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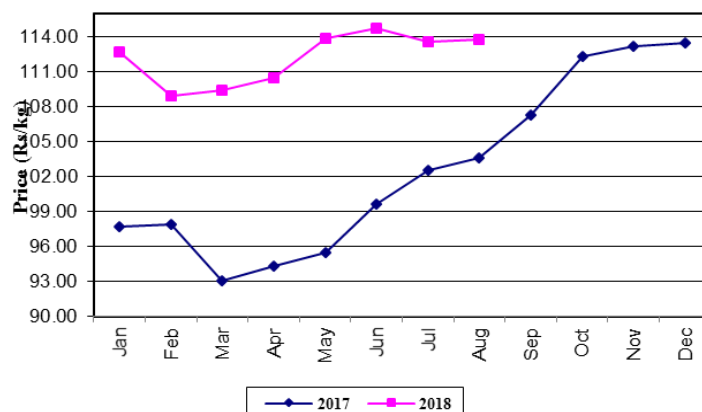
RICE:

Prices of most of the rice varieties decreased and the highest price decrease was reported with regard to *Nadu*. Decrease of price of rice was expected in September too.

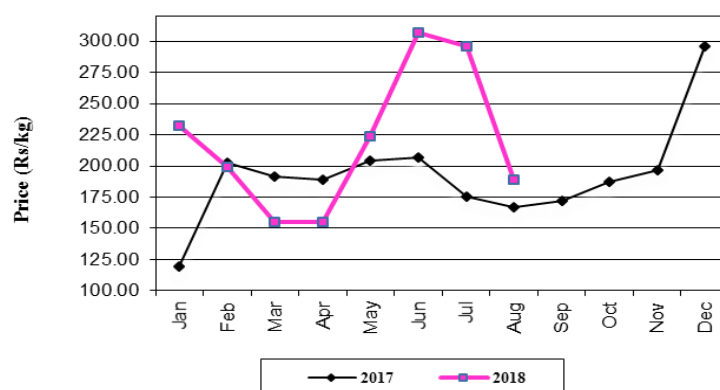
VEGETABLES:

Substantial increase in vegetable supply in *Yala* season caused price drops in both upcountry and low country vegetables. However, there was a considerable margin, compared to last month. Of the up country vegetables, the highest price decrease was reported for knolkhol as 58% whereas the highest price drop in low country vegetables was reported for drumsticks as 71%, in the wholesale market.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

The Food Information Bulletin is a monthly publication containing information relating to producer, wholesale and retail prices of selected food commodities in selected markets in and around Colombo and main markets in the major producing areas. Data on extent, production and imports are also available in the bulletin.

The information is analyzed and presented as, prevailing prices, price ranges, averages and comparison of monthly prices. The changes in prices reported are always in relation to price, which prevailed during the previous month unless otherwise stated.

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| 3. Dematagoda | 7. Kiribathgoda | |
| 4. Thotalanga | 8. Wellawatta | |

Outstation Markets

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|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 12. Puttalam | 23. Batticaloa |
| 2. Dambulla | 13. Hambantota | 24. Jaffna |
| 3. Matara | 14. Divulapitiya | 25. Mullaitivu |
| 4. Kurunegala | 15. Dehiattakandiya | 26. Kilinochchi |
| 5. Embilipitiya | 16. Keppetipola | 27. Vavuniya |
| 6. Kandy | 17. Thambutthegama | 28. Kegalle |
| 7. Meegoda | 18. Anuradhapura | 29. Ampara |
| 8. Kalutara | 19. Badulla | 30. Moneragala |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle | 31. Ratnapura |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 22. Trincomalee | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2018 *Yala* season was in progress in all major producing areas in the country and dry weather prevailed in most of the major producing areas throughout August. A satisfactory progress of paddy crop was recorded in producing areas in Mahaweli zones, Eastern Province, Polonnaruwa and Hambantota districts. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent is 422,977 ha. The cultivated extent of paddy lands was 384,043 ha at the end of August and was 91% of the target. The cultivated extent of paddy lands in this *Yala* season was approximately equal to the average extent of paddy lands cultivated during the last consecutive three *Yala* seasons. Crop damages made by pests were reported in Kurunegala, Ampara and Polonnaruwa districts. Further, the report revealed that the production forecast for the *Yala* season was 1.41 million mt.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *yala* 2018 As at end of August 2018

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Effected Extent (ha)	Expected Production loss for Effected Area (mt)	Reversed Production forecast Adjusted to Drought Damage Within the Season (mt)
Anuradhapura	27,036	13,217	49	48,886	-	-	48,886
Polonnaruwa	31,242	31,243	100	127,131	25,100	71,668	55,463
Ampara	33,826	35,030	104	148,709	6,958	25,841	122,868
Kurunegala	65,611	46,740	71	186,958	647	2,588	184,370
Hambantota	26,567	25,320	95	123,919	-	-	123,919
Colombo	1,905	1,100	58	3,205	-	-	3,205
Gampaha	4,908	6,267	128	19,145	-	-	19,145
Kalutara	7,500	6,254	83	20,321	222	567	19,754
Galle	8,828	3,413	39	9,122	-	-	9,122
Matara	14,780	12,302	83	41,781	33	93	41,687
Ratnapura	8,450	7,097	84	23,120	-	-	23,120
Kegalle	9,268	5,925	64	21,806	195	239	21,567
Puttalam	18,305	12,622	69	37,550	556	1,240	36,310
Kandy	6,884	6,409	93	20,637	14	23	20,615
Matale	10,343	9,111	88	37,104	-	-	37,104
N ^o Eliya	3,029	2,341	77	5,010	-	-	5,010
Badulla	7,092	8,706	123	33,215	-	-	33,215
Monaragala	17,161	24,065	140	89,619	-	-	89,619
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	7,175	754	11	2,602	-	-	2,602
Vavuniya	7,454	780	10	2,943	-	-	2,943
Mullaitivu	5,268	1,638	31	5,103	-	-	5,103
Mannar	2,930	600	20	2,693	-	-	2,693
Trincomalee	16,646	16,341	98	67,802	-	-	67,802
Batticaloa	25,814	25,806	100	62,437	-	-	62,437
Udawalawa	10,415	10,487	101	50,810	-	-	50,810
System H	12,747	15,590	122	71,090	-	-	71,090
System H1	1,600	7,415	463	33,812	-	-	33,812
System B	14,320	19,606	137	89,403	-	-	89,403
System C	11,203	21,693	194	98,920	-	-	98,920
System G	3,240	4,754	147	21,678	-	-	21,678
System D	477	487	102	2,221	-	-	2,221
Rambakanoya	878	798	91	3,639	-	-	3,639
System L	75	132	176	602	-	-	602
Sri Lanka	422,977	384,043	91	1,512,993	33,725	102,259	1,410,734

Source: Crop Forecast, *yala* 2018, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

A decreasing trend of prices for short grain paddy varieties continue throughout the month in most of the major producing areas due to the arrival of newly harvested paddy to the markets. The prices of short grain white paddy have declined by less than 13% in all major producing areas and the highest decline was reported from Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white paddy have declined by 2% in Kurunegala and Kalawewa whereas the prices had increased by 3% in Anuradhapura and 2% in Ampara. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red paddy had increased by 12% in Embilipitiya and 7% in Hambantota in the Southern Province. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.37.00-58.00/kg and Rs.32.00-46.00/kg in major producing areas respectively. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.30.00 and-36.00/kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to the field information it is expected that paddy prices was stable during the next month due to *Yala* season.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain white paddy have decreased in Anuradhapura and Kalawewa producing areas. However, the prices of long grain white and long grain red paddy have decreased by 14%-30% and 03%-25% respectively in most of the considered major producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – August 2018

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	40.00-57.00	53.00-60.00	50.22	55.56	51.65	-5.34	-9.62	-1.43	-2.77
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-	49.18	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	37.00-58.00	52.00-58.00	48.42	55.77	51.95	-7.35	-13.18	-3.53	-6.80
Kurunegala	46.00-50.00	46.00-52.00	48.00	49.73	47.31	-1.73	-3.49	0.69	1.46
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	54.00	-	-	-	-
Ampara	47.00-56.00	50.00-58.00	51.50	54.56	44.11	-3.06	-5.61	7.39	16.75
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	32.00-41.00	32.00-39.00	37.60	36.60	50.61	1.00	2.74	-13.01	-25.70
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-	46.71	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	34.00-41.00	35.00-41.00	37.02	37.60	48.49	-0.58	-1.54	-11.47	-23.65
Kurunegala	34.00-38.00	34.00-38.00	35.67	36.47	51.00	-0.80	-2.19	-15.33	-30.07
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	54.00	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	34.67	31.60	40.66	3.07	9.70	-5.99	-14.74
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	36.00-40.00	35.00-40.00	37.90	37.20	-	0.70	1.88	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	34.00-36.00	30.00-35.00	39.11	38.93	40.33	0.18	0.46	-1.22	-3.02
Hambantota	30.00-36.00	30.00-33.00	33.65	31.32	45.12	2.33	7.44	-11.47	-25.42
Embilipitiya	31.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	34.70	30.91	44.00	3.78	12.23	-9.30	-21.14

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Except local raw rice and imported *ponni Samba*, significant changes in prices of other rice varieties were not reported. However, price for white and red raw rice has increased by about Rs.3.00/kg due to shortage of paddy during this month as rice was produced only from stored paddy stocks. Further, a higher level of tax imposed on import of rice has also affected to limit imported quantities of rice. There was a short supply of rice in August. Therefore, price for *ponni Samba* has increased by about Rs.12.00 per kilo. Thus, unavailability of imported white raw rice and *Nadu* rice in market during this month has also caused increase of price for *ponni Samba*.

Total imports of rice in August are 543 MT and their total value is Rs.60 million. Out of the total imports, 76% is basmathi rice and the rest comprises other rice varieties. Wholesale price of samba grade I and grade II ranged Rs.106.00-110.00/kg and Rs.98.00-105.00/kg respectively in August. Further, wholesale price of local grade I *Nadu* rice ranged from Rs.90.00 to 92.00 per kilo while that of grade II *Nadu* ranges from Rs.75.00 to 80.00 per kilo. Prices of local white raw rice and red raw rice ranged from Rs.70.00/kg to 75.00/kg and from Rs.63.00/kg to Rs.68.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the local and imported rice varieties have increased except raw rice. Maximum price increase was reported with regard to imported *ponni Samba* and it was about 39%. However, price of red and white raw rice has decreased by 13%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all rice varieties have decreased during the month of August except imported *ponni Samba*, local samba grade II and white raw rice. The maximum price decrease that is 3% was reported with regard to *Nadu* grade I. Price of *samba* grade I ranged from Rs.115.00/kg to Rs.125.00/kg and that of samba grade II ranged from Rs.100.00/kg to Rs.110.00/kg. Prices of white raw rice and red raw rice ranged from Rs.70.00/kg to Rs.90.00/kg. Price of imported *ponni Samba* was relatively high and it ranged from Rs.100.00/kg to Rs.120.00/kg. As rice was supplied directly from main local rice producing areas to retailers, retail and wholesale price was same mostly in Petah market. However, prevailing price of rice can be expected to decrease in coming September with rice supply to market from *Yala* season.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all rice varieties have increased except white raw rice, red raw rice and *Nadu* grade II. The maximum price increase was 30% reported with regard to imported *ponni Samba*.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	106.00-110.00	108.33	107.80	97.16	0.53	0.49	11.16	11.49
Samba 2	98.00-105.00	101.80	101.25	92.65	0.55	0.55	9.15	9.88
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-92.00	90.75	91.50	-	-0.75	-0.82	-	-
Nadu 2	75.00-80.00	77.24	76.86	88.45	0.39	0.50	-	-
Raw red	63.00-68.00	67.05	64.11	77.02	2.94	4.59	-9.97	-12.94
Raw white	70.00-75.00	73.15	70.29	83.38	2.86	4.07	-10.23	-12.27
Imported Samba	98.00-112.00	106.39	94.17	76.56	12.21	12.97	29.83	38.96
Imported Raw White	-	-	67.00	71.77	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	115.00-125.00	118.72	119.08	107.72	-0.37	-0.31	11.00	10.21
Samba 2	100.00-110.00	108.80	108.00	99.44	0.81	0.75	9.36	9.41
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	95.00-100.00	96.68	99.99	-	-3.30	-3.31	-	-
Nadu 2	80.00-90.00	87.50	88.98	95.76	-1.49	-1.67	-8.26	-8.63
Raw red	70.00-90.00	80.42	80.52	88.70	-0.09	-0.11	-8.28	-9.33
Raw white	75.00-90.00	84.25	83.80	91.71	0.45	0.53	-7.46	-8.13
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	100.00-120.00	112.35	101.59	86.44	10.77	10.60	25.92	29.98
Imported Raw White	70.00-90.00	83.50	84.26	78.41	-0.76	-0.90	5.09	6.49
Imported Nadu	80.00-90.00	83.57	84.18	83.13	-0.61	-0.73	0.44	0.53

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli for *Yala* 2018 was 5,084 ha and cultivated extent of land was 4,420 ha by the end of August and it was represented 87% of the targeted extent in Sri Lanka. Though the highest targeted extent was reported from Anuradhapura, the highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttalam (542 ha) followed by Moneragala (530 ha). More than 50% of the chilli production was harvested in most of the producing areas by the end of August. According to the cultivated extent by the end of this month, the expected production of green chilli was 20,756 mt, and 54% of this green chillie production was expected from Puttalam (22%), Moneragala (17%), Anuradhapura (8%) and Matale (7%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for *Yala* 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of August 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Puttalam	625	542	87	4,665
Moneragala	290	530	183	3,483
Anuradhapura	652	306	47	1,608
Matale	165	266	161	1,385
Kandy	262	207	79	996
Hambantota	148	226	153	1,023
Mullaitivu	200	155	78	964
Batticaloa	263	215	82	801
Kurunegala	413	213	52	743
Other areas	2,066	1,760	85	5,088
Total	5,084	4,420	87	20,756

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli to the market has increased significantly from main producing areas during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased significantly by about Rs.346.00/kg and Rs.410.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.125.42/kg and Rs.289.77/kg respectively. Wholesale price and retail price decreased by about 44% and 28% respectively compared to the same period of the last year.

Only imported dried chilli was available at the market. A quantity of 5,448 mt of dried chilli was imported from India (96%) and China (4%) during this month and it was an increase of 156 mt compared to the previous month. The CIF price was Rs.207.37/kg and decreased of Rs.12.03/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about Rs.8.00/kg and Rs.2.00/kg respectively due to a higher supply to the market. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 34% and 36% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli - August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	60.00-250.00	125.42	471.17	224.17	-345.75	-73.38	-98.75	-44.05
Dried Chilli	235.00-250.00	244.75	252.73	182.20	-7.98	-3.16	62.55	34.33
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	150.00-500.00	289.77	700.22	402.32	-410.44	-58.62	-112.54	-27.97
Dried Chilli	280.00-360.00	323.56	325.59	238.44	-2.02	-0.62	85.13	35.70

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli Mar to Aug 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	5,448	1,129.65	207.37	323.56	116.20
July	5,292	1,161.19	219.40	325.59	106.18
June	2,618	592.23	226.18	313.87	87.70
May	4,968	1,065.91	214.54	306.67	92.13
April	3,021	669.21	221.56	298.03	76.47
March					

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) – August 2018

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	172.00	142.00	125.00	122.00
Hambantota	-	183.33	190.00	190.00
Embilipitiya	225.00	210.71	141.43	148.86
Puttalam	126.00	105.00	108.00	86.00
A'Pura	232.50	150.00	173.33	112.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

The targeted extent of land for big onion cultivation was about 2,092 ha for this *Yala* season and around 732 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2018, which represent only 35% of the targeted extent. Around 104 ha have been cultivated during the month of August representing 14% of the total cultivated extent in Matale district. However, around 76% of the cultivation took place during the month of July 2018. Dambulla, Sigiriya, Galewela and Dewahuwa are the major big onion producing areas in Matale district. 80% of the farmers used local seeds for the big onion cultivation in Matale district.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion in Matale District

Areas	2018 <i>Yala</i> (ha)							2017 <i>Yala</i> (ha)					Total change compared to last year %	
	Target (ha)	April	May	June	July	Aug	Total	Target (ha)	April	May	June	July		Total
Dambulla	800	-	-	18	240.9	16.05	274.95	1,175	-	4	186.9	275.1	466	-42
Sigiriya	600	-	0.5	12.8	164.5	6	183.8	900	2	2	164	213.8	381.8	-52
Galewela	400	0.2	9.8	8	24	30.4	72.4	529	-	2	3.7	133.1	138.8	-48
Devahuwa	200	-	-	0.8	37.2	11.07	49.07	210	-	5	35.9	39.1	72.8	-33
Other Areas	90	-	8.4	10	92.8	40.2	151.4	436	0.4	-	45.3	115.9	161.6	-6
Total	2,090	0.2	18.7	49.6	559.4	103.7	731.6	3,250	2.4	13	435.8	769.8	1,221	-40

Source: Field Data – MFPAD / HARTI

Around 473 mt of big onion supplied to the market from Matale district during this month was 3% of the expected production in Matale district. About 4,249 mt (29%) was expected in the next month and 7,832 mt (53%) for October. Usually, big onion harvesting takes place in October. However, cultivation of big onion delayed in this year and consequently, harvesting was expected to shift to November (2,074 mt).

Table 2.2.2: Production of Big Onion in Matale District

Area	2018 <i>Yala</i> (mt)					2017 <i>Yala</i> (mt)					Change compared to last year (%)
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Total	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Total	
Dambulla	36	1,769	3,373	321	5,499	454	3,364	4,677	825	9,320	-41
Sigiriya	35	1,218	2,303	120	3,676	408	2,952	3,570	706	7,636	-52
Galewela	212	288	336	608	1,444	47	67	1,997	665	2,776	-48
Dewahuwa	170	237	521	221	1,149	172	646	510	128	1,456	-21
Other areas	20	737	1,299	804	2,860	98	816	1,854	464	3,232	-12
Total	473	4,249	7,832	2,074	14,628	1,179	7,845	12,608	2,788	24,420	-40

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Total big onion production in Sri Lanka for *Yala* 2018, was estimated at nearly 30,649 mt and out of that around 60% will be supplied from Matale district. In Jaffna around 1,332 ha which represent 66% of the targeted under red onion had been cultivated at the end of August 2018. About 500 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in the Puttalam district for this *Yala* season. However, the cultivated extent had exceeded the target (653%). It represents the cultivated extent of land was 131% of the target. The production forecast of red onion for this *Yala* season was about 32,867 mt of which about 80% was supplied from Jaffna and Puttalam districts. Jaffna contribution and Puttalam contribution were 44% and 36% of total forecast production respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of August 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,005	1,332	66	14,359
Puttalam	500	653	131	11,765
Vavuniya	400	234	59	2,631
Mullaitivu	456	120	26	1,357
Moneragala	87	64	74	521
Trincomalee	249	47	19	365
Other areas	422	213	50	1,869
Total	4,119	2,663	65	32,867

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion was of only imported big onion during this month. Limited supply local big onion started to arrive to the rural market from the last week of the month. According to the field information, about 473 mt of big onion had arrived to the market from Matale district. It was 2% of the total expected production of the district. Compared to the same period of last year, the local supply of big onion during this month has decreased by about 60%.

A quantity of 21,741 mt of big onion was imported from India and it was an increase of 2,803 mt compared to last month. Average CIF price was Rs.49.21/kg and it was a slight increase compared to the previous month. However, wholesale price of imported big onion has not changed significantly, while the retail price has increased slightly by about Rs.1.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about 14% and 16% respectively. Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan red onions from main producing areas have increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale prices of sinnan and vedalan have decreased by about Rs.21.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail prices of sinnan and vedalan have also decreased by about Rs.43.00/kg and Rs.15.00/kg respectively.

A quantity of 58 mt of red onion was imported from India in August 2018 and it was a decrease of 70 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.52.77 and it is lower than last month by Rs.14.40/kg. However, stocks of imported red onion were not available at the most of the markets.

Table 2.2.4: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion August 2018

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	70.00-110.00	87.67	109.01	-	-21.34	-19.58	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	95.00-125.00	110.12	116.85	167.25	-6.73	-5.76	-57.13	-34.16
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	133.21	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	77.00-98.00	86.70	86.44	101.17	0.26	0.30	-14.47	-14.30
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	107.50	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	130.00-150.00	141.00	184.01	-	-43.01	-23.38	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-200.00	179.06	193.91	225.63	-14.86	-7.66	-46.57	-20.64
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	170.61	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-140.00	115.74	115.02	132.19	0.72	0.63	-16.46	-12.45
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Aug, 2018	49.21	86.70	115.74	37.49	29.04
	July, 2018	49.05	86.44	115.02	37.39	28.58
	Aug, 2017	56.60	101.17	132.19	44.57	31.02
Red onion	Aug, 2018	52.77	-	-	-	-
	July, 2018	67.17	133.21	170.61	31.21	37.40
	Aug, 2017	89.71	-	-	-	-

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

Table 2.2.6: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018
Red Onion	58	128	3.1	8.6	52.77	67.17
Big Onion	21,741	18,938	1,070.0	929.0	49.21	49.05

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.7: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
Mar to Aug 2018**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Aug	21,741	49.21	86.70	115.74	66.52
July	18,938	49.05	86.44	115.02	65.96
June	20,070	39.88	82.56	108.62	68.74
May	15,702	36.10	73.88	99.21	63.11
April	26,044	36.23	39.82	67.31	31.08
March	32,016	41.97	52.13	88.58	46.60

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2018 was 3,062 ha of which about 2,272 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of August and cultivated extent of land was 74% of the targeted extent. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in August was a lower extent and was reported as 490 ha. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2017, the cultivated extent was slightly high in *yala* 2018.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent was 915 ha for this *yala* season and about 622 ha were cultivated by the end of August. The cultivated extent was 68% of the target. Compared to *yala* 2017, the cultivated extent was at lower extent in this *yala* season in Nuwara Eliya. Potato was cultivated in about 112 ha in August in Nuwara Eliya district. Due to prevailed stormy rainy weather condition, the production of potato has dropped by 35% in the district.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent was 2,145 ha for this *yala* season. Of the target, about 1,650 ha were cultivated by the end of this month and this cultivated extent was 77% of the target. Potato was cultivated in about 378 ha in August in the Badulla district. This cultivated extent was small compared to July. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extent was larger in the district. According to the cultivated extent by the end of this month, the expected production of potato was 37,117 mt for this *yala* season in the country.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (Yala 2018)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production Mt
	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018		
N'Eliya	865	915	706	622	68	11,373
Badulla	2,145	2,145	1,557	1,650	77	25,744
Sri Lanka	3,013	3,062	2,268	2,272	74	37,117

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 15,771 mt of potato was imported in August. This imported quantity was lower than that was imported during the previous month by 1,932 mt. Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has remained at Rs.40.00/kg. The largest quantity of potato imported from China (50%) and then, Pakistan (46%). CIF price of imported potato from China (Rs.39.00/kg) is higher than that from Pakistan (Rs.28.00/kg). Compared to August, 2017 (13,832 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price of potato was Rs.37.00/kg in August.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. Harvesting of Welimada potato was commenced by the end of August. Hence, stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 11% and 7% respectively, while the retail prices have not changed significantly. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.127.00/kg in August due to decreased production. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 2% and 7% respectively due to increased imports in July and August. During this month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.120.00-180.00/kg, Rs.100.00-160.00/kg and Rs.65.00-90.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (11%) potato has increased, whereas the price of imported (3%) potato has decreased. Supply of local potato will be high in September with increased supply from Badulla district and the prices of potatoes were expected to lower in coming months.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes Mar to Aug 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	15,771	583.58	37.00	112.16	75.16
July	17,703	614.68	34.72	119.70	84.97
June	7,378	199.52	27.04	120.53	93.49
May	10,508	283.44	26.97	106.55	79.57
April	11,645	298.16	25.60	91.33	65.73
March	7,427	206.32	27.78	88.49	60.71

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – August 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	-	-	121.40	91.25	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	95.00-145.00	127.46	141.28	117.90	-13.82	-10.84	9.56	7.50
Imported – CIF	28..35-106.55	37.00	34.57	38.57	2.43	6.58	-1.57	-4.24
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	100.00-160.00	132.94	148.00	120.28	-15.06	-11.33	12.66	9.52
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-180.00	154.00	165.52	140.89	-11.52	-7.48	13.11	8.51
Imported	65.00-90.00	77.15	79.12	85.85	-1.98	-2.56	-8.71	-11.29
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	150.00-160.00	156.67	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-240.00	207.29	206.17	184.34	1.11	0.54	22.95	11.07
Imported	100.00-140.00	112.16	119.70	115.06	-7.54	-6.72	-2.90	-2.58
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		79.82	64.89	66.44	14.93	18.70	13.38	16.77
Imported (CIF-RP)		75.16	85.13	76.49	-9.97	-13.26	-1.33	-1.77
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		53.29	40.66	43.45	12.63	23.70	9.84	18.46
Imported		35.01	40.57	29.20	-5.56	-15.87	5.81	16.59

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram was cultivated in around 37% of the targeted extent in *yala* 2018. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has declined by 1637 ha (32% compared with *yala* 2017) in Sri Lanka compared with the last year cultivation. It was reported that more than 60% from Hambantota district and 43% from Kurunegala district were cultivated green gram the previous year. However, there was a significant contribution from Monaragala district to the green gram production in the country and around 60% of the targeted extent was cultivated. Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation was about 4,801 MT. This is 67% of the production during the previous *Yala* season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i> 2018	Expected Production (Mt)
		<i>Yala</i> 2017	<i>Yala</i> 2018	<i>Yala</i> 2017	<i>Yala</i> 2018		
Green gram	Hambantota	7,153	3,457	2,736	1,053	30	1,588
	Monaragala	1,891	1,456	320	864	59	1,030
	Kurunegala	644	743	402	227	31	237
	Other districts	4,074	3,761	1,694	1,371	36	1,946
	Sri Lanka	13,762	9,417	5,152	3,515	37	4,801
Cowpea	Ampara	3,805	4,656	1,985	1,267	27	1,844
	Monaragala	762	766	534	807	105	1,304
	Kurunegala	160	410	163	153	37	226
	Other districts	2,032	27,31	904	974	36	1,371
	Sri Lanka	6,759	8,563	3,586	3,201	37	4,745

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast *Yala* 2018 & *Yala* 2017, Volume 04, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

Of the targeted extent of cowpea cultivation, 37% was cultivated. Expected production was around 4745 Mt. When considered cowpea production in 2018 *Yala* season, Ampara and Monaragala were the major producing districts that were expected to contribute to 66% out of the total production in the country. Compared to the cowpea cultivation extent in the previous *Yala* season, the cultivation extent in this season has decreased by 11% of the cultivated extent. However, Monaragala district showed a better progress rather than the target. According to the progress, extent of cultivation of green gram and cowpea was around one-third of the total targeted extent in the country.

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.205.00/kg with an average of Rs.202/kg in August 2018. The average price has reduced by 2% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 4%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.246.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has not changed significantly. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of this month has reduced by 0.8%.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram Mar to Aug 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	2,418	329.79	136.41	246.54	110.13
July	1,576	213.54	135.52	246.15	110.63
June	1,832	258.48	141.08	240.06	98.98
May	928	126.21	135.94	242.43	106.49
April	898	121.47	135.32	241.44	106.12
March	1,480	203.09	137.25	240.96	103.71

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

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.198.89/kg and Rs.192.50/kg, respectively in August 2018. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.195.00/kg and Rs.205.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.145.00/kg and Rs.265.00/kg. Compared to previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea had decreased by 2% while the price of red cowpea has also decreased by 8%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea had decreased by 15% and 34%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were reported as Rs.280.45/kg and Rs.282.60/kg, respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.230.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the price of white cowpea had decreased by 1% and the price of red cowpea had decreased by 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea had decreased by 6% and 16%, respectively.

A quantity of 2,418 MT of green gram was imported during this month, and it was an increase of 53% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.136/kg while the retail price has remained the same compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.330 million and this value increased by 54% of the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Green gram was imported from several countries and they were Australia (33%), Argentina (55%), Kenya (8%), Brazil (3%) and Afghanistan (1%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea Mar to Aug 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	307	36.37	118.53	280.45	161.92
July	628	82.07	130.71	283.08	152.37
June	557	74.00	132.89	279.87	146.98
May	977	121.91	124.77	284.58	159.80
April	980	122.48	125.01	293.30	168.29
March	775	96.97	125.15	294.02	168.87

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

Of the two types of cowpea, a quantity of 307 MT of white cowpea was imported during this month. The imported quantity of the cowpea decreased by 50% compared to the previous month. The average CIF price of kilograms of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.118.53/kg, which is a decrease of Rs.12.18/kg from that of the previous month. Importation of cowpea has also decreased. The total expenditure on cowpea imports decreased by 56% compared to the previous month expenditure. The total value of the cowpea imports was noticed as approximately Rs.36 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (69%) and the rest was imported from India (16%) and Myanmar (15%).

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	200.00-205.00	202.09	205.27	210.18	-3.18	-1.55	-8.09	-3.85
Cowpea (White)	195.00-205.00	198.89	202.19	234.45	-3.30	-1.63	-35.57	-15.17
Cowpea (Red)	145.00-265.00	192.50	209.88	294.00	-17.38	-8.28	-101.50	-34.52
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	246.54	246.15	248.47	0.38	0.16	-1.94	-0.78
Cowpea (White)	220.00-320.00	280.45	283.08	296.36	-2.63	-0.93	-15.91	-5.37
Cowpea (Red)	230.00-320.00	282.60	290.84	334.90	-8.24	-2.83	-52.31	-15.62

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, 2018	136.41	202.09	246.54	65.69	44.45
	July, 2018	141.08	205.27	246.15	64.18	40.89
	Aug, 2017	146.52	210.18	248.47	63.66	38.30
Cowpea (White)	Aug, 2018	118.53	198.89	280.45	80.35	81.57
	July, 2018	132.89	202.19	283.08	69.30	80.90
	Aug, 2017	139.32	234.45	296.36	95.13	61.91
Cowpea (Red)	Aug, 2018	-	192.50	282.60	-	90.10
	July, 2018	-	209.88	290.84	-	80.95
	Aug, 2017	-	294.00	334.90	-	40.91

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.95.00/kg and Rs.100.00/kg with an average of Rs.97.58/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.110.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.125.77/kg. Moreover, a difference between the two prices is Rs.28.00/kg during this month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 26% and 20%, respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – August 2018

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	95.00-100.00	97.58	102.41	131.30	-4.83	-4.72	-33.72	-25.68
Retail Price	110.00-140.00	125.77	127.97	156.96	-2.20	-1.72	-31.19	-19.87

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 10,097 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.76.24/kg. Difference between average CIF prices of this month and the previous month is about Rs.2.00. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 8,875MT) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 1,222 MT) was of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, 49% from Australia and 51% from Canada have been imported. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs.643 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.72.46 per kilo and the split type red dhal, has been imported from Canada. The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.103.69 per kilo and the total value of the imports of split type was Rs.126.69 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
Mar to Aug 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Aug	10,097	76.24	97.58	125.77	21.33	28.19
July	9,720	78.20	102.41	127.97	24.21	25.56
June	24,244	75.78	107.78	131.55	31.99	23.78
May	18,284	75.06	111.13	131.05	36.06	19.92
April	7,308	75.19	105.53	127.25	30.34	21.72
March	15,207	80.36	105.95	128.08	25.59	22.13

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Vegetable cultivation in most of the districts during *Yala* season was able to overcome setbacks to growth caused by flood situation by the end of August.

According to the cultivation progress of this year *Yala* season, the most important districts for upcountry vegetable production are Nuwara Eliya and Badulla. Out of the targeted extents of vegetable cultivation, 89% of Nuwara Eliya district and 79% of Badulla district were cultivated with upcountry vegetables by the end of August. Meanwhile, achievements of the targeted upcountry vegetable cultivations in Matale, Kandy and Puttalam districts were 57%, 57% and 24% respectively by the end of August 2018. However, achievements of the targeted extents of upcountry vegetable cultivation in Jaffna and Kurunegala were 73% and 88% respectively by the end of this August.

Meanwhile, progresses of upcountry vegetable cultivation in most of low country districts were higher comparative to upcountry districts due to high rainfall received at the early phase of the season. Of the low country districts, the highest cultivation progress was in Hambantota district where the reported progress was 126% of the target. Reported progresses of Puttalam and Kurunegala districts were 112% and 74% of the targets respectively by the end of August. However, lack of sufficient water availability, which had been prevailing from the previous

season, affected the achievement of the progress of vegetable cultivation in Anuradhapura and Monaragala districts. The reported progress of low country vegetable cultivation in Anuradhapura and Monaragala districts were 53% and 72% of the targets respectively. Meantime, the extents of lands cultivated with low country vegetables in Matale and Jaffna districts were 85% and 65% of the targets respectively.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As peak harvesting of *Yala* season prevailed in August, supply of vegetable to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre further increased by 80% compared to the last month. The reported average vegetable supply to this market is 2,100 mt per day.

Bulk supply of vegetables during *Yala* harvesting period resulted in downside of vegetable prices compared to the last month. Among the upcountry vegetables, knolkhol prices went down by 58% from Rs.96.00/kg to Rs.40.00/kg in August. Prices of radish and leeks went down by 57% and 54% respectively comparative to wholesale prices reported in July. Prices of beans, cabbage and beetroot had also decreased by less than 42% compared to the previous month. According to the market information, vegetables prices had decreased due to the increased supplies of upcountry vegetables from main vegetable producing districts such as Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Kandy and Jaffna. Further, high supply of lowcountry beetroot and cabbage from Puttalam district also contributed to this price decline. However, price of carrot had increased by 30% in August. This was a result of the arrival of high quality stocks of carrot replacing low quality stocks supplied at the beginning of the season.

Thus, prices of tomato went down by 69% due to surplus production from major producing areas in upcountry (Nuwara Eliya and Badulla) and low country (Sooriyawewa) during *Yala* season. Similarly, a price decline by 53% compared to last month, prevailed related to capsicum due to high supply during this month,

As predicted, supply of most of domestic vegetables considerably increased due to the glut period usually prevailed in *Yala* season. As a result, prices of most of the domestic vegetables substantially decreased in comparison to prices of the same in the last month. The highest price decrease was reported for drumsticks from Rs.198.00/kg in last month to Rs.55.00/kg by 71% in August. Prices of luffa, bitter gourd, ladies fingers and cucumber decreased from 51% to 58% compared to those of the last month. Further, prices of both long beans and snake gourd had also decreased by 45% and 29% respectively compared to those of the previous month. A high supply of domestic vegetables existed from major producing areas such as Hambantota, Anuradhapura, Matale and Monaragala throughout August.

Due to the delayed planting in Anuradhapura and Monaragala districts, pumpkin cultivation in *Yala* season had not reached the harvesting stage by August and consequently, a downside supply of pumpkin to the wholesale market prevailed. Therefore, prices of pumpkin increased by 65% in August compared to the previous month. In addition, prices of brinjal and ash plantain also showed an increasing trend of 23% and 1% respectively compared to the last month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chilies had drastically decreased by 73% due to the arrival of harvest from Anuradhapura and Jaffna districts with the commencement of *Yala* season. Prices of lime also showed a slight decline of 19% due to arrival of lime production to the market from Ampara and Monaragala districts.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also decreased in August. The highest price drop was reported for drumsticks as 62%. However, prices of most of

the vegetables in the retail market had increased compared to the same period of the last year and the highest price increase was 100% for carrot.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	70.00-150.00	114.90	225.60	106.67	-110.70	-49.07	8.23	7.72
Carrot	220.00-300.00	256.25	196.40	88.33	59.85	30.47	167.92	190.09
Leeks	40.00-80.00	52.60	114.53	46.04	-61.93	-54.07	6.56	14.25
Beetroot	50.00-140.00	81.37	142.10	39.63	-60.73	-42.74	41.74	105.32
Knolkhol	20.00-80.00	40.00	96.09	46.04	-56.09	-58.37	-6.04	-13.12
Radish	20.00-50.00	31.55	72.99	27.08	-41.43	-56.77	4.47	16.51
Cabbage	60.00-130.00	93.49	126.99	42.97	-33.50	-26.38	50.53	117.59
Tomato	25.00-60.00	43.96	142.82	106.35	-98.86	-69.22	-62.40	-58.67
Ladies Fingers	30.00-60.00	42.41	95.97	33.73	-53.56	-55.81	8.67	25.71
Brinjal	60.00-130.00	86.35	70.23	94.02	16.12	22.95	-7.68	-8.17
Capsicum	100.00-180.00	128.75	271.27	90.21	-142.52	-52.54	38.54	42.73
Pumpkin	50.00-90.00	71.67	43.29	46.46	28.37	65.54	25.21	54.26
Cucumber	10.00-20.00	12.15	29.11	27.74	-16.96	-58.25	-15.58	-56.18
Bittergourd	40.00-90.00	63.32	150.50	96.56	-87.17	-57.92	-33.24	-34.42
Snakegourd	40.00-100.00	66.19	93.83	87.08	-27.65	-29.46	-20.90	-24.00
Drumstick	40.00-80.00	54.58	189.37	33.33	-134.78	-71.18	21.25	63.75
Luffa	40.00-70.00	49.57	101.80	66.67	-52.23	-51.31	-17.10	-25.64
Long Beans	40.00-100.00	60.15	109.00	71.25	-48.85	-44.81	-11.10	-15.58
Ash Plantain	60.00-95.00	73.54	72.50	67.08	1.04	1.44	6.46	9.63
Green Chilli	60.00-250.00	125.42	471.17	224.17	-345.75	-73.38	-98.75	-44.05
Lime	30.00-80.00	40.83	50.63	95.83	-9.80	-19.35	-55.00	-57.39

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – August 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	110.00-320.00	188.80	296.13	167.12	-107.32	-36.24	21.68	12.97
Carrot	260.00-400.00	332.07	285.34	165.94	46.73	16.38	166.13	100.11
Leeks	80.00-240.00	138.90	218.76	120.68	-79.86	-36.51	18.21	15.09
Beetroot	90.00-240.00	152.29	237.30	115.43	-85.01	-35.82	36.86	31.93
Knolkhol	80.00-200.00	129.43	194.09	130.42	-64.66	-33.32	-0.99	-0.76
Radish	60.00-200.00	111.28	156.79	106.04	-45.50	-29.02	5.24	4.94
Cabbage	100.00-320.00	196.67	225.00	123.65	-28.33	-12.59	73.01	59.05
Tomato	70.00-200.00	113.60	246.45	180.35	-132.85	-53.91	-66.75	-37.01
Ladies Fingers	60.00-200.00	124.59	180.09	113.07	-55.50	-30.82	11.52	10.19
Brinjal	100.00-240.00	160.62	163.71	173.72	-3.09	-1.89	-13.10	-7.54
Capsicum	140.00-400.00	239.00	393.36	182.93	-154.35	-39.24	56.07	30.65
Pumpkin	80.00-200.00	134.79	108.18	117.15	26.61	24.60	17.63	15.05
Cucumber	40.00-120.00	83.26	104.57	90.69	-21.31	-20.38	-7.43	-8.19
Bittergourd	80.00-240.00	138.97	238.85	171.41	-99.88	-41.82	-32.44	-18.93
Snakegourd	100.00-240.00	151.15	185.89	163.48	-34.74	-18.69	-12.34	-7.55
Drumstick	90.00-300.00	143.30	381.06	122.71	-237.76	-62.39	20.59	16.78
Luffa	90.00-240.00	144.88	206.80	146.62	-61.92	-29.94	-1.73	-1.18
Long Beans	100.00-240.00	146.12	203.44	148.19	-57.32	-28.18	-2.07	-1.40
Ash Plantain	100.00-200.00	137.02	145.31	134.39	-8.30	-5.71	2.63	1.96
Green Chilli	150.00-500.00	289.77	700.22	402.32	-410.44	-58.62	-112.54	-27.97
Lime	60.00-200.00	150.39	204.46	215.95	-54.07	-26.45	-65.55	-30.36

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of fruit varieties had decreased in August compared to the prices in July. Price of banana variety, Ambul had decreased by 3% and price range during this month was Rs.30.00-60.00/kg. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased and the price decrease ranged from 8% to 12%. Monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large size fruits were Rs.100.96/fruit, Rs.140.50/fruit and Rs.173.38/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.80.00 and Rs.200.00/fruit. Further, prices of orange and avocado had decreased by 35% and 23% respectively. In addition, price of slime apple and price of wood apple had decreased by 12% and 9% respectively.

However, price increase of 5% was noticed for banana variety, Anamalu and price ranged between Rs.10.00/fruit and Rs.18.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties such as Karthakolomban, Betti and Vilad increased by 69%, 65% and 53% respectively. Price range reported for a variety mango, Karthakolomban was from Rs.60.00 to Rs.140.00. Price of papaw had increased by 51% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.108.91/kg and the price ranged between Rs.90.00/kg and Rs.130.00/kg. In addition, 19% price increase was noticed for passion fruit. At the same time, prices of banana varieties, Kolikuttu, Seeni and Ambun and imported grapes had not changed significantly compared to the previous month.

According to the data in previous years, prices of fruit varieties, pineapple, mango, slime apple and all the banana varieties except Anamalu are expected to be increased in the coming month while, prices of papaw, passion fruit, wood apple, orange, avocado and banana variety Anamalu are expected to be decreased.

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was 52% for banana variety, Ambul.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had also decreased. Price of banana variety Anamalu had decreased by 2% while prices of Ambun and Kolikuttu varieties had decreased by 1%. The price ranges for Kolikuttu, Anamalu and Ambun during this month were Rs.140.00-200.00/kg, Rs.14.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small and large size pineapple had decreased by 3% and price ranged between Rs.100.00-300.00/fruit. However, price of medium size pineapple had increased by 1% and price ranged between Rs.150.00-220.00/fruit. Further, prices of orange and wood apple had decreased by 12% and 11% respectively. In addition, prices of avocado and imported grapes had decreased by 7% and 5% respectively.

However, price of banana variety Seeni had increased by 1% and price varied from Rs.90.00-130.00/kg. Price of mango variety Karthakolomban had increased by 119% and price range recorded for a fruit was Rs.120.00-300.00. Further, price of mango variety Vilad had increased by 61% and the price range recorded was Rs.40.00-100.00/fruit. Price of papaw had increased by 25% and the price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.200.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit and slime apple had increased by 6% and 2% respectively. At the same time, price of banana variety Ambul had not changed significantly.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the reported highest price decrease was 30% for banana variety Ambul.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received higher farmgate prices for banana variety, Kolikuttu and for papaw compared to the previous month. A decreased farmgate price was reported for banana variety, ambul compared to the prices in July, 2018. The prices had increased by 40% for papaw and by 11% for Kolikuttu and by 6% for Ambul. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw decreased and price ranged from Rs.26.43/kg to 37.50/kg, from Rs.66.67/kg to Rs.105.00/kg and from Rs.67.50/kg to Rs. 85.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to August, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Ambul by 52% and for Kolikuttu by 23% and it was a price increase for papaw by 68% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 716 mt of fresh fruits worth Rs. 91mn in August, 2018. Of the exported quantity, 87% were papaw, 9% were fresh pineapple, 3% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. In the month of July, 2018, the quantity exported was 668 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 7%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,307mt of fresh fruits worth Rs. 429 mn during this month. Of the imported quantity, 44% was apple, 30% was grapes and 25% was oranges. The countries from which apple was mainly imported were China, South Africa and United States. Grape was imported from China, Italy and Egypt. South Africa and Australia were the countries where orange was imported. In July, 2018, the quantity imported was 2,739 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 16%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-60.00	46.06	47.57	96.07	-1.52	-3.19	-50.01	-52.06
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-130.00	113.47	113.18	140.89	0.28	0.25	-27.43	-19.47
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-70.00	60.40	60.67	87.20	-0.27	-0.44	-26.80	-30.73
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-18.00	14.14	13.51	15.39	0.62	4.62	-1.25	-8.15
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	18.33	18.28	20.52	0.05	0.29	-2.19	-10.65
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	150.00-200.00	173.38	195.29	230.76	-21.91	-11.22	-57.39	-24.87
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-160.00	140.50	153.07	180.37	-12.57	-8.21	-39.87	-22.10
Small (Fruit)	80.00-130.00	100.96	114.87	131.29	-13.90	-12.10	-30.33	-23.10
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	28.00-40.00	33.40	20.21	-	13.20	65.31	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00-140.00	93.13	54.98	109.00	38.15	69.39	-15.87	-14.56
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	39.75	26.03	41.60	13.73	52.74	-1.85	-4.44
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	8.53	22.00	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	90.00-130.00	108.91	72.24	62.18	36.67	50.77	46.73	75.15
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-15.00	12.09	10.15	10.12	1.94	19.13	1.97	19.50
Woodapple (Fruit)	10.00-25.00	17.77	19.58	22.47	-1.81	-9.27	-4.70	-20.92
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-30.00	21.11	32.76	26.83	-11.64	-35.55	-5.72	-21.31
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-70.00	45.39	58.67	35.34	-13.28	-22.64	10.05	28.45
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	25.62	29.26	37.35	-3.64	-12.44	-11.74	-31.42
Grapes Imported (Kg)	414.00-667.00	517.01	519.56	500.84	-2.55	-0.49	16.17	3.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-120.00	97.19	96.71	138.24	0.48	0.49	-41.06	-29.70
Kolikuttu (Kg)	140.00-200.00	174.16	175.71	205.50	-1.56	-0.89	-31.34	-15.25
Seeni (Kg)	90.00-130.00	116.16	115.02	131.43	1.14	0.99	-15.27	-11.62
Anamalu (Fruit)	14.00-20.00	16.71	17.09	23.15	-0.38	-2.22	-6.44	-27.82
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	20.96	21.14	27.21	-0.17	-0.83	-6.25	-22.96
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-300.00	241.70	248.75	302.52	-7.04	-2.83	-60.81	-20.10
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-220.00	172.97	171.28	231.15	1.69	0.99	-58.18	-25.17
Small (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	120.76	124.69	158.62	-3.94	-3.16	-37.86	-23.87
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	32.50	28.33	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	120.00-300.00	188.08	86.05	159.38	102.03	118.57	28.69	18.00
Vilad (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	66.78	41.37	66.76	25.41	61.42	0.02	0.03
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	120.00-200.00	159.59	127.65	112.37	31.94	25.02	47.22	42.03
Passionfruit (Fruit)	12.00-25.00	19.02	17.97	18.23	1.06	5.87	0.79	4.35
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-80.00	50.12	56.61	58.81	-6.48	-11.45	-8.69	-14.77
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-70.00	50.17	57.11	53.56	-6.94	-12.15	-3.39	-6.32
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	63.69	68.43	66.22	-4.74	-6.92	-2.54	-3.83
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-120.00	60.42	59.14	79.66	1.28	2.17	-19.24	-24.15
Grapes Imported (Kg)	600.00-900.00	790.11	829.09	798.71	-38.98	-4.70	-8.60	-1.08

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	26.43-37.50	32.15	34.10	66.47	-1.95	-5.71	-34.32	-51.64
Kolikuttu	66.67-105.00	87.64	79.06	114.41	8.58	10.86	-26.77	-23.40
Papaw	67.50-85.00	77.44	55.24	46.18	22.20	40.19	31.26	67.69

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits June to August 2018

Type of Fruit	August			July			June		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	63.53	16.35	257.31	52.55	18.16	345.48	72.48	20.24	279.30
Papaw	625.85	64.12	102.45	570.23	55.51	97.35	519.21	54.60	105.15
Fresh Mango	19.93	7.51	376.68	39.74	17.54	441.33	32.24	18.05	559.89
Avocado, fresh	7.04	2.86	406.19	5.33	2.15	403.50	4.59	1.88	408.83

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
June to August 2018**

Type of Fruit	August			July			June		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,019	154.92	152.06	1,497	274.72	183.46	1,395	250.39	179.49
Grapes	701	201.59	287.60	571	169.71	296.98	516	192.46	373.33
Oranges	587	72.87	124.04	671	82.44	122.92	969	109.88	113.42

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.233.00/kg and Rs.1385.00/kg in August. Compared to the previous month, prices of most fresh fish types have increased due to low fresh fish supply, which is a result of low fishing activities in coastal regions such as Trincomalee. The highest price increase was 16% reported with regard to Shrimp, followed by 9% with regard to both Kelawalla and Thora. Moreover, price of Salaya has increased by 7%, and that of Thalapath has increased by barely 1%. Prices of few types of fresh fish have decreased due to their availability in markets, especially, in Ampara, Kandy, and Rikillagaskada. The highest price decrease was observed in Hurulla as 9%, followed by Mora as 4%. Prices of both Paraw and Balaya have decreased by 3%. These types of fresh fish were abundant from fishing activities near Southern coastal region. If rainy and windy conditions prevail in the coastal regions, prices may not decrease in the next month. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all types of fresh fish except Paraw had increased by 1%-85%. The highest price increase was observed in Salaya, whilst Balaya, Hurulla, Kelawalla, Thora, and Shrimp showed price increase of more than 10%. Meanwhile, prices of Thalapath and Mora increased by 1%-5%. Interestingly, price of Paraw had not changed significantly over the past year.

Average retail prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.307.00/kg and Rs.1770.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.2600.00/kg for any fresh fish type. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of most fresh fish types had increased by 1%-6%, whilst the highest price increase was observed in Salaya, followed by Thora (5%). Prices of Balaya, Kelawalla, and Shrimp had increased by 3%. The least price increase of 1% was noticed for Thalapath. Meanwhile, Hurulla and Mora showed price decrease of 1%, and price of Paraw had not changed significantly.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all fresh fish types had increased by 2%-50%. The highest price increase was observed in Salaya, followed by Balaya (40%) and Hurulla (27%). Prices of Paraw, Kelawalla, Mora, and Shrimp had increased by 10% or more, whilst prices of Thora and Thalapath had increased by less than 10%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	150.00-300.00	232.56	216.82	125.66	15.74	7.26	106.90	85.07
Hurulla	200.00-400.00	326.32	358.47	282.35	-32.15	-8.97	43.97	15.57
Balaya	250.00-400.00	337.69	346.60	280.24	-8.91	-2.57	57.45	20.50
Kelawalla	600.00-750.00	682.50	625.40	581.07	57.10	9.13	101.43	17.46
Thora	1200.00-1600.00	1385.31	1273.56	1216.94	111.75	8.77	168.36	13.83
Paraw	500.00-700.00	613.69	629.60	611.30	-15.91	-2.53	2.40	0.39
Mora	500.00-650.00	595.14	619.67	587.75	-24.53	-3.96	7.39	1.26
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1200.00	997.50	859.00	899.25	138.50	16.12	98.25	10.93
Thalapath	700.00-900.00	794.50	787.20	764.75	7.30	0.93	29.75	3.89
Retail Prices								
Salaya	200.00-400.00	306.99	288.77	204.25	18.23	6.31	102.74	50.30
Hurulla	300.00-640.00	475.44	481.35	375.54	-5.91	-1.23	99.90	26.60
Balaya	350.00-1000.00	655.56	635.28	468.71	20.28	3.19	186.85	39.86
Kelawalla	700.00-1400.00	998.37	974.02	897.43	24.35	2.50	100.94	11.25
Thora	1300.00-2600.00	1770.11	1679.19	1666.61	90.91	5.41	103.50	6.21
Paraw	700.00-1400.00	1086.59	1090.17	934.32	-3.58	-0.33	152.27	16.30
Mora	600.00-1200.00	891.59	903.93	798.34	-12.34	-1.36	93.25	11.68
Shrimp (small)	950.00-1600.00	1252.13	1219.56	1140.90	32.57	2.67	111.24	9.75
Thalapath	800.00-1400.00	1112.17	1105.78	1092.64	6.39	0.58	19.53	1.79

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.323.00/kg and Rs.1250.00/kg during August. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types had decreased by 11% or less. The highest price decrease was observed for imported *Maduwa*, followed by local *Kattawa* (6%). Prices of local and imported sprats, local *Mora*, and imported *Kattawa* have decreased by 4%, whilst price of imported *Thora* had decreased by 3%. The least price decrease was observed for both imported *Mora* and *Balaya* by 1%. Of price increased dried fish types, the highest price increase was observed as 6% for local *Salaya*, followed by local *Maduwa* (3%). Moreover, prices of local and imported *Anguluwa* had increased by 2%, while price of local *Balaya* has also increased by 1%. Interestingly, local *Thora* was not available in many markets. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most dried fish types have increased by 1%-52%, and the highest price increase was noticed in local *Balaya*. Imported *Balaya*, local *Maduwa* and *Salaya* showed price increases higher than 20%. Moreover, prices of imported sprats and *Thora* had increased by 10%-20%. All other prices increased for dried fish types such as local and imported *Kattawa*, local *Mora*, and local *Anguluwa* showed price increase of 6% or less. Price decreases were observed for a few dried fish types; the highest price decrease was observed as 9% for imported *Maduwa*, followed by 5% in imported *Anguluwa*. In addition, prices of imported *Mora* and local sprats had decreased by 2% and 1%, respectively.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.696.00/kg and Rs.1628.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.500.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase one kilo of any type of dried fish. Compared to the previous month, price decrements as well as increments were noticed for selected dried fish types. The highest price decrease was noticed as 3% for imported sprats and *Maduwa*, followed by 2% in *Kattawa* and *Thora*. In the meantime, prices of *Salaya*, *Balaya*, *Anguluwa*, and *Mora* had increased by 3%, 2%, 1%, and 1%, respectively. Interestingly, price of local sprats had not changed significantly. Compared to the

same period of last year, prices of most dried fish types had increased by 2%-17%, and the highest price increase was noticed in *Salaya*, followed by *Balaya* (11%). Price of *Thora* had increased by 8%, followed by *Maduwa* (7%), *Anguluwa* (5%), local sprats (3%), and *Mora* (2%). Price decreases were observed in imported sprats (3%) and *Kattawa* (2%).

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	900.00-1100.00	983.25	1027.56	988.91	-44.31	-4.31	-5.66	-0.57
Sprats (imported)	500.00-650.00	544.36	568.60	489.07	-24.24	-4.26	55.30	11.31
Kattawa	800.00-920.00	858.00	912.44	809.20	-54.44	-5.97	48.80	6.03
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-850.00	774.11	809.80	756.58	-35.69	-4.41	17.53	2.32
Thora	-	-	1300.00	1128.61	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	1200.00-1300.00	1250.00	1291.67	1082.29	-41.67	-3.23	167.71	15.50
Mora	800.00-920.00	853.75	893.00	834.73	-39.25	-4.40	19.02	2.28
Mora (imported)	700.00-850.00	769.31	778.80	787.51	-9.49	-1.22	-18.21	-2.31
Balaya	500.00-600.00	539.25	535.62	355.92	3.63	0.68	183.33	51.51
Balaya (imported)	400.00-500.00	447.61	450.00	324.00	-2.39	-0.53	123.61	38.15
Anguluwa	700.00-850.00	790.00	770.82	784.75	19.18	2.49	5.25	0.67
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-750.00	691.79	675.05	726.82	16.74	2.48	-35.03	-4.82
Maduwa	550.00-700.00	634.90	614.55	524.77	20.35	3.31	110.12	20.98
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-400.00	386.11	432.92	423.50	-46.81	-10.81	-37.39	-8.83
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	250.00-350.00	323.42	305.90	257.80	17.51	5.72	65.62	25.45
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	550.00-900.00	732.64	755.50	758.14	-22.86	-3.03	-25.50	-3.36
Sprats	1000.00-1700.00	1252.69	1258.47	1214.64	-5.78	-0.46	38.05	3.13
Kattawa	1000.00-1700.00	1199.23	1224.64	1225.15	-25.41	-2.08	-25.92	-2.12
Thora	1300.00-2000.00	1628.35	1654.89	1510.88	-26.54	-1.60	117.47	7.78
Mora	950.00-1500.00	1153.21	1143.84	1125.43	9.37	0.82	27.78	2.47
Balaya	700.00-1200.00	909.72	891.61	822.67	18.11	2.03	87.05	10.58
Anguluwa	800.00-1500.00	1098.49	1089.83	1041.52	8.66	0.79	56.97	5.47
Maduwa	700.00-1000.00	881.25	911.19	822.92	-29.94	-3.29	58.33	7.09
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	500.00-800.00	695.65	675.25	592.93	20.40	3.02	102.72	17.32

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale prices of both types of eggs (i.e., brown and white) had increased by 4%. Price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.17.20 and Rs.18.50 with an average of Rs.18.16; price of a white egg ranged between Rs.16.20 and Rs.17.50 with an average of Rs.17.16. A low supply of brown eggs was apparent, especially, in markets such as Puttalam. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of brown and white eggs had increased by 50% and 58%, respectively.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of brown and white eggs had increased by 2%. Price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.18.00 and Rs.21.00, and the average price was Rs.19.13; price of a white egg ranged between Rs.17.00 and Rs.20.00, and the average price was

Rs.18.04. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of both egg types had increased. Price of brown eggs had increased by 40% whilst that of white eggs had increased by 44%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	17.20-18.50	18.16	17.50	12.13	0.66	3.77	6.04	49.79
White (each)	16.20-17.50	17.16	16.56	10.88	0.60	3.62	6.29	57.82
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	18.00-21.00	19.13	18.71	13.64	0.42	2.22	5.49	40.23
White (each)	17.00-20.00	18.04	17.69	12.53	0.35	1.99	5.51	44.01

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of most types of meat had not changed compared to the previous month. For example, prices of Beef, Broiler Chicken, and Mutton had remained same those in the previous month. However, sales of Beef were high due to Haj festival, especially, in regions such as Puttalam. Meanwhile, prices of Curry Chicken and Pork had increased by 12% and 7%, respectively, compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all meat types had increased. The highest price increase was observed in Curry Chicken as 45%, followed by Broiler Chicken (15%) and Pork (12%). In addition, prices of Mutton and Beef had increased by 6% and 1%, respectively.

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1000.00	961.16	960.24	951.43	0.92	0.10	9.73	1.02
Chicken (Broiler)	520.00-690.00	593.57	595.12	516.96	-1.55	-0.26	76.61	14.82
Chicken (curry)	600.00-800.00	722.93	644.95	497.07	77.98	12.09	225.86	45.44
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1864.02	1871.42	1759.31	-7.41	-0.40	104.71	5.95
Pork	600.00-720.00	654.50	614.00	583.33	40.50	6.60	71.17	12.20

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The quantity of wheat grain imported during this August was 155,322 mt and was worth 6,280mn. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month had increased by 39,828mt. Wheat grain was imported mainly from Pakistan (62%) in this August and CIF price was Rs.38.00/kg. Second and third highest quantities of wheat grain were imported from Canada (45,952mt.) and United States (7,987mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain was imported from Australia (2%) and Russia (1%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.35.00-56.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.40.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for Indian wheat grain stock whilst the lowest was recorded for Russian stocks.

The quantity of 218 mt of wheat flour worth 16 mn, was imported during this August. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased by 34 mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour was imported from India for this August (47%) and the CIF price was Rs.93.00/kg. Other countries from which wheat flour was imported were Pakistan (44%) and Indonesia (9%). In addition, small quantity of wheat flour was imported from Germany. The CIF price for wheat flour imported for this month ranged between Rs.49.00-111.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.72.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price of wheat flour had increased by Rs.7.00/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat flour imported from German whilst the lowest price was for the Pakistan stocks.

Meanwhile, local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour had increased by 1%. Further, compared to the same period of the last year, retail price of wheat flour had increased by 2%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – August 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	July 2018	Aug 2017	July 2018		Aug 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	90.32	89.58	88.68	0.74	0.82	1.64	1.85
Sugar	95.00-110.00	104.36	105.01	106.96	-0.66	-0.62	-2.60	-2.43

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain Mar to Aug 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Aug	218	15.7	72.16	90.32	18.16
July	252	16.4	64.98	89.58	24.60
June	657	43.8	66.71	90.04	23.33
May	341	24.9	73.09	89.78	16.69
April	316	16.4	51.77	90.33	38.55
March	821	43.7	53.25	89.77	36.52
Wheat Grain					
Aug	155,322	6,280	40.43	90.32	49.89
July	115,494	4,953	42.88	89.58	46.70
June	123,380	4,958	40.18	90.04	49.86
May	250,272	10,105	40.38	89.78	49.40
April	131,280	5,401	41.14	90.33	49.19
March	203,083	8,311	40.92	89.77	48.85

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

Sugar

A quantity of 23,482 mt of sugar worth of 1,392 mn, was imported during August. The quantity imported during this month was much lower than the half of the quantity imported during the previous month. Sugar was imported mainly from India (77%) for August and CIF price was Rs.58.00/kg. The second highest quantity of sugar was imported from Thailand (19%). Furthermore, sugar was imported from United Arab Emirates (2%), Pakistan (2%) and Korea (1%) too. In addition, few quantities were also imported from Malaysia and Spain. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.39.00-123.00/kg and average CIF price was reported as Rs.59.00/kg. The average CIF price remained unchanged during this month. The highest CIF price was reported for sugar imported from Spain while the lowest from Pakistan.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for August, price ranged between Rs.95.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.104.00/kg. The average retail price of sugar had decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. Compared to the same period of the last year, the average retail price of sugar had decreased by 2%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- Mar to Aug 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Aug	23,482	1391.7	59.27	104.36	45.09
July	42,781	2514.6	58.78	105.01	46.23
June	40,450	2281.7	56.41	105.38	48.97
May	32,623	1987.4	60.92	107.95	47.03
April	22,092	1375.3	62.26	108.62	46.36
March	22,486	1534.0	68.22	108.81	40.59

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – August 2018

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Aug 2018	July 2018		Aug 2018	July 2018		Aug 2018	July 2018	
Rice	543	671	-19.1	60.0	83.7	-28.3	110.52	124.72	-11.4
Red Onion	58	1,628	-96.4	3.1	130.4	-97.7	52.77	80.09	-34.1
Big Onion	21,741	20,070	8.3	1070.0	800.5	33.7	49.21	39.88	23.4
Potato	15,771	11,574	36.3	583.6	400.1	45.9	37.00	34.57	7.0
Dried Chillies	5,448	2,618	108.0	1129.6	592.2	90.7	207.37	226.18	-8.3
Masoor Dhal	10,097	24,244	-58.4	769.8	1837.3	-58.1	76.24	75.78	0.6
Green Gram	2,418	1,832	32.0	329.8	258.5	27.6	136.41	141.08	-3.3
Cowpea	307	557	-44.9	36.4	74.0	-50.9	118.53	132.89	-10.8
Garlic	3,965	3,014	31.5	258.0	263.8	-2.2	65.07	87.51	-25.6
Wheat flour	218	657	-66.8	15.7	43.8	-64.1	72.16	66.71	8.2
Wheat grain	155,322	123,380	25.9	6279.9	4958.0	26.7	40.43	40.18	0.6
White crystalline cane sugar	23,482	40,450	-41.9	1391.7	2281.7	-39.0	59.27	56.41	5.1
Maize (Seed)	100	51	-79.7	9.8	5.1	-76.1	97.34	98.60	17.8
Maize (Other)	543	671	-19.1	60.0	83.7	-28.3	110.52	124.72	-11.4
Sprats, dried unsalted	58	1,628	-96.4	3.1	130.4	-97.7	52.77	80.09	-34.1

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

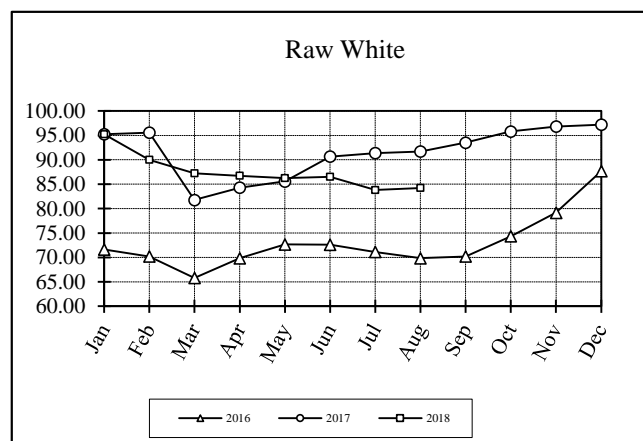
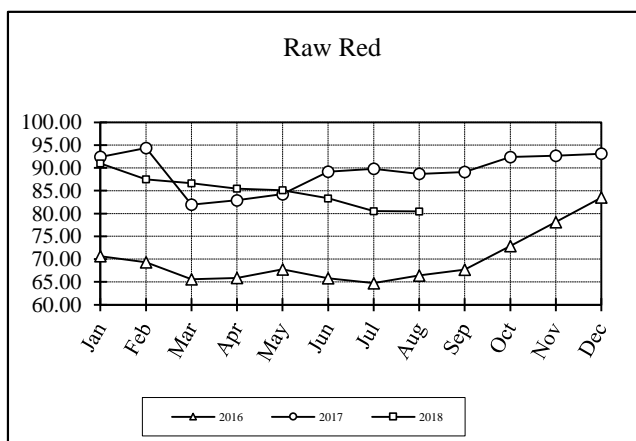
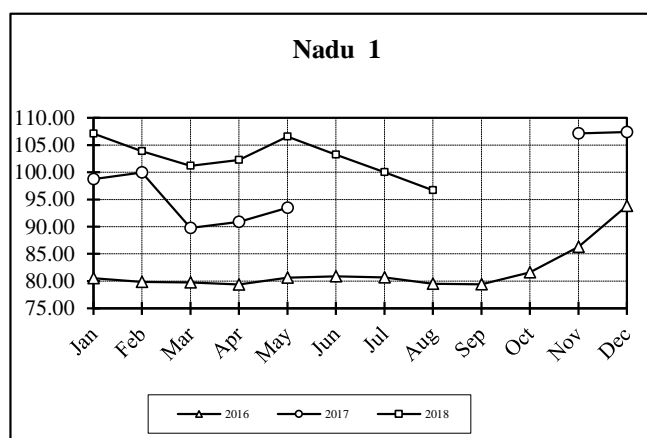
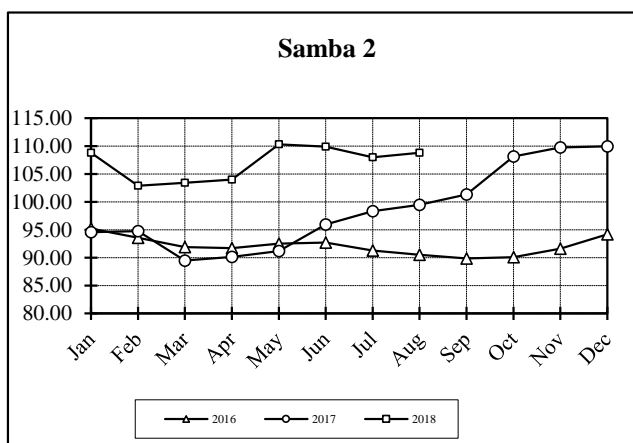
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – August 2018

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	26.0	39.8	3	3
Badulla	20.4	93.2	9	7
Bandarawela	105.4	69.3	11	6
Batticaloa	122.3	48.5	4	4
Colombo	63.9	119.5	9	11
Galle	105.5	185.9	13	16
Hambantota	19.3	56.3	4	7
Jaffna	27.0	38.7	3	3
Katugastota	180.7	112.8	16	13
Katunayaka	48.6	117.6	6	9
Kurunegala	70.7	98.0	7	10
Mahailuppallama	31.5	32.0	4	3
Mannar	0.0	12.3	0	1
Nuwara Eliya	264.9	161.0	17	16
Pottuvil	31.4	18.9	3	-
Puttalam	0.0	17.1	0	2
Ratmalana	84.6	139.3	6	12
Ratnapura	185.4	304.1	15	20
Trincomalee	85.4	85.9	5	5
Vavuniya	44.7	75.0	6	4
Polonnaruwa	126.7	-	2	-
Moneragala	53.9	-	6	-
Mattala	2.1	-	3	-

Source: Department of Meteorology

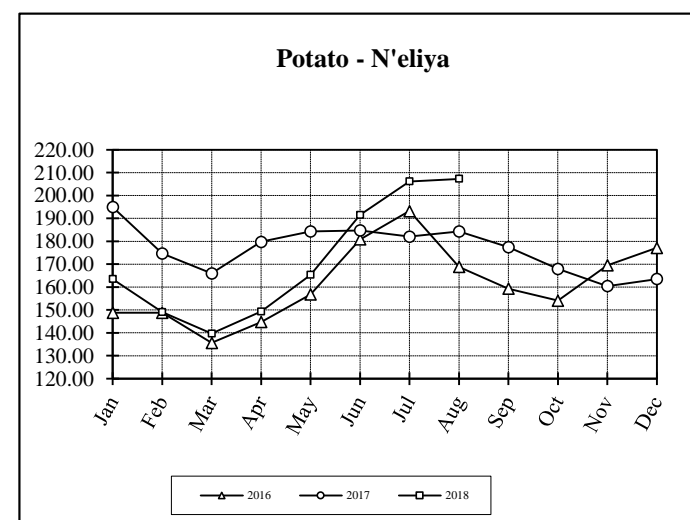
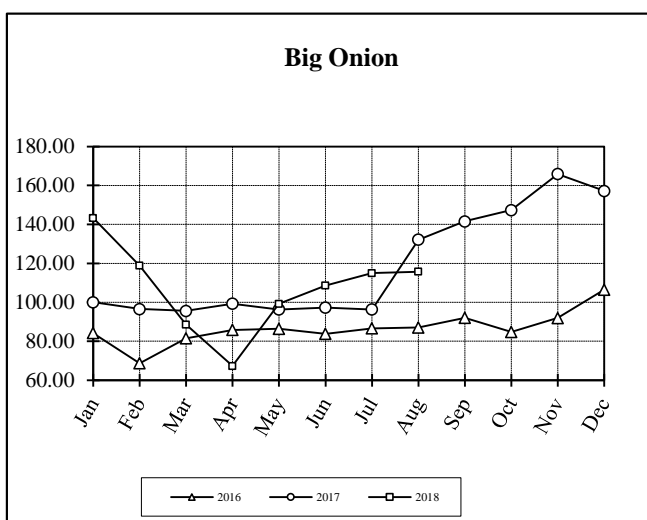
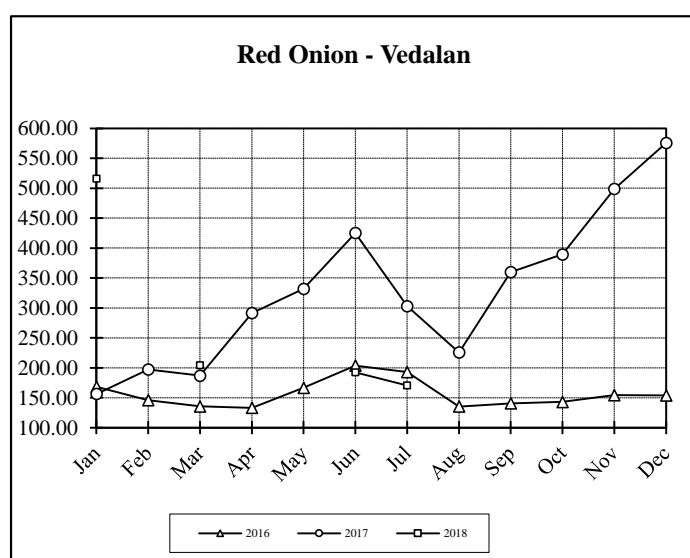
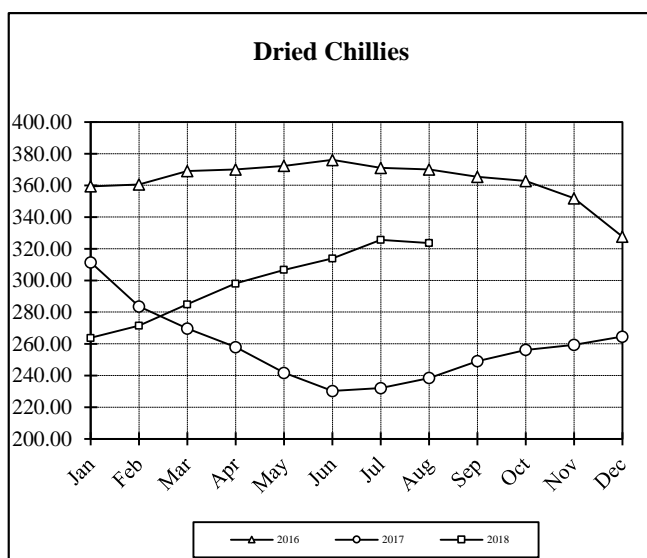
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	95.20	94.54	108.80	80.51	98.73	107.10	70.64	92.41	90.96	71.61	95.27	95.24
Feb	93.55	94.74	102.88	79.87	99.95	103.88	69.32	94.37	87.49	70.19	95.56	90.00
Mar	91.87	89.48	103.40	79.76	89.77	101.20	65.58	81.95	86.63	65.80	81.77	87.25
Apr	91.70	90.14	104.00	79.38	90.88	102.24	65.88	82.89	85.43	69.83	84.30	86.74
May	92.51	91.16	110.30	80.65	93.46	106.56	67.75	84.24	85.08	72.67	85.58	86.25
Jun	92.71	95.95	109.91	80.90		103.22	65.82	89.17	83.32	72.63	90.65	86.52
Jul	91.28	98.34	108.00	80.69		99.99	64.74	89.80	80.52	71.13	91.36	83.80
Aug	90.51	99.45	108.80	79.49		96.68	66.41	88.70	80.42	69.85	91.71	84.25
Sep	89.85	101.30		79.40			67.70	89.11		70.19	93.51	
Oct	90.08	108.14		81.62			72.86	92.38		74.34	95.80	
Nov	91.60	109.73		86.28	107.14		78.12	92.67		79.14	96.81	
Dec	94.16	109.95		93.83	107.39		83.50	93.12		87.71	97.20	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	359.36	311.44	263.76	168.42	156.25	515.82	84.20	100.02	143.32	148.73	194.94	163.50
Feb	360.56	283.58	271.41	145.71	197.00		68.73	96.57	118.86	148.75	174.64	149.12
Mar	369.06	269.67	284.90	135.49	186.80	204.17	81.58	95.60	88.58	135.62	165.97	139.65
Apr	370.07	257.93	298.03	133.19	291.30		85.83	99.33	67.31	144.75	179.77	149.37
May	372.34	241.70	306.67	166.64	331.70		86.42	96.33	99.21	156.73	184.26	165.33
Jun	376.04	230.28	313.87	203.59	425.19	192.53	83.87	97.25	108.62	180.84	184.74	191.52
Jul	370.97	232.12	325.59	192.81	302.86	170.61	86.66	96.33	115.02	193.18	182.06	206.17
Aug	369.99	238.44	323.56	135.32	225.63		87.07	132.19	115.74	168.81	184.34	207.29
Sep	365.44	249.10		140.64	359.93		92.01	141.57		159.34	177.47	
Oct	362.69	256.20		142.94	389.38		84.79	147.37		154.06	167.88	
Nov	351.86	259.31		154.23	498.85		91.96	165.87		169.46	160.43	
Dec	327.65	264.58		153.77	575.43		106.54	157.18		177.13	163.52	



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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	60.00	71.67	95.00	85.00	Dambulla	67.80	65.40	49.00	37.40	Hambantota	47.50	47.50	47.50	55.00
Dambulla	47.60	65.80	80.00	63.00	Hambantota	62.50	59.00	61.67	51.67	Embilipitiya	40.00	45.71	52.86	70.33
Hambantota	45.00	47.50	57.50	75.00	Embilipitiya	52.40	62.00	55.00	55.00	Moneragala	26.00	15.00	16.00	26.00
Embilipitiya	61.00	66.43	80.83	105.00	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara		55.00	57.50	60.00	A'pura	65.00	70.00	63.33	55.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada					Moneragala	50.00	55.00	45.00	38.33	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	33.33	33.33	33.33	31.67
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	15.50	7.80	15.00	13.00	Embilipitiya	26.43	32.86	32.86	30.71
Welimada					Dambulla	6.90	7.30	10.60	8.70	Hambantota	37.50	27.50	33.75	32.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	17.50	17.50	16.50		<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	41.25	40.00	63.33	40.00	Matara					Moneragala	66.67	76.67	70.00	86.67
Dambulla	34.40	38.40	47.80	38.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	90.00	90.00	90.00	96.67
Hambantota					Dambulla	46.60	63.40	62.80	38.40	Hambantota	95.00	95.00	105.00	90.00
Embilipitiya	88.33	88.33	85.00	85.00	Hambantota	80.00	55.00	55.00	52.50	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	80.00	78.75	81.67	71.67	Moneragala				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara		43.33	43.33	46.67	Embilipitiya	79.00	79.00	84.00	85.00
Dambulla	51.00	45.00	44.20	35.40	A'Pura	62.50	65.00	61.67	52.50	Hambantota	67.50	75.00	75.00	75.00
Hambantota	75.00	65.00	65.00	72.50	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	86.00	86.00	75.00	75.00	Hambantota	55.00	47.50	45.00	45.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara		46.67	46.67	43.33	Embilipitiya	50.40	50.40	50.40	50.40					
A'pura	58.75	38.75	48.33	41.25	Matara		43.33	46.67	43.33					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	43.60	41.00	41.60	38.40	Dambulla	172.00	142.00	125.00	122.00					
Hambantota	110.00	45.00	45.00	65.00	Hambantota		183.33	190.00	190.00					
Embilipitiya	69.17	55.29	55.29	55.29	Embilipitiya	225.00	210.71	141.43	148.86					
Matara		43.33	46.67	43.33	Puttalam	126.00	105.00	108.00	86.00					
A'pura	36.25	34.25	41.67	50.00	A'Pura	232.50	150.00	173.33	112.50					