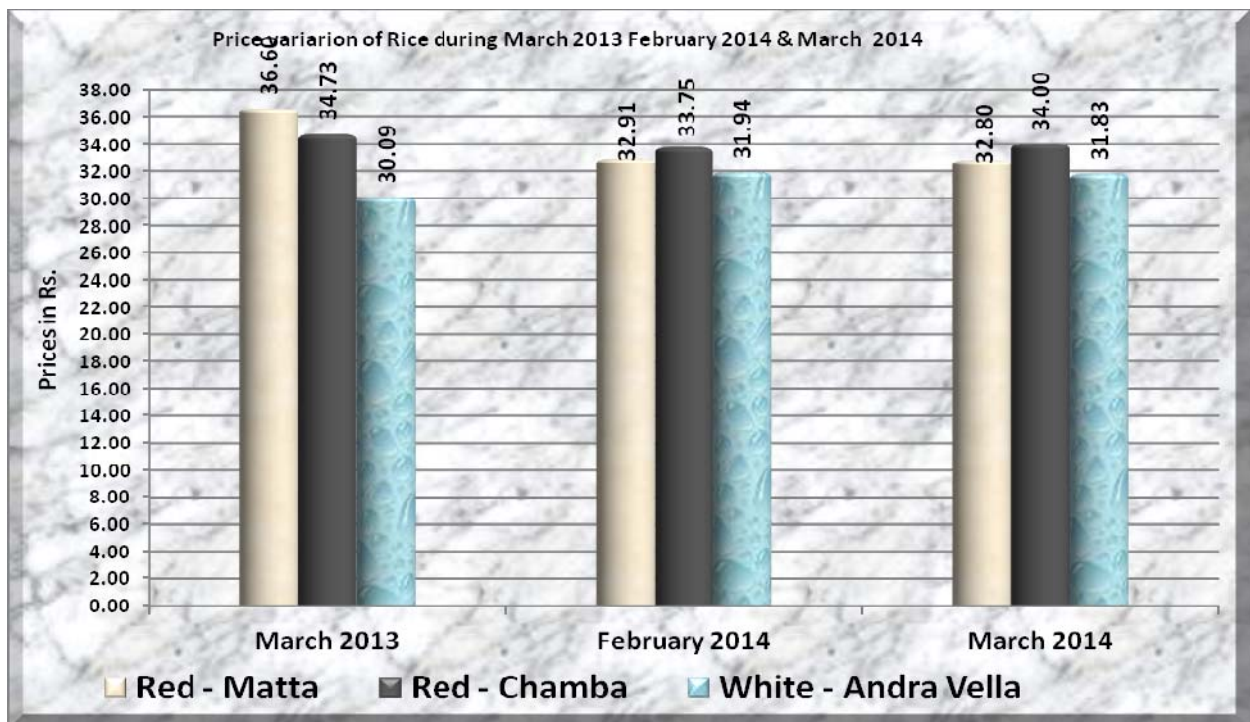




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PREFACE

Price collection is one of the major items of work undertaken by the Department of Economics and Statistics. The importance and usefulness of the information pertaining to the price movements has much significance in the context of a growing economy. This Department has been collecting different types of prices viz. Farm price, Market price, etc. (both Wholesale and Retail). These prices are being widely used for various purposes such as for the preparation of Indices, to provide compensation to Farmer's and for tendering consumable articles for Govt. Institutions. Among the Retail prices, the daily prices of fifty essential commodities being collected on daily basis from District Headquarters assumes significance, because the same is being forwarded daily to the office of the Chief Minister and Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Minister for Agriculture, Chief Secretary, Food and civil Supplies Secretary, Planning secretary, Agr.Production Commissioner, Department of Civil supplies, Reserve Bank of India etc. In addition to the daily prices, weekly prices are also being collected every Friday.

From January 2004 onwards a publication titled "PRICE BULLETIN" is being prepared and published monthly incorporating the Retail prices of main essential commodities under 8 major groups. Group wise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representations.

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Suggestions if any for improving the publication is solicited.

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REVIEW ON RETAIL PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

MARCH 2014

Introduction

This bulletin reflects the average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March 2014. A Mixed trend has been seen in the retail prices under report when compared with that of the last month As well as the corresponding month of previous year. Statement showing the monthly average retail prices of essential commodities for the month of March of the previous year 2013, previous month February 2014 and current month of March 2014 are attached and the percentage variation over previous month and current month of previous year are attached. Group Wise analysis has been made with reference to current month, previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year with suitable pictorial representation.

1. RICE

Comparison of state average Retail prices of different varieties of Rice

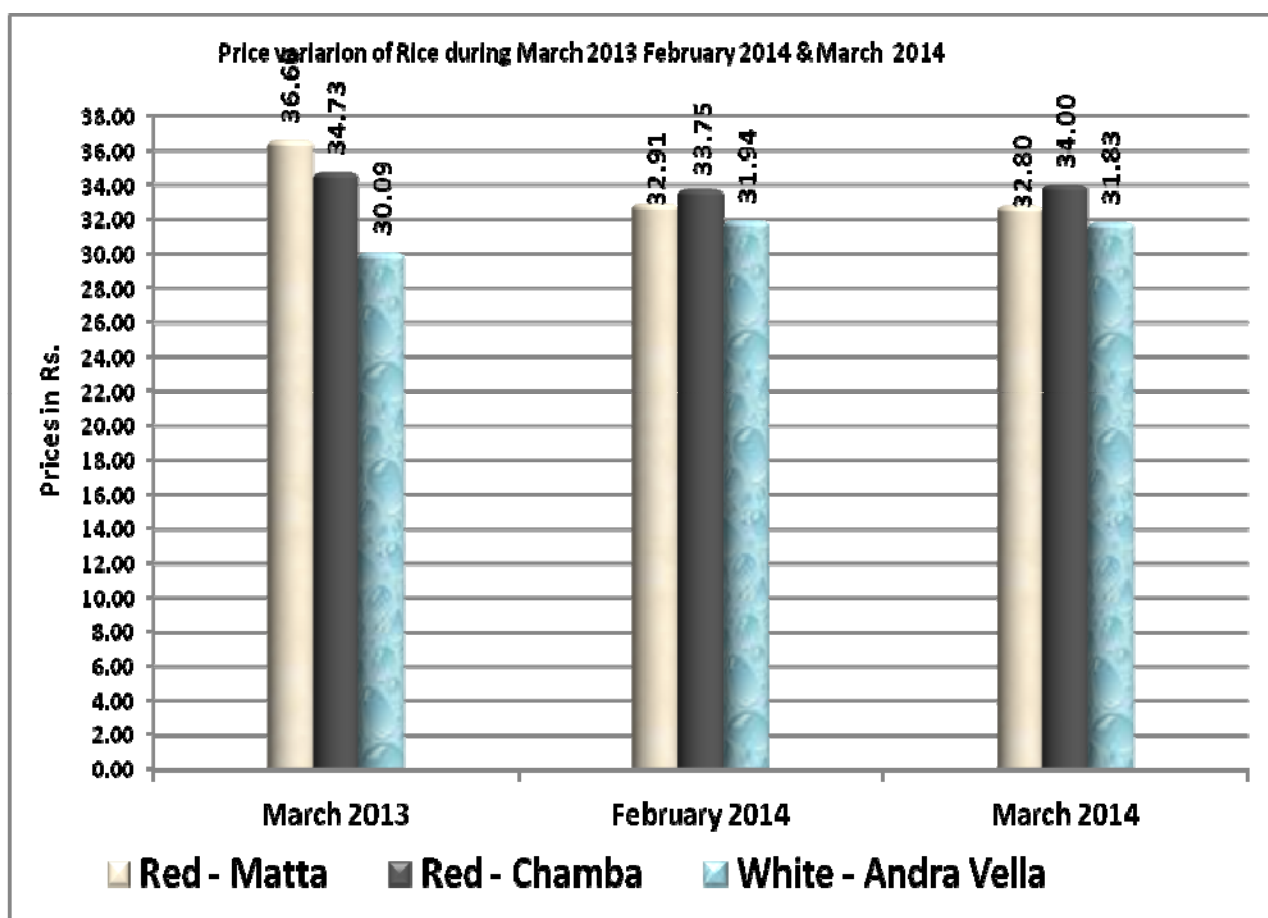
During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the retail prices of Rice when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. A nominal increase is seen in the price of Red Chamba. The price of Red Matta and White Andhra vella showed a negative change when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail prices of Red Matta and Red Chamba had decreased by 10.38% and 2.11% respectively, while the price of White Andhra vella had increased by 5.79%. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Rice.

Table-1

Sl.No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Red - Matta	Kg	36.60	32.91	32.80	-0.35	-10.38
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.73	33.75	34.00	0.73	-2.11
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.09	31.94	31.83	-0.35	5.79

Graph-1



2. PULSES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Pulses.

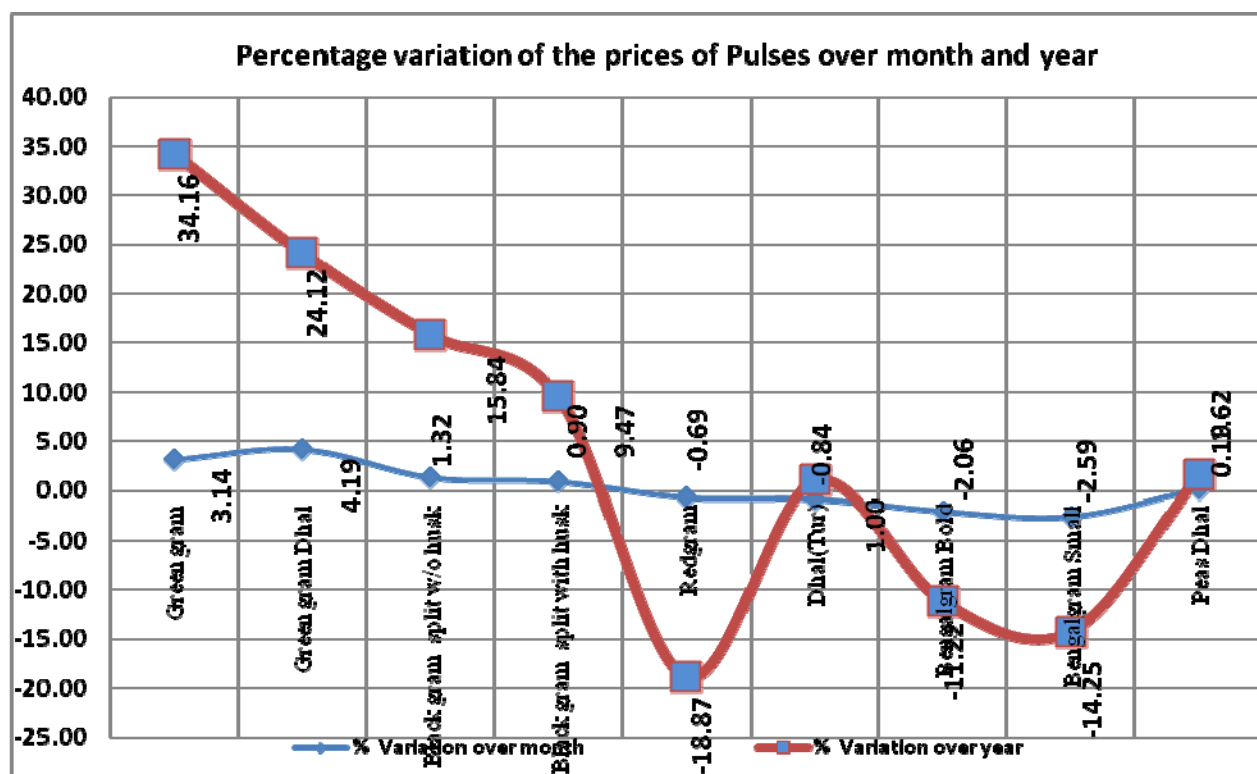
A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of pulses when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of Greengram, Greengram dhal, Black gram split w/o husk, with husk and Peas Dhal had increased by 3.14%, 4.19%, 1.32%, 0.90% and 0.19% respectively while the prices of all other items showed a negative change up to 3%, when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year, the state average retail price of Greengram, Greengram dhal, Black gram split w/o husk, with husk, Dhal (Tur) and Peas Dhal had increased by 34.16%, 24.12%, 15.84%, 9.47%, 1.00% and 1.62% respectively, while the prices of all other items showed a downward trend of 11% to 19%. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of pulses.

Table-2

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Green gram	Kg	72.91	94.84	97.82	3.14	34.16
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	82.64	98.45	102.57	4.19	24.12
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	63.68	72.81	73.77	1.32	15.84
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	61.75	67.00	67.60	0.90	9.47
5	Redgram	Kg	69.29	56.61	56.22	-0.69	-18.87
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	74.86	76.25	75.61	-0.84	1.00
7	Bengalgram Bold	Kg	64.53	58.50	57.29	-2.06	-11.22
8	Bengalgram Small	Kg	59.69	52.55	51.18	-2.59	-14.25
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	44.08	44.72	44.80	0.19	1.62

Graph - 2



3. OTHER FOOD ITEMS

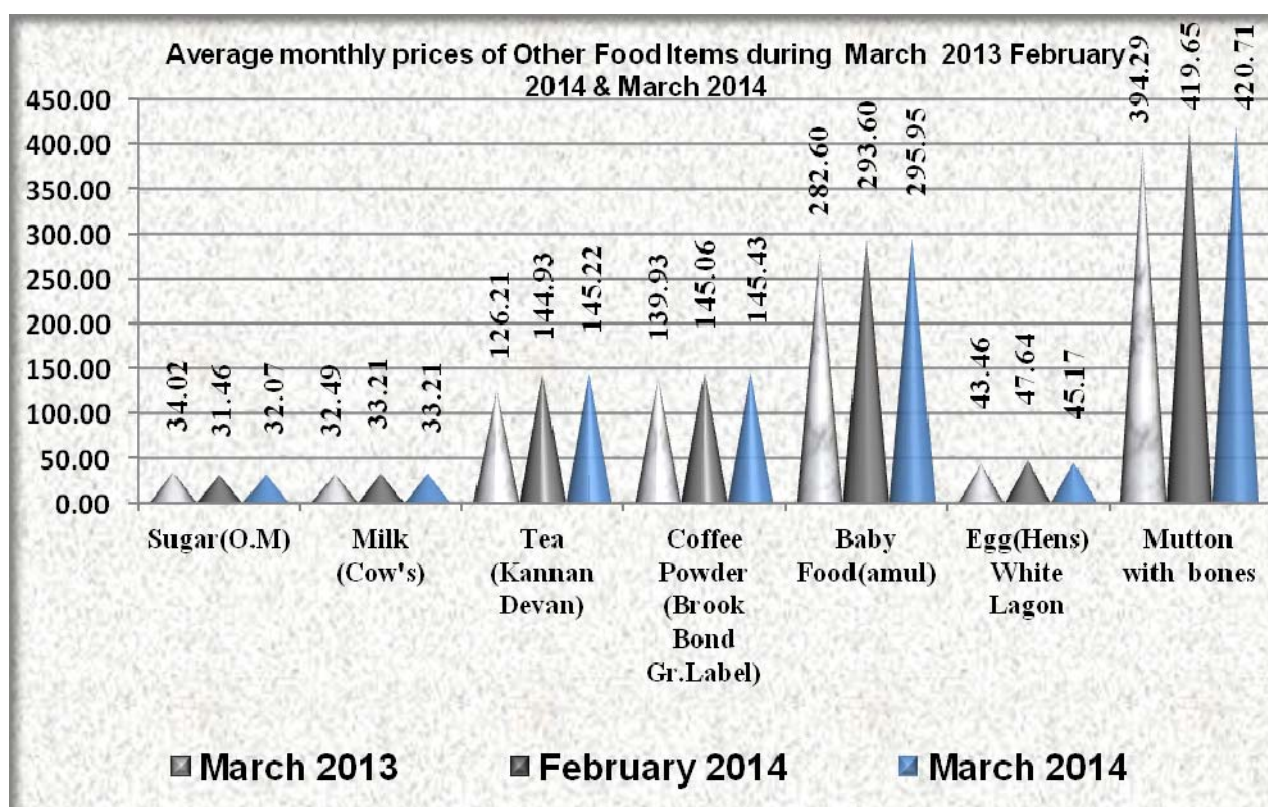
Comparison of state average Retail prices of other food items.

During this period a mixed trend was noticed in the state average retail price of other food items when compared with the price of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. The price of Egg (Hens) White Lagon showed a negative change, while the prices of all other items showed a nominal increase when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Sugar (OM) had decreased by 5.75% while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend of 2% to 15%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Tea (Kannan Devan) (15.05%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-3

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	34.02	31.46	32.07	1.94	-5.75
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.49	33.21	33.21	0.00	2.23
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	126.21	144.93	145.22	0.20	15.05
4	Coffee Powder (Brooke Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	139.93	145.06	145.43	0.26	3.93
5	Baby Food (Amul)	Kg	282.60	293.60	295.95	0.80	4.72
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	43.46	47.64	45.17	-5.18	3.95
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	394.29	419.65	420.71	0.25	6.70

Graph-3



4. OIL AND OILSEEDS

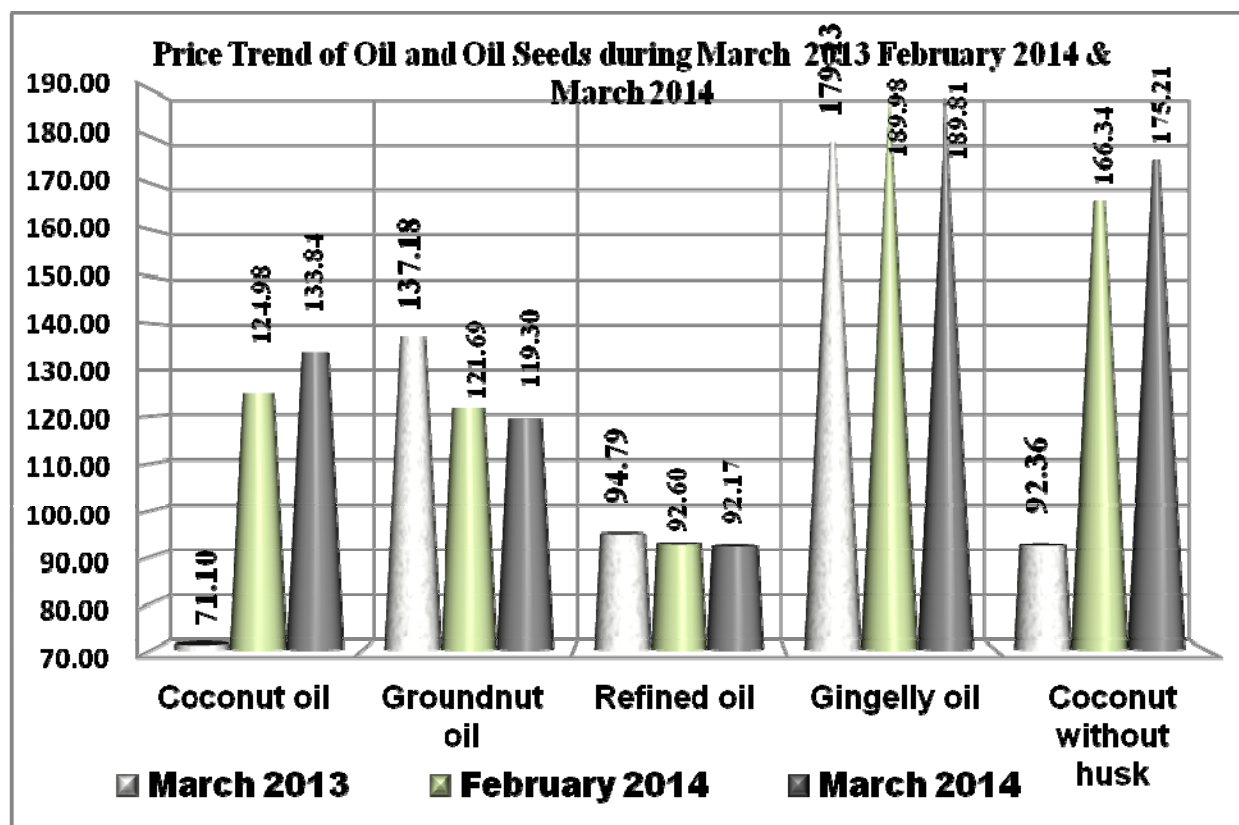
Comparison of state average Retail prices of Oil and oilseeds.

A mixed trend is still continuing in the State average retail price of oil and oil seeds when compared with the price of the previous month as well as the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of all items except coconut oil and Coconut without husk showed a downward trend when compared with the price of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items except Groundnut oil and refined oil had increased by 6% to 90%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coconut oil (88.24%) and Coconut without husk (89.71%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-4

Sl. No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over month	Over year
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	71.10	124.98	133.84	7.09	88.24
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	137.18	121.69	119.30	-1.96	-13.03
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	94.79	92.60	92.17	-0.46	-2.76
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	179.13	189.98	189.81	-0.09	5.96
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	92.36	166.34	175.21	5.33	89.71

Graph-4



5. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Spices and Condiments:

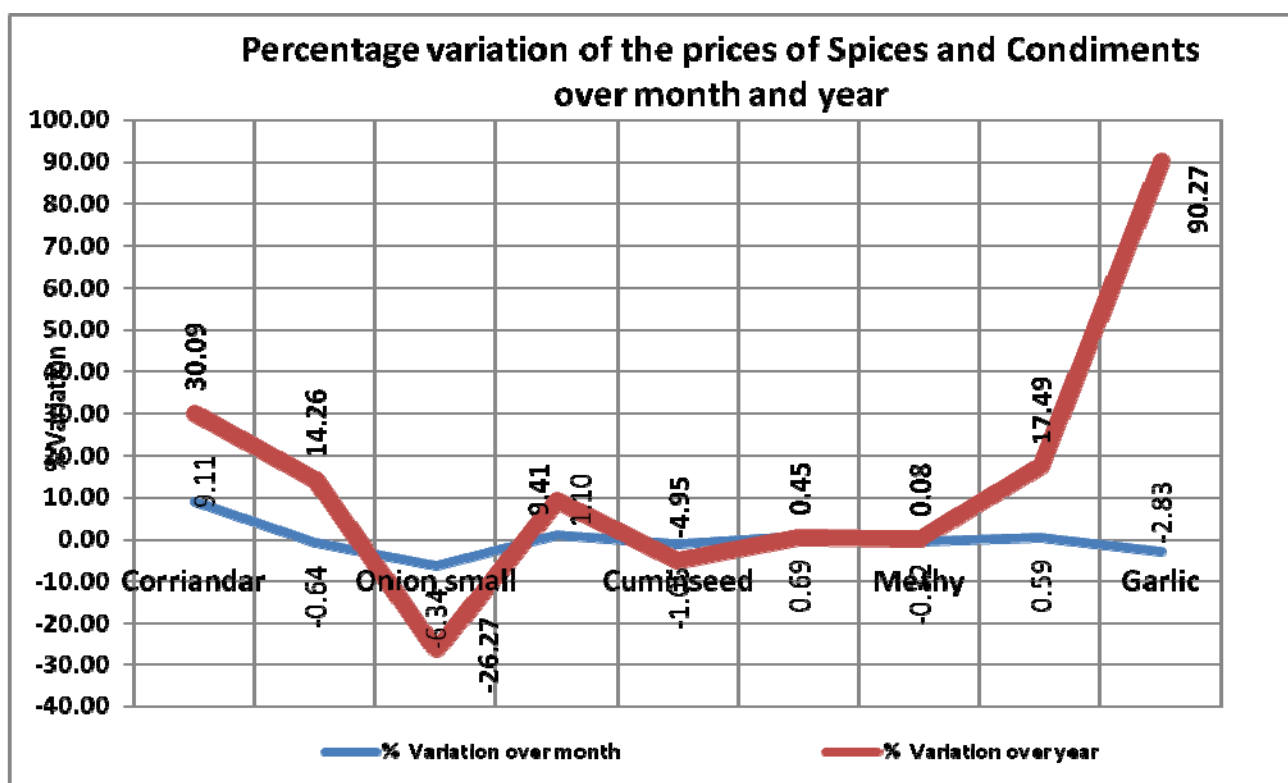
A mixed trend is seen in the retail prices of spices and condiments during the period under report when compared with the price of both the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Chilies dry, Onion small, Cuminseed, Methy, and Garlic, while the state average retail prices of all the other items showed an upward trend up to 9% when compared with the price of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of all items except Onion small and Cuminseed showed an upward trend by 1% to 90%. Notable increase was seen in the price of Coriander (30.09%), and Garlic (90.27%) when compared with the price of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-5

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Coriander	Kg.	81.39	97.04	105.88	9.11	30.09
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	84.63	97.32	96.70	-0.64	14.26
3	Onion small	Kg.	35.77	28.16	26.38	-6.34	-26.27
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	78.08	84.50	85.43	1.10	9.41
5	Cuminseed	100gm	23.26	22.34	22.11	-1.05	-4.95
6	Mustard	100gm	7.63	7.61	7.66	0.69	0.45
7	Methy	100gm	7.01	7.04	7.02	-0.32	0.08
8	Turmeric	100gm	12.72	14.86	14.95	0.59	17.49
9	Garlic	100gm	4.83	9.47	9.20	-2.83	90.27

Graph 5



6. TUBERS

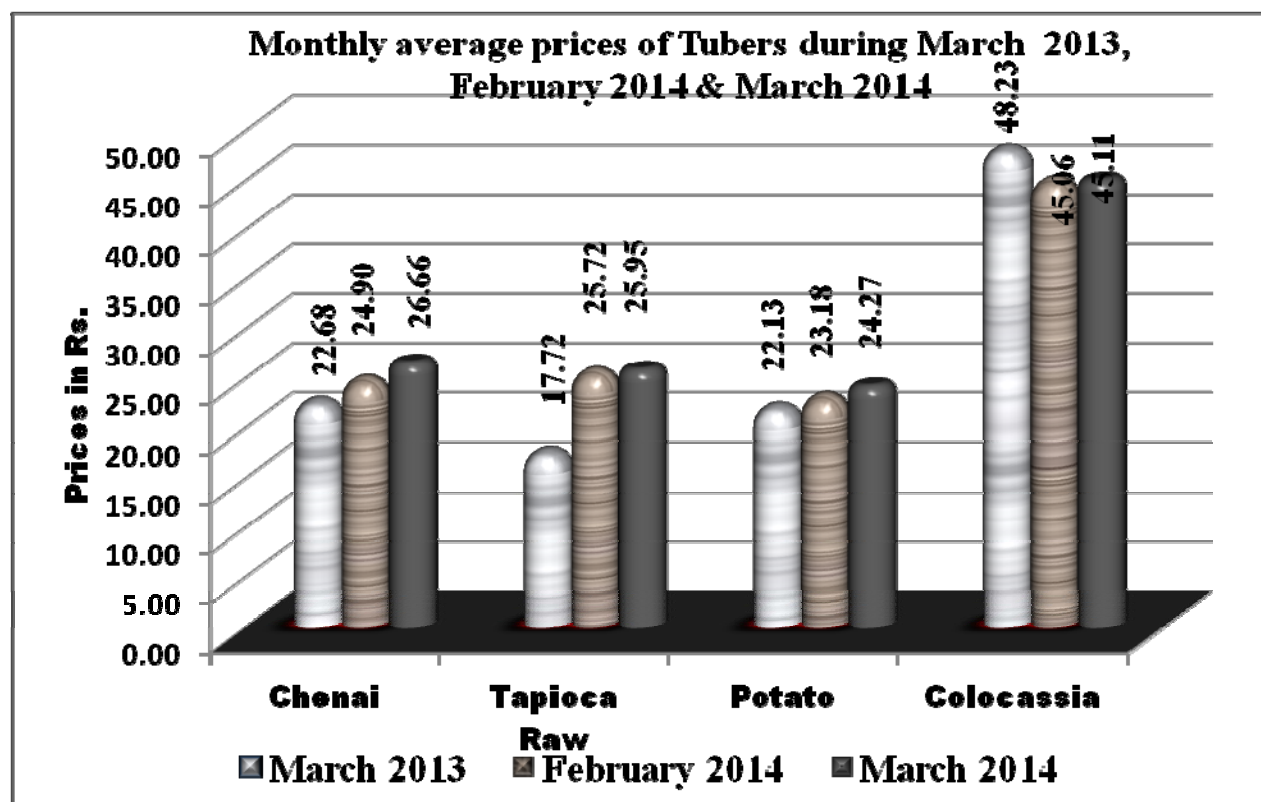
Comparison of state Average Retail prices of Tubers

During this period the prices of all items of tubers showed an upward trend up to 7% when compared with the prices of the previous month. When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the prices of Chennai, Tapioca Raw and Potato showed an increase of 17.54%, 46.40% and 9.67% respectively, while the state average retail prices of Colocassia showed a negative change. Notable increase was seen in the retail prices of Tapioca Raw (46.4%), when compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year.

Table-6

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Chennai	Kg.	22.68	24.90	26.66	7.10	17.54
2	Tapioca Raw	Kg.	17.72	25.72	25.95	0.90	46.40
3	Potato	Kg.	22.13	23.18	24.27	4.69	9.67
4	Colocassia	Kg.	48.23	45.06	45.11	0.12	-6.47

Graph 6



7. VEGETABLES

Comparison of state average Retail prices of Vegetables.

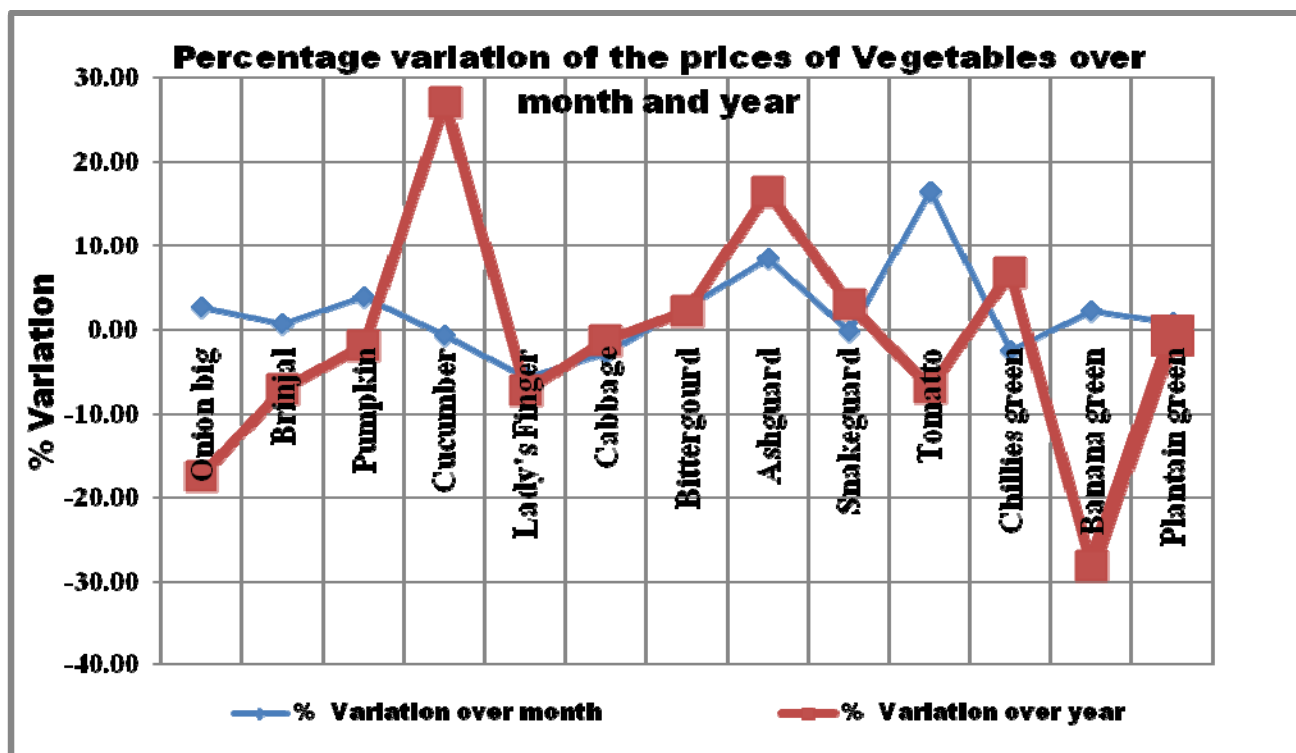
A mixed trend was observed during the month in the State average retail price of vegetables when compared with the prices of the previous month as well as that of the corresponding month of the previous year. The prices of Cucumber Lady's Finger, Cabbage, Snake gourd and Chillies green showed a negative trend of 0.78%, 5.65%, 2.85%, 0.28% and 2.51% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an upward trend of 1% to 16% when compared with the prices of the previous month.

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year the state average retail price of Onion big, Brinjal, Pumpkin, Lady's Finger, Cabbage Tomato, Banana green and Plantain green showed a negative trend of 17.50%, 7.11%, 1.93%, 7.24%, 1.30%, 6.87%, 28.15% and 0.74% respectively while the prices of all other items showed an increasing trend by 2% to 27%. The following table and diagram represents the prices and percentage variation over month and year of Vegetables.

Table-7

Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Onion big	Kg.	19.96	16.04	16.47	2.68	-17.50
2	Brinjal	Kg.	25.47	23.52	23.66	0.61	-7.11
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.44	15.54	16.13	3.80	-1.93
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.99	23.04	22.86	-0.78	27.06
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.27	38.61	36.43	-5.65	-7.24
6	Cabbage	Kg.	18.54	18.84	18.30	-2.85	-1.30
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	34.36	34.21	35.13	2.67	2.23
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	16.73	17.98	19.48	8.34	16.45
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	25.40	26.23	26.16	-0.28	3.00
10	Tomato	Kg.	15.74	12.59	14.66	16.44	-6.87
11	Chillies green	100gm	3.45	3.78	3.69	-2.51	6.76
12	Banana green	Kg.	41.50	29.20	29.82	2.14	-28.15
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.95	24.56	24.77	0.87	-0.74

Graph-7



8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Comparison of state Average Retail prices of miscellaneous items

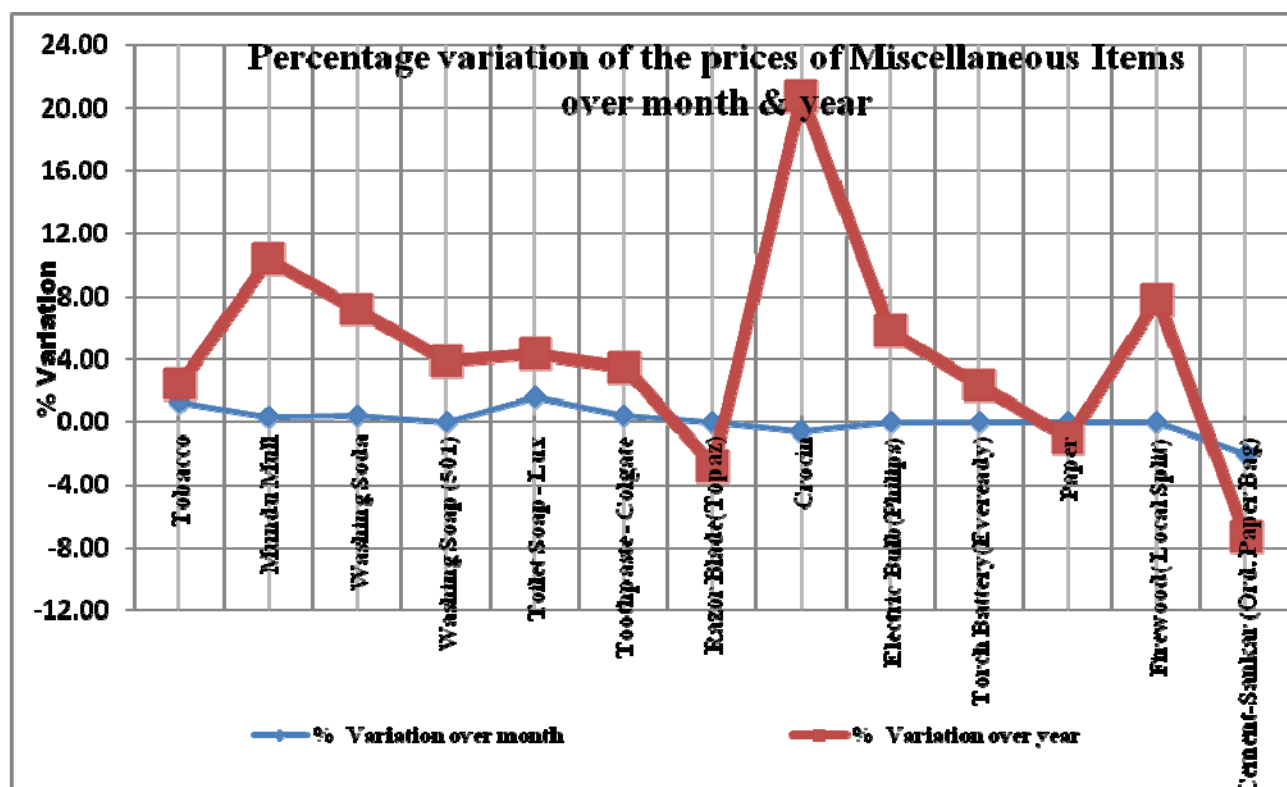
A mixed trend is still continuing in the state average retail prices of miscellaneous items when compared with the prices of the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. A negative trend is seen in the state average retail prices of Crocin and Cement –Sankar , while the prices of all the other items showed a marginal increase when compared with the prices of the previous month

When compared with the prices of the corresponding month of the previous year all items except Razor Blade (Topaz), Paper and Cement- Sankar showed an increasing trend by 2% to 21%. Notable increase was seen in the state average retail price of Crocin (20.75%).

Table-8

Sl.No	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage Of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over previous month	Over previous Year
1	Tobacco	Kg.	152.57	154.29	156.25	1.27	2.41
2	Mundu Mull	Each	106.08	116.67	117.08	0.36	10.37
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	37.00	39.48	39.64	0.40	7.14
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.18	15.77	15.77	0.00	3.87
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	20.93	21.50	21.84	1.58	4.34
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	36.43	37.54	37.70	0.43	3.48
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.54	8.30	8.30	0.00	-2.81
8	Crocin	2 tabs	2.65	3.22	3.20	-0.62	20.75
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	13.43	14.21	14.21	0.00	5.81
10	Torch Battery (Eveready)	Each	15.21	15.57	15.57	0.00	2.37
11	Paper	24Sheet	14.04	13.89	13.89	0.00	-1.07
12	Firewood(Local Split)	Quintal	377.40	406.67	406.67	0.00	7.76
13	Cement - Sankar (Ord.Paper Bag)	Packet	366.50	347.13	339.88	-2.09	-7.26

Graph 8



ANNEXURE

Statement Showing The State Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities							
for The month of March 2014							
Sl. No.	Name of Commodity	Unit	Prices (in Rs.) on			Percentage of Variation	
			March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Over month	Over year
(1)	(2)	(3)				(7)	(8)
	A. RICE - Open Market						
1	Red - Matta	Kg	36.60	32.91	32.80	-0.35	-10.38
2	Red - Chamba	Kg	34.73	33.75	34.00	0.73	-2.11
3	White - Andra Vella	Kg	30.09	31.94	31.83	-0.35	5.79
	B. PULSES						
1	Green gram	Kg	72.91	94.84	97.82	3.14	34.16
2	Green gram dhal	Kg	82.64	98.45	102.57	4.19	24.12
3	Black gram split w/o husk	Kg	63.68	72.81	73.77	1.32	15.84
4	Black gram split with husk	Kg	61.75	67.00	67.60	0.90	9.47
5	Red gram	Kg	69.29	56.61	56.22	-0.69	-18.87
6	Dhal(Tur)	Kg	74.86	76.25	75.61	-0.84	1.00
7	Bengal gram Bold	Kg	64.53	58.50	57.29	-2.06	-11.22
8	Bengal gram Small	Kg	59.69	52.55	51.18	-2.59	-14.25
9	Peas Dhal	Kg	44.08	44.72	44.80	0.19	1.62
	C. OTHER FOOD ITEMS						
1	Sugar(O.M)	Kg.	34.02	31.46	32.07	1.94	-5.75
2	Milk (Cow's)	Ltr.	32.49	33.21	33.21	0.00	2.23
3	Tea (Kannan Devan)	500gms	126.21	144.93	145.22	0.20	15.05
4	Coffee Powder (Brook Bond Gr.Label)	500gms	139.93	145.06	145.43	0.26	3.93
5	Baby Food(amul)	Kg	282.60	293.60	295.95	0.80	4.72
6	Egg(Hens) White Lagon	Dozen	43.46	47.64	45.17	-5.18	3.95
7	Mutton with bones	Kg	394.29	419.65	420.71	0.25	6.70
	D. OIL AND OIL SEEDS						
1	Coconut oil	Ltr.	71.10	124.98	133.84	7.09	88.24
2	Groundnut oil	Ltr.	137.18	121.69	119.30	-1.96	-13.03
3	Refined oil	Ltr.	94.79	92.60	92.17	-0.46	-2.76
4	Gingelly oil	Ltr.	179.13	189.98	189.81	-0.09	5.96
5	Coconut without husk	10 nos	92.36	166.34	175.21	5.33	89.71
	E. SPICES AND CONDIMENTS						
1	Coriander	Kg.	81.39	97.04	105.88	9.11	30.09
2	Chilies dry	Kg.	84.63	97.32	96.70	-0.64	14.26
3	Onion small	Kg.	35.77	28.16	26.38	-6.34	-26.27
4	Tamarind without seeds loose	Kg.	78.08	84.50	85.43	1.10	9.41
5	Cuminseed	100gm	23.26	22.34	22.11	-1.05	-4.95
6	Mustard	100gm	7.63	7.61	7.66	0.69	0.45
7	Methy	100gm	7.01	7.04	7.02	-0.32	0.08
8	Turmeric	100gm	12.72	14.86	14.95	0.59	17.49
9	Garlic	100gm	4.83	9.47	9.20	-2.83	90.27

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1	Onion big	Kg.	19.96	16.04	16.47	2.68	-17.50
2	Brinjal	Kg.	25.47	23.52	23.66	0.61	-7.11
3	Pumpkin	Kg.	16.44	15.54	16.13	3.80	-1.93
4	Cucumber	Kg.	17.99	23.04	22.86	-0.78	27.06
5	Lady's Finger	Kg.	39.27	38.61	36.43	-5.65	-7.24
6	Cabbage	Kg.	18.54	18.84	18.30	-2.85	-1.30
7	Bitter gourd	Kg.	34.36	34.21	35.13	2.67	2.23
8	Ash gourd	Kg.	16.73	17.98	19.48	8.34	16.45
9	Snake gourd	Kg.	25.40	26.23	26.16	-0.28	3.00
10	Tomato	Kg.	15.74	12.59	14.66	16.44	-6.87
11	Chilies green	100gm	3.45	3.78	3.69	-2.51	6.76
12	Banana green	Kg.	41.50	29.20	29.82	2.14	-28.15
13	Plantain green	Kg.	24.95	24.56	24.77	0.87	-0.74
	H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
1	Tobacco	Kg.	152.57	154.29	156.25	1.27	2.41
2	Mundu Mull	Each	106.08	116.67	117.08	0.36	10.37
3	Washing Soda	Kg.	37.00	39.48	39.64	0.40	7.14
4	Washing Soap (501)	1/2 Bar	15.18	15.77	15.77	0.00	3.87
5	Toilet Soap - Lux	100 gm	20.93	21.50	21.84	1.58	4.34
6	Toothpaste - Colgate	100 gm	36.43	37.54	37.70	0.43	3.48
7	Razor Blade(Topaz)	5 nos	8.54	8.30	8.30	0.00	-2.81
8	Crocic	2 tabs	2.65	3.22	3.20	-0.62	20.75
9	Electric Bulb(Philips)	40W	13.43	14.21	14.21	0.00	5.81
10	Torch Battery(Eveready)	Each	15.21	15.57	15.57	0.00	2.37
11	Paper	24 Sheets	14.04	13.89	13.89	0.00	-1.07
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