

**Average import prices and retail prices of
individual food items and price changes in 2013**

White rice

Month	Average import price of white rice* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price of long grain# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price of short grain# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	4.5	-	6.5	-	7.2	-
2	4.1	-8.9	6.5	0.0	7.2	0.0
3	4.2	-6.7	6.6	1.5	7.3	1.4
4	4.1	-8.9	6.8	4.6	7.4	2.8
5	4.3	-4.4	6.6	1.5	7.5	4.2
6	4.4	-2.2	6.7	3.1	7.5	4.2
7	4.2	-6.7	6.5	0.0	7.5	4.2
8	4.3	-4.4	6.5	0.0	7.3	1.4
9	4.3	-4.4	6.5	0.0	7.3	1.4
10	4.3	-4.4	6.4	-1.5	7.3	1.4
11	4.5	0.0	6.5	0.0	7.4	2.8
12	4.5	0.0	6.6	1.5	7.4	2.8

Beef

Month	Average import price of chilled and frozen beef* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price of beef, best quality# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price of beef, belly flesh# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	25.4	-	93.5	-	77.8	-
2	34.7	36.6	94.2	0.7	78.0	0.3
3	33.3	31.1	93.9	0.4	78.1	0.4
4	30.2	18.9	94.0	0.5	78.6	1.0
5	24.3	-4.3	94.1	0.6	78.7	1.2
6	24.9	-2.0	94.1	0.6	79.0	1.5
7	36.2	42.5	94.2	0.7	79.7	2.4
8	38.7	52.4	94.2	0.7	79.9	2.7
9	-	-	94.2	0.7	79.8	2.6
10	38.3	50.8	94.2	0.7	79.8	2.6
11	32.4	27.6	94.7	1.3	78.2	0.5
12	61.9	143.7	94.8	1.4	78.6	1.0

Live chicken

Month	Average import price of live chicken⁽¹⁾ * (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price of live chicken, top grade# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	8.9	-	59.1	-
2	10.8	21.3	72.4	22.5
3	9.4	5.6	58.5	-1.0
4	7.9	-11.2	53.9	-8.8
5	7.8	-12.4	51.0	-13.7
6	8.6	-3.4	54.7	-7.4
7	7.9	-11.2	54.1	-8.5
8	7.5	-15.7	54.1	-8.5
9	9.5	6.7	60.4	2.2
10	9.4	5.6	57.7	-2.4
11	8.9	0.0	54.6	-7.6
12	9.0	1.1	54.2	-8.3

⁽¹⁾ Live chicken more than 185g in weight

Chilled chicken

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	7.9	-	24.8	-
2	8.3	5.1	25.6	3.2
3	8.2	3.8	24.8	0.0
4	11.1	40.5	24.2	-2.4
5	10.1	27.8	23.8	-4.0
6	9.8	24.1	24.3	-2.0
7	9.9	25.3	24.4	-1.6
8	10.0	26.6	23.9	-3.6
9	10.0	26.6	24.6	-0.8
10	10.0	26.6	24.7	-0.4
11	10.1	27.8	24.3	-2.0
12	10.2	29.1	24.3	-2.0

Golden thread**

Month	Average import price (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	-	-	60.2	-
2	-	-	63.4	5.3
3	-	-	52.1	-13.5
4	-	-	49.0	-18.6
5	-	-	49.3	-18.1
6	-	-	55.4	-8.0
7	-	-	56.3	-6.5
8	-	-	57.2	-5.0
9	-	-	53.9	-10.5
10	-	-	55.3	-8.1
11	-	-	57.1	-5.1
12	-	-	56.3	-6.5

Big eye**

Month	Average import price (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	-	-	57.5	-
2	-	-	59.9	4.2
3	-	-	54.9	-4.5
4	-	-	55.3	-3.8
5	-	-	57.1	-0.7
6	-	-	65.2	13.4
7	-	-	65.6	14.1
8	-	-	66.4	15.5
9	-	-	62.8	9.2
10	-	-	62.7	9.0
11	-	-	61.8	7.5
12	-	-	60.0	4.3

Garoupa

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	-	-	87.8	-
2	-	-	94.1	7.2
3	-	-	88.6	0.9
4	-	-	84.8	-3.4
5	94.4	-	86.8	-1.1
6	-	-	69.5	-20.8
7	96.8	-	70.5	-19.7
8	100.7	-	70.5	-19.7
9	99.8	-	70.5	-19.7
10	98.0	-	70.0	-20.3
11	96.8	-	75.9	-13.6
12	97.3	-	72.3	-17.7

Grass carp

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	11.8	-	27.7	-
2	11.0	-6.8	28.2	1.8
3	10.9	-7.6	28.2	1.8
4	10.9	-7.6	28.1	1.4
5	10.6	-10.2	28.0	1.1
6	10.3	-12.7	28.0	1.1
7	10.9	-7.6	28.0	1.1
8	9.9	-16.1	28.1	1.4
9	9.2	-22.0	28.0	1.1
10	10.2	-13.6	27.8	0.4
11	9.6	-18.6	28.1	1.4
12	9.9	-16.1	28.2	1.8

Big head

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	13.7	-	23.8	-
2	13.5	-1.5	24.6	3.4
3	12.9	-5.8	24.7	3.8
4	13.1	-4.4	24.7	3.8
5	12.5	-8.8	24.8	4.2
6	13.8	0.7	24.8	4.2
7	15.2	10.9	24.8	4.2
8	15.4	12.4	24.8	4.2
9	15.6	13.9	24.9	4.6
10	15.8	15.3	24.7	3.8
11	15.1	10.2	25.3	6.3
12	15.7	14.6	25.2	5.9

White cabbage

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	1.5	-	12.4	-
2	1.5	0.0	11.1	-10.5
3	1.6	6.7	11.4	-8.1
4	1.5	0.0	15.9	28.2
5	1.5	0.0	13.3	7.3
6	1.6	6.7	11.8	-4.8
7	1.7	13.3	11.6	-6.5
8	1.7	13.3	12.4	0.0
9	1.7	13.3	13.7	10.5
10	1.8	20.0	11.5	-7.3
11	1.7	13.3	10.2	-17.7
12	1.8	20.0	11.1	-10.5

Flowering cabbage

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	1.7	-	13.1	-
2	1.8	5.9	11.8	-9.9
3	1.7	0.0	11.1	-15.3
4	1.7	0.0	17.7	35.1
5	1.6	-5.9	12.5	-4.6
6	1.6	-5.9	12.0	-8.4
7	1.6	-5.9	12.4	-5.3
8	1.6	-5.9	13.1	0.0
9	1.6	-5.9	14.6	11.5
10	1.6	-5.9	11.9	-9.2
11	1.6	-5.9	10.6	-19.1
12	1.6	-5.9	11.5	-12.2

Tomato

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	2.9	-	7.9	-
2	3.4	17.2	8.0	1.3
3	3.2	10.3	7.5	-5.1
4	3.6	24.1	8.6	8.9
5	3.2	10.3	8.8	11.4
6	2.4	-17.2	8.4	6.3
7	1.4	-51.7	8.3	5.1
8	1.5	-48.3	8.5	7.6
9	1.6	-44.8	9.5	20.3
10	1.3	-55.2	10.5	32.9
11	1.5	-48.3	11.5	45.6
12	1.4	-51.7	9.9	25.3

Lettuce

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	1.8	-	9.9	-
2	2.0	11.1	9.5	-4.0
3	1.9	5.6	8.6	-13.1
4	1.7	-5.6	11.9	20.2
5	2.0	11.1	11.3	14.1
6	1.8	0.0	10.5	6.1
7	1.8	0.0	10.2	3.0
8	1.9	5.6	11.1	12.1
9	1.7	-5.6	12.6	27.3
10	1.7	-5.6	11.3	14.1
11	1.9	5.6	11.0	11.1
12	1.6	-11.1	10.4	5.1

Hairy gourd

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	1.0	-	10.3	-
2	1.0	0.0	10.0	-2.9
3	1.1	10.0	8.8	-14.6
4	1.1	10.0	12.2	18.4
5	1.2	20.0	10.4	1.0
6	1.1	10.0	8.0	-22.3
7	1.4	40.0	7.2	-30.1
8	1.1	10.0	8.6	-16.5
9	1.0	0.0	13.7	33.0
10	1.1	10.0	9.4	-8.7
11	1.1	10.0	9.0	-12.6
12	1.1	10.0	14.0	35.9

Apple@

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/each)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	4.0	-	3.6	-
2	4.0	0.0	3.8	5.6
3	4.0	0.0	3.7	2.8
4	4.2	5.0	3.5	-2.8
5	3.6	-10.0	3.5	-2.8
6	3.5	-12.5	3.6	0.0
7	3.1	-22.5	3.5	-2.8
8	3.0	-25.0	3.5	-2.8
9	3.0	-25.0	3.9	8.3
10	3.7	-7.5	3.8	5.6
11	3.5	-12.5	3.7	2.8
12	3.4	-15.0	3.6	0.0

Orange@

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/each)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	1.9	-	3.9	-
2	1.9	0.0	4.0	2.6
3	2.0	5.3	4.0	2.6
4	2.0	5.3	4.0	2.6
5	1.9	0.0	4.0	2.6
6	1.9	0.0	4.1	5.1
7	1.9	0.0	4.3	10.3
8	1.9	0.0	4.0	2.6
9	1.9	0.0	4.0	2.6
10	1.9	0.0	4.1	5.1
11	2.0	5.3	4.2	7.7
12	2.0	5.3	4.4	12.8

Hen eggs

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/each)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/each)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	0.6	-	1.5	-
2	0.6	0.0	1.5	0.0
3	0.5	-16.7	1.5	0.0
4	0.5	-16.7	1.5	0.0
5	0.6	0.0	1.5	0.0
6	0.5	-16.7	1.5	0.0
7	0.5	-16.7	1.6	6.7
8	0.6	0.0	1.6	6.7
9	0.6	0.0	1.6	6.7
10	0.5	-16.7	1.6	6.7
11	0.5	-16.7	1.6	6.7
12	0.5	-16.7	1.6	6.7

Sugar

Month	Average import price* (Mainland) (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price# (\$/catty)	As compared with January 2013 (%)
1	4.0	-	10.2	-
2	4.5	12.5	10.6	3.9
3	3.6	-10.0	10.2	0.0
4	4.2	5.0	10.5	2.9
5	4.6	15.0	10.7	4.9
6	3.6	-10.0	10.7	4.9
7	3.8	-5.0	10.7	4.9
8	3.8	-5.0	10.7	4.9
9	3.7	-7.5	10.7	4.9
10	4.2	5.0	10.7	4.9
11	4.0	0.0	10.6	3.9
12	3.8	-5.0	10.6	3.9

* Information is provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD).

The average retail prices are provided by C&SD. The price information is published in its Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics. In arriving at the average prices, the country of origin of the food items is not specified.

** C&SD does not have information on the import prices of these food items.

@ The average retail prices of apple and orange are presented as the price of each apple or orange while the average import prices are presented in catty.

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Month	Changes in price (%) (as compared with January 2013)
1	-
2	2.7
3	-0.3
4	0.1
5	-1.5
6	-1.5
7	-1.5
8	-0.3
9	1.2
10	0.8
11	0.6
12	1.2

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

LCQ 20**Annex 3**

**Average wholesale price of live pigs and
average retail price of fresh pork
as well as their differences in each month of 2013**

Month	Live pigs supplied	Average wholesale price of live pigs #	Average wholesale price of live pigs as compared with January 2013	Average retail price of fresh pork (lean pork)*	Average retail price of fresh pork (lean pork) as compared with January 2013	Differences between average wholesale price of live pigs and average retail price of fresh pork (lean pork)
	(kg)	(\$/catty)	(%)	(\$/catty)	(%)	(\$/catty)
1	14 291 980	15.7	–	41.1	–	25.4
2	11 657 986	13.8	-12.1	42.1	2.4	28.3
3	13 565 668	11.9	-24.2	40.9	-0.5	29.0
4	13 899 038	11.7	-25.5	40.6	-1.2	28.9
5	14 583 374	12.2	-22.3	40.3	-1.9	28.1
6	14 103 936	13.4	-14.6	40.0	-2.7	26.6
7	14 278 942	13.5	-14.0	40.2	-2.2	26.7
8	14 008 536	14.0	-10.8	39.4	-4.1	25.4
9	13 962 850	14.0	-10.8	39.3	-4.4	25.3
10	14 300 672	13.7	-12.7	39.5	-3.9	25.8
11	14 020 514	14.0	-10.8	38.3	-6.8	24.3
12	14 362 364	14.2	-9.6	38.3	-6.8	24.1

* The average retail price of fresh lean pork is provided by the Census and Statistics Department. The price information is published in its Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics. In arriving at the average price, the country of origin of fresh lean pork is not specified.

The wholesale price of live pigs is the price of live pigs paid by live pig buyers to live pig import agents. However, the wholesale price of live pigs is not equivalent to the wholesale price of fresh lean pork because the weight of a live pig includes not only the weight of pork, but also that of the head, bones, skin and offal. The average wholesale price of live pigs is provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

LCQ 20**Annex 4**

**Average import prices of chilled pork from the Mainland and
average retail prices of chilled pork price
as well as their differences in each month of 2013**

Month	Import quantity of chilled pork* (kg)	Average import price of chilled pork* (\$/catty)	Average import price of chilled pork imported from the Mainland*# (\$/catty)	Average import price of chilled pork imported from the Mainland as compared with January 2013 (%)	Average retail price of chilled pork (lean pork)*^ (\$/catty)	Average retail price of chilled pork (lean pork) as compared with January 2013 (%)	Difference between average import price of chilled pork and average retail price of chilled lean pork (\$/catty)
1	533,816	18.1	17.0	–	33.4	–	16.4
2	977,747	16.0	15.0	-11.8	34.1	2.1	19.1
3	592,572	16.4	14.7	-13.5	34.1	2.1	19.4
4	532,421	17.2	15.0	-11.8	34.5	3.3	19.5
5	305,595	24.4	21.3	25.3	34.5	3.3	13.2
6	260,745	24.2	21.0	23.5	33.0	-1.2	12.0
7	1,008,530	11.1	9.9	-41.8	34.3	2.7	24.4
8	164,294	19.7	13.2	-22.4	34.8	4.2	21.6
9	750,982	13.3	11.7	-31.2	34.7	3.9	23.0
10	523,486	16.4	14.1	-17.1	34.8	4.2	20.7
11	507,769	15.4	12.8	-24.7	34.6	3.6	21.8
12	264,089	27.7	22.7	33.5	34.6	3.6	11.9

* Information is provided by the Census and Statistics Department.

The Government does not compile statistics on the wholesale price of chilled pork. We can only deduce the import price of chilled pork based on the information on the import quantities and value of chilled pork declared in the trade declarations. This is not equivalent to the wholesale price.

^ Chilled pork is available for sale only in supermarkets and a small number of licensed market stalls. In arriving at the average price, the country of origin of chilled pork is not specified. Chilled pork imported from the Mainland accounted for about 93% of the total import of chilled pork in terms of quantity.

**Differences in retail prices between fresh pork and chilled pork
in each month of 2013**

Month	Average retail price of fresh pork (lean pork) (\$/catty)	Average retail price of chilled pork (lean pork) (\$/catty)	Difference (\$/catty)
1	41.1	33.4	7.7
2	42.1	34.1	8.0
3	40.9	34.1	6.8
4	40.6	34.5	6.1
5	40.3	34.5	5.8
6	40.0	33.0	7.0
7	40.2	34.3	5.9
8	39.4	34.8	4.6
9	39.3	34.7	4.6
10	39.5	34.8	4.7
11	38.3	34.6	3.7
12	38.3	34.6	3.7