

Brisbane Market Price Watch

Weekly average prices for a group of major fruit and vegetable lines on sale in the Brisbane Market have been monitored and compared to average prices achieved in the preceding week. The degree of change is shown for twenty commodities that have either increased or decreased in average price by the greatest amount. These price movements relate to Queensland produce sold in the Brisbane Market and can differ from produce from other origins that might be on offer at the same time.

This Report is compiled for Brisbane Markets Limited from information provided by the Official Brisbane Market Reporting Service

Species/Variety	Region	Pack	Price Movement
Increases			
Passionfruit, panama, no1		18lctn	51%
Lettuce, headed		carton	42%
Tomatoes, egg		10kgctn	37%
Passionfruit, panama, extra		18lctn	36%
Papaws, yellow flesh, no1		30lctn	35%
Papaws, red flesh, no1		18lctn	34%
Beans, round s'less, machine p'kd		kg	31%
Papaws, yellow flesh, no1		22lctn	31%
Papaws yellow flesh, extra		30lctn	30%
Papaws red flesh, extra		22lctn	28%
Papaws yellow flesh, extra		22lctn	28%
Bananas, cavendish, no1, exlarge		carton	26%
Tomatoes, field gourmet		10kgctn	23%
Beans, round s'less, hand picked		kg	22%
Peas, snow		kg	22%
Papaws, red flesh, no1		22lctn	21%
Broccoli		8kgipk	21%
Cabbages, sugarloaf		carton	21%
Papaws, red flesh, no1		30lctn	20%
Limes, tahitian, no1		9lctn	18%
Decreases			
Sweet corn, pre-pack		18lctn	-4%
Oranges, navel, washington, no1		bulkcp	-5%
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Capsicums, red		27lctn	-5%
Cucumbers, green, glasshouse		18lctn	-5%
Honeydew melons, gold		30ltray	-5%
Honeydew melons, gold		32lctn	-6%
Honeydew melons, white		30ltray	-7%
Capsicums, mixed colour		27lctn	-8%
Avocados, hass, no1		sltray	-9%
Watermelons, seedless		kg	-10%
Onions, white, medium 61-75mm		rnbag	-11%
Lemons, eureka, no1		bulkcp	-12%
Honeydew melons, white		32lctn	-13%
Chokos		32lctn	-15%
Carrots, no1, medium		bag	-18%
Capsicums, green		27lctn	-19%
Carrots, no1, small		bag	-20%
Cucumbers, lebanese, glasshouse		18lctn	-20%
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COMMENTS FOR WEEK ENDING 15TH AUGUST, 2008

Frosts and cold temperature conditions caused shortages in most vegetable and fruit crops. In fruit, passion fruit, paw paws and bananas experienced the most increased in prices. While in vegetable lettuce, beans, tomatoes, peas, broccoli and cabbage rose in price the most.

There were few price decreases, except for crops such as Lebanese cucumbers in glass house – mostly protected from the effect of the cool weather.