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Metro Manila Markets Well Supplied With Agricultural Food Items

Metro Manila markets were observed to be sufficiently supplied with basic and prime food items during the week in review. Prices of most indicator food products remained stable this week as supply amply met market needs.



Fishery products, likewise, retained their previous week's prevailing prices at retail trading. Tilapia, milkfish and roundscad (galunggong) were priced at P100, P120, and P140 per kilogram, respectively. The only exemption was Spanish mackerel (alumahan) which consumers paid an additional P20 per kilogram from last week's asking price of P160.

At the fruit markets, retail prices of bananas (lakatan, latundan and saba), papaya and pineapple remained stable. Inflow of summer fruits like melons, starapples and other varieties of mango like pico and Indian were noted in most fruits stalls in Metro Manila.

At the wholesale points in Mega Q-Mart and Blumentritt, volume of deliveries of mango (carabao) coming from Luzon farms was reported. A kaing of 18 kilograms of this tropical fruit was quoted at P900 up to P1,000. Meanwhile, retail prices stayed at P100 per kilogram over the week.



Prices of mango is expected to go down with the in-coming peak season for this fruit.

At the vegetable trade, the price increments at wholesale markets for selected vegetables such as cabbage, carrots, habitchuelas, and white potato ranged from 5.57 percent up to 49.97 percent.

On the other hand, stringbeans, eggplant, and pechay (native) were cheaper at bulk trade.

The relatively slow market absorption that characterized retail trading during the week prompted retailers to maintain last week's price levels for most indicator vegetables despite the recorded higher acquisition costs at wholesale markets.

The additional deliveries of tomatoes coming from producing areas in Luzon pulled prices down during the reference week at both trade. The P25 per kilogram prevailing price at a bulk sale last week was down to P15 this week. Similarly, its retail price of P40 per kilogram last week was reduced to P35 this week.

Meanwhile, refined and brown sugar recorded a P2 per kilogram price cut at retail markets.

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