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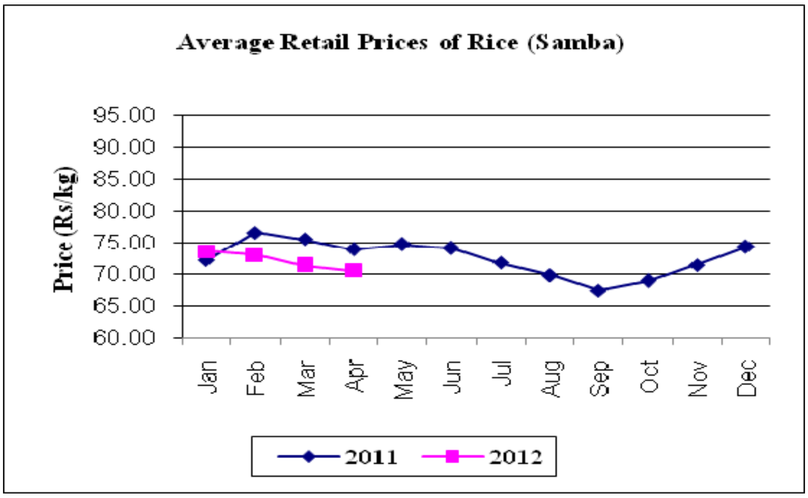
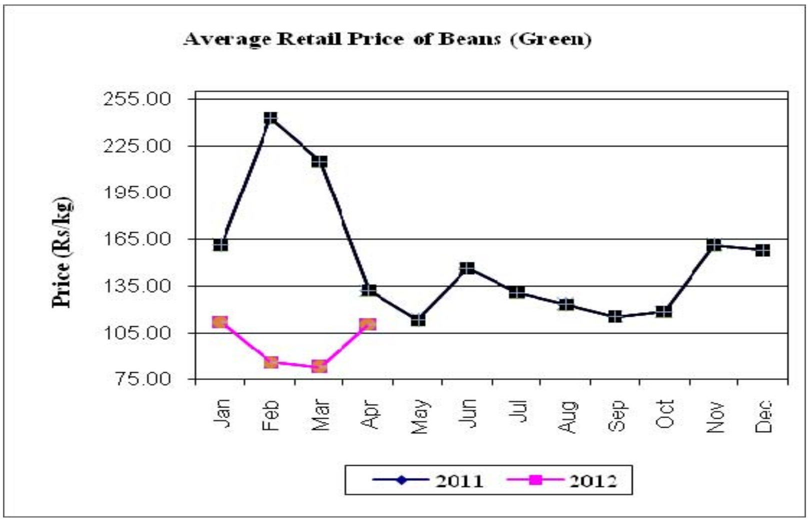
RICE:

Prices of all the rice varieties have decreased during the month mainly due to the commencement of the arrival of new rice stocks of *Maha* season to the market.

VEGETABLES:

In *Yala* 2012, a total of 7,143 ha of vegetables was cultivated by the end of April. This included 23% of up country vegetables and 77% of low country vegetables. Though, the prices of vegetables had shown a decreasing trend from January to March, 2012, prices had started to increase in April. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of most of the vegetables had decreased.





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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The harvesting of 2011/12 *maha* season successfully ended with a bumper harvest of paddy released to the market. The harvest in most of the major paddy cultivation areas was satisfactory as a result of favorable weather conditions throughout the season. Slightly delaying of monsoon rains for the 2012 *yala* season can be observed in major producing areas. Water levels were not satisfactory in some of the major and minor irrigation schemes for 2012 *yala* season. Issuing of water for 2011 *yala* season was started in most of the major irrigated areas..However, the land preparation was completed in most of the major paddy producing areas and the cultivation started in some areas. The crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture for 2012 *yala* season, reveals that the progress of paddy cultivation was 156,153 ha and is 30% of the target. As compared to the progress of respective month in *yala* 2011, this cultivation progress of paddy at the end of April 2012 shows a shortfall by 23.6%.According to the present situation progressof the paddy crop in 2012 *yala* season depended on the rain fall received during next month.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2012 *yala* season
(Up to end of April 2012)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the targeted extent
Anuradhapura	45,570	29,050	64
Polonnaruwa	26,700	548	2
Ampara	61,543	54,485	89
Kurunegala	70,006	19,503	28
Hambantota	25,823	4,352	17
Colombo	3,701	154	4
Gampaha	8,410	324	4
Kalutara	14,382	543	4
Galle	12,800	375	3
Matara	16,000	3,196	20
Ratnapura	14,750	919	6
Kegalle	9,780	331	3
Puttalam	17,578	1,013	6
Kandy	12,104	207	2
Matale	13,340	638	5
N' Eliya	3,898	5	0
Badulla	8,002	509	6
Monaragala	17,511	6,589	38
Jaffna	0	0	0
Kilinochchi	4,676	3,529	75
Vavniya	7,500	111	1
Mullative	3,182	2,398	75
Mannar	2,825	0	0
Trincomalee	23,579	6,834	29
Batticaloa	21,800	20,540	94
Udawalawa	12,762	0	0
System H	8,730	0	0
System H1	3,654	0	0
System B	18,500	0	0
System C	21,286	0	0
System G	4,050	0	0
System L	380	0	0
Sri Lanka	**514,820**	**156,153**	**30**

Source: Department of Agriculture

Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – April 2012

Commodity	Price Range (Rs/kg)		Average (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	-	27.00-28.50	-	27.57	28.50	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-	30.23	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	27.00-29.00	27.00-28.00	27.94	27.75	29.65	*0.19*	*0.70*	*-1.71*	*-5.76*
Kurunegala	23.30-28.25	26.00-28.00	26.76	27.35	31.93	*-0.59*	*-2.16*	*-5.18*	*-16.21*
Dehiattakandiya	26.50-27.00	26.00-28.00	26.80	26.78	30.20	*0.03*	*0.09*	*-3.40*	*-11.26*
Nikaweratiya	27.00-27.50	26.00-28.00	27.13	27.33	29.23	*-0.19*	*-0.70*	*-2.10*	*-7.17*
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	-	22.00-23.50	-	22.76	27.50	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-	28.26	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	21.00-24.00	22.00-24.00	22.11	22.53	28.47	*-0.42*	*-1.86*	*-6.36*	*-22.34*
Kurunegala	23.00-23.50	23.00-24.00	23.20	23.37	30.04	*-0.17*	*-0.73*	*-6.84*	*-22.77*
Dehiattakandiya	22.50-23.50	23.00-24.00	23.03	23.43	28.20	*-0.39*	*-1.67*	*-5.17*	*-18.32*
Embilipitiya	23.00-24.00	23.00-24.50	23.50	23.98	29.20	*-0.47*	*-1.98*	*-5.70*	*-19.52*
Nikaweratiya	22.50-23.500	23.00-24.00	23.07	23.45	28.00	*-0.38*	*-1.63*	*-4.93*	*-17.62*
Matara	22.00-24.00	24.00-24.00	23.56	24.00	29.47	*-0.44*	*-1.85*	*-5.91*	*-20.07*
Hambantota	18.00-22.00	-	20.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anuradhapura	-	22.00-23.00	-	22.67	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	22.00-25.00	24.00-26.00	24.00	25.00	27.67	*-1.00*	*-3.99*	*-3.67*	*-13.25*
Hambantota	18.00-22.00	-	20.60	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	20.00-23.00	22.00-29.00	22.30	25.40	27.65	*-3.10*	*-12.20*	*-5.35*	*-19.35*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Prices of all the paddy varieties slightly declined during the month due to the arrival of Maha harvest to the market. This was mainly caused by the bumper harvest which reached the market in April. The increase in surplus issued by the farmers to the markets before the New Year also caused this decrease. In order to stabilize the paddy prices Paddy Marketing Board had started purchasing programme in major producing areas.The purchasing price for Long grain white was Rs 28.00/Kg and the Short grain was Rs 30.00/Kg. The lowest the price range of Rs 21.00-24.00/Kg was for long grain white which was recorded in Kalawewa . While the highest price range of Rs 27.00-27.50/Kg for short grain was recorded in Nikaweratiya .

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of long grain white varieties had decreased in the range of 18%-23% in all major producing areas with the highest decrease in Kurunegala. Meanwhile, the price of short grain has decreased in the range of 6%-16% with the highest decrease in Kurunegala.Prices of long grain red has decreased in the range of 13%-19% on the highest decrease was in Embilipitiya.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

An increasing trend of supply of most of the rice varieties could be observed during the month**.** Sufficient new stocks of most of the local rice varieties were available in the market mainly from processing areas in Eastern province. Therefore the prices of all the rice varieties declined by less than 8%.Prices of samba rice varieties had decreased by 2%-3% with the highest decline for samba grade II. The lowest decline of 2% was recorded for samba grade III. It is observed that the quality of rice stocks supply to the market has gradually increased during the month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the rice varieties had decreased in the range of 6%-21%. The highest and the lowest price increase were recorded for raw white and samba grade II respectively.

Retail Prices

Sufficient stocks of all the rice varieties were available in most of the retail markets throughout the month. Prices of all the rice varieties had decreased during the month mainly due to the arrival of new rice stocks to the market.In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the rice varieties had decreased by less than 4% with the highest decline for samba grade III. The highest and the lowest average price of Rs 75.79/Kg and Rs53.68/Kg was recorded for samba grade I and raw white respectively. Most of the rice varieties were available under the ceiling price in most of the retail markets throughout the month. Meanwhile the prices of keeri samba and basmathe rice ranged from Rs. 85.00-125.00/Kg and Rs130.00-160.00/Kg. It is expected that the dcreasing trend of rice prices will continue durinrg the next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of all the rice varieties had decreased in the range of 3%-9%.. The highest and the lowest decrease were recorded for raw white and samba grade II.

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

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Samba 1	66.08	67.76	71.40	*-1.68*	*-2.48*	*-5.31*	*-7.44*
Samba 2	61.99	63.76	66.31	*-1.77*	*-2.78*	*-4.31*	*-6.50*
Samba 3	57.88	59.14	62.69	*-1.26*	*-2.13*	*-4.81*	*-7.67*
Nadu 1	52.14	53.88	58.67	*-1.74*	*-3.24*	*-6.54*	*-11.14*
Nadu 2	45.35	48.08	55.64	*-2.72*	*-5.66*	*-10.29*	*-18.49*
Raw red	46.53	50.87	53.58	*-4.34*	*-8.54*	*-7.05*	*-13.15*
Raw white	42.62	44.68	53.86	*-2.06*	*-4.62*	*-11.24*	*-20.87*
Imported Parboiled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices							
Samba 1	75.79	76.38	80.09	*-0.59*	*-0.77*	*-4.30*	*-5.37*
Samba 2	69.96	70.04	72.22	*-0.08*	*-0.11*	*-2.26*	*-3.13*
Samba 3	65.71	67.42	69.23	*-1.71*	*-2.54*	*-3.52*	*-5.08*
Nadu 1	59.79	59.37	64.81	*0.42*	*0.71*	*-5.02*	*-7.75*
Nadu 2	55.49	57.95	59.88	*-2.46*	*-4.25*	*-4.39*	*-7.33*
Raw red	56.00	56.79	59.20	*-0.79*	*-1.39*	*-3.20*	*-5.41*
Raw white	53.68	55.04	59.27	*-1.36*	*-2.47*	*-5.59*	*-9.43*
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

Cultivation of chillies for yala 2012 had commenced in Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala and most of the producing areas. Difference stages of land preparation were in progress during this month in most of the producing areas. However, the yala harvest will arrive at the market 1.5 month later. According to the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent of chillies for yala 2012 is 6783 ha in Sri Lanka and out of which 24% has been achieved by the end of April 2012. The highest cultivated extent of 679ha was recorded in Anuradhapura district and it represents 62% of the district target. The following table depicts the targeted extent and progress of chillies cultivation for yala season 2012.

Table 2.1.1: Targeted extent and progress of chillies cultivation by the end of April 2012 (2012 yala season)

Areas	Target (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of April 2012	
		Extent (ha)	% of the target
Anuradhapura	1100	679	62
Puttalam	741	105	14
Matale	529	50	9
Monaragala	494	170	34
System H	368	-	-
Kurunegala	350	140	40
Hambantota	285	132	46
Other areas	2916	322	11
Total	6783	1598	24

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had increased by Rs. 23.60/kg and Rs. 42.71/kg respectively as it was the tail end of the harvesting season in Jaffna and Puttalam districts. According to the field information around 10,000 kg of green chillies were supplied to the Dambulla dedicated economic center per day from Jaffna district and compared to the previous month it had decreased by 33% during this month. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs. 53.90/kg and Rs. 163.78/kg respectively and both prices had decreased by 50% and 15% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

The market consisted of only imported dried chillies. A quantity of 2015mt of dried chillies was imported during this month and it was a decrease of 2719t compared to that of the last month. The CIF price was Rs. 138.43 /kg and it had also decreased by Rs. 6.30/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of imported dried chillies had decreased by Rs. 1.50/kg due to decrease of imported price. Any way, the retail price of dried chillies had increased slightly by about Rs. 1.00/kg due to higher demand during the festival season. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of dried chillies have decreased by about 32% and 19% respectively.

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

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price							
Green chillies	53.90	30.33	108.44	*23.57*	*77.71*	*-54.54*	*-50.30*
Dried chillies	165.13	166.59	244.69	*-1.47*	*-0.88*	*-79.56*	*-32.52*
Retail Price							
Green chillies	163.78	121.07	192.95	*42.71*	*35.28*	*-29.17*	*-15.12*
Dried chillies	231.68	230.69	285.59	*0.99*	*0.43*	*-53.91*	*-18.88*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity (t)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2012	2,014.64	278.89	138.43	231.68	93.25
Mar 2012	4,733.50	685.06	144.73	230.69	85.96
Feb 2012	4,225.31	622.05	147.22	242.28	95.06
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

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

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

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Dambulla	51.20	51.20	51.20	28.60	40.20

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

The targeted extent of big onion was 3200 ha in Matale district for the yala season 2012. Harvesting of big onion seed production had started during this month in Matale district and seed production had increased by 30% compared to the previous season due to favorable weather conditions. Prices ranged between Rs 13,000.00-16,000.00 kg for the “Lanka beeja” verities in the market. Around 75% of big onion nurseries would be established during May 2012 and cultivation of big onion also could be expected during the next month in Matale district.

Red onion cultivation for yala 2012 had commenced in the end of March in Puttalam district and the targeted extent was 810 ha. Cultivation of around 151 ha had been completed by the end of April 2012 achieving 19% of the target, and no cultivation was recorded form Jaffna district by the end of April 2012. The following tables show the targeted extent and progress of the big onion and red onion cultivation for the yala season 2012.

Table 2.2.1: Targeted Extent and Progress of Big Onion Cultivation by the end of April 2012 (*Yala* 2012)

Areas	Target (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of April 2012	
		Extent (ha)	% of he target
Matale	3200	10	0.3
Anuradhapura	680	12	2
System H	600	-	-
Other areas	739	77	10
Total	5219	99	2

Source: Crop forecast, Department of Agriculture

Table 2.2.2: Targeted extent and progress of Red onion cultivation by the end of April 2012 (2012 yala season)

Areas	Target (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of April 2012	
		Extent (ha)	% of he target
Jaffna	2013	-	-
Puttalam	810	151	19
Mullativu	333	02	0.6
Trincomalee	313	07	2
Monaragala	184	16	9
Other areas	1102	135	12
Total	4755	311	6.5

Source: Crop forecast, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Big onion market suppliers consentrate only with imports and this situation would be continued until yala harvest begins in August. According to the Department of customs, a quantity of 17842t of big onion had been imported in April 2012 witch was 1361t lesser when compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs. 24.74 kg and it had increased by a Rs 3.80/kg, when compared to the last month. Average CIF price was Rs 24.74/kg and it had increased by Rs 3.80/kg, compared to the last month. Stock of both Pakistan and Indian big union were available at the market. However both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion had increased by Rs. 13.30/kg and Rs. 10.46/kg respectively, due to limited imports. Prevailed higher demand during this month was carried by the new year festival season resulting in a price increase of imported big onion. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by Rs 58% and 40% respectively.

Supply of local red onion from Puttalam and Jaffna districts had decreased during this month as it was the end of the harvesting season. The supply of local red onion from Jaffna has also decreased in the Dambulla Dedicated Economic center (DEC) since mid of April. About 40000 kg of red onion had been supplied to the Dambulla DEC per day from Jaffna and it has decreased by 10000 kg per day when compared to the previous month.

According to the Department of customs, about 98mt of red onion had been imported during this month, which was 61t higher when compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 34.80/kg and it had increased by Rs. 11.30/kg, compared to the last month. However, stocks of imported red onion were available at the market only during the last two weeks of the month.

Wholesale prices of sinnan, vedalan and imported red onion have increased by Rs. 5.20/kg, Rs. 3.70/kg and Rs. 12.90/kg respectively due to limited supply and high demand as it was the new year festival season. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of sinnan and vedalan have increased by Rs. 4.72/kg and Rs. 4.16/kg respectively . Stocks of imported red onion were not available in most of the retail markets. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of sinnan and vedalan have decreased by 37% and 36% respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg)

Crop	Average Price (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
Wholesale Price	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**%**	**Rs/kg**	**%**
Red Onion (Sinnan)	49.91	44.72	101.11	*5.19*	*11.60*	*-51.20*	*-50.64*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	74.75	71.07	136.38	*3.69*	*5.19*	*-61.63*	*-45.19*
Red Onion (Imported)	59.54	46.67	103.30	*12.88*	*27.59*	*-43.76*	*-42.36*
Big Onion (imported)	68.12	54.81	43.08	*13.31*	*24.29*	*25.04*	*58.12*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices							
Red Onion (Sinnan)	84.00	79.28	132.98	*4.72*	*5.95*	*-48.98*	*-36.83*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	108.26	104.10	169.04	*4.16*	*4.00*	*-60.78*	*-35.96*
Red Onion (Imported)	-	80.00	138.63	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	84.06	73.60	59.82	*10.46*	*14.21*	*24.24*	*40.52*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Apr,2012	24.74	68.12	84.06	*43.38*	*15.94*
	Mar,2012	20.94	54.81	73.60	*33.87*	*18.79*
	Apr,2011	25.40	43.08	59.82	*17.68*	*16.74*
Red onion	Apr,2012	34.80	59.54	-	*24.74*	-
	Mar,2012	23.52	46.67	80.00	*23.15*	*33.33*
	Apr,2011	49.18	103.30	138.63	*54.12*	*35.33*

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (t.)		Value (Rs. Mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Mar 2012	Feb 2011	Mar 2012	Feb 2011	Mar 2012	Feb 2011
Red Onion	98.00	37.50	3.41	0.88	34.80	23.52
Big Onion	17,842.39	19,203.74	441.45	402.20	24.74	20.94

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion November 2011 to April 2012

Month	Quantity Imported (t)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)
Apr 2012	17,842	24.74	68.12	84.06
Mar 2012	19,204	20.94	54.81	73.60
Feb 2012	17,270	20.95	52.24	71.33
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

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop situation

The cultivation of Potato in the yala season 2012 commenced in Nuwara Eliya district on a small extent. The targeted extent of potato for yala 2012 was 809 ha and out of that 85ha had been cultivated by the end of April representing 10% of the target. Compared to the previous yala season , the cultivated extent of potato had increased by 18% in Nuvara Eliya district by the end of April 2012, due to higher producer prices that prevailed and increased average yield . However harvesting of potato in the maha season was also in progress in Nuwara Eliya district , and highest production of potato for the maha season will be supplied to the market during next month (May).

In Badulla district, the total cultivated extent as at the end of April was low. Out of the total targeted yala extent of 2348ha, only 24 ha(around 1% of the target) had been cultivated by the end of April in Badulla. The following table shows the targeted extent and cultivated extent of potato in the yala season 2012.

Table 2.3.1: Targeted extent and progress of potato cultivation by the end of April 2012 (2012 yala season)

Areas	Target (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of April 2012	
		Extent (ha)	% of the target
Badulla	2348	24	01
Nuwara Eliya	809	85	10
Total	3157	109	03

Source: Crop Forecast, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply comprised of both local and imported potatoes during this month. According to the Department of customs, a quantity of 7829t of potato was imported during this month which was a decrease of 3702t compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 22.33/kg and it had increased by Rs. 2.40/kg compared to the last month. Stock of imported potato had mainly arrived from India and Pakistan. Around 4500mt of potato was supplied to the market from Nuwara Eliya district during this month by harvesting 226 ha and around 8560 mt of potato. The highest production of the maha season could be expected during the next month (May

2012).Supply of potato from Badulla district had decreased during this month as it was the end of the harvesting season in Badulla.

Both wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato had increased by Rs. 6.70/kg and Rs. 5.78/kg respectively due to its higher quantity and higher demand during the new year festival season. Wholesale price of Welimada potato had increased by Rs. 9.70/kg due to limited supply and stocks of Welimada potato were not available in most of the retail markets. Both wholesale and retail price of imported potato had also increased by Rs. 14.30/kg and Rs. 10.88/kg respectively due to limited imports and increase of imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato and imported potato had decreased by 11% and 1% respectively. Price of Nuwara Eliya potato will decrease during the next month due to higher supplies from Nuwara Eliya producing areas.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes November 2011 to April 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2012	7,828.60	174.85	22.33	83.67	*61.34*
Mar 2012	11,530.72	229.48	19.90	72.79	*52.89*
Feb 2012	10,790.96	226.25	20.97	74.03	*53.06*
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*

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

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

Item	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)							
Welimada	-	64.25	76.74	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	73.65	71.20	86.45	*2.45*	*3.44*	*-12.80*	*-14.81*
Imported – CIF	22.33	19.90	27.84	*2.43*	*12.21*	*-5.51*	*-19.79*
Wholesale Prices (WP)							
Welimada	77.00	67.28	-	*9.73*	*14.46*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	83.63	76.89	98.01	*6.74*	*8.77*	*-14.38*	*-14.67*
Imported	69.99	55.69	65.56	*14.30*	*25.68*	*4.44*	*6.77*
Retail Prices (RP)							
Welimada	-	80.00	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	113.28	107.50	127.92	*5.78*	*5.38*	*-14.64*	*-11.44*
Imported	83.67	72.79	84.93	*10.88*	*14.95*	*-1.26*	*-1.48*
Gross Margin (PP-RP)							
Welimada	-	15.75	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	39.63	36.30	41.47	*3.33*	-	*-1.84*	*-4.44*
Imported (CIF-RP)	61.34	52.89	57.09	*8.45*	*15.98*	*4.25*	*7.44*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)							
Welimada	-	12.72	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	29.65	30.61	29.91	*-0.96*	*-3.14*	*-0.26*	*-0.86*
Imported	13.68	17.10	19.37	*-3.42*	*-20.02*	*-5.70*	*-29.40*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Quantity of 957 mt of green gram was imported in April and it was an decreased by 416 mt compared to that of last month. The CIF price of green gram was Rs.113.63/kg and it was a increase of cense 58/kg compared to that of previous month. Imported cowpea was not recorded in April.

Both wholesale and retail prices of green gram have increased by around 10% and 13% respectively due to increased demand with festival season and stocks mainly from Australia, and Canada were available during the month. Gross margin of wholesale and CIF prices of green gram was very high with high special commodity levy. The wholesale price of cowpea has decreased by around 6% due to supply from Ampara and Embilipitiya areas. while that of retail price has increased by about 3%. The average retail prices of green gram and cowpea were Rs.235.91/kg and Rs.263.73/kg respectively and those prices have decreased by about 3% and 1% respectively, compared to that of April 2011.

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

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2012	956.70	108.71	113.63	235.91	122.28
Mar 2012	1,373.25	155.25	113.05	208.22	95.17
Feb 2012	385.25	45.21	117.35	193.79	76.44
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

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

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea November 2011 to April 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2012	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 2012	148.73	16.22	109.03	256.81	147.78
Feb 2012	104.86	12.30	117.62	261.62	144.00
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

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

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

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Green gram	202.33	184.50	192.97	17.84	9.67	9.36	4.85
Cowpea	200.20	213.00	225.05	-12.80	-6.01	-24.85	-11.04
Retail Prices							
Green gram	235.91	208.22	229.07	27.69	13.30	6.84	2.99
Cowpea	263.73	256.81	261.05	6.92	2.69	2.68	1.03

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	Apr,2012	113.63	202.33	235.91	88.70	33.58
	Mar,2012	113.05	184.50	208.22	71.45	23.72
	Apr,2011	159.50	192.97	229.07	33.47	36.10
Cowpea	Apr,2012	-	200.20	263.73	-	63.53
	Mar,2012	109.03	213.00	256.81	103.97	43.81
	Apr,2011	100.68	225.05	261.05	124.37	36.00

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Quantity of 6,016 mt was imported during the month and it has decreased by about 3,791mt and mainly received from Australia and Canada. The CIF price was Rs.75.61//kg and it is a increase by Rs.3.30./kg compared to that of last month. Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have increased by about 8% and 4% respectively due to high demand with festival season. The average wholesale and retail prices of red dhal were Rs.134.88/kg and Rs.149.15/kg respectively. Compared to the same month of last year, the current wholesale prices of red dhal have increased by about 4% while that of retail prices have decreased by about 8%.

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

Red Dhal	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	134.88	124.82	130.27	10.06	8.06	4.61	3.54
Retail Price	149.15	143.78	161.39	5.37	3.73	-12.24	-7.58

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: The CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal November 2011 to April 2012

Month	Quantity (t)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Apr 2012	6016.23	75.61	134.88	149.15	59.27	14.27
Mar 2012	9987.02	72.32	124.82	143.78	52.50	18.96
Feb 2012	2806.35	65.82	107.67	138.15	41.85	30.48
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

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

3. Vegetables

By the end of April of *yala*, 2012 the total area cultivated under vegetables was 7,143 ha. The proportion for up country vegetables and low country vegetables accounts 23% and 77% respectively (Crop Forecast, *yala* 2012, DOA). Cultivation progress of up country vegetables was less than 15% with the highest progress recorded for capsicum and radish by the end of April 2012. By the end of April, about 427 ha of tomato and 346 ha of beans were cultivated for this *yala* season (table 3.1). Compared to April, 2011, the cultivated extent of all the up country vegetables had decreased in the range of 10%-33%. Due to prevailed dry weather condition during April, 2012 the new cultivation was affected in most of the producing areas.

Cultivation progress of low country vegetables ranged between 20% - 35% with the highest progress recorded for cucumber. By the end of April, 2012 *yala* season, about 1,534 ha of pumpkin was cultivated, followed by brinjal (1,207 ha). Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extents of all the low country vegetables except pumpkin and cucumber had decreased during this *yala* season due to dry weather condition.

Also, during *maha* 2010/11, due to extreme weather condition, the crop damages occurred which resulted in high prices of vegetables during February to April, 2011. Hence, the farmers tended to cultivate more vegetables from April of last year and due to that there was a shift in the cultivation season of vegetables.

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

Nuwara Eliya:
By the end of April, 2012 *yala* season, the cultivation progress was less than 13%. During the month of April, carrot (103 ha) was the mostly cultivated vegetable, followed by cabbage (87 ha). Compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extents of all the vegetables were low in April 2012.

Matale:
Nearly 75% of the *maha* harvest had been supplied to market from Matale by the end of April. Due to prevailed dry weather condition, the *yala*, 2012 cultivation was delayed. In April, the supply from Jaffna to Dambulla DEC had decreased by 45% compared to March supply.

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

Crop	District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivated Extent by the end of April (ha)		Achievement as a % of the Target
		Yala 2011	*Yala 2012*	*Yala 2011*	*Yala 2012*	
Beans	Badulla	1,468	1,568	94	120	8
	N'Eliya	1,058	822	56	53	6
	Matale	275	284	17	12	4
	Kandy	421	470	89	75	16
	Ratnapura	400	365	144	94	26
	Sri Lanka	**3,748**	**3,678**	**455**	**346**	9
Carrot	N'Eliya	972	886	115	103	12
	Badulla	318	n.a.	43	n.a.	n.a.
	Sri Lanka	**1,459**	**1,137**	**184**	**123**	11
Leeks	N'Eliya	778	696	98	82	12
	Sri Lanka	**943**	**879**	**129**	**107**	12
Tomato	Badulla	687	634	36	11	2
	N'Eliya	1,182	965	39	35	4
	Kandy	516	539	61	52	10
	Ratnapura	220	195	18	32	16
	Matale	543	508	17	28	6
	Sri Lanka	**3,994**	**3,814**	**543**	**427**	11
Cabbage	N'Eliya	1,058	880	96	87	10
	Badulla	593	n.a.	73	n.a.	n.a.
	Matale	273	154	5	42	27
	Kandy	298	344	28	9	3
	Sri Lanka	**2,392**	**1,924**	**249**	**180**	9
Beetroot	N'Eliya	492	490	48	38	8
	Badulla	112	n.a.	6	n.a.	n.a.
	Matale	1,366	1,277	23	28	2
	Kurunegala	230	235	32	7	3
	Puttalam	110	194	50	71	37
	Sri Lanka	**2,882**	**2,585**	**200**	**180**	7
Capsicum	N'Eliya	216	221	32	23	10
	Badulla	229	232	10	3	1
	Puttalam	150	217	74	53	24
	Matale	307	295	9	10	3
	Kurunegala	250	230	47	36	16
	Sri Lanka	**2,193**	**2,239**	**452**	**317**	14
Radish	N'Eliya	556	467	58	42	9
	Matale	335	335	8	5	1
	Puttalam	150	241	72	37	15
	Badulla	357	282	37	14	5
	Kurunegala	250	205	61	53	26
	Sri Lanka	**2,413**	**2,215**	**446**	**321**	14
Knolkhol	N'Eliya	217	299	42	39	13
	Badulla	243	207	14	9	4
	Matale	183	n.a.	5	n.a.	n.a.
	Sri Lanka	**818**	**784**	**88**	**79**	10

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

Table 3.2: Cultivated Extent of Low country Vegetables in Major Producing Areas

Crop	District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivated Extent by the end of April (ha)		Achievement as a % of the Target
		Yala 2011	*Yala 2012*	*Yala 2011*	*Yala 2012*	
Brinjal	Anuradhapura	490	2,270	155	224	10
	Moneragala	445	492	192	135	27
	Hambanthota	309	274	127	113	41
	Badulla	262	483	30	16	3
	Ratnapura	170	185	59	60	32
	Matale	205	225	21	37	16
	Sri Lanka	**4,123**	**6,147**	**1,205**	**1,207**	**20**
Bitter gourd	Hambanthota	156	194	64	96	49
	Anuradhapura	155	170	43	61	36
	Moneragala	113	120	72	46	38
	Kurunegala	165	170	49	32	19
	Sri Lanka	**2,351**	**2,080**	**560**	**475**	**23**
Okra	Anuradhapura	370	380	109	102	27
	Kurunegala	285	285	91	164	58
	Moneragala	288	291	128	28	10
	Matale	351	350	10	37	11
	Ratnapura	205	190	72	71	37
	Hambanthota	272	224	95	122	54
	Sri Lanka	**3,953**	**3,496**	**1,048**	**842**	**24**
Pumpkin	Anuradhapura	805	2,275	170	224	10
	Moneragala	746	3,041	800	911	30
	Hambanthota	273	282	132	163	58
	Sri Lanka	**3,470**	**7,104**	**1,378**	**1,534**	**22**
Snake gourd	Hambanthota	170	187	72	93	50
	Kurunegala	185	170	53	42	25
	Matale	267	270	28	20	7
	Moneragala	202	110	52	39	35
	Sri Lanka	**2,417**	**2,105**	**528**	**430**	**20**
Cucumber	Hambanthota	202	235	73	94	40
	Moneragala	162	176	100	88	50
	Matale	376	326	24	32	10
	Anuradhapura	130	125	39	132	106
	Sri Lanka	**1,984**	**1,650**	**434**	**580**	**35**

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

Compared to February to April of 2011, the most of the producing areas received low rainfall during February to April, 2012 as given in the table 3.3. It has decreased by 30%-60%. Hence, the new cultivation crops and the quality of the existing crops were affected during February to April, 2012 in those major producing area which will result in lower production in June and July.

Table 3.3: Rainfalls recorded in February, March and April of 2011 and 2012 in Major Producing Areas

District	2011				2012				Decrease/Increase of Rainfall (%)
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Total	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Total	
Badulla	538	86.7	256.7	881.4	105.6	53.4	228.7	387.7	-56.01
N'Eliya	235.2	68.5	175.9	479.6	89.6	29.8	203.1	322.5	-32.76
Kurunegala	154.4	86.8	634.1	875.3	142.4	107	239.1	488.5	-44.19
Hambantota	95.6	57.4	99.4	252.4	54.6	75.9	114.7	245.2	-2.85
Moneragala	235.7	250.1	280.7	766.5	130.6	66.1	300.5	497.2	-35.13
Kandy	306.3	83.2	174.7	564.2	141.2	487	167.8	796	41.08
Anuradhapura	369.2	19.2	371	759.4	69.3	75.2	145	289.5	-61.88
Puttalam	104.5	11.9	171.1	287.5	28.1	77	100.8	205.9	-28.38
Rathnapura	174.3	292.1	731.7	1198.1	173.4	289.7	432	895.1	-25.29

Source: Department of Meteorology

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the vegetables had shown a decreasing trend from January to March this year with the arrival of ample stocks of *maha* harvest. However, in April, the prices of most of the vegetables had shown an increasing trend. Though, the prices were low at the beginning of the month they increased remarkably from the 3rd week of April. In most of the major producing areas, about 75% of the *maha* harvesting was over. Due to Sinhala New Year festival period, the demand was at a high level. With regard to up country vegetables, except for carrot, knolkhol and cabbage, the wholesale prices of other varieties had increased. The highest price increase of 179% was observed for tomato as the supply had dropped from Kandy, Dambulla and Welimada. In addition, the wholesale prices of beans and radish had increased by 51%. Supply of beans had declined from Welimada and Bandarawela. Further, the wholesale prices of beetroot and leeks had increased by 30% and 22% respectively. Meanwhile, the price of carrot had shown a decreasing trend continuously from January and it had decreased further by 11% in April. Further, the price of cabbage was at a low level in February and March and it had decreased further by 10% in April due to arrival of high stocks from Puttalam and Welimada areas. In April, the lowest average wholesale price was recorded for cabbage (Rs.13.00/kg). Compared to the same period of last five years' period, the lowest monthly average prices for cabbage was recorded in February, March and April of this year. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all the up country vegetables except leeks and radish had decreased with the highest price decrease of 79% for cabbage.

As more than 75% of the *maha* harvesting was over the supply of most of the low country vegetables had increased in April. The highest price increase of 78% at wholesale level was recorded for ladies fingers, followed by long beans (69%) and snake gourd (53%) due to arrival of low stocks from Embilipitiya, Tissamaharama, Wadigala and Balangoda. The highest price decrease of 25% was recorded for pumpkin. Price of pumpkin had shown a continuous decreasing trend from January due to arrival of high stocks from Moneragala, Hambatota and Anuradhapura in April. Among the low country vegetables, the lowest average wholesale price was recorded for pumpkin (Rs.18.00/kg). Further, compared to the same period of last five years' period, the lowest average prices capsicum, pumpkin, bitter gourd and ash plantain were recorded in April, 2012. Price of green chillies was at a lower level continuously from January to March and it had increased by 78% in April. However, the price was lower than the prices prevailed during the same period of last five years. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current wholesale prices of most of the low country vegetables had decreased with the highest price decrease of 54% for pumpkin.

According to the price behavior of the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the vegetables except carrot and pumpkin had increased. With regard to up country vegetables, the highest price increase of 67% was recorded for tomato. Further, the retail prices of beans (34%), beetroot (28%) and radish (28%) had increased. Among the low country vegetables, the highest price increase of 28% was observed for ladies fingers, followed by long beans (22%). Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of most of the vegetables had decreased with the highest price decrease of 51% for carrot and cabbage.

Table 3.4: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – April 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	70.80	46.86	81.27	*23.94*	*51.09*	*-10.47*	*-12.88*
Carrot	33.20	37.47	103.58	*-4.27*	*-11.40*	*-70.38*	*-67.95*
Leeks	62.10	50.94	45.13	*11.16*	*21.91*	*16.97*	*37.60*
Beetroot	49.10	37.77	64.74	*11.33*	*30.00*	*-15.64*	*-24.16*
Knolkhol	35.70	38.05	42.22	*-2.35*	*-6.18*	*-6.52*	*-15.44*
Radish	22.30	14.78	16.46	*7.52*	*50.88*	*5.84*	*35.48*
Cabbage	13.47	14.97	66.00	*-1.50*	*-10.02*	*-52.53*	*-79.59*
Tomato	44.60	15.99	91.11	*28.61*	*178.92*	*-46.51*	*-51.05*
Ladies Fingers	38.93	21.83	22.47	*17.10*	*78.33*	*16.46*	*73.25*
Brinjal	35.60	32.83	50.97	*2.77*	*8.44*	*-15.37*	*-30.15*
Capsicum	91.40	66.52	157.36	*24.88*	*37.40*	*-65.96*	*-41.92*
Pumpkin	18.12	24.17	39.75	*-6.05*	*-25.03*	*-21.63*	*-54.42*
Cucumber	20.34	19.13	15.97	*1.21*	*6.33*	*4.37*	*27.36*
Bitter Gourd	44.13	47.46	61.22	*-3.33*	*-7.02*	*-17.09*	*-27.92*
Snake Gourd	37.90	24.83	24.17	*13.07*	*52.64*	*13.73*	*56.81*
Drumstick	96.67	192.50	-	*-95.83*	*-49.78*	-	-
Luffa	42.20	34.22	38.08	*7.98*	*23.32*	*4.12*	*10.82*
Long Beans	39.20	23.17	34.61	*16.03*	*69.18*	*4.59*	*13.26*
Ash Plantain	21.18	24.17	42.06	*-2.99*	*-12.37*	*-20.88*	*-49.64*
Green Chillies	53.90	30.33	108.44	*23.57*	*77.71*	*-54.54*	*-50.30*
Lime	39.52	26.67	42.50	*12.85*	*48.18*	*-2.98*	*-7.01*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.5: Retail Prices of Vegetables – April 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	110.91	82.59	132.22	*28.32*	*34.29*	*-21.31*	*-16.12*
Carrot	79.16	80.16	162.40	*-1.00*	*-1.25*	*-83.24*	*-51.26*
Leeks	105.15	91.04	103.84	*14.11*	*15.50*	*1.31*	*1.26*
Beetroot	102.93	80.08	127.58	*22.85*	*28.53*	*-24.65*	*-19.32*
Knolkhol	95.22	90.05	113.14	*5.17*	*5.74*	*-17.92*	*-15.84*
Radish	71.02	55.31	64.00	*15.71*	*28.40*	*7.02*	*10.97*
Cabbage	63.27	63.14	129.76	*0.13*	*0.21*	*-66.49*	*-51.24*
Tomato	86.72	51.84	141.29	*34.88*	*67.28*	*-54.57*	*-38.62*
Ladies Fingers	91.36	71.55	82.89	*19.81*	*27.69*	*8.47*	*10.22*
Brinjal	80.92	73.94	103.35	*6.98*	*9.44*	*-22.43*	*-21.70*
Capsicum	138.83	125.47	226.88	*13.36*	*10.65*	*-88.05*	*-38.81*
Pumpkin	58.54	62.08	80.33	*-3.54*	*-5.70*	*-21.79*	*-27.13*
Cucumber	64.95	59.68	59.46	*5.27*	*8.83*	*5.49*	*9.23*
Bitter Gourd	104.86	99.33	118.52	*5.53*	*5.57*	*-13.66*	*-11.53*
Snake Gourd	77.34	71.37	70.26	*5.97*	*8.36*	*7.08*	*10.08*
Drumstick	433.93	406.27	-	*27.66*	*6.81*	-	-
Luffa	96.14	89.83	93.11	*6.31*	*7.02*	*3.03*	*3.25*
Long Beans	83.81	68.52	84.11	*15.29*	*22.31*	*-0.30*	*-0.36*
Ash Plantain	73.75	72.94	101.42	*0.81*	*1.11*	*-27.67*	*-27.28*
Green Chillies	163.78	121.07	192.95	*42.71*	*35.28*	*-29.17*	*-15.12*
Lime	131.75	101.76	99.29	*29.99*	*29.47*	*32.46*	*32.69*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the fruit varieties had increased during the month with the commencement of the harvesting season in major producing areas. Hence the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease recorded for mango. High supplies of mango were recorded from all the producing areas and prices had decreased in the range of 40%-55%.

Further the wholesale price of papaw had decreased continuously during the month due to improvement of the supply with rainy weather and price had decreased by 51% compared to the previous month. Further the wholesale prices of passion fruit and avocado had decreased by 39% and 43% respectively due to the increase of supplies and further price decrease could be expected during the next month too. Supplies of pineapple had improved from the area of Gampaha, Kuliyapitiya and Giriulla and prices of all the sizes of pineapple had increased in the range of 22%-30%.

Meanwhile high demand for banana was recorded during the month compared to the previous month due to the festive season and wholesale prices of all the varieties of banana had increased in the range of 10% - 34%. Price reduction could be expected during the next month for all the varieties of banana with the commencement of major harvesting season. Further the wholesale price of wood apple and orange had increased by 14% and 9% due to limited supplies from major producing areas.

Compared to the same period of the last year, current wholesale prices of most of the fruits had decreased with the highest price decrease of 28% for avocado.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruits had decreased with the highest price decrease of 44% for mango (karthakolomban). Further the retail prices of papaw, passion fruit and avocado had decreased by 40%, 26% and 32% respectively due to high availability. According to the table 4.2, a significant retail price increase was recorded only for wood apple and all the varieties of banana. Compared to the same period of the last year, current retail prices of most of the fruits had decreased with the highest price increase of 34% for mango.

Producer price of papaw had decreased significantly by 75% in Embilipitiya, Hambanthota and Moneragala areas due to increased supplies during the month. Compared to the same period of last year, producer prices of ambul, kolikuttu and papaw had decreased by 10% ,4% and 60% respectively, while the producer price of pineapple had increased by 18%.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Pineapple was the widely exported fruit in April and the quantity exported was of 37.47t. The total export earnings of pineapple, papaw, mango, and orange in April were Rs.million 14.49. Apple was the widely imported fruit in April and the quantity imported was 2,710.98t. The total import expenditure of apple, grapes, oranges and mandarin were Rs. million 347.49 in April.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – April 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	40.18	34.87	51.22	*5.31*	*15.23*	*-11.04*	*-21.55*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	91.02	74.73	114.80	*16.29*	*21.80*	*-23.78*	*-20.71*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	38.25	34.79	46.35	*3.46*	*9.95*	*-8.10*	*-17.48*
Anamalu	8.21	6.13	8.04	*2.08*	*33.93*	*0.17*	*2.11*
Ambun	9.86	7.73	10.01	*2.13*	*27.55*	*-0.15*	*-1.50*
Pineapple							
Large	99.23	126.88	124.59	*-27.65*	*-21.79*	*-25.36*	*-20.35*
Medium	79.57	104.38	102.92	*-24.81*	*-23.77*	*-23.35*	*-22.69*
Small	58.72	83.54	82.29	*-24.82*	*-29.71*	*-23.57*	*-28.64*
Mango							
Betti	12.41	22.18	13.33	*-9.77*	*-44.05*	*-0.92*	*-6.90*
Karthakolomban	41.48	70.19	50.54	*-28.71*	*-40.90*	*-9.06*	*-17.93*
Vilad	18.92	31.56	17.00	*-12.64*	*-40.05*	*1.92*	*11.29*
Kohu	7.13	15.73	9.93	*-8.60*	*-54.67*	*-2.80*	*-28.20*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	43.86	89.52	59.42	*-45.66*	*-51.01*	*-15.56*	*-26.19*
Passion Fruit	5.91	9.70	7.46	*-3.79*	*-39.07*	*-1.55*	*-20.78*
Wood Apple	27.41	24.09	16.98	*3.32*	*13.78*	*10.43*	*61.43*
Orange	14.14	12.97	17.56	*1.17*	*9.02*	*-3.42*	*-19.48*
Avocado	18.36	32.17	12.92	*-13.81*	*-42.93*	*5.44*	*42.11*
Slime Apple	26.21	24.95	10.51	*1.26*	*5.05*	*15.70*	*149.38*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	407.31	448.17	460.90	*-40.86*	*-9.12*	*-53.59*	*-11.63*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – April 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	69.64	64.61	84.89	*5.03*	*7.79*	*-15.25*	*-17.96*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	134.20	127.80	162.60	*6.40*	*5.01*	*-28.40*	*-17.47*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	69.15	64.85	78.00	*4.30*	*6.63*	*-8.85*	*-11.35*
Anamalu	12.28	12.44	13.20	*-0.16*	*-1.29*	*-0.92*	*-6.97*
Ambun	12.47	13.37	15.33	*-0.90*	*-6.73*	*-2.86*	*-18.66*
Pineapple							
Large	142.07	167.28	158.71	*-25.21*	*-15.07*	*-16.64*	*-10.48*
Medium	111.88	138.60	133.39	*-26.72*	*-19.28*	*-21.51*	*-16.13*
Small	84.40	111.13	101.53	*-26.73*	*-24.05*	*-17.13*	*-16.87*
Mango							
Betti	34.87	40.02	37.64	*-5.15*	*-12.87*	*-2.77*	*-7.36*
Karthakolomban	61.04	109.72	92.09	*-48.68*	*-44.37*	*-31.05*	*-33.72*
Vilad	40.21	-	41.46	-	-	-	-
Kohu	-	-	20.00	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	76.95	129.28	93.10	*-52.33*	*-40.48*	*-16.15*	*-17.35*
Passion Fruit	13.39	18.14	16.96	*-4.75*	*-26.19*	*-3.57*	*-21.05*
Wood Apple	43.04	39.63	39.25	*3.41*	*8.60*	*3.79*	*9.66*
Orange	33.27	34.17	36.56	*-0.90*	*-2.63*	*-3.29*	*-9.00*
Avocado	42.58	62.34	48.80	*-19.76*	*-31.70*	*-6.22*	*-12.75*
Slime Apple	42.11	44.25	38.34	*-2.14*	*-4.84*	*3.77*	*9.83*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	655.47	673.71	681.35	*-18.24*	*-2.71*	*-25.88*	*-3.80*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits- April 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Ambul	22.37	22.33	24.77	0.04	0.18	-2.40	-9.69
Kolikuttu	69.00	-	71.94	-	-	-2.94	-4.09
Papaw	14.15	56.00	35.08	-41.85	-74.73	-20.93	-59.66
Pineapple	56.50	53.75	47.81	2.75	5.12	8.69	18.18

Source: Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits February – April 2012

Type of Fruit	April 2012			March 2012			February 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	37.47	3.34	89.19	29.61	4.59	155.14	55.35	5.64	101.88
Papaw	27.51	3.97	144.19	26.12	3.28	125.71	39.14	3.73	95.37
Fresh Mango	3.34	2.47	740.34	5.65	2.14	379.48	2.02	0.63	310.95
Fresh Oranges	31.66	4.67	147.56	33.70	3.90	115.66	39.68	4.88	123.01
Bananas	0.14	0.04	272.60	21.86	2.24	102.42	-	-	-

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits February – April 2012

Types of Fruit	April 2012			March 2012			February 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	2,710.98	229.55	84.67	2,285.20	173.62	75.97	1,321.86	84.84	64.18
Grapes	369.41	77.68	210.29	584.39	114.68	196.24	629.76	111.08	176.39
Oranges	231.93	18.48	79.69	361.85	23.54	65.06	352.99	23.02	65.20
Mandarin	467.55	21.78	46.59	2,157.04	95.36	44.21	2,502.44	114.53	45.77

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of all the varieties of fish insufficient for demand with festival season and it resulted wholesale prices of all the varieties have increased. The highest price increase noted for Thora (38%) followed by balaya (36%) and paraw (26%). The current wholesale prices of all varieties have inclined with the highest price incline noted for salaya (108%),followed by Hurulla (78%) and thora (64%), compared to the same period of last year. Price of most of the fish varieties may increased in next months with coming to the off season.

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of all the varieties have increased with high demand in all the retail outlets. The highest price increased by 26% for kelawalla followed by balaya (15%) and salaya and mora (10%). The current retail prices of all varieties except balaya have inclined with the highest price incline noted for hurulla (31%), compared to the same period of last year.

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Salaya	123.19	98.75	59.25	*24.44*	*24.75*	*63.94*	*107.92*
Hurulla	240.30	207.67	134.98	*32.63*	*15.71*	*105.32*	*78.03*
Balaya	305.25	224.67	207.00	*80.58*	*35.87*	*98.25*	*47.46*
Kelawalla	415.50	331.50	264.75	*84.00*	*25.34*	*150.75*	*56.94*
Thora	962.77	698.70	586.50	*264.07*	*37.79*	*376.27*	*64.16*
Paraw	466.84	371.06	339.42	*95.78*	*25.81*	*127.42*	*37.54*
Mora	363.53	320.31	302.75	*43.22*	*13.49*	*60.78*	*20.08*
Shrimps (small)	683.98	598.11	550.50	*85.87*	*14.36*	*133.48*	*24.25*
Thalapath	515.01	447.59	384.25	*67.42*	*15.06*	*130.76*	*34.03*
Retail Prices							
Salaya	152.61	138.39	123.97	*14.22*	*10.28*	*28.64*	*23.10*
Hurulla	303.81	288.11	232.79	*15.70*	*5.45*	*71.02*	*30.51*
Balaya	431.84	376.88	435.58	*54.96*	*14.58*	*-3.74*	*-0.86*
Kelawalla	711.72	563.46	564.27	*148.26*	*26.31*	*147.45*	*26.13*
Thora	1094.95	1011.11	845.93	*83.84*	*8.29*	*249.02*	*29.44*
Paraw	662.80	617.77	550.15	*45.03*	*7.29*	*112.65*	*20.48*
Mora	509.19	461.19	471.57	*48.00*	*10.41*	*37.62*	*7.98*
Shrimps (small)	752.41	734.74	690.99	*17.67*	*2.40*	*61.42*	*8.89*
Thalapath	731.73	669.01	618.20	*62.72*	*9.38*	*113.53*	*18.36*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Dried Fish

Supplies of most of the imported varieties have limited further with increased especial commodity levy, hence the wholesale prices of all the varieties except local anguluwa and imported maduwa have increased. The highest price increase noted for imported balaya (50%) followed by local and imported sprats (12%) and local salaya and balaya (11%). The prices of local anguluwa and imported maduwa have increased have declined by 2% and 15% respectively. With regard to the local varieties demand were high compared to the imported varieties with good quality. Compared to the same period of last year the current prices of all the varieties except imported salaya have increased with the highest price increase observed for imported balaya (91%).

The retail prices of all the varieties have increased by ranged between 3%-16% due to high wholesale prices with the highest prices increase noted for salaya, thora and sprats by (16%). With regard to the local varieties koduwa not available in the market. Compared the same period of last year the current prices of all the varieties have increased with the highest price increase noted for sprats by 29%. Prices of all the dried fish varieties may increased in next month because high special commodity levy in all the varieties

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale							
Sprats	484.73	433.00	269.62	*51.73*	*11.95*	*215.12*	*79.79*
Sprats (imported)	361.95	321.64	270.71	*40.31*	*12.53*	*91.24*	*33.70*
Kattawa	710.22	687.15	539.74	*23.07*	*3.36*	*170.48*	*31.59*
Kattawa (imported)	711.47	675.30	496.38	*36.17*	*5.36*	*215.10*	*43.33*
Thora	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	963.44	891.39	693.08	*72.05*	*8.08*	*270.35*	*39.01*
Mora	682.32	619.27	506.75	*63.05*	*10.18*	*175.57*	*34.65*
Mora (imported)	626.67	587.70	493.13	*38.96*	*6.63*	*133.54*	*27.08*
Balaya	454.20	409.76	299.50	*44.44*	*10.85*	*154.70*	*51.65*
Balaya (imported)	600.00	400.00	313.42	*200.00*	*50.00*	*286.58*	*91.44*
Anguluwa	516.00	525.00	364.50	*-9.00*	*-1.71*	*151.50*	*41.56*
Anguluwa (imported)	539.09	507.94	404.43	*31.15*	*6.13*	*134.66*	*33.30*
Maduwa	392.60	373.88	267.56	*18.72*	*5.01*	*125.04*	*46.73*
Maduwa (imported)	280.00	328.89	191.67	*-48.89*	*-14.86*	*88.33*	*46.09*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-		-
Salaya	239.23	215.12	188.63	*24.11*	*11.21*	*50.61*	*26.83*
Salaya (imported)	214.67	209.68	218.01	*4.98*	*2.38*	*-3.35*	*-1.54*
Dried fish – Retail							
Sprats	456.80	394.96	353.50	*61.84*	*15.66*	*103.30*	*29.22*
Kattawa	912.79	866.19	797.76	*46.60*	*5.38*	*115.03*	*14.42*
Thora	1157.53	997.29	910.40	*160.24*	*16.07*	*247.13*	*27.15*
Mora	766.21	724.05	694.99	*42.16*	*5.82*	*71.22*	*10.25*
Balaya	677.33	657.71	600.86	*19.62*	*2.98*	*76.47*	*12.73*
Anguluwa	711.31	676.61	653.51	*34.70*	*5.13*	*57.80*	*8.84*
Maduwa	500.00	-	474.45	-	-	*25.55*	*5.39*
Koduwa	-	-	440.67	-	-	-	-
Salaya	446.17	385.03	378.69	*61.14*	*15.88*	*67.48*	*17.82*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Demand for eggs had increased during the month compared to the previous month due to the festive season and prices had increased by 2% for both brown and white eggs. Supplies of eggs were mainly arrived from Hettipola, Madampe, Marawila and Kuliyapitiya areas during the month. Retail prices also had increased in line with the wholesale prices and were around Rs 10.00/egg for both the brown and white eggs. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 25% and 24% respectively while their retail prices had decreased by 23% and 25% respectively.

Meat

Prices of all the meat varieties except pork had increased slightly by less than 5% due to the increase of demand in festive season. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 3% for pork.

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	%	Rs.	%
Eggs – Wholesale							
Eggs – Brown (each)	9.08	8.90	12.13	*0.18*	*2.02*	*-3.05*	*-25.14*
White (each)	8.88	8.70	11.63	*0.18*	*2.07*	*-2.75*	*-23.65*
Eggs – Retail							
Eggs- Brown (each)	10.27	10.03	13.39	*0.24*	*2.39*	*-3.12*	*-23.30*
White (each)	9.85	9.52	13.11	*0.33*	*3.47*	*-3.26*	*-24.87*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – April 2012

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat							
Beef (without bones)	488.46	463.53	458.33	*24.93*	*5.38*	*30.13*	*6.57*
Chicken (Broiler)	421.41	418.94	429.02	*2.47*	*0.59*	*-7.61*	*-1.77*
Chicken (curry)	397.80	382.23	406.87	*15.57*	*4.07*	*-9.07*	*-2.23*
Mutton	1014.13	996.50	811.63	*17.63*	*1.77*	*202.50*	*24.95*
Pork	434.97	472.00	447.67	*-37.03*	*-7.85*	*-12.70*	*-2.84*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The total quantity of imports was 62800 mt in April and it was deceased by 17% against the last month. The total value of the imports was Rs.mn 2673. Wheat grain prices in world market experienced an increasing trend since January 2012. Thereafter the average price has come down by Rs.2.72/kg in this month.

Considering wheat flour imports, an increase of 26% was reported compared to previous month. Total imported quantity of wheat flour was 1330 mt, valued at Rs. mn 72 this month. Wheat flour prices in world market had continuously increased since September 2011, and it continued in April too. The average CIF price of wheat flour was Rs.54.49/kg and when compared with

January 2012, the price has increased by Rs.7.76/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has increased by 2%.

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Mar 2012		Apr 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	84.57	84.77	82.91	*-0.20*	*-0.24*	*1.66*	*2.00*
Sugar	98.90	98.27	*96.69*	*0.63*	*0.64*	*2.21*	*2.29*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Apr 2012	1,329.95	72.46	54.49	84.57	*30.08*
Mar 2012	1,054.25	55.76	52.89	84.77	*31.88*
Feb 2012	1671.42	32.51	48.27	84.75	*36.48*
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*
Wheat Grain					
Apr 2012	62,799.05	2,675.21	42.60	84.57	*41.97*
Mar 2012	75,211.32	3,408.93	45.32	84.77	*39.45*
Feb 2012	45176.96	1889.26	41.82	84.75	*42.93*
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*

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

Sugar

The imports of sugar was very high in March and it had dropped by 34% this month. The total imports was 35319 mt, cost at Rs.mn 2917. The average CIF price had increased further by Rs.2.39/kg feflecting the increasing trend in world prices since January 2012. In line with world prices, the retail price has increased by cents 63/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price has gone up by Rs.2.21/kg

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- November 2011 to April 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Apr 2012	35,318.80	2,917.26	82.60	98.90	*16.30*
Mar 2012	53,717.00	4,308.73	80.21	98.27	*18.06*
Feb 2012	34800.14	2543.00	73.07	93.27	*20.20*
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*

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - April 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
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012		Apr 2012	Mar 2012		Apr 2012	Mar 2012	
Rice	1,552.22	4,865.39	-68.10	141.23	411.92	-65.71	90.99	84.66	7.47
Red Onion	98.00	37.50	161.33	3.41	0.88	286.69	34.80	23.52	47.97
Big Onion	17,842.39	19,203.74	-7.09	441.45	402.20	9.76	24.74	20.94	18.13
Potato	7,828.60	11,530.72	-32.11	174.85	229.48	-23.81	22.33	19.90	12.23
Dried Chillies	2,014.64	4,733.50	-57.44	278.89	685.06	-59.29	138.43	144.73	-4.35
Masoor Dhal	6,016.23	9,987.02	-39.76	454.90	722.30	-37.02	75.61	72.32	4.55
Green Gram	956.70	1,373.25	-30.33	108.71	155.25	-29.98	113.63	113.05	0.51
Cowpea	-	148.73	-		16.22	-		109.03	-
Black gram	157.27	354.55	-55.64	16.98	37.21	-54.37	107.97	104.96	2.87
Garlic	2,493.52	2,387.13	4.46	220.65	178.33	23.73	88.49	74.71	18.45
Wheat flour	1,329.95	1,054.25	26.15	72.46	55.76	29.96	54.49	52.89	3.01
Wheat grain	62,799.05	75,211.32	-16.50	2,675.21	3,408.93	-21.52	42.60	45.32	-6.01
White crystalline cane sugar	35,318.80	53,717.00	-34.25	2,917.26	4,308.73	-32.29	82.60	80.21	2.97
Maize (Seed)	128.00	15.00	-	23.55	4.76	-	183.98	317.30	-
Maize (Other)		-	-		-	-		-	-

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

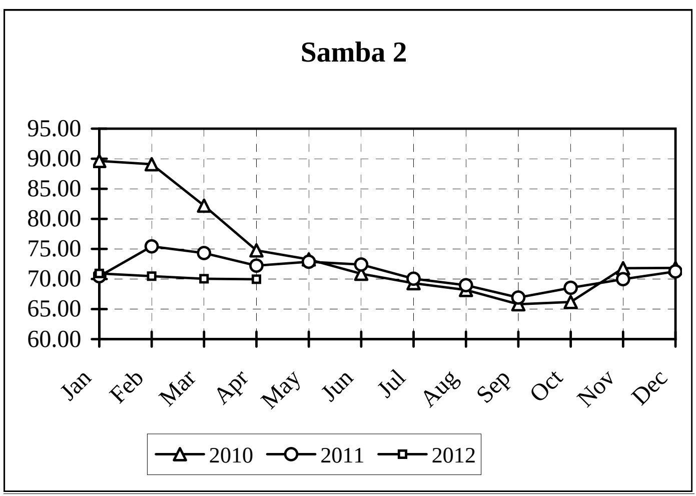
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – April 2012

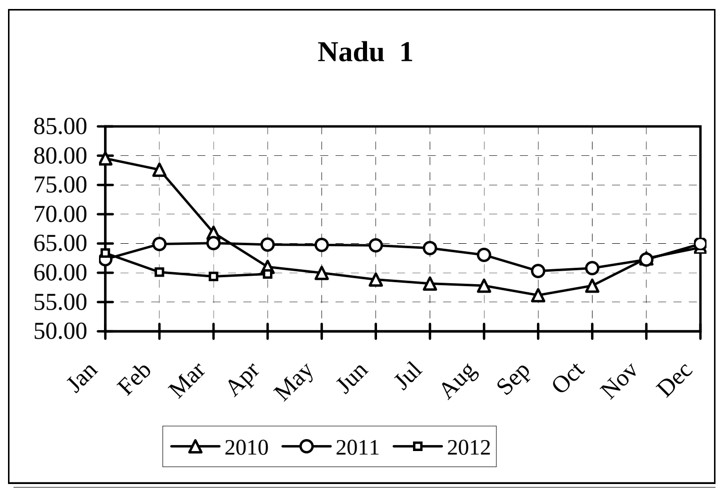
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	145.4	151.6	12	12
Badulla	228.7	203.5	17	14
Bandarawela	220.8	158.3	20	12
Batticaloa	68.5	55.0	3	5
Colombo	488.2	245.6	20	14
Galle	441.2	206.8	19	12
Hambantota	114.7	99.6	10	8
Jaffna	65.0	52.3	10	4
Katugastota	167.8	187.7	18	14
Katunayaka	329.0	241.4	20	13
Kurunegala	239.1	264.3	21	16
Maha Iluppallama	143.3	179.5	14	12
Mannar	48.9	81.4	11	6
Nuwara Eliya	203.1	158.4	17	13
Pottuvil	21.3	81.9	5	na
Puttalam	100.8	181.5	13	10
Ratmalana	370.2	246.5	22	14
Ratnapura	432.0	338.9	24	20
Trincomalee	13.5	49.2	5	5
Vavuniya	83.9	128.5	12	10
Polonnaruwa	62.7	na	8	na
Moneragala	300.5	na	14	na

Source: Department of Meterologyna

Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

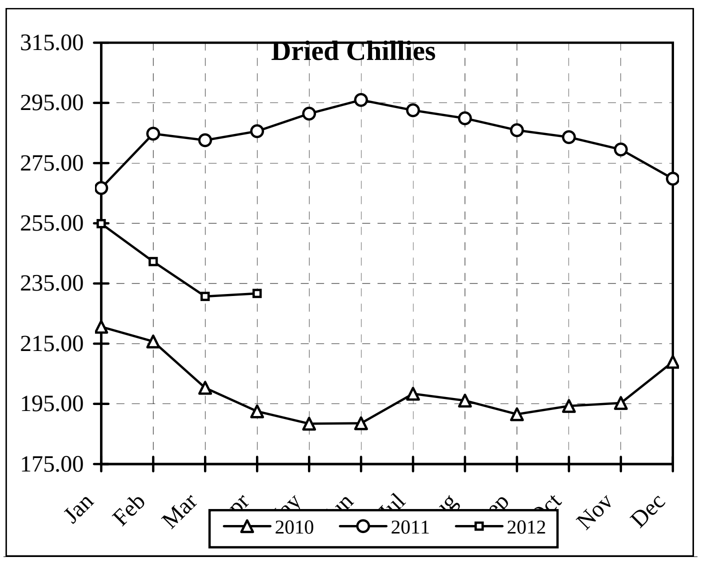
Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Jan	89.63	70.46	70.92	79.54	62.30	63.37	73.46	58.00	59.04	73.97	57.88	58.85
Feb	89.09	75.43	70.47	77.60	64.91	60.11	72.67	60.50	57.46	70.59	60.22	56.79
Mar	82.20	74.32	70.04	66.83	65.06	59.37	64.05	59.86	56.79	57.74	59.76	55.04
Apr	74.76	72.22	69.96	61.01	64.81	59.79	58.58	59.20	56.00	54.76	59.27	53.68
May	73.26	72.87		59.98	64.75		58.31	59.36		54.87	59.32	
Jun	70.87	72.41		58.85	64.68		56.83	59.13		53.52	58.94	
Jul	69.31	70.05		58.16	64.21		55.01	57.59		51.86	57.63	
Aug	68.18	68.97		57.80	63.05		51.77	55.88		49.77	55.93	
Sep	65.81	66.92		56.17	60.30		50.07	53.10		48.93	52.90	
Oct	66.18	68.54		57.80	60.79		52.90	54.92		52.66	54.46	
Nov	71.80	69.97		62.46	62.25		56.85	57.72		57.18	57.04	
Dec	71.85	71.26		64.32	64.93		58.51	59.09		58.89	59.30	

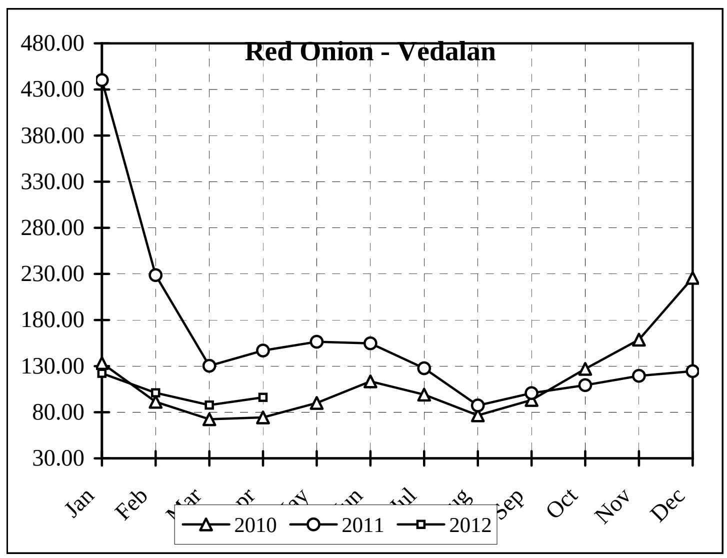




Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Jan	220.61	266.71	254.87	133.30	440.12	122.22	90.74	121.27	75.00	111.71	120.97	141.24
Feb	215.73	284.76	242.28	91.30	228.66	101.04	75.83	85.87	71.33	91.90	107.92	113.56
Mar	200.33	282.59	230.69	72.40	130.33	87.79	61.34	68.76	73.60	85.43	111.54	107.50
Apr	192.51	285.59	231.68	74.39	146.88	96.13	62.72	59.82	84.06	82.41	127.92	113.28
May	188.41	291.43		90.07	156.43		55.28	59.26		103.19	116.97	
Jun	188.56	295.98		113.49	154.69		72.21	57.83		116.55	120.87	
Jul	198.37	292.54		99.13	127.70		57.51	61.71		119.26	129.89	
Aug	196.08	289.88		76.66	87.34		80.83	86.82		110.26	129.83	
Sep	191.56	285.92		93.31	100.72		76.91	81.40		102.04	126.24	
Oct	194.30	283.62		126.99	109.37		98.94	80.76		106.49	113.81	
Nov	195.28	279.51		158.70	119.48		123.82	89.61		121.16	128.84	
Dec	208.97	269.80		225.68	124.52		162.52	87.75		128.62	141.24	





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Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Brinjals					
A'pura					
Dambulla	16.00	16.00	16.00	25.40	32.40
Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.20	36.00
Matara	10.67	10.67	10.67	17.67	
Welimada					
Capsicum					
Welimada					
Bitter Gourd					
A'pura					
Dambulla	18.80	18.80	18.80	21.80	40.00
Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	51.00	51.00	51.00	52.00	72.00
Matara	66.67	66.67	66.67	68.33	
Snake Gourd					
Dambulla	14.40	14.40	14.40	21.20	42.60
Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	21.20	21.20	21.20	18.60	35.00
Matara	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	
A'pura					
Luffa					
Dambulla	27.80	27.80	27.80	41.20	55.40
Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	31.40	31.40	31.40	37.00	68.00
Matara	28.33	28.33	28.33		
A'pura					

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Pumpkin					
Dambulla	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70	18.00
Hambantota				9.20	
Embilipitiya	10.00	10.00	10.00	16.60	17.60
Matara					
A'pura					
Moneragala	20.40	20.40	20.40		
Cucumber					
A'pura					
Dambulla	11.80	11.80	11.80	25.00	34.60
Hambantota				4.60	
Matara					
Long beans					
Dambulla	19.00	19.00	19.00	38.60	52.20
Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	27.60	27.60	27.60	31.00	72.40
Matara	26.67	26.67	26.67		
A'Pura					
Ash Plantain					
Hambantota				5.20	
Embilipitiya	15.40	15.40	15.40	13.40	16.60
Matara	21.67	21.67	21.67		
Green Chillies					
Dambulla	51.20	51.20	51.20	28.60	40.20
Hambantota					
Embilipitiya					
Puttalam					
A'Pura					

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Lime					
Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	26.60	26.60	26.60	47.60	43.00
Moneragala	26.80	26.80	26.80		
Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Banana					
Ambul					
Moneragala	24.70	24.70	24.70		
Embilipitiya	25.60	25.60	25.60	22.00	14.40
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	
Kolikuttu					
Moneragala					
Embilipitiya					
Hambantota				74.00	64.00
Papaw					
Moneragala					
Embilipitiya				18.60	8.00
Hambantota				13.00	17.00
Pineapple					
Divulapitiya	57.50	57.50	57.50	55.00	55.00