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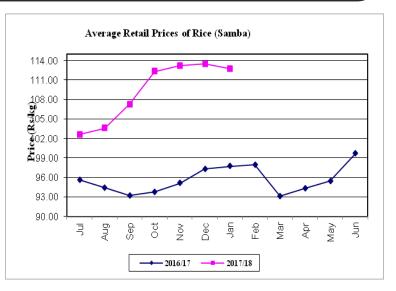
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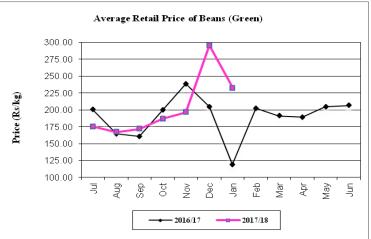
RICE:

Prices of all the rice varieties have decreased due to the progress of harvesting in 2017/18 *Maha* season. In line with the price of nadu grade II has decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and raw red and raw white have decreased by Rs.2.00/kg. Further, except imported *ponni* samba all other imported rice varieties have also decreased.

VEGETABLES:

As the early phase of *Maha* season for vegetable harvesting reached, supplies had risen in both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas, whereby prices continue to drop, compared to last month, in all the vegetables. Of the upcountry varieties, the highest price decreases were reported for both radish and cabbage as 45% whereas the highest price drop in domestic vegetables was reported for long beans as 64%, in the wholesale market. Further, drop in the prices of both up and lowcountry varieties is anticipated in February with the approaching of peak phase of *Maha* harvesting season.





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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.

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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2017/18 *Maha* season slightly commenced in last week of the month from the producing areas in the Eastern province. Dry weather was experienced in most of the major producing areas throughout the month. 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 December is 639,370 ha and it is 79% of the target. Further, the report reveals that the expected production is 2.398 Million tons and it also a 13% drop compared to a regular *Maha* season. Among the major producing areas, cultivation progress reported from *Mahaweli* Zones, Eastern and Northern provinces is satisfactory. The peak harvesting can be expected in the first part of March.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: Maha 2017/18 As at end of January 2018

District/Area	Targete d Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Effected Extent (ha)	Expected Productio n loss for Effected Area (mt)	Reversed Production forecast Adjusted to Drought Damage Within the Season (mt)
Anuradhapura	96,384	38,748	40	143,322	-	-	143,322
Polonnaruwa	34,420	30,188	88	122,841	1,000	2,035	120,807
Ampara	75,809	75,371	99	319,960	503	1,069	318,891
Kurunegala	84,180	41,126	49	164,504	440	880	163,624
Hambantota	28,550	25,456	89	124,584	-	-	124,584
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	10,775	86	35,103	2	1	35,101
Kegalle	9,397	7,387	79	27,185	41	57	27,128
Puttalam	23,318	5,342	23	15,893	-	-	15,893
Kandy	13,343	12,254	92	39,460	10	8	39,452
Matale	23,765	15,863	67	64,597	-	-	64,597
N' Eliya	6,501	2,923	45	6,255	-	-	6,255
Badulla	21,603	13,594	63	51,863	ı	ı	51,863
Monaragala	38,871	31,479	81	117,227	31	58	117,169
Jaffna	11,900	11,540	97	25,496	ı	ı	25,496
Kilinochchi	23,900	23,900	100	82,468	ı	ı	82,468
Vavuniya	19,810	15,584	79	58,814	1,204	3,385	55,429
Mullaitivu	17,067	16,626	97	51,813	ı	ı	51,813
Mannar	21,350	18,361	86	82,396	ı	ı	82,396
Trincomalee	42,360	39,207	93	162,677	125	280	162,396
Batticaloa	67,692	67,856	100	164,177	1	-	164,177
Udawalawa	11,075	10,468	95	50,717	1	-	50,717
System H	12,747	13,583	107	61,938	1	-	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	1	-	22,057
System D	1,263	1,340	106	6,110	-	-	6,110
Rambakenoya	878	878	100	4,004	-	-	4,004
System L	2,047	1,919	94	8,751	-	-	8,751
Sri Lanka	814,311	639,370	79	2,407,934	4,618	9,092	2,398,842

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

Producer Prices

Gradually increasing prices of all the paddy varieties have shown a declining trend during the latter part of the month in all major producing areas mainly due to the high availability of imported rice in the outstation markets and the commencement of harvesting slightly in some of the producing areas in the Eastern province. Rice millers releasing paddy stocks expecting new harvest also caused the price stability. The average prices of long grain white had declined significantly in Anuradhapura, Kalawewa, Kurunegala, Nikaweratiya and Polonnaruwa areas. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.42.00-60.00/kg in most of the major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white ranged between Rs.30.00-55.00/kg in major producing areas and the lowest prices were also recorded in Polonnaruwa. The price range of Rs.39.00-48.00/kg was recorded for the long grain red paddy in producing areas in the Southern province. It is expected that paddy prices will further decline next month mainly due to the commencement of harvesting in Batticaloa district.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain have decreased in the range of 6%-8% in some of the major producing areas with the lowest decline from Kalawewa. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain white have decreased in the range of 9%-28% with the highest decline from Dehiattakandiya. Prices of raw red have decreased in the 16%-19% in producing areas in the Southern province.

Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – January 2018

	Price R	lange	Av	erage Pr	rice		Change Compared to			
Commodity	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2		Jan 2		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain										
Anuradhapura	48.00-55.00	55.00-60.00	51.44	57.00	49.12	-5.56	-9.75	2.32	4.72	
Polonnaruwa	44.00-56.00	55.00-56.00	53.30	55.59	50.92	-2.29	-4.13	2.38	4.67	
Kalawewa	40.00-60.00	55.00-62.50	49.85	58.41	53.25	-8.56	-14.66	-3.40	-6.39	
Kurunegala	35.00-55.00	50.00-56.00	42.50	54.71	-	-12.21	-22.32	1	-	
Dehiattakandiya	47.00-58.00	=	53.70	-	50.33	1	ı	3.37	6.70	
Nikaweratiya	45.00-60.00	57.00-60.00	50.47	57.67	54.59	-7.20	-12.49	-4.12	-7.55	
Ampara	42.00-53.00	56.00-58.00	46.88	56.63	51.24	-9.75	-17.22	-4.37	-8.52	
Long Grain Whit	te									
Anuradhapura	38.00-42.00	50.00-58.00	39.90	54.00	51.24	-14.10	-26.11	-11.34	-22.13	
Polonnaruwa	30.00-55.00	54.00-55.00	45.95	54.66	50.35	-8.71	-15.93	-4.40	-8.74	
Kalawewa	32.00-50.00	52.00-58.60	42.07	54.41	54.90	-12.33	-22.67	-12.83	-23.37	
Kurunegala	35.00-55.00	50.00-56.00	43.92	54.92	-	-11.00	-20.03	-	-	
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	35.88	-	49.91	-	-	-14.04	-28.12	
Embilipitiya	33.00-55.00	-	-	-	54.16	-	-	-	-	
Nikaweratiya	43.00-46.00	53.00-55.00	43.17	54.00	54.59	-10.83	-20.06	-11.42	-20.93	
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	42.40	44.42	52.60	-2.02	-4.54	-10.20	-19.39	
Hambantota	30.00-46.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ampara	-	-	37.13	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Long Grain Red										
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Matara	39.00-45.00	43.00-46.00	42.87	44.42	50.93	-1.55	-3.49	-8.06	-15.83	
Hambantota	42.00-48.00	46.00-48.00	43.91	47.33	53.50	-3.41	-7.21	-9.59	-17.92	
Embilipitiya	41.00-46.00	48.00-49.00	43.40	48.17	53.50	-4.77	-9.90	-10.10	-18.88	

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties, except samba varieties have decreased considerably during the month of January as a result of increased supply of rice stocks to the market. Remaining paddy stocks had been dispatched from warehouses located at major paddy producing areas with the initiation of paddy harvesting. Consequently, the highest price decrement was noted for raw white as 6% and average wholesale price was recorded as Rs.85.00/kg. Subsequently, prices of both local nadu grade II and raw red have decreased by 4% and average prices were Rs.90.00/kg and Rs.79.00/kg respectively. However, prices of local samba varieties have increased only by less than 1% during the month. A total quantity of 76,655mt. worth of Rs.4,815mn. of rice had been imported during the month of January. However, compared to previous month, imported quantity for this month has decreased by 22,340mt. Aligning with the local rice prices, wholesale price of imported rice varieties except imported samba have also decreased during the month. Hence, prices of both imported nadu and raw white have decreased by 1% and average wholesale prices were recorded as Rs.71.00/kg and Rs.67.00/kg respectively. However, the price of imported samba has increased by 2% and average wholesale price was recorded as Rs.77.00/kg.

Out of the total imports, 26,167mt. comprised nadu; 25,024mt. raw white; 12,812mt. broken rice; 12,368mt. *ponni* samba and the rest of basmati. The highest quantity (95%) of nadu was imported from India and the rest from Myanmar, Pakistan and China. Likewise, the highest quantity (66%) of raw white was imported from Myanmar and the rest from India, Pakistan and Vietnam. The highest quantities of both samba and broken rice were also imported from India. Furthermore, samba had been also imported from Myanmar and Vietnam. Basmati had been mainly imported from Pakistan. In addition, basmati was also imported from India, Thailand, China, Italy, Australia and United States. Average CIF prices of imported raw white, nadu, samba, basmati and broken rice were Rs.57.00/kg, Rs.64.00, Rs.71.00, Rs.147.00 and Rs.53.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices all the local rice varieties except samba varieties have decreased in the range of 4%-6%. However, prices of samba varieties have increased in the range of 16%-19%. Meanwhile, prices of all the imported rice varieties have also decreased in the range of 11%-15%.

Retail Prices

Prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased during the month of January with decreased wholesale prices. The highest price decrement of Rs.3.00/kg was noted for local nadu grade II and price ranged between Rs.70.00-85.00/kg. Further, prices of both local raw red and raw white have the decreased by Rs.2.00/kg and average prices were Rs.91.00/kg and Rs.95.00/kg respectively. In addition, price of local samba grade II has also decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.105.00-112.00/kg. Furthermore, prices of both local samba grade I and nadu grade I have decreased by less than 1% and average prices were Rs.117.00/kg and Rs.107.00/kg respectively. However, a notable price decrement was not recorded for imported rice varieties. Hence, prices of both imported raw white and nadu have only decreased by less than 1% and average prices were Rs.77.00/kg and Rs.82.00/kg respectively. On the contrary, a slight price increase was recorded for imported samba and the price ranged between Rs.105.00-110.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg from Kandy and Matara markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Embilipitiya market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.105.00-108.00/kg from Kandy and Embilipitiya markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.90.00-93.00/kg from Mannar and Hanguranketha markets. The highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw red was reported from Nikaweratiya and Dambulla markets, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Hambantota and Tissamaharama markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.102.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kalutara and Kegalle markets, while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/kg was reported from Keppetipola market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 3%-16%. However, prices of local raw white and raw red have decreased. In addition, prices of all the imported rice varieties have also decreased in the range of 7%-14%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice - January 2018

	Price Range	Ave	erage Pri	ce	Cl	nange C	ompared	l to	
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2017		Jan	Jan 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Samba 1	108.00-112.00	110.30	110.13	95.01	0.17	0.15	15.29	16.10	
Samba 2	100.00-107.00	105.47	105.24	88.93	0.22	0.21	16.54	18.60	
Samba 3	=	ı	ı	ı	-	-	-	-	
Nadu 1	=	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Nadu 2	73.00-96.00	89.53	93.39	93.39	-3.86	-4.13	-3.86	-4.13	
Raw red	72.00-82.00	78.66	81.80	81.80	-3.14	-3.84	-3.14	-3.84	
Raw white	70.00-92.00	85.30	90.62	90.62	-5.32	-5.87	-5.32	-5.87	
Imported Samba	75.00-80.00	77.28	75.96	85.21	1.32	1.73	-7.92	-9.30	
Imported Raw White	60.00-70.00	66.69	67.17	78.90	-0.47	-0.70	-12.21	-15.48	
Imported Nadu	68.00-75.00	71.15	71.93	79.92	-0.77	-1.08	-8.77	-10.97	
Retail Prices									
Samba 1	112.00-120.00	116.65	116.97	100.87	-0.32	-0.27	15.78	15.64	
Samba 2	105.00-112.00	108.80	109.95	94.54	-1.15	-1.05	14.26	15.08	
Samba 3		ı	1	ı	-	-	-	-	
Nadu 1	78.00-95.00	107.10	107.39	98.73	-0.29	-0.27	8.37	8.48	
Nadu 2	70.00-85.00	96.35	99.83	93.45	-3.48	-3.48	2.90	3.10	
Raw red	75.00-90.00	90.96	93.12	92.41	-2.16	-2.32	-1.45	-1.57	
Raw white	85.00-100.00	95.24	97.20	95.27	-1.96	-2.02	-0.03	-0.03	
Imported Ponni Samba	105.00-110.00	87.41	87.16	97.17	0.25	0.28	-9.76	-10.05	
Imported Raw White	80.00-100.00	77.38	77.75	89.63	-0.38	-0.48	-12.25	-13.67	
Imported Nadu	800.00-100.00	82.15	82.41	88.75	-0.25	-0.30	-6.60	-7.43	

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of chilli in *maha* 2017/18 season was 11,803 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that 7,123 ha have been cultivated at the end of January 2018 representing 60% of the target. The highest cultivated extent (1,112 ha) was recorded in the Moneragala district and it is representing 110% of the targeted extent in that district. Expected production of green chilli is 38,578 mt and from that 55% of the production will be provided by the Anuradhapura (13%), Moneragala (26%) and Puttalam (16%).

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

	Targeted Extent	Cultivation Prog Januar	Expected	
Areas	(ha)	Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	Production (Mt)
Anuradhapura	3,405	899	30	4,989
Moneragala	1,013	1,112	110	10,074
Puttalam	895	693	77	6,307
Kurunegala	323	244	76	1,237
Ampara	567	340	60	909
Jaffna	560	366	65	1,535
Badulla	454	473	104	1,500
Hambantota	294	266	90	985
Other areas	4,652	2,730	59	11,042
Total	11,803	7,123	60	38,578

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Producer prices of green chilli in all producing areas have shown a downward trend at the end of the month due to commencement of the harvesting season. Hence, supply of green chilli had increased during the month from main producing areas and both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli had decreased significantly by about Rs.235.00/kg and Rs.349.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.117.33/kg and Rs.295.40/kg respectively and both prices had decreased by about 25% and 4% when compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 4,245 mt of dried chilli was imported during this month and it was a decrease of 484 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.174.28/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.3.12/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about Rs.3.00/kg while the retail price has decreased slightly by about Rs.1.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about 3% and 15% respectively.

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

	Price Range	Ave	Average Price				Change Compared to			
Items	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2	2017	Jan	2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg %		%		
Wholesale Price	Wholesale Price									
Green Chilli	40.00-300.00	117.33	352.50	156.00	-235.17	-66.71	-38.67	-24.79		
Dried Chilli	200.00-230.00	212.09	209.07	218.82	3.02	1.44	-6.73	-3.08		
Retail Price	Retail Price									
Green Chilli	100.00-600.00	295.40	644.85	306.26	-349.45	-54.19	-10.86	-3.55		
Dried Chilli	230.00-300.00	263.76	264.58	311.44	-0.81	-0.31	-47.68	-15.31		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli August 2017 to January 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
August	5,183	755.45	145.75	238.44	92.68

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

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

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Location	1st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4th week
Dambulla	248.00	116.00	91.40	57.00
Hambantota	416.67	225.00	-	140.00
Embilipitiya	406.00	208.33	139.38	126.25
Puttalam	212.00	114.00	92.00	62.00
A'Pura	300.00	123.33	123.33	123.33

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

A significant progress has been achieved for red onion cultivation in Puttalam district and it has exceeded even the targeted extent (142%). The targeted extent of red onion for *Maha* 2017/18 was 1,900 ha in Jaffna and around 1,139 ha were cultivated by the end of January 2018 representing 60% of the targeted extent. The expected production of *Maha* 2017/18 is 28,009 mt and out of that, 91% of the production will arrive from Jaffna (47%) and Puttalam (44%) districts.

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

Areas	. largeted Extent		Cultivation Progress at the end of January 2018		
	(IIa)	Extent (ha)	% of the Target	Production (Mt)	
Jaffna	1,900	1,139	60	13,041	
Puttalam	410	584	142	12,204	
Trincomalee	753	16	2	171	
Other areas	716	239 33		2,593	
Total	3,779	1,978	1,978 52		

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market and a quantity of 22,332 mt of big onion was imported from India (15,729 mt-70%), Pakistan (5,558 mt-25%), Egypt (842 mt-4%) and Netherland (203 mt-1%) during this month. It was a decrease of 2,000 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.110.62/kg for imported big onion and it had decreased by Rs.11.94/kg compared to that of the last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.18.00/kg and Rs.14.00/kg respectively.

No supply of local red onion was reported from main producing areas during this month. Hence, vedalan or sinnan red onion stocks were not available at the wholesale market. However, limited stocks of vedalan red onion were available in some retail markets which supplied during last month. Retail price of vedalan has decreased by about Rs.60.00/kg.

About 2,231 mt of red onion was imported from India (2,203 mt-99%) and Thailand (28 mt-1%) during this month. It was an increase of 1,211 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.139.17/kg for imported red onion and it had decreased by Rs.42.58/kg compared to that of the last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.203.00/kg and Rs.157.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about 120% and 155% respectively.

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

	Price Range		Average			Change Compared to			
Сгор	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2	2017	Jan 2	2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	52.50	-	-	-	-	
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	425.71	103.06	-	-	-	-	
Red Onion (Imported)	110.00-320.00	197.73	401.02	89.69	-203.29	-50.69	108.04	120.45	
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-130.00	99.51	117.60	70.70	-18.09	-15.38	28.80	40.74	
Big Onion (Local)	1	-	-		ı	-	-	-	
Retail Prices									
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Red Onion (Vedalan)	400.00-560.00	515.82	575.43	156.25	-59.62	-10.36	359.57	230.12	
Red Onion (Imported)	180.00-500.00	345.42	502.00	135.29	-156.59	-31.19	210.13	155.32	
Big Onion (imported)	120.00-160.00	143.32	157.18	100.02	-13.86	-8.82	43.30	43.29	
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

Сгор	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin	(Rs/kg)
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
	Jan, 2018	110.62	99.51	143.32	-11.11	43.81
Big onion	Dec, 2017	122.56	117.60	157.18	-4.96	39.59
	Jan, 2017	30.41	70.70	100.02	40.29	29.32
	Jan, 2018	139.17	197.73	345.42	58.55	147.69
Red onion	Dec, 2017	181.75	401.02	502.00	219.27	100.99
	Jan, 2017	60.12	89.69	100.02	29.57	10.33

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

Cron	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)		
Crop	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	
Red Onion	2,231	1,020	310.4	185.3	139.17	181.75	
Big Onion	22,332	24,332	2,470.3	2,982.0	110.62	122.56	

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion August 2017 to January 2018

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	Imported (mt) (Rs/kg) Price (Rs/kg)		Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
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
August	18,172	56.60	101.17	132.19	75.59

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 1,881 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 56% 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 624 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 31,918 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,296 ha and about 729 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (56% progress). During this month, about 390 ha of potatoes have been cultivated in the district, which was the highest monthly extent cultivated during this *maha* season. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,846 ha in the Badulla district and 1,035 ha have been cultivated by the end of January achieving 56% 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 182 ha of potato was cultivated in the district.

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

District	Targeted E	xtent (ha)	Achiever	nent (ha)	Progress (%)	Expected
	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18	Maha 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18	Production (mt)
N'Eliya	1,248	1,296	722	729	56	14,726
Badulla	1,712	1,846	1,355	1,035	56	16,085
Sri Lanka	3,174	3,343	2,216	1,881	56	31,918

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 21,851 mt of potato had been imported in January, which was 3,949 mt higher than that was imported in the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been reduced to Rs.1.00/kg with effect from 09/11/2017. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan and India. About 46% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month, followed by India (45%). Compared to January, 2017 (33,163 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.31.00/kg in January.

With regard to local potato, the stocks of Welimada potato were not available in the market due to end of the harvesting period and only stocks from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have not changed significantly. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.98.00/kg in January. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 43% and 8% respectively due to availability of high stocks. During the month of January, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.100.00-125.00/kg and Rs.25.00-70.00/kg respectively. Stocks of low quality potato imported from Pakistan fetched low price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (19%) and imported (36%) potatoes have decreased.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes August 2017 to January 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value CIF price (Rs.mn) (Rs/kg)		Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
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	
August	13,832	533.55	38.57	115.06	76.49	

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

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

Table. 2	5.5: Producer, v	viioicsaic a	mu Ketan	prices or				
	Price Range		Average		Cl	hange Coi	mpared to	1
Items	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2	017	Jan 2	2017
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	85.00-95.00	89.85	93.94	114.60	-4.09	-4.55	-24.75	-27.55
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-105.00	98.40	99.15	122.68	-0.75	-0.76	-24.28	-24.67
Imported – CIF	29.77-44.66	30.83	39.11	30.23	-8.28	-26.86	0.60	1.95
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	91.43	-	-	-	1	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-125.00	114.17	113.92	143.75	0.24	0.21	-29.58	-25.91
Imported	25.00-70.00	44.20	63.10	79.16	-18.90	-42.77	-34.96	-79.10
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-180.00	163.50	163.52	194.94	-0.02	-0.01	-31.44	-19.23
Imported	60.00-120.00	88.25	95.56	119.66	-7.31	-8.29	-31.41	-35.60
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		65.10	64.37	72.26	0.73	1.12	-7.16	-11.00
Imported (CIF-RP)		57.41	56.45	89.43	0.97	1.69	-32.02	-55.76
Gross Margin (RP -WP	")							
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		49.33	49.60	51.19	-0.27	-0.54	-1.86	-3.77
Imported		44.05	32.46	40.50	11.59	26.31	3.54	8.05

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

According to the Crop Forecast issued on mid-February by the Department of Agriculture, green gram has been cultivated in 6,671 ha. This extent is an achievement of 58% compared to the targeted cultivation extent, which is 11,450 ha. Green gram cultivated in around 464 ha has been

affected by the drought. The cultivation extent of green gram was 4,061 ha in the previous *Maha* season (i.e., 2016/17 *Maha*), and compared to that, the cultivation extent in the current season (i.e., 2017/18 *Maha*) has significantly increased by 64%. Of all districts, the highest targeted cultivation extent for green gram is anticipated in Hambantota (4,041 ha) followed by Moneragala (2,061 ha). So far, 62% and 51% of the respective targeted cultivation extents have been achieved in Hambantota (2,522 ha) and Moneragala districts (1,041 ha), respectively. It is reported that the drought has affected, especially, cultivation extents of 431 ha and 33 ha in in Kurunegala and Vavuniya districts, respectively. Accounting the crop damages from the drought, the total green gram production is anticipated to be 8,104 mt. It is a 66% increase of the production observed in the previous *Maha* season, which was recorded as 4,896 mt. The highest green gram production is expected as 3,796 mt in Hambantota district followed by 1,079 mt in Moneragala district.

Even though the targeted cultivation extent of cowpea in 2017/18 *Maha* season is anticipated as 10,280 ha, only 50% of that (i.e., 5,164 ha) has been achieved by mid-February. However, in comparison to the cultivation extent in the previous *Maha* season, the current cultivation extent of cowpea is 129% higher. Interestingly, the cowpea cultivation area affected by the drought in this season has been recorded as low as 20 ha. Of all districts, the highest targeted cultivation extent is anticipated from Ampara (4,306 ha), followed by Moneragala (1,248 ha). Currently, only 37% of the targeted cultivation extent in Ampara is achieved, whilst 83% of the targeted cultivation extent in Moneragala is achieved. The total production of cowpea is estimated as 7,168 MT after accounting for crop damages due to the drought. It is 46% higher than the production in the previous *Maha* season, which was recorded as 4,937 MT. Of the total production, the highest is expected as 3,566 MT from Ampara district, followed by 1,018 MT from Moneragala district.

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

Crop	District	Targeted	Ext. (ha)	Achieven	nent (ha)	Progress (%)	Expected production
		*maha 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18	* maha 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18	maha 2017/18	maha 2017/18
Green	Hambantota	2,016	4,041	1,498	2,522	62	3,796
gram	Kurunegala	605	615	394	457	74	14
	Moneragala	1,440	2,061	424	1,041	51	1,079
	Sri Lanka	9,006	11,450	4,564	6,671	58	8,104
Cowpea	Ampara	4,271	4,306	1,154	1,598	37	3,566
	Moneragala	1,356	1,248	482	1,030	83	1,018
	Anuradhapura	659	716	562	300	42	310
	Sri Lanka	10,524	10,280	4, 401	5,164	50	7, 168

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

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

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

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.190.00/kg and Rs.200.00/kg with an average of Rs.198.00/kg. Retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg with an average of Rs.243.00/kg. Compared to previous month, the wholesale price of green gram has decreased by 1%; on the contrary, retail price of green gram has not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, whole price of green gram has decreased by 3%,

whereas the retail price has increased by 6%. During this month, approximately 1,943 MT of green gram have been imported. This quantity is an increase of 1,124 MT (i.e., 137%) compared to the imported quantity in the previous month. Around Rs.249 million have been spent on the importation of green gram during this month. The average CIF price was recorded as Rs.128.00/kg, which was a decrement of Rs.4.00/kg from the average CIF price observed in the previous month.

Wholesale prices of white cowpea and red cowpea have increased in this month by 2% and 4%, respectively. The price range of white cowpea was noted as Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg with an average of Rs.225.00/kg. The price range of red cowpea was noted as Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.251.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 4% and 13%, respectively. In the meantime, the retail price of white cowpea has increased by 1%, whereas that of red cowpea has decreased by 1% this month. Retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.360.00/kg with an average of Rs.293.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.360.00/kg with an average of Rs.300.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 18% and 19%, respectively.

Of the two cowpea types, 410 mt of white cowpea has been imported this month, and this quantity is around 92% higher than the quantity imported in previous month. The average CIF price was noted as Rs.133.00/kg, which was a reduction of Rs.10.00/kg compared to that in the previous month. Despite of the decreased average CIF, the total value of the importation (i.e., Rs.55 millions) was an increase of Rs.24 million compared to that of the previous month. Of the total importation, 34% has been imported from Myanmar, followed by 24% from Madagascar. Quantities imported from Brazil, India, and Portugal were recorded as 12% each from the total importation. The lowest quantity (i.e., 6% of the total importation) has been imported from China.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram August 2017 to January 2018

		riugust 2017	to balluar y 2010		
Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
August	2,205	323.08	146.52	248.47	101.95

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea August 2017 to January 2018

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Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)							
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							
August	837	116.58	139.32	296.36	157.04							

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

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

	Price Range		Average	O	(Change Co	mpared to		
Items	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2017		Jan 2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	190.00-200.00	197.52	198.73	203.48	-1.21	-0.61	-5.96	-2.93	
Cowpea (White)	22.00-240.00	224.73	220.96	216.00	3.77	1.71	8.73	4.04	
Cowpea (Red)	210.00-280.00	250.98	241.36	222.38	9.62	3.99	28.60	12.86	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	210.00-320.00	243.03	243.19	228.54	-0.16	-0.07	14.49	6.34	
Cowpea (White)	240.00-360.00	293.48	290.26	247.88	3.21	1.11	45.60	18.40	
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-360.00	300.16	303.48	251.51	-3.33	-1.10	48.65	19.34	

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	Wholesale	Retail price	Gross M (Rs/K	
Стор	11101111	(Rs/kg)	price (Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
	Jan, 2018	128.10	197.52	243.03	69.42	45.51
Green gram	Dec, 2017	132.01	198.73	243.19	66.72	44.46
G	Jan, 2017	143.93	203.48	228.54	59.55	25.06
	Jan, 2018	133.34	224.73	293.48	91.39	68.75
Cowpea (White)	Dec, 2017	143.33	220.96	290.26	77.62	69.31
	Jan, 2017	117.53	216.00	247.88	98.47	31.88
	Jan, 2018	-	250.98	300.16	-	49.18
Cowpea (Red)	Dec, 2017	-	241.36	303.48	-	62.13
	Jan, 2017	-	222.38	251.51	-	29.14

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The total quantity of red dhal imported during January has been recorded as 13,774 MT, and this has been recorded as an increment of 3,694 MT compared to the imported red dhal quantity in the previous month. The total quantity of red dhal comprised 11,897 MT of whole type red dhal and 1,877 MT of split type red dhal. The average CIF price of whole type red dhal was Rs.79.00/kg, and the total value of the stock was Rs.937 million. The highest quantity was imported from Australia (76%), followed by Canada (24%). The quantity imported from United Arab Emirates was considerably low (<1%). In the meantime, the average CIF price of split type red dhal was recorded as Rs.106.00/kg, and the total value of the stock was Rs.199 million. The highest quantity was imported from Canada (76%), followed by Australia (13%). Quantities imported from India and Turkey were noted as 5% and 4% of the total importation, respectively.

Wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.105.00/kg and Rs.115.00/kg during this month with an average of Rs.110.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average price was a reduction of 3%. Retail price of red dhal ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.130.00/kg with average of Rs.129.00/kg. In line with the decreased wholesale price, the retail price also showed a price decrement of 5% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by 27% and 26%, respectively.

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

	Price Range		Change Compared to					
Red Dhal	Jan 22018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017 Jan 2017 Dec 201		2017	Jan 2018		
1104 2 1141	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	105.00-115.00	110.19	113.05	150.69	-2.86	-2.53	-40.51	-26.88
Retail Price	120.00-130.00	129.37	136.54	174.47	-7.16	-5.25	-45.10	-25.85

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal August 2017 to January 2018

	riugust 2017 to buildur y 2010											
Month	Quantity	CIF Price	Wholesale price	Retail price	Gross Marg	gin (Rs/kg)						
Month	(mt)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	CIF-WP	WP-RP						
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						
August	11,970	105.12	131.30	156.96	26.17	25.66						

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Commencement of the *Maha* season was successfully completed in most of the upcountry as well as lowcountry districts by the end of January, with the received rainfall. Yet, districts such as Puttlam, Kandy, Kurunegala and Matale had shown a cultivation progress of less than 50% of the seasonal target due to delayed monsoonal rains. In the meantime, commencement of the harvesting practices during the early phase of the *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 72% and 84% cultivation progress, of its seasonal target, for upcountry varieties by the end of January. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress of upcountry varieties reported in Matale, Kandy and Puttlam districts were comparatively low, recording the values of 41%, 41% and 16% respectively, by the end of January 2017. In addition, cultivation progress had improved for upcountry varieties in Jaffna and Kurunegala districts from its last month's figures, up to 52% and 58% respectively, by the end of January.

Meanwhile, as the season progress, cultivation progress in most of the lowcountry districts had improved from its last month's value. Moneragala and Hambantota districts had reported 112% and 92% cultivation progress of its seasonal targets respectively, for lowcountry vegetables by the end of January. However, Anuradhapura, the most significant district for lowcountry varieties, recorded only a 62% cultivation progress at the end of January due to delay in the onset of the north eastern monsoon. Meantime Puttalam, Matale and Kurunegala districts had recorded 87%, 65% and 58% cultivation progress respectively, for lowcountry varieties, from its corresponding seasonal targets. Yet, the lowest cultivation progress for lowcountry vegetables was noted again in Jaffna district, in the value of 52%.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the early phase of *Maha* season for vegetable harvesting reached, supplies had increased at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre by 25%, compared to last month, with the reported daily arrival of 1950 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties had decreased compared to previous month, due to increasing trend in market supplies during the early phase of the *Maha* harvesting season. The highest price decrease was reported for both radish and cabbage as 45% due growing supplies, mainly from Badulla and Nuwara Eliya districts. For those two prices ranged between Rs.15.00-Rs 70.00/kg and Rs.20.00-90.00/kg respectively in January. Next, prices of carrot, beans and beetroot had dropped by around 30%, while a less than 20% prices decrease was observed in the rest of the upcountry vegetable varieties in January due to high supplies from major upcountry producing districts - Nuwara Eliya and Badulla.

Meanwhile, price of tomato had also decreased considerably, by 41% compared to last month, due to increasing supplies received at the market from both upcountry (Nuwara Eliya and Badulla) and lowcountry (Hambantota and Moneragala) major producing areas. Further, high supply of lowcountry variety during the last two weeks of 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, but the margin of decrease was low as 23%. However, its price range continued to remain high as Rs.140.00-280.00/kg, in January.

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

The highest price decreases were recorded for long beans as 64% followed by snake gourd as 40% and brinjal as 32%, compared to last month due to commencement of the harvesting in major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Puttalam and Hambantota. The reported price ranges of the vegetables which marked the highest price decreases were 20.00-140.00/kg, 50.00-110.00/kg and 30.00 - 250.00/kg, respectively. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties had decreased in the range of 3% - 22%.

Further drop in the prices of both up and lowcountry varieties is anticipated in February with the approaching of peak phase of *Maha* harvesting season.

Meanwhile, prices of green chilli had further decreased, by 67%, due to reaching of high supplies to the market from Anuradhapura. Similarly, prices of lime had also further decreased by 29% due to high supply from Moneragala and Ampara. Prevailed dry spell in Moneragala in the early stage of the season due delayed monsoonal rain was believed to boost lime harvest.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also decreased in January. The highest price decrease was reported for long beans as 30%. However, prices of most of the vegetables had increased compared to the same period of last year, in the retail market, with the highest value recorded for leeks as 126%.

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Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – January 2018

	Price Range		Average		C		mpared to)
Items	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2		Jan 2	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100-00-250.00	158.50	223.95	57.19	-65.45	-29.23	101.31	177.15
Carrot	50.00-120.00	80.42	111.71	58.92	-31.30	-28.02	21.50	36.48
Leeks	130.00-200.00	165.67	190.11	42.50	-24.45	-12.86	123.17	289.80
Beetroot	40.00-170.00	106.52	149.43	44.43	-42.91	-28.72	62.09	139.74
Knolkhol	50.00-100.00	80.76	97.22	60.25	-16.45	-16.93	20.51	34.04
Radish	15.00-70.00	34.25	61.88	15.41	-27.63	-44.65	18.84	122.26
Cabbage	20.00-90.00	45.48	83.27	12.86	-37.79	-45.38	32.62	253.66
Tomato	20.00-110.00	48.00	81.04	88.50	-33.04	-40.77	-40.50	-45.76
Ladies Fingers	70.00-100.00	80.00	87.29	57.44	-7.29	-8.35	22.56	39.28
Brinjal	30.00-250.00	99.33	145.38	39.36	-46.05	-31.68	59.97	152.37
Capsicum	140.00-280.00	190.68	248.54	160.17	-57.86	-23.28	30.51	19.05
Pumpkin	30.00-50.00	38.42	49.27	45.93	-10.85	-22.03	-7.51	-16.36
Cucumber	30.00-80.00	50.25	55.80	90.33	-5.55	-9.95	-40.08	-44.37
Bittergourd	80.00-240.00	141.05	178.19	164.41	-37.14	-20.84	-23.36	-14.21
Snakegourd	50.00-110.00	78.67	131.25	43.42	-52.58	-40.06	35.25	81.18
Drumstick	-	-	231.83	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	80.00-160.00	121.33	148.33	97.29	-27.00	-18.20	24.04	24.71
Long Beans	20.00-140.00	56.50	155.21	35.50	-98.71	-63.60	21.00	59.15
Ash Plantain	70.00-100.00	80.67	82.92	56.97	-2.25	-2.71	23.70	41.59
Green Chilli	40.00-300.00	117.33	352.50	156.00	-235.17	-66.71	-38.67	-24.79
Lime	20.00-40.00	28.50	39.96	204.40	-11.46	-28.67	-175.90	-86.06

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – January 2018

		vegetable.	ganuai,	/		Jan 2017 s/kg % 43.24 95.04 48.73 39.77 35.87 126.22 74.30 64.62 36.57 25.93 34.17 39.14 59.82 80.26 37.97 -24.56 42.47 37.08 34.04 101.56 36.27 27.04 2.86 2.65					
	Price Range		Average		Cł	nange Con	npared to				
Items	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2	017	Jan 2	2017			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%			
Beans (green)	150.00-350.00	232.39	295.58	119.15	-63.19	-21.38	113.24	95.04			
Carrot	100.00-240.00	171.24	201.46	122.51	-30.23	-15.00	48.73	39.77			
Leeks	200.00-320.00	243.52	284.39	107.65	-40.86	-14.37	135.87	126.22			
Beetroot	80.00-320.00	189.27	232.03	114.97	-42.76	-18.43	74.30	64.62			
Knolkhol	120.00-240.00	177.59	194.61	141.02	-17.02	-8.75	36.57	25.93			
Radish	50.00-240.00	121.48	152.91	87.31	-31.43	-20.56	34.17	39.14			
Cabbage	70.00-240.00	134.35	181.45	74.53	-47.10	-25.96	59.82	80.26			
Tomato	50.00-200.00	116.59	144.78	154.56	-28.19	-19.47	-37.97	-24.56			
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	157.02	165.89	114.55	-8.87	-5.35	42.47	37.08			
Brinjal	80.00-320.00	186.64	221.06	92.60	-34.42	-15.57	94.04	101.56			
Capsicum	200.00-500.00	311.32	394.43	245.05	-83.11	-21.07	66.27	27.04			
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	110.67	124.84	107.81	-14.18	-11.36	2.86	2.65			
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	121.37	127.52	155.77	-6.15	-4.82	-34.40	-22.08			
Bittergourd	100.00-320.00	221.28	276.74	257.15	-55.47	-20.04	-35.87	-13.95			
Snakegourd	100.00-280.00	168.59	204.21	109.19	-35.61	-17.44	59.40	54.40			
Drumstick	-	-	493.15	476.67	-	-	-	-			
Luffa	120.00-320.00	203.10	239.68	184.61	-36.57	-15.26	18.49	10.02			
Long Beans	80.00-280.00	155.75	222.61	108.14	-66.86	-30.03	47.61	44.03			
Ash Plantain	120.00-200.00	148.76	156.04	119.29	-7.27	-4.66	29.47	24.71			
Green Chilli	100.00-600.00	295.40	644.85	306.26	-349.45	-54.19	-10.86	-3.55			
Lime	50.00-200.00	133.72	185.05	492.89	-51.33	-27.74	-359.17	-72.87			

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in January, 2018 compared to December, 2017. Prices of banana varieties, Kolikuttu, Ambul and Seeni had increased by 21%, 16% and 5% respectively and the price ranges recorded for Kolikuttu during the month was Rs.130.00-160.00/kg and the price ranges recorded for Ambul and Seeni was Rs.60.00-100.00/kg. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 51%, 33% and 39% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.100.41/fruit, Rs.135.45/fruit and Rs.185.01/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-230.00/fruit.

In addition, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban, Betti and Vilad also had increased by 66%, 16% and 12% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.70.00-120.00. Further, price of passion fruit had increased by 58% and the price of a fruit ranged between Rs.8.00-17.00. In addition, prices of wood apple and avocado had increased by 69% and 18% respectively. Price of imported grapes also had increased slightly by 1%.

However, decreased prices were observed for banana varieties, Ambun and Anmalu, and price ranges recorded were Rs.15.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.13.00-15.00/fruit respectively. Price of papaw had decreased by 11% and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-90.00/kg. In addition, decreased prices were observed for orange and slime apple and their prices had decreased by 31% and 29% respectively.

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

Compared to January, 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for wood apple as 49%.

In line with the wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased at the retail level too. Prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 5%-16%. The price ranges recorded for Seeni, Ambul and Kolikuttu during the month were Rs.100.00-150.00/kg, Rs.100.00-160.00/kg and Rs.200.00-250.00/kg respectively. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.20.00-40.00/fruit. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 32%, 17% and 18% respectively. The retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.90.00-300.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban, Betti and Vilad also had increased by 88%, 44% and 33% respectively and the price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.80.00-200.00. In addition, prices of avocado, wood apple, passion fruit and slime apple had also increased by 50%, 21%, 6% and 5% respectively.

However, price of papaw had decreased by 13% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-160.00/kg. In addition, prices of orange and imported grapes had decreased by 27% and 2% 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 34%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the prices in December, 2017. The prices

had increased by 24% for Ambul, 15% for Kolikuttu and 7% for papaw. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.37.50-65.00/kg, Rs.75.00-126.67/kg and Rs.37.50 - 71.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to January, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Kolikuttu by 22% and for Ambul by 12% and prices had increased for papaw by 10% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 535.9mt of fresh fruits in January, 2018 to the value of Rs.93.7mn. Of the exported quantity, 81% were papaw, 14% were fresh pineapple and 5% were fresh mangoes. In addition, a small quantity of fresh avocados (0.1mt) and fresh oranges (0.1mt) also had exported. In the month of December, 2017, the quantity exported was 501.6mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 7%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,659mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.562mn. Of the imported quantity, 69% were apple, 17% were oranges and 14% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were China, the United States and France. Australia was the importing country of oranges while, grapes had been imported from India and China. In the month of December, 2017, the quantity imported was 3,327mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 10%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – January 2018

	Price Range		Average			16.43 -13.17 -13 20.60 -42.59 -22 4.70 -0.19 -0 -0.29 3.25 30 -4.46 0.82 4 39.50 -72.29 -28 32.87 -73.60 -35 50.81 -49.93 -33 16.50 16.85 160 65.63 54.35 155 12.08 19.80 136		
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec	2017	Jan	2017
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-100.00	81.50	70.00	94.67	11.50	16.43	-13.17	-13.91
Kolikuttu (Kg)	130.00-160.00	148.50	123.13	191.09	25.37	20.60	-42.59	-22.29
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-100.00	85.30	81.48	85.49	3.83	4.70	-0.19	-0.22
Anamalu (Fruit)	13.00-15.00	13.97	14.01	10.72	-0.04	-0.29	3.25	30.29
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	17.40	18.21	16.58	-0.81	-4.46	0.82	4.95
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	140.00-230.00	185.01	132.63	257.30	52.39	39.50	-72.29	-28.09
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-150.00	135.45	101.94	209.05	33.51	32.87	-73.60	-35.21
Small (Fruit)	70.00-130.00	100.41	66.58	150.34	33.83	50.81	-49.93	-33.21
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	23.00-30.00	27.33	23.46	10.48	3.87	16.50	16.85	160.81
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	70.00-120.00	89.38	53.97	35.03	35.42	65.63	54.35	155.17
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-38.00	34.34	30.64	14.54	3.70	12.08	19.80	136.16
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	13.00	7.73	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	60.00-90.00	73.27	82.80	81.40	-9.53	-11.51	-8.13	-9.99
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-17.00	11.33	7.18	9.33	4.16	57.96	2.00	21.47
Woodapple (Fruit)	13.00-20.00	15.70	9.28	30.99	6.42	69.20	-15.29	-49.35
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	25.15	36.38	37.95	-11.23	-30.86	-12.80	-33.73
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-110.00	86.25	72.93	69.03	13.32	18.26	17.22	24.95
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	31.27	44.10	31.35	-12.83	-29.10	-0.08	-0.25
Grapes Imported (Kg)	442.00-671.00	571.53	567.78	634.86	3.75	0.66	-63.33	-9.98

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - January 2018

	Price Range		Average			hange Co	mpared to)
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2		Jan 2	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	100.00-160.00	131.91	114.78	146.57	17.13	14.92	-14.66	-10.00
Kolikuttu (Kg)	200.00-250.00	218.52	188.00	247.50	30.51	16.23	-28.98	-11.71
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-150.00	131.35	124.61	120.39	6.74	5.41	10.96	9.10
Anamalu (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	25.69	23.44	23.66	2.25	9.62	2.03	8.60
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	28.35	24.66	23.89	3.68	14.94	4.46	18.65
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-300.00	257.56	217.59	312.84	39.97	18.37	-55.28	-17.67
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-250.00	187.27	160.52	253.73	26.75	16.67	-66.46	-26.19
Small (Fruit)	90.00-180.00	130.83	98.70	183.78	32.13	32.55	-52.95	-28.81
Mango								•
Betti (Fruit)	40.00-45.00	42.00	29.17	24.88	12.83	44.00	17.12	68.81
Karthakolomban								
(Fruit)	80.00-200.00	154.44	81.94	46.10	72.50	88.49	108.34	235.01
Vilad (Fruit)	40.00-75.00	58.57	44.01	30.12	14.56	33.09	28.45	94.46
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	9.85	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-160.00	117.15	134.98	131.60	-17.82	-13.21	-14.45	-10.98
Passionfruit (Fruit)	13.00-33.00	20.40	19.32	18.84	1.08	5.57	1.56	8.27
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-70.00	49.32	40.82	61.77	8.50	20.82	-12.45	-20.16
Orange (Fruit)	25.00-60.00	42.48	58.35	64.39	-15.87	-27.20	-21.91	-34.03
Avocado (Fruit)	80.00-200.00	144.15	95.84	158.01	48.30	50.40	-13.86	-8.77
Slime Apple (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	81.14	77.49	55.97	3.65	4.71	25.17	44.96
Grapes Imported	700.00-							
(Kg)	1000.00	800.10	813.75	846.62	-13.65	-1.68	-46.52	-5.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – January 2018

	Price Range		Average			Change Co	ompared to	
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2017		Jan 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	37.50-65.00	53.53	43.19	60.72	10.34	23.94	-7.19	-11.84
Kolikuttu	75.00-126.67	111.44	97.15	143.70	14.29	14.71	-32.26	-22.45
Papaw	37.50-71.00	56.43	52.79	51.18	3.64	6.90	5.25	10.26
Pineapple	-	1	-	107.75	-	-	-	=

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
November 2017 to January 2018

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		January			December			November					
Type of Fruit	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	78.51	40.66	517.87	99.29	51.64	520.06	92.23	65.58	711.08				
Papaw	432.05	38.13	88.25	374.72	36.13	96.42	548.82	47.55	86.63				
Fresh Mango	25.15	14.86	590.77	27.63	12.95	468.91	28.60	10.33	361.18				
Avocado, fresh	0.10	0.02	217.77	ı	ı	-	4.07	0.88	217.25				
Orange, fresh	0.10	0.05	541.33	1	-	-	-	-	-				

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits November 2017 to January 2018

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Type of		January			December					
Fruit	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	2,510	333.78	132.98	2,443	313.09	128.14	1,928	254.09	131.81	
Grapes	508	163.74	322.52	610	214.23	351.45	541	183.41	338.91	
Oranges	641	65.01	101.46	274	36.58	133.44	374	50.62	135.47	
Mandarin	-	-	-	-	-	1	271	17.42	64.19	

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.139.00/kg and 1211.00/kg in January. At the start of the year, demand for most fish types had increased. Consequently, compared to the previous month, prices of most fish types have increased by less than 10%. The highest price increase was noted as 8% in Kelawalla, followed by Hurulla (7%). Prices of Shrimp and Paraw have increased by 5% and 4%, respectively. In the meantime, prices of both Mora and Balaya have increased by 1%. Of price decreased fish types, the highest price decrement was noted as 6% in Thora, followed by Salaya (4%) and Thalapath (1%). Fish stocks were mainly supplied from Southern coastal areas of the country, and during periods of scarcity, fish stocks had been supplied from Western coastal areas such as Negombo. Based on the market information from Puttalam and Vavuniya, it is anticipated that more fish stocks will be supplied to markets in February; yet, fish prices may not change drastically.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all fish types except Hurulla and Balaya have increased. The highest price increase was noted as 31% in Shrimp, followed by Kelawalla (23%) and Thalapath (17%). Prices of Mora and Paraw have increased by 13% and 12%, respectively. Moreover, prices of Thora and Salaya have increased by less than 10%. In the meantime, prices of Hurulla and Balaya have decreased by 10% and 5%, respectively.

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.192.00/kg and Rs.1489.00/kg in January. However, consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.140.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase a kilo of any fish type. Compared to last month, prices of most fish types have increased by 5% or less. The highest price increment was observed as 5% in Hurulla, followed by 4% in both Thora and Paraw. Prices of Mora, Kelawalla, and Shrimp have increased by 3%. Meanwhile, the only price decrement was shown in Salaya, and it was recorded as 2%. Interestingly, prices of Balaya and Thalapath have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices of all fish types except Hurulla have increased. The highest increment was shown in Shrimp as 33%, followed by Mora (29%) and Thalapath (23%). Moreover, prices of Paraw and Salaya have increased by 13% and 10%, respectively. Prices of Thora, Kelawalla, and Balaya have increased by 8% or less. The only price decrement was shown in Hurulla, and it was recorded as 7%.

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

	Price Range		Average		(19.27 7.02 -32.32 -9.9 1.96 0.66 -14.20 -4.5 43.34 8.02 107.47 22.5 -72.67 -5.66 90.06 8.0 25.29 4.29 67.97 12.4 4.98 0.88 66.94 13.3 41.58 4.53 227.13 30.9			
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2	2017	Jan 2	017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price	S								
Salaya	110.00-160.00	139.43	145.00	131.91	-5.57	-3.84	7.52	5.70	
Hurulla	240.00-350.00	293.68	274.41	326.00	19.27	7.02	-32.32	-9.91	
Balaya	250.00-350.00	300.46	298.50	314.66	1.96	0.66	-14.20	-4.51	
Kelawalla	500.00-700.00	583.42	540.08	475.95	43.34	8.02	107.47	22.58	
Thora	1000.00-1400.00	1210.67	1283.33	1120.61	-72.67	-5.66	90.06	8.04	
Paraw	500.00-750.00	615.15	589.86	547.18	25.29	4.29	67.97	12.42	
Mora	500.00-600.00	568.14	563.17	501.20	4.98	0.88	66.94	13.36	
Shrimp (small)	850.00-1100.00	960.33	918.75	733.20	41.58	4.53	227.13	30.98	
Thalapath	650.00-900.00	752.80	759.71	641.80	-6.91	-0.91	111.00	17.30	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	140.00-300.00	191.54	196.37	173.65	-4.83	-2.46	17.89	10.30	
Hurulla	280.00-600.00	386.08	366.68	416.75	19.40	5.29	-30.67	-7.36	
Balaya	275.00-720.00	481.86	483.29	461.21	-1.43	-0.30	20.65	4.48	
Kelawalla	550.00-1200.00	837.53	811.92	797.56	25.61	3.15	39.97	5.01	
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1488.60	1432.60	1373.08	56.00	3.91	115.52	8.41	
Paraw	600.00-1200.00	915.47	882.94	811.64	32.52	3.68	103.83	12.79	
Mora	600.00-1400.00	826.77	799.64	642.70	27.12	3.39	184.07	28.64	
Shrimp (small)	880.00-1400.00	1160.17	1128.95	869.57	31.23	2.77	290.60	33.42	
Thalapath	750.00-1400.00	1076.84	1076.88	879.00	-0.04	0.00	197.84	22.51	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish ranged between Rs.312.00/kg and Rs.1075.00/kg in January. Prices of most dried fish types have increased compared to previous month. Imported Balaya showed the highest price increment as 17%, followed by local Balaya (14%). Supply of local Sprats has decreased during this month; this was seen prominently in markets in Vavuniya. Consequently, price of local Sprats has increased by 13%. All other price increased dried fish types showed price increments of 4% or less. For example, a price increment of 4% was noted in local Salaya followed by 2% in imported Maduwa, Sprats, Kattawa, and local Anguluwa. Prices of imported Mora, Anguluwa, and Thora have increased by 1%. In the meantime, prices of local Maduwa and Thora have decreased by 6% and 5%, respectively, whereas price of local Kattawa had decreased by 1%. Interestingly, price of local Mora has not changed significantly.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all dried fish types except local and imported Balaya and local Maduwa have increased. The highest price increment was observed in local Salaya as 20%, followed by local Sprats (13%). Prices of imported Sprats, Thora, and Anguluwa have increased by 5%-10%. In addition, prices of local and imported Kattawa, Mora, local Thora, Anguluwa, and imported Maduwa have increased by 2%-4%. Of price decreased dried fish types, prices of local and imported Balaya have decreased by 18% and 7%, respectively, while price of local Maduwa has decreased by 2%.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish ranged between Rs.636.00/kg and Rs.1522.00/kg in January. Consumers had to pay a price between Rs.460.00 and Rs.1800.00 to purchase one kilo of any dried fish type. Prices of Salaya, Balaya, and imported Sprats have increased by 2%, and the price of Anguluwa has increased by 1%. Price of Maduwa has decreased by 11%, followed by local Sprats (3%). Price of Kattawa has decreased by 1% due to the prevailing controlled price

imposed on it; further, it can be anticipated that the prices may still be low in February. Interestingly, prices of Thora and Mora have not changed significantly. However, based on the market information from markets in Vavuniya and Puttalam, the dried fish prices may not change drastically next month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased by 6%-21%, and the highest price increment was observed in imported Sprats followed by Salaya (16%) and local Sprats (14%). Similarly, price decrements were observed ranging from 1% to 12%, and the highest price decrement was noted in Maduwa.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish - January 2018

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	Price Range		Average		(Change C	ompared to	0			
Items	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec	2017	Jan	2017			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%			
Dried fish – Wholesale	2										
Sprats	800.00-1150.00	969.15	855.42	857.11	113.73	13.30	112.03	13.07			
Sprats (imported)	400.00-550.00	490.16	482.25	454.33	7.91	1.64	35.83	7.89			
Kattawa	750.00-850.00	814.20	824.22	797.11	-10.02	-1.22	17.09	2.14			
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-800.00	765.80	754.33	735.75	11.47	1.52	30.05	4.08			
Thora	900.00-1200.00	1045.37	1096.39	1028.40	-51.02	-4.65	16.98	1.65			
Thora (imported)	980.00-1200.00	1075.27	1062.14	1009.40	13.12	1.24	65.87	6.53			
Mora	760.00-850.00	822.60	821.38	806.72	1.23	0.15	15.88	1.97			
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	761.40	750.69	731.35	10.71	1.43	30.05	4.11			
Balaya	300.00-450.00	395.80	346.92	484.51	48.88	14.09	-88.71	-18.31			
Balaya (imported)	350.00-550.00	433.02	370.95	467.33	62.07	16.73	-34.31	-7.34			
Anguluwa	760.00-850.00	809.40	797.31	786.20	12.09	1.52	23.20	2.95			
Anguluwa (imported)	700.00-800.00	749.94	739.69	716.77	10.26	1.39	33.17	4.63			
Maduwa	400.00-650.00	517.10	550.06	528.00	-32.96	-5.99	-10.90	-2.06			
Maduwa (imported)	400.00-500.00	432.76	423.25	419.36	9.51	2.25	13.41	3.20			
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-			
Koduwa(imported)	T	-	-	-	-	ı	-	-			
Salaya	200.00-350.00	311.87	300.10	259.49	11.77	3.92	52.38	20.19			
Salaya (imported)	T	-	-	-	1	1	-	-			
Dried fish – Retail											
Sprats(imported)	490.00-900.00	722.90	710.60	597.79	12.30	1.73	125.11	20.93			
Sprats	900.00-1700.00	1167.54	1198.82	1021.83	-31.28	-2.61	145.71	14.26			
Kattawa	900.00-1500.00	1149.32	1166.06	1160.32	-16.74	-1.44	-11.00	-0.95			
Thora	1200.00-1800.00	1521.82	1529.14	1410.96	-7.31	-0.48	110.86	7.86			
Mora	900.00-1400.00	1093.34	1090.41	1112.01	2.92	0.27	-18.67	-1.68			
Balaya	550.00-1100.00	844.18	825.79	852.66	18.39	2.23	-8.48	-0.99			
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1055.87	1043.98	995.09	11.89	1.14	60.78	6.11			
Maduwa	500.00-650.00	680.00	759.74	770.67	-79.74	10.50	-90.67	-11.77			
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Salaya	460.00-800.00	635.59	621.45	548.22	14.14	2.27	87.37	15.94			
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Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – August 2017 to January 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
August	2,205	917.04	415.87	758.14	342.27

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

Eggs

The wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.12.00 and Rs.13.50 with an average price of Rs.12.65 in January 2018. In the meantime, the price of a white egg ranged between Rs.11.00 and Rs.12.00 with an average of Rs.11.50. Compared to previous month, prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 9% and 11%, respectively; similarly, compared to the same period of last year prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 2% and 7%, respectively.

Moreover, retail prices of both egg types have decreased more or less similar to wholesale prices. Price of a brown egg has decreased by 8%, and that of a white egg has decreased by 10%. The price ranges were recorded as Rs.13.00-16.00/egg in brown eggs and Rs.11.50-15.00/egg in white eggs, and the average prices for brown and white eggs were recorded as Rs.14.16/egg and Rs.12.92/egg, respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, brown and white egg retail prices have reduced by 3% and 5%, respectively. However, egg prices may increase in February due to decreased supply of eggs, as a result of using layer hens for meat.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs - January 2018

	Price Range		Average			Change C	Compared	to
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec	2017	Jan 2	2017
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.00-13.50	12.65	13.88	12.90	-1.23	-8.83	-0.25	-1.94
White (each)	1.00-12.00	11.50	12.88	12.40	-1.38	-10.68	-0.90	-7.26
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	13.00-16.00	14.16	15.40	14.59	-1.24	-8.07	-0.43	-2.95
White (each)	11.500-15.00	12.92	14.36	13.63	-1.44	-10.02	-0.71	-5.22

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Among the selected meat types, retail price increments were only shown in Pork and Curry Chicken in January compared to the previous month. Price of Pork has increased by 3%, whereas price of Curry Chicken has increased by 1%. Average retail prices of these two meat types were recorded as Rs.530.00/kg in Pork and Rs.501.00/kg in Curry Chicken. Beef showed the only price decrement, recorded as 1%, and its average retail price was recorded as Rs.948.00/kg. Interestingly, prices of Broiler Chicken and Mutton have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all meat types except Pork have increased. Prices of both Beef and Curry Chicken have increased by 11%, followed by 10% in Broiler Chicken and 7% in Mutton. Meanwhile, price of Pork has decreased by 8%.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat - January 2018

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	Price Range		Average			Change Compared to Dec 2017				
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017 Dec 2017		Jan	2017			
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	g %	Rs/kg	%		
Meat										
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	948.33	953.67	855.01	-5.34	-0.56	93.32	10.91		
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-590.00	511.57	510.00	464.16	1.58	0.31	47.41	10.21		
Chicken (curry)	420.00-590.00	500.93	496.89	452.40	4.04	0.81	48.53	10.73		
Mutton	1700.00-1900.00	1793.33	1796.24	1672.06	-2.91	-0.16	121.27	7.25		
Pork	500.00-550.00	530.00	516.67	573.67	13.33	2.58	-43.67	-7.61		

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 181,141mt. worth of 6,900mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of January. Compared to previous month, imported quantity of this month has increased almost by three times. The highest quantity (63,852mt.) of wheat grain for the month of January had been imported from Australia. The second highest quantity (58,125mt.) had been imported from Russia and the third highest quantity (51,312mt.) had been imported from Canada. In addition, wheat grain had been also imported from United States and India. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.34.00-55.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.38.00/kg. The world wheat prices have increased since last October and the current world wheat price for the month of January has increased up to 4% compared to previous month.

A total quantity of 406mt. of wheat flour worth of 26mn. had been imported during the month of January and the quantity has decreased by 359mt. compared to previous month. Wheat flour had been mainly imported from India and a few quantities were imported from China and Germany as well. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of January ranged between Rs.45.00-66.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.65.00/kg. The average CIF price for this month has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg compared to previous month. However, average local retail price for wheat flour has increased by Rs.1.00/kg during the month. The highest CIF price was reported for German wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest being recorded for the Indian stocks. Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has increased by 1%.

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

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to						
Item	Jan 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 20)17	Jan 2017				
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%			
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	89.84	88.50	89.20	1.34	1.51	0.64	0.71			
Sugar	100.00-120.00	110.18	111.87	102.20	-1.69	-1.51	7.98	7.81			

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain - August 2017 to January 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
August	361	25.89	71.63	88.68	17.04
Wheat Grain					
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
August	164,673	6350.05	38.56	88.68	50.12

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 14,785mt. worth of 989mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of January and the quantity has further decreased by 31% compared to the previous imported quantity. The highest sugar quantity of 9,641mt. had been imported from Pakistan and the CIF price was reported as Rs.62.00/kg. The second highest quantity of 2,380mt. had been imported from Thailand and the CIF price was reported as Rs.81.00/kg. Further, sugar was also imported from India (4%), Poland (4%), United Arab Emirates (3.5%), France (3.2%), Guatemala (2.5%) and Korea (1.6%). The CIF prices ranged between Rs.62.00-97.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.67.00/kg. The average CIF price of sugar for the month of January remained unchanged compared to previous month. Since last November world sugar prices have decreased considerably and prices further decreased by 3% in January compared to previous month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Korea, while the lowest for the Pakistan and Guatemala stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of January, price ranged between Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.110.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg compared to previous month. Compared to the same period of last year average retail price has increased by 8%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- August 2017 to January 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
August	42,264	3084.5	72.98	106.96	33.97

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – January 2018

	Quant	ity (mt)	%	Value (Rs. mn)	%	CIF (I	Rs/kg)	% Chang
Items	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Change Compa red to last month	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Change Compa red to last month	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Chang e Comp ared to last month
Rice	76,655	98,995	-22.6	4814.7	6242.4	-22.9	62.81	63.06	-0.4
Red Onion	2,231	1,020	118.7	310.4	185.3	67.5	139.17	181.75	-23.4
Big Onion	22,332	24,332	-8.2	2470.3	2982.0	-17.2	110.62	122.56	-9.7
Potato	21,851	17,902	22.1	673.7	700.2	-3.8	30.83	39.11	-21.2
Dried Chillies	4,245	4,729	-10.2	739.9	839.0	-11.8	174.28	177.40	-1.8
Masoor Dhal	13,774	10,080	-	1135.9	911.2	-	82.46	90.40	-
Green Gram	1,943	819	137.3	248.9	108.0	130.3	128.10	132.01	-3.0
Cowpea	410	214	92.0	54.7	30.6	78.7	133.34	143.33	-7.0
Garlic	2,481	2,500	-0.8	296.2	324.5	-8.7	119.37	129.82	-8.1
Wheat flour	406	765	-46.9	26.5	51.8	-48.9	65.21	67.68	-3.7
Wheat grain	181,14 1	64,673	180.1	6900.8	2453.0	181.3	38.10	37.93	0.4
White crystalline cane sugar	14,785	21,347	-30.7	989.0	1434.8	-31.1	66.90	67.22	-0.5
Maize (Seed)	0	7	-97.1	0.7	4.2	-82.6	3608.04	593.09	508.3
Maize (Other)	4,182	8,656	-51.7	152.6	313.1	-51.3	36.50	36.18	0.9
Sprats, dried unsalted		·							

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

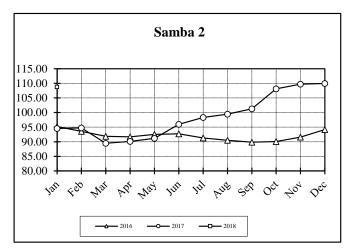
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – January 2018

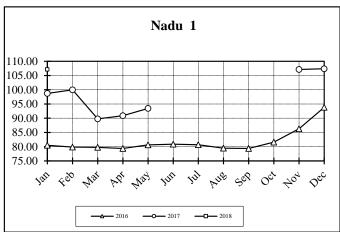
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	19.4	76.6	3	6
Badulla	85.5	150.2	6	12
Bandarawela	48.5	99.1	6	10
Batticaloa	24.5	203.5	5	11
Colombo	45.7	56.3	6	5
Galle	11.0	82.4	5	8
Hambantota	22.7	53.3	5	5
Jaffna	14.6	67.1	2	4
Katugastota	20.3	76.8	3	6
Katunayaka	23.8	44.3	3	4
Kurunegala	6.4	54.6	4	4
Mahailuppallama	18.3	67.5	4	6
Mannar	65.2	37.5	3	4
Nuwara Eliya	95.4	97.4	5	8
Pottuvil	129.1	279.1	6	na
Puttalam	11.8	48.5	4	4
Ratmalana	9.5	67.1	2	5
Ratnapura	14.0	107.5	5	9
Trincomalee	12.3	112.0	6	7
Vavuniya	27.7	81.5	5	6
Polonnaruwa	19.1	na	4	na
Moneragala	99.6	na	8	na
Mattala	19.2	na	8	na

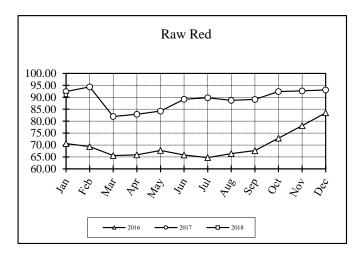
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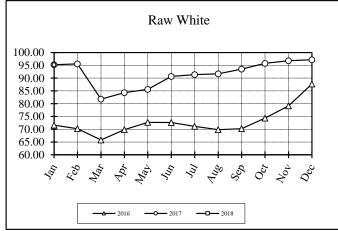
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		79.87	99.95		69.32	94.37		70.19	95.56	
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	



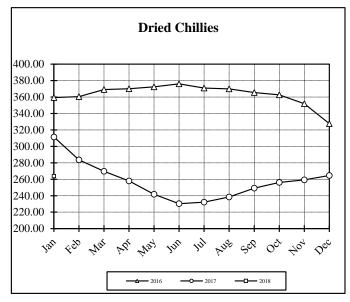


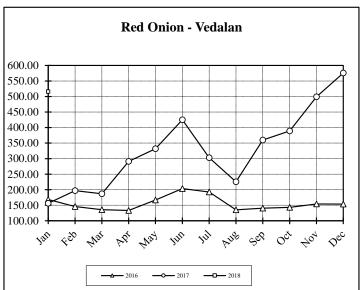


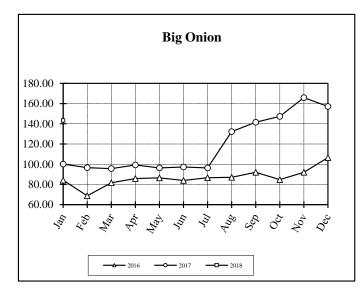


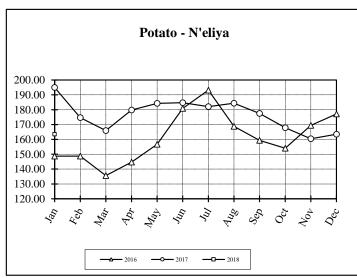
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	D	ried Chillie	es		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		145.71	197.00		68.73	96.57		148.75	174.64		
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	23 8.44		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) Jan-18

Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
		Week	Week	Week	Week	Commount	Week	Week	Week		Week	Commounty	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	98.40	93.00	98.40	100.40	101.80	Welimada	143.67	124.33	131.00	145.33	133.67
A'pura	52.00	51.20	51.00	51.00	52.00	Badulla						N'Eliya	142.00	142.00	167.00	145.00	138.00
P'naruwa	55.38	55.75	55.50	55.50	44.38	Welimada	90.75	94.00	85.75	87.25	91.50	,					1
Kalawewa	57.67	57.67	43.58	43.50	46.81	Pulses						Beetroot					i
Kurunegala	52.50	42.50		37.50	37.50	Green Gram						Hanguranketha	100.00		100.00		i
Dehiattakandiya		54.25	54.50	53.25	52.80	Galgamuwa						N'Eliya	127.00	127.00	98.00	53.00	42.00
Ampara		51.50	45.00	46.50	44.50	Kalawewa				170.00	170.00	Dambulla	134.00	89.40	67.20	63.80	45.60
Long grain (White	<u>.</u>)					Embilipitiya	176.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	Kurunegala					i
A'pura	-	40.00	40.00	39.60	40.00	Kurunegala						Welimada	134.33	124.33	115.33		56.50
P'naruwa	54.38	54.75	54.25	36.00	30.38	A'pura	168.33	163.75	166.25	165.00	168.33	Knokhol					
Kalawewa	47.25	47.25	39.42	37.25	39.19	Cowpea						Hanguranketha	77.50			85.00	i
Kurunegala	53.33	39.00		45.00	38.33	A'pura	175.00	172.50	173.75	170.00	170.00	N'Eliya	88.00	78.00	72.00	45.00	45.00
Dehiattakandiya		38.00	36.75	35.00	33.75	Galgamuwa	134.33	124.33	115.33		56.50	Welimada	99.33	96.00	79.33	76.00	56.00
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya	190.00	198.33	163.33	163.33	160.00	Radish					i
Ampara		45.50	36.50	35.00	31.50	Kalawewa				180.00	170.00	Hanguranketha	30.00	25.00	30.00	22.50	25.00
Matara	43.33	43.33	44.00	41.67	39.67	Embilipitiya	186.25	203.75	203.75	203.75	203.75	N'Eliya	38.00	23.00	22.40	13.40	10.80
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Welimada	32.00	25.33	22.00	21.00	11.67
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Cabbage					
Matara	43.67	43.67	44.33	42.00	40.67	A'Pura	43.75	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.33	Hanguranketha	73.33	45.00	35.00	32.50	37.50
Hambantota	47.67	44.50	42.50	42.40	42.50	Kalawewa						N'Eliya	53.00	53.00	47.00	38.00	27.00
Ampara		41.00		31.00	28.50	Gingelly						Welimada	34.33	26.00	24.33	22.00	22.00
Embilipitiya	45.50	44.75	43.58	41.58	41.58	A'Pura	177.50	175.00	176.25	175.00	173.33	Hambantota					i
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa					180.00	Badulla	79.00	38.00	39.00	39.00	29.00
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Tomato					i
A'Pura						Kalawewa				110.00	110.00	Hanguranketha	55.00	46.67	35.00		47.50
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	128.00	142.00	160.00	160.00	153.33	Welimada	36.00	36.00	35.33	21.00	47.00
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Cou	<u>intry)</u>					Hambantota	66.67	57.50	37.50	37.50	26.00
Red Onion						Beans						Dambulla	61.80	36.60	21.40	30.00	52.00
Puttalam	384.00	220.00	184.00	166.00	146.00	Dambulla	220.00	182.00	114.00	122.00	138.00	Low Country					1
						Welimada	205.75	196.00	95.33	104.33	123.67	Ladies Fingers					1
Big Onion						Badulla	173.00	175.00	91.00	92.00	122.00	A'pura	66.67	68.33	65.00	68.33	73.33
Dambulla						Carrot						Dambulla	51.60	60.20	58.80	77.80	80.40
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	76.67	65.00	65.00	50.00	47.50	Hambantota	70.67	75.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
A'Pura						N'Eliya	70.20	83.00	77.60	48.00	93.00	Embilipitiya	102.50	83.33	76.67	82.40	62.43
Kurunegala				<u> </u>		Welimada	63.67	54.33	61.00	56.00	62.00	Matara	76.67	76.67	66.67	53.33	46.67

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	•	Week		Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	73.33	90.00	78.33	90.00		Dambulla	32.80	34.80	31.00	39.60	34.80	Hambantota	33.33	35.00	27.50	27.50	25.00
Dambulla	117.00	84.40	57.80	51.80	37.00	Hambantota	51.67	54.33	40.00	47.50	47.50	Embilipitiya	35.71	35.71	35.71	35.71	35.71
Hambantota	143.33	90.00	52.50	40.00	40.00	Embilipitiya	60.00	40.00	37.50	41.67	41.67	Moneragala	16.00	13.33	12.33	12.33	12.33
Embilipitiya		75.71	44.38	42.13	38.13	Matara						Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	145.00	73.33	56.67	53.33	53.33	A'pura	53.33	38.33	36.67	38.33		Banana					
Welimada	133.67	66.00	54.33	44.33	36.00	Moneragala	33.67	33.33	33.33	40.00	33.33	<u>Ambul</u>					
						Cucumber						Moneragala	53.75	63.75	63.75	58.75	58.75
<u>Capsicum</u>						A'pura	48.33	35.00	28.33	35.00		Embilipitiya	45.83	55.83	45.00	50.00	53.33
Welimada	206.00	142.67	134.33	133.67	144.33	Dambulla	40.80	36.20	32.40	46.00		Hambantota	56.67	37.50	57.50	65.00	37.50
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	41.67	37.50	42.50	47.50	40.00	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	176.67	110.00	90.00		83.33							Moneragala		100.00	110.00		113.33
Dambulla	158.00	117.00	78.80	84.80		Long beans						Embilipitiya	110.83	110.83	110.83	110.83	110.83
Hambantota	148.33	147.50	137.50	140.00	115.00	Dambulla	101.00	44.20	35.40	31.40	41.00	Hambantota	126.67	125.00	122.50	125.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	209.00	163.33	145.83	139.17	132.83	Hambantota	86.67	32.50	32.50	32.50		<u>Papaw</u>					
						Embilipitiya	41.88	30.63	36.43	41.43		Moneragala					
Snake Gourd						Matara	83.33	43.33	43.33	43.33		Embilipitiya	71.00	65.00	46.67	46.67	46.67
Dambulla	90.00	45.20	52.20	46.60	31.00	A'Pura	110.00	43.33	40.00	43.33	36.67	Hambantota	63.33	62.50	67.50	57.50	37.50
Hambantota	86.67	95.00	70.00	85.00	50.00	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
Embilipitiya	79.17	76.00	56.67	56.67	47.43	Hambantota	68.33	67.50	62.50	62.50		Divulapitiya					
Matara						Embilipitiya	59.17	59.17	59.17	60.83							
A'pura	78.33	68.33	63.33	68.33	66.67	Matara	83.33	76.67	66.67	73.33	76.67						
<u>Luffa</u>						Green Chillie	<u>es</u>										
Dambulla	109.00	94.00	84.20	81.80	76.80	Dambulla	248.00	116.00	91.40	57.00	57.60						
Hambantota	96.67	95.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	Hambantota	416.67	225.00		140.00	115.00						
Embilipitiya	115.83	134.17	103.33	96.67	69.29	Embilipitiya	406.00	208.33	139.38	126.25	125.00						
Matara						Puttalam	212.00	114.00	92.00	62.00	37.00						
A'pura	121.67	96.67	86.67	96.67	90.00	A'Pura	300.00	123.33	123.33	123.33	113.33						