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COMPARATIVE FIRST QUARTER AVERAGE FARM-GATE PRICES OF TILAPIA AND CATFISH FROM 2024 TO 2026.

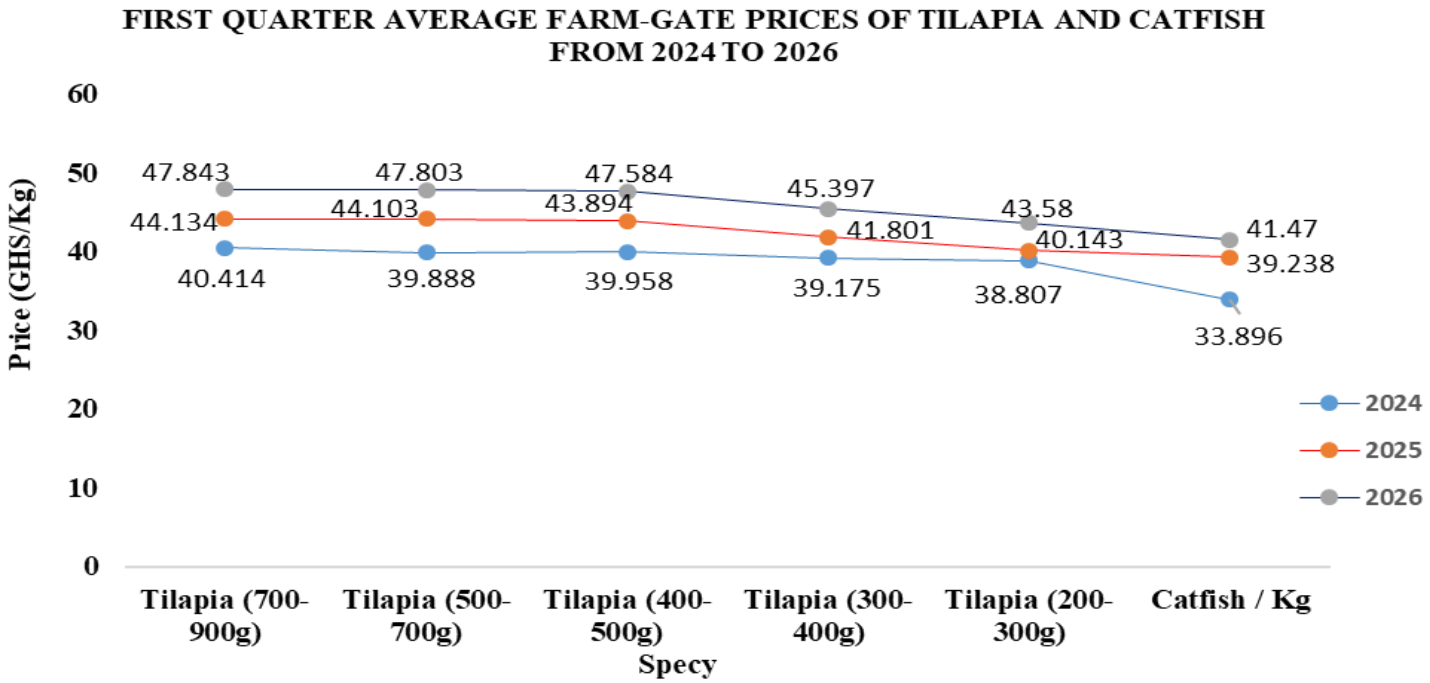

Figure 1 shows Comparative First Quarter Farm-Gate Prices of Tilapia And Catfish From 2024

A comparative analysis of farm-gate prices of tilapia and catfish in Ghana for the first-quarters of 2024, 2025 and 2026 are shown in Figure 1. The comparison shows a clear and consistent upward adjustment of prices for both species and size categories, reflecting demand pressure sustained within the aquaculture sector for the past 3 years. Tilapia prices increased steadily across all weight bands with percentage average price difference over the ranging from 12.30% for smaller fish (200-300 g) to 19.84% for larger fish (500-700 g).

It was noted that the larger fish (>400 g) consistently commanded higher prices. Similarly, catfish prices rose sharply from about **GHS 33.9/kg** in 2024 **to GHS 39.2/kg** in 2025, followed by a more moderate increase to approximately GHS **41.5/kg** in 2026 representing a total of 22.34% in price increment. Although, tilapia price remains higher compared to catfish, the narrowing gap between the two species suggests increasing competitiveness of catfish. Overall, the steady upward price adjustments with minimal volatility reflect strong demand post festive activities.

The subtle price increases are driven primarily by structural cost pressures rather than expansion in supply. Rising feed costs, exchange rate fluctuations, fuel and transportation costs, and production challenges such as fish mortalities perpetuated fish diseases and occasional water quality issues have collectively constrained output while pushing production costs higher

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