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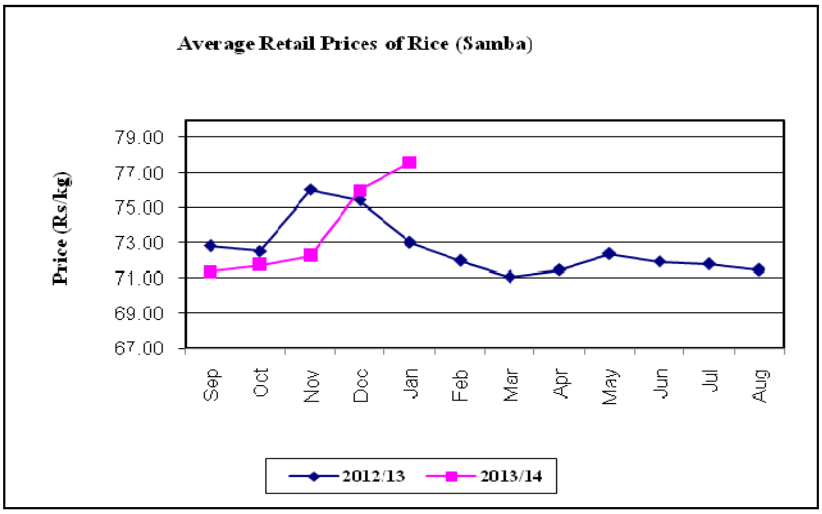
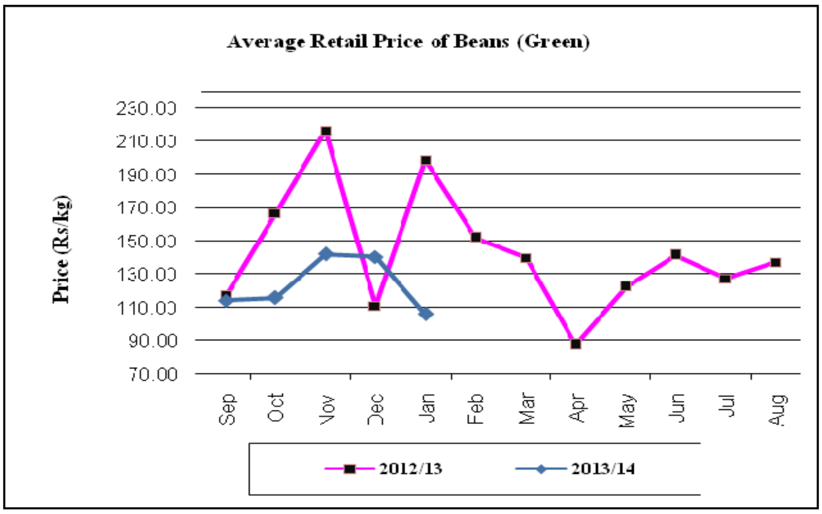
RICE:

Prices of all rice varieties have further gone up. The price increase was maintained by the delays in the arrival of *maha* production and inactivated ceiling prices.

VEGETABLES:

- Prices of most of the vegetables have increased in January, compared to December, due to low supply in the last two weeks of the month, as a result of drought.
- However, prices of beans have decreased in January, compared to December, due to the arrival of *maha* peak harvest from the Badulla district.





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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Delayed monsoons and low rainfall during the season dwindled the prospects of the paddy crop in 2013/14 *Maha s*eason in most of the major producing areas. According to the field information, production outlook was downgraded in major producing areas like Anuradhapura, Batticaloa and Mannar mainly due to the lack of water. In the Anuradhapura district, only 33% of land were cultivated under the minor irrigations due to the shortage of water. Despite weather related setbacks, paddy production outlook remained positive in major irrigated areas like Ampara and Polonnaruwa. Meanwhile, rainy weather was experienced in Ampara, Mahaweli H and Anuradhapura major producing areas during the first half of the month. According to the crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture, targeted extent of paddy cultivation is 817,315 ha and the achievement was 649,933 ha, which was 80 percent. Official assessments indicate that nearly 43,455 ha of the paddy cultivated lands were affected mainly due to the shortage of water. The production forecast of the season is expected to vary from 2.24 to 2.51 million tons. The highest damage was recorded in Northern and Eastern provinces. The harvest is expected to reach the market from mid February from the Eastern province.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2013/14 *maha* season
(Up to end of Jan - 2014)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the targeted extent	Production forecast (mt)	Revised Production forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	91,500	42,391	46	164,843	131804
Polonnaruwa	34,750	29,076	84	134,133	134133
Ampara	75,910	75,525	99	374,227	372520
Hambantota	83,677	57,624	69	228,710	181201
Kurunegala	29,411	28,337	96	129,061	129061
Colombo	4,910	4,903	100	14,638	14554
Gampaha	13,940	10,390	75	30,195	29988
Kalutara	16,294	14,664	90	43,694	39232
Galle	16,887	13,127	78	33,384	30615
Matara	17,000	15,180	89	43,643	43550
Ratnapura	15,420	12,648	82	36,363	36330
Kegalle	9,646	7,909	82	27,515	26087
Puttalam	22,930	11,865	52	40,463	36520
Kandy	14,729	12,669	86	37,699	37699
Matale	22,331	16,864	76	62,974	62960
Nuwara Eliya	7,138	2,749	39	6,340	6340
Badulla	23,849	15,281	64	57,679	57679
Moneragala	38,085	34,372	90	146,911	117498
Jaffna	11,900	10,737	90	24,743	4318
Kilinochchi	22,742	22,299	98	60,709	19924
Vavuniya	19,810	11,813	60	52,117	23839
Mullaitivu	16,273	14,870	91	58,294	34080
Mannar	20,815	4,765	23	21,036	15140
Trincomalee	41,868	31,693	76	130,325	79434
Batticaloa	61,000	60,883	100	204,248	139994
Udawalawa	12,000	11,200	93	60,899	60899
System H	18,000	21,872	122	108,876	103432
System H1	8,000	8,179	102	40,714	40714
System B	19,500	19,045	98	94,803	94803
System C	20,000	22,029	110	109,657	109657
System G	5,254	4,949	94	24,635	24635
System L	1,746	26	1	129	129
Sri Lanka	**817,315**	**649,933**	**80**	**2,603,657**	**2238771**

Source: Department of Agriculture

Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – January - 2014

Commodity	Price Range (Rs/kg)		Average (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	36.00-39.00	35.00-37.00	37.46	36.10	36.33	*1.36*	*3.76*	*1.13*	*3.10*
Polonnaruwa	36.50-40.00	37.50-42.00	38.46	39.62		*-1.16*	*-2.93*	-	-
Kalawewa	38.00-40.00	36.00-37.00	38.79	36.50	36.90	*2.29*	*6.27*	*1.89*	*5.12*
Kurunegala	36.50-42.20	39.00-41.00	40.21	39.92	38.80	*0.29*	*0.73*	*1.41*	*3.63*
Dehiattakandiya	-	35.00-39.50		36.58	35.33	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	37.50-4200	36.00-40.50	39.41	38.38		*1.03*	*2.68*	-	-
Ampara	36.00-40.00	35.00-40.50	38.50	37.02	35.33	*1.48*	*4.00*	*3.17*	*8.97*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	33.00-37.00	32.00-34.00	35.38	33.33	33.00	*2.04*	*6.12*	*2.38*	*7.20*
Polonnaruwa	34.50-38.00	34.50-38.50	36.37	36.27		*0.10*	*0.28*	-	-
Kalawewa	35.00-36.00	33.00-34.00	35.79	33.67	33.40	*2.12*	*6.30*	*2.39*	*7.16*
Kurunegala	33.50-39.20	35.50-38.00	35.43	36.44	34.75	*-1.02*	*-2.80*	*0.67*	*1.94*
Dehiattakandiya	-	32.00-36.50		33.48	32.00	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	34.00-39.00	32.00-33.00	35.70	32.42	32.20	*3.28*	*10.11*	*3.50*	*10.86*
Nikaweratiya	33.00-38.00	33.00-36.50	36.01	34.92		*1.09*	*3.11*	-	-
Matara	34.00-35.00	32.00-34.00	34.44	32.90	32.25	*1.54*	*4.68*	*2.19*	*6.79*
Hambantota	-	-				-	-	-	-
Ampara	33.00-36.00	32.00-36.50	35.24	33.72	31.33	*1.52*	*4.50*	*3.91*	*12.47*
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	31.00-34.50	29.00-31.00	33.31	30.00	30.00	*3.31*	*11.04*	*3.31*	*11.04*
Hambantota	34.00-36.00	30.00-34.00	35.00	31.80	-	*3.20*	*10.06*	-	-
Embilipitiya	32.00-37.00	30.00-32.00	34.10	30.88	29.70	*3.22*	*10.44*	*4.40*	*14.82*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

The increasing trend of paddy prices continued in most of the major producing areas due to the short supply of paddy. However, from the second week of the month the prices decreased slightly in Kurunegala and Nikaweratiya producing areas due to the commencement of harvesting in 2013/14 *Maha* season in rain fed areas in the Kurunegala district. The normal paddy supply from Batticaloa and Ampara districts did not reach the markets in January due to low progress of cultivations during October as a result of delayed and low rainfall received in those areas in the beginning of the season. In order to stabilize the prices the Paddy Marketing Board released stocks to the millers in major producing areas. It is expected that the prices will decline by the first half of next month due to the commencement of harvesting of paddy crop in 2013/14 *Maha* season from Akkareipattu, Kalmunei areas in Ampara. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.36.00-42.20/Kg in all considered major producing areas with the lowest and the highest prices in Ampara and Kurunegala. Prices of long grain white and long grain red had ranged from Rs.33.00-39.00/Kg and Rs.31.00-37.00/Kg respectively. The lowest prices for long grain white was recorded in Ampara, Nikaweratiya and Anuradhapura.

Compared to the same period of the previous last year, current prices of short grain paddy varieties have increased by less than 9% with the lowest increase from Anuradhapura. Prices of long grain white had increased in the range of 2%-12%. Prices of long grain red have increased by 11% in Matara and15% in Embilipitiya.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale

The prices of all the rice varieties have increased by 1%-6% in the reporting month. The highest price increase was reported for Raw White. The average price of Raw White was Rs.61.75/kg. The main reason for the price increase was the delay of *Maha* harvest due to the prevailed drought weather condition by the end of January and the rice production was in the hand of few millers. Due to the later, the rice market was not competitive during the month. However, according to the available statistics, carryover stocks from the month of December 2013 was sufficient to feed the nation for approximately two months from January 2014. The highest average price for Samba Grade I was Rs.77.19/kg while the lowest price of Rs.57.36/kg was observed for Raw Red.

Rice import was recorded as 2,094 mt and it was a 10% increase compared to the previous month. The CIF price was Rs.97.32/kg and it was an increase of 6% compared to the month of December.

Compared to the same period of the previous year, the prices of all the rice varieties have risen by 3%-8% recording the highest for Raw White (8%) followed by raw red (6%).

Retail

As in wholesale market the retail prices of all the varieties too have increased by Rs.3.00-5.00/kg. Limited availability of rice stocks in the market due to delayed arrival of *Maha* harvest was the main reason for the price increase. Similarly, slow issuing of rice stocks could be observed because the production and distribution were in the hands of few traders according to the field information. Very limited stocks of Nadu and Raw White were available in most of the markets. Further, ceiling price was not implemented and it further forced the price increase. Prices are expected to decrease in February and March due to new harvest which is expected to reach the market. The highest average price of Rs.83.66/kg was reported for Samba Grade I while the lowest price of Rs.63.39/kg was noted for Raw Red.

Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of all the varieties have increased by 5%-7% recording the highest for Samba Grade II.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – January 2014

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Samba 1	77.19	75.36	74.26	*1.83*	*2.43*	*2.92*	*3.94*
Samba 2	73.39	72.40	71.16	*0.99*	*1.36*	*2.23*	*3.13*
Samba 3	71.05	69.61	68.00	*1.45*	*2.08*	*3.05*	*4.49*
Nadu 1	64.98	62.83	63.72	*2.14*	*3.41*	*1.26*	*1.97*
Nadu 2	62.22	60.69	59.67	*1.52*	*2.51*	*2.55*	*4.28*
Raw red	57.36	55.44	53.93	*1.92*	*3.47*	*3.43*	*6.36*
Raw white	61.75	58.28	57.23	*3.47*	*5.95*	*4.52*	*7.90*
Retail Prices							
Samba 1	83.66	82.24	78.74	*1.42*	*1.73*	*4.92*	*6.25*
Samba 2	76.11	75.11	71.03	*1.00*	*1.33*	*5.08*	*7.15*
Samba 3	73.07	70.59	69.33	*2.48*	*3.51*	*3.74*	*5.39*
Nadu 1	71.22	70.03	66.88	*1.19*	*1.70*	*4.34*	*6.49*
Nadu 2	64.95	62.65	60.73	*2.30*	*3.67*	*4.22*	*6.95*
Raw red	63.39	61.05	60.24	*2.34*	*3.83*	*3.15*	*5.23*
Raw white	64.54	62.04	61.18	*2.50*	*4.03*	*3.36*	*5.49*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop Situation

The target extent of chillies in *maha* 2013/14 season was 14,584 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that 61% was achieved by the end of January 2014 and a production of 33,408 mt was expected. The highest cultivated extent of 2,564 ha was recorded in the Anuradhapura district that represents 57% of the target extent. A marked progress has been achieved for chillie cultivation in Ampara and Hambantota districts representing

104% and 122% respectively of the target extent. Out of the total expected production of *maha* 2013/14, 66% of production will arrive from Anuradhapura (37%), Moneragala (12%), Puttalam (11%) and Ampara (6%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation progress of green chillies for Maha 2013/14

Areas	Target extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of January 2014		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target extent	
Anuradhapura	4,500	2,564	57	12,432
Moneragala	1,162	787	68	4,048
Puttalam	1,000	560	56	3,574
Ampara	700	731	104	1,954
Matale	662	194	29	815
Kurunegala	478	327	68	251
Hambantota	410	499	122	1,723
Jaffna	760	505	66	1,066
System H	550	168	31	420
Other areas	4,362	2,631	60	7,125
Total	**14,584**	**8,966**	**61**	**33,408**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply / Demand Situation

Producer prices of green chillies ranged between Rs.20.00-94.00/kg in Dambulla, Hambantota, Embilipitiya and Anuradhapura producing areas with the highest price recorded in Embilipitiya. However, the producer prices of green chillies in all producing areas have shown a downward trend at the end of the month due to commencement of the harvesting season. Hence, supply of green chillies had increased during the latter part of January from the main producing areas and both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had decreased by about Rs.21.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.50.68/kg and Rs.161.83/kg respectively and both prices had decreased by about 71% and 49% respectively, compared to the same period of the previous year.

According to the Department of Customs, a quantity of 3,870 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month and it was an increase of 133 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.149.90/kg and it had also increased by Rs.2.69/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies had increased by about Rs.2.00/kg due to the increased imported price. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies were Rs.183.51/kg and Rs.232.90/kg respectively and both prices had increased by 2% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies January 2014

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price							
Green chillies	50.68	71.80	176.56	*-21.12*	*-29.42*	*-125.88*	*-71.30*
Dried chillies	183.51	181.57	179.28	*1.93*	*1.06*	*4.22*	*2.36*
Retail Price							
Green chillies	161.83	172.66	315.56	*-10.83*	*-6.27*	*-153.73*	*-48.72*
Dried chillies	232.90	231.20	228.04	*1.70*	*0.74*	*4.86*	*2.13*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies Aug - 2013 to Jan - 2014

Month	Quantity (t)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2014	3,869.86	580.09	149.90	232.90	83.00
Dec - 2013	3,736.74	550.10	147.21	231.20	83.99
Nov - 2013	3,737.27	524.04	140.22	229.60	89.38
Oct - 2013	3,671.83	500.63	136.34	224.92	88.58
Sep - 2013	4,194.36	554.64	132.23	227.54	95.31
Aug - 2013	3,320.00	442.30	133.22	231.08	97.86

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – January 2014

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	53.20	53.20	20.40	26.60
Hambantota	75.00	-	55.00	41.67
Embilipitiya	93.75	65.00	54.40	58.33
Puttalam	42.50	45.00	29.00	25.00
A'Pura	53.20	53.20	20.40	26.60

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop Situation

The Department of Agriculture has planned to cultivate around 711 ha of big onion for this season under the bid onion promotion programme. According to that, about 360 ha in Hambantota and 100 ha in Moneragala have been targeted for big onion cultivation. However, at the end of January 2014 around 151 ha were cultivated in Sri Lanka representing 21% of the total target extent.

A good progress has been achieved for red onion cultivation in the Jaffna district and it represents 84% of the target extent at the end of January 2014. The target extent of red onion for *maha* 2013/14 was 1,050 ha in Puttalam and around 436 ha were cultivated by the end of January representing 42% of the target extent.

Compared to the previous *maha* season, the cultivated extent of red onion has decreased by 253 ha (37%) in the Puttalam district at the end of January 2014 due to scarcity of seeds and increased seed prices. The expected production of *maha* 2013/14 is 36,015 mt and out of that, 80% of the production will arrive from Jaffna (60%) and Puttalam (20%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of red onion for *Maha* 2013/14

Areas	Target extent (ha)	Cultivated progress at the end of January 2014		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target extent	
Jaffna	2,300	1,938	84	21,514
Puttlam	1,050	436	42	7,114
Trincomalee	660	136	21	1,399
Other areas	1,180	601	51	5,988
Total	5,190	3,111	60	36,015

Prices and Supply / Demand situation

The imported quantity of big onion was about 21,630 mt during the month and it was an increase of 12mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.31.18/kg and it had decreased significantly by Rs.72.29/kg. The special commodity levy for imported big onion has dropped to Rs.10.00/kg. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion had decreased by about Rs.23.00/kg and Rs.28.00/kg respectively. Sufficient stocks of Indian and Pakistan big onion varieties were available at the market. The gross margin between the CIF price and wholesale price of big onion was lower than the margin between the wholesale and retail price during this month.

Supplies of local red onion to the market from both Puttlam and Jaffna areas had increased during the latter part of the month due to commencement of *maha* harvest. About 3,126 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month, which was about 1,129 mt higher than that had been imported during the last month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.49.27/kg and it had decreased significantly by Rs.59.63/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion had decreased significantly by about Rs.65.00/kg and Rs.64.00/kg respectively due to the decrease of special commodity levy on imported red onion, to Rs.5.00/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices of Vedalan had also decreased significantly by about Rs.92.00/kg and Rs.89.00/kg respectively due to high supplies from main producing areas.

Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail price of Vedalan had increased by 34% while the retail price of imported red onion had decreased by 25%.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg) January 2014

Crop	Average Price (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
Wholesale Price	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**%**	**Rs/kg**	**%**
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	176.67	100.00	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	90.50	182.30	132.50	*-91.81*	*-50.36*	*-42.00*	*-31.70*
Red Onion (Imported)	77.35	142.82	124.27	*-65.47*	*-45.84*	*-46.92*	*-37.75*
Big Onion (imported)	55.03	77.57	61.71	*-22.55*	*-29.06*	*-6.68*	*-10.82*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices							
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	167.15	255.89	125.00	*-88.74*	*-34.68*	*42.15*	*33.72*
Red Onion (Imported)	131.55	195.98	176.19	*-64.43*	*-32.88*	*-44.64*	*-25.34*
Big Onion (imported)	83.40	111.63	90.65	*-28.23*	*-25.29*	*-7.25*	*-8.00*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Jan,2014	31.18	55.03	83.40	*23.85*	*28.37*
	Dec,2013	103.47	77.57	111.63	*-25.90*	*34.06*
	Jan,2013	-	61.71	90.65	-	*28.94*
Red onion	Jan,2014	49.72	77.35	131.55	*27.63*	*54.20*
	Dec,2013	109.35	142.82	195.98	*33.47*	*53.16*
	Jan,2013	-	124.27	176.19	-	*51.92*

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

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

Crop	Quantity (t.)		Value (Rs. Mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Dec 2013
Red Onion	3126.31	1997.76	155.44	218.45	49.72	109.35
Big Onion	21629.74	21617.74	674.47	2236.88	31.18	103.47

Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion Aug - 2013 to Jan - 2014

Month	Quantity Imported (t)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2014	21629.74	31.18	55.03	83.40	52.22
Dec - 2013	21617.74	103.47	77.57	111.63	8.16
Nov - 2013	10885.52	120.85	151.43	172.85	52.00
Oct - 2013	279.97	51.78	76.72	101.64	49.86
Sep - 2013	874.32	50.10	84.65	107.79	57.69
Aug - 2013	2930.00	57.32	108.68	129.81	72.49

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The target extent of potato for *maha* 2013/14 is 3,784 ha and about 2,483 ha had been cultivated by the end of January achieving 66% of the total targets. During the month, about 482 ha of potato had been cultivated in the country and it was lower than the extent cultivated in December. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the total cultivated extent had been low during this *maha* season due to short of rainfall compared to the previous year. According to the cultivated extent up to end of January, the expected production of potato is 35,354 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the target extent was 1,720 ha and out of which about 646 ha was cultivated by the end of January representing 38% of the target extent. The cultivation progress was low during this *maha* season compared to the same period of 2012/13 *maha* season. According to field information, compared to last *maha* season, the seed production by the farmers in Nuwara Eliya has reduced during this season as they were not able to sell the stocks of seeds produced during last year. Also, the price of imported seeds was at a high level during this *maha* season. The target extent for this *maha* season is 1,943 ha in the Badulla district and about 1,753 ha had been cultivated by the end of January achieving 90% of the total targets. Compared to the same period of *maha* 2012/13, the potato cultivation in the Badulla district was at a high level by the end of *maha* 2013/14.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivated Extent and Expected Production of Potato (*Maha* 2013/14)

District	Target Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Maha* 2012/13	***Maha* 2013/14**	***Maha* 2012/13***	***Maha* 2013/14**	***Maha* 2013/14**	
N'Eliya	1,650	1,720	995	646	38	11,066
Badulla	1,919	1,943	1,719	1,753	90	23,620
Sri Lanka	**3,570**	**3,784**	**2,779**	**2,483**	**66**	**35,354**

Source: Field Information Network, MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.4 Maha 2013/14, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
** Crop Forecast No.4, Maha 2012/13, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 15,803 mt of potato was imported in January which was 1,668 mt higher than that had been imported during the previous month. After reducing the special commodity levy on imported potato in November (Rs.10.00/kg), the imports had been high in November to January. Compared to January, 2013 (17,028 mt) the imports had been low in January, 2014. Average CIF price was Rs.34.93/kg in January.

Both local and imported stocks were available with more stocks of imported variety after reducing the tax on imported potato. With respect to local varieties, the harvesting of Welimada potato commenced and only few stocks received from the 3rd week of the month. Sufficient stocks of Nuwara Eliya potato reached the market during the month. Hence, the wholesale prices of both Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes had decreased by 17% and 28% respectively. The retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato had decreased by 12% and the stocks of Welimada potatoes were not available in the Colombo and suburb markets in January. The monthly average producer price was Rs.67.00/kg for Nuwara Eliya potato. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato had decreased by 20% and 19% respectively. Imported stocks were received from India ("Mettupalan" variety), Pakistan, Bangladesh and China. During the month of January, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.75.00-100.00/kg and Rs.50.00-80.00/kg respectively. Stocks of Bangladesh and China potatoes fetched low price, while the Indian potato fetched high price. Compared to the same period of the previous year, there is a decline in the current retail prices of imported (8%) and Nuwara Eliya (9%) potatoes.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
Aug - 2013 to Jan - 2014

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2014	15803.32	552.08	34.93	86.04	*51.11*
Dec - 2013	14134.62	598.23	42.32	106.19	*63.87*
Nov - 2013	6503.07	329.88	50.73	122.59	*71.86*
Oct - 2013	2931.03	108.96	37.18	105.38	*68.20*
Sep - 2013	3608.91	123.60	34.25	105.21	*70.96*
Aug - 2013	9875.26	359.66	36.42	104.48	*68.06*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – January 2014

Item	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)							
Welimada	61.29	87.00	-	*-25.71*	*-29.55*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	*67.11*	*89.96*	82.35	*-22.86*	*-25.41*	*-15.25*	*-18.51*
Imported – CIF	34.93	42.32	30.67	*-7.39*	*-17.47*	*4.26*	*13.89*
Wholesale Prices (WP)							
Welimada	72.08	100.83	65.00	*-28.75*	*-28.51*	*7.08*	*10.90*
Nuwara Eliya	87.45	105.55	102.63	*-18.09*	*-17.14*	*-15.17*	*-14.78*
Imported	58.94	73.84	54.25	*-14.90*	*-20.18*	*4.69*	*8.65*
Retail Prices (RP)							
Welimada	93.67	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	125.68	142.76	137.65	*-17.08*	*-11.96*	*-11.97*	*-8.70*
Imported	86.04	106.19	93.09	*-20.15*	*-18.98*	*-7.05*	*-7.57*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	58.58	52.80	55.30	*5.78*	*10.94*	*3.27*	*5.92*
Imported (CIF-RP)	51.11	63.87	62.42	*-12.76*	*-19.97*	*-11.31*	*-18.12*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)							
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	38.23	37.21	35.03	*1.01*	*2.72*	*3.20*	*9.14*
Imported	27.10	32.35	38.84	*-5.25*	*-16.24*	*-11.74*	*-30.23*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The target extent of green gram for *maha* 2013/14 is 11,969 ha and out of that about 8,147 ha had been cultivated by the end of January representing 68% of the total target extent. In January, about 525 ha of green gram had been cultivated in the country and most of the cultivation took place during October to December of this *maha* season. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of green gram is 10,000 mt for *maha* 2013/14. In the Hambantota district, the target extent is 2,733 ha for this *maha* season and about 2,455 ha was cultivated by the end of January representing 90% of the total targets. In the Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the target extents are 1,138 ha and 1,796 ha and about 708 ha and 1,627 ha had been cultivated respectively by the end of January of *maha* 2013/14.

For cowpea, the target extent is 13,115 ha for *maha* 2013/14 and about 6,777 ha was cultivated by the end of January achieving 52% of the total target extent. During the month of January, about 1,143 ha of cowpea had been cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of cowpea is 7,971 mt for this *maha* season. By the end of January, the highest cultivation progress of 93% (1,575 ha) was recorded in the Moneragala district. In the Ampara and Anuradhapura districts, about 1,571 ha and 636 ha had been cultivated by the end of January. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, in Ampara and Anuradhapura, the cultivated extents were lower during this *maha* season and it was higher in the Moneragala district.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivated Extent and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (*Maha* 2013/14)

Crop	District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
		Maha* 2012/13	***Maha* 2013/14**	***Maha* 2012/13***	***Maha* 2013/14**	***Maha* 2013/14**	
Green gram	Hambantota	12,715	2,733	2,234	2,455	90	3,418
	Kurunegala	1,100	1,138		708	62	435
	Moneragala	1,880	1,796	1,623	1,627	91	1,946
	Sri Lanka	**20,982**	**11,969**	**8,598**	**8,147**	**68**	**10,000**
Cowpea	Ampara	3,973	3,189	2,007	1,571	49	2,368
	Moneragala	2,281	1,697	1,293	1,575	93	1,856
	Anuradhapura	2,130	1,494	834	636	43	749
	Sri Lanka	**13,443**	**13,115**	**8,126**	**6,777**	**52**	**7,971**

Source: Field Information Network, MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.4, Maha 2013/14, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
** Crop Forecast No.4, Maha 2012/13, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply / Demand Situation

A quantity of 72 mt of green gram was imported in January and it was a decrease of about 248 mt compared to December. Most of the stocks had arrived from Australia and Thailand. The average CIF price was Rs.157.00/kg for green gram in January. Compared to January, 2013 (3,336 mt), the imports of green gram had been low in January, 2014. The wholesale and retail prices of green gram had increased by 5% and 1% respectively due to limited stocks of imported green gram. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.240.00-300.00/kg. Local stocks fetched low prices, while the imported stocks fetched high prices. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of green gram had increased by 6%.

The wholesale price of white cowpea had not changed significantly, while the price of red cowpea had decreased by 6%. Sufficient stocks of both local and imported cowpea were available. In January, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.210.00-265.00/kg and Rs.230.00-260.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of the previous year, the current retail price of white cowpea had increased by 2%.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram July to Dec 2013

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2014	72.05	11.28	156.62	298.90	142.28
Dec - 2013	320.50	50.61	157.91	294.79	136.88
Nov - 2013	213.50	32.94	154.29	295.64	141.35
Oct - 2013	105.00	15.07	143.52	290.87	147.35
Sep - 2013	289.50	41.82	144.45	281.22	136.77
Aug - 2013	488.23	72.22	147.93	278.47	130.54

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- January 2014

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Green gram	274.90	261.07	259.59	13.83	5.30	15.31	5.90
Cowpea (White)	237.42	238.15	257.01	-0.73	-0.31	-19.59	-7.62
Cowpea (Red)	240.51	257.29	-	-16.78	-6.52	-	-
Retail Prices							
Green gram	298.90	294.79	280.93	4.11	1.39	17.97	6.40
Cowpea (White)	289.65	289.25	284.82	0.40	0.14	4.83	1.70
Cowpea (Red)	286.97	287.24	-	-0.27	-0.09	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Jan,2014	156.62	274.90	298.90	118.28	24.01
	Dec,2013	157.91	261.07	294.79	103.16	33.72
	Jan,2013	126.36	259.59	280.93	133.23	21.34
Cowpea (White)	Jan,2014	-	237.42	289.65	-	52.23
	Dec,2013	-	238.15	289.25	-	51.10
	Jan,2013	-	257.01	284.82	-	27.81
Cowpea (Red)	Jan,2014	-	240.51	286.97	-	46.46
	Dec,2013	-	257.29	287.24	-	29.94
	Jan,2013	-	-	-	-	-

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 6,289 mt of red dhal was imported in January which was 5,038 mt lower than the quantity imported in December. Most of the stocks was received from Australia and Canada. Compared to January, 2013 (22,517 mt), the imports of red dhal was low in January, 2014. The average CIF price was Rs.86.00/kg in January.

The wholesale price of red dhal increased by 4%, while the retail price did not change significantly. The average wholesale price was Rs.140.00/kg in January. Compared to the same period of the previous year, the current retail price of red dhal increased by 8%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – January 2014

Red Dhal	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	139.69	134.17	129.31	5.52	4.12	10.39	8.03
Retail Price	160.40	159.60	148.16	0.80	0.50	12.24	8.26

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: The CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal
Aug 2013 to Jan 2014

Month	Quantity (t)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Jan - 2014	6289.59	85.78	139.69	160.40	53.91	20.71
Dec - 2013	11327.42	89.09	134.17	159.60	45.08	25.43
Nov - 2013	8777.75	89.65	136.72	160.38	47.07	23.66
Oct - 2013	7401.28	95.62	140.21	159.80	44.59	19.59
Sep - 2013	7214.74	99.78	136.26	158.26	36.48	22.01
Aug - 2013	10947.20	100.31	139.30	160.44	39.00	21.14

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

All the major up country vegetable producing districts such as Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Badulla, Matale and Kurunegala experienced severe drought in January 2014, compared to the same period of the previous year. (Table 8). Therefore, commencement of cultivation took place in minor scale in all the districts. On the other hand, growth of saplings were negatively affected by water scarcity and the flowering was impaired due to high temperature.

In the Matale district, the total cultivated extent of vegetables at the end of January was 1,790 ha, which recorded 18% reduction compared to same period of the previous year. Due to shortage of rains during the beginning of the season, more farmers in the Matale district have cultivated low country vegetables such as long beans (280 ha), winged beans (129 ha), and okra (100 ha) in this *Maha* season. In the Kandy district, new cultivation was restricted to 2 ha of knolkhol during the month of January, due to the prevailed dry weather. In the Nuwara Eliya district also, new cultivation was very low in January due to unfavorable weather. Further, leek and cabbage, which were at nursery stage reported considerable crop damage in the Nuwara Eliya district due to the prevailed dry weather condition. Next, beetroot cultivation in Kurunegala district has achieved only 23% progress due to water shortage in rain - fed and minor irrigated fields. Therefore, at the end of January, cultivation progress of up country vegetables have ranged between 47% - 76%, with the highest progress recorded for beans in the *Maha* season of 2013/14.

Cultivation progress of low country vegetables was also equally affected by drought. However, cultivation of low country vegetables was continued in Anuradhapura, Moneragala and Hambantota districts with the usage of agro - well as the main water source. Next, farmers in Matale and Badulla districts have cultivated more low courtly varieties, which are more resistant to drought than upcountry varieties. Therefore, cultivation progress of low country vegetables have shown a relatively higher progress than that of up country vegetables with the highest progress of 99% recorded for cucumber, at the end of January. Pumpkin (5,382 ha) was the most commonly cultivated low country vegetable in January, followed by brinjal (5,325ha) and long beans (4,840).

Table 3.1 Cultivated extents of Up Country vegetables in Major Producing areas.

Crop	District	Maha Target Extent (ha) Vs. Cultivated Extent of Up Country Vegetables by the end of January (ha) 2013/14		Cultivated Extent of Up Country Vegetables by the end of January (ha) 2012/13	Achievement as a % of the target 2013/14	Change in cultivation progress in 2013/14 compared to 2012/13 (%)
		Target 2013/14	Cultivated Extent 2013/14			
Beans	Badulla	1,795	1,484	1,552	82.67	-4.38
	N'Eliya	1,020	598	890	58.63	-32.79
	Kandy	745	814	539	109.26	51.02
	Ratnapura	415	370	329	89.16	12.46
	Matale	844	173	134	20.5	29.59
	Sri Lanka	**5,450**	**4,149**	**3,994**	**76.13**	**3.88**
Carrot	N'Eliya	1,148	710	680	61.85	4.45
	Badulla	450	374	367	83.11	1.91
	Sri Lanka	**1,903**	**1,286**	**1,265**	**67.58**	**1.64**
Leeks	**N'Eliya**	**824**	**552**	458	66.99	20.42
	Sri Lanka	**1,128**	**772**	**617**	**68.44**	**25.09**
Tomato	Badulla	826	615	502	74.46	22.51
	N'Eliya	696	236	301	33.91	-21.53
	Kandy	498	543	384	109.04	41.41
	Ratnapura	195	103	89	52.82	15.73
	Sri Lanka	**4,465**	**3,282**	**3,000**	**73.51**	**9.39**
Cabbage	N'Eliya	1,126	499	502	44.32	-0.52
	Badulla	562	433	524	77.05	-17.37
	Matale	180	119	64	66.11	86.52
	Kandy	451	265	347	58.76	-23.63
	Sri Lanka	**2,955**	**1,752**	**1,929**	**59.29**	**-9.19**
Beet root	N'Eliya	618	268	337	43.37	-20.47
	Badulla	138	87	98	63.04	-11.22
	Matale	392	99	51	25.26	96.04
	Kurunegala	232	53	50	22.84	5.79
	Puttalam	200	171	294	85.5	-41.84
	Sri Lanka	**2,065**	**978**	**1,096**	**47.36**	**-10.77**
Capsicum	N'Eliya	426	170	100	39.91	69.49
	Badulla	310	254	224	81.94	13.24
	Puttalam	180	157	152	87.22	3.63
	Matale	193	102	45	52.85	128.19
	Kurunegala	225	151	155	67.11	-2.36
	Sri Lanka	**2,798**	**2,029**	**1,647**	**72.52**	**23.17**
Raddish	N'Eliya	456	301	390	66.01	-22.75
	Matale	78	68	68	87.18	0.74
	Badulla	331	179	269	54.08	-33.46
	Kurunegala	202	162	158	80.2	2.50
	Sri Lanka	**2,281**	**1,523**	**1,706**	**66.77**	**-10.74**
Knolkhol	N'Eliya	249	127	194	51	-34.43
	Badulla	175	86	159	49.14	-45.91
	Matale	109	77	62	70.64	23.40
	Sri Lanka	**825**	**465**	**551**	**56.36**	**-15.54**

Source: Crop Forecast Maha, 2013/14 Maha -Socio Economic and Planning Center, Department of Agriculture., Field Information Network -Marketing, Food Policy, and Agri-business Division/HARTI.

Table 3.2 Cultivated extents of Low- Country vegetables in Major Producing areas.

Crop	District	Maha Target Extent (ha) Vs. Cultivated Extent of Low Country vegetables by the end of January (ha) 2013/14		Cultivated Extent of Low Country Vegetables by the end of January (ha) 2012/13	Achievement as a % of the target 2013/14	Change in cultivation progress in 2013/14 compared to 2012/13 (%)
		Target 2013/14	Cultivated Extent 2013/14			
Brinjal	Anuradhapura	1,400	609	708	43.5	-14.01
	Moneragala	593	546	448	92.07	21.76
	Hambanthota	370	359	330	97.03	8.66
	Badulla	530	365	390	68.87	-6.29
	Ratnapura	240	179	191	74.58	-6.28
	Matale	143	80	178	55.94	-55.06
	Sri Lanka	**6,891**	**5,325**	**5,159**	**77.27**	**3.21**
Bitter gourd	Hambanthota	275	263	240	95.64	9.51
	Anuradhapura	390	285	356	73.08	-20.02
	Monaragala	186	148	166	79.57	-10.57
	Kurunegala	170	128	125	75.29	2.44
	Sri Lanka	**3,146**	**2,297**	**2,279**	**73.01**	**0.78**
Okra	Anuradhapura	650	391	482	60.15	-18.80
	Kurunegala	295	318	305	107.8	4.38
	Monaragala	394	359	324	91.12	10.97
	Matale	234	101	113	43.16	-10.58
	Ratnapura	240	142	186	59.17	-23.66
	Hambanthota	188	391	296	207.98	32.09
	Sri Lanka	**4,953**	**3,867**	**3,929**	**78.07**	**-1.57**
Pumpkin	Anuradhapura	3,800	2,570	2,636	67.63	-2.49
	Monaragala	2,644	865	1,639	32.72	-47.23
	Hambanthota	397	374	330	94.21	13.47
	Sri Lanka	**9,104**	**5,382**	**6,180**	**59.12**	**-12.91**
Snake gourd	Hambanthota	277	256	200	92.42	28.32
	Kurunegala	175	145	129	82.86	12.84
	Matale	170	58	86	34.12	-32.16
	Monaragala	144	146	155	101.39	-5.84
	Sri Lanka	**2,750**	**2,010**	**2,009**	**73.09**	**0.05**
Cucumber	Hambanthota	279	272	213	97.49	27.76
	Monaragala	316	268	231	84.81	15.82
	Matale	281	72	110	25.62	-34.25
	Anuradhapura	665	331	229	49.77	44.42
	Sri Lanka	**3,156**	**3,144**	**1,533**	**99.62**	**105.04**
Long beans	Hambanthota	367	374	367	101.91	1.95
	Kurunegala	515	575	561	111.65	2.55
	Monaragala	453	394	298	86.98	32.19
	Anuradhapura	540	227	401	42.04	-43.38
	Sri Lanka	**5,946**	**4,840**	**4,611**	**81.4**	**4.97**

Source: Crop Forecast Maha 2013/14 -Socio Economic and Planning Center, Department of Agriculture., Field Information Network -Marketing, Food Policy, and Agri-business Division/HARTI.

Prices and Supply/Demand situation

According to the annual price behavior, generally the prices of vegetables are high from November to December and it decline from the second week of January with the supply of *Maha* harvest. However, a different price behaviour was observed in this *Maha* season, showing a price reduction in December followed by increased prices in January, in most of the upcountry vegetables. Due to delayed monsoonal rain, the harvesting period of intermediate season was extended to December, reporting high supply and excessive reduction of prices in December, 2013. Then, with the continued dry weather, new planting was restricted and supply started to decline from second week of January. Therefore, prices of most of the up country vegetables have increased during January, compared to December.

The supply of up country vegetables was received mainly from *Maha* season cultivation in Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Jaffna, Kurunegala and Puttalam districts. Regarding up county vegetables, except for beans and radish, prices of all the other vegetables have increased, compared to the month of December. The highest price increase was recorded for tomato as 25%, compared to the previous month. Even though 25% price increase was reported for tomato in January, the average price remained as Rs 35.00/kg, which was 94% lower, compared to the average price prevailed in month of January in the last three years. Therefore, the price increase in tomato in January was observed due to excessive price reduction in December. Next, as a result of the dry weather, ripening of tomato fruits was hastened and the harvesting interval was reduced up to 2-3 days in January. The high supply of tomato (1500mt) received to the market from the Kandy district caused lower average prices throughout the month of January. However, if the dry weather continued, the harvesting season will be shortened and it would give rise to a price increase in upcoming months. Regarding other upcountry vegetables, prices of leek have increased by 22% followed by prices of carrot as 18% in January, due to low supply within the last two weeks of the month due to drought. Meanwhile, the highest price decrease was reported for beans as 35%, followed by prices of radish as 11%. As *Maha* beans cultivation in Badulla, Matale and Kandy districts has reached the harvesting stage in January, the supply had increased by around 30%, compared to December.

With regard to wholesale prices of low country vegetables, the prices of most of the vegetables, except capsicum, long beans and pumpkin have increased in January. The highest price increase of 88% was reported for luffa followed by cucumber as 69% and brinjal as 66% in January. As most of the luffa and cucumber plantations in Anuradhapura, Embilipitiya and Hambantota were still in young stage, harvest did not reach the market in January. Further, brinjal harvest was reduced due to dry weather. However, with the increased supply from *Maha* cultivation from low country areas, prices are expected to decline in February. Meanwhile, the highest price decrease of 44% was reported for long beans due to cultivation of more long beans in Matale and Anuradhapura districts. Due to water scarcity, more farmers in the Matale district have opted for low country varieties such as long beans and capsicum. Next, prices of capsicum have reduced by 33% as a result of the availability of high stocks from up country areas such as Welimada, Matale and Nuwara Eliya. Harvest from the low country areas such as Hambantota, Wellawaya and Monaragala has just started to reach the market from the last week of the month.

Meanwhile, the price of green chillies decreased by 29% due to high stocks arrived from Jaffna and Puttalam. In addition, the price of lime decreased further by 49%. According to the price behavior of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the up country vegetables have also increased except beans and radish, and the highest price increase of 8% was recorded for tomato. Among the low country vegetables, the highest price increase of 27% was observed for luffa and the highest price decrease of 20% was reported of capsicum. Compared to the same period of the previous year, the current retail prices of almost all the vegetables decreased with the highest price decrease of 47% for beans.

Table 3.3: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – January 2014

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	59.06	89.00	144.33	*-29.94*	*-33.64*	*-85.27*	*-59.08*
Carrot	58.86	50.00	129.69	*8.86*	*17.72*	*-70.83*	*-54.61*
Leeks	46.49	38.10	84.30	*8.39*	*22.02*	*-37.81*	*-44.85*
Beetroot	51.98	44.41	101.45	*7.57*	*17.05*	*-49.47*	*-48.76*
Knolkhol	56.50	52.80	87.44	*3.70*	*7.01*	*-30.94*	*-35.38*
Radish	24.10	27.00	36.88	*-2.90*	*-10.74*	*-12.78*	*-34.65*
Cabbage	16.05	14.32	56.41	*1.73*	*12.08*	*-40.36*	*-71.55*
Tomato	34.95	28.00	62.35	*6.95*	*24.82*	*-27.40*	*-43.95*
Ladies Fingers	45.94	36.60	85.00	*9.34*	*25.52*	*-39.06*	*-45.95*
Brinjal	49.38	29.71	133.94	*19.67*	*66.21*	*-84.56*	*-63.13*
Capsicum	87.28	131.00	195.31	*-43.72*	*-33.37*	*-108.03*	*-55.31*
Pumpkin	20.16	21.65	25.63	*-1.49*	*-6.88*	*-5.47*	*-21.34*
Cucumber	33.43	19.80	45.06	*13.63*	*68.84*	*-11.63*	*-25.81*
Bitter Gourd	81.52	52.60	113.88	*28.92*	*54.98*	*-32.36*	*-28.42*
Snake Gourd	34.58	30.90	77.81	*3.68*	*11.91*	*-43.23*	*-55.56*
Drumstick	-	102.00	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	65.30	34.80	95.94	*30.50*	*87.64*	*-30.64*	*-31.94*
Long Beans	29.99	53.80	98.11	*-23.81*	*-44.26*	*-68.12*	*-69.43*
Ash Plantain	50.02	43.80	56.88	*6.22*	*14.20*	*-6.86*	*-12.06*
Green Chillies	50.68	71.80	176.56	*-21.12*	*-29.42*	*-125.88*	*-71.30*
Lime	37.76	73.73	53.13	*-35.97*	*-48.79*	*-15.37*	*-28.93*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.4: Retail Prices of Vegetables – January 2014

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	106.05	140.45	198.88	*-34.40*	*-24.49*	*-92.83*	*-46.68*
Carrot	113.51	107.87	190.75	*5.64*	*5.23*	*-77.24*	*-40.49*
Leeks	101.67	95.64	153.30	*6.03*	*6.30*	*-51.63*	*-33.68*
Beetroot	106.67	101.49	178.28	*5.18*	*5.10*	*-71.61*	*-40.17*
Knolkhol	111.86	111.79	162.17	*0.07*	*0.06*	*-50.31*	*-31.02*
Radish	77.59	82.43	99.07	*-4.84*	*-5.87*	*-21.48*	*-21.68*
Cabbage	73.98	72.30	122.08	*1.68*	*2.32*	*-48.10*	*-39.40*
Tomato	87.96	79.15	127.01	*8.81*	*11.13*	*-39.05*	*-30.75*
Ladies Fingers	96.36	87.86	160.04	*8.50*	*9.67*	*-63.68*	*-39.79*
Brinjal	96.40	87.07	195.53	*9.33*	*10.72*	*-99.13*	*-50.70*
Capsicum	166.97	209.34	289.47	*-42.37*	*-20.24*	*-122.50*	*-42.32*
Pumpkin	67.27	69.29	74.35	*-2.02*	*-2.92*	*-7.08*	*-9.52*
Cucumber	83.38	69.77	97.90	*13.61*	*19.51*	*-14.52*	*-14.83*
Bitter Gourd	130.52	121.76	169.66	*8.76*	*7.19*	*-39.14*	*-23.07*
Snake Gourd	83.53	83.89	124.66	*-0.36*	*-0.43*	*-41.13*	*-32.99*
Drumstick	-	337.31	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	120.80	95.14	154.94	*25.66*	*26.97*	*-34.14*	*-22.03*
Long Beans	90.98	110.80	150.81	*-19.82*	*-17.89*	*-59.83*	*-39.67*
Ash Plantain	91.65	94.40	127.31	*-2.75*	*-2.91*	*-35.66*	*-28.01*
Green Chillies	161.83	172.66	315.56	*-10.83*	*-6.27*	*-153.73*	*-48.72*
Lime	159.85	231.92	190.89	*-72.07*	*-31.08*	*-31.04*	*-16.26*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the fruits had decreased due to dry whether as well as off season. Hence, the wholesale prices of all the fruits except passionfruit, avocado, slime apple and orange increased with the highest price increase of 55% for woodapple. Demand of all the varieties of banana increased at the beginning of the month due to the New Year festival as well as Thaipongal. Hence, the wholesale prices of all the varieties of banana increased in the range of 1%-11% with the highest price increase for ambul. Supplies of all the varieties of mango decreased due to the end of the harvesting season and wholesale prices increased for all the varieties. Wholesale prices of banana decreased in the latter part of the month due to low demand and fruit price decrease could be expected during the next month too.

Further, price decrease for all the verities of mango could be expected during the next month. Wholesale price of papaw increased by 25% in January and further price increase could be expected in February as usual in every year.

According to the table 4.1, significant price reductions were recorded only for orange and slime apple. Supplies of orange increased from Nikaweratiya and Bibile and wholesale price decreased by 17%. Wholesale price of slime apple decreased by 16% due to availability of low quality stocks at the market. Further, the wholesale price of avocado decreased by 8% due to availability of low quality stocks.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the fruits decreased with the highest price decrease of 43% for ambul (banana).

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price increase of 24% for woodapple. Further, the retail prices of karthakolomban and papaw increased by 23% and 18% respectively due to low availability. Significant price decrease was recorded only for orange, slime apple and passionfruit.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the varieties of banana, pineapple and karthakolomban (mango) decreased with the highest price decrease of 25% for karthakolomban.

Producer price of papaw in Embilipitiya and Hambantota had increased by 18% due to low supplies in dry weather. Meanwhile, the producer prices of ambul and kolikuttu (banana) increased by 16% due to low demand at wholesale level especially at the end of the month. Compared to the same period of the previous year, producer price papaw increased by 55% while the producer price of ambul and kolikuttu decreased by 49% and 27% respectively.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Papaw was the windy exported type of fruit in January with the quantity of 315 mt. The total export earning of papaw, pineapple, mango and orange was Rs.62.22 million in January.

Mandarin was the wildly imported type of fruit in January with the quantity of 1,703 mt. The total import expenditure of mandarin, apple, grapes and orange was Rs.302.35 million in January.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – January 2014

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	31.94	28.79	56.06	*3.15*	*10.94*	*-24.12*	*-43.03*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	65.95	63.50	105.54	*2.45*	*3.86*	*-39.59*	*-37.51*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	34.81	34.28	47.20	*0.53*	*1.55*	*-12.39*	*-26.25*
Anamalu	7.31	6.74	8.00	*0.57*	*8.46*	*-0.69*	*-8.63*
Ambun	10.93	9.96	11.24	*0.97*	*9.74*	*-0.31*	*-2.76*
Pineapple							
Large	97.75	86.29	101.98	*11.46*	*13.28*	*-4.23*	*-4.15*
Medium	74.96	65.30	79.44	*9.66*	*14.79*	*-4.48*	*-5.64*
Small	56.09	46.57	57.38	*9.52*	*20.44*	*-1.29*	*-2.25*
Mango							
Betti	6.27	6.08	10.50	*0.19*	*3.12*	*-4.23*	*-40.29*
Karthakolomban	28.00	21.52	36.08	*6.48*	*30.11*	*-8.08*	*-22.39*
Vilad	9.50	9.07	11.00	*0.43*	*4.74*	*-1.50*	*-13.64*
Kohu	5.33	4.87	-	*0.46*	*9.45*	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	45.20	36.09	66.16	*9.11*	*25.24*	*-20.96*	*-31.68*
Passion Fruit	7.43	7.82	7.43	*-0.39*	*-4.99*	*0.00*	*0.00*
Wood Apple	15.83	10.20	12.58	*5.63*	*55.20*	*3.25*	*25.83*
Orange	21.92	26.55	24.07	*-4.63*	*-17.44*	*-2.15*	*-8.93*
Avocado	40.79	44.54	37.76	*-3.75*	*-8.42*	*3.03*	*8.02*
Slime Apple	22.12	26.40	22.22	*-4.28*	*-16.21*	*-0.10*	*-0.45*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	501.86	442.88	545.85	*58.98*	*13.32*	*-43.99*	*-8.06*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – January 2014

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	68.16	66.25	79.49	*1.91*	*2.88*	*-11.33*	*-14.25*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	122.20	121.10	145.90	*1.10*	*0.91*	*-23.70*	*-16.24*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	71.03	65.20	74.40	*5.83*	*8.94*	*-3.37*	*-4.53*
Anamalu	12.28	11.95	13.15	*0.33*	*2.76*	*-0.87*	*-6.62*
Ambun	14.34	13.38	15.04	*0.96*	*7.17*	*-0.70*	*-4.65*
Pineapple							
Large	128.52	124.22	143.84	*4.30*	*3.46*	*-15.32*	*-10.65*
Medium	102.33	94.60	105.90	*7.73*	*8.17*	*-3.57*	*-3.37*
Small	73.16	66.72	76.13	*6.44*	*9.65*	*-2.97*	*-3.90*
Mango							
Betti	18.33	15.89	-	*2.44*	*15.36*	-	-
Karthakolomban	46.18	37.65	60.50	*8.53*	*22.66*	*-14.32*	*-23.67*
Vilad	-	26.54	-	-	-	-	-
Kohu	-	11.78	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	76.79	65.33	89.86	*11.46*	*17.54*	*-13.07*	*-14.54*
PassionFruit	15.19	16.93	13.15	*-1.74*	*-10.28*	*2.04*	*15.51*
Wood Apple	39.18	31.68	34.25	*7.50*	*23.67*	*4.93*	*14.39*
Orange	42.40	50.32	40.32	*-7.92*	*-15.74*	*2.08*	*5.16*
Avocado	103.59	89.42	68.07	*14.17*	*15.85*	*35.52*	*52.18*
Slime Apple	54.50	63.39	42.53	*-8.89*	*-14.02*	*11.97*	*28.14*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	733.33	719.14	725.75	*14.19*	*1.97*	*7.58*	*1.04*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits- January 2014

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Ambul	17.08	17.13	33.35	-0.05	-0.30	-16.27	-48.78
Kolikuttu	44.63	55.95	61.00	-11.32	-20.24	-16.37	-26.84
Papaw	52.04	24.94	33.65	27.10	108.66	18.39	54.65
Pineapple	42.16	33.80	47.63	8.36	24.73	-5.47	-11.49

Source: Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
Nov - 2013 to Jan - 2014

Type of Fruit	Jan - 2014			Dec - 2013			Nov - 2013		
	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	189.28	37.21	196.59	159.07	29.21	183.61	162.61	22.43	137.95
Papaw	314.50	22.77	72.39	132.63	11.10	83.71	315.38	25.54	80.97
Fresh Mango	5.80	2.03	349.84	2.85	1.21	425.94	16.94	1.04	61.09
Fresh Oranges	1.92	0.21	108.60	1.45	0.13	91.15	1.52	0.12	76.65

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
Nov - 2013 to Jan - 2014

Types of Fruit	Jan - 2014			Dec - 2013			Nov - 2013		
	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,221.41	151.99	124.44	1,437.14	161.22	112.18	2,150.57	216.15	100.51
Grapes	226.38	58.66	259.12	216.66	72.18	333.17	397.26	114.93	289.32
Oranges	274.60	26.10	95.06	374.98	31.47	83.92	439.01	41.19	93.83
Mandarin	1,702.68	65.60	38.52	1,452.15	52.05	35.84	594.30	31.01	52.18

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the month of December, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla and balaya increased in the range of 2%-13%. The off season for coastal fisheries in the Eastern coastal belt had resulted limited stocks reaching the market. The highest price increase of 13% was noted for mora, paraw and kelawalla. Prices of thalapath and thora increased by 8% and 5% respectively. A price increase of 2% was observed for both shrimp and salaya. Meanwhile, prices of balaya and hurulla decreased by 14% and 7% respectively. In the month of January, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.116.61– 1,122.92/kg. With the onset of the fishing season in the Southern coastal belt, fish prices could decrease in coming weeks. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties increased in the range of 4%-23% with the highest price increase noted for mora.

Even though the prices of most of the fresh fish varieties increased at the wholesale level, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties decreased in the range of 1%-16% at the retail level. It was also observed that the high consumer demand prevailed in the previous month went down with the end of the festive season. The highest price decrease was reported for balaya and the lowest price decrease was for thalapath. Prices of mora, hurulla and shrimp decreased by 10%, 6% and 2% respectively. Meanwhile, prices of thora, kelawalla, paraw and salaya increased in the range of 1%-7%. In the month of January, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.186.40 – 1,335.58/kg. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties decreased in the range of 2%-21%with the highest price decrease noted for salaya.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – January 2014

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Salaya	116.61	114.20	148.50	*2.41*	*2.11*	*-31.89*	*-21.47*
Hurulla	211.17	226.00	243.08	*-14.83*	*-6.56*	*-31.91*	*-13.13*
Balaya	254.08	295.80	279.00	*-41.72*	*-14.10*	*-24.92*	*-8.93*
Kelawalla	486.25	431.40	398.25	*54.85*	*12.71*	*88.00*	*22.10*
Thora	1122.92	1070.40	1076.25	*52.52*	*4.91*	*46.67*	*4.34*
Paraw	490.67	434.20	456.50	*56.47*	*13.01*	*34.17*	*7.49*
Mora	460.25	407.67	374.08	*52.58*	*12.90*	*86.17*	*23.04*
Shrimp (small)	648.88	636.60	663.75	*12.28*	*1.93*	*-14.87*	*-2.24*
Thalapath	606.71	562.00	574.75	*44.71*	*7.96*	*31.96*	*5.56*
Retail Prices							
Salaya	186.40	173.84	236.09	*12.56*	*7.23*	*-49.69*	*-21.05*
Hurulla	303.63	321.58	329.54	*-17.95*	*-5.58*	*-25.91*	*-7.86*
Balaya	500.36	598.46	494.98	*-98.10*	*-16.39*	*5.38*	*1.09*
Kelawalla	774.34	764.55	733.78	*9.79*	*1.28*	*40.56*	*5.53*
Thora	1335.58	1324.73	1380.60	*10.85*	*0.82*	*-45.02*	*-3.26*
Paraw	833.43	817.47	748.50	*15.96*	*1.95*	*84.93*	*11.35*
Mora	617.97	687.37	609.76	*-69.40*	*-10.10*	*8.21*	*1.35*
Shrimp (small)	848.86	863.33	902.90	*-14.47*	*-1.68*	*-54.04*	*-5.99*
Thalapath	848.18	855.12	868.99	*-6.94*	*-0.81*	*-20.81*	*-2.39*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of most of the varieties both local and imported have decreased due to off season. Hence the prices of all the varieties except imported balaya have increased with the highest price increase of imported balaya by 12%, followed by local salayas (11%). Imported quantity of sprats have not changed significantly compared to the previous month, mainly from Thailand. The price of imported balaya decreased by about 10% with sufficient stocks. With regard to the local varieties, prices were high, further compared to the imported varieties with high quality. However, stocks of imported salaya ,koduwa, maduwa and local thora not available in the market. Compared to the same period of previous year the current prices of most of the varieties have increased with the highest price increase observed for local koduwa (23%).

The retail prices of most of the varieties have decreased by less than 4% with the highest price decrease noted for sprats (4%) due to sufficient stocks for market demand. However, the market demands of most of the local varieties were low with high prices. Compared the same period of the previous year the current prices of all the varieties have increased by 1% to 14% with the highest price increase noted for maduwa by 14%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish– January 2014

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale							
Sprats	532.50	507.50	-	*25.00*	*4.93*	-	-
Sprats (imported)	346.42	344.58	496.67	*1.84*	*0.53*	*-150.25*	*-30.25*
Kattawa	668.59	666.72	-	*1.87*	*0.28*	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	596.38	565.80	606.16	*30.58*	*5.41*	*-9.78*	*-1.61*
Thora	-	925.00	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	903.56	886.00	934.16	*17.56*	*1.98*	*-30.61*	*-3.28*
Mora	731.16	704.74	673.33	*26.42*	*3.75*	*57.83*	*8.59*
Mora (imported)	664.68	652.96	598.94	*11.72*	*1.79*	*65.75*	*10.98*
Balaya	441.17	393.47	412.42	*47.69*	*12.12*	*28.75*	*6.97*
Balaya (imported)	411.25	457.60	386.14	*-46.35*	*-10.13*	*25.11*	*6.50*
Anguluwa	502.29	480.00	-	*22.29*	*4.64*	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	520.02	506.00	487.65	*14.01*	*2.77*	*32.37*	*6.64*
Maduwa	416.50	380.50	400.00	*36.00*	*9.46*	*16.50*	*4.13*
Maduwa (imported)	-	295.00	329.44	-	-	-	-
Koduwa	543.33	517.54	442.22	*25.80*	*4.98*	*101.11*	*22.86*
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	456.67	-	-		-
Salaya	237.22	213.00	280.00	*24.22*	*11.37*	*-42.78*	*-15.28*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	270.56	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail							
Sprats	658.85	686.89	624.05	*-28.04*	*-4.08*	*34.80*	*5.58*
Kattawa	979.15	967.16	963.45	*11.99*	*1.24*	*15.70*	*1.63*
Thora	1241.42	1230.02	1207.71	*11.40*	*0.93*	*33.71*	*2.79*
Mora	883.19	890.05	864.14	*-6.86*	*-0.77*	*19.05*	*2.20*
Balaya	706.83	711.77	688.21	*-4.94*	*-0.69*	*18.62*	*2.71*
Anguluwa	775.26	786.60	736.81	*-11.34*	*-1.44*	*38.45*	*5.22*
Maduwa	542.99	547.16	475.73	*-4.17*	*-0.76*	*67.26*	*14.14*
Koduwa	845.51	833.42	807.86	*12.09*	*1.45*	*37.65*	*4.66*
Salaya	514.70	503.89	522.41	*10.81*	*2.15*	*-7.71*	*-1.48*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats - Aug 2013 to Jan 2014

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2014	2177.84	519.75	238.65	658.85	*420.20*
Dec - 2013	2176.88	561.45	257.92	686.89	*428.97*
Nov - 2013	2104.21	665.46	316.25	709.61	*393.36*
Oct - 2013	1435.64	469.37	326.94	715.32	*388.38*
Sep - 2013	1726.25	578.59	335.17	717.18	*382.01*
Aug - 2013	1391.55	480.95	345.62	717.06	*371.44*

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

Eggs

As predicted in the month of December, prices of both brown and white eggs decreased by 2% and 3% respectively at the wholesale level due to decrease in consumer demand for eggs with the end of the festive season. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.13.50/egg and Rs.12.50/egg respectively. According to the data in previous years, egg supply will be further improved and therefore, it can be expected that egg prices could further decrease in coming weeks. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 22%.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs decreased by 1% at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg were Rs.14.62 and Rs.13.65

respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of brown eggs increased by 11%, while the prices of white eggs increased by 9%.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – January 2014

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	%	Rs.	%
Eggs – Wholesale							
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.50	13.85	11.02	*-0.35*	*-2.53*	*2.48*	*22.50*
White (each)	12.50	12.85	10.26	*-0.35*	*-2.72*	*2.24*	*21.83*
Eggs – Retail							
Eggs- Brown (each)	*14.62*	*14.85*	*13.14*	*-0.23*	*-1.55*	*1.48*	*11.26*
White (each)	*13.65*	*13.81*	*12.51*	*-0.16*	*-1.16*	*1.14*	*9.11*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of all varieties have increased by 1% - 7% due to high demand with festival season. The highest price increase of mutton for 7% due to low farm supply. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of all varieties except chicken have increased with the highest price increase of 28% for pork. The highest price decrease of 4% was reported for broiler chicken.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – January 2014

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat							
Beef (without bones)	550.30	546.91	509.29	*3.39*	*0.62*	*41.01*	*8.05*
Chicken (Broiler)	434.35	408.97	452.32	*25.38*	*6.21*	*-17.97*	*-3.97*
Chicken (curry)	389.74	367.03	389.97	*22.71*	*6.19*	*-0.23*	*-0.06*
Mutton	1229.54	1218.24	1152.50	*11.30*	*0.93*	*77.04*	*6.68*
Pork	495.52	461.20	386.00	*34.32*	*7.44*	*109.52*	*28.37*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, and wheat flour

The imported quantity was low in the previous month and there was a considerable increase in the imports in this month. The high quantity of 188,624 mt valued at Rs. mn 7,819 was imported and the average CIF price was Rs.41.45/kg. World prices of wheat grain decreased gradually since July 2013 and it further continued. Compared with the price of July 2013, it decreased by Rs.8.20/kg recording a decrease of 17%.

Considering wheat flour imports, comparatively a very high quantity was imported and it was equal to the total imports of last 09 months recording 1,481 mt. The value of the imports was Rs.mn.107 and the average CIF price was Rs.72.40/kg. The retail price of wheat flour remained stable at most of the times and it decreased by cents 38/kg against the previous month. Compared to the same period of the last year, price decreased by less than 1%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – January 2014

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2013		Jan 2013	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	97.55	97.93	98.34	*-0.39*	*-0.39*	*-0.79*	*-0.81*
Sugar	102.49	102.42	*102.06*	*0.08*	*0.08*	*0.43*	*0.42*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain - Aug 2013 to Jan 2014

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Jan - 2014	1,480.93	107.21	72.40	97.55	*25.15*
Dec - 2013	52.58	3.80	72.34	97.93	*25.59*
Nov - 2013	80.79	5.38	66.60	97.38	*30.78*
Oct - 2013	136.96	8.67	63.33	97.58	*34.25*
Sep - 2013	62.97	5.42	86.12	97.60	*11.48*
Aug - 2013	31.70	1.74	54.78	97.41	*42.63*
Wheat Grain					
Jan - 2014	188,624.26	7,818.86	41.45	97.55	*56.10*
Dec - 2013	79,594.85	3,311.05	41.60	97.93	*56.33*
Nov - 2013	184,028.25	7,880.08	42.82	97.38	*54.56*
Oct - 2013	5,456.14	252.17	46.22	97.58	*51.36*
Sep - 2013	8,328.69	391.60	47.02	97.60	*50.58*
Aug - 2013	26,051.44	1,230.02	47.22	97.41	*50.19*

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

Sugar

Though the average monthly imports of sugar was 55,000 mt in the previous year, only 38,268 mt was imported in January 2014. The value of the stock was Rs.mn.2,411. The decreasing trend in world prices further continued since May 2013. Therefore, the CIF price decreased further by cents 38/kg against the previous month and it decreased by Rs.7.02/kg when compared to the price in May 2013. Meanwhile the retail price of sugar was Rs.102.49/kg and there was no considerable change against the previous month. Compared with the same period of the last year, retail price of sugar increased by less than 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- Aug 2013 to Jan 2014

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Jan - 2014	38,267.91	2,410.67	62.99	102.49	*39.50*
Dec - 2013	52,278.92	3,313.06	63.37	102.42	*39.04*
Nov - 2013	37,547.38	2,434.31	64.83	101.39	*36.56*
Oct - 2013	41,089.28	2,658.31	64.70	100.81	*36.11*
Sep - 2013	27,649.97	1,819.46	65.80	101.02	*35.22*
Aug - 2013	37,564.03	2,544.79	67.75	101.89	*34.14*

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - January 2014

Items	Quantity (t)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. Mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Jan 2014	Dec 2013		Jan 2014	Dec 2013		Jan 2014	Dec 2013	
Rice	2094.13	1910.16	9.63	203.80	175.94	15.83	97.32	92.11	5.66
Red Onion	3126.31	1997.76	56.49	155.44	218.45	-28.84	49.72	109.35	-54.53
Big Onion	21629.74	21617.74	0.06	674.47	2236.88	-69.85	31.18	103.47	-69.86
Potato	15803.32	14134.62	11.81	552.08	598.23	-7.71	34.93	42.32	-17.46
Dried Chillies	3869.86	3736.74	3.56	580.09	550.10	5.45	149.90	147.21	1.82
Maysoor Dhal	6289.59	11327.42	-44.47	539.52	1009.16	-46.54	85.78	89.09	-3.72
Green Gram	72.05	320.50	-77.52	11.28	50.61	-77.70	156.62	157.91	-0.82
Black gram	382.84	426.07	-10.15	43.54	52.15	-16.53	113.72	122.41	-7.10
Garlic	2317.00	2093.00	10.70	179.37	175.52	2.20	77.42	83.86	-7.68
Wheat flour	1480.93	52.58	2716.36	107.21	3.80	2718.39	72.40	72.34	0.07
Wheat grain	188624.26	79594.85	136.98	7818.86	3311.05	136.14	41.45	41.60	-0.35
White crystalline cane sugar	38267.91	52278.92	-26.80	2410.67	3313.06	-27.24	62.99	63.37	-0.60
Maize (Seed)	-	127.40	-	-	38.39	-	-	301.35	-
Maize (Other)	72.00	24.00	200.00	6.92	1.91	262.89	96.16	79.50	20.96

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – January 2014

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	159.9	76.6	12	6
Badulla	72.9	150.2	15	12
Bandarawela	74.3	99.1	14	10
Batticaloa	274.4	203.5	14	11
Colombo	85.6	56.3	6	5
Galle	61.0	82.4	6	8
Hambantota	2.4	53.3	4	5
Jaffna	92.8	67.1	10	4
Katugastota	72.6	76.8	10	6
Katunayaka	26.2	44.3	4	4
Kurunegala	29.6	54.6	7	4
Maha Iluppallama	134.1	67.5	11	6
Mannar	52.9	37.5	8	4
Nuwara Eliya	48.4	97.4	6	8
Pottuvil	176.8	279.1	10	na
Puttalam	97.2	48.5	4	4
Ratmalana	56.5	67.1	7	5
Ratnapura	293.4	107.5	12	9
Trincomalee	164.3	112.0	15	7
Vavuniya	264.5	81.5	15	6
Polonnaruwa	270.3	na	15	na
Moneragala	77.4	na	10	na
Mattala	14.3	na	3	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

Appendix 03: contd…..

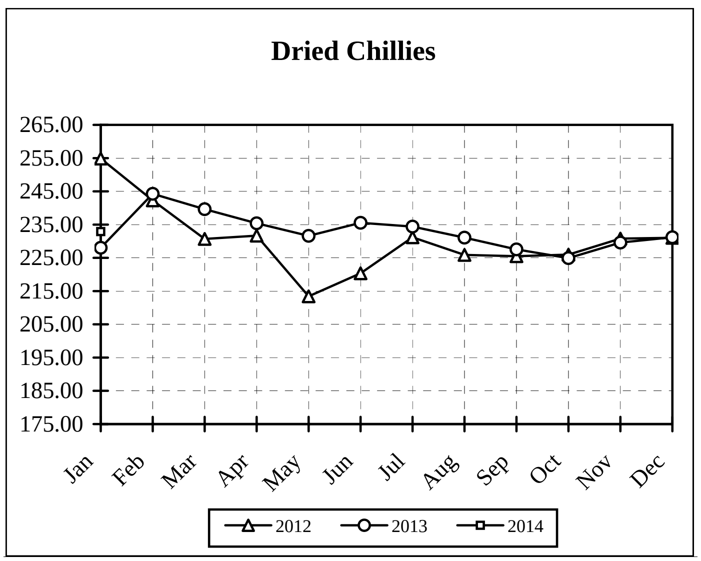
Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Brinjals				
A'pura	20.00	20.00	22.50	21.50
Dambulla	38.20	38.20	20.60	38.60
Hambantota	25.00		22.50	19.33
Embilipitiya	32.75	32.75	34.20	32.33
Matara	26.67	26.67	26.67	28.33
Welimada	30.00	29.50	35.75	
Capsicum				
Welimada	63.00	65.75	59.50	28.67
Bitter Gourd				
A'pura	41.00	40.00	47.50	50.00
Dambulla	57.40	57.40	62.40	57.80
Hambantota	55.00		55.00	66.67
Embilipitiya	83.75	83.75	78.00	88.33
Matara	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Snake Gourd				
Dambulla	26.00	26.00	18.00	22.80
Hambantota	26.25		26.25	21.67
Embilipitiya	32.75	32.75	32.20	32.00
Matara	21.67	21.67	21.67	23.33
A'pura	27.50	27.50		20.00
Luffa				
Dambulla	44.60	44.60	55.20	62.80
Hambantota	22.50		22.50	31.67
Embilipitiya	57.00	57.00	67.60	68.33
Matara	48.33	48.33	48.33	48.33
A'pura	32.50	32.50	35.00	44.00

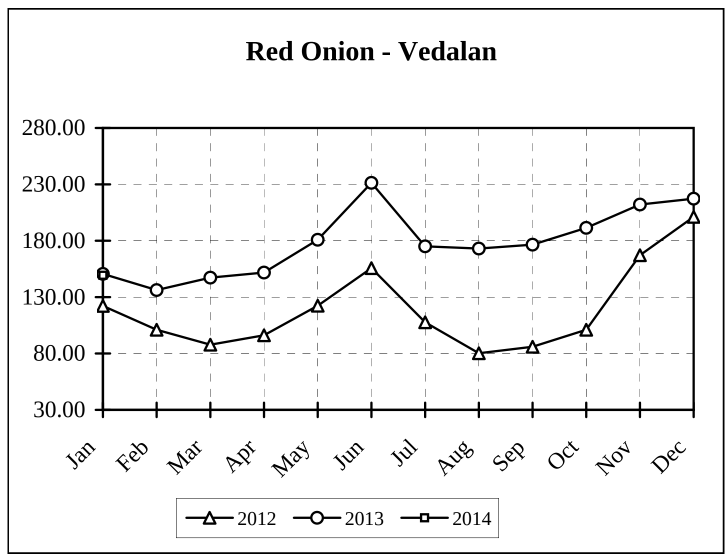
Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Pumpkin				
Dambulla	15.60	15.60	14.00	11.40
Hambantota	11.00		11.00	10.67
Embilipitiya	22.75	17.00	17.20	13.33
Matara				
A'pura	16.00	15.00	14.50	14.00
Moneragala	17.25	16.00		18.67
Cucumber				
A'pura	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50
Dambulla	17.00	17.00	24.80	30.00
Hambantota	14.00		14.00	17.00
Matara				
Long beans				
Dambulla	23.40	23.40	21.00	25.80
Hambantota	12.50		12.50	22.33
Embilipitiya	28.25	28.25	28.20	35.00
Matara	21.67	21.67	21.67	26.00
A'Pura	12.50	12.50	15.00	18.00
Ash Plantain				
Hambantota	25.00		25.00	21.67
Embilipitiya	28.25	28.25	28.60	30.00
Matara	26.67	26.67	26.67	26.67
Green Chillies				
Dambulla	53.20	53.20	20.40	26.60
Hambantota	75.00		55.00	41.67
Embilipitiya	93.75	65.00	54.40	58.33
Puttalam				
A'Pura	42.50	45.00	29.00	25.00

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Lime				
Hambantota	25.00		16.50	16.00
Embilipitiya	48.25	48.25	52.40	
Moneragala	20.75	22.50		19.33
Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Banana				
Ambul				
Moneragala	22.00	22.50		21.67
Embilipitiya	16.25	17.75	18.20	17.67
Hambantota	11.00		12.50	11.67
Kolikuttu				
Moneragala				
Embilipitiya	53.75	57.50	58.00	50.00
Hambantota	35.00		35.00	33.33
Papaw				
Moneragala				
Embilipitiya	31.50		31.20	32.00
Hambantota	23.75		19.00	18.67
Pineapple				
Divulapitiya	37.00	37.50	46.50	47.63

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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Jan	254.87	228.04	232.90	122.22	150.60	149.35	75.00	90.65	83.40	141.24	137.65	125.68
Feb	242.28	244.26		101.04	136.24		71.33	100.56		113.56	133.91	
Mar	230.69	239.65		87.79	147.29		73.60	88.13		107.50	115.11	
Apr	231.68	235.40		96.13	151.79		84.06	78.47		113.28	109.71	
May	213.42	231.62		122.38	180.84		79.19	76.42		116.09	109.34	
Jun	220.35	235.55		155.69	231.36		93.63	82.42		131.86	142.04	
Jul	231.18	234.40		107.69	175.04		85.27	113.22		136.32	150.04	
Aug	225.89	231.08		80.23	173.07		82.96	133.08		131.58	150.88	
Sep	225.50	227.54		85.98	176.52		75.75	111.40		107.14	136.13	
Oct	225.97	224.92		101.03	191.41		71.84	110.02		101.93	135.05	
Nov	230.79	229.60		167.15	212.12		90.48	183.65		131.47	156.16	
Dec	231.02	231.20		201.15	217.29		162.57	111.63		169.37	142.76	





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

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Jan	70.92	71.03	76.11	63.37	66.88	71.22	59.04	60.24	63.39	58.85	61.18	64.54
Feb	70.47	70.28		60.11	66.29		57.46	59.44		56.79	59.64	
Mar	70.04	70.16		59.37	65.64		56.79	58.90		55.04	59.24	
Apr	69.96	70.13		59.79	66.36		56.00	58.84		53.68	58.71	
May	69.86	70.44		59.67	66.78		54.69	59.11		52.39	59.82	
Jun	70.01	70.29		60.54	65.97		54.67	59.39		53.62	59.84	
Jul	72.07	70.23		61.85	65.59		56.71	58.99		57.12	59.55	
Aug	70.33	70.14		60.45	65.11		56.16	58.58		57.63	58.95	
Sep	70.78	70.08		63.12	65.40		57.91	58.45		58.78	58.85	
Oct	70.78	70.39		62.89	65.97		59.25	59.04		59.78	59.87	
Nov	71.64	70.82		64.88	67.86		60.16	59.88		60.21	60.24	
Dec	78.68	75.11		66.58	70.03		60.88	61.05		61.15	62.04