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The Commerce Today Monthly Critical Commodities Bulletin is a product of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry developed by the Bureau of Commerce and Trade to inform the public on key commodities inventory and pricing on a monthly basis. The data reported are 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, which may also be due to the exchanged rate.

Major Commodities Summary

Rice

- **Current Stock:** 4,955,228 (25 kg bags) or 123,880.70 MT
- **Stock Duration:** Through November 20, 2024
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** 25,169.10 MT or 1,006,764 (25kg bags) but varies monthly.
- **Retail Price Range:** **Urban:** \$16.75 – \$18.00/25kg, **Rural:** \$20-23/25kg
- **Pending Orders:** 118,500 MT due between August – Dec. 20, 2024

Petroleum Please note: LPRC provides the data to MOCI to analyze

- **Current Stock: Gasoline (PMS):** 9,963.43 MT (gallons); **Diesel (AGO):** 35,057.98 MT (gallons); **Jet A-1:** N/A
- **Stock Duration:** Average - days as of May 17, 2024
- **Current Monthly Consumption: (PMS) 250,000** gallons/day, **(AGO) 300,000** gallons/day or gallons per week/ ---k gallons per month)
- **Retail Price Ceiling: AGO:** \$4.61; **PMS:** \$4.18
- **Pending Orders (Sept.): AGO: 1.5M** gallons; **PMS: 3.1M** gallons

Cement

- **Current Stock:** 968,000 (50kg bags)
- **Stock Duration:** Local Manufacturers CEMENCO, Star Cement, and Fouta Corp. average production is 66,750 (50kg bags/week)
- **Current Monthly Consumption:** varies
- **Retail Price Range: Urban:** \$7.50 – 8.50/50kg, **Rural:** \$9.00 – 10.00 /50kg

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Petroleum Prices	Wholesale / Retail	Gasoline (PMS)	Fuel Oil (AGO)
Data based on monthly petroleum circular based on international Platts publication. CBL's daily rate as at Aug. 6 th (US\$1 to L\$194) and Liberia's markup regime.	Wholesale Selling Price	US\$3.90	US\$4.33
	Retail Price	Pump US\$4.18/ LD\$810.00	US\$4.61/ LD\$895.00

Importers of Rice/25kg/brand On the local mkt	Wholesale Price	Urban Retail Price	Rural Retail Price
SWAT: Bellaluna IR64	16.75	17.25-17-50	19.00-22:00
UCI: Indian Parboiled IR64 5% broken	16.75	17.25-17-50	19.00-22:00
K&K: Mario Indian Parboiled 5% broken	16.75	17.25-17-50	19.00-22:00
Fouta: Horse 5% broken	16.75	17.25-17-50	19.00-22:00
Fouani: Star 5% broken	16.75	17.25-17-50	19.00-22:00
A-Z: Vita 5% broken	16.75	17.25-17-50	19.00-22:00

Product/	Retail Price Range	Low High
Charcoal (bag)	LD850.00	LD800.00
Flour	USD42.00(50lb)	USD22.00(25lb)
Onions (10kg)	35/50MM	USD14.00
	60/80MM	USD15.00
Sugar (50kg)	USD50.00	USD48.00
Eggs cartoon	USD42.00	USD40.00
Mackerel Fish (20kg cartoon)	USD36.00	USD35.00
Chicken feet (10kg cartoon)	USD24.00	USD20.00

Note: Prices in USD, unless stated otherwise

Local Production - Private Sector Spotlight

Company:	Liberia Bottling Water & Juice Corp. (BRAVO Water)				
Product	Bottle Mineral Water				
Quantity Produced	1.5 ltrs	0.5 ltrs	Nil	Nil	Nil
Price/pack	\$2.00	\$2.00			
Summary:	Liberia Bottling Water & Juice Corp. is a local manufacturer of mineral water bottle, which is produced and sold on the local market.				
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Transportation Corner/Ministry of Transport

BROAD STREET to:		
Destination in LD\$	Bus	Taxi
UL	\$100.00	\$30.00
Monrovia City Hall	\$100.00	\$30.00
12 Street Sinkor	\$100.00	\$50.00
20 Street Sinkor	\$100.00	\$80.00
24 Street Sinkor	\$100.00	\$80.00
Airfield Sinkor	\$100.00	\$80.00
Old Matadi Estate	\$100.00	\$100.00
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Old Road, Congo Town	\$100.00	\$100.00
Catholic Hospital Junction	\$100.00	\$100.00