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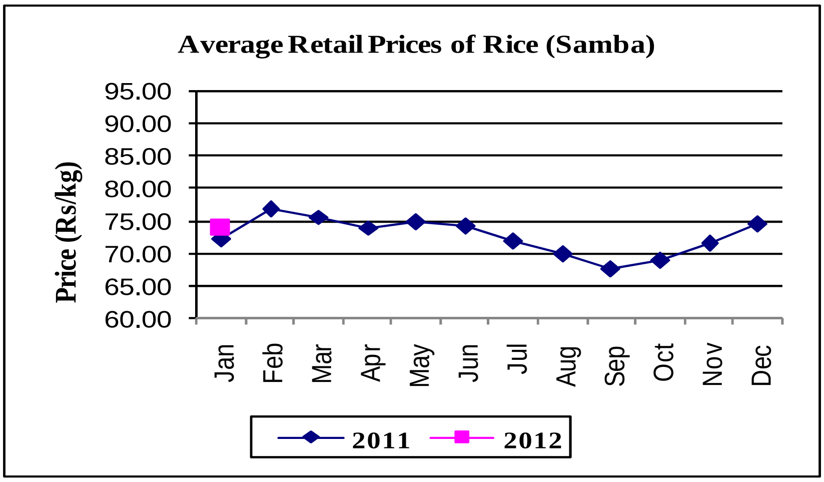
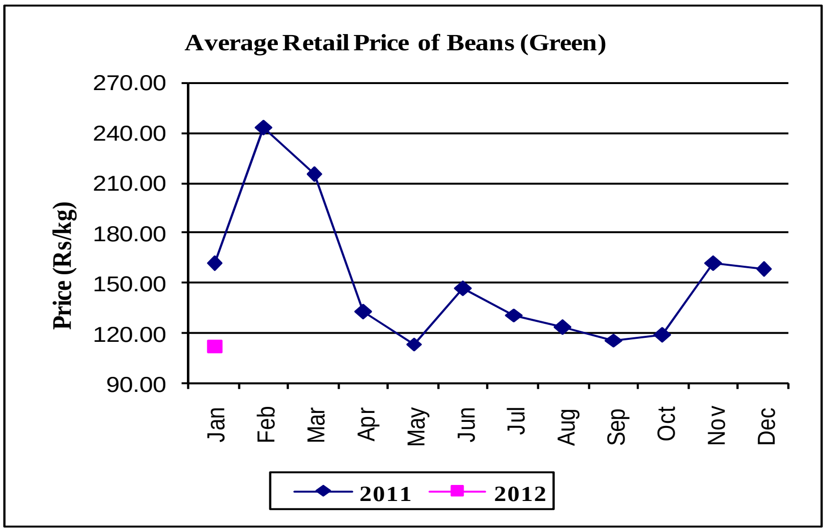
RICE:

Prices of most of the rice varieties were stable during the first part of month. Compared to the same period of last year, the current prices of samba grade I has increased by 5% and prices of all other varieties have increased by less than 2%.



VEGETABLES:

By the end of January of 2011/12 *maha* season, the cultivation progress of low country vegetables show relatively higher progress (>65%) than that of up country vegetables (<75%). Compared to the same period of 2010/11 *maha* season, the cultivated extent of most of the vegetables were high by the end of January of this *maha* season. Hence, the production of vegetables would be high during this *maha* season. Though, the prices were at a high level at the beginning of the month, they had decreased sharply during the later part of the month. The highest price decrease was recorded for tomato.



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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The prospects of the, paddy crop in 2011/12 *maha* season are favorable in most of the major producing areas. Dry weather was experienced during the month. Harvesting commenced during the latter part of the month in Akkeripattu, Nindavur and Kalmunei producing areas in the Eastern province. A bumper harvest can be expected during the end of February in the major surplus producing district of Ampara and other producing areas of Eastern province. According to the field information peak harvesting of paddy crop in most of the major producing areas can be expected in early March. The crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture, reveals that the area of paddy cultivation in 2011/12 maha was 775,634 ha and is higher than 6% previous *maha* season. The expected production is 3 million tones and it is 28% above the production in an average maha season. According to the field information the expected average yield under the major irrigation in Ampara is 5.5tonnes/ha. The most cultivated varieties were BG94-1 and BG 300 in Ampara and Anuradhapura respectively. High cultivated extent of short grain variety, BG 358 also can be observed in Ampara during this season

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2011/12 *Maha* season (Up to end of January 2012)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the targeted extent	Production Forecast (tonnes)
Anuradhapura	77000	85,547	111	317,450
Polonnaruwa	34,750	34,337	99	156,520
Ampara	90,506	89,838	99	440,476
Hambantota	83,397	81,044	97	319,314
Kurunagala	29,436	26,934	92	66,967
Colombo	5,615	4,198	75	12,562
Gampaha	13,725	10,900	79	31,807
Kalutara	15,800	14,868	94	42,094
Galle	16,300	16,693	102	40,404
Matara	17,000	15,055	89	44,212
Ratnapura	15,850	12,544	79	35,843
Kegalle	10,179	7,477	73	26,292
Puttalam	22,796	12,490	55	41,700
Kandy	16,310	12,154	75	34,883
Matale	21,620	20,080	93	70,017
Nuwara Eliya	6,884	3,761	55	8,624
Badulla	25,295	19,542	77	71,434
Moneragala	35,397	34,246	97	143,406
Jaffna	11,878	11,078	93	26,208
Kilinochchi	22,584	22,616	100	56,419
Vavuniya	19,438	18,735	96	80,387
Mullaitivu	13,232	12,073	91	49,812
Mannar	20,848	18,381	88	74,372
Trincomalee	40,710	38,470	94	156,964
Batticaloa	60,000	59,897	100	199,671
Udawalawa	13,175	13,447	102	70,306
System H	22,950	22,552	98	108,343
System H1	6,552	6,548	100	31,458
System B	19,500	19,691	101	94,601
System C	22,834	23,237	102	111,637
System G	4,904	5,296	108	25,443
System L	3,649	1,904	52	9,147
Sri Lanka	**820,115**	**775,634**	**95**	**2,999,775**

Source: Department of Agriculture

Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – January 2012

Commodity	Price Range (Rs/kg)		Average (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	31.00-36.00	35.00-36.00	34.05	35.41	31.15	*-1.36*	*-3.83*	*2.90*	*9.32*
Polonnaruwa	32.00-36.00	34.00-35.50	34.16	34.86	31.98	*-0.71*	*-2.03*	*2.18*	*6.80*
Kalawewa	33.00-36.00	35.00-37.00	35.00	36.00	31.23	*-1.00*	*-2.78*	*3.77*	*12.08*
Kurunegala	30.00-34.50	33.50-35.00	32.97	34.22	30.64	*-1.25*	*-3.66*	*2.33*	*7.59*
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-36.00	34.50-36.00	34.14	35.23	31.78	*-1.09*	*-3.08*	*2.36*	*7.43*
Nikaweratiya	30.00-35.00	34.00-35.50	33.12	34.70	29.92	*-1.58*	*-4.55*	*3.20*	*10.70*
Ampara	33.00-35.00	34.00-35.50	34.34	34.63	31.80	*-0.28*	*-0.82*	*2.54*	*7.99*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	24.00-30.00	29.00-30.50	28.33	29.97	26.60	*-1.64*	*-5.48*	*1.73*	*6.50*
Polonnaruwa	26.50-30.50	29.50-31.00	28.74	30.05	27.17	*-1.30*	*-4.34*	*1.57*	*5.79*
Kalawewa	27.00-30.00	29.00-31.00	29.23	30.07	27.10	*-0.84*	*-2.79*	*2.13*	*7.85*
Kurunegala	26.00-30.50	29.00-30.50	28.57	29.82	27.49	*-1.24*	*-4.17*	*1.08*	*3.94*
Dehiattakandiya	26.00-30.50	29.50-31.00	28.78	30.05	27.22	*-1.27*	*-4.23*	*1.56*	*5.73*
Embilipitiya	26.00-32.00	31.00-32.00	30.00	31.80	29.42	*-1.80*	*-5.66*	*0.58*	*1.97*
Nikaweratiya	26.00-31.00	29.00-31.00	28.66	30.13	26.75	*-1.47*	*-4.86*	*1.91*	*7.14*
Matara	28.00-31.00	30.00-32.00	29.67	30.75	29.13	*-1.08*	*-3.51*	*0.54*	*1.85*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	30.00	-	-	-	-
Ampara	26.00-30.50	30.00-31.50	28.56	30.63	28.80	*-2.07*	*-6.74*	*-0.24*	*-0.83*
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	24.00-31.00	28.00-30.00	27.88	29.18	26.60	*-1.30*	*-4.45*	*1.28*	*4.81*
Matara	28.00-31.00	29.00-31.00	29.87	29.92	27.63	*-0.05*	*-0.16*	*2.24*	*8.09*
Hambantota	29.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	30.64	32.25	28.00	*-1.61*	*-4.99*	*2.64*	*9.43*
Embilipitiya	29.00-32.00	31.00-32.00	31.08	31.85	28.12	*-0.77*	*-2.42*	*2.96*	*10.53*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Increasing paddy prices were curtailed at the beginning of the month as the Paddy Marketing Board released paddy stocks to the market anticipating *maha* season new harvest. Meanwhile, the producer prices of all the paddy varieties have shown a decreasing trend in most of the major producing areas during the latter part of month due to the commencement of harvesting of paddy in *maha*, 2011/12 season in Akkeripattu. Nindavur and Kalmunei producing areas in the Eastern province. However, the arrival of high moisture low quality paddy to the market also resulted in low prices by the end of month. Prices of short grain have decreased in the range of 1%-4% with the highest and the lowest decline from Nikeweratiya and Ampara respectively. Meanwhile the prices of long grain have decreased in the range of 3%-7% with the highest and the lowest decline from Ampara and Matara respectively. Prices of long grain red ranged Rs 29.00-33.00/Kg in major producing areas like hambanthota and embilipitiya.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain, and red varieties have increased in the range of 7%-12%, and 5%-11% respectively. Prices of long grain have increased in the range of 2%-8% in all major producing areas except for Ampara.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

During the first part of the month prices of all the rice varieties were stable and the declining trend commenced during the latter part as paddy prices decreased in most of the major producing areas. *Maha* harvest reached the market mainly from Eastern Province. At the end of the month raw white and nadu rice varieties began to come to the market from Batticaloa, Eravur, Akkaraipattu and Vavunia areas. Hence the prices of samba, nadu and raw white decreased between 1%-2% with the highest decreased for raw white. Furthermore the average price of samba grade I has reduced from Rs.72.07/kg to Rs.70.80/kg followed by raw white which has decreased from Rs.52.86/kg Rs.51.63/kg. Sufficient stocks of all the rice varieties were available in the market. Supply of all the rice varieties to the market will increase further during the next month and therefore the prices will come down. The highest average price of Rs.70.80/kg was reported for samba grade I, while the lowest price of Rs.51.63/kg was observed for raw white. Prices of most of the keeri samba and basmathi rice varieties ranged between Rs.85.00-96.00/kg and Rs.120.00-160.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of the last year current prices of samba grade II, III and nadu grade II have decreased by less than 1%. While the prices of nadu grade I, raw red and raw white have increased in the range of 1%-5%.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, prices of most of the rice varieties were stable during the first part of the month. A few stocks of new harvest have begun to come to the market by the end of the month. Therefore prices of most of the varieties decreased slightly at the last week of the month. However the average prices of samba I and nadu I have decreased by nearly 2% and all other varieties have decreased by less than 1%. Sufficient quantities were available in most of the retail markets. Comparing monthly prices during the last year, the highest prices for most of the rice varieties were observed in February while the lowest prices were observed in September.

The highest average price of Rs.80.30/kg was reported for samba grade I while the lowest price of Rs.58.85/kg was observed for raw white. Keeri samba and basmathi rice varieties were available in all the retail markets throughout the month and prices ranged between Rs.90.00-130.00/kg and Rs.130.00-160.00/kg respectively

Compared to the same period of the last year, the exciting prices of samba grade I has increased by 5% while samba grade II and III have increased by less than 1%. Prices of nadu , raw red and raw white have increased by less than 2%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – January 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Samba 1	70.80	72.07	-	*-1.27*	*-1.76*	-	-
Samba 2	67.69	68.39	67.98	*-0.69*	*-1.01*	*-0.29*	*-0.42*
Samba 3	64.81	65.93	65.32	*-1.12*	*-1.69*	*-0.51*	*-0.77*
Nadu 1	57.57	58.44	56.96	*-0.86*	*-1.48*	*0.61*	*1.06*
Nadu 2	54.44	55.67	54.70	*-1.23*	*-2.21*	*-0.26*	*-0.47*
Raw red	53.53	53.43	50.89	*0.11*	*0.20*	*2.64*	*5.19*
Raw white	51.63	52.86	50.57	*-1.23*	*-2.33*	*1.06*	*2.09*
Imported Parboiled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices							
Samba 1	80.30	81.93	76.69	*-1.63*	*-1.99*	*3.61*	*4.71*
Samba 2	70.92	71.26	70.46	*-0.34*	*-0.48*	*0.46*	*0.65*
Samba 3	69.54	69.58	69.28	*-0.04*	*-0.06*	*0.26*	*0.38*
Nadu 1	63.37	64.93	62.30	*-1.56*	*-2.40*	*1.07*	*1.72*
Nadu 2	59.71	60.15	59.60	*-0.44*	*-0.73*	*0.11*	*0.18*
Raw red	59.04	59.09	58.00	*-0.05*	*-0.08*	*1.04*	*1.79*
Raw white	58.85	59.30	57.88	*-0.45*	*-0.76*	*0.97*	*1.68*
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

The targeted extent of chillies in *maha 2011/12* season was 11801ha and out of that 76% has been achieved by the end of January 2012 and a production of 29386t is expected. The highest cultivated extent of 3411ha was recoreded in Anuradhapura district and the target has exceeded (103%) by the end of January. In the Moneragala district, the targeted extents of chilli were 1198ha of which around 1113ha were cultivated by the end of January representing 93% of the targeted extent. About 50% of the chilli harvesting has been over in most of the producing areas and some crops were in growing stages. The following table depicts the major producing areas of chilli.

Table 2.1.1: Targeted and Cultivated Extents (ha) of chillies (*Maha*, 2011/ 2012)

Major producing areas	Targeted extent (ha)	Cultivated Extent at the end of January		Expected production (t)
		Extent (ha)	%	
Anuradhapura	3300	3411	103	13,720
Moneragala	1198	1113	93	4238
Puttalam	880	650	74	2398
Jaffna	701	581	83	1169
Hambanthota	538	460	86	1508
Other areas	5184	2748	53	6353
Total (Sri Lanka)	11,801	8963	76	29,386

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Producer prices of green chillies ranged between Rs.55.00-216.00/kg in all producing areas with the highest price recorded in Hambantota. However, the producer prices of green chillies in all producing areas have shown a decreasing trend at the end of the month due to commencement of harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by Rs.62.00/kg and Rs.114.00/kg respectively due to high supplies from Puttalam and Nochchiyagama areas. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.101.65/kg and Rs.225.06/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 60% and 39% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of dried chillies only comprised of imported stocks from India. According to the Department of Customs, a quantity of 3196t of dried chillies was imported during this month and it was a decrease of 791t compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.156.92/kg and it has also decreased by Rs.16.60/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.8.00/kg and Rs.15.00/kg respectively due to low import prices and availability of sufficient stocks at the market. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies were Rs.189.17/kg and Rs.254.87/kg respectively and they have decreased by about 17% and 4% respectively, compared to the same period of last year.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies January 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price							
Green chillies	101.65	163.67	254.54	*-62.02*	*-37.89*	*-152.89*	*-60.07*
Dried chillies	189.17	197.41	228.12	*-8.23*	*-4.17*	*-38.95*	*-17.07*
Retail Price							
Green chillies	225.06	339.13	370.09	*-114.07*	*-33.64*	*-145.03*	*-39.19*
Dried chillies	254.87	269.80	266.71	*-14.93*	*-5.53*	*-11.84*	*-4.44*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity (t)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan 2012	3,196.23	501.55	156.92	254.87	97.95
Dec 2011	3,987.03	691.97	173.56	269.80	96.24
Nov 2011	2,600.50	533.78	205.26	279.51	74.25
Oct 2011	4689.88	1034.84	220.65	283.62	62.97
Sep 2011	3153.69	701.39	222.40	285.92	63.52
Aug 2011	2963.85	672.56	226.92	289.88	62.96

Source: Department of Customs, Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – January 2012

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	145.00	101.00	100.00	71.80
Hambantota	216.00	212.00	124.00	104.00
Embilipitiya	194.00	139.00	95.00	95.00
Puttalam	140.00	105.00	102.00	86.00
Anuradapura	160.00	85.00	85.00	58.33

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

According to the crop forecast of the Department of Agriculture the targeted extent of red onion for *maha* 2011/12 was 4830ha and out of that 2950ha were cultivated by the end of January representing 61% of the total targeted extent. A good progress has been achieved for red onion cultivation in Jaffna district and it represents 87% of the target area, and the highest cultivated area of red onion was also recorded from Jaffna district followed by Puttalam district. The expected production of *maha* 2011/12 is 31,707t and out of that 85% of production will arrive from Jaffna (18,289t) and Puttalam (8,762t). The following table depicts the cultivated extent of red onion.

Table 2.2.1: Targeted and Cultivated Extents (ha) of Red onion (*Maha* 2011-2012)

Major producing areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivated extent at the end of January		Expected production (t)
		Extent (ha)	%	
Jaffna	1892	1652	87	18,289
Puttalam	1162	725	62	8762
Trincomalee	699	89	13	917
Other Areas	1077	484	45	3739
Total (Sri Lanka)	4830	2950	61	31,707

Source: Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supplies of big onion consited of only imports and a quantity of 17396t of big onion was imported in January 2012 and it was an increase of 2533t, compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.26.16/kg and it has also decreased by Rs.6.40/kg, compared to the previous month. Sufficient stocks of Pakistan and Indian big onion varieties were available at the market. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.10.00/kg and Rs.8.00/kg respectively. The gross margin between the CIF price and wholesale price of imported big onion was lower than that of the previous month.

Supplies of local red onion to the market from both Puttalam and Jaffna areas has increased during the latter part of the month due to commencement of *maha* harvest. About 2791t of red onion were imported from India during this month, which was about 1847t higher than that had been imported during last month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.40.35/kg and it has decreased by Rs.12.10/kg compared to the previous month.

Supply of both local and imported red onions to the market was satisfactory and the wholesale prices of sinnan, vedalan and imported red onions have decreased by Rs.2.00/kg, Rs.1.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. Stocks of sinnan variety have mainly arrived from Jaffna area and those stocks were of low quality and off colored. Prices ranged between Rs.80.00-100.00/kg for Jaffna vedalan and RS.85.00-135.00/kg for Puttalam vedalan. However, most of the red onion stocks comprised imported red onions during this month. Price changes of both local and imported red onions at the wholesale market reflected in the retail markets too. Hence, the retail prices of both local and imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.1.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. The gross margin between the CIF price and wholesale price of imported red onion was higher than that of the previous month as well as the margin between wholesale and retail price during this month.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg)

Crop	Average Price (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
Wholesale Price	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**%**	**Rs/kg**	**%**
Red Onion (Sinnan)	51.67	53.50	273.33	*-1.83*	*-3.43*	*-221.67*	*-81.10*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.06	100.87	326.63	*-0.81*	*-0.81*	*-226.58*	*-69.37*
Red Onion (Imported)	81.68	86.89	353.78	*-5.21*	*-6.00*	*-272.10*	*-76.91*
Big Onion (imported)	51.78	61.73	88.57	*-9.95*	*-16.11*	*-36.79*	*-41.54*
Big Onion (Local)	-	67.64	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices							
Red Onion (Sinnan)	113.00	113.75	-	*-0.75*	*-0.66*	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	139.20	140.53	416.14	*-1.33*	*-0.95*	*-276.94*	*-66.55*
Red Onion (Imported)	114.45	119.28	464.09	*-4.83*	*-4.05*	*-349.64*	*-75.34*
Big Onion (imported)	75.00	83.45	121.27	*-8.45*	*-10.13*	*-46.27*	*-38.15*
Big Onion (Local)	-	92.05	143.33	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Jan,2012	26.16	51.78	75.00	*25.62*	*23.22*
	Dec,2011	32.55	61.73	83.45	*29.18*	*21.72*
	Jan,2011	67.60	88.57	121.27	*20.97*	*32.70*
Red onion	Jan,2012	40.35	81.68	114.45	*41.33*	*32.77*
	Dec,2011	52.41	86.89	119.28	*34.48*	*32.39*
	Jan,2011	165.82	353.78	464.09	*187.96*	*110.31*

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (t.)		Value (Rs. Mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Dec 2011
Red Onion	2,791.14	943.77	112.63	49.46	40.35	52.41
Big Onion	17,396.21	14,862.97	455.07	483.84	26.16	32.55

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity Imported (t)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)
Jan 2012	17,396	26.16	51.78	75.00
Dec 2011	14,863	32.55	61.73	83.45
Nov 2011	9,322	51.50	68.38	87.15
Oct 2011	3267	54.48	66.07	80.21
Sep 2011	358	28.54	47.24	85.35
Aug 2011	9480	29.28	62.44	82.45

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop situation

About 2800ha were targeted for potato cultivation in Badulla district for the 2011/12 *maha* season, and 2170ha were cultivated by the end of January 2012 which was about 78% of the targeted extent. The potato cultivation took place largely in Boralanda, Ambagasdowa, Bandarawela, Dambawinna, Kumbalawela areas during this month. About 2328t of potato had arrived to the market from Badulla distict during this monyh and around 7992t of potato will be expected for the next month (February).

About 1377ha were targeted for potato cultivation in the Nuwara Eliya district for this *maha* season and 729ha were cultivated by the end of January which was about 53% of the targeted extent. The following table shows the targeted and cultivated extent of potato.

Table 2.3.1: Targeted and Cultivated Extents (ha) of Potato (*Maha* 2011-2012)

Major Producing Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivated Extent at the End of January		Expected Production (t)
		Extent (ha)	%	
Nuwara Eliya	1377	729	53	12,078
Badulla	2800	2170	78	29,834
Other areas (Jaffna)	27	25	93	199
Total (Sri Lanka)	4204	2924	70	42,111

Source: Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Market supplies of potato comprised of both imported and Nuwara Eliya potatoes. Supply of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased due to commencement of the harvesting season. A quantity of 13,500t potato was imported during this month which was about 2,097t lower than that was imported during the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.23.38/kg and it has decreased by Rs.5.60/kg, compared to the previous month, and the imported potato had mainly arrived from India and Pakistan. Wholesale prices of Pakistan potato ranged between Rs.45.00-58.00/kg and Rs.50.00-63.00/kg for Indian Mettupalan variety. Prices ranged between Rs.45.00-55.00/kg for Indian Indoor variety.

Both wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato had decreased by about Rs.15.00/kg and Rs.14.00/kg respectively due to high supply and availability of ample stocks of imported potato at the market. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 1% and 5% respectively.

Due to high imports from India and Pakistan, both wholesale and retail prices of imported potato had also decreased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.10.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current prices of imported potato had increased by 9% at wholesale level and 8% at retail level.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan 2012	13,499.90	315.61	23.38	76.67	*53.29*
Dec 2011	15,597.14	452.28	29.00	86.60	*57.60*
Nov 2011	9,157.10	277.29	30.28	85.09	*54.81*
Oct 2011	3344.55	103.88	31.06	82.06	*51.00*
Sep 2011	4924.99	175.02	35.54	99.09	*63.55*
Aug 2011	11591.39	359.62	31.02	87.04	*56.02*

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – January 2012

Item	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)							
Welimada	72.47	95.85	-	*-23.38*	*-24.39*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	84.40	101.10	72.45	*-16.70*	*-16.52*	*11.95*	*16.49*
Imported – CIF	23.38	29.00	32.66	*-5.62*	*-19.38*	*-9.28*	*-28.41*
Wholesale Prices (WP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	97.18	112.13	95.76	*-14.95*	*-13.34*	*1.42*	*1.48*
Imported	53.36	59.94	49.00	*-6.58*	*-10.98*	*4.36*	*8.90*
Retail Prices (RP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	127.55	141.24	120.97	*-13.69*	*-9.69*	*6.58*	*5.44*
Imported	76.67	86.60	70.69	*-9.93*	*-11.47*	*5.98*	*8.46*
Gross Margin (PP-RP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	43.15	40.14	48.52	*3.01*	*7.50*	*-5.37*	*-11.07*
Imported (CIF-RP)	53.29	57.60	38.03	*-4.31*	*-7.48*	*15.26*	*40.13*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	30.37	29.11	25.21	*1.26*	*4.34*	*5.16*	*20.47*
Imported	23.31	26.66	21.69	*-3.35*	*-12.57*	*1.62*	*7.47*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

According to the field information network, targeted extents of green gram and cowpea in *maha* 2011/12 were 9,212 ha and 12,643 ha respectively. At the end of the January the cultivated extents were 8,274ha for green gram and 6,933 ha for cowpea. The total expected production of green gram and cowpea are 8,600mt and 7,100mt respectively. According to field information harvesting has commenced in most of the producing areas and it has been forecast that dry weather conditions will prevail in February 2012.

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Quantity of 764 mt of green gram was imported in January and it was a decreased by 367 mt compared to that of last month. The CIF price of green gram was Rs.111.90/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.10.72/kg compared to that of the previous month. Quantity of 96 mt of cowpea was imported in January and it was an increased by 47 mt compared to that of last month. The CIF price of cowpea was Rs.104.89/kg and it was an increase of Rs.21.09/kg compared to that of previous month.

Both wholesale and retail prices of green gram had further increased by around 2% due to insufficient local and imported stocks. Imported stocks of green gram from Australia, and Canada were available during the month. The wholesale and retail prices of cowpea had increased by around 5% and 2%respectivelly due to limited supply due to insufficient stocks. The average retail prices of green gram and cowpea were Rs.193.10/kg and Rs.252.88/kg respectively. The wholesale and retail prices of both green gram and had decreased by about 1%, while that of both wholesale and retail prices of cowpea have increased by about 37% and 38% respectively, compared to that of January 2011.

Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan 2012	764.45	85.54	111.90	193.10	81.20
Dec 2011	1,131.47	138.74	122.62	189.17	66.55
Nov 2011	155.74	19.30	123.95	183.53	59.58
Oct 2011	370.05	46.88	126.68	180.10	53.42
Sep 2011	403.34	50.41	124.99	184.11	59.12
Aug 2011	1,124.08	138.81	123.49	191.90	68.41

Source: Department of Custom; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan 2012	96.02	10.07	104.89	252.88	147.99
Dec 2011	49.88	6.28	125.98	247.86	121.88
Nov 2011	24.00	2.84	118.35	247.62	129.27
Oct 2011	96.30	6.51	67.60	242.60	175.00
Sep 2011	24.00	1.99	83.05	239.93	156.88
Aug 2011	170.60	12.68	74.35	241.66	167.31

Source: Department of Custom; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- January 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Green gram	173.45	170.25	175.14	3.19	1.88	-1.69	-0.97
Cowpea	227.83	216.15	166.08	11.68	5.41	61.75	37.18
Retail Prices							
Green gram	193.10	189.17	195.00	3.93	2.08	-1.90	-0.97
Cowpea	252.88	247.86	182.54	5.02	2.03	70.34	38.53

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Jan,2012	111.90	173.45	193.10	61.55	19.65
	Dec,2011	122.62	170.25	189.17	47.63	18.92
	Jan,2011	150.47	175.14	195.00	24.67	19.86
Cowpea	Jan,2012	104.89	227.83	252.88	122.94	25.05
	Dec,2011	125.98	216.15	247.86	90.17	31.71
	Jan,2011	-	166.08	182.54	-	16.46

Source: Department of Customs, Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Quantity of 3,362 mt was imported during the month and it had decreased significantly by about 5,021mt.Supply of Red dhal mainly received from Australia and Canada. The CIF price was Rs.63.77//kg and it is a decrease by Rs.6.82/kg compared to that of the last month. Wholesale price of red dhal had decreased by about 2% while that of retail price had not changed significantly. The average wholesale and retail prices of red dhal were Rs.103.43/kg and Rs.137.73/kg respectively. Compared to the same month of the last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by about 25% and 16% respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – January 2012

Red Dhal	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	103.43	100.99	137.72	2.43	2.41	-34.29	-24.90
Retail Price	137.73	138.25	164.87	-0.52	-0.38	-27.14	-16.46

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: The CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity (t)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Jan 2012	3361.70	63.77	103.43	137.73	39.66	34.30
Dec 2011	8382.98	70.59	100.99	138.25	30.40	37.26
Nov 2011	14065.20	77.46	105.13	138.52	27.67	33.39
Oct 2011	14129.03	51.99	106.94	136.44	54.95	29.50
Sep 2011	12309.29	83.14	107.29	138.41	24.15	31.12
Aug 2011	7096.06	80.55	119.07	150.46	38.52	31.39

Source: Department of Customs, Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Cultivation progress of up country vegetables ranged between 54% - 74% with the highest progress recorded for beans and radish by the end of January, 2011/12 *maha*. By the end of Janaury, about 3,868 ha of beans and 2,904 ha of tomato were cultivated for this *maha* season. In January, beans (782 ha) was the most commonly cultivated up country vegetable, followed by tomato (600 ha) (table 3.1). During the last two seasons, bean cultivation was affected with a disease (yellowing of leaves) and the production dropped significantly which resulted in high price of beans in 2011. Hence, the farmers tended to cultivate more beans during this *maha* season. Compared to the same period of 2010/11 *maha* season, the cultivated extent of carrot, leeks, tomato, beetroot, capsicum and radish were at a high level while the cultivated extent of beans, cabbage and knolkhol were low by the end of January of this *maha* season. During the last *maha* season, crop damages occurred due to extreme weather condition and therefore, the production of vegetables is higher during this *maha* season than that of 2010/11 *maha* season.

Cultivation progress of low country vegetables ranged between 65% - 96% with the highest progress recorded for pumpkin. Cultivation progress of low country vegetables show relatively higher progress than that of up country vegetables during this *maha* season. By the end of January 2011/12 *maha* season, about 8,004 ha of pumpkin was cultivated, followed by brinjal (5,408 ha). During the last *yala* season, pumpkin cultivation was affected with a disease and the production was low which resulted in high price during the last few months. Hence, the cultivation of pumpkin has increased during this *maha* season. Pumpkin (953 ha) was the most commonly cultivated up country vegetable in January, followed by okra (686 ha) (table 3.2). Compared to the same period of 2010/11 *maha* season, the cultivated extent of all the low country vegetables were high by the end January of this *maha* season.

Table 3.1: Cultivated Extent of Up-country Vegetables in Major Producing Areas

Crop	District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivated Extent by the end of January (ha)		Achievement as a % of the Target
		Maha 2010/11	*Maha* 2011/12	*Maha* 2010/11	*Maha* 2011/12	
Beans	Badulla	1,709	1,805	1,411	1,436	80
	N'Eliya	1,218	1,182	341	441	37
	Matale	852	863	1,034	933	108
	Kandy	690	638	496	502	79
	Ratnapura	380	375	247	n.a.	n.a.
	Sri Lanka	**5,390**	**5,220**	**3,974**	**3,868**	**74**
Carrot	N'Eliya	1,105	1,162	596	672	58
	Badulla	378	383	232	273	71
	Sri Lanka	**1,586**	**1,796**	**1,076**	**1,116**	**62**
Leeks	N'Eliya	787	939	483	543	58
	Sri Lanka	**884**	**1,130**	**588**	**817**	**72**
Tomato	Badulla	616	751	402	540	72
	N'Eliya	614	647	191	282	44
	Kandy	480	512	458	390	76
	Ratnapura	115	190	66	n.a.	n.a.
	Matale	361	384	158	123	32
	Sri Lanka	**3,389**	**4,575**	**2,441**	**2,904**	**63**
Cabbage	N'Eliya	965	881	489	476	54
	Badulla	747	670	489	571	85
	Matale	169	238	82	37	16
	Kandy	416	536	291	274	51
	Sri Lanka	**2,745**	**3,080**	**1,759**	**1,731**	**56**
Beetroot	N'Eliya	520	597	253	316	53
	Badulla	135	123	59	80	65
	Matale	176	173	55	78	45
	Kurunegala	118	185	28	92	50
	Puttalam	200	194	168	246	127
	Sri Lanka	**1,527**	**1,852**	**778**	**1,046**	**56**
Capsicum	N'Eliya	424	423	203	150	35
	Badulla	312	302	155	201	67
	Puttalam	200	217	150	175	81
	Matale	214	219	97	78	36
	Kurunegala	187	158	104	156	99
	Sri Lanka	**2,059**	**2,721**	**1,403**	**1,781**	**65**
Radish	N'Eliya	529	445	298	405	91
	Matale	85	90	53	35	39
	Puttalam	250	241	181	158	66
	Badulla	277	345	186	192	56
	Kurunegala	183	155	116	136	88
	Sri Lanka	**2,088**	**2,148**	**1,399**	**1,590**	**74**
Knolkhol	N'Eliya	192	269	163	176	65
	Badulla	314	77	109	110	143
	Matale	117	118	66	37	31
	Sri Lanka	**735**	**767**	**504**	**418**	**54**

Source: Field Information Network – Marketing, Food Policy and Agri-business Division/HARTI
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Table 3.2: Cultivated Extent of Low country Vegetables in Major Producing Areas

Crop	District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivated Extent by the end of January (ha)		Achievement as a % of the Target
		Maha 2010/11	*Maha* 2011/12	*Maha* 2010/11	*Maha* 2011/12	
Brinjal	Anuradhapura	1,095	960	794	1,007	105
	Moneragala	743	710	589	649	91
	Hambanthota	310	351	271	378	108
	Badulla	443	612	193	351	57
	Ratnapura	295	275	173	200	73
	Matale	417	313	165	147	47
	Sri Lanka	**5,505**	**8,350**	**4,152**	**5,408**	**65**
Bitter gourd	Hambanthota	266	313	321	292	93
	Anuradhapura	460	400	321	344	86
	Moneragala	201	199	182	147	74
	Kurunegala	194	187	107	155	83
	Sri Lanka	**2,384**	**3,089**	**2,153**	**2,442**	**79**
Okra	Anuradhapura	710	650	501	515	79
	Kurunegala	337	276	235	344	125
	Moneragala	439	438	415	416	95
	Matale	232	348	114	101	29
	Ratnapura	300	260	203	175	67
	Hambanthota	275	325	233	320	98
	Sri Lanka	**4,030**	**5,279**	**3,275**	**3,993**	**76**
Pumpkin	Anuradhapura	2,425	2,800	2,480	1,949	70
	Moneragala	3,337	2,734	2,400	3,936	144
	Hambanthota	417	457	455	443	97
	Sri Lanka	**7,628**	**8,342**	**6,575**	**8,004**	**96**
Snake gourd	Hambanthota	n.a.	274	352	265	97
	Kurunegala	193	178	108	158	89
	Matale	176	179	71	77	43
	Moneragala	123	147	123	127	86
	Sri Lanka	**2,073**	**2,735**	**1,752**	**1,964**	**72**
Cucumber	Hambanthota	290	292	227	253	87
	Moneragala	310	257	262	225	88
	Matale	221	257	74	81	32
	Anuradhapura	225	300	317	611	204
	Sri Lanka	**1,429**	**2,385**	**1,571**	**1,996**	**84**

Source: Field Information Network – Marketing, Food Policy and Agri-business Division/HARTI
Crop Forecast maha 2011/12 – Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Box 1: Crop Situation in Nuwara Eliya and Matale Districts (2011/12 *maha* Season)

Nuwara Eliya:
By the end of January, 2011/12 *maha* season, the cultivation progress ranged between 37%-91% with the highest progress recorded for radish. During the month of January, carrot (196 ha) was the mostly cultivated vegetable, followed by leeks (136 ha). Compared to the same period of the last year, the cultivated extent of all the vegetables except for capsicum and cabbage were high by the end of January 2011/12 *maha* season.

Matale:
The highest cultivation progress of 108% was recorded for beans by the end of January, 2011/12 *maha* season. However, it was less than 50% for other types of vegetables. Compared to 2010/11 *maha* season, the cultivated extent of all the vegetables except beetroot, snake gourd and cucumber were at a low level. During this *maha* season, the cultivation was delayed in Matale district as the *yala* harvesting took place and due to lack of rains at the beginning of the season. During the month of January, beans (805 ha) were the most commonly cultivated vegetable.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

According to the annual price behavior, generally the prices of vegetables are high from November to January with low seasonal supply of vegetables. However, in January, 2012 the prices of most of the vegetables had decreased. Though, the prices were at a high level at the beginning of the month, it had decreased sharply during the later part of the month. This sharp decline was observed up country vegetables for such as beans, carrot, radish, cabbage and tomato and for low country vegetable such as brinjal, capsicum, bitter gourd and long beans in January. Though, the prices of beans, carrot, radish, tomato, pumpkin, bitter gourd, snake gourd and long beans had shown an increasing trend in November and December, 2011 with prices at a high level, it had decreased from the 3rd week of January, 2012.

With regard to up country vegetables, the highest price decrease of 53% was observed for radish due to arrival of high stocks from Nuwara Eliya, Hanguranketha and Boragas areas. Further, the wholesale price of tomato had declined by 50% due to increased supply from Hanguranketha, Walapane and Marassana areas. At the beginning of the month, the wholesale price of tomato was at a high level (Rs.140.00-200.00/kg) and it had decreased remarkably during the last two weeks of the month (Rs.40.00-50.00/kg). In addition, the prices of beans and carrot had decreased by 39% and 32% respectively. Meanwhile, the price of leeks had increased by 19% due to low supply from Nuwara Eliya. Price of leeks was low from July to October, 2011 and shown an increasing trend from November, 2011. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current wholesale prices of all the up country vegetables except cabbage and tomato had decreased with the highest price decrease of 42% for carrot. Furthermore, the prices of beans, carrot and beetroot in 2012 were low compared to the same period of the last two years.

In December, the supply of low country vegetables was at a satisfactory level than up country vegetables and the supply of low country vegetables had shown a continuous progress in January as well due to high supply from Nochchiyagama, Wadigala, Embilipitiya and Tissamaharama. With regard to low country vegetables, the prices of all the vegetables except brinjal and luffa had decreased in January. The highest price decrease of 54% at wholesale level was recorded for long beans due to high supply from Balangoda and Embilipitiya. However, most of the stocks were low in quality. Though, the price of pumpkin had shown an increasing trend from September to December, 2011 it had decreased in January, 2012 by 44% compared to December due to arrival of large stocks from Embilipitiya and Tissamaharama. However, compared to the same period of the last five years, the price was at a high level in January, 2012. Meanwhile, the price of green chillies had decreased further by 38% due to arrival of large stocks from Puttalam and Nochchiyagama. Also, the price of lime had decreased further by 36%. In January 2012, the prices of ladies fingers, brinjal, long beans and ash plantain were at a low level compared to the prices prevailed during the same period of the last two years. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current wholesale prices of all the low country vegetables except for the pumpkin had decreased with the highest price decrease of 67% for long beans.

According to the price behavior of the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the vegetables except knolkhol and brinjal had decreased. With regard to up country vegetables, the highest price decrease of 41% was recorded for tomato. Further, the retail prices of beans, carrot, radish and cabbage had decreased in the range of 20%-29%. Among the low country vegetables, the highest price decrease of 33% was observed for long beans. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current retail prices of all the vegetables except for tomato and pumpkin had decreased with the highest price decrease of 41% for long beans.

Table 3.3: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – January 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	64.80	106.32	108.97	*-41.52*	*-39.05*	*-44.17*	*-40.53*
Carrot	71.15	105.38	99.05	*-34.23*	*-32.48*	*-27.90*	*-28.17*
Leeks	49.50	41.75	82.17	*7.75*	*18.56*	*-32.67*	*-39.76*
Beetroot	78.82	78.23	120.28	*0.59*	*0.75*	*-41.46*	*-34.47*
Knolkhol	58.22	67.17	62.48	*-8.95*	*-13.32*	*-4.26*	*-6.82*
Radish	19.04	40.59	32.98	*-21.55*	*-53.09*	*-13.94*	*-42.27*
Cabbage	50.41	66.53	48.10	*-16.12*	*-24.23*	*2.31*	*4.80*
Tomato	89.20	178.30	54.11	*-89.10*	*-49.97*	*35.09*	*64.85*
Ladies Fingers	42.26	48.11	71.09	*-5.85*	*-12.16*	*-28.83*	*-40.55*
Brinjal	39.66	31.59	90.68	*8.07*	*25.55*	*-51.02*	*-56.26*
Capsicum	127.60	153.44	162.72	*-25.84*	*-16.84*	*-35.12*	*-21.58*
Pumpkin	30.83	55.61	18.43	*-24.78*	*-44.56*	*12.40*	*67.28*
Cucumber	32.44	35.25	61.26	*-2.81*	*-7.97*	*-28.82*	*-47.05*
Bitter Gourd	82.68	108.47	105.99	*-25.79*	*-23.78*	*-23.31*	*-21.99*
Snake Gourd	42.86	61.50	69.58	*-18.64*	*-30.31*	*-26.72*	*-38.40*
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	57.69	49.38	80.01	*8.31*	*16.83*	*-22.32*	*-27.90*
Long Beans	28.48	62.00	86.28	*-33.52*	*-54.06*	*-57.80*	*-66.99*
Ash Plantain	41.37	45.09	59.55	*-3.72*	*-8.25*	*-18.18*	*-30.53*
Green Chillies	101.65	163.67	254.54	*-62.02*	*-37.89*	*-152.89*	*-60.07*
Lime	40.39	63.21	22.45	*-22.82*	*-36.10*	*17.94*	*79.91*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.4: Retail Prices of Vegetables – January 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	112.24	157.74	161.19	*-45.50*	*-28.84*	*-48.95*	*-30.37*
Carrot	132.62	171.43	159.24	*-38.81*	*-22.64*	*-26.62*	*-16.72*
Leeks	103.03	107.10	143.86	*-4.07*	*-3.80*	*-40.83*	*-28.38*
Beetroot	139.26	141.06	177.54	*-1.80*	*-1.28*	*-38.28*	*-21.56*
Knolkhol	137.27	135.71	162.59	*1.56*	*1.15*	*-25.32*	*-15.57*
Radish	71.25	92.34	81.42	*-21.09*	*-22.84*	*-10.17*	*-12.49*
Cabbage	104.23	130.72	107.69	*-26.49*	*-20.26*	*-3.46*	*-3.21*
Tomato	154.15	260.96	102.51	*-106.81*	*-40.93*	*51.64*	*50.38*
Ladies Fingers	104.68	112.70	130.90	*-8.02*	*-7.12*	*-26.22*	*-20.03*
Brinjal	91.80	91.29	147.66	*0.51*	*0.56*	*-55.86*	*-37.83*
Capsicum	227.35	256.77	269.40	*-29.42*	*-11.46*	*-42.05*	*-15.61*
Pumpkin	79.63	102.26	58.41	*-22.63*	*-22.13*	*21.22*	*36.33*
Cucumber	78.17	92.23	109.56	*-14.06*	*-15.24*	*-31.39*	*-28.65*
Bitter Gourd	145.84	172.68	160.55	*-26.84*	*-15.54*	*-14.71*	*-9.16*
Snake Gourd	94.08	116.78	122.93	*-22.70*	*-19.44*	*-28.85*	*-23.47*
Drumstick	120.00	180.00	-	*-60.00*	*-33.33*	-	-
Luffa	118.12	118.76	145.02	*-0.64*	*-0.54*	*-26.90*	*-18.55*
Long Beans	88.49	132.62	149.56	*-44.13*	*-33.28*	*-61.07*	*-40.83*
Ash Plantain	95.32	101.94	113.80	*-6.62*	*-6.49*	*-18.48*	*-16.24*
Green Chillies	225.06	339.13	370.09	*-114.07*	*-33.64*	*-145.03*	*-39.19*
Lime	160.05	221.73	115.11	*-61.68*	*-27.82*	*44.94*	*39.04*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of most of the fruits had decreased during the month due to off season and dry weather. Hence the wholesale prices of all the fruits except passion fruits, wood apple, orange and slime apple had increased with the highest price increase of 67% for avocado. A limited supplies of avocado were recorded from Wellimada area.

High demand for banana were recorded during the month due to the New Year festival at the beginning of the month and the Thaipongal festival in the middle of the month. Therefor, the wholesale prices of all the varieties of banana had increased in the range of 6%-16% with the highest price increase for ambul. Decreasing trend of prices was recorded for all the varieties of banana at the end of the month and further price reduction could be expected during the next month. All the mango varieties were very limited during the month due to the commencement of the off season and wholesale prices had increased by 55% (betti), and 44%(karthakolomban and kohu) respectively. According to the market information, further price increase could be expected during the next month for all the mango varieties. Further the wholesale price of papaw had increased by 24% and price increased continuously during the month. According to the previous data, price of papaw is higher than that of the annual average in February and significant price increases could expected during the next month.

According to the table 4.1, significant price decreases were recorded only for orange, woodapple and passion fruit during the month. A high supply of orange was recorded from Anamaduwa, Nikaweratiya and Bibile areas and wholesale price had decreased by 27% compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of wood apple had decreased by 9% compared to the previous month and stocks which were available in the market were low in quality due to the harvesting season was going to be end.

Compared to the same period of the last year, current wholesale prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 56% for papaw.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 61% for avocado. Further the prices of mango(karthakolomban) and papaw had increased by 22% and 18% respectively due to limited availability. According to the table 4.2, a significant retail price rededuction was recorded only for orange, passion fruit and slime apple by 13%, 6% and 5% respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, current retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 49% for papaw.

Producer price of papaw had increased by 33% in Embilipitiya, Hambanthota and Moneragala areas due to decreased supplies during the later part of the month. Similarly, the producer price of ambul(banana) had increased by 15%. Compared to the same period of last year, current producer prices of ambul, papaw and pineapple had increased by 17%, 77% and 17% respectively, while the producer price of kolikuttu had decreased by 6%.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Papaw was the widely exported fruit in January and the quantity exported was of 34t. The total export earnings of pineapple, papaw, mango, orange and banana in January were Rs.million 5.31. Mandarin was the widely imported fruit in January and the quantity imported was 2,060.93t. The total import expenditure of apple, grapes, oranges and mandarin were Rs. million 282.74 in January.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – January 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	42.17	36.38	37.44	*5.79*	*15.92*	*4.73*	*12.63*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	93.40	88.00	89.40	*5.40*	*6.14*	*4.00*	*4.47*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	40.30	36.66	34.65	*3.64*	*9.93*	*5.65*	*16.31*
Anamalu	6.78	6.37	6.45	*0.41*	*6.44*	*0.33*	*5.12*
Ambun	9.24	8.74	8.56	*0.50*	*5.72*	*0.68*	*7.94*
Pineapple							
Large	109.00	107.13	113.47	*1.87*	*1.75*	*-4.47*	*-3.94*
Medium	87.23	86.79	91.87	*0.44*	*0.51*	*-4.64*	*-5.05*
Small	66.53	66.79	72.87	*-0.26*	*-0.39*	*-6.34*	*-8.70*
Mango							
Betti	9.12	5.87	9.51	*3.25*	*55.37*	*-0.39*	*-4.10*
Karthakolomban	31.97	22.16	36.75	*9.81*	*44.27*	*-4.78*	*-13.01*
Vilad	-	9.33	9.83	-	-	-	-
Kohu	6.75	4.68	5.73	*2.07*	*44.23*	*1.02*	*17.80*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	48.51	39.15	31.00	*9.36*	*23.91*	*17.51*	*56.48*
Passion Fruit	5.44	5.77	8.14	*-0.33*	*-5.72*	*-2.70*	*-33.17*
Wood Apple	13.25	14.55	11.19	*-1.30*	*-8.93*	*2.06*	*18.41*
Orange	26.12	35.80	22.04	*-9.68*	*-27.04*	*4.08*	*18.51*
Avocado	27.97	16.79	23.65	*11.18*	*66.59*	*4.32*	*18.27*
Slime Apple	12.89	13.20	8.63	*-0.31*	*-2.35*	*4.26*	*49.36*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	478.08	477.93	445.83	*0.15*	*0.03*	*32.25*	*7.23*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – January 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	72.93	70.35	67.21	*2.58*	*3.67*	*5.72*	*8.51*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	142.80	142.60	138.30	*0.20*	*0.14*	*4.50*	*3.25*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	70.36	68.46	65.10	*1.90*	*2.78*	*5.26*	*8.08*
Anamalu	12.00	11.70	11.05	*0.30*	*2.56*	*0.95*	*8.60*
Ambun	13.76	13.35	13.26	*0.41*	*3.07*	*0.50*	*3.77*
Pineapple							
Large	149.44	149.70	151.61	*-0.26*	*-0.17*	*-2.17*	*-1.43*
Medium	122.62	121.70	124.54	*0.92*	*0.76*	*-1.92*	*-1.54*
Small	100.20	99.43	99.48	*0.77*	*0.77*	*0.72*	*0.72*
Mango							
Betti	-	20.00	27.89	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	59.43	48.67	68.77	*10.76*	*22.11*	*-9.34*	*-13.58*
Vilad	-	-	28.75	-	-	-	-
Kohu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	85.61	72.83	57.43	*12.78*	*17.55*	*28.18*	*49.07*
Passion Fruit	11.41	12.15	14.35	*-0.74*	*-6.09*	*-2.94*	*-20.49*
Wood Apple	37.10	36.44	30.02	*0.66*	*1.81*	*7.08*	*23.58*
Orange	44.53	51.32	40.79	*-6.79*	*-13.23*	*3.74*	*9.17*
Avocado	76.96	47.83	68.57	*29.13*	*60.90*	*8.39*	*12.24*
Slime Apple	45.67	48.21	33.03	*-2.54*	*-5.27*	*12.64*	*38.27*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	700.32	662.97	672.69	*37.35*	*5.63*	*27.63*	*4.11*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits- January 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Ambul	29.26	25.52	25.10	3.74	14.66	4.16	16.57
Kolikuttu	60.33	60.50	64.20	-0.17	-0.28	-3.87	-6.03
Papaw	32.45	24.35	18.36	8.10	33.26	14.09	76.74
Pineapple	57.50	58.75	48.85	-1.25	-2.13	8.65	17.71

Source: Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
October – January 2012

Type of Fruit	January 2012			December 2011			November 2011		
	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	4.38	1.11	253.23	34.64	6.58	189.98	66.44	6.20	93.28
Papaw	34.01	1.91	56.16	47.81	4.11	85.91	70.81	9.20	129.96
Fresh Mango	0.58	0.11	186.82	1.16	0.42	362.43	5.03	1.41	280.20
Fresh Oranges	4.26	0.73	171.01	34.74	8.60	247.61	7.54	1.44	191.15
Bananas	22.51	1.45	64.34	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Sri Lanka Customs (FOB=Free On Board)

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
November – January 2012

Types of Fruit	January 2012			December 2011			November 2011		
	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,738.06	94.08	54.13	1,898.21	98.51	51.90	2,144.07	100.53	46.89
Grapes	472.30	83.43	176.65	321.82	45.28	140.70	478.18	55.18	115.40
Oranges	243.19	14.69	60.40	222.16	11.64	52.40	493.83	30.65	62.06
Mandarin	2,060.93	90.54	43.93	2,724.06	104.52	38.37	977.26	37.53	38.40

Source: Sri Lanka Customs
(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat
Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply was high due to favorable weather condition for fishing activities in most of the fishing areas. As a result the wholesale prices of all varieties of fish have decreased with the highest price decrease noted for salaya (24%) followed by balaya (19%) and shrimps (small) (9%). The current wholesale prices of most of the varieties have decreased with the highest price incline noted for thora (35%), compared to the same period of last year.

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of all the varieties except hurulla and thalapath have decreased with highest price decrease of 7% for salaya followed by mora (4%). Prices of hurulla and thalapath have increased by about 1% and 4% respectively as a result of low supply. The current wholesale prices of all varieties except salaya have decreased with the highest price decrease noted for thora (12%), compared to the same period of last year.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – January 2012

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Salaya	86.93	114.25	109.93	*-27.32*	*-23.91*	*-23.00*	*-20.92*
Hurulla	183.87	198.00	184.65	*-14.13*	*-7.14*	*-0.78*	*-0.42*
Balaya	245.40	301.75	234.38	*-56.35*	*-18.67*	*11.02*	*4.70*
Kelawalla	442.15	458.75	375.16	*-16.60*	*-3.62*	*66.99*	*17.86*
Thora	953.60	990.00	705.77	*-36.40*	*-3.68*	*247.83*	*35.11*
Paraw	425.71	444.25	392.13	*-18.54*	*-4.17*	*33.58*	*8.56*
Mora	317.98	327.75	340.13	*-9.77*	*-2.98*	*-22.15*	*-6.51*
Shrimps (small)	563.20	619.00	633.05	*-55.80*	*-9.01*	*-69.85*	*-11.03*
Thalapath	515.40	535.50	456.69	*-20.10*	*-3.75*	*58.71*	*12.86*
Retail Prices							
Salaya	146.50	157.84	159.50	*-11.34*	*-7.18*	*-13.00*	*-8.15*
Hurulla	288.86	285.76	282.98	*3.10*	*1.08*	*5.88*	*2.08*
Balaya	457.96	477.01	426.11	*-19.05*	*-3.99*	*31.85*	*7.47*
Kelawalla	679.99	688.83	630.66	*-8.84*	*-1.28*	*49.33*	*7.82*
Thora	1151.49	1183.53	1030.99	*-32.04*	*-2.71*	*120.50*	*11.69*
Paraw	696.11	707.89	626.48	*-11.78*	*-1.66*	*69.63*	*11.11*
Mora	507.77	530.45	472.84	*-22.68*	*-4.28*	*34.93*	*7.39*
Shrimps (small)	766.54	788.40	734.48	*-21.86*	*-2.77*	*32.06*	*4.36*
Thalapath	772.53	740.80	699.39	*31.73*	*4.28*	*73.14*	*10.46*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Dried Fish

Supplies of most of the imported and local varieties have been limited further hence the wholesale prices of all varieties except local sprats and kattawa have increased. The highest price increase was noted for imported salaya (47%) followed by balaya (14) and maduwa (13%). The prices of a few verities have decreased with the highest price decrease noted for local salaya (24%). Compared to the same period of last year the current prices of all varieties except salaya have increased with the highest price increase observed for maduwa.

The retail prices of all the varieties have increased with the highest price increase noted for thora by about 2%. Compared to the same period of the last year the current prices of all the varieties except salaya have increased with the highest price increase noted for kattawa by 10%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish– January 2012

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale							
Sprats	-	298.18	258.20	-	-	-	-
Sprats (imported)	257.30	253.08	233.39	*4.22*	*1.67*	*23.91*	*10.24*
Kattawa	672.00	689.67	558.79	*-17.67*	*-2.56*	*113.21*	*20.26*
Kattawa (imported)	627.21	630.14	518.00	*-2.93*	*-0.46*	*109.21*	*21.08*
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	783.20	770.89	641.88	*12.31*	*1.60*	*141.32*	*22.02*
Mora	560.20	547.77	516.17	*12.43*	*2.27*	*44.03*	*8.53*
Mora (imported)	510.43	505.36	501.40	*5.07*	*1.00*	*9.03*	*1.80*
Balaya	440.80	385.48	346.59	*55.32*	*14.35*	*94.21*	*27.18*
Balaya (imported)	-	-	330.62	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	564.00	547.24	461.67	*16.76*	*3.06*	*102.33*	*22.17*
Anguluwa (imported)	442.05	414.93	432.22	*27.12*	*6.54*	*9.83*	*2.27*
Maduwa	424.00	245.00	312.88	*179.00*	*73.06*	*111.12*	*35.52*
Maduwa (imported)	272.40	241.94	232.76	*30.46*	*12.59*	*39.64*	*17.03*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-		-
Salaya	164.40	111.90	235.67	*52.50*	*46.91*	*-71.27*	*-30.24*
Salaya (imported)	225.00	224.81	252.64	*0.19*	*0.09*	*-27.64*	*-10.94*
Dried Fish – Retail							
Sprats	360.36	353.51	343.86	*6.85*	*1.94*	*16.50*	*4.80*
Kattawa	858.58	857.86	779.57	*0.72*	*0.08*	*79.01*	*10.14*
Thora	927.50	905.73	869.98	*21.77*	*2.40*	*57.52*	*6.61*
Mora	720.12	713.33	684.16	*6.79*	*0.95*	*35.96*	*5.26*
Balaya	639.40	629.12	608.25	*10.28*	*1.63*	*31.15*	*5.12*
Anguluwa	668.18	657.35	655.07	*10.83*	*1.65*	*13.11*	*2.00*
Maduwa	-	-	425.67	-	-	-	-
Koduwa	-	-	633.33	-	-	-	-
Salaya	375.64	369.51	395.33	*6.13*	*1.66*	*-19.69*	*-4.98*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Demand for eggs had increased at the beginning of the month as it was the festive season and the wholesale prices of eggs had increased by 6% and 7% for brown and white eggs respectively. Meanwhile, the retail prices had also increased by 3% and 6% for brown and white eggs respectively compared to the previous month. Hettipola, Madampe, Marawila and Kuliyapitiya were the major supply areas of eggs. Compared to the same period of the last year, current wholesale price of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 22% and 21% while the retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 18% and 21% respectively.

Meat

Retail price of curry chicken had decreased by 4% due to low demand at the end of the month while the prices of mutton and pork had increased by 3%. Compared to the same period of the last year, current retail prices of all the meat varieties except pork had increased with the highest price increase of 17% for broiler chicken.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – January 2012

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	%	Rs.	%
Eggs – Wholesale							
Eggs – Brown (each)	10.20	9.64	13.12	*0.56*	*5.81*	*-2.92*	*-22.26*
White (each)	10.00	9.36	12.62	*0.64*	*6.84*	*-2.62*	*-20.76*
Eggs – Retail							
Eggs- Brown (each)	11.47	11.11	13.85	*0.36*	*3.24*	*-2.38*	*-17.18*
White (each)	11.01	10.43	13.86	*0.58*	*5.56*	*-2.85*	*-20.56*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – January 2012

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat							
Beef (without bones)	469.86	470.50	456.18	*-0.64*	*-0.14*	*13.68*	*3.00*
Chicken (Broiler)	439.95	444.40	375.69	*-4.45*	*-1.00*	*64.26*	*17.10*
Chicken (curry)	393.44	408.20	368.10	*-14.76*	*-3.62*	*25.34*	*6.88*
Mutton	920.09	890.00	807.96	*30.09*	*3.38*	*112.13*	*13.88*
Pork	435.80	423.67	455.93	*12.13*	*2.86*	*-20.13*	*-4.42*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agri-business Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The highest CIF price of wheat grain was reported in December within the year 2011 and therefore the price has decreased significantly in January 2012. The decrease was 16% against the previous month and it was Rs.7.15/kg. Total quantity of imports was 64,750t valued at Rs. mn.2458 in January. The average CIF price was Rs.37.97/kg. Meanwhile, the imported quantity of wheat flour has decreased by 60% against the prevous month and total quantity was 1261t. The value of the imported quantity was Rs. mn. 59. The average CIF price was Rs.46.75/kg and it has decreased by Rs.1.19/kg against the previous month. The continous increasing trend of wheat flour prices in world market has not been seen in January. Compared to the same period of the last year, the retail price of wheat flour in local market has decreased by nearly 4%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar - January 2012

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Dec 2011		Jan 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	84.28	83.92	81.33	*0.37*	*0.43*	*2.95*	*3.63*
Sugar	88.35	91.04	*97.48*	*-2.69*	*-2.95*	*-9.13*	*-9.37*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Jan 2012	1261.37	58.94	46.73	84.28	*37.55*
Dec 2011	3184.26	152.59	47.92	83.92	*36.00*
Nov 2011	5648.36	256.67	45.44	84.12	*38.68*
Oct 2011	4859.59	216.47	44.54	84.39	*39.85*
Sep 2011	1166.89	48.88	41.89	84.66	*42.77*
Aug 2011	5070.69	267.66	52.69	84.98	*32.29*
Wheat Grain					
Jan 2012	64750.06	2458.38	37.97	84.28	*46.31*
Dec 2011	58035.85	2585.55	44.55	83.92	*39.36*
Nov 2011	93818.47	3508.39	37.40	84.12	*46.72*
Oct 2011	43373.17	1732.91	39.95	84.39	*44.44*
Sep 2011	74130.08	2866.05	38.66	84.66	*46.00*
Aug 2011	59907.69	2427.21	40.52	84.98	*44.46*

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Sugar

The import of suger has increased by 13% against the previous month and the total quantity of imports was 49334t. Sugar prices in world market has decreased since September 2011 and it was continued in January too. Hence, the CIF price of sugar has further declined by Rs.6.52/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.71.92/kg. Inline with world market prices, retail price of sugar has decreased by Rs.2.69/kg in local market and the price was Rs.88.35/kg. Compared to the same period of the last year, the retail price of sugar has decreased by about 9%. Total value of the imported quantity was Rs. mn. 3548 in January.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- August 2011 to January 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan 2012	49333.58	3548.16	71.92	88.35	*16.43*
Dec 2011	43698.11	3427.46	78.44	91.04	*12.60*
Nov 2011	54064.53	4364.53	80.73	92.95	*12.22*
Oct 2011	48153.73	3972.08	82.49	94.94	*12.45*
Sep 2011	44773.15	3854.16	86.08	97.14	*11.06*
Aug 2011	42514.75	3587.86	84.39	97.47	*13.08*

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - January 2012

Items	Quantity (t)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011		Jan 2012	Dec 2011		Jan 2012	Dec 2011	
Rice	2602.96	2317.97	12.29	197.48	187.22	5.48	75.87	80.77	-6.07
Red Onion	2791.14	943.77	195.74	112.63	49.46	127.72	40.35	52.41	-23.01
Big Onion	17396.21	14862.97	17.04	455.07	483.84	-5.95	26.16	32.55	-19.63
Potato	13499.90	15597.14	-13.45	315.61	452.28	-30.22	23.38	29.00	-19.38
Dried Chillies	3196.23	3987.03	-19.83	501.55	691.97	-27.52	156.92	173.56	-9.59
Masoor Dhal	3361.70	8382.98	-59.90	214.39	591.77	-63.77	63.77	70.59	-9.66
Green Gram	764.45	1131.47	-32.44	85.54	138.74	-38.35	111.90	122.62	-8.74
Cowpea	96.02	49.88	92.50	10.07	6.28	60.35	104.89	125.98	-16.74
Black gram	357.10	658.22	-45.75	40.09	73.29	-45.30	112.27	111.34	0.84
Garlic	1951.00	530.60	267.70	101.63	29.68	242.42	52.09	55.94	-6.88
Wheat flour	1261.37	3184.26	-60.39	58.94	152.59	-61.37	46.73	47.92	-2.48
Wheat grain	64750.06	58035.85	11.57	2458.38	2585.55	-4.92	37.97	44.55	-14.77
White crystalline cane sugar	49333.58	43698.11	12.90	3548.16	3427.46	3.52	71.92	78.44	-8.31
Maize (Seed)	-	52.70	-	-	20.69	-	-	392.63	-
Maize (Other)	544.98	43.40	1155.71	17.99	2.25	699.56	33.01	51.73	-36.19

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – January 2012

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	28.2	76.6	4	6
Badulla	20.6	150.2	9	12
Bandarawela	44.4	99.1	10	10
Batticaloa	69.0	203.5	7	11
Colombo	158.7	56.3	5	5
Galle	15.9	82.4	3	8
Hambantota	24.5	53.3	3	5
Jaffna	6.4	na	4	4
Katugastota	13.4	76.8	3	6
Katunayaka	12.4	44.3	3	4
Kurunegala	9.0	54.6	3	4
Maha Iluppallama	9.1	67.5	4	6
Mannar	46.4	37.5	2	4
Nuwara Eliya	51.1	97.4	6	8
Pottuvil	51.3	279.1	0	na
Puttalam	24.5	48.5	3	4
Ratmalana	109.7	67.1	5	5
Ratnapura	36.6	107.5	6	9
Trincomalee	12.6	112.0	na	7
Vavuniya	32.7	81.5	4	6
Polonnaruwa	7.0	na	5	na
Moneragala	62.4	na	4	na

Source: Department of Meteorologyna

Appendix 01: Farmgate Prices of Paddy and Subsidary Food Crops in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg)

January 2012

Commodity	Range	Average			Change			
		This Month	Last Month	Last Year	Last Month		Last Year	
					Rs/Kg	%	Rs/Kg	%
Paddy								
Short grain								
A'pura	31.00 - 36.00	34.05	35.41	31.15	-1.36	-3.83	2.90	9.32
P'naruwa	32.00 - 36.00	34.16	34.86	31.98	-0.71	-2.03	2.18	6.80
Kalawewa	33.00 - 36.00	35.00	36.00	31.23	-1.00	-2.78	3.77	12.08
Kurunegala	30.00 - 34.50	32.97	34.22	30.64	-1.25	-3.66	2.33	7.59
Dehiattakandiya	32.00 - 36.00	34.14	35.23	31.78	-1.09	-3.08	2.36	7.43
Nikaweratiya	30.00 - 35.00	33.12	34.70	29.92	-1.58	-4.55	3.20	10.70
Ampara	33.00 - 35.00	34.34	34.63	31.80	-0.28	-0.82	2.54	7.99
Long grain (White)								
A'pura	24.00 - 30.00	28.33	29.97	26.60	-1.64	-5.48	1.73	6.50
P'naruwa	26.50 - 30.50	28.74	30.05	27.17	-1.30	-4.34	1.57	5.79
Kalawewa	27.00 - 30.00	29.23	30.07	27.10	-0.84	-2.79	2.13	7.85
Kurunegala	26.00 - 30.50	28.57	29.82	27.49	-1.24	-4.17	1.08	3.94
Dehiattakandiya	26.00 - 30.50	28.78	30.05	27.22	-1.27	-4.23	1.56	5.73
Embilipitiya	26.00 - 32.00	30.00	31.80	29.42	-1.80	-5.66	0.58	1.97
Nikaweratiya	26.00 - 31.00	28.66	30.13	26.75	-1.47	-4.86	1.91	7.14
Matara	28.00 - 31.00	29.67	30.75	29.13	-1.08	-3.51	0.54	1.85
Hambantota	-			30.00	-	-	-	-
Ampara	26.00 30.50	28.56	30.63	28.80	-2.07	-6.74		
Long grain (Red)								
A'pura	24.00 31.00	27.88	29.18	26.60	-1.30	-4.45	1.28	4.81
Mathara	28.00 - 31.00	29.87	29.92	27.63	-0.05	-0.16	2.24	8.09
Hambantota	29.00 - 33.00	30.64	32.25	28.00	-1.61	-4.99	2.64	9.43
Embilipitiya	29.00 - 32.00	31.08	31.85	28.12	-0.77	-2.42	2.96	10.53
Dried Chillies								
A'Pura	-				-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	-				-	-	-	-
Potato								
N'Eliya	80.00 - 95.00	84.40	101.10	72.45	-16.70	-16.52	11.95	16.49
Welimada	60.00 - 82.00	71.73	89.90		-18.18	-20.22	-	-
Badulla	65.00 - 85.00	73.20	101.80		-28.60	-28.09	-	-

This Month - ***January 2012***

Last Month - ***December 2011***