



COMMODITY: POTATO

ASSESSMENT

Consumption Requirement (Tons)			Local Production	
Annual	Monthly	Coming 3 months (Dec-Feb)	(Tons)	Deficit /Surplus (Tons)
1,98,183	16,515	49,546	54,679	-1,43,504

Currently supply of fresh potato is arriving from Khushab, Attock, Sialkot & Gujranwala, etc.

FORECASTING

- Local supply of fresh potato has been commenced, supply will reach its full swing till mid-December, 2025 due to bulk arrival of fresh potato from core areas i.e. Okara, Pakpattan, Kasur and Sahiwal, etc.
- After mid-December, 2025, supply and price of fresh potato will turn to be normal on account of sufficient local production.
- During Ramadan 2025, price of potato are expected to remain on lower side as a result of availability of fresh local crop.

MITIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Monthly consumption requirement of potato for district Lahore is 16,515 tons and daily requirement is 551 tons. During Ramzan-2025, monthly demand will be increased up to 33,031 tons. DC Lahore with the help of local commission agents should ensure maximum supply of potato from core producing districts of potato i.e. Okara, Pakpattan, Kasur and Sahiwal, etc to overcome annual deficit of 1,43,504 tons and also arrange sufficient stocks to meet demand during Ramzan-2025. EADA (E&M) and Secretary MC will assist DC Lahore in this regard.
- DC Lahore through EADA(E&M) & Secretary MC should ensure fair auction process of potato.
- DC Lahore through Price Control Magistrates should rationalize the gap between notified rates and spot rates.



COMMODITY: ONION

ASSESSMENT

Consumption Requirement (Tons)			Local Production	
Annual	Monthly	Coming 3 months (Dec-Feb)	(Tons)	Deficit /Surplus (
1,48,247	12,354	37,062	622	-1,47,625

Currently main supply of onion is arriving from Afghanistan, Balochistan and Sindh

FORECASTING

(Tons)

- Supply of onion from Sindh has been started, will reach its full swing during 1st week of January, 2024, leading to stable supply & price situation thereafter.
- During Ramadan-2025, supply of onion will be available in bulk from Sindh and some arrival from South Punjab will also be commenced.
- Local production season in Punjab will begin in March, 2025.

MITIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Monthly consumption requirement of onion for district Lahore is 12,354 tons and daily requirement is 412 tons. During Ramzan-2025, monthly demand will be increased up to 1,8531 tons. DC Lahore should ensure future contracts with the help of local commission agents to ensure supply of onion as per requirement from major producing districts of Sindh i.e. Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Matiari, Sanghar & S.B. Abad to bridge gap between demand & supply and meet the requirement of Ramzan-2025. EADA (E&M) and Secretary MC will assist DC Lahore in this regard.
- Deputy Director Agriculture (Extension) Lahore should enhance local production either by increasing cultivated area further 29,763 acres or promoting intercropping technique as well as vertical expansion (varietal improvement) to overcome deficit of 1,47,625 tons per annum. Production period of onion in Punjab should also be expanded to cater for consumption requirement.



COMMODITY: TOMATO

ASSESSMENT

Consumption Requirement (Tons)			Local Production	
Annual	Monthly	Coming 3 months (Dec-Feb)	(Tons)	Deficit /Surplus (Tons)
79,585	6,632	19,896	260	-79,325

Currently main supply of tomato is arriving from KPK and Sindh

FORECASTING

- Tomato prices are anticipated to decline after mid-December, 2024 on account of bulk supply from Sindh.
- During Ramzan 2025, Punjab will fulfil its consumption requirement of tomato from Sindh.
- Local production season of tomato in Punjab will commence during April, after Ramzan, 2025.

MITIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Monthly consumption requirement of tomato for district Lahore is 6,632 tons and daily requirement is 221 tons. During Ramzan-2025, monthly demand will be increased up to 9,948 tons. DC Lahore should ensure future contracts with the help of local commission agents to ensure supply of tomato as per requirement from major producing districts of Sindh i.e. Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Matiari & T.M.Khan to bridge gap between demand & supply and meet the requirement of Ramzan-2025. EADA (E&M) and Secretary MC will assist DC Lahore in this regard.
- Deputy Director Agriculture (Extension) Lahore should enhance local production either by increasing cultivated area further 15,255 acres or promoting intercropping technique as well as vertical expansion (varietal improvement) to over come deficit of 79,325 tons per annum. Production period of tomato in Punjab should also be expanded to cater for consumption requirement.



COMMODITY: GRAM

ASSESSMENT Consumption Requirement (Tons) Annual Monthly Coming 3 months (Dec-Feb) 20,286 1,691 5,072 0 -20,286

- Local gram crop is mostly grown in Thal / rainfed areas of Punjab i.e. Bhakkar, Khushab, Jhang, Layyah, etc.
- As a result of climate change /less rainfalls during production season, local crop is experiencing failure over the last three years, resulting in stress supply situation.

FORECASTING

- International prices have significantly declined, resulting in smooth import at low cost, accordingly local price of gram has decreased.
- The consumption requirement during Ramadan-2025 will be met through available stocks and import of gram from other countries.
- Local crop will be available during April, 2025 after the month of Ramzan-2025.

MITIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Monthly consumption requirement of gram for district Lahore is 1,691 tons and daily requirement is 56 tons. During Ramzan-2025, monthly demand will be increased up to 3,381 tons. DC Lahore with the help of local commission agents/traders should ensure maximum supply of gram through importers based in Faisalabad and from core producing districts to overcome annual deficit of 20,286 tons and also arrange sufficient stocks to meet demand during Ramzan-2025. EADA (E&M) and Secretary MC will assist DC Lahore in this regard.
- Deputy Director Agriculture (Extension) Lahore should introduce cultivation of gram in Lahore along with promotion of intercropping technique.
- DC Lahore through Price Control Magistrates should control hoarding and over profiteering by the traders.



COMMODITY: MOONG

ASSESSMENT Consumption Requirement (Tons) Annual Monthly Coming 3 months (Dec-Feb) 10,923 910 2,731 - - -10,923

- Local moong crop is mostly grown in Thal areas of Punjab i.e. Mianwali, Bhakkar, Kot Adu, D.G. Khan & R.Y.Khan.
- This year crop affected due to rain fall at the time of harvesting, therefore supply is under stress.
- However, during year 2021-22 record production of 2,49,800 tons was attained, which has been declined to 1,15,630 tons during year 2024-25.

FORECASTING

- As a result of low production, price of moong is exhibiting increasing trend as compared to last year.
- Prices of other pulses are also on higher side, leading to increase in price of moong as a substitute effect.
- Resultantly, prices of moong are likely to remain on higher side during Ramzan-2025.

MITIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Monthly consumption requirement of moong for district Lahore is 910 tons and daily requirement is 30 tons. During Ramzan-2025, monthly demand will
 be increased up to 1,365 tons. DC Lahore with the help of commission agents/traders in Akbari Mandi should ensure maximum supply of moong from
 core producing districts (Mianwali, Bhakkar, Kot Adu, D.G. Khan & R.Y.Khan) to overcome annual deficit of 10,923 tons and also arrange sufficient stocks
 to meet demand during Ramzan-2025. EADA (E&M) and Secretary MC will assist DC Lahore in this regard.
- DC Lahore should conduct stocks taking exercise regularly and arrange requisite stocks for month of Ramzan, 2025 almost 2 months before its commencement.
- DC Lahore through Price Control Magistrates should control hoarding and over profiteering by the traders.



COMMODITY: MASH

ASSESSMENT

Consumption Requirement (Tons)			Local Production	
Annual	Monthly	Coming 3 months (Dec-Feb)	(Tons)	Deficit /Surplus (Tons)
7,802	650	1,951	-	-7,802

- Domestic production of Mash is negligible, therefore 97% of its consumption requirement is met through import.
- 10 years ago, during 2013-14 local production of Mash in Punjab was recorded 5938 tons, which has been reduced to 680 tons during 2023-24.

 During year 2013-14, major producing districts of Mash in Punjab were Narowal, Sialkot, Rawalpindi, Chakwal & Jhelum, etc but now production has been limited to only Narowal, Gujrat & Rawalpindi.

FORECASTING

- On account of considerable decrease in international prices, local price of Mash has declined and is expected to further decline in coming days.
- In order to meet the requirement during Ramadan-2025, sufficient stock and smooth import of Mash are imperative.

MITIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Monthly consumption requirement of mash for district Lahore is 650 tons and daily requirement is 22 tons. During Ramzan-2025, monthly demand will
 be increased up to 975 tons. DC Lahore with the help of commission agents/traders of Akbari Mandi should ensure maximum supply of mash through
 import to overcome annual deficit of 7,802 tons and also arrange required stock to meet demand during Ramzan-2025. EADA (E&M) and Secretary MC
 will assist DC Lahore in this regard.
- DC Lahore should conduct stock taking exercise regularly and arrange requisite stock for month of Ramzan, 2025 almost 2 months before its commencement.
- DC Lahore through Price Control Magistrates should control hoarding and over profiteering by the traders.



COMMODITY: MASOOR

ASSESSMENT Consumption Requirement (Tons) Annual Monthly Coming 3 months (Dec-Feb) 9,363 780 2,341 - - -9,363

- Domestic production of Masoor is negligible, therefore 92% of its consumption requirement is met through import.
- 10 years ago, during 2013-14 local production of Masoor in Punjab was recorded 4,246 tons, which has been reduced to 573 tons during 2023-24.
- During year 2013-14, major producing districts of Masoor in Punjab were Rawalpindi, Chakwal, Narowal, Jhelum, Gujrat, Jhang, Layyah, Muzaffargarh & M.B.Din & T.T. Singh but now production has been limited to only Attock, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, etc.

FORECASTING

- Subsequent to decline in international prices, local prices of Masoor are likely to remain stable.
- Sufficient stocks and smooth import of Masoor will be required to meet consumption requirement during Ramzan-2025.

MITIGATIVE STRATEGY

- Monthly consumption requirement of masoor for district Lahore is 780 tons and daily requirement is 26 tons. During Ramzan-2025, monthly demand
 will be increased up to 1,170 tons. DC Lahore with the help of commission agents/traders of Akbari Mandi should ensure maximum supply of masoor
 through import to overcome annual deficit of 9,363 tons and also arrange required stock to meet demand during Ramzan-2025. EADA (E&M) and
 Secretary MC will assist DC Lahore in this regard.
- DC Lahore should conduct stock taking exercise regularly and arrange requisite stock for month of Ramzan, 2025 almost 2 months before its commencement.
- DC Lahore through Price Control Magistrates should control hoarding and over profiteering by the traders.