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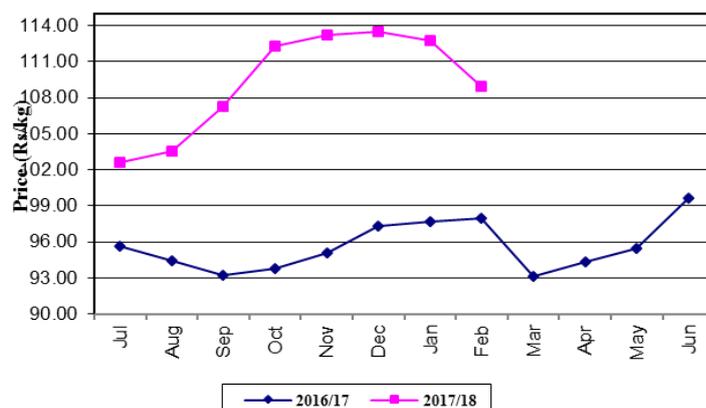
### RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased considerably. Consequently, the highest price decrease of Rs.8.00/kg was reported for nadu grade II and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-85.00/kg. Furthermore, prices of samba grade II and raw white have decreased by Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. In addition, prices of both nadu grade I and raw red have also decreased by Rs.3.00/kg.

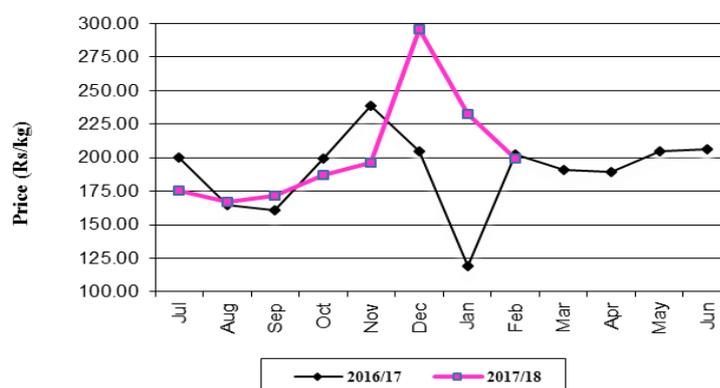
### VEGETABLES:

As the peak phase of *Maha* season for vegetable harvesting is reached, a sharp drop in prices for most of the vegetables was observed due to risen supplies from both up-country and lowcountry areas. Of the up-country varieties, the highest price decrease was reported for beetroot as 50% whereas the highest price drop in domestic vegetables was reported for brinjal as 40%, in the wholesale market. With the continuation of latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season, prices are expected to be at a lower range for most of the vegetables in the coming month.

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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| 2. Narahenpita | 6. Kadawatha    | 10. Nugegoda  |
| 3. Dematagoda  | 7. Kiribathgoda |               |
| 4. Thotalanga  | 8. Wellawatta   |               |

#### Outstation Markets

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|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Nuwara Eliya  | 12. Puttalama       | 23. Batticaloe  |
| 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. Monaragala  |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle           | 31. Ratnapura   |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar          |                 |
| 11. Polonnaruwa  | 22. Trincomalee     |                 |

## 1. Paddy

### Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2017/18 *Maha* season progressed in most of the major producing areas like the Eastern and the North Western provinces. Peak harvesting in mid-March is expected in the North Central province. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent was 814,311ha. The cultivation progress up to end of February is 643,161 ha and it is 79% of the target. Further the report reveals that the expected production is 2.396 million tons and it is a 14% drop compared to a normal *Maha* season. A 12,122 ha crop damage was reported mainly due to the drought and pest and diseases from Kurunegala, Polonnaruwa, Vavuniya and Gampaha districts. Among the major producing areas, the cultivation progress reported from *Mahaweli* Zones, Eastern and Northern provinces is satisfactory.

**Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Maha* 2017/18 As at end of February 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)
Colombo	3,648	3,004	82	8,750	-		8,750
Gampaha	11,500	11,776	102	35,977	1,119	1,047	34,931
Kalutara	13,500	11,092	82	36,042	-		36,042
Galle	15,490	11,143	72	29,784	-		29,784
Matara	16,414	14,316	87	48,620	143	272	48,348
Ratnapura	12,556	10,795	86	35,168	2	1	35,166
Kegalle	9,397	7,387	79	27,185	41	57	27,128
Kurunegala	84,180	41,126	49	164,504	7,630	15,260	149,244
Puttalam	23,318	5,430	23	16,155	51	75	16,079
Kandy	13,343	12,372	93	39,840	17	19	39,821
Matale	23,765	15,949	67	64,948	248	505	64,443
N' Eliya	6,501	4,135	64	8,849	-		8,849
Badulla	21,603	14,678	68	55,998	-		55,998
Monaragala	38,871	32,631	84	121,520	31	58	121,462
Jaffna	11,900	11,540	97	25,496	-		25,496
Kilinochchi	23,900	23,900	100	82,468	-		82,468
Vavuniya	19,810	15,584	79	58,814	1,204	3,385	55,429
Mullaitivu	17,067	16,626	97	51,813	-		51,813
Mannar	21,350	18,361	86	82,396	-		82,396
Anuradhapura	96,384	38,773	40	143,414	-		143,414
Polonnaruwa	34,420	30,188	88	122,841	1,000	2,035	120,807
Trincomalee	42,360	39,207	93	162,677	133	289	162,388
Batticaloa	67,692	67,856	100	164,177	-		164,177
Ampara	75,809	75,377	99	319,985	503	1,069	318,917
Hambantota	28,550	25,456	89	124,584	-		124,584
Udawalawa	11,075	10,468	95	50,717	-		50,717
System H	12,747	13,583	107	61,938	-		61,938
System H1	5,250	8,215	156	37,460	-		37,460
System B	19,817	20,460	103	93,298	-		93,298
System C	23,089	22,761	99	103,790	-		103,790
System G	4,818	4,837	100	22,057	-		22,057
System L	878	1,919	94	8,751	-		8,751
System D	2,047	1,340	106	6,110	-		6,110
Rambakenoya	1,263	878	100	4,004	-		4,004
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>814,312</b>	<b>643,163</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2,420,130</b>	<b>12,122</b>	<b>24,072</b>	<b>2,396,059</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, maha 2016/17, Department of Agriculture

## Producer Prices

Prices of all the paddy varieties have shown a declining trend during the month in all major producing areas mainly due to the arrival of newly harvested paddy to the markets from major producing areas especially from the Eastern province. Rice millers tend to release paddy stocks by expecting new harvest and the availability of imported rice in the markets also caused the price decline. The average prices of long grain white had declined by less than 10 percent in almost all the major producing areas with the highest decline from Polonnaruwa. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.40.00-56.00/kg in major producing areas and the lowest prices were recorded in Kalawewa, Kurunegala and Nikaweratiya. Prices of long grain white ranged between Rs.34.00-46.00/Kg in most of the major producing areas. However, low prices were recorded for newly harvested wet paddy in Ampara, Polonnaruwa and Kalawewa areas. The price difference between well dried paddy and wet paddy was recorded as Rs.5.00/kg. The price range of Rs.30.00-42.00/kg was recorded for the long grain red paddy in producing areas in the Southern province. It is expected that paddy prices will be stable next month mainly due to the commencement of government purchasing programme.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain have decreased in the range of 3%-21% in most of the major producing areas. Meanwhile the prices of long grain white have decreased in the range of 13%-32% with the highest decline from Matara. Prices of raw red have decreased in the 16%-22% in producing areas in the Southern province.

**Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – February 2018**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	40.00-52.00	48.00-55.00	47.29	51.44	43.87	-4.15	-8.06	3.42	7.80
Polonnaruwa	43.00-56.00	44.00-56.00	48.09	53.30	42.58	-5.21	-9.77	5.51	12.95
Kalawewa	40.00-55.00	40.00-60.00	46.48	49.85	45.21	-3.36	-6.75	1.27	2.81
Kurunegala	40.00-42.00	35.00-55.00	40.25	42.50	-	-2.25	-5.29	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	45.00-56.00	47.00-58.00	51.24	53.70	42.17	-2.46	-4.59	9.07	21.50
Nikaweratiya	40.00-45.00	45.00-60.00	41.33	50.47	45.93	-9.13	-18.10	-4.60	-10.01
Ampara	44.00-56.00	42.00-53.00	49.50	46.88	45.20	2.63	5.60	4.30	9.51
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	34.00-42.00	38.00-42.00	38.13	39.90	43.99	-1.77	-4.43	-5.86	-13.31
Polonnaruwa	29.00-42.50	30.00-55.00	35.81	45.95	41.22	-10.14	-22.06	-5.41	-13.12
Kalawewa	30.00-43.00	32.00-50.00	37.32	42.07	43.75	-4.76	-11.30	-6.43	-14.70
Kurunegala	37.00-40.00	35.00-55.00	38.58	43.92	0.00	-5.33	-12.14	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-38.00	-	35.26	35.88	41.17	-0.62	-1.72	-5.91	-14.36
Embilipitiya	-	33.00-55.00	-	-	52.60	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	33.00-40.00	43.00-46.00	36.38	43.17	45.93	-6.79	-15.73	-9.56	-20.80
Matara	43.00-46.00	-	40.00	42.40	59.33	-2.40	-5.66	-19.33	-32.58
Hambantota	-	30.00-46.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	28.00-42.00	-	38.00	37.13	49.30	0.88	2.36	-11.30	-22.92
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	39.00-42.00	39.00-45.00	40.75	42.87	52.50	-2.12	-4.94	-11.75	-22.38
Hambantota	30.00-41.00	42.00-48.00	36.86	43.91	44.88	-7.05	-16.07	-8.02	-17.87
Embilipitiya	38.00-40.00	41.00-46.00	38.79	43.40	46.45	-4.61	-10.62	-7.66	-16.49

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Demand and Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties have further decreased considerably during the month of February. As a result of initiation of paddy harvesting, new rice stocks have reached to the market throughout the month. Accordingly, the highest price decrease was noted for both local nadu grade II and raw white as 17% and respective average prices were Rs.74.00/kg and 71.00/kg. Further, 7% price decrease was reported for raw red followed by samba grade II (6%) and respective average prices were Rs.73.00/kg and 99.00/kg. Price of samba grade I has also decreased by 2% and the price ranged between Rs.104.00-112.00/kg. A total quantity of 54,791mt. worth of Rs.3,642mn. of rice had been imported during the month of February. However, compared to the previous month, imported quantity for this month has decreased by 29%. Prices of most of the imported rice varieties have also decreased slightly during the month. Hence, price of imported raw white has decreased by 1% and average price was Rs.66.00/kg. Price of imported nadu has also decreased by less than 1%. However, price of imported samba has increased by 3% due to increased demand and the price ranged between Rs.77.00-82.00/kg.

Out of the total imports, 17,470mt. comprised of raw white; 13,949mt. of nadu; 12,175mt. of *ponni* samba; 10,722mt. of broken rice and the rest was comprised of basmati. It is noted that, imported nadu quantity was almost half than that of previous month. All imported nadu had been imported from India and a few quantities were imported from Myanmar as well. The average CIF price for nadu was 71.00/kg. Raw white had been mainly imported from Pakistan (55%), Myanmar (24%) and India (20%). A few quantities were also imported from China. The average CIF price for raw white was Rs.63.00/kg. Majority quantities of samba had been imported from India and few quantities were also imported from Myanmar and China. The average CIF price for samba was Rs.75.00/kg. Likewise, the highest broken rice quantity had also been imported from India. A few quantities were imported from Myanmar and the average CIF for broken rice was Rs.52.00/kg. Basmati was mainly imported from Pakistan, India and Thailand. In addition, basmati was also imported from the United Arab Emirates, Australia, Italy and China. The average CIF price for Basmati was Rs.148.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties except samba varieties have decreased in the range of 7%-17%. However, prices of samba varieties have increased in the range of 9%-14%. Meanwhile, prices of all the imported rice varieties, except *ponni* samba have also decreased.

### Retail Prices

Aligning with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased considerably during the month of February. Accordingly, the highest price decrease of Rs.8.00/kg was reported for nadu grade II and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-85.00/kg. Price of samba grade II has also decreased by Rs.6.00/kg and average price was Rs.103.00/kg. Price of local raw white has decreased by Rs.5.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-100.00/kg. Furthermore, prices of both raw red and nadu grade I have decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and respective price ranges were Rs.74.00-85.00/kg and Rs.80.00-95.00/kg. Price of samba grade I has also decreased by Rs.2.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.110.00-120.00/kg. Prices of all imported varieties, except *ponni* samba have also decreased slightly during the month. Consequently, price of imported nadu has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and average price was 81.00/kg. Price of imported raw white has also decreased by less than 1% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-100.00/kg. However, price of *ponni* samba has increased by Rs.1.00/kg and the average price was Rs.89.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.110.00-120.00/kg from Hambantota and Matara markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Puttalam and Hanguranketha markets. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Moneragala and Embilipitiya markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.80.00-85.00/kg from Anuradhapura market. The highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw red was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Hambantota, Embilipitiya and Tissamaharama markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kaluthara, Kegalle and Anuradhapura markets, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Ampara market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the local rice varieties have decreased in the range of 3%-7%. However, prices of all the imported rice varieties, except *ponni* samba have increased in the range of 3%-6%.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – February 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	104.00-112.00	108.20	110.30	94.70	-2.10	-1.90	13.50	14.26
Samba 2	94.00-106.00	98.92	105.47	90.38	-6.55	-6.21	8.53	9.44
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	80.00-85.00	83.75	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	70.00-80.00	74.01	89.53	89.53	-15.52	-17.34	-15.52	-17.34
Raw red	70.00-76.00	72.85	78.66	78.66	-5.81	-7.38	-5.81	-7.38
Raw white	68.00-84.00	70.94	85.30	85.30	-14.36	-16.83	-14.36	-16.83
Imported Samba	77.00-82.00	79.77	77.28	74.72	2.49	3.22	5.04	6.75
Imported Raw White	60.00-72.00	66.02	66.69	71.00	-0.67	-1.01	-4.98	-7.02
Imported Nadu	68.00-73.00	70.98	71.15	70.95	-0.18	-0.25	0.02	0.03
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	110.00-120.00	115.03	116.65	101.11	-1.62	-1.39	13.92	13.77
Samba 2	90.00-110.00	102.88	108.80	94.74	-5.91	-5.44	8.14	8.60
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	80.00-95.00	103.88	107.10	99.95	-3.22	-3.01	3.93	3.93
Nadu 2	70.00-85.00	88.70	96.35	91.64	-7.65	-7.94	-2.94	-3.21
Raw red	74.00-85.00	87.49	90.96	94.37	-3.47	-3.81	-6.88	-7.29
Raw white	80.00-100.00	90.00	95.24	95.56	-5.25	-5.51	-5.56	-5.82
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	95.00-110.00	88.64	87.41	83.83	1.23	1.41	4.81	5.73
Imported Raw White	80.00-100.00	77.10	77.38	79.72	-0.28	-0.36	-2.62	-3.29
Imported Nadu	80.00-100.00	80.68	82.15	78.00	-1.48	-1.80	2.68	3.43

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation

The targeted extent of chilli for *Maha* 2017/18 was 11,803 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that 7,846 ha have been cultivated by the end of February 2018 representing 66% of the targeted extent. Though the highest targeted extent of 3,405 ha was reported from Anuradhapura, the highest cultivated extent of 1,118 ha was reported from Moneragala district. The production forecast of chilli for the season is 41848 mt and out of that 53% of the production will be provided by Anuradhapura (12%), Moneragala (24%) and Puttalam (17%).

**Table 2.1.1: Targets and Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2017/18**

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of February 2018		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3,405	915	27	5,079
Moneragala	1,013	1,118	110	10,124
Puttalam	895	794	89	7,221
Kurunegala	323	245	76	1,240
Ampara	567	353	62	944
Jaffna	560	388	69	1,628
Badulla	454	533	117	1,689
Hambantota	294	301	102	1,035
Other areas	4,292	3,199	75	12,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,803</b>	<b>7,846</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>41,848</b>

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Producer prices of green chilli ranged between Rs.38.00-125.00/kg during this month in Dambulla, Hambantota, Embilipitiya, Puttalam and Anuradhapura areas. Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has increased during this month and both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.56.00/kg and Rs.103.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.61.04/kg and Rs.192.21/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 65% and 44% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 3,866 mt of dried chilli was imported from India in February 2018 and it was a decrease of 379 mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.194.47/kg and it was an increase of Rs.21.19/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.15.00/kg and Rs.8.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.227.47/kg and Rs.271.41/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about 16%, while the retail price has decreased by about 4%.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli February 2018**

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	30.00-100.00	61.04	117.33	172.50	-56.29	-47.98	-111.46	-64.61
Dried Chilli	220.00-230.00	227.47	212.09	196.56	15.38	7.25	30.90	15.72
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	80.00-300.00	192.21	295.40	342.89	-103.20	-34.93	-150.68	-43.95
Dried Chilli	240.00-300.00	271.41	263.76	283.58	7.65	2.90	-12.17	-4.29

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli  
September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
February	3,866	755.77	195.47	271.41	75.94
January	4,245	739.90	174.28	263.76	89.48
December	4,729	838.96	177.40	264.58	87.18
November	4,085	661.69	161.97	259.31	97.33
October	4,686	744.14	158.79	256.20	97.41
September	3,376	517.91	153.42	249.10	95.69

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

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

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	55.00	88.80	57.00	48.00
Hambantota	125.00	85.00	147.50	125.00
Embilipitiya	92.86	109.29	106.43	114.29
Puttalam	46.00	98.00	38.00	38.00
A'Pura	38.75	71.25	81.00	65.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

### Crop situation

About 296 ha of big onion was targeted for this *Maha* season in Sri Lanka. The targeted cultivated extent of 21 ha was reported from Mannar. At the end of this month, only 68 ha of big onion were cultivated in Sri Lanka representing 23% of the targeted extent.

**Table 2.2.1: Targets and Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2017/18**

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of February 2018		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	1,900	1,384	73	15,846
Puttalam	410	663	162	13,860
Trincomalee	753	17	2	176
Other areas	716	300	42	3,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>33,146</b>

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

The cultivated extent of red onion for *Maha* 2017/18 season as at the end of February 2018 was 2,364 ha in the country and it represents 63% of the target. A good progress has been achieved for red onion cultivation in Puttalam district and it exceeded the targeted extent (162%). In Jaffna district about 1,384 ha have been cultivated at the end of February 2018, which represent 73% of the targeted extent. The production forecast of red onion for this season is 33,146 mt and out of that, 90% of the production will arrive the market from Jaffna (48%) and Puttalam (42%).

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 21,143 mt of big onion was imported from India (16,375 mt-77%), Pakistan (3,813 mt – 18%), Netherland (812 mt – 4%) and other countries (143 mt-1%) during this month. It was a decrease of 1,189 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.90.07/kg and it has also decreased by Rs.41.30/kg compared to that of the previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.35.00/kg and

Rs.24.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market and decreased imported price. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale price of imported big onion has decreased by about 10% while the retail price has increased by about 23%.

Local red onion stocks were not available at the market during this month. About 1,925 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and compared to the previous month it has decreased by about 306 mt. Average CIF price was Rs.90.07/kg for imported red onion it has decreased by Rs.49.10/kg compared to the previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.70.00/kg and Rs.115.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about 20% and 57% respectively.

**Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion  
February 2018**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	100.00-120.00	110.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	-	106.97	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	110.00-200.00	127.65	197.73	106.50	-70.07	-35.44	21.15	19.86
Big Onion (imported)	45.00-85.00	64.13	99.51	70.88	-35.38	-35.55	-6.75	-9.53
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	515.82	197.00	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	160.00-300.00	230.40	345.42	146.33	-115.02	-33.30	84.07	57.45
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-150.00	118.86	143.32	96.57	-24.46	-17.07	22.29	23.08
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	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Feb, 2018	69.32	64.13	118.86	-5.19	54.73
	Jan, 2018	110.62	99.51	143.32	-11.11	43.81
	Feb, 2017	28.27	70.88	96.57	42.61	25.69
Red onion	Feb, 2018	90.07	127.65	230.40	37.59	102.74
	Jan, 2018	139.17	197.73	345.42	58.55	147.69
	Feb, 2017	72.56	106.50	146.33	33.94	39.83

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 (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018
Red Onion	1,925	2,231	173.4	310.4	90.07	139.17
Big Onion	21,143	22,332	1,465.7	2,470.3	69.32	110.62

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion  
September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
February	21,143	69.32	64.13	118.86	49.54
January	22,332	110.62	99.51	143.32	32.71
December	24,332	122.56	117.60	157.18	34.63
November	22,326	97.87	126.35	165.87	68.00
October	6,131	90.13	111.19	147.22	57.10
September	14,120	65.16	100.66	141.57	76.42

Source: Department of Customs

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2017/18 is 3,343 ha and about 2,359 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 71% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is at a low level. During this month about 478 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 40,906 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,296 ha and about 1,062 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (82% progress). During this month, about 333 ha of potatoes have been cultivated in the district. Cultivation progress in January and February months were high in Nuwara Eliya district due to favourable weather condition. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,846 ha in the Badulla district and 1,180 ha have been cultivated by the end of February achieving 64% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at low level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the district. During this month about 145 ha of potato was cultivated in the district. *Yala* harvesting for Welimada potato will commence in April in the Badulla district.

**Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (Maha 2017/18)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18		
N'Eliya	1,248	1,296	1,009	1,062	82	21,463
Badulla	1,712	1,846	1,586	1,180	64	18,335
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>40,906</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2017/18, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

\*Crop Forecast, Maha 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 22,146 mt of potato had been imported in February which was 295 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. During this month the Special Commodity Levy for remained unchanged at Rs.1.00/kg. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan and India. About 58% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month, followed

by India (39%). Compared to February, 2017 (11,700 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.28.00/kg in February.

With regard to local potato, only stocks of Nuwara Eliya potato were available in the Colombo Wholesale market. The stocks of Welimada potato were not available in the market due to end of the harvesting period. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have decreased by 21% and 10% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.82.00/kg in February. The wholesale price of imported potato has not changed significantly while the retail price has decreased by 10% due to availability of sufficient stocks. During the month of February, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.80.00-120.00/kg and Rs.35.00-60.00/kg respectively. Stocks of low quality potato imported from Pakistan fetched a low price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (17%) and imported (31%) potatoes have decreased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes  
September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
February	22,146	626.59	28.29	80.36	52.07
January	21,851	673.70	30.83	88.25	57.41
December	17,902	700.18	39.11	95.56	56.45
November	13,330	522.87	39.22	106.07	66.84
October	6,753	253.88	37.59	114.63	77.03
September	9,322	406.69	43.63	117.72	74.09

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	58.00-88.00	76.31	89.85	92.95	-13.54	-17.74	-16.64	-21.80
Nuwara Eliya	62.00-98.00	82.15	98.40	101.05	-16.25	-19.78	-18.90	-23.01
Imported – CIF	26.53-43.89	28.29	30.83	23.13	-2.54	-8.97	5.16	18.25
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	80.00-120.00	94.38	114.17	123.76	-19.79	-20.97	-29.39	-31.14
Imported	35.00-60.00	44.46	44.20	76.16	0.26	0.59	-31.70	-71.30
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-180.00	149.12	163.50	174.64	-14.38	-9.64	-25.52	-17.12
Imported	60.00-100.00	80.36	88.25	105.61	-7.88	-9.81	-25.25	-31.42
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	66.97	65.10	73.59	1.87	2.79	-6.62	-9.89
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	52.07	57.41	82.48	-5.35	-10.27	-30.41	-58.41
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	54.74	49.33	50.88	5.41	9.89	3.87	7.06
Imported	-	35.90	44.05	29.45	-8.15	-22.69	6.45	17.96

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

According to the latest Crop Forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture in mid-March, 61% of the targeted green gram cultivation extent has been achieved by February 2018. Thus, the green gram cultivation extent has added 6,957 ha by this month. Interestingly, it was observed that around 7% of the total cultivation extent, which is equivalent to 464 ha, have been affected by the drought. Of the drought affected area, around 431 ha of land extent is in Kurunegala district. Compared to the green gram cultivation extent in the previous *Maha* season (i.e., 2016/17 *Maha* season), the current cultivation extent has increased by 71%. It is an increase of 2,896 ha. The highest cultivation extent of green gram is observed in Hambantota district (2,582 ha; 37%), followed by Monaragala (1,049 ha; 15%) and Anuradhapura (554 ha; 8%) districts. Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 8,573 MT. This is an increase of 3,677 MT (75%) compared to the production during the previous *Maha* season.

The total cultivation extent of cowpea is recorded as 6,663 ha by February 2018. It is a 65% achievement from the targeted cultivation extent during this *Maha* season, which is 10,280 ha. Compared to the cowpea cultivation extent in the previous *Maha* season, the cultivation extent in this season has increased by 67%. Only a limited area (20 ha; <1%) has been affected by the drought. Of the targeted cultivation extent, the highest is targeted in Ampara district, followed by Monaragala district. Meanwhile, the highest cultivation extents are seen in the same districts. Cowpea has been cultivated approximately in 2,971 ha in Ampara and 1,071 ha in Anuradhapura districts. These two districts represent 45% and 16% of the total cowpea cultivation extent, respectively. The total cowpea production anticipated during this *Maha* season is 10,359 MT, and it is an increase of 110% compared to the cowpea production in the previous *Maha* season. The highest production is anticipated as 6,630 MT from Ampara district, which may comprise 64% of the total expected production. The second highest production is expected as 1,059 MT from Monaragala district, followed by 427 MT from Vavuniya district.

**Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea  
(Maha 2017/18)**

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>maha</i> 2017/18	Expected production <i>maha</i> 2017/18 (Mt)
		<i>*maha</i> 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18	<i>*maha</i> 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18		
Green gram	Hambantota	2,016	4,041	1,890	2,582	64	NA**
	Kurunegala	605	615	481	457	74	NA**
	Moneragala	1,440	2,061	463	1,049	51	NA**
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>9,006</b>	<b>11,450</b>	<b>5,405</b>	<b>6,957</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>8,573</b>
Cowpea	Ampara	4,271	4,306	2,262	2,971	69	6,630
	Moneragala	1,356	1,248	581	1,071	86	1,059
	Anuradhapura	659	716	564	301	42	311
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>10,280</b>	<b>5,799</b>	<b>6,663</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>10,359</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, *maha*, 2017/18, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

\*Crop Forecast, *maha*, 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning

\*\*Not available

## Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.190.00/kg and Rs.200.00 with an average of Rs.196.00/kg in February. The average price has reduced by 1% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 7%. In the meantime, retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.240.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has decreased by 1%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price this month is noted as an increment of 1%.

A total of 1,763 MT of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is a decrease of 9% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of green gram was Rs.126.00/kg, which is a reduction of Rs.2.00/kg compared to the average CIF price noted in the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation was recorded as Rs.222 million, a value lowered by 11% compared to the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Of the total imports this month, the highest quantity has been imported from Australia (39%), followed by Uzbekistan (26%), Myanmar (11%) and Thailand (10%). Quantities imported from South Africa and Argentina account for 7% each from the total imports.

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.229.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg, respectively in February. The price range of white cowpea ranged between Rs.225.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has increased by 2%, whilst, the price of red cowpea has decreased by 4%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 10% and 6%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.290.00/kg and Rs.299.00/kg, respectively. Retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, prices of both cowpea types have decreased by 1%. Interestingly, compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 5% and 7%, respectively.

Of the two types of cowpea, a total of 618 MT of white cowpea have been imported during this month. It is an increase of 208 MT compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.136.00/kg, which is an increase of Rs.3.00/kg from that of the previous month. Due to the increased imports and average CIF price, the total expenditure on white cowpea importation has increased by 54% compared to the previous month. Accordingly, the total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.84 million. Of the total cowpea imports, the highest was imported from Myanmar (66%), followed by Portugal (12%), Madagascar (12%), and India (8%). The least quantity was imported from China, which was recorded as 2% of the total importation.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram  
September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
February	1,763	221.54	125.68	240.22	114.54
January	1,943	248.86	128.10	243.03	114.93
December	819	108.05	132.01	243.19	111.18
November	1,371	188.04	137.16	243.26	106.10
October	931	131.17	140.93	245.00	104.07
September	1,509	219.74	145.64	248.72	103.08

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea  
September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
February	618	84.23	136.29	289.74	153.45
January	410	54.68	133.34	293.48	160.14
December	214	30.61	143.33	290.26	146.93
November	901	123.12	136.63	297.63	161.00
October	910	119.96	131.84	301.20	169.36
September	887	119.07	134.31	304.57	170.27

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	190.00-200.00	196.23	197.52	210.66	-1.29	-0.65	-14.43	-6.85
Cowpea (White)	225.00-240.00	229.40	224.73	253.81	4.67	2.08	-24.41	-9.62
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	239.75	250.98	254.96	-11.23	-4.47	-15.21	-5.97
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	210.00-280.00	240.22	243.03	237.78	-2.81	-1.16	2.44	1.03
Cowpea (White)	240.00-340.00	289.74	293.48	275.03	-3.74	-1.27	14.71	5.35
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-340.00	298.50	300.16	279.67	-1.66	-0.55	18.83	6.73

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	Feb, 2018	125.68	196.23	240.22	70.55	43.99
	Jan, 2018	128.10	197.52	243.03	69.42	45.51
	Feb, 2017	143.53	210.66	237.78	67.13	27.12
Cowpea (White)	Feb, 2018	136.29	229.40	289.74	93.11	60.34
	Jan, 2018	133.34	224.73	293.48	91.39	68.75
	Feb, 2017	123.74	253.81	275.03	130.07	21.22
Cowpea (Red)	Feb, 2018	-	239.75	298.50	-	58.75
	Jan, 2018	-	250.98	300.16	-	49.18
	Feb, 2017	-	254.96	279.67	-	24.71

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

## 2.5 Red dhal

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.103.00/kg and Rs.109.00/kg with an average of Rs.106.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.130.00/kg with an average of Rs.128.00/kg. Moreover, both prices have decreased during this week; wholesale price has decreased by 4%, whilst retail price has decreased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 26% and 23%, respectively.

During this month, a total of 11,855 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.85.00/kg. The average CIF price this month has been increased by Rs.2.00/kg compared to that in the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the majority (i.e., 10,084 MT) consisted of

the whole type, while the rest (i.e., 1,772 MT) consisted of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, around 57% has been imported from Canada, and the rest (43%) has been imported from Australia. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs.802 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.80.00 per kilo. Of the split type red dhal, the majority has been imported from Canada (55%), followed by India (38%), and Australia (6%). The average CIF price was noted as Rs.114.00 per kilo; accordingly, the total value of the imports was Rs.203 million

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	103.00-109.00	105.93	110.19	142.65	-4.26	-3.87	-36.72	-25.74
Retail Price	120.00-130.00	127.82	129.37	165.23	-1.55	-1.20	-37.41	-22.64

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal  
September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
February	11,855	84.76	105.93	127.82	21.16	21.90
January	13,774	82.46	110.19	129.37	27.72	19.19
December	10,080	90.40	113.05	136.54	22.65	23.49
November	16,361	92.07	118.63	151.23	26.55	32.60
October	12,658	92.79	132.17	156.42	39.38	24.25
September	12,562	101.54	132.93	156.79	31.39	23.85

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

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

Commencement of the *Maha* cultivation season was almost completed in most of the upcountry as well as lowcountry districts by the end of February. However, districts which had shown a cultivation progress of less than 50% by the end of last month, such as Puttalam, Kandy, Kurunegala and Matale had remained so due to delayed commencement of the season due to delayed monsoonal rains. In the meantime, reaching the peak *Maha* harvesting season was observed in both up and lowcountry areas.

Regarding cultivation progress of the present *Maha* season, the most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts had reported 89% and 103% cultivation progress, of its seasonal target, for upcountry varieties by the end of February. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress of upcountry varieties reported in Matale, Kandy and Puttalam districts were comparatively low, reaching the values of 49%, 49% and 16% respectively, by the end of February 2017. In addition, cultivation progress had been improved for upcountry varieties in Jaffna district from its last month's figure, up to 72% by the end of February.

Meanwhile, as the season advances, cultivation progress in most of the lowcountry districts had improved from its last month's value. Monaragala and Hambantota districts had reported 146% and 98% cultivation progress of its seasonal targets respectively, for lowcountry vegetables by the end of February. However, Anuradhapura, the most significant district for lowcountry varieties, recorded only 66% cultivation progress at the end of February due to delay in onset of the north eastern monsoon. Meantime Puttalam, Matale and Kurunegala districts had recorded 106%, 74%

and 64% cultivation progress respectively, for lowcountry varieties, from its corresponding seasonal targets. Yet, lowest cultivation progress for lowcountry vegetables was also noted in Kurunegala district, with the value of 64%.

### **Prices and supply/Demand situation**

As the peak phase of *Maha* season for vegetable harvesting reached, supplies had increased at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre by 5%, compared to last month, with the reported daily arrival of 2,050 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties had decreased compared to previous month, due to further increasing trend in market supplies during the peak phase of the *Maha* harvesting season. The highest price decrease was reported for beetroot as 50% due growing supplies from upcountry areas such as Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts. Its wholesale prices ranged between Rs.25.00-85.00/kg in February. Next, price of cabbage, radish and knolkhol had dropped by around 33% - 38%. Further, a less than 21% price decrease was observed for the rest of the upcountry vegetable varieties in February due to high supplies from major upcountry producing districts - Nuwara Eliya and Badulla.

Meanwhile, price of tomato had further decreased, by 22% compared to last month, due to increasing supplies received at the market from both upcountry (Nuwara Eliya and Badulla) and lowcountry (Hambantota and Puttalam) major producing areas. Further, continuous high supplies of lowcountry variety throughout the month has had a considerable effect on overall price decrease of the vegetable in the wholesale market. Price of capsicum also followed the same trend, due to continuous high supplies from upcountry areas, recording a margin of 33% price decrease. Its wholesale price range also dropped to Rs.60.00 - 190.00/kg in February, from the last month's figure of Rs.140.00 - 280.00/kg.

Supply of all the domestic vegetables had also started to increase with the approaching of the peak phase of the *Maha* harvesting season in lowcountry areas. As a result, prices of most of the domestic varieties fell in comparison to its prices recorded last month, with a noticeable price decreases reported in brinjal, bitter gourd and snake gourd.

The highest prices decreases were recorded for brinjal as 40% followed by bitter gourd a 27% and snake gourd as 22%, compared to last month due reaching of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Monaragala, Puttalam and Hambantota. The reported price ranges of the vegetables which marked the highest price decreases were 30.00 - 100.00/kg, 60.00 - 140.00/kg and 50.00 - 80.00/kg, respectively. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties, except pumpkin, cucumber and long beans had decreased less than 17%. With the peak supply of long beans, prices dropped up to Rs.56.50/kg in January. As a result of ending the peak phase of supply, low stocks received at the market and thereby prices increased by 12% for long beans in February. Same trend was observed for pumpkin as prices increased by 19% this month compared to last month's figure.

With the continuation of latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season, prices are expected to be at a lower range for most of the vegetables in the coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chilies had further decreased by 48%, due to reaching of high supplies to the market from Anuradhapura and Jaffna.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also decreased in February. The highest price decrease was reported for beetroot as 32%. However, prices of most

of the vegetables had increased compared to the same period of the last year, in the retail market, with the highest value recorded for leeks as 140%.

**Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – February 2018**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	70.00-200.00	133.75	158.50	136.25	-24.75	-15.62	-2.50	-1.83
Carrot	50.00-100.00	71.25	80.42	41.67	-9.17	-11.40	29.58	70.99
Leeks	90.00-200.00	130.00	165.67	23.75	-35.67	-21.53	106.25	447.37
Beetroot	25.00-85.00	53.63	106.52	47.53	-52.89	-49.65	6.10	12.83
Knolkhol	30.00-80.00	54.27	80.76	52.71	-26.49	-32.80	1.56	2.96
Radish	10.00-35.00	21.35	34.25	24.24	-12.90	-37.65	-2.89	-11.91
Cabbage	15.00-40.00	28.07	45.48	14.76	-17.41	-38.28	13.31	90.19
Tomato	20.00-50.00	37.60	48.00	38.96	-10.40	-21.66	-1.36	-3.48
Ladies Fingers	60.00-90.00	77.24	80.00	93.13	-2.76	-3.45	-15.89	-17.06
Brinjal	30.00-100.00	59.21	99.33	47.38	-40.12	-40.39	11.83	24.97
Capsicum	60.00-190.00	127.68	190.68	155.00	-63.00	-33.04	-27.32	-17.63
Pumpkin	35.00-60.00	45.73	38.42	47.94	7.31	19.03	-2.21	-4.61
Cucumber	30.00-70.00	52.29	50.25	89.37	2.04	4.06	-37.08	-41.49
Bittergourd	60.00-140.00	103.29	141.05	110.74	-37.77	-26.77	-7.45	-6.73
Snakegourd	50.00-80.00	61.25	78.67	70.83	-17.42	-22.14	-9.58	-13.53
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	80.00-130.00	100.45	121.33	155.00	-20.88	-17.21	-54.55	-35.19
Long Beans	40.00-100.00	63.35	56.50	73.54	6.85	12.12	-10.19	-13.86
Ash Plantain	60.00-90.00	77.50	80.67	57.56	-3.17	-3.93	19.94	34.64
Green Chilli	30.00-100.00	61.04	117.33	172.50	-56.29	-47.98	-111.46	-64.61
Lime	20.00-40.00	30.31	28.50	80.42	1.81	6.36	-50.11	-62.31

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – February 2018**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-280.00	199.11	232.39	202.28	-33.28	-14.32	-3.17	-1.57
Carrot	100.00-240.00	155.30	171.24	107.24	-15.93	-9.31	48.06	44.82
Leeks	140.00-280.00	216.56	243.52	90.40	-26.96	-11.07	126.16	139.56
Beetroot	70.00-240.00	128.35	189.27	110.03	-60.91	-32.18	18.32	16.65
Knolkhol	80.00-240.00	150.88	177.59	148.98	-26.71	-15.04	1.90	1.28
Radish	50.00-160.00	100.76	121.48	93.32	-20.72	-17.06	7.44	7.97
Cabbage	60.00-160.00	111.60	134.35	76.60	-22.75	-16.94	35.00	45.69
Tomato	50.00-120.00	93.34	116.59	93.36	-23.26	-19.95	-0.02	-0.03
Ladies Fingers	100.00-160.00	139.24	157.02	156.44	-17.78	-11.33	-17.20	-11.00
Brinjal	80.00-200.00	132.67	186.64	106.23	-53.97	-28.92	26.44	24.89
Capsicum	140.00-300.00	230.78	311.32	247.73	-80.54	-25.87	-16.95	-6.84
Pumpkin	70.00-160.00	114.34	110.67	107.27	3.67	3.32	7.07	6.59
Cucumber	80.00-160.00	120.20	121.37	160.07	-1.17	-0.96	-39.87	-24.91
Bittergourd	100.00-280.00	179.47	221.28	189.49	-41.80	-18.89	-10.02	-5.29
Snakegourd	80.00-200.00	134.37	168.59	132.54	-34.22	-20.30	1.83	1.38
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	120.00-280.00	179.39	203.10	237.96	-23.71	-11.67	-58.57	-24.61
Long Beans	100.00-240.00	144.57	155.75	143.50	-11.18	-7.18	1.07	0.75
Ash Plantain	100.00-200.00	140.00	148.76	125.03	-8.76	-5.89	14.97	11.97
Green Chilli	80.00-300.00	192.21	295.40	342.89	-103.20	-34.93	-150.68	-43.95
Lime	20.00-200.00	120.99	133.72	235.47	-12.73	-9.52	-114.48	-48.62

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 4. Fruits

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in February compared to the prices in January. Prices of all the banana varieties except Ambun had decreased in the range of 1%-18%. Further, prices of Seeni, Ambul and Kolikuttu had decreased by 11%, 16% and 18% respectively and the price ranges recorded for them during the month were Rs.60.00-90.00/kg, Rs.50.00-90.00/kg and Rs.80.00-150.00/kg respectively. Price of Anamalu had decreased by 1% and price ranged between Rs.12.00-16.00/fruit. Prices of small and large sized pineapple had decreased by 4% and 3% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small and large sized fruits were Rs.96.30/fruit and Rs.178.72/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-200.00/fruit.

Further, price of papaw had decreased by 13% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.63.67/kg and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-80.00/kg. In addition, prices of orange, slime apple, wood apple and imported grapes had decreased by 20%, 15%, 6% and 2% respectively.

However, increased prices were observed for mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Betti and the prices had increased by 63% and 81% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.125.00-160.00. In addition, increased prices were observed for passion fruit and avocado and prices had increased by 61% and 19% respectively. Prices of banana variety Ambun and medium sized pineapple also had increased by 1% and 2% respectively.

According to the data in previous years, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun, papaw, passion fruit, pineapple, wood apple and slime apple could increase in the coming month. However, decreased prices could be expected for banana varieties, Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni, mango, orange and avocado in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for wood apple as 62%.

In line with the wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased at the retail level too. Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 7%-20%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.80.00-140.00/kg, Rs.150.00-240.00/kg and Rs.100.00-140.00/kg respectively. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.16.00-28.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Price of small sized pineapple had decreased by 2% and price ranged between Rs.100.00-160.00/fruit. In addition, price of papaw had decreased by 10% and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-150.00/kg. Further, prices of slime apple and orange had decreased by 21% and 14% respectively.

However, prices of medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 2% and 3% respectively and the price ranged between Rs.150.00-300.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had increased by 14% and 7% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.120.00-200.00/fruit and Rs.40.00-75.00/fruit respectively. In addition, prices of passion fruit, avocado, wood apple and imported grapes had increased by 49%, 20%, 2%, and 1% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for orange as 37%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the prices in January, 2018. The prices had decreased by 26% for Ambul and papaw and by 22% for Kolikuttu. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.26.00-53.33/kg, Rs.65.00-118.33/kg and Rs.32.50 - 47.50/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to February, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Kolikuttu by 39%, Ambul by 31% and for papaw by 20% (Table 4.3).

### Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 411.9mt of fresh fruits in February, 2018 to the value of Rs.83.1mn. Of the exported quantity, 73% were papaw, 21% were fresh pineapple and 6% were fresh mangoes. In addition, a small quantity of fresh avocados (0.12mt) also had been exported. In the month of January, 2018, the quantity exported was 535.9mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 23%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,790mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.659mn. Of the imported quantity, 62% were apple, 23% were grapes and 15% were oranges. The importing countries of apple were China, the United States, France, South Africa and Italy. Grapes had been imported from India, South Africa, Australia and Lebanon while, Egypt and Spain were the importing countries of oranges. In the month of January, 2018, the quantity imported was 3,659mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 4%.

**Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – February 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-90.00	68.30	81.50	81.31	-13.20	-16.19	-13.01	-16.00
Kolikuttu (Kg)	80.00-150.00	121.97	148.50	147.88	-26.53	-17.87	-25.91	-17.52
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-90.00	75.46	85.30	81.83	-9.84	-11.54	-6.37	-7.78
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-16.00	13.88	13.97	11.10	-0.08	-0.59	2.78	25.08
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	17.53	17.40	16.47	0.13	0.78	1.06	6.47
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	160.00-200.00	178.72	185.01	248.50	-6.29	-3.40	-69.78	-28.08
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-160.00	138.20	135.45	195.83	2.75	2.03	-57.63	-29.43
Small (Fruit)	70.00-130.00	96.30	100.41	143.25	-4.11	-4.09	-46.95	-32.77
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	46.00-53.00	49.50	27.33	16.05	22.17	81.10	33.45	208.41
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	125.00-160.00	145.91	89.38	59.50	56.52	63.24	86.41	145.23
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	34.34	-	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	12.85	-	-	-	-
<b>Papaw (Kg)</b>	50.00-80.00	63.67	73.27	97.95	-9.60	-13.10	-34.28	-35.00
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	13.00-25.00	18.26	11.33	16.39	6.92	61.07	1.87	11.38
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	13.00-20.00	14.69	15.70	39.14	-1.01	-6.41	-24.45	-62.47
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	15.00-30.00	20.20	25.15	31.28	-4.95	-19.68	-11.08	-35.42
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	90.00-120.00	102.35	86.25	60.27	16.10	18.67	42.08	69.83
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	20.00-35.00	26.54	31.27	51.43	-4.74	-15.14	-24.89	-48.40
<b>Grapes Imported (Kg)</b>	450.00-680.00	558.19	571.53	548.10	-13.34	-2.33	10.09	1.84

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - February 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-140.00	115.06	131.91	145.49	-16.85	-12.77	-30.43	-20.92
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-240.00	195.44	218.52	234.10	-23.08	-10.56	-38.66	-16.51
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-140.00	122.29	131.35	125.35	-9.06	-6.90	-3.06	-2.44
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-28.00	20.43	25.69	23.95	-5.27	-20.50	-3.52	-14.71
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	24.10	28.35	25.04	-4.24	-14.97	-0.94	-3.74
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	220.00-300.00	265.73	257.56	321.30	8.18	3.18	-55.57	-17.29
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-240.00	190.19	187.27	259.78	2.92	1.56	-69.59	-26.79
Small (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	127.98	130.83	193.13	-2.86	-2.18	-65.15	-33.74
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	42.00	30.56	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	120.00-200.00	175.81	154.44	68.12	21.37	13.84	107.69	158.09
Vilad (Fruit)	40.00-75.00	62.83	58.57	51.50	4.26	7.28	11.33	22.01
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Papaw (Kg)</b>	70.00-150.00	104.86	117.15	139.16	-12.29	-10.49	-34.30	-24.65
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	15.00-40.00	30.38	20.40	31.23	9.98	48.95	-0.85	-2.71
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	25.00-70.00	50.27	49.32	65.25	0.95	1.92	-14.98	-22.96
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	20.00-50.00	36.56	42.48	58.20	-5.92	-13.94	-21.64	-37.19
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	120.00-250.00	173.75	144.15	112.41	29.60	20.54	61.34	54.57
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	30.00-100.00	64.15	81.14	68.82	-16.99	-20.94	-4.67	-6.79
<b>Grapes Imported (Kg)</b>	600.00-1000.00	804.61	800.10	821.08	4.51	0.56	-16.47	-2.01

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – February 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	26.00-53.33	39.58	53.53	57.81	-13.95	-26.06	-18.23	-31.54
Kolikuttu	65.00-118.33	86.53	111.44	142.71	-24.92	-22.36	-56.18	-39.37
Papaw	32.50-47.50	41.77	56.43	52.04	-14.66	-25.98	-10.27	-19.73
Pineapple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits  
December 2017 to February 2018**

Type of Fruit	February			January			December		
	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	85.29	40.01	469.12	78.51	40.66	517.87	99.29	51.64	520.06
Papaw	302.76	33.79	111.60	432.05	38.13	88.25	374.72	36.13	96.42
Fresh Mango	23.76	9.22	387.93	25.15	14.86	590.77	27.63	12.95	468.91
Avocado, fresh	0.12	0.05	411.54	0.10	0.02	217.77	-	-	-
Orange, fresh	-	-	-	0.10	0.05	541.33	-	-	-

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits  
December 2017 to February 2018**

Type of Fruit	February			January			December		
	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	2,364	334.68	141.57	2,510	333.78	132.98	2,443	313.09	128.14
Grapes	862	271.59	314.98	508	163.74	322.52	610	214.23	351.45
Oranges	564	52.69	93.48	641	65.01	101.46	274	36.58	133.44
Mandarin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*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 fish types ranged between Rs.125.00/kg and Rs.1,133.00/kg in February. Wholesale prices of all fish types except Hurulla have decreased during this month. Abundant supplies of Shrimp, Salaya, and Kelawalla from Negombo were prevalent in markets. Thus, the highest price decrement was observed as 13% in Shrimp, followed by 10% in both Salaya and Mora. Moreover, price of Kelawalla has increased by 8%. Prices of both Thora and Paraw have increased by 6%. The least price decrement was observed as 2% in both Balaya and Thalapath; especially, Balaya was less available at the markets compared to other fish types. Price of only Hurulla has increased by 3% compared to the previous month, because of its scarcity in the market. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most fish types have increased. The highest price increment was observed as 15% in Kelawalla, followed by 14% in Balaya and 13% in Thalapath. Price of Shrimp, Paraw, and Thora have increased by 10%, 7%, and 6%, respectively. Meanwhile, price decrements were observed in Hurulla and Salaya. Price of Hurulla has decreased by 12%, and that of Salaya has decreased by 10%. Especially, price of Mora has not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.189.00/kg and Rs.1,461.00/kg this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.130.00 and Rs.2,000.00 to purchase a kilo of any fish type. Compared to the previous month, retail price increments as well as decrements are noted for selected fish. Of price decreased fish types, the highest price decrement was noted as 8% in Shrimp. Prices of both Mora and Thora have decreased by 2%, and price of Salaya has decreased by 1%. Of price increased fish types, the highest price increment was observed as 11% in Balaya, followed by 3% in Hurulla. In addition, prices of both Paraw and Kelawalla have increased by 1%. Interestingly, price of Thalapath has not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fish types except Hurulla and Salaya have increased by 6%-20%. The highest price increment was observed in Mora, followed by Shrimp (17%), Thalapath (17%), and Balaya (14%). Prices of Kelawalla, Thora, and Paraw have increased by 7% or less. Price decrements were only shown for Hurulla and Salaya as 10% and 3%, respectively.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - February 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	100.00-160.00	124.88	139.43	139.50	-14.55	-10.44	-14.62	-10.48
Hurulla	250.00-350.00	301.98	293.68	343.45	8.30	2.83	-41.47	-12.08
Balaya	200.00-350.00	293.57	300.46	257.95	-6.89	-2.29	35.62	13.81
Kelawalla	350.00-650.00	538.94	583.42	468.13	-44.48	-7.62	70.81	15.13
Thora	900.00-1400.00	1132.50	1210.67	1067.50	-78.17	-6.46	65.00	6.09
Paraw	400.00-750.00	577.92	615.15	538.75	-37.23	-6.05	39.17	7.27
Mora	350.00-600.00	509.92	568.14	510.17	-58.23	-10.25	-0.25	-0.05
Shrimp (small)	600.00-1000.00	838.04	960.33	759.88	-122.30	-12.73	78.16	10.29
Thalapath	600.00-900.00	740.28	752.80	653.03	-12.52	-1.66	87.25	13.36
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	130.00-300.00	189.02	191.54	194.00	-2.52	-1.32	-4.98	-2.57
Hurulla	300.00-600.00	398.68	386.08	441.13	12.60	3.26	-42.45	-9.62
Balaya	260.00-900.00	537.05	481.86	471.44	55.19	11.45	65.61	13.92
Kelawalla	450.00-1200.00	842.27	837.53	783.96	4.74	0.57	58.31	7.44
Thora	1100.00-2000.00	1460.72	1488.60	1361.50	-27.88	-1.87	99.22	7.29
Paraw	550.00-1200.00	924.73	915.47	875.00	9.26	1.01	49.73	5.68
Mora	500.00-1100.00	806.69	826.77	670.23	-20.08	-2.43	136.46	20.36
Shrimp (small)	700.00-1300.00	1068.60	1160.17	913.34	-91.58	-7.89	155.26	17.00
Thalapath	700.00-1400.00	1075.55	1076.84	921.55	-1.29	-0.12	154.00	16.71

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.286.00/kg and Rs.1,044.00/kg during February. It was observed that prices of certain dried fish types have increased, whilst in some others, prices have decreased. At the same time, prices of a few dried fish types have not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrement was reported as 8% for local Salaya, Sprats, imported Balaya and Thora. Especially, local Salaya was highly available at markets. Prices of both imported Kattawa and Mora have decreased by 1%. Of price increased dried fish types, local Kattawa, Balaya, and imported Sprats have shown price increments of 4%. Prices of local and imported Anguluwa and local Maduwa have increased by 1%. Prices of local Thora, Mora, and imported Maduwa have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have decreased by 1%-16%. Higher price decrements were observed as 16% and 15% for local and imported Balaya, respectively. All other price decreased dried fish types such as local and imported Maduwa, Thora, and imported Mora showed price decrements lower than 5%. Meanwhile, the highest price increment was shown as 11% for imported Sprats, followed by local Sprats (6%), local Kattawa (5%), imported Anguluwa and Kattawa (4%). Price of local Anguluwa has increased by 1%. Price of local Mora has not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.648.00/kg and Rs.1,505.00/kg this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.400.00 and Rs.1,800.00 to purchase a kilo of any dried fish type. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices showed decrements as well as increments compared to the previous month. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest decrement was recorded as 4% in Balaya, followed by local Sprats (3%), Thora (1%) and Kattawa (1%). Price of imported Sprats has not changed

significantly over the past month. Meanwhile, prices had increased by less than 5% in some dried fish types, and the highest price increment was reported as 4% in Maduwa. Price of Salaya and Mora have increased by 2%, whilst price of Anguluwa has increased by 1%. It is anticipated that dried fish prices may not change significantly next month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increment was noted as 28% in Salaya, followed by 20% in imported Sprats. Prices of local Sprats, Anguluwa, and Mora have increased by less than 10%. In the meantime, price decrements were shown in Maduwa (11%), Balaya (6%), Thora (3%), and Kattawa (3%).

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale</b>								
Sprats	740.00-1100.00	890.92	969.15	838.50	-78.22	-8.07	52.42	6.25
Sprats (imported)	400.00-600.00	507.50	490.16	457.31	17.34	3.54	50.19	10.98
Kattawa	800.00-900.00	845.13	814.20	802.25	30.93	3.80	42.88	5.34
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-850.00	759.08	765.80	731.64	-6.72	-0.88	27.44	3.75
Thora	980.00-1100.00	1043.56	1045.37	1056.98	-1.81	-0.17	-13.42	-1.27
Thora (imported)	900.00-1100.00	990.19	1075.27	1035.38	-85.08	-7.91	-45.19	-4.36
Mora	780.00-900.00	824.93	822.60	827.17	2.33	0.28	-2.24	-0.27
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	756.67	761.40	760.63	-4.73	-0.62	-3.97	-0.52
Balaya	350.00-450.00	410.16	395.80	488.75	14.36	3.63	-78.59	-16.08
Balaya (imported)	340.00-500.00	399.13	433.02	470.25	-33.90	-7.83	-71.13	-15.12
Anguluwa	720.00-850.00	814.00	809.40	807.25	4.60	0.57	6.75	0.84
Anguluwa (imported)	700.00-820.00	755.50	749.94	724.19	5.56	0.74	31.31	4.32
Maduwa	400.00-600.00	522.08	517.10	539.75	4.98	0.96	-17.67	-3.27
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-500.00	432.55	432.76	436.16	-0.22	-0.05	-3.61	-0.83
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	286.39	311.87	277.39	-25.48	-8.17	9.00	3.25
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail</b>								
Sprats(imported)	600.00-900.00	726.08	722.90	603.24	3.19	0.44	122.84	20.36
Sprats	900.00-1600.00	1136.27	1167.54	1042.22	-31.27	-2.68	94.05	9.02
Kattawa	1000.00-1400.00	1141.83	1149.32	1174.59	-7.49	-0.65	-32.76	-2.79
Thora	1200.00-1800.00	1504.60	1521.82	1552.57	-17.23	-1.13	-47.97	-3.09
Mora	900.00-1300.00	1114.51	1093.34	1097.07	21.17	1.94	17.44	1.59
Balaya	500.00-1000.00	808.24	844.18	857.63	-35.94	-4.26	-49.39	-5.76
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1070.52	1055.87	1013.92	14.65	1.39	56.60	5.58
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	710.42	680.00	793.75	30.42	4.47	-83.33	-10.50
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	648.19	635.59	505.36	12.61	1.98	142.83	28.26

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
February	-	-	-	726.08	-
January	-	-	-	722.90	-
December	-	-	-	710.60	-
November	423	139.67	329.85	722.40	392.55
October	1,882	691.86	367.57	706.33	338.76
September	2,073	836.65	403.50	742.16	338.66

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

## Eggs

Wholesale prices of a brown egg ranged between Rs.13.50 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.13.85. Moreover, price of a white egg ranged between Rs.12.00 and Rs.14.00 with an average of Rs.12.31. Compared to the previous month, prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 9% and 7%, respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of a brown egg has increased by 3%, and that of a white egg has decreased by 5%.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.14.00 and Rs.16.50 with an average of Rs.14.82. Moreover, price of a white egg ranged between Rs.12.50 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.13.43. Retail prices of both egg types have increased; price of brown eggs have increased by 5%, whilst price of white eggs have increased by 4%. However, price changes are not expected much for the next month. Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 2% and 5%, respectively.

**Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – February 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.50-15.00	13.85	12.65	13.50	1.20	9.46	0.35	2.57
White (each)	12.00-14.00	12.31	11.50	13.00	0.81	7.07	-0.69	-5.29
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.00-16.50	14.82	14.16	15.12	0.66	4.68	-0.30	-1.97
White (each)	12.50-15.00	13.43	12.92	14.10	0.52	3.99	-0.67	-4.73

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Meat

Interestingly, retail prices of most meat types have not changed significantly over the past month. For example, price changes were insignificant for Beef, Broiler Chicken, and Mutton, whilst price of Pork has not changed at all compared to the previous month. The only price increment was noted for Curry Chicken as 4%. Apparently, the supply of Curry Chicken was low in certain markets such as Monaragala. However, compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices of Beef, Broiler and Curry Chicken, and Mutton have increased. The highest price increment was observed as 12% in Broiler Chicken, followed by 11% in Beef, and 10% in Curry Chicken. Price of Mutton has increased by 6%. The only price decrement was noted in Pork as 7%.

**Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – February 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	950.00	948.33	859.20	1.67	0.18	90.80	10.57
Chicken (Broiler)	460.00-620.00	514.10	511.57	461.04	2.53	0.49	53.06	11.51
Chicken (curry)	460.00-620.00	521.01	500.93	473.02	20.08	4.01	47.99	10.15
Mutton	1700.00-1900.00	1793.75	1793.33	1684.98	0.42	0.02	108.77	6.46
Pork	500.00-500.00	530.00	530.00	572.29	0.00	0.00	-42.29	-7.39

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

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 231,233mt. worth of 9,147mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of February. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by 28%. This was the highest wheat grain quantity imported to the country over the past five months. The highest quantity (118,619mt.) of wheat grain for the month of February had been imported from Canada and the CIF price was Rs.44.00/kg. Second and third highest quantities were imported from Pakistan (60,200mt.) and Russia (41,994mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been also imported from the United States, Australia, Ukraine and India. 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. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst, the lowest recorded for the Pakistan stocks. The world wheat prices remained unchanged and relatively stable in the months of January and February.

A total quantity of 208mt. of wheat flour worth of 19mn. had been imported during the month of February and the quantity has decreased by 126mt. compared to the previous month. Average quantities of last two months were 586mt. and as a result total imports for the month of February decreased. Wheat flour had been mainly imported from India and a few quantities were imported from Germany, Italy and China as well. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of February ranged between Rs.65.00-104.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.66.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Italian wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest recorded for the Indian stocks. Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. Price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 1%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018		Feb 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-100.00	90.23	89.84	89.12	0.39	0.44	1.11	1.25
Sugar	100.00-115.00	109.12	110.18	101.66	-1.06	-0.96	7.46	7.34

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain  
September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
February	280	18.60	66.43	90.23	23.80
January	406	26.49	65.21	89.84	24.63
December	765	51.80	67.68	88.50	20.82
November	71	5.58	78.68	89.96	11.28
October	236	16.77	71.18	89.98	18.80
September	323	21.16	65.49	89.05	23.55
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
February	231,233	9146.86	39.56	90.23	50.67
January	181,141	6900.77	38.10	89.84	51.74
December	64,673	2453.03	37.93	88.50	50.57
November	227,970	8636.28	37.88	89.96	52.08
October	172,448	6539.09	37.92	89.98	52.06
September	222,037	8525.93	38.40	89.05	50.65

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

## Sugar

A total quantity of 13,971mt. worth of 929mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of February and the quantity has further decreased by 6% compared to the previous imported quantity. The highest sugar quantity of 7,343mt. had been imported from Pakistan and the CIF price was reported as Rs.61.00/kg. The second and third highest quantities were imported from Thailand (4,361mt.) and Guatemala (1,015mt.) respectively. Further, sugar had been also imported from India (5%), Ukraine (2%) and France (2%). In addition, a few quantities were imported from South Korea and the United Arab Emirates as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.61.00-85.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.66.00/kg. World sugar prices have further decreased in the month of February. According to the reports, higher production in India and relatively low demand resulted in a price decrease in sugar. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of South Korea, while the lowest for the Pakistan stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of February, the price ranged between Rs.100.00-115.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.109.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year average retail price has increased by 7%.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- September 2017 to February 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
February	13,971	928.6	66.47	109.12	42.65
January	14,785	989.0	66.90	110.18	43.28
December	21,347	1434.8	67.22	111.87	44.65
November	27,840	1930.8	69.35	111.16	41.81
October	30,995	2162.9	69.78	111.37	41.59
September	25,204	1768.6	70.17	110.35	40.18

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

**Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – February 2018**

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Feb 2018	Jan 2018		Feb 2018	Jan 2018		Feb 2018	Jan 2018	
Rice	54,791	76,655	-28.5	3641.5	4814.7	-24.4	66.46	62.81	5.8
Red Onion	1,925	2,231	-13.7	173.4	310.4	-44.2	90.07	139.17	-35.3
Big Onion	21,143	22,332	-5.3	1465.7	2470.3	-40.7	69.32	110.62	-37.3
Potato	22,146	21,851	1.3	626.6	673.7	-7.0	28.29	30.83	-8.2
Dried Chillies	3,866	4,245	-8.9	755.8	739.9	2.1	195.47	174.28	12.2
Masoor Dhal	11,855	13,774	-13.9	1004.9	1135.9	-11.5	84.76	82.46	2.8
Green Gram	1,763	1,943	-9.3	221.5	248.9	-11.0	125.68	128.10	-1.9
Cowpea	603	410	47.2	81.4	54.7	48.9	134.89	133.34	1.2
Garlic	2,234	2,481	-10.0	285.3	296.2	-3.7	127.74	119.37	7.0
Wheat flour	280	406	-31.1	18.6	26.5	-29.8	66.43	65.21	1.9
Wheat grain	231,233	181,141	27.7	9146.9	6900.8	32.5	39.56	38.10	3.8
White crystalline cane sugar	13,971	14,785	-5.5	928.6	989.0	-6.1	66.47	66.90	-0.6
Maize (Seed)	847	4,182	-79.7	36.4	152.6	-76.1	42.98	36.50	17.8
Maize (Other)	54,791	76,655	-28.5	3641.5	4814.7	-24.4	66.46	62.81	5.8
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,925	2,231	-13.7	173.4	310.4	-44.2	90.07	139.17	-35.3

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

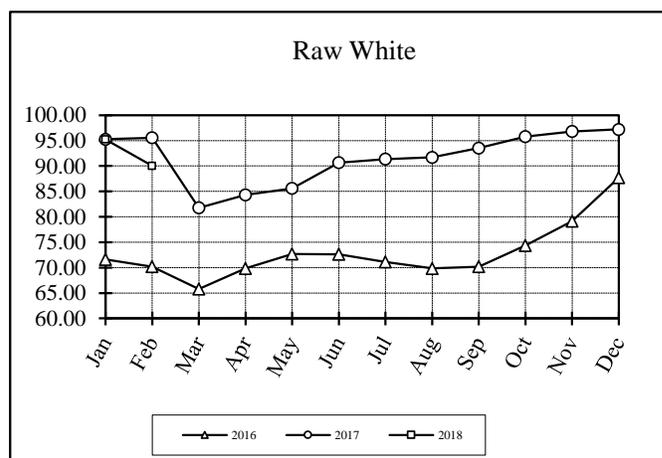
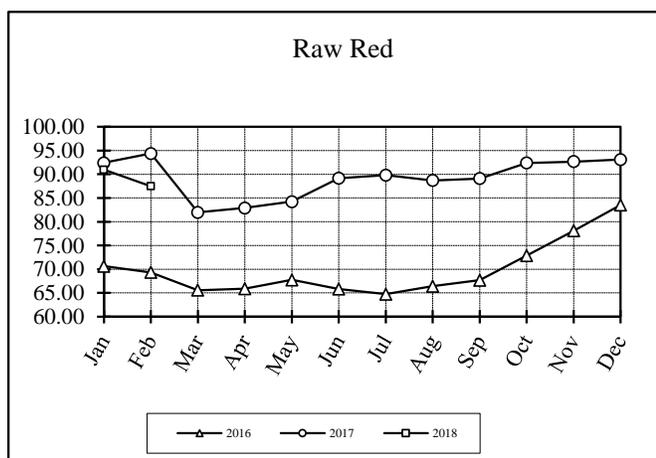
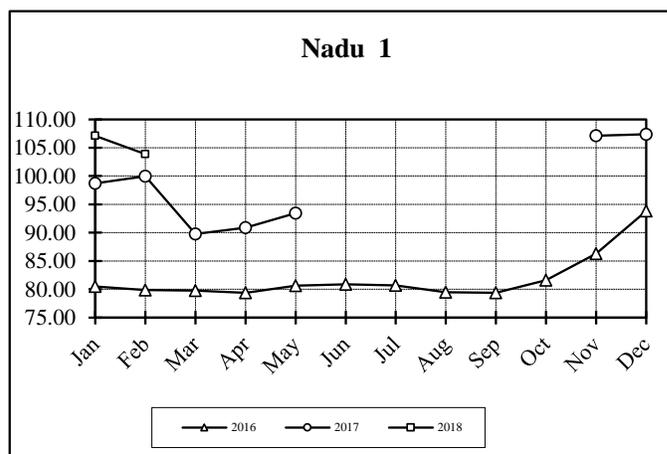
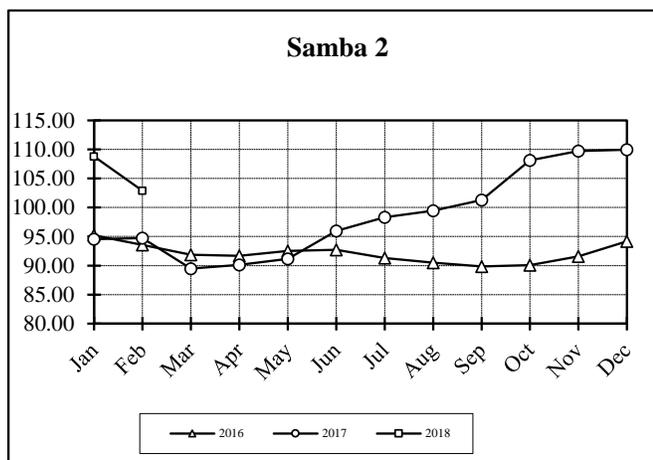
**Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – February 2018**

<b>Rainfall Station</b>	<b>Total Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>Total Rainy Days</b>	<b>30 Year Average Rainy Days</b>
Anuradhapura	37.6	55.4	8	4
Badulla	72.3	103.1	9	7
Bandarawela	18.0	70.2	6	6
Batticaloa	213.8	128.4	7	7
Colombo	108.8	72.7	11	5
Galle	129.0	70.5	10	6
Hambantota	5.5	47.6	5	4
Jaffna	20.9	39.0	1	2
Katugastota	39.5	74.2	9	5
Katunayaka	25.8	79.8	4	4
Kurunegala	14.7	98.8	7	4
Mahailuppallama	20.0	56.8	7	4
Mannar	1.5	61.8	4	3
Nuwara Eliya	57.2	77.7	9	7
Pottuvil	92.3	163.6	7	na
Puttalam	37.7	43.1	6	4
Ratmalana	86.3	77.3	13	5
Ratnapura	91.6	137.0	15	9
Trincomalee	207.5	105.4	11	5
Vavuniya	18.0	62.5	3	4
Polonnaruwa	152.7	na	11	na
Moneragala	51.9	na	6	na
Mattala	19.8	na	6	na

*Source: Department of Meteorology*

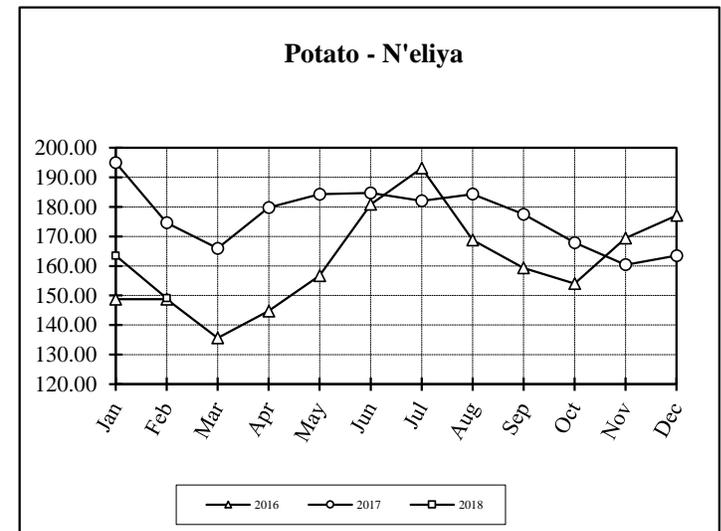
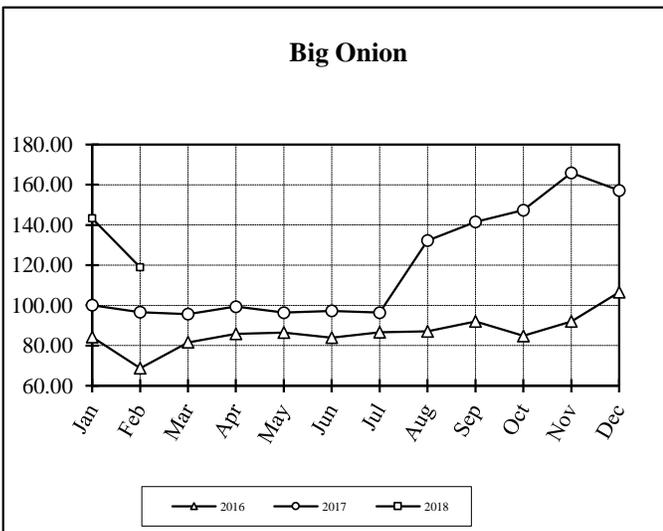
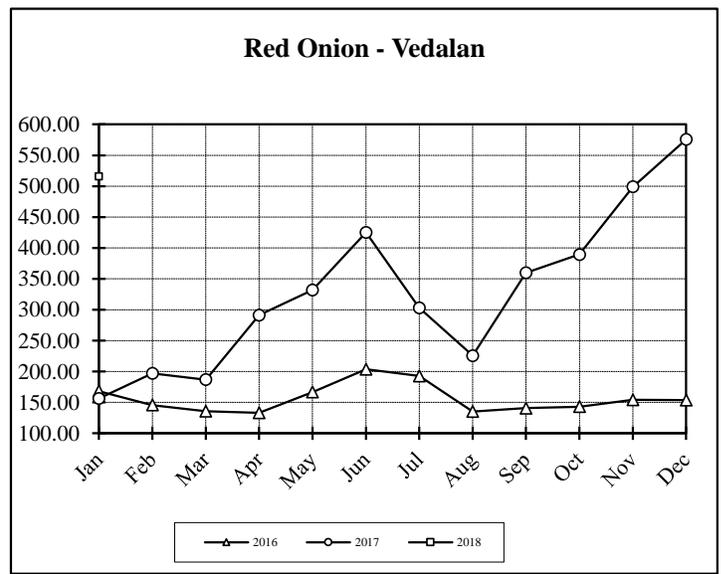
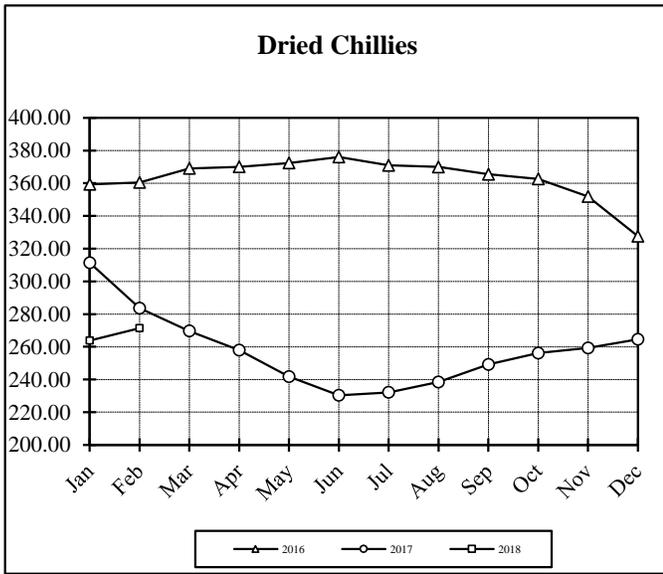
**Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)**

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		79.76	89.77		65.58	81.95		65.80	81.77	
Apr	91.70	90.14		79.38	90.88		65.88	82.89		69.83	84.30	
May	92.51	91.16		80.65	93.46		67.75	84.24		72.67	85.58	
Jun	92.71	95.95		80.90			65.82	89.17		72.63	90.65	
Jul	91.28	98.34		80.69			64.74	89.80		71.13	91.36	
Aug	90.51	99.45		79.49			66.41	88.70		69.85	91.71	
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		135.49	186.80		81.58	95.60		135.62	165.97	
Apr	370.07	257.93		133.19	291.30		85.83	99.33		144.75	179.77	
May	372.34	241.70		166.64	331.70		86.42	96.33		156.73	184.26	
Jun	376.04	230.28		203.59	425.19		83.87	97.25		180.84	184.74	
Jul	370.97	232.12		192.81	302.86		86.66	96.33		193.18	182.06	
Aug	369.99	238.44		135.32	225.63		87.07	132.19		168.81	184.34	
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	



**Appendix 03: Farmgate/Producer Prices of Food Commodities  
in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg)**

**Feb-18**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Paddy</b>					<b>Potato</b>					<b>Leeks</b>				
<b>Short grain</b>					N'Eliya	95.60	81.80	63.80	87.40	Welimada	114.33	133.67	114.33	85.00
A'pura	46.00	47.50	46.17	49.50	Badulla					N'Eliya	117.00	116.60	98.20	84.80
P'naruwa	44.63	43.63	48.75	55.38	Welimada	87.25	76.50	60.00	81.50	<b>Beetroot</b>				
Kalawewa	43.44	48.36	44.33	49.80	<b>Pulses</b>					Hanguranketha	45.00			42.50
Kurunegala	40.00	40.00	40.00	41.00	<b>Green Gram</b>					N'Eliya	42.00	37.00	28.00	28.00
Dehiattakandiya	51.83	49.20	49.25	54.67	Galgamuwa					Dambulla	43.60	39.60	31.40	29.00
Ampara	44.50	49.00	49.00	55.50	Kalawewa	170.00	150.00	158.33	160.00	Kurunegala				
<b>Long grain (White)</b>					Embilipitiya	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	Welimada	56.00	56.00	44.00	41.00
A'pura	36.20	37.50	38.33	40.50	Kurunegala					<b>Knokhol</b>				
P'naruwa	31.00	29.63	40.63	42.00	A'pura	180.00	180.00	166.25	175.00	Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa	33.46	36.68	38.33	40.80	<b>Cowpea</b>					N'Eliya	45.00	45.00	22.40	22.40
Kurunegala	37.67	38.00	39.33	39.33	A'pura	172.50	157.50	156.00	153.33	Welimada	26.00	34.33	24.33	24.33
Dehiattakandiya	35.50	34.33	36.20	35.00	Galgamuwa	56.00	56.00	44.00	41.00	<b>Radish</b>				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	186.67	156.67	156.67	156.67	Hanguranketha	11.00	25.00	17.50	12.33
Ampara	29.00	41.00	40.50	41.50	Kalawewa	165.00	185.00	156.67	150.00	N'Eliya	9.20	8.00	8.00	8.00
Matara	40.33	40.33	39.67	39.67	Embilipitiya	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	Welimada	8.00	11.50	7.50	7.50
Hambantota					Kurunegala					<b>Cabbage</b>				
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>					<b>Maize</b>					Hanguranketha	25.00	17.50	17.50	22.50
Matara	41.33	41.00	40.33	40.33	A'Pura	41.00	41.00	41.83	43.20	N'Eliya	27.00	26.80	21.40	21.40
Hambantota	40.50	39.60	31.67	35.67	Kalawewa					Welimada	17.00	21.00	15.67	16.00
Ampara	28.50	39.00	37.00	41.00	<b>Gingelly</b>					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	39.67	38.50	38.50	38.50	A'Pura	169.60	173.33	166.67	174.33	Badulla	39.00	42.00	29.00	29.00
<b>Other Food Crops</b>					Kalawewa	177.50	180.00	170.00	171.67	<b>Tomato</b>				
<b>Dried Chillies</b>					<b>Black Gram</b>					Hanguranketha	32.50	25.00	25.00	42.50
A'Pura					Kalawewa	106.67	110.00	110.00	106.67	Welimada	21.00	27.00	16.00	24.33
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	107.67	108.33	105.00	108.75	Hambantota	22.50	22.50	17.50	17.50
Kalawewa					<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>					Dambulla	32.20	26.20	26.20	32.40
<b>Red Onion</b>					<b>Beans</b>					<b>Low Country</b>				
Puttalam	128.00	110.00	105.00	106.00	Dambulla	120.00	136.00	127.00	132.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Welimada	94.33	134.33	120.67	77.00	A'pura	61.25	61.67	61.25	56.67
Dambulla					Badulla	97.00	133.00	100.00	102.00	Dambulla	81.20	66.20	67.20	62.20
Kalawewa					<b>Carrot</b>					Hambantota	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	42.50	35.00	45.00	35.00	Embilipitiya	90.00	90.00	90.00	88.00
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	56.80	77.00	61.40	63.20	Matara	46.67	46.67	56.67	55.00
					Welimada	51.00	62.00	45.67	43.67					

**Appendix 03: contd.....**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>
<b><u>Brinjals</u></b>					<b><u>Pumpkin</u></b>					<b><u>Lime</u></b>				
A'pura	31.67	31.75	51.25	51.67	Dambulla	38.80	37.60	42.80	38.50	Hambantota	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50
Dambulla	39.60	38.20	58.80	58.67	Hambantota	47.50	47.50	45.00	50.00	Embilipitiya	35.71	23.38	22.13	24.00
Hambantota	35.00	35.00	45.00	67.50	Embilipitiya	56.67	46.67	59.50	58.33	Moneragala	10.67	16.00	20.67	20.67
Embilipitiya	38.13	54.38	64.29	67.86	Matara					<b><u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u></b>				
Matara	46.67	43.33	46.67	43.33	A'pura	49.00	55.00	71.00	58.75	<b><u>Banana</u></b>				
Welimada	22.00	34.33	33.67	54.33	Moneragala	37.00	40.00	38.00	46.00	<b><u>Ambul</u></b>				
					<b><u>Cucumber</u></b>					Moneragala	48.75	52.50	46.67	46.67
<b><u>Capsicum</u></b>					A'pura	48.33	43.33	46.67	47.50	Embilipitiya	53.33	35.00	26.00	26.00
Welimada	144.33	147.00	76.50	93.67	Dambulla	41.00	31.60	45.40	41.40	Hambantota	37.50	37.50	30.00	35.00
<b><u>Bitter Gourd</u></b>					Hambantota	42.50	42.50	37.50	37.50	<b><u>Kolikuttu</u></b>				
A'pura	70.00	66.67	76.67	57.50	Matara					Moneragala	106.67	118.33	88.33	88.33
Dambulla	53.60	65.20	71.20	70.80	<b><u>Long beans</u></b>					Embilipitiya	110.83	90.83	77.50	77.50
Hambantota	135.00	105.00	110.00	137.50	Dambulla	46.80	41.80	52.80	60.80	Hambantota	75.00	75.00	65.00	65.00
Embilipitiya	129.17	122.50	127.50	129.17	Hambantota	55.00	55.00	70.00	75.00	<b><u>Papaw</u></b>				
					Embilipitiya	92.00	87.00	92.00	78.00	Moneragala				
<b><u>Snake Gourd</u></b>					Matara	63.33	66.67	76.67	83.33	Embilipitiya	46.67	37.86	43.57	43.57
Dambulla	31.00	37.40	34.40	42.60	A'Pura	33.33	48.33	56.25	42.50	Hambantota	37.50	45.00	32.50	47.50
Hambantota	47.50	47.50	47.50	47.50	<b><u>Ash Plantain</u></b>					<b><u>Pineapple</u></b>				
Embilipitiya	62.83	52.83	66.67	66.67	Hambantota	57.50	55.00	55.00	52.50	Divulapitiya				
Matara					Embilipitiya	44.57	44.57	44.57	44.57					
A'pura	37.50	47.50	46.67	47.50	Matara	73.33	66.67	66.67	63.33					
<b><u>Luffa</u></b>					<b><u>Green Chillies</u></b>									
Dambulla	71.20	69.80	62.20	63.80	Dambulla	55.00	88.80	57.00	48.00					
Hambantota	75.00	75.00	85.00	85.00	Hambantota	125.00	85.00	147.50	125.00					
Embilipitiya	80.83	84.17	95.00	90.00	Embilipitiya	92.86	109.29	106.43	114.29					
Matara					Puttalam	46.00	98.00	38.00	38.00					
A'pura	62.50	81.67	100.00	55.00	A'Pura	38.75	71.25	81.00	65.00					