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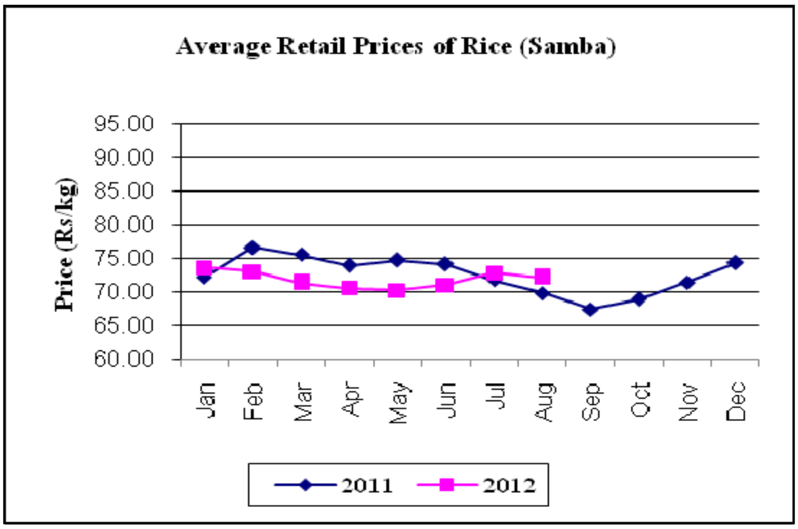
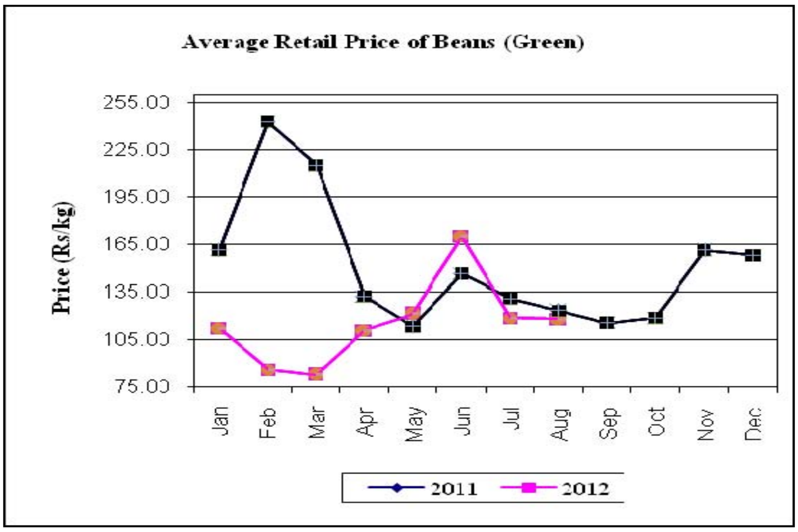
RICE:

Prices of most of rice varieties had decreased between cents 50/kg and Rs.1.75/kg. Compared to the same period of last year prices of samba and raw varieties had increased while the nadu prices had decreased.



VEGETABLES:

The total cultivation of vegetables was 37,935 ha. 78% from the yala season up country vegetable cultivation target and 70% from the low country vegetable cultivation target have been achieved by end of August. Yala season harvest was reaching to the market from most cultivation areas. Compared to last month price reductions was observed for most of the vegetables. Compared to last year same season prices were higher this year due to reductions in vegetable production caused by the dry weather condition prevailed this year.



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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The production of paddy crop in 2012 *Yala* season has declined mainly as a result of deteriorated prospects in major producing areas. The decline of cultivated extent was caused by insufficient rainfall in early stages and prolonged drought conditions experienced throughout the season. However the harvesting of paddy crop is still underway in major producing areas and peak harvesting is expected at the end of month. According to the field information severe crop damages were reported from Kurunegala, Puttalam, Mahaweli H, Moneragala, Batticaloa and Polonnaruwa districts. According to the latest crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture the expected production is 1.57 million tones and the production loss would be 23%. Therefore the revised production target is 1.216 million tones. Compared to the sown extent of *Yala* 2011 the cultivated extent is lower by 19%.

Table 1.1: Achievement in Paddy Cultivation 2012 *Yala* season
(Up to end of Aug 2012)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the targeted extent	Production Forecast (tonnes)
Anuradhapura	28,040	29,927	107	112,199
Polonnaruwa	26,700	25,807	97	113,284
Ampara	68,239	65,698	96	308,721
Hambantota	70,016	53,851	77	206,321
Kurunagala	25,823	22,774	88	101,033
Colombo	3,701	824	22	2,190
Gampaha	8,410	3,413	41	10,312
Kalutara	14,382	6,190	43	15,673
Galle	12,800	4,383	34	10,148
Matara	16,000	11,686	73	32,291
Ratnapura	14,750	7,883	53	22,132
Kegalle	9,780	1,794	18	5,072
Puttalam	17,578	5,921	34	17,932
Kandy	12,104	5,955	49	16,560
Matale	14,340	5,678	40	20,661
Nuwara Eliya	3,898	932	24	2,031
Badulla	8,002	7,155	89	27,562
Moneragala	17,511	17,013	97	66,935
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	4,676	4,872	104	7,509
Vavuniya	7,500	1,233	16	5,128
Mullaitivu	3,182	2,980	94	7,163
Mannar	282 5	3,359	119	8,358
Trincomalee	23,579	18,569	79	83,039
Batticaloa	21,800	21,780	1 00	78,885
Udawalawa	12,762	11,351	89	61,672
System H	8,730	12,888	148	54,655
System H1	3,654	219 9	60	9,326
System B	18,500	18,207	98	77,212
System C	21,286	21,317	100	90,401
System G	4,050	81	2	345
System L	380	150	39	634
Sri Lanka	**504,996**	**395,868**	**78**	**1,575,386**

Source: Department of Agriculture

Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – Aug 2012

Commodity	Price Range (Rs/kg)		Average (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	32.00-35.00	-	33.00	-	27.00	-	-	*6.00*	*22.22*
Polonnaruwa	31.64-34.30	28.90-34.30	33.15	32.35	27.98	*0.80*	*2.47*	*5.17*	*18.48*
Kalawewa	31.50-36.00	32.00-35.00	33.54	34.00	25.76	*-0.46*	*-1.35*	*7.78*	*30.21*
Kurunegala	36.50-37.50	33.00-38.60	37.16	36.99	27.13	*0.17*	*0.45*	*10.03*	*36.95*
Dehiattakandiya	30.00-35.00	-	32.27	-	25.96	-	-	*6.31*	*24.29*
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	25.90	-	-	-	-
Ampara	29.00-32.00	-	30.27	-	26.32	-	-	*3.95*	*14.99*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	26.00-29.00	-	27.20	-	23.85	-	-	*3.35*	*14.05*
Polonnaruwa	23.40-28.10	23.50-25.70	26.27	24.56	23.42	*1.71*	*6.95*	*2.85*	*12.15*
Kalawewa	24.00-28.00	24.50-30.00	26.19	27.35	23.90	*-1.16*	*-4.25*	*2.29*	*9.58*
Kurunegala	29.75-30.50	26.00-33.00	30.23	30.64	24.21	*-0.42*	*-1.37*	*6.02*	*24.85*
Dehiattakandiya	25.00-28.00	-	25.90	-	24.12	-	-	*1.78*	*7.38*
Embilipitiya	25.00-27.00	25.00-28.00	25.83	26.68	25.52	*-0.85*	*-3.19*	*0.31*	*1.20*
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	24.00-25.00	25.00-30.00	24.11	27.58	25.27	*-3.47*	*-12.59*	*-1.16*	*-4.59*
Hambantota	-	-		-		-	-	-	-
Ampara	23.00-28.00	-	24.73	-		-	-	-	-
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	22.95	-	-	-	-
Matara	24.00-25.00	25.00-30.00	24.11	27.58	24.47	*-3.47*	*-12.59*	*-0.36*	*-1.47*
Hambantota		-	-	-	24.67	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	23.00-26.00	22.00-28.00	24.75	26.10	23.88	*-1.35*	*-5.17*	*0.87*	*3.64*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Despite the progress of the harvesting of paddy crop in 2012 Yala season a significant price decrease cannot be observed in major producing areas as a result of severe crop damages due to the prolonged water scarcity during the season. However the prices of all the paddy varieties have slightly decreased by the end of month in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the peak harvesting. Meanwhile the prices of short grain and long grain have increased by 2% and 7% respectively in Polonnaruwa which was the major rice processing area. The lowest price ranges of Rs 29.00-32.00/Kg for short grain and Rs 23.00-28.00/Kg for long grain was recorded in Ampara.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of short grain paddy have increased in the range of 15%-37% with the highest and lowest increase from Kurunegala and Ampara. Prices of long grain white have increased by less than 25% with the highest and the lowest increase from Kurunegala and Embilipitiya. Meanwhile the price of long grain red has increased by 4% in Embilipitiya while the price has decline by 1% in Matara.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale prices

Prices of most rice varieties have not changed significantly. Meanwhile, prices of raw white and nadu grade II have increased by Rs.3.00/kg and cents 71/kg as a result of increase in the supply from eastern province. During the month, the highest average price of Rs.70.65/kg was recorded for samba grade I while the lowest price of Rs.48.21/kg was observed for raw red.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of samba rice varieties have increased in the range of 5%-10%. Meanwhile prices of nadu and raw rice varieties have increased between 2%-4%.

Retail

Prices of most of rice varieties have declined marginally between cents 50/kg to Rs.1.75/kg. Decreasing of direct supplies to the retail market was the main reason for prices decline. However a price decline could not be seen during the whole month. During 1st week of the month, the prices have declined and it was stabilized during 2nd and 3rd week. During 4th week the prices started to go up. The highest price of Rs.79.41/kg was recorded for samba grade I while the lowest price of Rs.56.16/kg was observed for raw red.

Compared to the same period last year, prices of samba and raw varieties have increased in the range of 2%-5% and 1%-3% respectively. Meanwhile prices of nadu varieties have declined in the range of 2%-4%.

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

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Samba 1	70.65	70.87	67.49	*-0.22*	*-0.31*	*3.17*	*4.69*
Samba 2	66.51	66.46	62.50	*0.05*	*0.08*	*4.01*	*6.42*
Samba 3	62.76	63.26	57.26	*-0.49*	*-0.78*	*5.50*	*9.61*
Nadu 1	56.28	56.58	54.98	*-0.30*	*-0.54*	*1.29*	*2.35*
Nadu 2	52.69	53.40	51.62	*-0.71*	*-1.33*	*1.07*	*2.07*
Raw red	48.31	47.83	47.33	*0.48*	*1.00*	*0.97*	*2.05*
Raw white	48.63	51.68	46.94	*-3.05*	*-5.89*	*1.69*	*3.60*
Imported Parboiled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices							
Samba 1	79.41	79.18	75.24	*0.23*	*0.29*	*4.17*	*5.54*
Samba 2	70.33	72.07	68.97	*-1.74*	*-2.41*	*1.36*	*1.97*
Samba 3	66.31	67.10	65.00	*-0.79*	*-1.18*	*1.31*	*2.02*
Nadu 1	60.45	61.85	63.05	*-1.40*	*-2.26*	*-2.60*	*-4.12*
Nadu 2	57.36	57.11	58.61	*0.25*	*0.44*	*-1.25*	*-2.13*
Raw red	56.16	56.71	55.88	*-0.55*	*-0.97*	*0.28*	*0.50*
Raw white	57.63	57.12	55.93	*0.51*	*0.89*	*1.70*	*3.04*
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

Cultivation progress of chillies in yala 2012 was at a satisfactory level in major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Puttalam and Monaragala and about 75% of the production was harvested in most of the producing areas by the end of August. In Anuradhapura district, the extent cultivated by the end of August was 1043 ha and it has exceeded the targeted extent.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation progress of green chillies by the end of August 2012

Areas	Targeted (ha)	Cultivated progress at the end of August 2012		Expected production (t)
		Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Anuradhapura	935	1043	112	4803
Puttalam	741	432	58	2143
Matale	529	254	48	1048
Moneragala	494	343	69	2274
System H	368	93	25	343
Kurunegala	380	425	112	567
Ampara	310	289	93	795
Hambantota	281	278	99	1297
Other areas	2649	2340	88	6509
Total	6689	5497	82	19779

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chillies to the market has increased from the main producing areas during this month. Hence both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased significantly by about Rs.67.00/kg and Rs.103.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.49.43/kg and Rs.146.33/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by 15% and 3% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

The market consisted of only imported dried chillies. A quantity of 3497 t of dried chillies was imported during the month and it was an increase of 170 t compared to that of the last month. The CIF price was Rs.150.70/kg and it was an increase of Rs.2.48/kg compared to the previous month. The prices of dried chillies have decreased by around Rs.1.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.5.00/kg at the retail level, due to availability of sufficient stocks of imported dried chillies from India. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about 29% and 22% respectively. Meanwhile, the gross margin between the CIF price and retail price of imported dried chillies was lower during this month than the previous month.

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

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price							
Green chillies	49.43	116.78	58.20	*-67.35*	*-57.67*	*-8.77*	*-15.07*
Dried chillies	177.96	179.39	250.23	*-1.43*	*-0.80*	*-72.28*	*-28.88*
Retail Price							
Green chillies	146.33	249.52	150.92	*-103.19*	*-41.36*	*-4.59*	*-3.04*
Dried chillies	225.89	231.18	289.88	*-5.29*	*-2.29*	*-63.99*	*-22.07*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity (t)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	3,497.00	527.00	150.70	225.89	75.19
July	3,326.69	493.07	148.22	231.18	82.96
Jun	2,718.63	385.51	141.80	220.35	78.55
May	2,356.63	296.89	125.98	213.42	87.44
Apr	2,014.64	278.89	138.43	231.68	93.25
Mar	4,733.50	685.06	144.73	230.69	85.96

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

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

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	48.20	42.20	50.80	50.60
Embilipitiya	72.00	64.00	64.00	56.00
Anuradapura			44.00	43.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

About 3500 ha were targeted for big onion cultivation in Matale district for this yala season and out of that 3036 ha had been cultivated by the end of August 2012, which represents about 87% of the targeted extent. However, no cultivation took place during this month in Matale district. "Lanka Seeds", "Sara Nasic red" and "Sara Rampur red" were the major cultivated varieties during this season and most of the production harvested during this month was "Nasic Red" varieties. Around 9018 t of big onion had been supplied to the market during this month, which representing 17% of the expected production of Matale district while another 25420 t will be expected during the next month (September).

Total targeted extent of big onion in Anuradhapura district was 1500 ha during this season and around 1742 ha which represents 116% of the target area had been cultivated at the end of August.

The highest cultivated extent of red onion was reported from Jaffna district and it had exceeded the targeted extent (107%).

About 810 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Puttalam district for this yala season and out of that 708 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2012, which represents about 87% of the targeted extent. Crops were in different stages.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of red onion at the end of August 2012

Areas	Targeted (ha)	Cultivated progress at the end of August 2012		Estimated production (t)
		Extent (ha)	%	
Jaffna	2013	2148	107	20291
Puttalam	810	708	87	7774
Vavuniya	490	409	83	5942
Mullaitivu	333	224	67	2767
Trincomalee	313	262	84	2706
Monaragala	184	151	82	1505
Other areas	1026	564	55	4058
Total	5169	4466	86	45043

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both imported and local big onion varieties during this month. Stocks of local big onions started to come to the market from 3rd week of July (last month) and supply has increased continuously during this month. According to the field information, about 9018 t of big onion has arrived in the market from Matale district during this month, which represents 17% of the total expected production of the district. A quantity of 5814 t of big onion was imported from India and Pakistan during this month and it was a decrease of 9217 t compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.26.07/kg and it is lower than the last month by cents 69/kg. Wholesale prices of both imported big onion and local big onion have decreased by about Rs.3.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively due to high supplies of local big onion from main producing areas. In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of local big onion has also decreased by about Rs.6.00/kg while the retail price of imported big onion has increased by about Rs.1.00/kg due to limited stocks position of imported big onion. Higher supplies of local big onion to the market would be expected in the next month due to peak harvesting and there by a price drop of local onion could be experienced during that period.

Only local red onions were available at the market during this month. The higher supply of both sinnan and vedalan continues during this month too, from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have decreased by about Rs.16.00/kg and Rs.13.00/kg respectively. Inline with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both sinnan and vedalan varieties have decreased by about Rs.10.00/kg and Rs.26.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of vedalan has decreased by about 14%.

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			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
Wholesale Price	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**%**	**Rs/kg**	**%**
Red Onion (Sinnan)	42.71	58.70	48.84	*-15.98*	*-27.23*	*-6.13*	*-12.55*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	57.99	71.12	66.45	*-13.13*	*-18.46*	*-8.46*	*-12.73*
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	60.58	63.68	62.44	*-3.09*	*-4.86*	*-1.86*	*-2.97*
Big Onion (Local)	58.52	65.32	70.47	*-6.80*	*-10.40*	*-11.95*	*-16.95*
Retail Prices							
Red Onion (Sinnan)	72.50	82.00	72.67	*-9.50*	*-11.59*	*-0.17*	*-0.23*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	87.96	114.39	102.01	*-26.43*	*-23.11*	*-14.05*	*-13.77*
Red Onion (Imported)	-	126.67	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	84.20	82.67	82.45	*1.53*	*1.85*	*1.75*	*2.12*
Big Onion (Local)	81.71	87.86	91.18	*-6.15*	*-7.00*	*-9.47*	*-10.39*

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 (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Aug,2012	26.07	60.58	84.20	*34.51*	*23.62*
	July,2012	26.76	63.68	82.67	*36.92*	*18.99*
	Aug,2011	29.28	62.44	82.45	*33.16*	*20.01*
Red onion	Aug,2012	-	-	-	-	-
	July,2012	26.00	-	126.67	-	-
	Aug,2011	41.55	-	-	-	-

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)	
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	July 2012
Red Onion	-	100.00	-	2.60	-	26.00
Big Onion	5,814.00	15,030.81	151.58	402.18	26.07	26.76

Source: Department of Custom

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

Month	Quantity Imported (t)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)
Aug	5814	26.07	60.58	84.20
July	15031	26.76	63.68	82.67
Jun	20231	25.52	76.53	93.63
May	16754	23.70	58.68	79.19
Apr	17,842	24.74	68.12	84.06
Mar	19,204	20.94	54.81	73.60

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop situation

Crop Situation and Progress

For *yala* 2012, about 3,173 ha was the targeted extent and about 2,461 ha were cultivated by the end of August. The expected production is 35,000 mt. Cultivation progress of potato was 83% and 76% of the targeted extents in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts respectively. Around 142 ha and 130 ha were cultivated in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts during the month of August. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2011, the cultivated extents by the end of August was at a high level in Nuwara Eliya district, while it was at a low level in Badulla district, compared to the same period of *yala* 2011.

Most of the *yala* harvest had arrived from Badulla district to the market in August with peak harvesting.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivated Extent and Expected Production of Potato (*Yala* 2012)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	***Yala* 2011**	***Yala* 2012**	***Yala* 2011**	***Yala* 2012**	***Yala* 2012**	***Yala* 2012**
N'Eliya	798	809	535	673	83	11,121
Badulla	2,348	2,348	2,041	1,785	76	23,880
Sri Lanka	**3,148**	**3,173**	**2,576**	**2,461**	**78**	**35,000**

Source: Field Information Network, MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No. 3, Yala 2012, Socio-econoimics & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 14,989 mt of potato was imported during the month of August and there was an increase of 2,094 mt compared to July. Most of the imported stocks had arrived from Pakistan and China. Compared to July, 2011 (9,734 mt) the import of potato was high in July, 2012. Average CIF price was Rs.27.01/kg and it has decreased by around Rs.2.93/kg compared to previous month. The special commodity levy for potato was increased by Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 13th August, 2012 due to arrival of ample stocks of local potato from August.

With respect to local varieties, both Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potato were available in the market during the month of August. Both wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato had decreased by 10% and 3% respectively due to arrival of sufficient stocks. From Badulla district, arrival of large stocks of potato had commenced from the 3rd week of August. In addition, the wholesale price and retail price of imported potato had decreased by 15% and 9% respectively. During the month of August, the wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato ranged between Rs.75.00-110.00/kg, while the price of imported potato ranged between Rs.45.00-68.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato had increased by 1%, while the price of imported potato had decreased by 11%.

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

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	14,989.00	404.87	27.01	77.61	*50.60*
July	12,895.57	386.05	29.94	85.06	*55.12*
Jun	9,043.74	234.62	25.94	99.29	*73.35*
May	9,767.45	222.46	22.78	83.94	*61.16*
Apr	7,828.60	174.85	22.33	83.67	*61.34*
Mar	11,530.72	229.48	19.90	72.79	*52.89*

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

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

Item	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)							
Welimada	-	-	90.84	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	85.90	98.35	95.75	*-12.45*	*-12.66*	*-9.85*	*-10.29*
Imported – CIF	27.01	29.94	31.02	*-2.93*	*-9.79*	*-4.01*	*-12.93*
Wholesale Prices (WP)							
Welimada	84.44	-	86.19	-	-	*-1.75*	*-2.03*
Nuwara Eliya	96.25	107.53	105.63	*-11.28*	*-10.49*	*-9.37*	*-8.87*
Imported	53.86	63.04	62.71	*-9.19*	*-14.57*	*-8.85*	*-14.11*
Retail Prices (RP)							
Welimada				-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	131.58	136.32	129.83	*-4.74*	*-3.48*	*1.75*	*1.35*
Imported	77.61	85.06	87.04	*-7.45*	*-8.76*	*-9.43*	*-10.83*
Gross Margin (PP-RP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	45.68	37.97	34.08	*7.71*	*20.31*	*11.60*	*34.04*
Imported (CIF-RP)	50.60	55.12	56.02	*-4.52*	*-8.20*	*-5.42*	*-9.68*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	35.33	28.79	24.20	*6.54*	*22.70*	*11.12*	*45.96*
Imported	23.75	22.02	24.33	*1.74*	*7.88*	*-0.58*	*-2.38*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

For *yala* 2012, the targeted extents for green gram and cowpea were 7,449 ha and 9,660 ha respectively. By the end of August, about 9,654 ha of green gram and 8,369 ha of cowpea had been cultivated which represents 130% and 87% of the targeted extents. A substantial rise in cultivated extent and production of green gram and cowpea have been recorded in *yala* 2012 compared to *yala* 2011. In Hambantota district, the cultivated extent exceeded the targeted extent (161%) by the end of August, which was recorded as 6,220 ha. In Ampara, about 5,909 ha of cowpea had been cultivated by the end of August which was higher compared to the same period of *yala* 2011. Cultivation was high in August which was 1,904 ha in Ampara. However, compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extent of both green gram and cowpea was low in Moneragala district during this *yala* season. The expected production of green gram and cowpea is 12,938 mt and 11,276 mt for *yala* 2012.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivated Extent and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (*Yala* 2012)

Crop	District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production
		Yala 2011	*Yala* 2012	*Yala* 2011	*Yala* 2012	*Yala* 2012	(mt) *Yala* 2012
Green gram	Hambantota	n.a.	3,858	4,667	6,220	161	8,489
	Monergala	390	446	536	313	70	381
	Sri Lanka	**4,679**	**7,449**	**7,527**	**9,654**	**130**	**12,938**
Cowpea	Ampara	5,002	6,065	4,724	5,909	97	8,655
	Moneragala	985	796	387	362	45	393
	Anuradhapura	455	343	191	189	55	223
	Sri Lanka	**9,232**	**9,660**	**6,499**	**8,369**	**87**	**11,276**

Source: ***Field Information Network, MFPAD/HARTI***
Crop Forecast No. 3, Yala 2012, Socio-econoimics & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 118 mt of green gram was imported in August and it had decreased by about 260 mt compared to July. Most of the stocks were arrived from Australia. The average CIF price was Rs.116.10/kg and it had decreased by Rs.1.00/kg compared to July. The wholesale and retail prices of green gram had increased by 3% and 7% respectively. During the month, the wholesale price ranged between Rs.225.00-240.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of green gram had increased by 51% and 31% respectively.

Wholesale price of cowpea had increased by 27% due to limited stocks of local varieties. Only local stocks were available in the markets which arrived mainly from Middeniya and Padiyathalawa. In August, wholesale price of local cowpea ranged between Rs.165.00-240.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of cowpea had decreased by 1% and 18% respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram March to August 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	118.00	13.70	116.10	251.83	135.73
July	378.00	44.29	117.17	236.31	119.14
Jun	665.75	80.40	120.77	235.36	114.59
May	693.50	80.87	116.61	238.20	121.59
Apr	956.70	108.71	113.63	235.91	122.28
Mar	1,373.25	155.25	113.05	208.22	95.17

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea March to August 2012

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	-	-	-	197.32	-
July	-	-	-	207.29	-
Jun	-	-	-	205.09	-
May	-	-	-	235.98	-
Apr	-	-	-	263.73	-
Mar	148.73	16.22	109.03	256.81	147.78

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- Aug 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Green gram	231.48	225.69	152.74	5.79	2.56	78.74	51.55
Cowpea	207.43	163.32	207.71	44.10	27.00	-0.28	-0.13
Retail Prices							
Green gram	251.83	236.31	191.90	15.52	6.57	59.93	31.23
Cowpea	197.32	207.29	241.66	-9.97	-4.81	-44.34	-18.35

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.5: 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	Aug,2012	116.10	231.48	251.83	115.38	20.35
	July,2012	117.17	225.69	236.31	108.52	10.62
	Aug,2011	123.49	152.74	191.90	29.25	39.16
Cowpea	Aug,2012	-	207.43	197.32	-	-10.11
	July,2012	-	163.32	207.29	-	43.97
	Aug,2011	74.35	207.71	241.66	133.36	33.95

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 11,969 mt of red dhal was imported in August which was 3,437 mt higher than the quantity imported in July. Most of the stocks were received from Australia and Canada. Compared to August, 2011 (3,600 mt), the imports of red dhal were high in August, 2012. The CIF price was Rs.80.46/kg.

Wholesale price of red dhal had increased by 1% while the retail price had decreased by 3%. The average wholesale price was Rs.127.00/kg in August. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal had decreased by around 4% as the imports were at a high level in August, 2012.

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

Red Dhal	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	127.35	125.72	119.07	1.63	1.30	8.29	6.96
Retail Price	144.06	148.49	150.46	-4.43	-2.98	-6.40	-4.25

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

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

Month	Quantity (t)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Aug	11969.00	80.46	127.35	144.06	46.89	16.71
July	8532.32	80.64	125.72	148.49	45.08	22.77
Jun	10618.74	81.31	125.90	148.10	44.59	22.20
May	11935.99	77.37	130.76	149.86	53.39	19.10
Apr	6016.23	75.61	134.88	149.15	59.27	14.27
Mar	9987.02	72.32	124.82	143.78	52.50	18.96

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

3. Vegetables

By end of August 2012 total vegetable cultivation progress was 37,935 ha which consisted of 16,271 ha of up country vegetables (43% from the total cultivation progress) and 21,664 ha of low country vegetables (57% from the total cultivation progress). For up country vegetables 78% of the yala cultivation target has been achieved by end August while for low country vegetables achievement from the cultivation target was 70% (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1 : Total cultivation Extents

Total Cultivation Extents

	Target (ha)		Achievement (ha)		% in 2012		Achievement from the target (%) in 2012	Cultivation progress in 2012 compared to 2011 (%)
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Target	Achievement		
Up country	21,071	20,940	14,845	16,271	40	43	78	110
Low Country	28,808	30,837	25,542	21,664	60	57	70	85
Total	**49,879**	**51,777**	**40,387**	**37,935**	**100**	**100**	73	94

Considering up country vegetables the mostly cultivated vegetable variety was beans which recorded 3,943 ha of land. Further it records the highest achievement from the cultivation target as 106%. The significant increase in the cultivations area in the Badulla district by 2,269 ha (145% from the Badulla district cultivating target) had been the major reason for the above situation. Compared to last year 153% cultivation progress could be observed for beans this year. The second highest cultivation progress was recorded for tomato as 2,884 ha, which was 73% achievement from the yala cultivation target. However non of the vegetables could not achieved the full yala season cultivation target except beans since the prevailed dry weather condition during this yala season has limited the expansion of cultivation area. Compared to last year same period the cultivation progress has exceeded 100% for all the vegetables except for beet root and capsicum.

Considering low country vegetables the monthly cultivated vegetable variety was brinjal which recorded 3,667 ha followed by pumpkin as 3,155 ha and ladies fingers as 2,908 ha. Considering achievement from the cultivation target, none of the vegetables had achieved 100% cultivation progress. The highest progress was recorded for cucumber 79% while lowest was recorded for pumpkin as 51%. Compared to same period of the last year for all the vegetables cultivation extent is lower in this year since the highest impact from dry weather condition prevailed in this year have affected the areas which were cultivated with low country vegetables.

Box: 1 Crop situation in Nuwara Eliya and Matale District (2012 yala season)

Nuwara Eliya

By end of August the total cultivation progress was 3,174 ha which was a 52% achievement from the yala season district cultivation target. The mostly cultivated vegetable type was carrot as 537 ha followed by beans as 430 ha and cabbage and tomato as 376 ha .

Compared to same period of the last year cultivation progress showed a 18% reduction this year as the dry weather condition prevailed in this year has reduced the cultivation extents, specially in Hanguranketa and Walapane area which were mostly affected by the drought.

However, since the month of August 86.9 mm rainfall was received in the area, cultivation was started in the abandoned areas which were affected by the drought. Thus mid season harvest is expected to receive in the market in the coming months.

Matale:

The cultivation progress by end August 2012 was 1,665 ha (39% achievement from the yala season cultivation target).

The mostly cultivated vegetable variety was bitter gourd as 160 ha followed by cucumber and tomato as 153 ha for each.

Compared to the same period of the last year the cultivation progress showed a 24% reduction this year as the dry weather condition prevailed this year yala season. This has prevented achieving the maximum potential cultivation extents in this year.

Table 3.2: Cultivated extents of Up- Country vegetables in Major Producing areas

Crop	District	Yala Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivated Extent by the end of August (ha)		Achivement as a % of the Target in 2012	Cultivation progress in 2012 compared to 2011 (%)
		Yala 2011	Yala 2012	Yala 2011	Yala 2012		
Beans	Badulla	1,468	1,568	877	2,269	145	259
	N'Eliya	1,058	822	593	430	52	72
	Kandy	314	470	434	353	75	81
	Ratnapura	400	365	372	305	84	82
	Matale	275	284	160	113	40	71
	Sri Lanka	**3,645**	**3,725**	**2,573**	**3,943**	**106**	**153**
Carrot	N'Eliya	972	886	742	537	61	72
	Badulla	318	292	282	552	189	196
	Sri Lanka	**1,503**	**1,428**	**1,210**	**1,301**	**91**	**108**
Leeks	N'Eliya	778	696	532	424	61	80
	Sri Lanka	**943**	**879**	**751**	**807**	**92**	**107**
Tomato	Badulla	687	634	366	1,056	167	289
	N'Eliya	1,182	965	528	376	39	71
	Kandy	516	539	505	321	60	64
	Ratnapura	220	195	161	132	68	82
	Sri Lanka	**4,095**	**3,969**	**2,893**	**2,884**	**73**	**100**
Cabbage	N'Eliya	1,058	880	690	376	43	54
	Badulla	593	557	417	984	177	236
	Matale	273	154	174	147	95	84
	Kandy	298	344	341	298	87	87
	Sri Lanka	**2,438**	**2,791**	**1,825**	**2,017**	**72**	**111**
Beet root	N'Eliya	492	490	314	249	51	79
	Badulla	112	98	49	174	178	355
	Matale	1,366	1,277	124	60	5	48
	Kurunegala	230	236	256	128	54	50
	Puttalam	110	110	165	189	172	115
	Sri Lanka	**2,911**	**2,644**	**1,219**	**1,089**	**41**	**89**
Capsicum	N'Eliya	216	221	230	118	53	51
	Badulla	229	232	147	297	128	202
	Puttalam	150	118	201	202	171	101
	Matale	307	295	157	41	14	26
	Kurunegala	250	232	169	121	52	72
	Sri Lanka	**2,283**	**2,399**	**1,944**	**1,774**	**74**	**91**
Radish	N'Eliya	556	467	361	243	52	67
	Matale	335	335	60	22	6	36
	Puttalam	150	249	190	105	42	55
	Badulla	357	282	186	678	240	365
	Kurunegala	255	205	239	42	20	17
	Sri Lanka	**2,410**	**2,285**	**1,757**	**1,753**	**77**	**100**
Knolkhol	N'Eliya	247	299	295	221	74	75
	Badulla	243	207	84	251	121	299
	Matale	183	0	137	0	0	0
	Sri Lanka	**844**	**821**	**673**	**702**	**86**	**104**

Source: Crop Forecast Yala 2012- Socio Economic and Planning Center, Department of Agriculture

Table 3.3: Cultivated extents of Low- Country vegetables in Major Producing areas.

Crop	District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivated extent by end of August (ha)		Achievement as a % of the Target	Cultivation progress in 2012 compared to 2011 (%)
		Yala 2011	Yala 2012	Yala 2011	Yala 2012		
Brinjal	Anuradhapura	490	490	535	404	82	75
	Moneragala	445	492	334	272	55	81
	Hambanthota	309	274	292	240	87	82
	Badulla	262	483	284	318	66	112
	Ratnapura	170	185	150	133	72	89
	Matale	205	225	134	125	56	93
	Sri Lanka	**4,559**	**4,948**	**4,065**	**3,667**	**74**	**90**
Bitter gourd	Hambanthota	156	194	154	182	94	118
	Anuradhapura	155	150	189	167	112	89
	Monaragala	113	120	110	101	84	92
	Kurunegala	170	172	227	91	53	40
	Sri Lanka	**2,449**	**2,376**	**1,978**	**1,621**	**68**	**82**
Okra	Anuradhapura	370	380	286	177	47	62
	Kurunegala	300	285	282	310	109	110
	Monaragala	288	291	230	225	77	98
	Matale	351	350	99	142	41	143
	Ratnapura	205	190	149	160	84	107
	Hambanthota	272	224	252	260	116	103
	Sri Lanka	**4,139**	**3,799**	**3,211**	**2,908**	**77**	**91**
Pumpkin	Anuradhapura	805	1,000	787	584	58	74
	Monaragala	746	3,041	2,545	1,098	36	43
	Hambanthota	273	283	247	267	94	108
	Sri Lanka	**3,726**	**6,219**	**5,052**	**3,155**	**51**	**62**
Snake gourd	Hambanthota	170	187	177	175	94	99
	Kurunegala	195	171	153	102	60	67
	Matale	267	270	107	103	38	96
	Monaragala	202	110	88	82	75	93
	Sri Lanka	**2,618**	**2,299**	**1,727**	**1,419**	**62**	**82**
Cucumber	Hambanthota	202	235	193	201	86	104
	Monaragala	162	176	153	201	114	131
	Matale	376	326	174	153	47	88
	Anuradhapura	130	140	166	117	83	70
	Sri Lanka	**2,141**	**1,746**	**1,460**	**1,372**	**79**	**94**

Source: Crop Forecast Yala 2012- Socio Economic and Planning Center, Department of Agriculture

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Compared to month of July prices of most of the vegetables have decreased as yala season harvest reached the markets from major producing areas.

Considering up country vegetables the wholesale prices have been reduced in August except for beans and cabbages. The highest price decrease was recorded for tomato as 58% compared to last month. The dry weather condition prevailed in the major producing areas such as Hanguranketa, Kandy, Marassana and Balangoda has favored the tomato cultivation. Continues stocks receiving could be observed in the markets. For raddish 37% price reduction could be observed in the month of August due to continuous stock receiving from Nuwara Eliya and Welimada areas. For leeks and beetroot 24% price decrease could be observed. However, significant price decrease of beetroot could be observed in the market during second week of the month as low quality stocks had been received in the market from Nuwara Eliya area. Considering leeks the prices were lower in the first two weeks of the month due to increased stock supply from Nuwara Eliya area. However an increasing trend of prices could be seen when moving towards the last two weeks due to decreased supply from Nuwara Eliya area. The highest price increase was recorded for cabbage as 41%.

Compared to same period of the last year the wholesale prices were higher this year for most of the vegetables since the dry weather condition prevailed this year had reduced the vegetable in the yala season.

Considering low country vegetables the prices have reduced in the month of August for most of the vegetables. The highest price decrease of 57% was recorded for green chillies due to increased stock supply from Puttalam and Kalpitiya areas. 53% price decrease was recorded for ladies fingers. Lower prices were recorded in the second and third weeks of the month for ladies fingers due to increased supply from Anuradhapura area however when moving towards end of the month increasing trend of prices could be observed due to limited stock supply. For capsicum 35% price reduction could be observed, due to increased stock supply from Nuwara Eliya and Wellawaya areas. The highest price increase of 90% was recorded for lime due to continuous decrease in the supply from major producing areas such as Bibila and Monaragala since the lime season was reaching the end and the stock receiving was continuously reducing. For drumsticks 78% price increase was observed. In the beginning of the month high prices were recorded for drumsticks due to limited supply from Mannar and Kalpitiya areas. However when moving towards the end of month decreasing trend of prices could be observed since starting of stocks receiving from Mannar, Anuradhapura, Embilipitiya, Balangoda areas.

Compared to same period of the last year prices have increased in this year for most of the vegetables due to limited stock supply in this year caused by the dry weather condition prevailed.

Table 3.4: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – Aug 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	74.00	73.93	88.22	*0.07*	*0.09*	*-14.22*	*-16.12*
Carrot	89.78	93.38	37.90	*-3.60*	*-3.86*	*51.88*	*136.89*
Leeks	68.50	89.76	17.87	*-21.26*	*-23.69*	*50.63*	*283.32*
Beetroot	63.93	83.99	23.42	*-20.06*	*-23.88*	*40.51*	*172.97*
Knolkhol	30.19	34.32	22.59	*-4.13*	*-12.03*	*7.60*	*33.64*
Radish	16.69	26.56	18.64	*-9.87*	*-37.16*	*-1.95*	*-10.46*
Cabbage	51.02	36.23	17.87	*14.79*	*40.82*	*33.15*	*185.51*
Tomato	47.69	113.40	17.33	*-65.71*	*-57.95*	*30.36*	*175.19*
Ladies Fingers	20.66	44.38	37.50	*-23.72*	*-53.45*	*-16.84*	*-44.91*
Brinjal	49.70	43.96	29.54	*5.74*	*13.06*	*20.16*	*68.25*
Capsicum	92.25	142.85	37.21	*-50.60*	*-35.42*	*55.04*	*147.92*
Pumpkin	45.88	50.93	17.84	*-5.05*	*-9.92*	*28.04*	*157.17*
Cucumber	21.30	16.86	15.84	*4.44*	*26.33*	*5.46*	*34.47*
Bitter Gourd	58.88	74.61	61.31	*-15.73*	*-21.08*	*-2.43*	*-3.96*
Snake Gourd	37.75	51.10	22.70	*-13.35*	*-26.13*	*15.05*	*66.30*
Drumstick	86.40	48.58	74.30	*37.82*	*77.85*	*12.10*	*16.29*
Luffa	35.48	52.85	33.80	*-17.37*	*-32.87*	*1.68*	*4.97*
Long Beans	42.68	48.53	42.40	*-5.85*	*-12.05*	*0.28*	*0.66*
Ash Plantain	25.71	26.41	29.07	*-0.70*	*-2.65*	*-3.36*	*-11.56*
Green Chillies	49.43	116.78	58.20	*-67.35*	*-57.67*	*-8.77*	*-15.07*
Lime	153.41	80.58	77.99	*72.83*	*90.38*	*75.42*	*96.70*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.5: Retail Prices of Vegetables – Aug 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	118.08	118.63	123.17	*-0.55*	*-0.46*	*-5.09*	*-4.13*
Carrot	146.85	139.23	81.71	*7.62*	*5.47*	*65.14*	*79.72*
Leeks	133.04	149.64	65.33	*-16.60*	*-11.09*	*67.71*	*103.64*
Beetroot	113.53	135.12	69.09	*-21.59*	*-15.98*	*44.44*	*64.32*
Knolkhol	95.75	106.23	77.02	*-10.48*	*-9.87*	*18.73*	*24.32*
Radish	69.89	83.49	62.94	*-13.60*	*-16.29*	*6.95*	*11.04*
Cabbage	99.28	92.92	63.99	*6.36*	*6.84*	*35.29*	*55.15*
Tomato	94.96	173.62	50.31	*-78.66*	*-45.31*	*44.65*	*88.75*
Ladies Fingers	77.32	100.53	82.08	*-23.21*	*-23.09*	*-4.76*	*-5.80*
Brinjal	100.79	96.20	74.39	*4.59*	*4.77*	*26.40*	*35.49*
Capsicum	161.86	221.68	83.96	*-59.82*	*-26.98*	*77.90*	*92.78*
Pumpkin	85.29	92.99	53.59	*-7.70*	*-8.28*	*31.70*	*59.15*
Cucumber	63.75	65.19	53.75	*-1.44*	*-2.21*	*10.00*	*18.60*
Bitter Gourd	132.75	147.04	107.08	*-14.29*	*-9.72*	*25.67*	*23.97*
Snake Gourd	93.97	100.47	64.44	*-6.50*	*-6.47*	*29.53*	*45.83*
Drumstick	155.97	122.13	132.40	*33.84*	*27.71*	*23.57*	*17.80*
Luffa	101.95	116.92	80.62	*-14.97*	*-12.80*	*21.33*	*26.46*
Long Beans	102.59	112.06	87.09	*-9.47*	*-8.45*	*15.50*	*17.80*
Ash Plantain	81.11	77.47	75.28	*3.64*	*4.70*	*5.83*	*7.74*
Green Chillies	146.33	249.52	150.92	*-103.19*	*-41.36*	*-4.59*	*-3.04*
Lime	290.56	197.63	183.82	*92.93*	*47.02*	*106.74*	*58.07*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the fruits have decreased during the month due to dry weather condition in most of the producing areas. Hence the wholesale prices of most of the fruits have increased with the highest price increase of 30% for kolikuttu (banana). According to the field information, kolikuttu cultivation had been badly affected in Udawalawa and Embilipitiya area due to dry weather condition. Further the wholesale prices of other banana varieties had increased in the range of 3%-8% due to low supplies. Wholesale prices of all the varieties of mango had increased in the range of 9%-25% due to decreased supplies at the tail end of the harvesting season. Further the wholesale price of papaw had increased by 11% due to low supplies from Wellawaya and Hambantota areas. Usually the price of papaw is higher than that of the annual average price in August and price drops in September. Accordingly, price reduction could be expected for papaw next month with the commencement of rainy season. Further the wholesale price of orange, avocado and slime apple had increased in the range of 7%-12% due to limited supplies. Wholesale price of imported grapes had increased by 37% due to availability of good quality grapes from Israel and Australia. Meanwhile the wholesale price reductions were recorded only for pineapple and wood apple. The harvesting season of wood apple had started and further price reduction could be expected next month too. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 70% for slime apple.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 72% for karthakolomban (mango). Further the prices of all the varieties of banana had recorded in the range of 11%-22% due to decreased supplies from Embilipitiya and

Suriyawewa areas with dry weather. Further the retail price of papaw had increased by 35% compared to the previous month. Meanwhile the retail prices of wood apple and avocado had decreased by 21% and 7% respectively with the commencement of harvesting season. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 33% for karthakolomban (mango).

Producer prices of ambul (banana) and papaw had increased significantly by 56% and 25% respectively due to low supplies with dry weather. Meanwhile the producer price of pineapple had decreased by 18% compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last, year, current producer price of papaw and pineapple had decreased by 35% and 18% respectively while the producer price of ambul had increased by 21%.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Apple was the widely imported type of fruit in August and the imported quantity was 698 mt. The total expenditure on importing apple, grapes, oranges and mandarin was Rs.234.27 mn in August.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – Aug 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	51.56	36.76	44.33	*14.80*	*40.26*	*7.23*	*16.31*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	134.14	94.74	104.10	*39.40*	*41.59*	*30.04*	*28.86*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	48.69	39.71	40.50	*8.98*	*22.61*	*8.19*	*20.22*
Anamalu	9.16	7.68	6.62	*1.48*	*19.27*	*2.54*	*38.37*
Ambun	13.28	9.77	9.18	*3.51*	*35.93*	*4.10*	*44.66*
Pineapple							
Large	103.74	110.05	125.90	*-6.31*	*-5.73*	*-22.16*	*-17.60*
Medium	83.00	88.16	103.33	*-5.16*	*-5.85*	*-20.33*	*-19.67*
Small	61.05	64.49	83.17	*-3.44*	*-5.33*	*-22.12*	*-26.60*
Mango							
Betti	21.80	12.30	11.38	*9.50*	*77.24*	*10.42*	*91.56*
Karthakolomban	77.14	44.01	52.58	*33.13*	*75.28*	*24.56*	*46.71*
Vilad	26.07	17.34	16.91	*8.73*	*50.35*	*9.16*	*54.17*
Kohu	-	7.26	8.23	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	75.08	40.73	64.25	*34.35*	*84.34*	*10.83*	*16.86*
Passion Fruit	8.39	7.65	7.47	*0.74*	*9.67*	*0.92*	*12.32*
Wood Apple	20.92	25.77	22.31	*-4.85*	*-18.82*	*-1.39*	*-6.23*
Orange	23.82	23.60	14.70	*0.22*	*0.93*	*9.12*	*62.04*
Avocado	19.22	23.15	11.32	*-3.93*	*-16.98*	*7.90*	*69.79*
Slime Apple	30.73	23.14	18.59	*7.59*	*32.80*	*12.14*	*65.30*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	424.50	411.33	387.27	*13.17*	*3.20*	*37.23*	*9.61*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – Aug 2012

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	77.65	68.19	73.23	*9.46*	*13.87*	*4.42*	*6.04*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	165.30	144.40	148.00	*20.90*	*14.47*	*17.30*	*11.69*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	76.98	69.45	71.47	*7.53*	*10.84*	*5.51*	*7.71*
Anamalu	15.32	12.54	12.28	*2.78*	*22.17*	*3.04*	*24.76*
Ambun	15.98	13.19	14.24	*2.79*	*21.15*	*1.74*	*12.22*
Pineapple							
Large	142.41	152.53	158.94	*-10.12*	*-6.63*	*-16.53*	*-10.40*
Medium	116.18	122.39	130.07	*-6.21*	*-5.07*	*-13.89*	*-10.68*
Small	90.94	95.02	106.21	*-4.08*	*-4.29*	*-15.27*	*-14.38*
Mango							
Betti	21.67	35.42	32.50	*-13.75*	*-38.82*	*-10.83*	*-33.32*
Karthakolomban	130.26	75.87	97.61	*54.39*	*71.69*	*32.65*	*33.45*
Vilad	50.94	41.76	41.14	*9.18*	*21.98*	*9.80*	*23.82*
Kohu	30.00	31.11	-	*-1.11*	*-3.57*	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	96.99	72.08	91.90	*24.91*	*34.56*	*5.09*	*5.54*
Passion Fruit	14.79	13.91	13.00	*0.88*	*6.33*	*1.79*	*13.77*
Wood Apple	51.80	66.16	49.06	*-14.36*	*-21.70*	*2.74*	*5.58*
Orange	48.64	48.53	36.53	*0.11*	*0.23*	*12.11*	*33.15*
Avocado	44.07	47.37	36.00	*-3.30*	*-6.97*	*8.07*	*22.42*
Slime Apple	57.99	51.12	46.33	*6.87*	*13.44*	*11.66*	*25.17*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	643.27	695.18	607.15	*-51.91*	*-7.47*	*36.12*	*5.95*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits- Aug 2012

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Ambul	32.75	17.52	27.15	15.23	56.10	5.60	20.63
Kolikuttu	-	70.00	79.90	-	-	-	-
Papaw	34.75	21.20	53.72	13.55	25.22	-18.97	-35.31
Pineapple	45.63	55.50	55.50	-9.87	-17.78	-9.87	-17.78

Source: Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits June – Aug 2012

Types of Fruit	August 2012			July 2012			June 2012		
	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	699.77	72.88	104.15	862.85	88.55	102.63	982.48	132.31	134.67
Grapes	579.77	119.18	205.56	269.51	58.15	215.77	363.99	97.06	266.65
Oranges	446.84	37.48	83.87	805.24	70.14	87.11	779.34	72.13	92.55
Mandarin	89.51	4.73	52.89	108.36	7.99	73.73	92.58	7.35	79.43

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except kelawalla and thalapath have decreased with the highest price decrease of 14% for hurulla. Price of mora has decreased by 9% while, the prices of balaya and paraw have decreased by 6%. Prices of other fish varieties such as salaya, thora and shrimps have decreased in the range of 2%-4%. It was noted that the ample amounts of stocks supplied from Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Mannar, Chillaw and Southern coastal areas have resulted in this price decreases. However, prices of kelawalla and thalapath have increased by 6%, and 2% respectively due to nonavailability of sufficient stocks. The highest monthly average price was noted for thora (Rs.973.00) followed by shrimps (Rs. 675.00), thalapath (Rs. 591.00) and kelawalla (Rs. 504.00). Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla and thora have increased with the highest price increase of 81% for shrimps.

However, in the retail market, prices of fresh fish varieties such as salaya, hurulla and thora have decreased in the range of 2%-7% while the prices of balaya, kelawalla and paraw have increased in the range of 1% -10%. Prices of mora, shrimps and thalapath have not changed significantly. The highest monthly average price was noted for thora (Rs. 1,206.00) followed by thalapath (Rs. 849.00). Compared to the same period of last year, similar to the behavior of wholesale prices, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla and thora have increased with the highest price increase of 30% for balaya.

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Salaya	141.56	144.20	132.20	*-2.64*	*-1.83*	*9.36*	*7.08*
Hurulla	197.81	229.31	213.00	*-31.50*	*-13.74*	*-15.19*	*-7.13*
Balaya	293.72	313.63	259.00	*-19.91*	*-6.35*	*34.72*	*13.41*
Kelawalla	503.78	475.51	429.60	*28.27*	*5.95*	*74.18*	*17.27*
Thora	972.57	1013.05	1007.33	*-40.48*	*-4.00*	*-34.76*	*-3.45*
Paraw	488.33	522.06	457.00	*-33.73*	*-6.46*	*31.33*	*6.86*
Mora	348.40	382.05	339.00	*-33.65*	*-8.81*	*9.40*	*2.77*
Shrimps (small)	674.91	688.08	372.35	*-13.17*	*-1.91*	*302.56*	*81.26*
Thalapath	591.22	578.92	501.60	*12.30*	*2.12*	*89.62*	*17.87*
Retail Prices							
Salaya	203.31	208.01	167.59	*-4.70*	*-2.26*	*35.72*	*21.31*
Hurulla	289.51	310.16	289.96	*-20.65*	*-6.66*	*-0.45*	*-0.16*
Balaya	569.50	522.95	438.65	*46.55*	*8.90*	*130.85*	*29.83*
Kelawalla	751.31	685.46	648.81	*65.85*	*9.61*	*102.50*	*15.80*
Thora	1205.82	1236.48	1387.93	*-30.66*	*-2.48*	*-182.11*	*-13.12*
Paraw	769.16	758.90	633.40	*10.26*	*1.35*	*135.76*	*21.43*
Mora	557.35	555.38	485.67	*1.97*	*0.35*	*71.68*	*14.76*
Shrimps (small)	799.02	792.80	683.83	*6.22*	*0.78*	*115.19*	*16.84*
Thalapath	849.23	848.19	704.56	*1.04*	*0.12*	*144.67*	*20.53*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Dried Fish

Wholesale prices of all the varieties except local and imported anguluwa and imported thora have decreased in the ranged of 1% to 22%, due to high supply. The highest price decrease was noted for local salaya (20%) followed by imported balaya and sprats (18%) The prices of imported and local anguluwa have increased by 11% and 4% respectively with low supply. With regard to the local varieties, prices were high compared to the imported varieties with high quality. Compared to the same period of last year the current prices of all the varieties have increased except imported salaya with the highest price increase observed for local maduwa (46%).

The retail prices of all varieties except maduwa, koduwa and thora have decreased in the range between 4%-9% with the highest price decrease noted for sprats (9%) due to availability of sufficient stocks for market demand. However prices of maduwa, koduwa and thora have increased by ranged of 1%-8% due to high quality. Compared to the same period of last year the current prices of all the varieties have increased in the range of 12% to 40% with the highest price increase noted for thora by 40%.

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale							
Sprats	492.63	561.49	420.83	*-68.86*	*-12.26*	*71.79*	*17.06*
Sprats (imported)	288.58	349.98	276.58	*-61.40*	*-17.54*	*12.00*	*4.34*
Kattawa	756.69	762.83	635.23	*-6.13*	*-0.80*	*121.47*	*19.12*
Kattawa (imported)	649.02	689.82	537.72	*-40.80*	*-5.91*	*111.30*	*20.70*
Thora	827.50	910.00	-	*-82.50*	*-9.07*	-	-
Thora (imported)	877.94	872.19	666.17	*5.75*	*0.66*	*211.77*	*31.79*
Mora	668.25	735.43	518.41	*-67.17*	*-9.13*	*149.85*	*28.90*
Mora (imported)	650.18	702.89	494.20	*-52.70*	*-7.50*	*155.98*	*31.56*
Balaya	455.15	545.82	395.93	*-90.68*	*-16.61*	*59.21*	*14.96*
Balaya (imported)	435.33	530.16	0.00	*-94.83*	*-17.89*	*435.33*	*#DIV/0!*
Anguluwa	530.00	476.43	495.00	*53.57*	*11.24*	*35.00*	*7.07*
Anguluwa (imported)	452.08	432.79	402.83	*19.29*	*4.46*	*49.25*	*12.23*
Maduwa	414.48	424.08	284.33	*-9.60*	*-2.26*	*130.15*	*45.77*
Maduwa (imported)	259.91	335.08	239.32	*-75.17*	*-22.43*	*20.59*	*8.60*
Koduwa	625.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-		-
Salaya	183.57	229.46	159.42	*-45.90*	*-20.00*	*24.15*	*15.15*
Salaya (imported)	189.88	224.02	200.63	*-34.14*	*-15.24*	*-10.76*	*-5.36*
Dried fish – Retail							
Sprats	451.37	493.87	362.43	*-42.50*	*-8.61*	*88.94*	*24.54*
Kattawa	962.17	1005.72	813.91	*-43.55*	*-4.33*	*148.26*	*18.22*
Thora	1261.23	1193.40	903.96	*67.83*	*5.68*	*357.27*	*39.52*
Mora	851.75	893.44	716.33	*-41.69*	*-4.67*	*135.42*	*18.90*
Balaya	775.13	807.55	634.54	*-32.42*	*-4.01*	*140.59*	*22.16*
Anguluwa	736.17	767.65	655.31	*-31.48*	*-4.10*	*80.86*	*12.34*
Maduwa	553.91	551.93	425.94	*1.98*	*0.36*	*127.97*	*30.04*
Koduwa	823.54	762.00	700.00	*61.54*	*8.08*	*123.54*	*17.65*
Salaya	442.05	474.14	370.64	*-32.09*	*-6.77*	*71.41*	*19.27*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs have increased by 7% and 5% respectively due to high demand prevailed during the Ramazan festival season. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were Rs. 10.00/egg and Rs. 9.00/egg respectively. However, in the retail market, the prices of brown and white eggs have not changed significantly. The monthly average retail prices of brown and white eggs were Rs. 10.50/egg and Rs. 10.00/egg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased. For brown eggs, wholesale prices have decreased by 11% and retail prices by 13% and for white eggs it was by 13% (wholesale) and 15% (retail).

Meat

Prices of all varieties except mutton have decreased by ranged of 1% - 7% respectively with sufficient supplies. However prices of mutton have increased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of chicken and pork have increased with the highest price increase of 32% for mutton.

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	%	Rs.	%
Eggs – Wholesale							
Eggs – Brown (each)	9.56	8.93	10.75	*0.63*	*7.05*	*-1.19*	*-11.07*
White (each)	8.94	8.50	10.25	*0.44*	*5.18*	*-1.31*	*-12.78*
Eggs – Retail							
Eggs- Brown (each)	10.50	10.50	12.10	*0.00*	*0.00*	*-1.60*	*-13.22*
White (each)	9.85	9.83	11.59	*0.02*	*0.20*	*-1.74*	*-15.01*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – Aug 2012

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat							
Beef (without bones)	507.19	508.20	450.00	*-1.01*	*-0.20*	*57.19*	*12.71*
Chicken (Broiler)	399.82	408.11	447.85	*-8.29*	*-2.03*	*-48.03*	*-10.72*
Chicken (curry)	362.72	378.29	412.87	*-15.57*	*-4.12*	*-50.15*	*-12.15*
Mutton	1099.38	1089.27	831.20	*10.11*	*0.93*	*268.18*	*32.26*
Pork	418.75	448.47	430.00	*-29.72*	*-6.63*	*-11.25*	*-2.62*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantity of wheat grain was very low during the last month due to increased CIF price in July Rs.11.95/kg when compared to June. As the CIF price had declined by Rs.8.79/kg in August, imported quantity had increased by 643% compared to July. Total imports were 91199 mt in August, valued at Rs. mn 3939. The average CIF price was Rs.43.19/kg.

When considering wheat flour, imported quantity has dropped by 73% against the previous month. Total quantity of only 155 mt had been imported in August. The increasing trend of wheat flour prices in world market since January this year has reversed and price has declined from Rs.59.41/kg to Rs.55.35/kg, recording a decrease of Rs.4.06/kg. When compared to the August 2011, the retail price of wheat flour has increased by nearly 10% and it was Rs.93.33/kg.

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

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011	July 2012		Aug 2011	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	93.33	93.27	84.98	*0.06*	*0.06*	*8.35*	*9.83*
Sugar	106.29	102.86	*97.47*	*3.43*	*3.33*	*8.82*	*9.05*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Aug	155.00	8.58	55.35	93.33	*37.98*
July	568.78	33.79	59.41	93.27	*33.86*
Jun	598.86	34.65	57.86	93.32	*35.46*
May	650.78	36.78	56.51	93.22	*36.71*
Apr	1,329.95	72.46	54.49	84.57	*30.08*
Mar	1,054.25	55.76	52.89	84.77	*31.88*
Wheat Grain					
Aug	91,199.00	3,938.81	43.19	93.33	*50.14*
July	12,272.56	637.89	51.98	93.27	*41.29*
Jun	53,518.77	2,143.65	40.05	93.32	*53.27*
May	100,220.19	4,366.44	43.57	93.22	*49.65*
Apr	62,799.05	2,675.21	42.60	84.57	*41.97*
Mar	75,211.32	3,408.93	45.32	84.77	*39.45*

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

Sugar

Decreasing trend in world sugar prices since last April has been changed and price has increased by 7% against the previous month. Hence the average CIF price of sugar was Rs.79.90/kg. In line with imported prices, the retail price also has gone up by 3% and it was Rs.106.29/kg. Total quantity of 32327 mt of Sugar, valued at Rs. mn 2583 was imported in August.

When compared with the same month of last year, the retail price of sugar has increased by 9%.

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

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	32,327.00	2,583.04	79.90	106.29	*26.39*
July	39,981.05	2,992.24	74.84	102.86	*28.02*
Jun	45,052.91	3,422.09	75.96	97.52	*21.56*
May	45,843.25	3,621.83	79.00	97.78	*18.78*
Apr	35,318.80	2,917.26	82.60	98.90	*16.30*
Mar	53,717.00	4,308.73	80.21	98.27	*18.06*

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - Aug 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
	Aug 2012	July 2012		Aug 2012	July 2012		Aug 2012	July 2012	
Rice	3903.00	2449.34	59.35	348.37	234.98	48.25	89.26	95.94	-6.96
Red Onion		100.00	-100.00	2.60	2.60	0.00		26.00	
Big Onion	5814.00	15030.81	-61.32	151.58	402.18	-62.31	26.07	26.76	-2.56
Potato	14989.00	12895.57	16.23	404.87	386.05	4.88	27.01	29.94	-9.77
Dried Chillies	3497.00	3326.69	5.12	527.00	493.07	6.88	150.70	148.22	1.68
Masoor Dhal	11969.00	8532.32	40.28	963.00	688.02	39.97	80.46	80.64	-0.22
Green Gram	118.00	378.00	-68.78	13.70	44.29	-69.07	116.10	117.17	-0.91
Black gram	216.00	228.12	-5.31	27.46	26.47	3.74	127.13	116.04	9.56
Garlic	2486.00	2244.93	10.74	352.12	361.19	-2.51	141.64	160.89	-11.96
Wheat flour	155.00	568.78	-72.75	8.58	33.79	-74.61	55.35	59.41	-6.82
Wheat grain	91199.00	12272.56	643.11	3938.81	637.89	517.47	43.19	51.98	-16.91
White crystalline cane sugar	32327.00	39981.05	-19.14	2583.04	2992.24	-13.68	79.90	74.84	6.76
Maize (Seed)	280.00	277.75	0.81	112.79	123.69	-8.81	402.82	74.84	
Maize (Other)		135.00			10.25			75.93	

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – August 2012

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	0	39.8	0	3
Badulla	38.4	93.2	11	7
Bandarawela	10.5	69.3	5	7
Batticaloa	18.4	48.5	2	4
Colombo	200.3	119.5	22	11
Galle	310.7	185.9	23	16
Hambantota	133.4	56.3	15	7
Jaffna	8.6	38.7	3	3
Katugastota	63.1	112.8	14	13
Katunayaka	196.7	117.6	21	9
Kurunegala	103.3	98.0	11	10
Maha Iluppallama	0.4	32	1	3
Mannar	0.0	12.3	0	1
Nuwara Eliya	86.9	161.0	19	16
Pottuvil	5.7	18.9	3	na
Puttalam	18.8	17.1	6	2
Ratmalana	277.8	139.3	25	12
Ratnapura	393.9	304.1	28	20
Trincomalee	4.4	85.9	1	5
Vavuniya	0	75	0	4
Polonnaruwa	3.8	na	1	na
Moneragala	8.5	na	3	na

Source: Department of Meteorologyna