

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			
Lettuce, headed		carton	80%
Beans, round s'less, machine p'kd		kg	67%
Pumpkins, butternut, new season		kg	57%
Honeydew melons, white		32lctn	42%
Sweet corn		18lctn	39%
Pumpkins, butternut, new season		carton	39%
Honeydew melons, white		30ltray	30%
Papaws, yellow flesh, no1		30lctn	28%
Papaws, red flesh, no1		22lctn	27%
Papaws, yellow flesh, no1		22lctn	27%
Passionfruit, purple, no1		18lctn	27%
Tomatoes, field gourmet		10kgctn	27%
Papaws, yellow flesh, extra		22lctn	25%
Papaws, yellow flesh, extra		30lctn	25%
Bananas,cavendish ,no1, large		carton	24%
Bananas, lady finger, no1, large		carton	20%
Papaws, red flesh,no1		18lctn	20%
Tomatoes, round		10kgctn	20%
Bananas, cavendish, no1, exlarge		carton	19%
Sweet corn, pre-pack		18lctn	19%
Decreases			
Zucchinis,green, no1		18lctn	-5%
Potatoes, gourmet, kippfler		kg	-5%
Potatoes unwashed white, grey soil		apbag	-5%
Avocados, hass, no1		sitray	-7%
Strawberries		375g	-7%
Cucumbers, continental		bag	-7%
Onions, white, medium 61-75mm		rnbag	-8%
Rockmelons		30ltray	-9%
Carrots, no1,small		bag	-9%
Rockmelons		32lctn	-10%
Strawberries		250g	-14%
Capsicums, red		27lctn	-14%
Sweet potatoes, gold		32lctn	-14%
Strawberries, camarosa		250g	-15%
Watermelons, seedless		kg	-15%
Watermelons, long varieties		kg	-17%
Capsicums, green		27lctn	-19%
Broccoli		8kgipk	-21%
Chokos		32lctn	-21%

COMMENTS FOR WEEK ENDING 22ND AUGUST, 2008

Prices of lettuce, beans, pumpkins, sweet corn and tomatoes rose with cold weather in northern growing areas causing supply shortages. In fruit, melons, papaws, passionfruit and bananas were in short supply and rose the most in price.

Supply of chokos, broccoli, capsicum and sweet potatoes were more plentiful from South East Queensland production area and experienced the most decrease in price. White watermelon and rockmelon from Northern Territory and strawberries from Sunshine Coast were in full production and caused the prices to fall the most.