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## Monthly Critical Commodities Bulletin

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## Ministry of Commerce and Industry

The Commerce Today Monthly Critical Commodities Bulletin is a product of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry developed to inform the public on key commodities inventory and pricing on a monthly basis. The data reported is gathered based on assessment of import documents, which include commercial invoice, assessment notice, single administrative document, clean report of findings, and targeted market sample surveys.

The below analyzed prices are contingent on inflation, exchange rate, import duties, shipping costs, insurance, licensing and registration fees and other administrative overheads.

## Major Commodities Summary

### Rice

- **Current Warehouse Stock:** 87,987.87 MT or 3,519,515(25 kg bags)
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** 29,168.81MT or 1,166,725.50 (25kg bags)
- **Current Annual Consumption:** 350,025.72MT or 14,001,028.80(25kg bags)
- **Imported Stock Duration:** Up to Nov. 25, 2015
- **Retail Price Range: Urban:** \$14.50 – \$16.50/25kg, **Rural:** Add average regional transportation cost to retail price (see page 2)
- **Confirmed Pending Orders:** 22,000MT or 880,000 (25kg bags) July '25
- **Pending Orders:** 4,273.90 MT or 170,956 (25kg bags) Aug. –Oct.
- **Domestic Production:** TBD by MoA

### Petroleum

- **Current Stock: Gasoline (PMS):**16,224.50MT (5,678,575 gallons); **Diesel (AGO):** 24,994.07MT (7,673,179 gallons); **Jet A-1:** 3,063.168 MT (980,214 gallons)
- **Total Stock Duration:** Average 57.5 days
- **Current Monthly Consumption: PMS:**150,000 gallons/day; **AGO:** 100,000 gallons/day; **Jet A-1:** 87,000 gallon/day
- **Retail Price Ceiling: AGO:** \$3.41; **PMS:** \$3.13 **Jet A-1:** US\$2.99
- **Pending Orders (Confirmed): AGO:** 15,000 MT **PMS:** 11,000 MT

### Cement

- **Current Stock:** 1647,159 (50kg bags)
- **Stock Duration:** Local Manufacturer CEMENCO: average production is 16,000 (50kg bags/day)
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** 600,000 50KG bags monthly
- **Retail Price Range: Urban:** \$8.50 – 8.75/50kg, **Rural:** \$9 - 10 /50kg
- **Pending Orders:** 35,000MT or 700,000

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Petroleum Prices	Wholesale / Retail	Gasoline (PMS)	Fuel Oil (AGO)
Data based on international Platts Energy Company's publication, CBL's end-of-period rate (US\$1 to L\$89) and Liberia's markup regime.	Wholesale Selling Price	US\$3.03	US\$2.95
	Retail Pump Price	US\$3.21/ LD\$285.00	US\$3.13/ LD\$280.00

Rice/25KG/Brand	Whole-sale Price	Urban Retail Price	Average Cost of Rural Transportation in USD			
			Central	Eastern	West	South-East
Indian Parboiled IR64 5% broken; <b>Brands:</b> Bellaluna, Mario, Peacock, Lion/Blue, and the Pink Bag	16.00	16.50	1.31	0.79	1.66	3.78
Indian Parboiled 100% broken, <b>Brands:</b> Anchor, Crown, Finda, Liberty, Lady Noora	14.00	14.50	1.31	0.79	1.66	3.78

**Eastern:** Rural Montserrado, Margibi, Bassa and Rivercess Counties  
**Western:** Bomi, Cape Mount and Gbarpolu Counties  
**Central:** Bong, Nimba and Lofa Counties  
**South East:** Grand Gedeh, River Gee, Maryland, Sinoe and Grand Kru Counties

Other Essential Product	Retail Pricing		
	Low	High	
Refined Vegetable Palm Oil (Olein 5lt)	US19.89	US22.87	
Wheat Flour 50kg	US33.59	36.95	
Onions (10kg)	35/50MM	US5.83	US6.41
	60/80MM	US7.23	US8.32
Iodized Salt(sachet)	US2.83	US3.11	
Sachet Water/20 sachets per bag	LD75	LD90	
Engine Oil Virco SAE 50 12X1LT	US26.15	US32.68	
Charcoal (bag)	LD300	LD350.00	

**Note:** Prices are in USD, unless stated otherwise

### Local Production - Private Sector Spotlight

Company:	BRAVO-Sister Enterprise
Product	Gari
Unit	50, 10, 5KG Bags
Price	US\$3.25-37.00 per bag
Summary:	Bravo –Sister Enterprise is a Liberian local MSME business that is involved in the production and packaging of local Gari on the Liberian Market.  Bravo- Sister Enterprise is located on the UN Drive, opposite Fouani Brothers.
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### Transportation Corner

Redlight to:		
Destination in L\$	Bus	Taxi
Nikilylay Town	25	40
Stephen Tolbert Estates	10	20
Bardnersville Estates	15	25
Bardnersville Junction	10	20
Gardnerville Supermarket	15	25
New Georgia Junction	15	25
Iron Factory	20	35
Topoe Village	20	35
Freeport	25	40
Logen Town	30	55