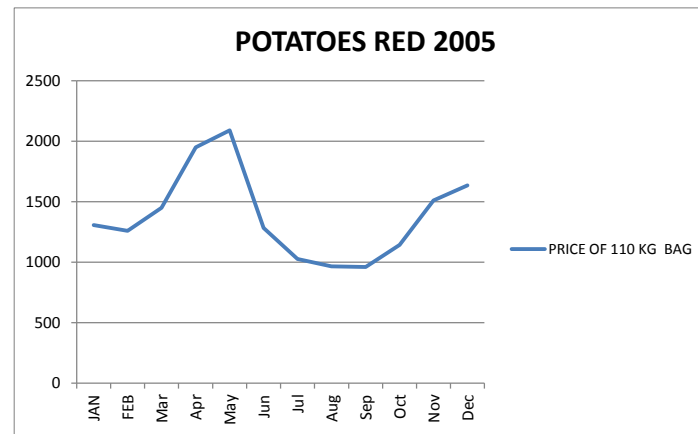


ROOTS AND TUBERS

POTATOES RED-2005

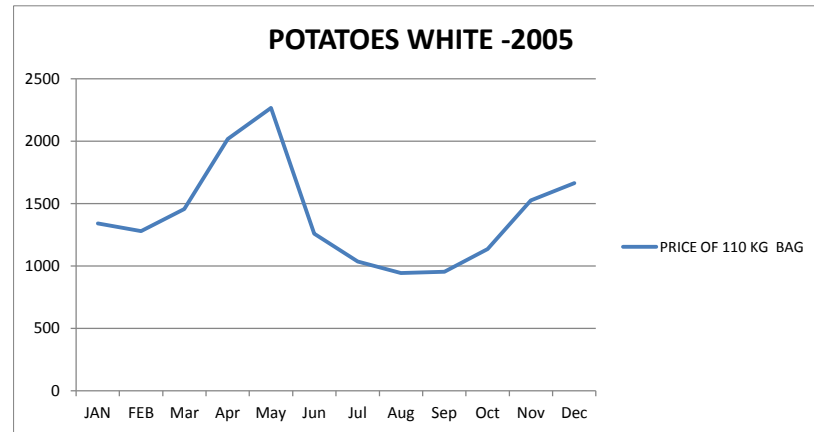
MONTH	PRICE OF 110 KG BAG
JAN	1307
FEB	1260
Mar	1449
Apr	1951
May	2089
Jun	1283
Jul	1027
Aug	966
Sep	961
Oct	1143
Nov	1511
Dec	1635
AVERAGE	1381.833
STDEV	365.874
CV	0.264774



Roots and tubers are a cheap source of carbohydrates. In this year of 2005, red potatoes' prices rose in the first five months before dropping drastically in the next four months. They then rose gradually in the last quarter of the year to close the year at KES 1635. Peak prices for this commodity peaked at the moments when rainy seasons are ending and are lowered at the dry months just before the beginning of the rainy seasons. This year's prices for the red potatoes were affected by extreme price dispersions as indicated by the coefficient of variance of 0.26(26%) above.

POTATOES WHITE-2005

MONTH	PRICE OF 110 KG BAG
JAN	1340
FEB	1279
Mar	1456
Apr	2018
May	2266
Jun	1259
Jul	1035
Aug	944
Sep	953
Oct	1135
Nov	1525
Dec	1665
AVERAGE	1406.25
STDEV	412.2791
CV	0.293176



LOW PRICES

Prices were low in february and august to september period

In February the prices were KES 1279 and in August and September, they were KES 944 and 953 respectively.

In this periods, the supply is high and buyers should buy and venture in storage facilities for the sake of the peak season.

This years dispersion rate was 29% hence the prices were not clustered in almost the same amount.

HIGH PRICES

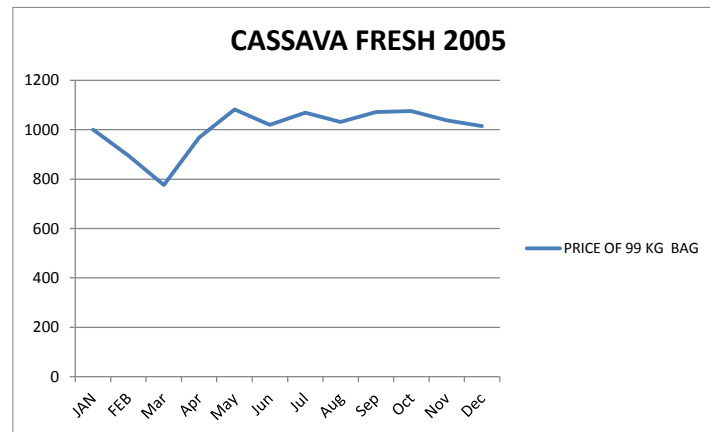
The prices were high during may and december period.

In May the prices were KES 2266 and in Dec the prices were KES 1665.

This is the right time for the sellers to release their sweet potatoes for the supply is. low in this periods

CASSAVA FRESH 2005

MONTH	PRICE OF 99 KG BAG
JAN	1000
FEB	895
Mar	776
Apr	968
May	1082
Jun	1020
Jul	1069
Aug	1031
Sep	1072
Oct	1075
Nov	1038
Dec	1015
AVERAGE	1003.417
STDEV	89.14183
CV	0.088838



Cassava is a woody shrub of the spurge family native to the south america extensively cultivated as an annual crop in tropical and subtropical regions. It is cultivated for its edible starchy, tuberous root, a major source of carbohydrates

In this year, the crop started with drop in price during february and the began to rise. this rise was experienced till may when the peak prices were recorded.

From may, the prices seemed to stablise ranging from KES 1015 to 1082.

The price dispersion rate was approximately 8.9% meaning that there was no extreme variations in prices.

The average price for this year was KES 1003.

SWEET POTATOES- 2005 PRICE OF 98 KG BAG

NO DATA AVAILABLE