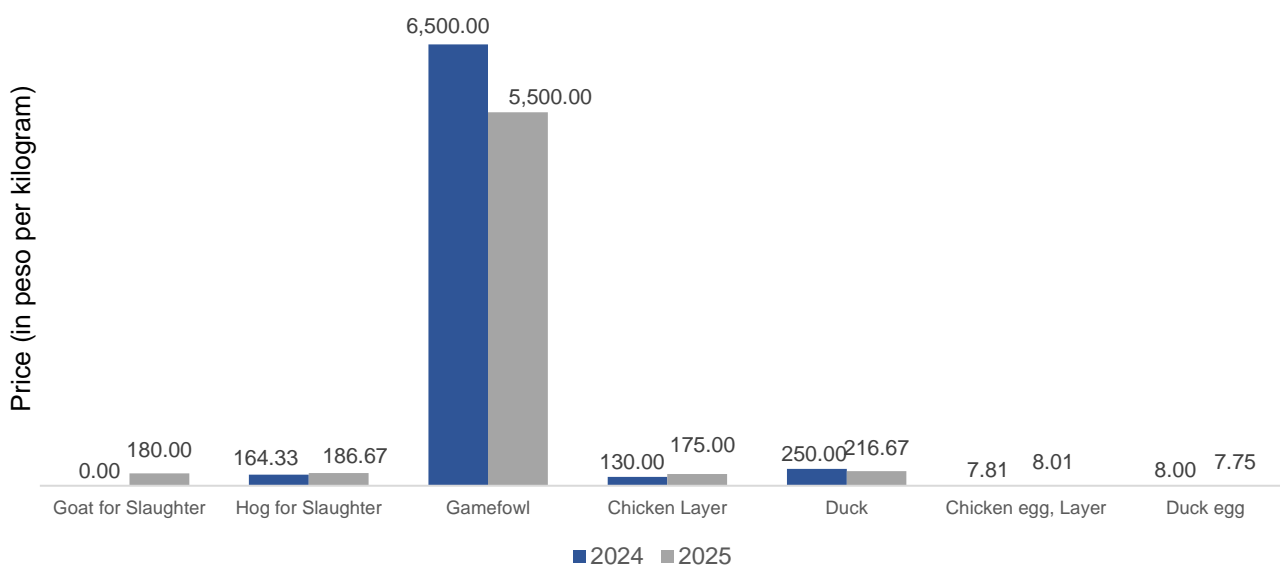
Among the livestock and poultry from establishment, chicken layer recorded the highest increase of 34.62 percent from its average farmgate price of Php 130.00 per kilogram of liveweight in the first quarter of 2024 to Php 175.00 per kilogram of liveweight in the first quarter of 2025. Moreover, hog for slaughter and chicken egg (layer) increased by 13.59 percent and 2.56 percent, respectively. Their average farmgate prices rose from Php 164.33 per kilogram of liveweight and Php 7.81 per egg in the first quarter of 2024 to Php 186.67 per kilogram of liveweight and Php 8.01 per egg in the first quarter of 2025, respectively.

In contrast, the following livestock and poultry from establishment recorded lower average farmgate prices in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter of 2024:

- Gamefowl at Php 5,500.00 per bird from Php 6,500.00 per bird;
- Duck at Php 216.67 per kilogram of liveweight from Php 250.00 per kilogram of liveweight; and
- Duck egg at Php 7.75 per egg from Php 8.00 per egg.

Meanwhile, goat for slaughter recorded an average farmgate price of Php 180.00 per kilogram of liveweight in the first quarter of 2025, with no reported average farmgate price for the same quarter in 2024. (*Figure 10 and Table 1*)

Figure 10. Average Farmgate Prices of Livestock and Poultry in Commercial Farms, Biliran: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025 (in peso)



Source: Commercial Livestock and Poultry Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority





## FARMGATE PRICES OF FISHERIES

The top species that recorded increase in its average farmgate prices in the fisheries sector during the first quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter of 2024 were the following:

- a. Bali sardinella (Tamban) at Php 52.00 per kilogram, up by 63.11 percent from Php 31.88 per kilogram;
- b. Siganid (Samaral) at Php 165.00 per kilogram, up by 60.63 percent from Php 102.72 per kilogram;
- c. Indo-Pacific mackerel (Hasa-hasa) at Php 165.69 per kilogram, up by 57.89 percent from Php 104.94 per kilogram;
- d. Crevalle (Salay-salay) at Php 172.42 per kilogram, up by 54.89 percent from Php 111.32 per kilogram;
- e. Mudfish at Php 150.00 per kilogram, up by 50.00 percent from Php 100.00 per kilogram.

Meanwhile, the bottom species that recorded the largest drop in its average farmgate prices during the first quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter of 2024 were the following:

- a. Anchovies (Dilis) at Php 46.67 per kilogram, down by 70.70 percent from Php 159.28 per kilogram;
- b. Hairtail (Espada) at Php 87.97 per kilogram, down by 12.03 from Php 100.00 per kilogram;
- c. Porgies (Pargo) at Php 194.27 per kilogram, down by 10.77 percent from Php 217.71 per kilogram;
- d. Squid (Pusit) at Php 216.28 per kilogram, down by 5.15 percent from Php 228.02 per kilogram; and
- e. Grouper (Lapu-Lapu) at Php 234.91 per kilogram, down by 4.63 percent from Php 246.31 per kilogram. (*Table 1*)



Table 1. Average Farmgate Prices of Agricultural Commodities by Commodity Groups, Biliran: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 and 2025

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 (in peso)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 (in peso)	Percent Change
<b>Cereals</b>			
Palay Other Variety, dry	Php 17.87	Php 17.49	-2.13
Corngrain White, matured	Php 31.00	-	-
<b>Rootcrops</b>			
Cassava, fresh tubers for food	Php 29.40	Php 35.00	19.05
Gabi Cebu, for ginataan	Php 28.20	Php 40.00	41.84
Sweet Potato	Php 31.50	Php 41.67	32.29
<b>Beans and Legumes</b>			
Mongo green, labo	Php 62.80	-	-
Stringbeans	Php 58.07	-	-
<b>Condiments</b>			
Ginger Hawaiian	Php 45.80	Php 42.00	-8.30
Onion Leaves	-	Php 60.00	-
Pepper Bell, red and green	Php 75.00	-	-
Pepper hot, red labuyo [Chili pepper]	Php 60.00	Php 60.00	-
<b>Fruit Vegetables</b>			
Ampalaya [Bitter gourd]	Php 72.92	Php 50.00	-31.43
Cucumber	Php 37.75	Php 60.00	58.94
Eggplant long, purple	Php 55.23	-	-
Okra	Php 36.70	-	-
Patola [Dishrag gourd], native	Php 40.00	-	-
Squash	Php 22.20	Php 35.00	57.66
Tomato	Php 48.95	Php 80.00	63.43
Upo [Bottle gourd]	-	Php 35.00	-
<b>Leafy Vegetables</b>			
Alugbati	Php 45.45	-	-
Kangkong (Morning Glory)	Php 44.80	-	-
Lettuce	Php 250.00	-	-
Pechay, native	Php 51.80	Php 50.00	-3.47
<b>Fruits</b>			
Banana Lakatan, green	-	Php 40.00	-
Banana Latundan, green	Php 21.17	Php 21.05	-0.57
Banana Saba, green	Php 23.21	Php 23.78	2.46
Calamansi	Php 58.00	Php 51.17	-11.78
Guyabano	Php 50.00	Php 40.00	-20.00
Jackfruit, ripe	Php 55.10	Php 39.96	-27.48
Mango Indian, green	Php 28.32	-	-
Papaya Hawaiian	-	Php 20.00	-
Pomelo	Php 20.00	Php 20.00	-
Starapple	-	Php 39.61	-
Breadfruit	Php 15.00	-	-
<b>Commercial Crops</b>			
Abaca	Php 35.46	Php 45.00	26.90
Cacao, dry beans [Cocoa beans]	Php 87.94	Php 100.00	13.71
Coconut green, young 'buko'	Php 5.27	Php 10.00	89.75
Coconut matured	Php 5.31	Php 12.50	135.40
Copra Corriente	Php 24.72	Php 51.09	106.67
Copra, fresh	-	Php 28.67	-
Tiger grass	-	Php 200.00	-



BILIRAN Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 (in peso)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 (in peso)	Percent Change
<b>Livestock and Poultry (Household)</b>			
Carabao for Slaughter	Php 150.00	Php 166.67	11.11
Cattle for Slaughter	Php 250.00	Php 250.00	-
Goat for Slaughter	Php 170.00	Php 170.00	-
Hog for Slaughter	Php 185.00	Php 185.00	-
Chicken Broiler	Php 150.00	-	-
Chicken Layer	-	Php 150.00	-
Chicken Native/Improved	Php 200.00	Php 208.33	4.17
Duck	Php 200.00	Php 200.00	-
Chicken egg, native	-	Php 10.00	-
Duck egg	Php 6.00	Php 7.00	16.67
<b>Livestock and Poultry (Establishment)</b>			
Goat for Slaughter	-	Php 180.00	-
Hog for Slaughter	Php 164.33	Php 186.67	13.59
Gamefowl	Php 6,500.00	Php 5,500.00	-15.38
Chicken Layer	Php 130.00	Php 175.00	34.62
Duck	Php 250.00	Php 216.67	-13.33
Chicken egg, Layer	Php 7.81	Php 8.01	2.56
Duck egg	Php 8.00	Php 7.75	-3.13
<b>Fisheries</b>			
Anchovies (Dilis)	Php 159.28	Php 46.67	-70.70
Big-eyed scad (Matangbaka)	Php 111.07	Php 108.18	-2.60
Blue crab (Alimasag)	Php 203.74	Php 221.30	8.62
Caesio (Dalagang-bukid)	Php 182.70	Php 200.00	9.47
Cavalla (Talakitok)	Php 234.70	Php 230.13	-1.95
Crevalle (Salay-salay)	Php 111.32	Php 172.42	54.89
Frigate tuna (Tulingan)	Php 178.29	Php 201.72	13.14
Goatfish (Saramulyete)	Php 111.34	Php 114.47	2.81
Grouper (Lapu-lapu)	Php 246.31	Php 234.91	-4.63
Hairtail (Espada)	Php 100.00	Php 87.97	-12.03
Indian mackerel (Alumahan)	Php 180.03	Php 201.57	11.96
Bali sardinella (Tamban)	Php 31.88	Php 52.00	63.11
Indo-pacific mackerel (Hasa-hasa)	Php 104.94	Php 165.69	57.89
Mullet (Kapak)	Php 121.67	Php 124.72	2.51
Parrot fish (Loro)	-	Php 100.00	-
Porgies (Pargo)	Php 217.71	Php 194.27	-10.77
Roundscad (Galunggong)	Php 106.14	Php 143.51	35.21
Siganid (Samaral)	Php 102.72	Php 165.00	60.63
Slipmouth (Sapsap)	Php 79.63	Php 86.23	8.29
Snapper (Maya-maya)	Php 178.17	Php 216.14	21.31
Squid (Pusit)	Php 228.02	Php 216.28	-5.15
Threadfin bream (Bisugo)	Php 202.75	Php 213.14	5.12
Yellowfin tuna (Tambakol/Bariles)	Php 180.05	-	-
Others (Marine Fisheries)	Php 131.40	Php 139.24	5.97
Milkfish	Php 151.09	Php 199.43	31.99
Tilapia	Php 165.23	Php 169.29	2.46
Catfish	-	Php 113.39	-
Gourami	-	-	-
Mudfish	Php 100.00	Php 150.00	50.00
Freshwater prawn (Ulang)	Php 300.00	-	-
Eel (lgat)	Php 200.00	Php 200.00	-

Source: Farm Price Survey, Crops Production Survey, Corn Production Survey, Livestock and Poultry Survey, and Quarterly Fisheries Survey, Philippine Statistics Authority



## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Farm Price Survey

Farm Price Survey (FPS) is a monthly survey which aims to generate estimates on farmgate prices of major agricultural commodities, develop sets of price indices, measure the purchasing power of growers of selected agricultural products, and serve as inputs in analyzing the seasonal trends and variations in agricultural prices. Data collection involves gathering of data through a face-to-face interview by price collectors to at most five (5) farmers with trading from the top five (5) producing municipalities.

Starting January 2024, the collection of farm prices of major agricultural commodities through the FPS was discontinued but was rather incorporated in the quarterly surveys like the Palay Production Survey, Corn Production Survey, and Crops Production Survey. However, given the demand for timely data on palay, the collection of farm price of palay was continued through the FPS. It is conducted during the last five (5) days of the month in 2024.

### Crops Production Survey

The Crops Production Survey (CrPS) is a quarterly survey which aims to generate basic production statistics for crops other than palay and corn. It covers more than 280 crops sub-classified under three (3) commodity groupings namely (1) fruit crops; (2) vegetables and rootcrops, and (3) non-food and industrial crops. The production data generated serves as inputs to the Value of Production in Philippine Agriculture and Fisheries and accordingly to the preparation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The CrPS has adopted a new sampling design which uses two separate sampling designs for household and establishment-farms. Furthermore, in 2024, it also started gathering data on farmgate prices of crops which was previously collected in FPS. It is conducted during the third week of the last month of every quarter except for the last quarter which is conducted in the second month.

### Corn Production Survey

Corn Production Survey (CPS) is a quarterly, nationwide agricultural survey conducted by the PSA to generate estimates of corn production, area, and yield along with other related information at the provincial level.

### Livestock and Poultry Survey

The Livestock and Poultry Survey: Household (LPS:H) is a quarterly survey which aims to generate estimates on supply, disposition, average farmgate price, and other related data of livestock and poultry commodities at the household level. The commodity coverage includes carabao, cattle, swine, goat, sheep, duck, and other animals tended by the household. The reference date for the beginning inventory is the first day of the reference quarter while the ending inventory is the last day of the reference quarter. The reference period for other data items (births, disposition, etc.) is cumulative of the reference months

The Livestock and Poultry Survey: Establishment (LPS:E) is a quarterly survey which aims to generate estimates on supply, disposition, average farmgate price, and other related data of livestock and poultry commodities from establishments. The commodity coverage includes





carabao, cattle, swine, goat, sheep, chicken, and other animals tendered/raised by the establishments. The reference date for the beginning inventory is the first day of the reference quarter while the ending inventory is the last day of the reference quarter. The reference period for other data items (births, disposition, etc.) is cumulative of the reference months.

### **Quarterly Commercial Fisheries Survey (QCFS) and Quarterly Municipal Fisheries Survey (QMFS)**

The QCFS covers fishing operations of boats that are more than three (3) gross tons in marine waters beyond 15 kilometers from the shoreline while the QMFS covers fishing operations without the use of a boat or the use of a boat of three (3) gross tons or less in marine waters within 15 kilometers from the shoreline. These surveys aim to generate quarterly volume and value of production by species unloaded in commercial and municipal landing centers, respectively.

Since the implementation of the redesigned QCFS and QMFS in the second quarter of 2022, the data collection for these surveys had transitioned from once every last month of the quarter to a weekly data collection per landing center on a pre-determined data collection day.

### **Quarterly Inland Fisheries Survey (QIFS)**

The QIFS covers fishing operations performed in inland bodies of water using fishing vessels of three (3) gross tons or less, or fishing not requiring the use of fishing vessels. The survey aims to gather and generate information on volume and value of production by species in inland bodies of water such as but not limited to lakes, rivers, dams, and marshes.

### **Quarterly Aquaculture Survey (QAqS)**

The QAqS covers operations involving all forms of raising and culturing fish and other fishery species in marine, brackish, and freshwater environments under controlled conditions. The survey aims to generate quarterly volume and value of production by species in aquafarms. In the third quarter of 2024, the survey adapted a Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) approach.

**Farmgate Price** is the price received by farmers or fisherman for the sale of their produce, at the first point of sale, net of freight cost.

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