



Roti Rice Rate

Crisil's monthly indicator of food plate cost

The average cost of preparing a thali at home is calculated based on input prices prevailing in north, south, east and west India. The monthly change reflects the impact on the common man's expenditure. The data also reveals the ingredients (cereals, pulses, broilers, vegetables, spices, edible oil and cooking gas) driving the change in the cost of the thali.

Pricey platter

In May, the cost of a home-cooked vegetarian (veg) and non-vegetarian (non-veg) thali rose 5% and 7% on-year, respectively

- High prices of tomato, vegetable oil and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) kept the thali cost elevated, despite a decline in the prices of onions, potatoes and pulses
 - Tomato prices rose 57% to Rs 36 per kg from Rs 23 per kg in May 2025, owing to a 3-4% decline in rabi production in the southern states, along with lower summer crop acreage and impacted yield under high temperature conditions
 - Vegetable oil and LPG cylinder prices rose 8% and 7% on-year, respectively, owing to the ongoing global supply disruption
 - However, the rise in costs was capped by onion prices falling 6% on-year following fresh rabi arrivals. Potato prices fell 14% on-year on account of a 2-3% rise in rabi production, coupled with the liquidation of cold storage supplies
 - The prices of pulses declined 2% on-year owing to duty-free imports of tur allowed until March 2027, which is expected to offset domestic production shortfall and keep overall supply sufficient
- The cost of non-veg thali rose due to an estimated 9% on-year uptick in broiler prices, which accounted for ~50% of the cost. Intense summer heat caused bird mortality among poultry to spike, squeezing supply and pushing up prices. Elevated tomato, vegetable oil and LPG prices also contributed to the uptick in the non-veg thali cost

On-month, the cost of veg and non-veg thali rose 3% each in May

- Tomato prices rose 23% on-month, while potato and onion prices rose 3% and 2%, respectively, pushing up thali costs
- The cost of non-veg thali rose because of an estimated 2% on-month uptick in broiler prices amid lower supply

The cost of vegetarian and non-vegetarian thalis rose 5% and 7% on-year, respectively, in May owing to high prices of tomato, vegetable oil and LPG

Cost of preparing a thali at home



Note: A vegetarian thali includes roti, vegetables (onion, tomato, potato), rice, dal, curd and salad. A non-vegetarian thali replaces dal with chicken (broiler); broiler prices are estimated figures; and the weightage of ingredients does not vary based on volatility in commodity prices. *Commodity prices are estimations due to constraints in data availability.

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