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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, MALAYSIA, JULY 2026

Malaysia's inflation increased 1.8 per cent in July 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 17TH AUGUST 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) published the **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), JULY 2026**. This report provides the consumer price index of goods and services at the national and state levels.

In a statement today, DOSM reported Malaysia's inflation increased 1.8 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 1.9 per cent in the previous month, with the index points increased to 137.1 from 134.7 (July 2025). This was driven by the Transport group which increased to 1.4 per cent as compared to 2.8 per cent in June 2026.

The Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services group moderated at 2.9 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 3.4 per cent in June 2026. This was followed by slower increases in Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, 2.7 per cent (June 2026: 2.8%); Restaurant & Accommodation Services, 2.0 per cent (June 2026: 2.6%) and Education, 2.0 per cent (June 2026: 2.1%). Both Insurance & Financial Services and Health groups eased to 1.1 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 5.7 per cent and 1.2 per cent in the previous month, respectively. Besides, the Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance group increased marginally at 0.3 per cent (June 2026: 0.4%).

The Information & Communication group increased to 3.4 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 2.4 per cent in June 2026. The Food & Beverages and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels groups increased higher in July 2026 to 1.8 per cent as compared to 1.4 per cent in the previous month. Besides, the Recreation, Sport & Culture and Clothing & Footwear groups increased to 1.2 per cent (June 2026: 1.1%) and 0.1 per cent (June 2026: 0.0%), respectively.

About 65.3 per cent of items (374 out of 573) recorded price increases. Nonetheless, out of this total, 367 items (98.1%) registered an increase of less than or equal to 10 per cent, while only 7 items recorded increases of more than 10 per cent in July 2026. The remainder 157 items (27.4%), showed a decline and 42 items remained unchanged.

The Food & Beverages group which contributes 29.8 per cent of the total CPI weight increased 1.8 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 1.4 per cent as recorded in the

previous month. The increase was driven by both subgroups Food away from home and Food at home. The Food away from home subgroup rose to 2.5 per cent as compared to 2.4 per cent in June 2026, while, the Food at home subgroup registered an increase of 1.2 per cent in July 2026 (June 2026: 0.5%).

The expenditure class of Meat went up to 3.2 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 1.5 per cent in June 2026. Chicken as the largest component comprised of 32.6 per cent in the expenditure class of Meat inclined to 6.7 per cent as compared to 1.2 per cent in the previous month. The average price of Standard chicken for Malaysia in July 2026 was at RM10.88 per kilogramme as compared to RM10.25 per kilogramme in July 2025 (June 2026: RM10.77). Meanwhile, the average price of Standard chicken in Peninsular Malaysia was RM10.17 per kilogramme as compared to RM9.43 per kilogramme in July 2025 (June 2026: RM10.03). In addition, the increase of this expenditure class was also contributed by the inflation of Chicken parts and Local lamb which increased to 2.6 per cent (June 2026: 1.9%) and 1.3 per cent (June 2026: 1.1%), respectively.

The expenditure class of Vegetables increased to 1.0 per cent in July 2026 as compared to negative 1.8 per cent in June 2026. Among the Vegetables that registered year-on-year increased in July 2026 were Tomatoes, 19.6 per cent (June 2026: 12.0%); Chinese kale, 10.4 per cent (June 2026: 1.0%); Lettuce, 9.5 per cent (June 2026: 3.9%); Angle Gourd, 8.8 per cent (June 2026: 5.5%) and Long cabbage, 8.3 per cent (June 2026: 8.2%).

The subgroup of Food away from home increased 2.5 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 2.4 per cent in the previous month. Among the items that recorded higher increases in July 2026 were Local cakes, 3.7 per cent (June 2026: 3.2%); Food made from noodles, 3.5 per cent (June 2026: 3.3%); Satay, 3.3 per cent (June 2026: 2.2%); Roti canai, 2.8 per cent (June 2026: 2.7%) and Chicken rice, 2.7 per cent (June 2026: 2.0%).

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels group increased 1.8 per cent in July 2026 as compared to 1.4 per cent in June 2026. This was driven by the increase of Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling and Electricity, gas & fuel subgroups to 7.3 per cent (June 2026: 6.8%) and 2.0 per cent (June 2026: -2.3%), respectively. The subgroups of Maintenance, repair & security of the dwelling increased slower at 2.5 per cent (June 2026: 2.6 per cent), while, the inflation of Actual rentals for housing subgroup remained at the same rate as in previous month at 1.4 per cent.

The Automatic Fuel Adjustment (AFA) revised rate was imposed on domestic users in Peninsular Malaysia for consumption of more than 600 kilowatt hours (kWh), whereby the AFA rate for the period 1st to 31st July 2026 was set at 3.59 cents/kWh (surcharge) by the Energy Commission as compared with a surcharge of 2.59 cents/kWh for the period 1st to 30th June 2026. This adjustment impacted the average electricity tariff as against the previous period. However, domestic users consuming 600 kWh and below remained unaffected. Besides, all domestic users in Sarawak are receiving a

25 per cent electricity bill discount from April to December 2026, benefiting approximately 714,000 households following the Sarawak government financial relief initiative.

Inflation for the Transport group moderated in July 2026 to 1.4 per cent as compared to 2.8 per cent in June 2026. This was attributed to the Operation of personal transport equipment subgroup, which recorded a slower increase of 1.3 per cent (June 2026: 3.1%). The subgroup of Public transport services remained at 6.5 per cent, the same rate as in the previous month. Meanwhile, the subgroups of Transport services of goods and the Purchase of vehicles continued to record a decrease in July 2026 at negative 1.3 per cent and negative 0.2 per cent, respectively.

The average price of Unleaded petrol RON97 in July 2026 decreased to RM4.07 per litre as compared to RM4.33 per litre in June 2026. The average market price of Diesel registered at RM4.14 per litre as compared to RM4.50 per litre in the previous month. Besides, the average market price of Unleaded petrol RON95 was recorded at RM3.47 per litre in July 2026 (June 2026: RM3.69 per litre) as compared to the subsidised price of RM1.99 per litre.

In addition, the Government implemented the BUDI Diesel mechanism effective 1st July 2026, allowing eligible owners of private diesel vehicles to purchase subsidised diesel at RM2.10 per litre through the MyKad verification system. The implementation is expected to benefit approximately 400,000 owners of private diesel vehicles in Peninsular Malaysia and 300,000 owners in Sabah, Sarawak and the Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan. The targeted subsidy mechanism enables eligible recipients to purchase diesel at the subsidised price rather than the prevailing market price. Consequently, the implementation of BUDI Diesel contributed to the slower increase in the Transport group in July 2026.

Seven states recorded increases above the national inflation level of 1.8 per cent, namely Negeri Sembilan (2.5%), Kedah (2.3%), Pahang (2.3%), Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (2.2%), Johor (2.1%), Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan (2.0%) and Sabah (1.9%). All states registered an increase in Food & Beverages inflation, except Kelantan and Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan, which recorded no increase.

On month-on-month basis, the headline inflation in July 2026 did not register any increase (June 2026: 0.0%). The Food & Beverages group increased 0.3 per cent in July 2026 (June 2026: 0.2%), while Recreation, Sport & Culture and Restaurant & Accommodation Services groups increased marginally at 0.2 per cent as compared to 0.1 per cent in June 2026, respectively. Both Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco and Education groups increased at 0.1 per cent in July 2026, the same rate as recorded in the previous month. Meanwhile, two groups recorded decreases in July 2026, namely Transport (-1.1%) and Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services (-0.5%).

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

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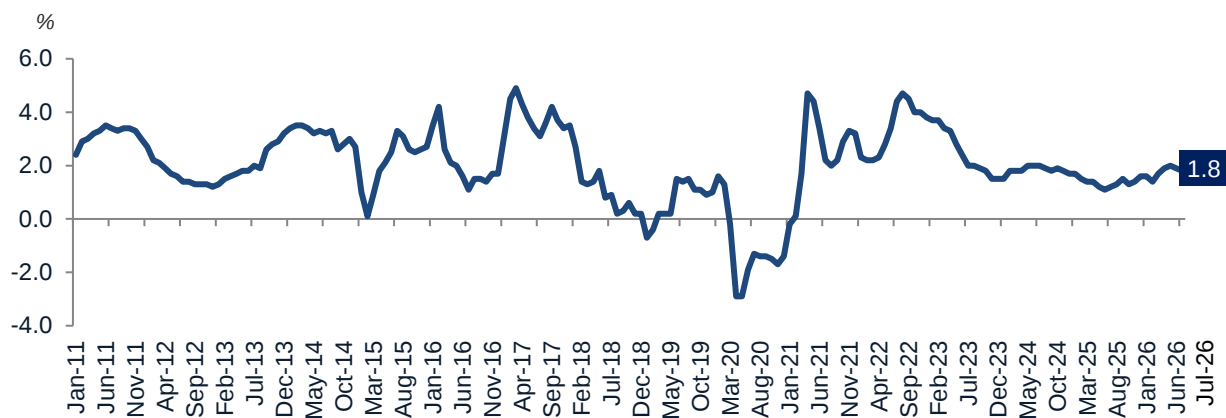
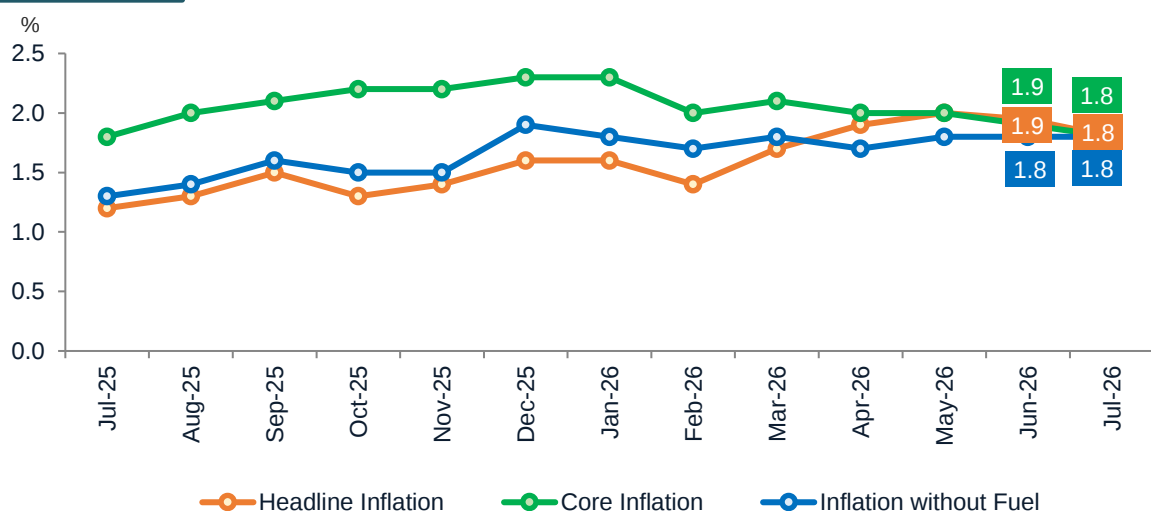
Chart 1
Monthly Inflation Malaysia, January 2011 – July 2026

Chart 2
Malaysia Inflation, Core Inflation and Inflation without Fuel, July 2025 – July 2026

Chart 3
Quarterly Inflation Malaysia, Q1 2011 – Q2 2026


Chart 4

Annual Inflation Malaysia, 2011 - 2025

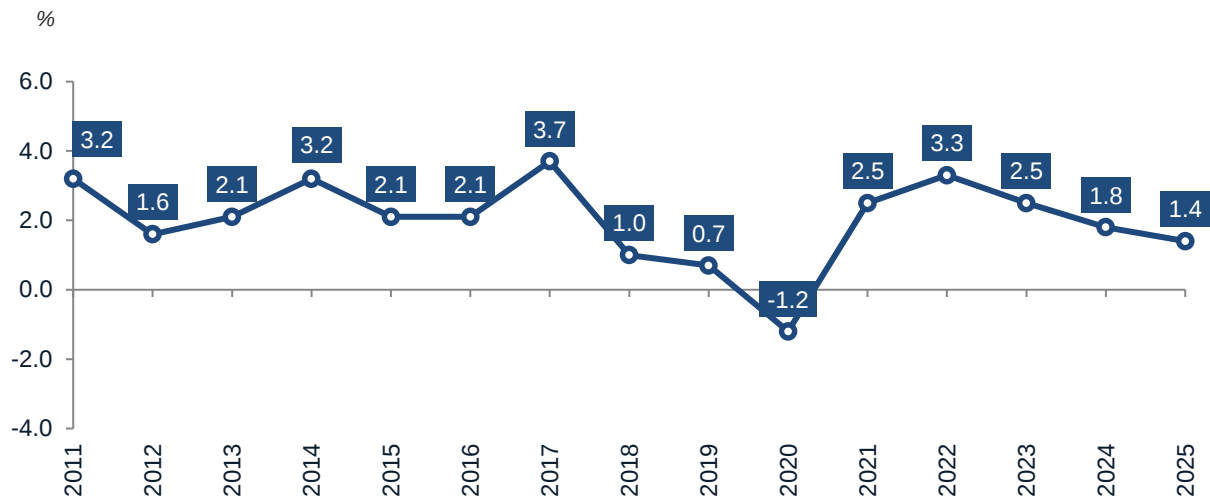


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Inflation by Main Group, June 2026 & July 2026

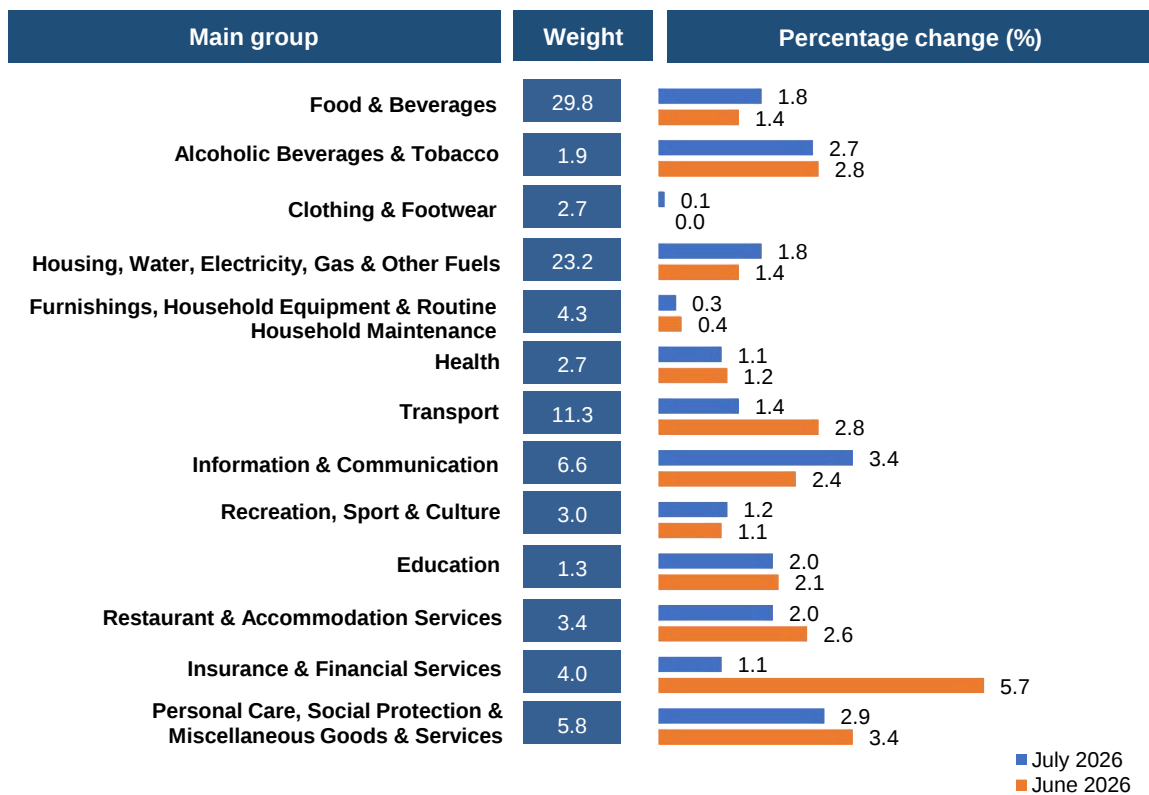
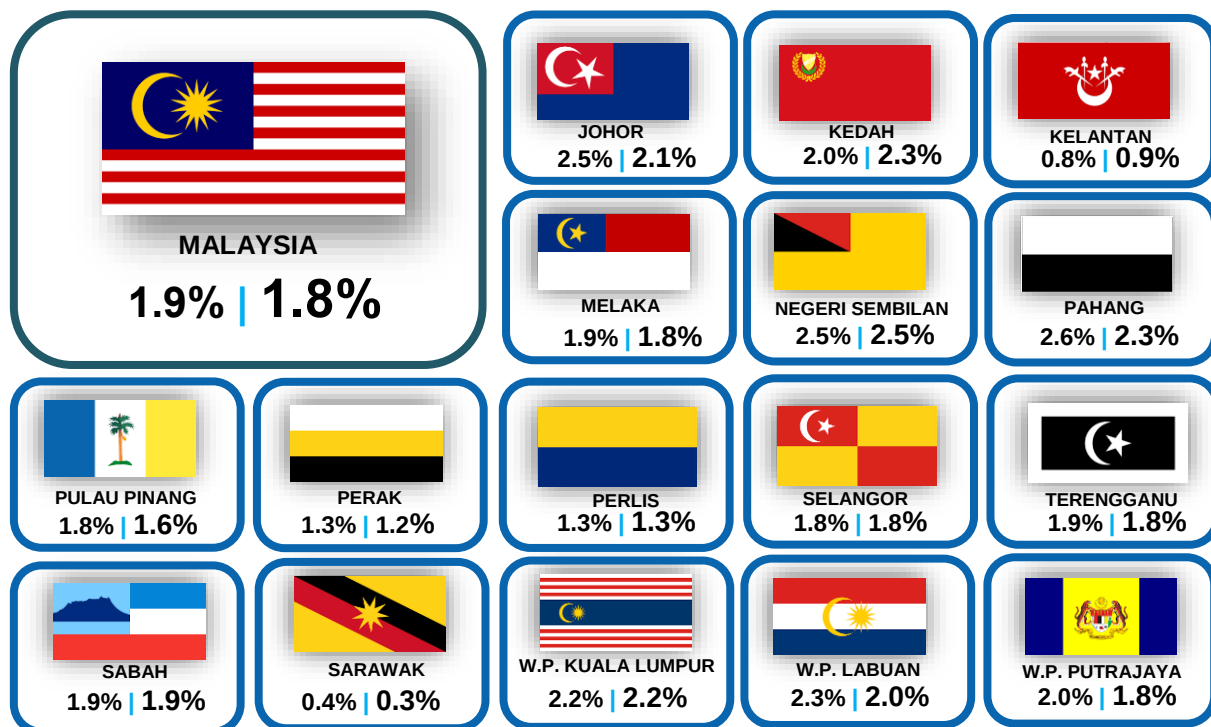


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Inflation by State, June 2026 & July 2026



Note: W.P. refers to Wilayah Persekutuan

June 2026 | July 2026

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Inflation of Selected Countries, July 2025 – July 2026

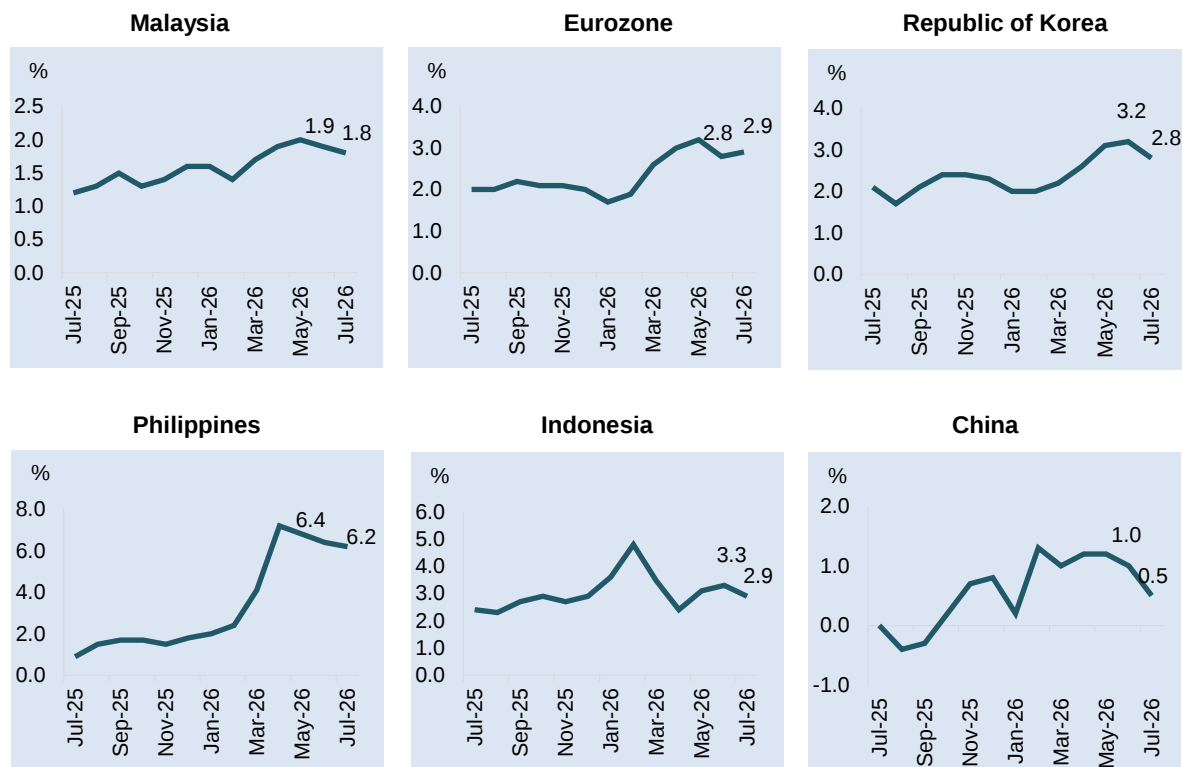
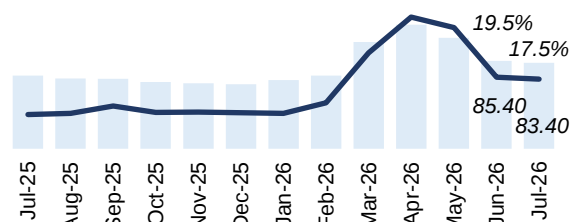


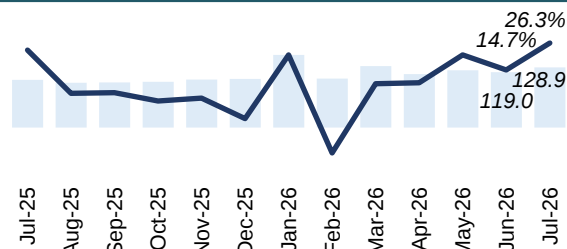
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Global Selected Commodity Prices

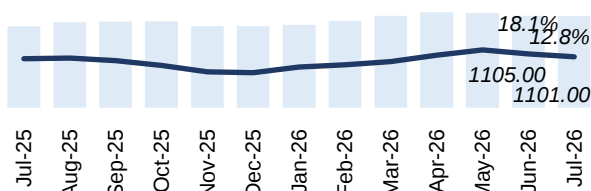
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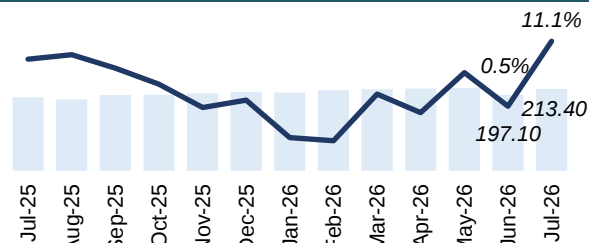
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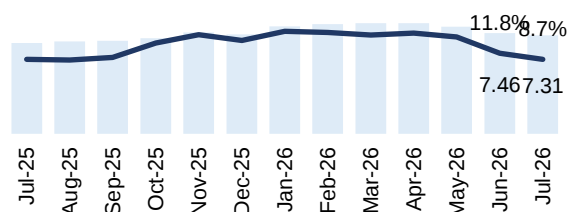
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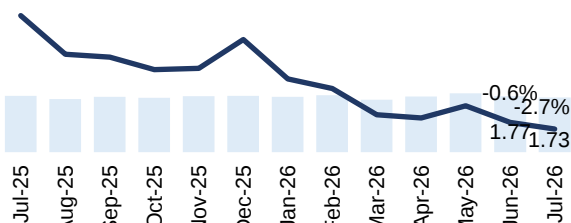
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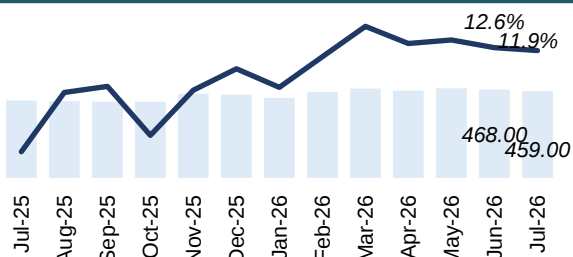
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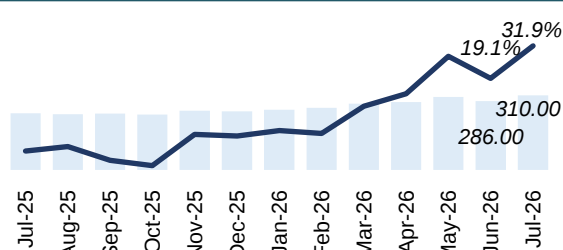
Meat, Chicken (US\$/kg)



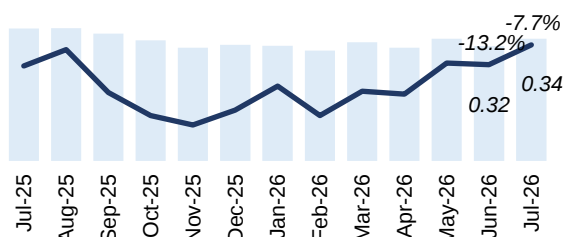
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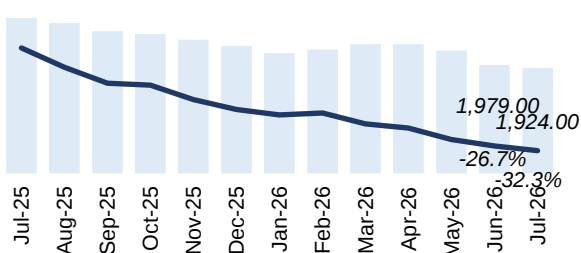
Wheat (US\$/mt)



Sugar (US\$/kg)



Coconut Oil (US\$/mt)



Global commodity price (US\$) — Percentage change year-on-year

Source: Commodity Monthly Prices, World Bank

Notes:

Bbl : Barrel (1bbl = 159 litres)

Mt : Million Tonne

Mmbtu : Metric Million British Thermal Unit