

PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOOD PRICE BULLETIN

April 2025

This food price bulletin is based on data collected by the Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) from major markets in Papua New Guinea (PNG) during the first quarter of 2025. In this quarter, a complete two rounds of data collection from January to March were conducted only in Banz and Kokopo. Due to logistical challenges, no data collection took place in March for Goroka, Kokopo, Lae and Port Moresby markets. In this report, price trend analysis compares changes between Q4 of 2024, and Q1 of 2025 prices (which comprise data collected in only January and February).

Prices are reported in real terms, adjusted for inflation using the FAO Consumer Price Index (CPI). Missing CPI data points were interpolated using quarterly reports from the National Statistical Office (NSO).

Staple crop price trends

Comparing the last quarter of 2024 (October to December) with the first quarter of 2025 (January and February) average prices of staple crops remained relatively stable or decreased depending on the crop (Figure 1 to 4). Focusing on specific crops, between January and February 2025, the price of sweet potato and cooking banana in the highland market of Banz decreased by 22.5 percent and 26 percent, respectively. In Goroka market, prices of cassava and cooking banana were on average 34 and 27 percent lower, respectively, compared to the last quarter of 2024. In the same period, average prices of sweet potato and cooking banana in Port Moresby decreased by 12 percent (Figure 1 and 4).

SUMMARY

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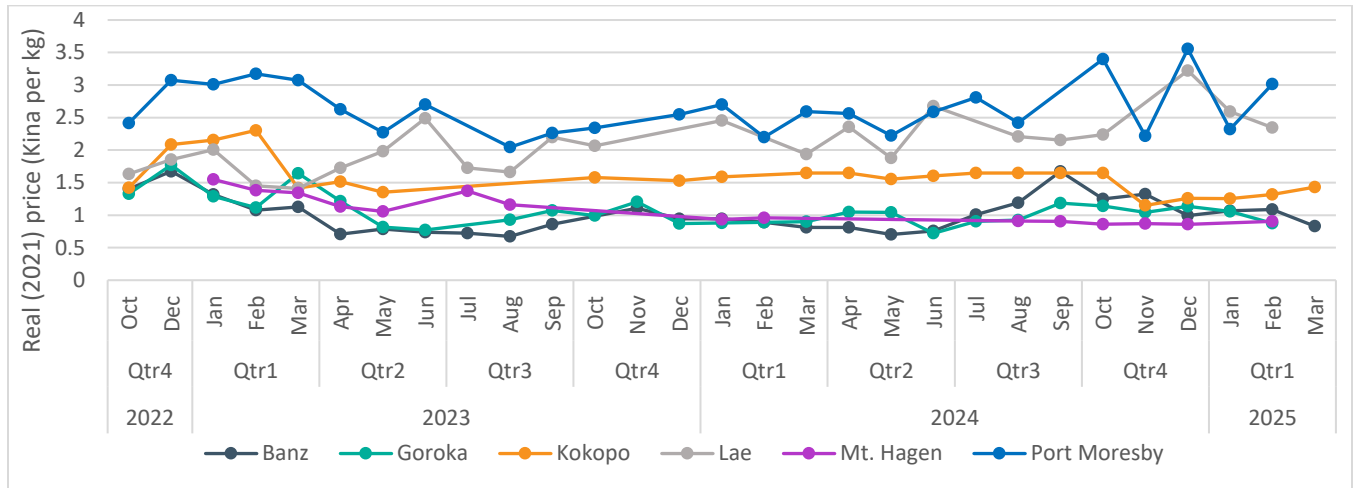
Compared to Q4 2024, average prices of staples across the PNG markets decreased by 15 percent from January to March 2025

The price of a 1-kilogram bag of imported rice remained relatively stable between January and February 2025. Compared to Q4 2024, the average 1-kg bag of rice price increased by 6 percent in the first quarter of 2025.

Compared to Q4 2024, Q1 2025 price trends of fresh vegetables were mixed across commodities. In Port Moresby, prices of English cabbage, carrot and choko-tips were 12 percent lower, while aibika and capsicum were 24 percent higher than January and February 2024.

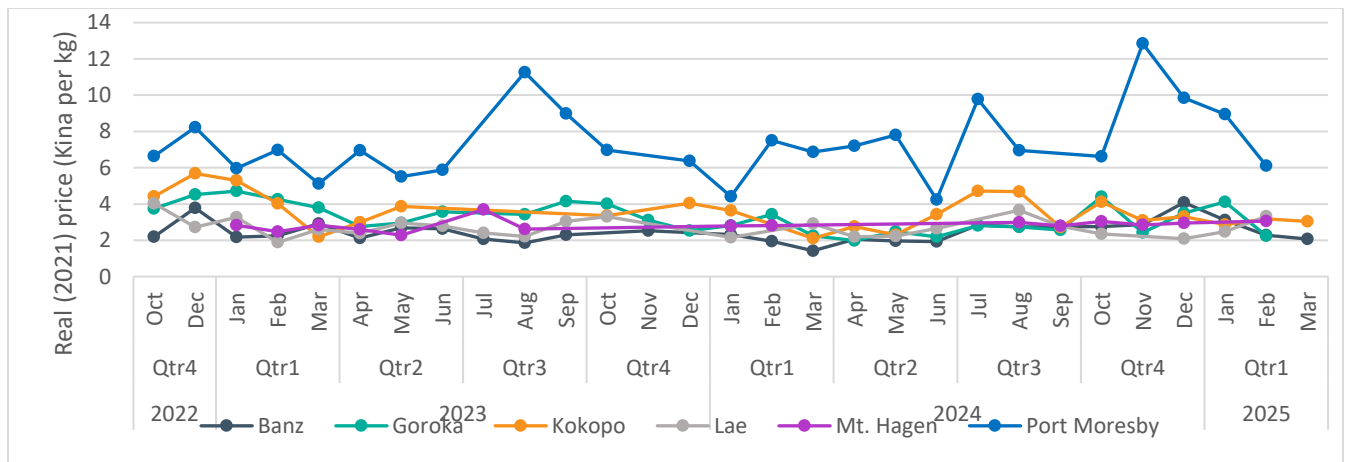
Compared to Q4 2024, prices of lemon, orange, pawpaw and pineapple in Goroka and Kokopo decreased on average by 15 percent in Q1 2025.

Figure 1: Real price of sweet potato across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



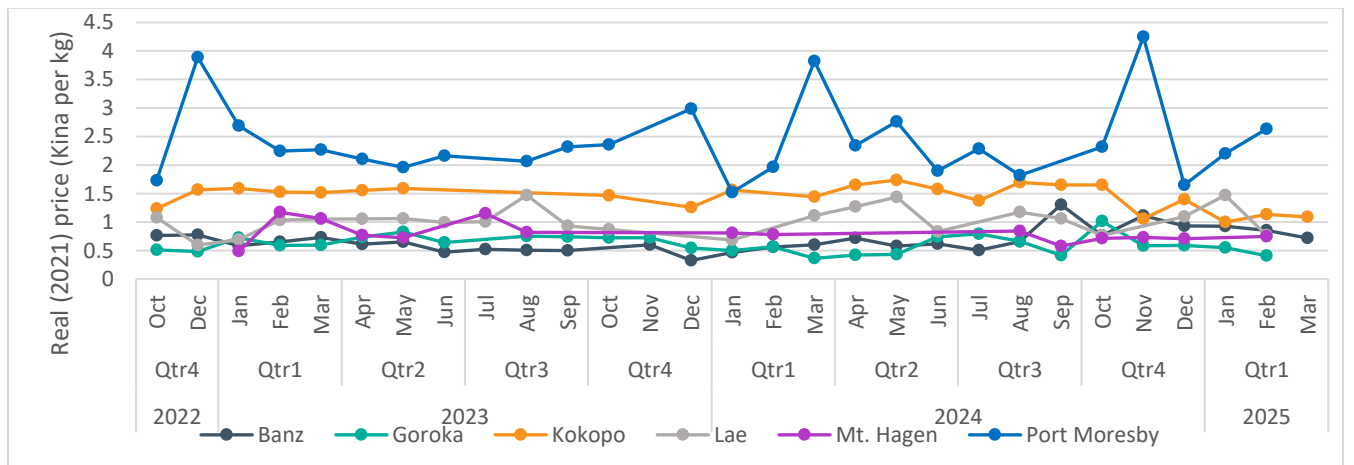
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 2: Real price of taro across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



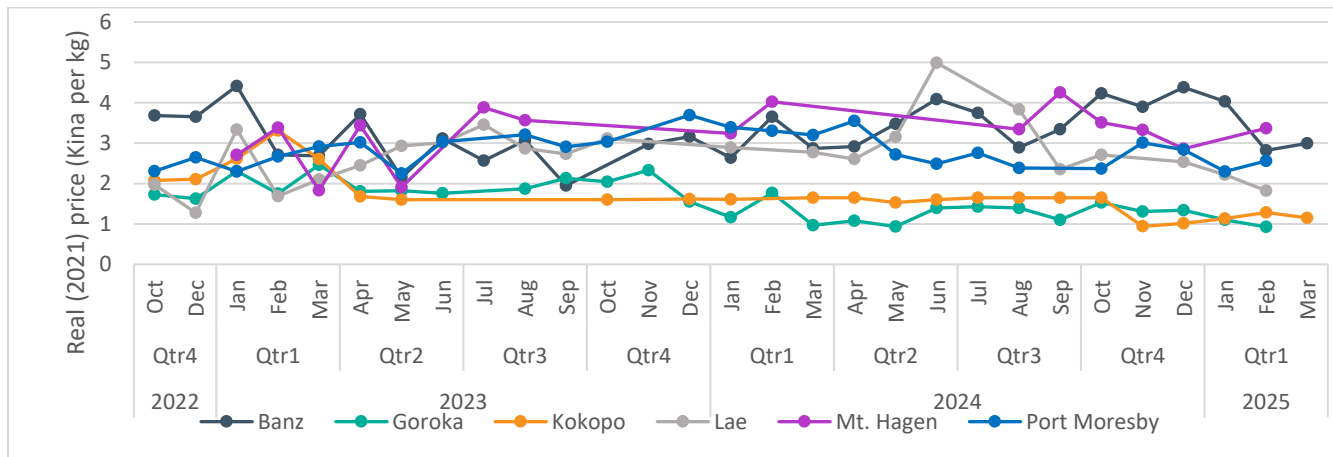
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 3: Real price of cassava across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



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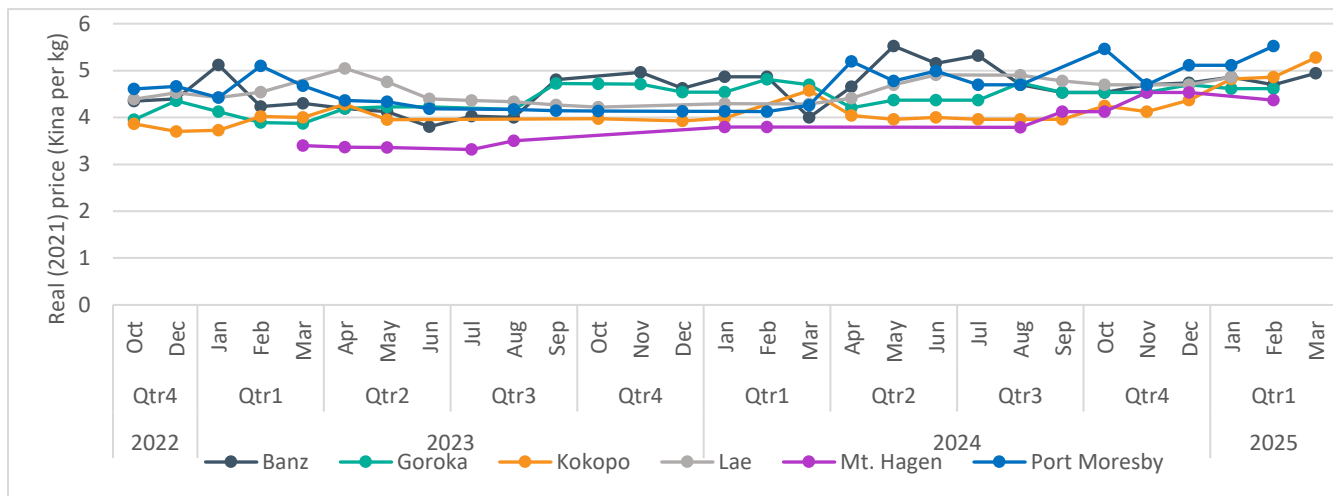
Figure 4: Real price of cooking banana across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 (October through December), the average price of rice in the first quarter of 2025 increased by 6 percent (Figure 5). The highest price for a 1-kilogram bag of rice during January and February, 2025 was 5.5 PGK in Port Moresby while the lowest was 4.4 PGK in Mt Hagen market.

Figure 5: Real price of rice (1 kilo bag) across 6 FPDA markets



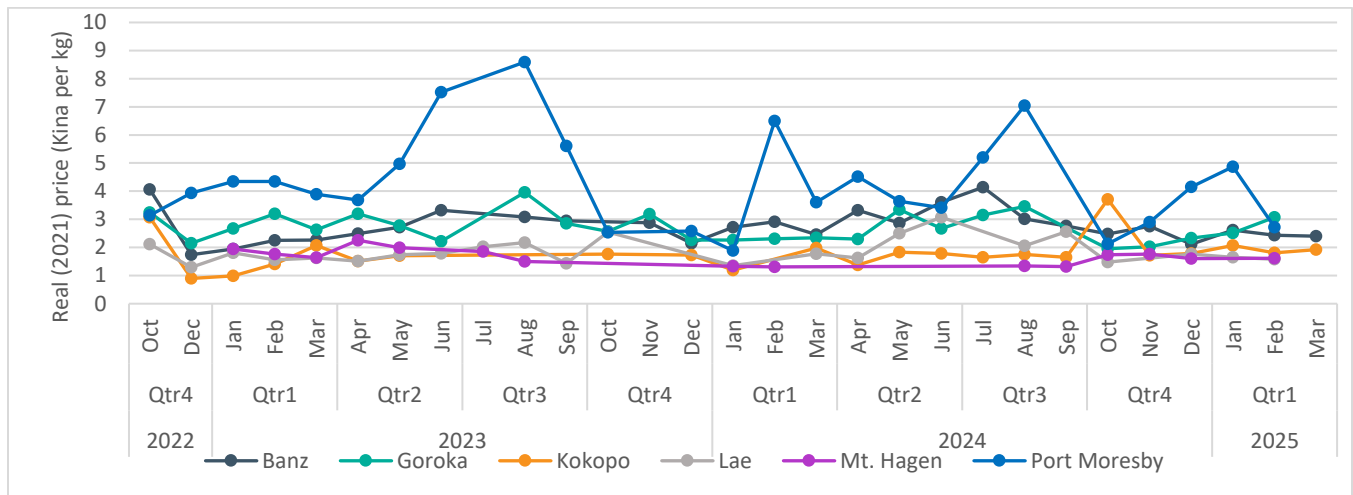
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Vitamin-dense food prices

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, prices in Port Moresby of English cabbage, carrot and choko-tips were 12 percent lower in the first two months of 2025 (between January and February), while prices of aibika and capsicum were 24 percent higher during the same period (largely offset by January prices). A kilogram of vitamin-dense vegetables such as aibika, English cabbage, capsicum, carrot and choko-tips continued to be relatively more

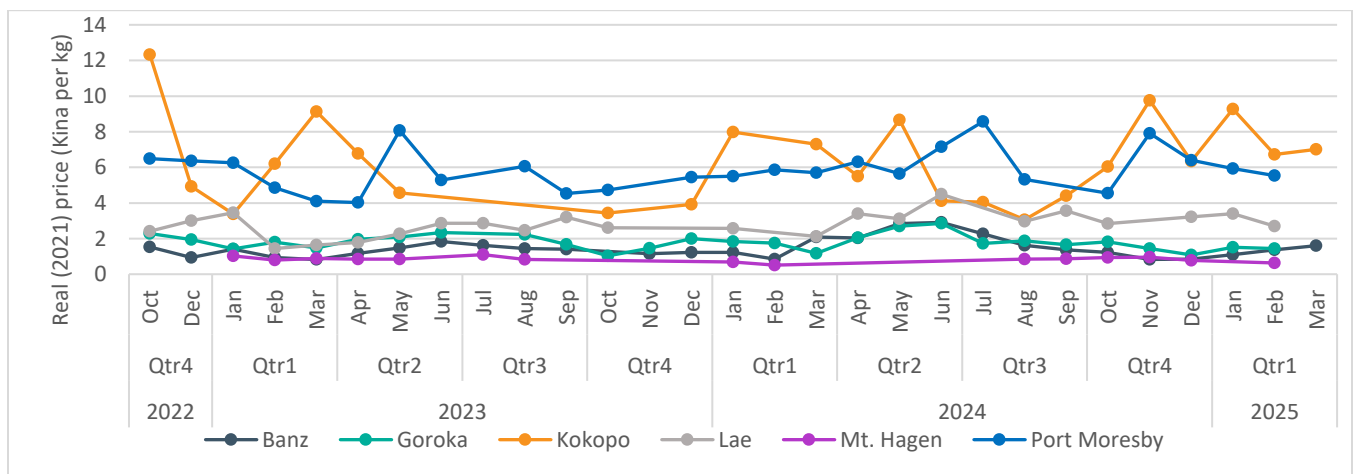
expensive in Port Moresby. However, carrots (17.9 PGK/ kg) and capsicum (8 PGK/kg) were more expensive in Kokopo than any other markets during the 1st quarter of 2025 (Figure 6, 7 and 9).

Figure 6: Real price of aibika across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



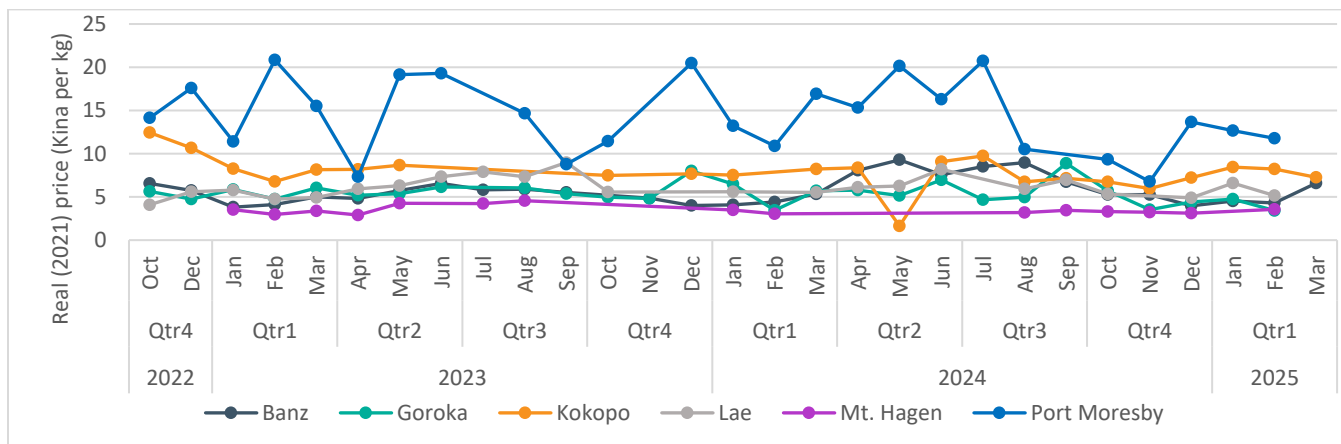
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 7: Real price of English cabbage across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



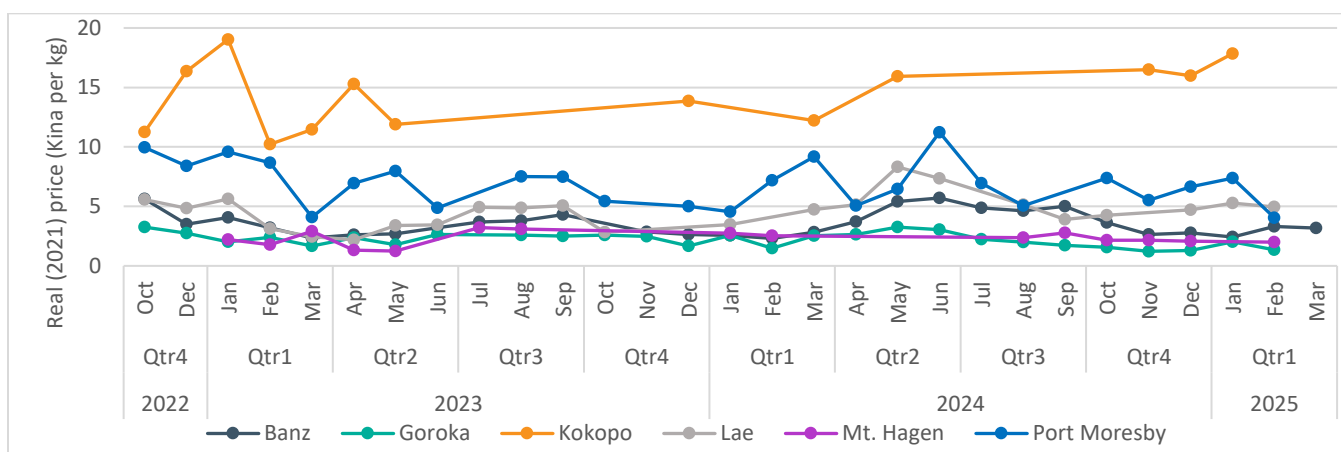
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 8: Real price of capsicum across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



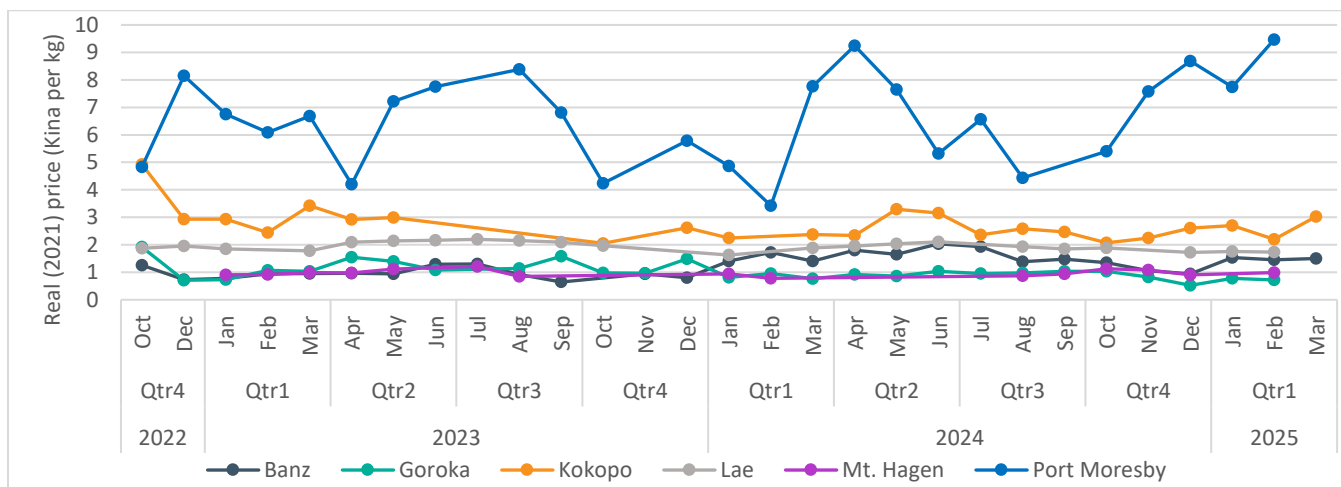
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 9: Real price of carrot across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 10: Real price of choko-tips across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)

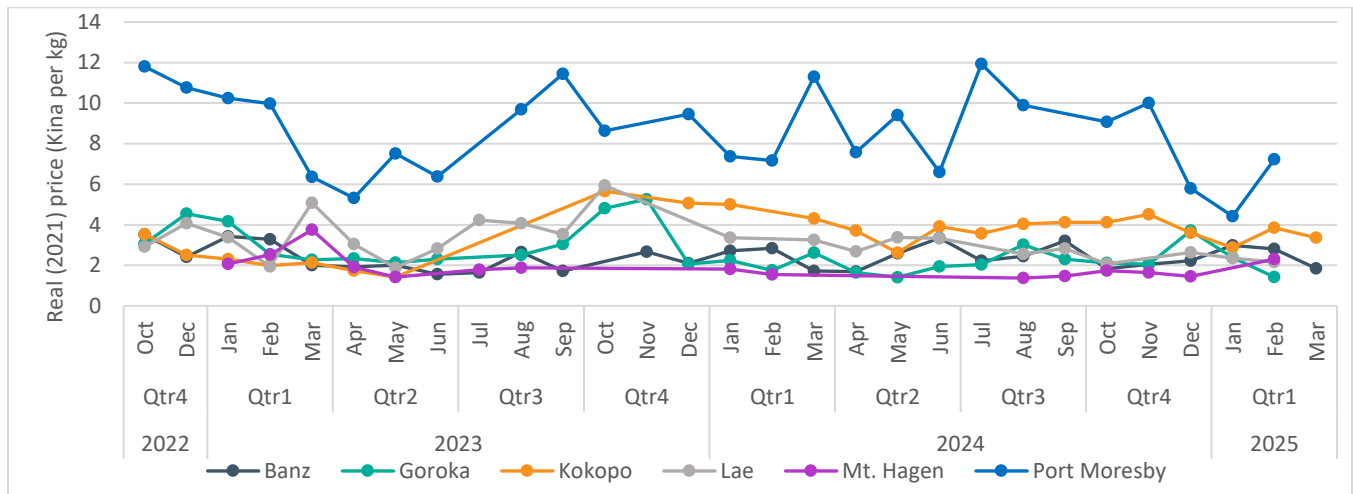


Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database. *Note: The recorded price of choko-tips for December 2024 was replaced with the 3-month average given the originally collected value was more than 2 times previous and future values. This may be due to limited supply at the market or data collection error.

Fresh fruit price trends

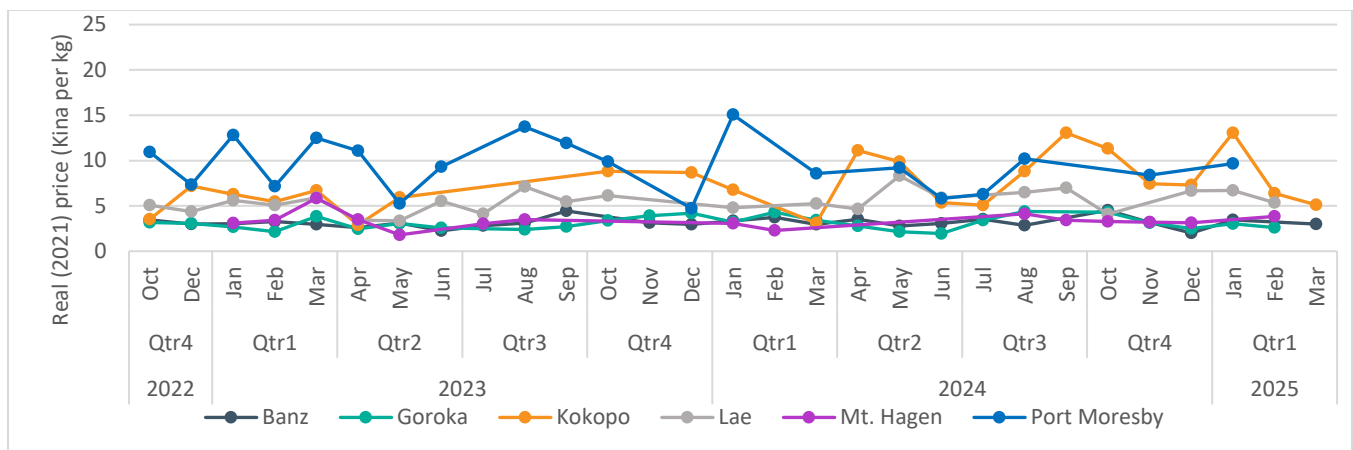
Compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 (October to December), orange and pawpaw in Port Moresby were, on average, 13 percent more expensive by the end of February 2025, while prices of lemon and pineapple were, on average, 15 percent less expensive. Overall, fruit prices in Goroka were 16 percent lower by the end of February compared to the average last quarter price of 2024 (Figure 11 – 13).

Figure 11: Real price of lemon across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



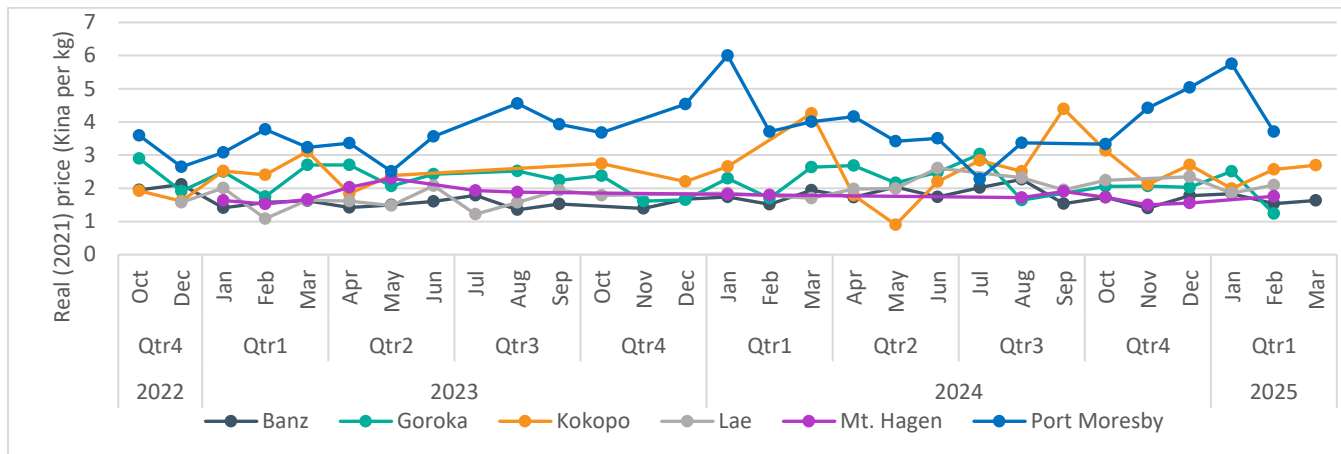
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 12: Real price of orange across 6 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



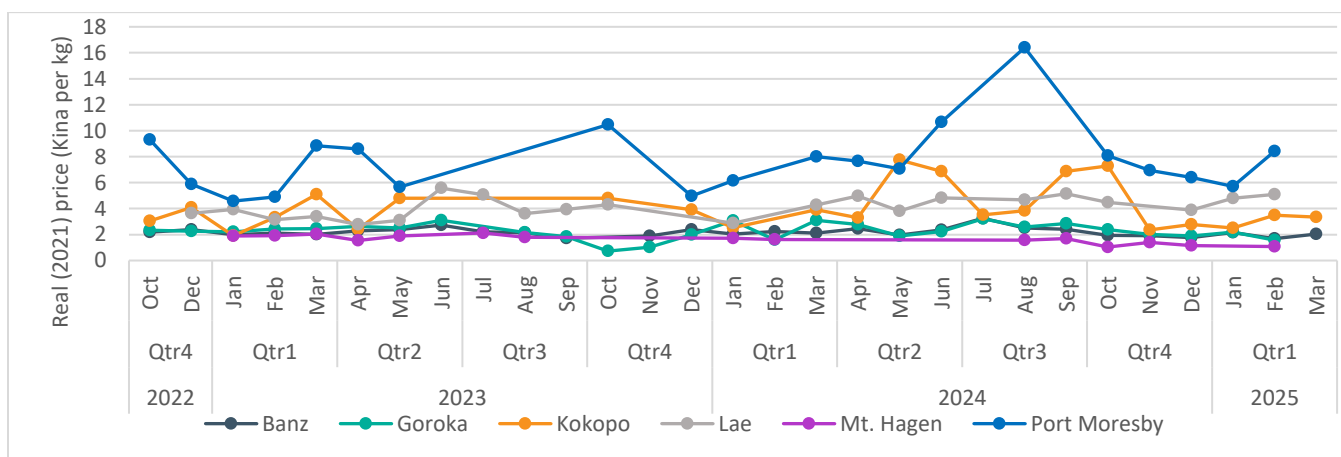
Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 13: Real price of pawpaw across 4 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



Source: Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) market retail price database.

Figure 14: Real price of pineapple across 4 FPDA markets (PGK / kg)



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