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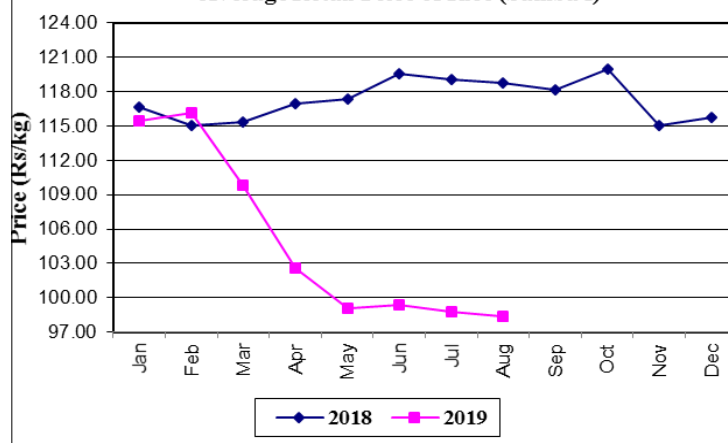
RICE:

Retail price of most of the rice varieties had increased slightly by less than 3% compared to the last month. Further price reduction could be expected for most of the rice varieties due to the market supply of *Yala* harvesting.

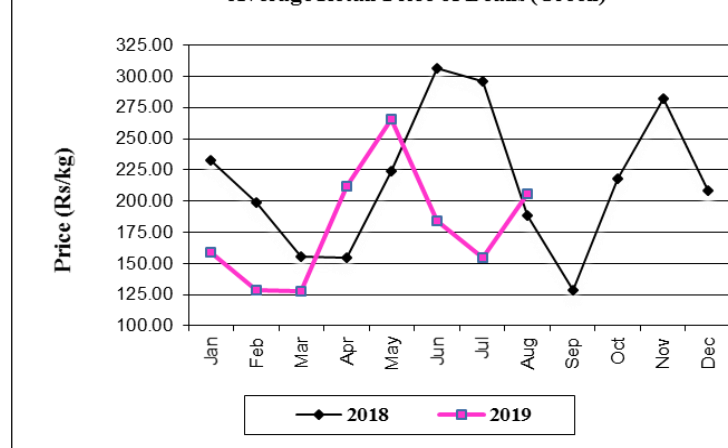
VEGETABLES:

Sufficient stocks from *Yala* season were further available in most of the retail markets. Hence, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have further decreased during the month. The prices of up-country vegetables decreased by 1%-19% followed by low-country vegetables as 4%-43%. Harvesting of *Yala* season has reached to its end phase and it will be ended up one month prior compared to the previous years. Therefore, vegetable prices are expected to increase during next month.

Average Retail Price of Rice (Samba I)



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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Colombo and suburb Markets

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Pettah | 5. Peliyagoda | 9. Kirulapone |
| 2. Narahenpita | 6. Kadawatha | 10. Nugegoda |
| 3. Dematagoda | 7. Kiribathgoda | |
| 4. Thotalanga | 8. Wellawatta | |

Outstation Markets

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

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2019 *Yala* season is in progress in most of the major producing areas while the peak harvesting was recorded in producing areas in the Eastern province. The production outlook was moderately satisfactory in most of the producing areas mainly due to the insufficient rains and low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs. According to the field information, dry weather condition prevailed in major producing areas throughout the month. The government continued state fertilizer assistance during the season. A satisfactory progress was recorded in producing areas in Mahaweli Zones, Ampara, Kurunegala, Polonnaruwa and Hambantota districts.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Yala* 2019 season as at end of August 2019

| District/Area | Targeted Extent (ha) | Achievement (ha) | Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent | Production Forecast based on Achievement (mt) | Total Affected Extent (ha) | Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt) | Revised Production Forecast (mt) |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Anuradhapura | 46,446 | 18,250 | 39 | 65,890 | | | 65,890 |
| Polonnaruwa | 32,605 | 30,709 | 94 | 135,824 | | | 135,824 |
| Ampara | 57,014 | 50,017 | 88 | 220,773 | 966 | 2,777 | 217,995 |
| Kurunegala | 46,384 | 48,813 | 105 | 219,171 | 2,061 | 4,627 | 214,543 |
| Hambantota | 27,023 | 25,023 | 93 | 122,866 | | | 122,866 |
| Colombo | 1,937 | 897 | 46 | 2,172 | | | 2,172 |
| Gampaha | 5,980 | 5,752 | 96 | 13,983 | | | 13,983 |
| Kalutara | 7,245 | 5,181 | 72 | 14,674 | | | 14,674 |
| Galle | 6,400 | 2,918 | 46 | 6,691 | | | 6,691 |
| Matara | 14,780 | 12,835 | 87 | 37,392 | | | 37,392 |
| Ratnapura | 8,280 | 6,169 | 75 | 20,082 | | | 20,082 |
| Kegalle | 9,031 | 2,049 | 23 | 5,971 | | | 5,971 |
| Puttalam | 16,847 | 8,631 | 51 | 28,906 | 695 | 1,746 | 27,160 |
| Kandy | 9,156 | 6,148 | 67 | 19,052 | | | 19,052 |
| Matale | 12,191 | 7,858 | 64 | 32,294 | | | 32,294 |
| N' Eliya | 4,712 | 1,555 | 33 | 3,197 | | | 3,197 |
| Badulla | 8,594 | 6,440 | 75 | 24,686 | | | 24,686 |
| Monaragala | 17,242 | 9,629 | 56 | 39,444 | | | 39,444 |
| Jaffna | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kilinochchi | 8,715 | 8,576 | 98 | 33,431 | | | 33,431 |
| Vavuniya | 2,624 | 2,670 | 102 | 10,554 | 68 | 141 | 10,412 |
| Mullaitivu | 5,297 | 5,533 | 104 | 20,309 | 90 | 278 | 20,031 |
| Mannar | 1,380 | 2,050 | 149 | 7,692 | 8 | 30 | 7,662 |
| Trincomalee | 24,255 | 19,444 | 80 | 88,691 | 107 | 363 | 88,328 |
| Batticaloa | 27,444 | 28,197 | 103 | 114,978 | 2,978 | 10,429 | 104,549 |
| Udawalawa | 9,124 | 10,154 | 111 | 53,771 | | | 53,771 |
| System H | 14,000 | 2,587 | 18 | 10,741 | | | 10,741 |
| System H1 | 4,426 | 2,253 | 51 | 9,354 | | | 9,354 |
| System B | 17,436 | 19,660 | 113 | 81,628 | | | 81,628 |
| System C | 19,733 | 21,848 | 111 | 90,713 | | | 90,713 |
| System G | 3,341 | 4,707 | 141 | 19,543 | | | 19,543 |
| System D | 823 | 718 | 87 | 2,981 | | | 2,981 |
| Rambakanoya | 520 | 691 | 133 | 2,869 | | | 2,869 |
| System L | 972 | 740 | 76 | 3,072 | | | 3,072 |
| Sri Lanka | 471,956 | 378,700 | 80 | 1,563,396 | 6,973 | 20,391 | 1,543,004 |

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2019, Vol 03, Department of Agriculture

According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of the season is 471,956 ha. The cultivation progress up to end August is 378,700 ha and it is 80% of the target. The cultivation progress is 12% higher than that of the average extent of last

three *Yala* seasons. Harvesting of paddy crop progressed in all major producing areas and is expected to continue until mid-September.

Producer Prices

The prices of all the paddy varieties have slightly declined in most of the major producing areas like Anuradhapura, Ampara and Dehiattakandiya during the first half of the month mainly due to the arrival of newly harvested high moisture paddy to the markets as a result of the peak harvesting of *Yala* season. During the latter part of the month prices of all the paddy varieties have increased due to the competitive buying of newly harvested paddy by the rice millers. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have increased by nearly 3% in Anuradhapura, Kalawewa and Kurunegala and 6% in Dehiattakandiya. The prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.35.00-45.00/Kg and Rs.38.00-47.00/Kg in major producing areas. It is observed that the prices of long grain white were higher than the prices of short grain paddy in most of the major producing areas during the month. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs 35.00-41.00/Kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to the field information it is expected to that the increasing trend of prices commenced during the latter part of the month will be continue during the next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain white paddy have decreased nearly 19% in Anuradhapura and nearly 12% in Kalawewa and Kurunugala producing areas. However, the prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 16%-22% in major producing areas. The prices of long grain red have increased by 13% in Embilipitiya and 9% in Hambanthota.

Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – August 2019

| Commodity | Price Range | | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Short Grain | | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 35.00-43.00 | 38.00-41.00 | 40.70 | 39.20 | 50.22 | 1.50 | 3.82 | -9.52 | -18.96 |
| Polonnaruwa | - | 34.00-42.19 | - | 39.54 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kalawewa | 41.00-45.00 | 40.00-43.00 | 43.00 | 41.40 | 48.42 | 1.60 | 3.86 | -5.42 | -11.19 |
| Kurunegala | 41.00-43.00 | 38.00-42.00 | 41.80 | 40.20 | 48.00 | 1.60 | 3.98 | -6.20 | -12.92 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 36.00-45.00 | 39.00-39.00 | 39.63 | 39.00 | - | 0.63 | 1.60 | - | - |
| Nikaweratiya | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ampara | - | 35.00-37.00 | - | 36.35 | 51.50 | - | - | - | - |
| Long Grain White | | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 38.00-47.00 | 40.00-46.00 | 43.58 | 42.46 | 37.60 | 1.12 | 2.63 | 5.97 | 15.88 |
| Polonnaruwa | - | 39.00-44.53 | - | 42.74 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kalawewa | 43.00-47.00 | 42.00-46.00 | 44.99 | 43.40 | 37.02 | 1.59 | 3.66 | 7.97 | 21.52 |
| Kurunegala | 43.00-45.00 | 40.00-43.00 | 43.60 | 42.05 | 35.67 | 1.55 | 3.69 | 7.93 | 22.24 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 39.00-45.00 | 39.00-39.00 | 41.38 | 39.00 | - | 2.38 | 6.09 | - | - |
| Embilipitiya | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nikaweratiya | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Matara | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hambantota | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ampara | - | 32.00-40.00 | - | 35.50 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Long Grain Red | | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Matara | 38.00-40.00 | 35.00-36.50 | 39.05 | 36.00 | 39.11 | 3.05 | 8.47 | -0.06 | -0.16 |
| Hambantota | 35.00-38.00 | 35.00-38.00 | 36.57 | 36.23 | 33.65 | 0.34 | 0.93 | 2.92 | 8.68 |
| Embilipitiya | 36.00-41.00 | 35.00-38.00 | 39.11 | 36.20 | 34.70 | 2.91 | 8.03 | 4.41 | 12.71 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the rice varieties, except samba grade I had increased with the highest price increase of 6% for raw red. Supply of raw rice varieties (raw red and raw white) had decreased compared to the previous month and prices had increased by Rs.4.38/kg and Rs.3.97/kg respectively for raw red and raw white. Further, the wholesale price of nadu varieties and samba grade II had increased in the range of 1%-4%.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of samba grade I and II had decreased significantly by 17% and 19% respectively. Meanwhile the wholesale price of nadu II, raw red and raw white had increased by 6%,8% and 11% respectively compared to the last year.

According to the Department of Customs of Sri Lanka, a quantity of 1,698 mt of rice had been imported in August. The total expenditure of importing rice in August 2019 was Rs.144.8mn.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 3% for nadu grade II and raw white. Meanwhile the retail price of samba grade I and nadu grade I had decreased slightly compared to the last month.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of most of the rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 18% for samba grade II.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|----------|--------|--|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % | |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 86.00-94.00 | 90.10 | 91.26 | 108.33 | -1.16 | -1.27 | -18.23 | -16.82 | |
| Samba 2 | 80.00-84.00 | 82.05 | 79.96 | 101.80 | 2.09 | 2.61 | -19.75 | -19.40 | |
| Samba 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Nadu 1 | 87.00-88.00 | 87.50 | 87.00 | 90.75 | 0.50 | 0.57 | -3.25 | -3.58 | |
| Nadu 2 | 78.00-84.00 | 81.93 | 79.08 | 77.24 | 2.85 | 3.60 | 4.68 | 6.06 | |
| Raw red | 70.00-74.00 | 72.20 | 67.82 | 67.05 | 4.38 | 6.46 | 5.15 | 7.68 | |
| Raw white | 78.00-83.00 | 80.95 | 76.98 | 73.15 | 3.97 | 5.16 | 7.80 | 10.66 | |
| Imported Samba | - | - | - | 106.39 | - | - | - | - | |
| Imported Raw White | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Imported Nadu | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 95.00-100.00 | 98.35 | 98.81 | 118.72 | -0.47 | -0.47 | -20.37 | -17.16 | |
| Samba 2 | 85.00-90.00 | 89.38 | 87.49 | 108.80 | 1.89 | 2.16 | -19.42 | -17.85 | |
| Samba 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Nadu 1 | 90.00-95.00 | 92.49 | 92.75 | 96.68 | -0.26 | -0.28 | -4.19 | -4.33 | |
| Nadu 2 | 80.00-88.00 | 85.63 | 83.23 | 87.50 | 2.40 | 2.88 | -1.87 | -2.13 | |
| Raw red | 75.00-90.00 | 81.14 | 79.31 | 80.42 | 1.83 | 2.31 | 0.72 | 0.89 | |
| Raw white | 80.00-90.00 | 88.49 | 85.86 | 84.25 | 2.63 | 3.07 | 4.25 | 5.04 | |
| Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba | - | - | - | 112.35 | - | - | - | - | |
| Imported Raw White | - | - | - | 83.50 | - | - | - | - | |
| Imported Nadu | - | - | - | 83.57 | - | - | - | - | |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli for *Yala* 2019 was 6,030 ha and cultivated extent of land was 4,179 ha by the end of August and it was represented 70% of the targeted extent in Sri Lanka. Though the highest targeted extent was reported from Anuradhapura, the highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttlam (515 ha) followed by Moneragala (385 ha). More than 50% of the chilli production was harvested in most of the producing areas by the end of August 2019. According to the cultivated extent by the end of this month, the expected production of green chilli was 17380 Mt, and 41% of this green chilli production is expected from puththalam (21%), Anuradhapura (11%) and Moneragala (9%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Target and cultivation progress of green chilli for *Yala* 2019

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress by the end of August 2019 | | Expected Production (mt) |
|--------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the Targeted Extent | |
| Anuradhapura | 684 | 352 | 52 | 1,803 |
| puttalam | 665 | 515 | 78 | 3,518 |
| Monaragala | 465 | 385 | 83 | 1,562 |
| Kurunegala | 394 | 181 | 46 | 721 |
| Kandy | 238 | 126 | 53 | 633 |
| Mathale | 225 | 158 | 71 | 798 |
| Vavunia | 250 | 276 | 111 | 852 |
| Hambanthota | 176 | 178 | 102 | 762 |
| Ampara | 185 | 148 | 80 | 644 |
| Other areas | 2,748 | 1,860 | 68 | 6,087 |
| Total | 6,030 | 4,179 | 70 | 17,380 |

Source: *Crop Forecast, Yala 2019, vol.03, Department of Agriculture.*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli to the market increased significantly from main producing areas during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.183.00/kg and Rs.197.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.142.63/kg and Rs.325.88/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 14% and 12% compared to the same period of last year.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli - August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|--|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % | |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chilli | 80.00-200.00 | 142.63 | 325.60 | 125.42 | -182.98 | -56.20 | 17.21 | 13.72 | |
| Dried Chilli | 295.00-355.00 | 325.76 | 315.00 | 244.75 | 10.76 | 3.42 | 81.01 | 33.10 | |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chilli | 160.00-400.00 | 325.88 | 522.83 | 289.77 | -196.95 | -37.67 | 36.10 | 12.46 | |
| Dried Chilli | 320.00-400.00 | 371.46 | 365.35 | 323.56 | 6.11 | 1.67 | 47.90 | 14.80 | |

Source: *Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI*

A quantity of 2,952mt of dried chillie was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 3,339mt compared to the previous month. The CIF price was Rs.285.19/kg and it has increased by Rs.18.36 /kg compared to the last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.11.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg due to decreased imports. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 33% and 15% respectively.

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chilli- March to Aug 2019

| Month | Quantity (mt) | Value (Rs.mn.) | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| August | 2,952 | 841.75 | 285.19 | 371.46 | 86.27 |
| July | 6,291 | 1,678.58 | 266.83 | 365.35 | 98.51 |
| June | 2,752 | 698.52 | 253.81 | 345.06 | 91.25 |
| May | 3,529 | 826.58 | 234.25 | 328.50 | 94.24 |
| April | 3,584 | 779.92 | 217.61 | 324.25 | 106.64 |
| March | 5,830 | 1,272.18 | 218.21 | 329.23 | 111.02 |

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer prices of green chilli (Rs/kg) – August 2019

| Location | 1 st week | 2 nd week | 3 rd week | 4 th week |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dambulla | 138.00 | 134.00 | 71.80 | 97.00 |
| Embilipitiya | 225.00 | 114.17 | 121.43 | 180.00 |
| Puttalam | 150.00 | 104.00 | 84.00 | 88.00 |
| A'Pura | 220.00 | 195.00 | 135.00 | 167.50 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of big onion cultivation was about 4,906 ha for this *Yala* season and around 1339 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2019, which represent only 28% of the targeted extent. In Matale district, 942 ha has been targeted for this *Yala* season and about 584 ha has been achieved at the end of this month representing 62% of the targeted extent. Cultivated extent of big onion for this *Yala* season in Matale district has decreased by about 21% compared to the previous *Yala* season. High cost of production, unfavorable weather condition, decreased farm gate price and prohibition of weedicide have caused to this decrease of cultivated extent. Harvesting of local big onion in Matale district has been started and around 7% of the production has supplied to the market during this month. Total big onion production in Sri Lanka for *Yala* 2019, was estimated at nearly 23,735 Mt and out of that 58% will be supplied from Matale district.

Around 1,870 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Jaffna district for this *Yala* season and 1,506 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2019, which represent 81% of the targeted extent. In Puttlam district 499 ha which represent 50% of the target under red onion had been cultivated at the end of August 2019. The estimated production for this *Yala* season was 36,622 Mt and out of that 71% was supplied from Jaffna (46%) and Puttlam (25%) districts.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of big onion for Yala 2019

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress as at the end of August 2019 | | Expected Production (mt) |
|--------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the targeted extent | |
| Matale | 942 | 584.3 | 62 | 13,763 |
| Anuradhapura | 870 | 142.8 | 17 | 2,015 |
| System H | 700 | 109.0 | 16 | 1,380 |
| System H 1 | 1500 | 312.0 | 21 | 3,950 |
| Vavuniya | 140 | 100.0 | 72 | 1,587 |
| Other areas | 754 | 90.0 | 12 | 1,040 |
| Total | 4906 | 1,339 | 28 | 23,735 |

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of red onion for Yala 2019

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress as at the end of August 2019 | | Expected Production (mt) |
|-------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the targeted extent | |
| Jaffna | 1,870 | 1,506 | 81 | 16,802 |
| Puttalam | 1,010 | 499 | 50 | 9,168 |
| Vavunia | 400 | 440 | 110 | 5,359 |
| Trincomalee | 249 | 243 | 98 | 2,964 |
| Other areas | 812 | 231 | 29 | 2,329 |
| Total | 4,341 | 2,919 | 68 | 36,622 |

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both local and imported big onion stocks were available at the wholesale market during this month. Limited stock of local big onion has started to arrive to the wholesale market since the last week of the month, with the price range of Rs.118.00-125.00/kg.

A quantity of 16,999mt of big onion was imported from India and it was a decrease of 4,039mt compared to last month. Average CIF price was Rs.63.46/kg and it has increased by Rs.5.17/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.11.00/kg and Rs.8.00/kg respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion - August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | 60.00-90.00 | 76.17 | 81.33 | 87.67 | -5.16 | -6.34 | -11.49 | -13.11 |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | 90.00-110.00 | 100.38 | 143.70 | 110.42 | -43.33 | -30.15 | -10.04 | -9.09 |
| Red Onion (Imported) | - | - | 148.45 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Big Onion (imported) | 93.00-128.00 | 108.37 | 97.66 | 86.70 | 10.71 | 10.97 | 21.67 | 25.00 |
| Big Onion (Local) | 118.00-125.00 | 120.80 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | 120.00-160.00 | 136.81 | - | 141.00 | - | - | -4.19 | -2.97 |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | 160.00-220.00 | 175.95 | 222.51 | 179.06 | -46.56 | -20.92 | -3.11 | -1.73 |
| Red Onion (Imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Big Onion (imported) | 100.00-160.00 | 132.13 | 124.20 | 115.74 | 7.93 | 6.39 | 16.40 | 14.17 |
| Big Onion (Local) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan red onions from main producing areas have increased during this month. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have decreased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.43.00/kg respectively. Retail price of vedalan has also decreased by about Rs.47.00/kg while retail price ranged between Rs.120.00-160.00/kg for sinnan red onion varieties. Imported red onion stocks were not available at both wholesale and retail markets. Compared in the same period of last year, retail prices of both sinnan and vedalan red onion have decreased by about 3% and 2% respectively.

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF, and gross margin of wholesale and retail prices for imported onion

| Item | Month | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Wholesale Price | Retail Price | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) | |
|-----------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|
| | | | (Rs/kg) | (Rs/kg) | WP-CIF | RP-WP |
| Big onion | Aug,2019 | 63.46 | 108.37 | 132.13 | 44.92 | 23.76 |
| | July, 2019 | 58.29 | 97.66 | 124.20 | 39.37 | 26.54 |
| | Aug,2018 | 49.21 | 86.70 | 115.74 | 37.49 | 29.04 |
| Red onion | Aug,2019 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | July, 2019 | 107.84 | 148.45 | - | 40.61 | - |
| | Aug,2018 | 52.77 | - | - | - | - |

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported big onion and red onion

| Item | Quantity (mt.) | | Value (Rs. mn) | | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | Aug,2019 | July,2019 | Aug,2019 | July,2019 | Aug,2019 | July,2019 |
| Red Onion | - | 150 | - | 16.2 | - | 107.84 |
| Big Onion | 16,999 | 21,038 | 1,078.7 | 1,226.2 | 63.46 | 58.29 |

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

Table 2.2.6: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion March to Aug 2019

| Month | Quantity Imported (mt) | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Wholesale Price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg) |
|--------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| August | 16,999 | 63.46 | 108.37 | 132.13 | 68.68 |
| July | 21,038 | 58.29 | 97.66 | 124.20 | 65.91 |
| June | 17,467 | 59.56 | 89.10 | 114.91 | 55.35 |
| May | 17,976 | 48.08 | 64.05 | 93.54 | 45.46 |
| April | 19,699 | 46.28 | 66.68 | 91.75 | 45.47 |
| March | 22,323 | 37.00 | 52.95 | 78.17 | 41.17 |

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

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2019 is 3,049 ha and about 1,654 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of August achieving 54% of the targeted extent. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in August was at low level, which was recorded as 322 ha. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2018, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season up to now is at a low level (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 844 ha for this *yala* season and about 321 ha were cultivated by the end of August achieving 36% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2018, the cultivated extent is at low level in this *yala* season in Nuwara Eliya. About 89 ha of potato was cultivated in August. Due to prevailed stormy rainy weather condition, the production of potato has dropped.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,157 ha for this *yala* season and about 1,333 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 62% of the target. About 233 ha of potato was cultivated in August in the Badulla district which was lower compared to July. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season was at low level in the district. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 28,066 mt for this *yala* season in the country.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (*Yala* 2019)

| District | Targeted Extent (ha) | | Achievement (ha) | | Progress (%) | Expected Production Mt |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | <i>Yala</i> 2018* | <i>Yala</i> 2019 | <i>Yala</i> 2018* | <i>Yala</i> 2019 | | |
| N'Eliya | 915 | 884 | 622 | 321 | 36 | 6,014 |
| Badulla | 2,145 | 2,157 | 1,650 | 1,333 | 62 | 22,052 |
| Sri Lanka | 3,062 | 3,049 | 2,272 | 1,654 | 54 | 28,066 |

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Yala 2019, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

**Crop Forecast, Yala 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 9,659 mt of potato had been imported in August which was 7,360 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan (51%) and China (43%). Compared to August, 2018 (15,771 mt), the imports were lower during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.47.00/kg in August.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, harvesting of Welimada potato was commenced by the end of August and sufficient stocks were received from Nuwara Eliya. Hence, stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market. On average, the producer prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were Rs.134.00 and Rs.138.00/kg respectively in August. In August, the wholesale price of Welimada potato has not changed significantly. However, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have decreased by 8% and 1% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 4% and 2% respectively due to increased imports in July. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.115.00-150.00/kg, Rs.135.00-175.00/kg and Rs.95.00-115.00/kg respectively. Supply of local potato will be high in September with increased supply from Badulla district and the prices of potatoes are expected be lower in coming months.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes- March to Aug 2019

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| August | 9,659 | 459.23 | 47.54 | 140.89 | 93.35 |
| July | 17,019 | 746.54 | 43.86 | 142.64 | 98.78 |
| June | 8,762 | 397.54 | 45.37 | 129.63 | 84.26 |
| May | 12,591 | 468.76 | 37.23 | 125.23 | 88.00 |
| April | 10,865 | 355.52 | 32.72 | 121.36 | 88.64 |
| March | 9,475 | 298.61 | 31.52 | 103.66 | 72.15 |

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Producer Prices (PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 110.00-150.00 | 134.06 | 143.23 | - | -9.17 | -6.84 | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | 115.00-165.00 | 138.25 | 159.80 | 127.46 | -21.55 | -15.59 | 10.79 | 7.80 |
| Imported – CIF | 44.56-112.37 | 47.54 | 43.86 | 37.00 | 3.68 | 7.73 | 10.54 | 22.17 |
| Wholesale Prices (WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 115.00-150.00 | 134.63 | 135.00 | 132.94 | -0.38 | -0.28 | 1.69 | 1.25 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 135.00-175.00 | 160.00 | 173.07 | 154.00 | -13.07 | -8.17 | 6.00 | 3.75 |
| Imported | 95.00-115.00 | 105.98 | 110.30 | 77.15 | -4.33 | -4.08 | 28.83 | 27.20 |
| Retail Prices (RP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | - | - | - | 156.67 | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | 200.00-280.00 | 234.10 | 235.89 | 207.29 | -1.79 | -0.76 | 26.82 | 11.45 |
| Imported | 130.00-160.00 | 140.89 | 142.64 | 112.16 | -1.75 | -1.24 | 28.73 | 20.39 |
| Gross Margin (RP-PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | | 95.85 | 76.09 | 79.83 | 19.76 | 20.62 | 16.03 | 16.72 |
| Imported (RP -CIF) | | 93.35 | 98.78 | 75.16 | -5.43 | -5.82 | 18.19 | 19.49 |
| Gross Margin (RP -WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | | 74.10 | - | 53.29 | - | - | 20.82 | 28.09 |
| Imported | | 34.92 | 32.34 | 35.01 | 2.57 | 7.36 | -0.10 | -0.28 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 36% of its targeted extent as at end of August in Yala 2019 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has declined by 1,350 ha (38%) in Sri Lanka compared with last year (Yala 2018). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 2,954 mt which is around 62% of the production compared to the previous year green gram production.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of green gram and cowpea

| crop | District | Targeted Ext. (ha) | | Achievement (ha) | | Progress (%)Yala 2019 | Expected Production (Mt) |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Yala 2018 | Yala 2019 | Yala 2018 | Yala 2019 | | |
| Green gram | Hambantota | 3457 | 652 | 1053 | 85 | 13 | 95 |
| | Monaragala | 1459 | 632 | 864 | 339 | 54 | 352 |
| | Kurunegala | 743 | 923 | 227 | 243 | 26 | 347 |
| | Other districts | 3758 | 3766 | 1371 | 1498 | 40 | 2160 |
| | Sri Lanka | 9417 | 5973 | 3515 | 2165 | 36 | 2954 |
| Cowpea | Ampara | 4656 | 3388 | 1267 | 1946 | 57 | 2737 |
| | Monaragala | 766 | 566 | 807 | 511 | 90 | 745 |
| | Anuradhapura | 410 | 376 | 153 | 143 | 38 | 195 |
| | Other districts | 2731 | 2358 | 974 | 939 | 40 | 1219 |
| | Sri Lanka | 8563 | 6688 | 3201 | 3539 | 53 | 4896 |

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast Yala, 2019 Volume 03 & Yala 2018, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It has been able to achieve 53% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 4,896 Mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Kurunegala districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2019 Yala season and about those districts will contribute for 75% of the total production. Monaragala district was highlighted a better performance while Ampara and Kurunegala districts progress were 57% and 38% of its targets respectively.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.230.00/kg and Rs.260.00/kg with an average of Rs.247.00/kg in August 2019. The average price has not significantly changed compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 22%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg with an average of Rs.283.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has been increased by around 1%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased to around 15% (Table 2.4.2).

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.229.00/kg and Rs.261.00/kg, respectively in August 2019. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.225.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg, while that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.275.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 1% and red cowpea has been decreased by around 5%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 15% and red cowpea wholesale price has increased by 35% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 230.00-260.00 | 247.06 | 246.54 | 202.09 | 0.52 | 0.21 | 44.97 | 22.25 |
| Cowpea (White) | 225.00-240.00 | 229.50 | 228.03 | 198.89 | 1.47 | 0.65 | 30.61 | 15.39 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 240.00-275.00 | 260.88 | 273.33 | 192.50 | -12.46 | -4.56 | 68.38 | 35.52 |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 260.00-320.00 | 283.47 | 280.67 | 246.54 | 2.80 | 1.00 | 36.93 | 14.98 |
| Cowpea (White) | 260.00-300.00 | 281.77 | 283.24 | 280.45 | -1.47 | -0.52 | 1.32 | 0.47 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 280.00-320.00 | 301.39 | 302.17 | 282.60 | -0.77 | -0.26 | 18.80 | 6.65 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.282.00/kg and Rs.301.00/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.300.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.280.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea has increased while red cowpea has been decreased around less than 1% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of white cowpea has been increased by 0.5% significantly and red cowpea has been increased by 7% (Table 2.4.2).

A total of 1,593 mt of green gram has been imported during this month, and it was not changed compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price green gram was Rs.165.26/kg which was increased by 2% compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.263.22 million which has increased by 2% of the total value spent on green gram importation compared to the previous month. Green gram has been imported from several countries which are Australia (36%), Argentina (23%), Myanmar (17%), Venezuela (14%), United Arab Emirate (5%), Uzbekistan (5%) and India (1%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported green gram- March to Aug 2019

| Month | Quantity (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| August | 1,593 | 263.22 | 165.26 | 283.47 | 118.21 |
| July | 1,593 | 257.50 | 161.66 | 280.67 | 119.02 |
| June | 1,301 | 211.64 | 162.72 | 275.08 | 112.36 |
| May | 766 | 135.81 | 177.22 | 277.49 | 100.27 |
| April | 1,128 | 185.92 | 164.79 | 276.09 | 111.30 |
| March | 934 | 149.88 | 160.55 | 261.90 | 101.35 |

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

According to table 2.4.4, a total of 622 mt of white cowpea have been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea has been decreased by 33% compared to imported quantity of

July 2019. The average CIF price of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.127.00/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been decreased by 33% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.79.42 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (59%), Brazil (16%), Myanmar (14%), Singapore (7%) and India (4%).

Table 2.4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea- March to Aug 2019

| Month | Quantity (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| August | 622 | 79.42 | 127.62 | 281.77 | 154.15 |
| July | 927 | 118.57 | 127.90 | 283.24 | 155.34 |
| June | 443 | 33.08 | 132.97 | 278.48 | 145.51 |
| May | 178 | 22.04 | 123.47 | 276.49 | 153.02 |
| April | 438 | 52.32 | 119.49 | 278.43 | 158.94 |
| March | 547 | 63.57 | 116.15 | 275.49 | 159.34 |

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

Table 2.4.5: Monthly average CIF, wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea

| Item | Month | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Wholesale price (Rs/kg) | Retail price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/Kg) | |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | | | | | WP-CIF | RP-WP |
| Green gram | Aug,2019 | 165.26 | 247.06 | 283.47 | 81.79 | 36.41 |
| | July, 2019 | 161.66 | 246.54 | 280.67 | 84.88 | 34.13 |
| | Aug,2018 | 136.41 | 202.09 | 246.54 | 65.68 | 44.45 |
| Cowpea (White) | Aug,2019 | 127.62 | 229.50 | 281.77 | 101.88 | 52.27 |
| | July, 2019 | 127.90 | 228.03 | 283.24 | 100.12 | 55.22 |
| | Aug,2018 | 118.53 | 198.89 | 280.45 | 80.36 | 81.57 |
| Cowpea (Red) | Aug,2019 | - | 260.88 | 301.39 | - | 40.52 |
| | July, 2019 | - | 273.33 | 302.17 | - | 28.83 |
| | Aug,2018 | - | 192.50 | 282.60 | - | 90.10 |

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.102.00/kg and Rs.106.00/kg with an average of Rs.104.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.124.00/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.20.00/kg during this month. The both wholesale price and the retail price have decreased around 1.65% and 0.5% respectively compared with the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price has been increased around 7% while the retail price has decreased by 1%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal – August 2019

| Red Dhal | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Price | 102.00-106.00 | 104.28 | 106.02 | 97.58 | -1.75 | -1.65 | 6.70 | 6.87 |
| Retail Price | 120.00-140.00 | 124.47 | 125.10 | 125.77 | -0.63 | -0.51 | -1.30 | -1.04 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 7,737 mt of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.81.00/kg and CIF price has been decreased by 3 percent compared to the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 7,559 mt) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 178 mt) was of the split type. The whole type of red dhal, 62% from Australia, 34% from Canada and 4% from India have been imported. The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs. 609 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.81.00 per kilo and the split type red dhal, has been imported mainly from India. The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.93.00 per kilo and the total value of the imports of split type was Rs.16.52 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal
March to Aug 2019**

| Month | Quantity (mt) | CIF Price Rs/kg | Wholesale price Rs/kg | Retail price Rs/kg | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) | |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | | | | | CIF-WP | WP-RP |
| August | 7,737 | 80.80 | 104.28 | 124.47 | 23.47 | 20.19 |
| July | 7,317 | 83.43 | 106.02 | 125.10 | 22.59 | 19.08 |
| June | 16,665 | 81.46 | 108.30 | 128.98 | 26.84 | 20.68 |
| May | 12,502 | 85.92 | 109.13 | 129.30 | 23.21 | 20.17 |
| April | 11,062 | 82.64 | 108.35 | 129.52 | 25.70 | 21.17 |
| March | 20,901 | 84.18 | 108.63 | 128.77 | 24.44 | 20.15 |

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

During the month of August, a rainy weather condition prevailed in all the vegetable producing areas of the country. The total targeted extent of both up-country and low-country vegetables was 41,609ha and 75% of the target had been achieved by the end of August. With regard to up-country vegetables, the target was 14,519ha of which 9,902ha (68%) had been achieved. The mostly cultivated up-country vegetables was beans (2,814ha). The cultivation progress of low-country vegetables was higher compared to the progress of up-country vegetables by the end of August. The total targeted extent of low-country vegetable was 27,090ha and by the end of August, 21,394ha had been cultivated achieving 79% of the targeted extent. The mostly cultivated low-country vegetables

were brinjal (3,632ha) and long beans(3,109ha) (Crop Forecast, Vol.3,2019 *Yala* season, Department of Agriculture).

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 80.00-200.00 | 141.25 | 92.90 | 114.90 | 48.35 | 52.05 | 26.35 | 22.93 |
| Carrot | 50.00-90.00 | 68.75 | 95.00 | 256.25 | -26.25 | -27.63 | -187.50 | -73.17 |
| Leeks | 25.00-50.00 | 34.75 | 43.20 | 52.60 | -8.45 | -19.56 | -17.85 | -33.94 |
| Beetroot | 40.00-90.00 | 57.60 | 66.22 | 81.37 | -8.62 | -13.01 | -23.77 | -29.21 |
| Knolkhol | 30.00-60.00 | 45.73 | 36.00 | 40.00 | 9.73 | 27.02 | 5.73 | 14.32 |
| Radish | 20.00-40.00 | 30.63 | 25.20 | 31.55 | 5.43 | 21.53 | -0.93 | -2.95 |
| Cabbage | 10.00-40.00 | 23.84 | 23.23 | 93.49 | 0.60 | 2.58 | -69.66 | -74.51 |
| Tomato | 70.00-100.00 | 84.22 | 51.20 | 43.96 | 33.02 | 64.50 | 40.26 | 91.60 |
| Ladies Fingers | 40.00-60.00 | 47.00 | 41.70 | 42.41 | 5.30 | 12.71 | 4.59 | 10.84 |
| Brinjal | 60.00-100.00 | 78.96 | 69.74 | 86.35 | 9.22 | 13.22 | -7.39 | -8.56 |
| Capsicum | 80.00-140.00 | 101.96 | 184.80 | 128.75 | -82.84 | -44.83 | -26.79 | -20.81 |
| Pumpkin | 30.00-60.00 | 48.75 | 98.40 | 71.67 | -49.65 | -50.46 | -22.92 | -31.98 |
| Cucumber | 20.00-60.00 | 36.81 | 31.30 | 12.15 | 5.51 | 17.59 | 24.65 | 202.83 |
| Bittergourd | 70.00-120.00 | 94.55 | 120.31 | 63.32 | -25.76 | -21.41 | 31.23 | 49.32 |
| Snakegourd | 60.00-100.00 | 78.82 | 71.45 | 66.19 | 7.36 | 10.31 | 12.63 | 19.09 |
| Drumstick | 30.00-60.00 | 43.13 | 117.20 | 54.58 | -74.08 | -63.20 | -11.46 | -20.99 |
| Luffa | 40.00-70.00 | 59.70 | 55.16 | 49.57 | 4.55 | 8.25 | 10.13 | 20.44 |
| Long Beans | 40.00-100.00 | 66.30 | 68.20 | 60.15 | -1.90 | -2.78 | 6.15 | 10.23 |
| Ash Plantain | 60.00-80.00 | 65.00 | 66.80 | 73.54 | -1.80 | -2.69 | -8.54 | -11.61 |
| Green Chilli | 80.00-200.00 | 142.63 | 325.60 | 125.42 | -182.98 | -56.20 | 17.21 | 13.72 |
| Lime | 180.00-300.00 | 239.20 | 230.60 | 40.83 | 8.60 | 3.73 | 198.37 | 485.81 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Vegetable harvest from *Yala* season has further received to the market. Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center received about 2000-2200mt on daily basis. However, the vegetable harvesting of this *Yala* season has reached to its end phase in most of the vegetable producing areas. Further, the harvesting process was disturbed by the prevailed heavy rains in major producing areas. The price movement during the month of August was dissimilar for the different vegetable varieties. With regard to up-country vegetables, the wholesale prices of carrot leeks and beetroot have decreased by 13%-28% while the prices of the rest of vegetable varieties have increased by 3%-52%. The highest price increase was recorded for beans while the lowest increase for cabbage. Among up-country vegetables, the highest wholesale price of Rs. 200.00/kg and the lowest price of Rs.10.00/kg was noted for beans and cabbage respectively. Meanwhile the wholesale prices of most of low-country vegetable varieties have decrease in the range of 3%-63% recording the highest for drumsticks and the lowest for ash plantain. Among low-country vegetables, the highest wholesale

prices of Rs. 140.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.20.00/kg was noted for cucumber.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – August 2019

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 140.00-300.00 | 205.67 | 154.83 | 188.80 | 50.84 | 32.83 | 16.86 | 8.93 |
| Carrot | 80.00-200.00 | 139.25 | 171.57 | 332.07 | -32.32 | -18.84 | -192.82 | -58.07 |
| Leeks | 70.00-160.00 | 120.62 | 124.01 | 138.90 | -3.39 | -2.73 | -18.28 | -13.16 |
| Beetroot | 70.00-160.00 | 121.43 | 130.64 | 152.29 | -9.21 | -7.05 | -30.87 | -20.27 |
| Knolkhol | 80.00-160.00 | 123.34 | 131.39 | 129.43 | -8.05 | -6.13 | -6.09 | -4.71 |
| Radish | 70.00-160.00 | 106.99 | 104.46 | 111.28 | 2.53 | 2.42 | -4.29 | -3.86 |
| Cabbage | 40.00-160.00 | 104.78 | 105.65 | 196.67 | -0.88 | -0.83 | -91.89 | -46.72 |
| Tomato | 100.00-200.00 | 156.78 | 113.84 | 113.60 | 42.94 | 37.72 | 43.17 | 38.00 |
| Ladies Fingers | 60.00-160.00 | 120.23 | 124.66 | 124.59 | -4.42 | -3.55 | -4.36 | -3.50 |
| Brinjal | 100.00-180.00 | 138.73 | 135.07 | 160.62 | 3.66 | 2.71 | -21.89 | -13.63 |
| Capsicum | 120.00-300.00 | 196.90 | 258.86 | 239.00 | -61.96 | -23.94 | -42.11 | -17.62 |
| Pumpkin | 70.00-160.00 | 125.86 | 177.08 | 134.79 | -51.22 | -28.93 | -8.92 | -6.62 |
| Cucumber | 50.00-120.00 | 100.13 | 104.82 | 83.26 | -4.69 | -4.47 | 16.87 | 20.26 |
| Bittergourd | 120.00-240.00 | 181.13 | 199.08 | 138.97 | -17.95 | -9.02 | 42.16 | 30.34 |
| Snakegourd | 100.00-200.00 | 144.00 | 141.93 | 151.15 | 2.07 | 1.46 | -7.15 | -4.73 |
| Drumstick | 70.00-160.00 | 121.92 | 215.35 | 143.30 | -93.43 | -43.38 | -21.38 | -14.92 |
| Luffa | 80.00-200.00 | 139.44 | 133.25 | 144.88 | 6.19 | 4.65 | -5.44 | -3.75 |
| Long Beans | 90.00-180.00 | 132.26 | 150.71 | 146.12 | -18.45 | -12.24 | -13.86 | -9.48 |
| Ash Plantain | 100.00-160.00 | 132.08 | 139.35 | 137.02 | -7.28 | -5.22 | -4.94 | -3.61 |
| Green Chilli | 160.00-400.00 | 325.88 | 522.83 | 289.77 | -196.95 | -37.67 | 36.10 | 12.46 |
| Lime | 280.00-600.00 | 447.71 | 491.32 | 150.39 | -43.61 | -8.88 | 297.32 | 197.69 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the up-country vegetables had decreased between 3% (radish) and 75% (cabbage) while the prices of low-country vegetables had increased by 10%-92%.

The retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have declined during the month. With regard to up-country vegetables, price of all the considered vegetables except for beans and radish have decreased by 1%-19%. The highest retail price of Rs.300.00/kg was reported for beans while the lowest price of Rs. 40.00/kg was observed for cabbage. With regard to low-country vegetables, the prices of most of the varieties have decreased by 4%-43%. Among low-country vegetables, the highest and the lowest retail price was recorded for capsicum (Rs.300.00/kg) and cucumber (Rs.50.00/kg) respectively. Vegetable harvesting occurred at its end phase by the end of this month. Therefore, supplies will be reduced which result to increase the prices during coming months. The expected price behavior of vegetables during the month of September of this year is a deviation from general price pattern. According to the seasonal price index, vegetable prices should decline

in the month of September due to a significant share of the *Yala* season receive to the market during the month of September too. However, *Yala* harvesting season of this year will be ended up one-month prior compared to the previous years.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of up-country vegetables had decreased by 4%-58% while that of low-country vegetables decreased by 3%-18%.

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in July, 2019, wholesale prices of fruit varieties, banana, mango, papaw, slime apple and imported grapes had increased in August 2019 while the prices of fruit varieties, pineapple, orange, wood apple, avocado and passion fruit had decreased. Accordingly, prices of all the banana varieties had recorded price increases in the range of 13%-38% compared to July, 2019. Prices of Kolikuttu, Seeni and Ambul had increased by 13%, 28% and 38% respectively and their price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.150.00-220.00/kg (Kolikuttu), Rs.60.00-100.00/kg (Seeni) and Rs.60.00-120.00/kg (Ambul). Prices of banana varieties, Ambun and Anamalu had increased by 14% and 15% respectively and the prices ranged between Rs.14.00-19.00/fruit and Rs.11.00-15.00/fruit respectively. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had increased by 108% and 52% respectively while, the prices of Betti and Kohu had increased by 37% and 41% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.100.00-150.00. Price of papaw had increased by 67% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.82.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-120.00/kg. In addition, prices of slime apple and imported grapes had increased by 46% and 2% respectively (Table 4.1).

However, as stated earlier, price decreases were noted for small, medium and large sized pineapple and prices had decreased by 3% for small and by 8% for both medium and large sized fruits. The monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.138.00/fruit, Rs.183.00/fruit and Rs.227.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-260.00/fruit. Further, prices of wood apple, orange, avocado and passion fruit had decreased by 53%, 38%, 19% and 5% respectively (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2018, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase of 74% was noted for banana variety, Ambul (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | % | (Rs) | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Kg) | 60.00-120.00 | 80.23 | 57.97 | 46.06 | 22.26 | 38.40 | 34.17 | 74.19 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg) | 150.00-220.00 | 186.65 | 165.14 | 113.47 | 21.50 | 13.02 | 73.18 | 64.50 |
| Seeni (Kg) | 60.00-100.00 | 78.93 | 61.64 | 60.40 | 17.30 | 28.06 | 18.54 | 30.69 |
| Anamalu (Fruit) | 11.00-15.00 | 13.05 | 11.38 | 14.14 | 1.67 | 14.68 | -1.09 | -7.72 |
| Ambun (Fruit) | 14.00-19.00 | 16.32 | 14.36 | 18.33 | 1.96 | 13.64 | -2.02 | -10.99 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large (Fruit) | 200.00-260.00 | 226.89 | 245.86 | 173.38 | -18.97 | -7.72 | 53.52 | 30.87 |
| Medium (Fruit) | 160.00-220.00 | 183.25 | 198.25 | 140.50 | -15.00 | -7.57 | 42.75 | 30.43 |
| Small (Fruit) | 100.00-180.00 | 137.95 | 142.44 | 100.96 | -4.49 | -3.15 | 36.98 | 36.63 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti (Fruit) | 17.00-30.00 | 23.87 | 17.42 | 33.40 | 6.45 | 37.01 | -9.53 | -28.53 |
| Karthakolomban (Fruit) | 100.00-150.00 | 121.72 | 58.47 | 93.13 | 63.24 | 108.16 | 28.58 | 30.69 |
| Vilad (Fruit) | 22.00-44.00 | 35.00 | 23.00 | 39.75 | 12.00 | 52.16 | -4.75 | -11.95 |
| Kohu (Fruit) | 11.00-22.00 | 18.47 | 13.10 | - | 5.37 | 40.98 | - | - |
| Papaw (Kg) | 50.00-120.00 | 82.26 | 49.35 | 108.91 | 32.90 | 66.67 | -26.65 | -24.47 |
| Passionfruit (Fruit) | 8.00-21.00 | 13.92 | 14.64 | 12.09 | -0.72 | -4.94 | 1.83 | 15.09 |
| Woodapple (Fruit) | 7.00-20.00 | 12.22 | 25.77 | 17.77 | -13.55 | -52.57 | -5.55 | -31.21 |
| Orange (Fruit) | 20.00-40.00 | 29.33 | 47.35 | 21.11 | -18.02 | -38.05 | 8.22 | 38.93 |
| Avocado (Fruit) | 18.00-40.00 | 29.43 | 36.50 | 45.39 | -7.07 | -19.36 | -15.96 | -35.15 |
| Slime Apple (Fruit) | 20.00-40.00 | 28.42 | 19.48 | 25.62 | 8.94 | 45.90 | 2.81 | 10.96 |
| Grapes Imported (Kg) | 413.00-800.00 | 658.33 | 646.53 | 517.01 | 11.80 | 1.82 | 141.32 | 27.33 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Though the prices at the wholesale market showed a balanced situation as increased prices for five fruit varieties and decreased prices for five varieties, prices of most of the fruit varieties at the retail level had increased in the month of August compared to July. Accordingly, price increases were noted for banana varieties, Kolikuttu, Seeni and Ambul by 12%, 14% and 19% respectively and price ranges were noted as Rs.180.00-300.00/kg, Rs.80.00-160.00/kg and Rs.80.00-160.00/kg respectively. Further, prices of Anamalu and Ambun had increased by 6% and prices ranged between Rs.16.00-22.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-28.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small and medium sized pineapple had increased by 2% and less than 1% respectively, the monthly average retail prices of small and medium sized fruits were Rs.158.00/fruit and Rs.218.00/fruit respectively, and the price ranged between Rs.120.00-250.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had also increased by 101% and 34% respectively and price of a fruit was noted as Rs.100.00-220.00 for Karthakolomban and Rs.40.00-80.00 for Vilad. Price of papaw had increased by 32%

and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-180.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit, avocado and slime apple had increased by 1%, 4% and 29% respectively (Table 4.2).

However, prices of wood apple, orange and imported grapes had decreased by 25%, 13% and 7% respectively. In addition, price of large sized pineapple had also decreased by 3%, the monthly average retail price was Rs.277.00/fruit, and the price ranged between Rs.240.00-300.00/fruit (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2018, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 44% noted for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | % | (Rs) | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Kg) | 80.00-160.00 | 124.54 | 104.60 | 97.19 | 19.95 | 19.07 | 27.36 | 28.15 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg) | 180.00-300.00 | 243.29 | 217.25 | 174.16 | 26.03 | 11.98 | 69.13 | 39.69 |
| Seeni (Kg) | 80.00-160.00 | 128.56 | 112.34 | 116.16 | 16.22 | 14.44 | 12.40 | 10.68 |
| Anamalu (Fruit) | 16.00-22.00 | 18.80 | 17.77 | 16.71 | 1.03 | 5.82 | 2.09 | 12.51 |
| Ambun (Fruit) | 20.00-28.00 | 23.58 | 22.33 | 20.96 | 1.25 | 5.58 | 2.61 | 12.46 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large (Fruit) | 240.00-300.00 | 276.57 | 284.73 | 241.70 | -8.16 | -2.87 | 34.87 | 14.42 |
| Medium (Fruit) | 180.00-250.00 | 218.21 | 217.45 | 172.97 | 0.76 | 0.35 | 45.24 | 26.16 |
| Small (Fruit) | 120.00-180.00 | 158.47 | 155.36 | 120.76 | 3.11 | 2.00 | 37.72 | 31.23 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Karthakolomban (Fruit) | 100.00-220.00 | 148.23 | 73.73 | 188.08 | 74.50 | 101.05 | -39.84 | -21.18 |
| Vilad (Fruit) | 40.00-80.00 | 57.45 | 42.82 | 66.78 | 14.63 | 34.17 | -9.33 | -13.97 |
| Kohu (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Papaw (Kg) | 80.00-180.00 | 134.59 | 102.22 | 159.59 | 32.37 | 31.66 | -25.00 | -15.66 |
| Passionfruit (Fruit) | 20.00-33.00 | 27.48 | 27.18 | 19.02 | 0.30 | 1.11 | 8.46 | 44.45 |
| Woodapple (Fruit) | 30.00-60.00 | 39.53 | 52.50 | 50.12 | -12.98 | -24.72 | -10.60 | -21.14 |
| Orange (Fruit) | 30.00-80.00 | 53.53 | 61.35 | 50.17 | -7.82 | -12.74 | 3.36 | 6.70 |
| Avocado (Fruit) | 40.00-120.00 | 69.21 | 66.78 | 63.69 | 2.43 | 3.63 | 5.52 | 8.67 |
| Slime Apple (Fruit) | 40.00-100.00 | 68.79 | 53.19 | 60.42 | 15.60 | 29.32 | 8.37 | 13.85 |
| Grapes Imported (Kg) | 700.00-1000.00 | 866.50 | 928.12 | 790.11 | -61.62 | -6.64 | 76.39 | 9.67 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Kolikuttu and Ambul and papaw compared to the prices in July and prices had increased by 13% (Kolikuttu), 19% (papaw) and 36% (Ambul). Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.37.00-74.00/kg, Rs.110.00-165.00/kg and Rs.37.00-63.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to August 2018, producer prices had increased for Kolikuttu by 58% and for Ambul by 56% and it was a price decrease for papaw by 34% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,139mt of fresh fruits in August, 2019 to the value of Rs. 145mn. Of the exported quantity, 92% were papaw, 3% each were fresh pineapple and fresh mangoes and 2% were fresh avocados. In the month of July, 2019, the quantity exported was 1,153mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased slightly by 1% (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,880mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs. 555mn. Of the imported quantity, 43% were apple, 34% were oranges and 23% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, China, the United States and Italy. South Africa, Australia and Spain were the importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported from China, Egypt and Italy. In the month of July, 2019, the quantity imported was 2,406mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 20% (Table 4.5).

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Ambul | 37.50-74.00 | 50.24 | 36.88 | 32.15 | 13.36 | 36.24 | 18.09 | 56.28 |
| Kolikuttu | 110.00-165.00 | 138.60 | 122.08 | 87.64 | 16.52 | 13.54 | 50.96 | 58.15 |
| Papaw | 37.50-63.00 | 50.80 | 42.50 | 77.44 | 8.30 | 19.53 | -26.64 | -34.40 |

Source; Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, value and FOB prices of exported fruits - June to Aug 2019

| Type of Fruit | Aug - 2019 | | | July - 2019 | | | June - 2019 | | |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 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 | 36.59 | 13.00 | 355.31 | 60.70 | 25.50 | 419.10 | 29.13 | 13.52 | 464.13 |
| Papaw | 1044.93 | 103.08 | 98.65 | 1027.30 | 112.30 | 109.31 | 331.43 | 36.02 | 108.69 |
| Fresh Mango | 39.50 | 22.14 | 560.56 | 55.40 | 33.10 | 597.93 | 9.56 | 5.56 | 581.23 |
| Avocado, fresh | 18.05 | 6.51 | 360.63 | 10.10 | 3.70 | 366.09 | 2.20 | 0.74 | 338.83 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits – June to Aug 2019

| Type of Fruit | Aug - 2019 | | | July - 2019 | | | June - 2019 | | |
|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF (Rs/kg) | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF (Rs/kg) | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF (Rs/kg) |
| Apple | 1,242 | 227.22 | 183.00 | 1,142 | 213.95 | 187.38 | 928 | 178.44 | 192.22 |
| Grapes | 660 | 200.86 | 304.39 | 486 | 185.49 | 381.92 | 414 | 187.77 | 453.56 |
| Oranges | 978 | 126.72 | 129.63 | 778 | 112.56 | 144.72 | 558 | 73.68 | 131.94 |

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Higher supply of fresh fish types have noted from Northern area during the month while, limited supply was noted from Southern and Eastern areas. Kelawalla and Balaya was mainly supplied from Beruwela, Galle and Matara areas and Salaya from Walachchena, Mannar, Trincomalee and Kalpitiya areas. Hurulla had been mainly supplied to the markets from Negambo.

Wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish types have decreased from 1% to 6% during the month. The highest price decrease was noted as 6% for Hurulla. However, the prices of Shrimps (small) have increased by 17% due to limited supply from Eastern areas. Further, prices of Thalapath, and Paraw have decreased by 16% and 10% respectively.

When referring to the retail market, prices of most of the fresh fish types have decreased by 5% to 13%. The highest price decrease was noted for both Mora and Hurulla and price ranged between Rs.600.00-Rs.1,000.00/kg for Mora and Rs.350.00-Rs.600.00/kg for Hurulla. Price of Shrimp (small) has increased by 4% in line with the wholesale prices and price ranged between Rs.1,100.00-1,400.00/kg.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 180.00-260.00 | 215.33 | 224.03 | 232.56 | -8.69 | -3.88 | -17.23 | -7.41 |
| Hurulla | 300.00-480.00 | 383.75 | 409.23 | 326.32 | -25.48 | -6.23 | 57.43 | 17.60 |
| Balaya | 300.00-450.00 | 369.58 | 362.31 | 337.69 | 7.27 | 2.01 | 31.90 | 9.45 |
| Kelawalla | 50.00-800.00 | 648.75 | 636.89 | 682.50 | 11.86 | 1.86 | -33.75 | -4.95 |
| Thora | 1200.00-1500.00 | 1319.44 | 1356.19 | 1385.31 | -36.75 | -2.71 | -65.86 | -4.75 |
| Paraw | 650.00-800.00 | 715.36 | 651.72 | 613.69 | 63.64 | 9.77 | 101.67 | 16.57 |
| Mora | 450.00-800.00 | 658.44 | 662.33 | 595.14 | -3.90 | -0.59 | 63.30 | 10.64 |
| Shrimp (small) | 1000.00-1200.00 | 1064.38 | 908.75 | 997.50 | 155.63 | 17.13 | 66.88 | 6.70 |
| Thalapath | 850.00-1100.00 | 973.06 | 842.36 | 794.50 | 130.69 | 15.52 | 178.56 | 22.47 |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 240.00-360.00 | 313.20 | 339.46 | 306.99 | -26.26 | -7.74 | 6.21 | 2.02 |
| Hurulla | 350.00-600.00 | 480.02 | 548.77 | 475.44 | -68.75 | -12.53 | 4.58 | 0.96 |
| Balaya | 520.00-900.00 | 681.42 | 767.50 | 655.56 | -86.08 | -11.22 | 25.86 | 3.94 |
| Kelawalla | 900.00-1280.00 | 1075.44 | 1071.78 | 998.37 | 3.66 | 0.34 | 77.07 | 7.72 |
| Thora | 1400.00-2000.00 | 1650.29 | 1746.32 | 1770.11 | -96.03 | -5.50 | -119.82 | -6.77 |
| Paraw | 1000.00-1400.00 | 1206.72 | 1267.59 | 1086.59 | -60.87 | -4.80 | 120.13 | 11.06 |
| Mora | 600.00-1000.00 | 848.75 | 974.85 | 891.59 | -126.10 | -12.94 | -42.84 | -4.80 |
| Shrimp (small) | 1100.00-1400.00 | 1211.74 | 1168.99 | 1252.13 | 42.75 | 3.66 | -40.39 | -3.23 |
| Thalapath | 1100.00-1400.00 | 1279.79 | 1273.35 | 1112.17 | 6.44 | 0.51 | 167.62 | 15.07 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Limited supply was reported for most of the dried fish types during the month. Supply of local Sprats has decreased in the areas of Negambo and Trincomalee. Further, limited supply was reported from Mullativu and Mannar for salaya. High quality stocks of Angulluwa and Maduwa had been imported from Dubai and available in the local markets.

Wholesale prices of both local and imported dried fish types have further increased during the month due to limited supply from major producing areas. Hence, prices have increased by 1% to 13%. The highest price increase was noted for imported Sprats. Further, price of imported Maduwa has increased by 4%. However, price of local Salaya has decreased by 12%.

With reference to the retail market, prices of all most all dried fish types except local Maduwa have increased by 1% to 5%. The highest price increase was noted for local Balaya and price ranged between Rs.700.00-Rs.1,200.00/kg. Further, 3% price increase was noted for local Thora and price ranged between Rs.1,600.00-2,000.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, the prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 1%-20%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Dried fish – Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats | 950.00-1300.00 | 1090.50 | 1074.66 | 983.25 | 15.84 | 1.47 | 107.25 | 10.91 |
| Sprats (imported) | 400.00-650.00 | 534.95 | 471.45 | 544.36 | 63.50 | 13.47 | -9.41 | -1.73 |
| Kattawa | 950.00-1100.00 | 1035.93 | 1049.20 | 858.00 | -13.27 | -1.26 | 177.93 | 20.74 |
| Kattawa (imported) | 900.00-1000.00 | 942.31 | 927.84 | 774.11 | 14.47 | 1.56 | 168.19 | 21.73 |
| Thora | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Thora (imported) | 1200.00-1300.00 | 1250.00 | 1232.62 | 1250.00 | 17.38 | 1.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mora | 800.00-950.00 | 875.75 | 903.07 | 853.75 | -27.32 | -3.03 | 22.00 | 2.58 |
| Mora (imported) | 780.00-950.00 | 827.13 | 809.80 | 769.31 | 17.33 | 2.14 | 57.82 | 7.52 |
| Balaya | 600.00-700.00 | 640.00 | 673.40 | 539.25 | -33.40 | -4.96 | 100.75 | 18.68 |
| Balaya (imported) | 500.00-600.00 | 561.00 | - | 447.61 | - | - | - | - |
| Anguluwa | 850.00-1000.00 | 938.88 | 923.50 | 790.00 | 15.38 | 1.66 | 148.88 | 18.84 |
| Anguluwa (imported) | 700.00-900.00 | 815.81 | 795.38 | 691.79 | 20.43 | 2.57 | 124.02 | 17.93 |
| Maduwa | 500.00-700.00 | 606.25 | 616.59 | 634.90 | -10.34 | -1.68 | -28.65 | -4.51 |
| Maduwa (imported) | 400.00-500.00 | 430.55 | 412.68 | 386.11 | 17.87 | 4.33 | 44.43 | 11.51 |
| Koduwa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Koduwa(imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Salaya | 200.00-450.00 | 324.25 | 368.91 | 323.42 | -44.66 | 12.11 | 0.83 | 0.26 |
| Salaya (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dried fish – Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats(imported) | 500.00-900.00 | 716.22 | 709.21 | 732.64 | 7.01 | 0.99 | -16.42 | -2.24 |
| Sprats | 1000.00-1600.00 | 1269.90 | 1248.73 | 1252.69 | 21.17 | 1.70 | 17.21 | 1.37 |
| Kattawa | 1200.00-1600.00 | 1441.18 | 1439.50 | 1199.23 | 1.68 | 0.12 | 241.95 | 20.18 |
| Thora | 1600.00-2000.00 | 1844.58 | 1796.00 | 1628.35 | 48.58 | 2.71 | 216.23 | 13.28 |
| Mora | 950.00-1400.00 | 1218.03 | 1204.28 | 1153.21 | 13.74 | 1.14 | 64.82 | 5.62 |
| Balaya | 700.00-1200.00 | 965.15 | 921.06 | 909.72 | 44.08 | 4.79 | 55.43 | 6.09 |
| Anguluwa | 950.00-1400.00 | 1212.51 | 1182.87 | 1098.49 | 29.64 | 2.51 | 114.02 | 10.38 |
| Maduwa | 600.00-1000.00 | 859.70 | 880.11 | 881.25 | -20.42 | -2.32 | -21.55 | -2.45 |
| Koduwa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Salaya | 440.00-900.00 | 650.93 | 635.72 | 695.65 | 15.22 | 2.39 | -44.71 | -6.43 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale prices of both brown egg and white egg have increased by 3% during the month. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both egg types have increased by 3% for brown eggs and 4% for white eggs. Average retail price of a brown egg was Rs.20.00 per egg and white egg was Rs.19.00 per egg. Respective price ranges were Rs.20.00-22.00 per brown egg and Rs.19.00-21.00 per white egg. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices have increased by 7% and retail prices have increased by 8% for both egg types.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|------|----------|------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | % | Rs | % |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs – Brown (each) | 19.00-19.50 | 19.45 | 18.84 | 18.16 | 0.60 | 3.20 | 1.28 | 7.07 |
| White (each) | 18.00-18.50 | 18.45 | 17.84 | 17.16 | 0.60 | 3.38 | 1.28 | 7.48 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs- Brown (each) | 20.00-22.00 | 20.57 | 19.86 | 19.13 | 0.71 | 3.55 | 1.44 | 7.51 |
| White (each) | 19.00-21.00 | 19.58 | 18.86 | 18.04 | 0.71 | 3.79 | 1.54 | 8.52 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Price of beef has increased by 4% and price ranged between Rs.950.00-1,100.00/kg. Further, price of chicken (curry) has increased only by 1% during the month. However, prices of mutton and pork have decreased by 2% and their respective price ranges were Rs.1,800.00-2,100.00/kg for mutton and Rs.700.00-800.00/kg for pork. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of chicken (both broiler and curry) have decreased by 5%-17% while, prices of other meat types have increased by 7%-15%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Meat | | | | | | | | |
| Beef (without bones) | 950.00-1100.00 | 1023.90 | 986.61 | 961.16 | 37.29 | 3.78 | 62.74 | 6.53 |
| Chicken (Broiler) | 500.00-650.00 | 565.71 | 563.05 | 593.57 | 2.65 | 0.47 | -27.86 | -4.69 |
| Chicken (curry) | 550.00-650.00 | 599.14 | 593.31 | 722.93 | 5.83 | 0.98 | -123.79 | -17.12 |
| Mutton | 1800.00-2100.00 | 1871.91 | 1912.39 | 1864.02 | -40.49 | -2.12 | 7.89 | 0.42 |
| Pork | 700.00-800.00 | 750.00 | 769.00 | 654.50 | -19.00 | -2.47 | 95.50 | 14.59 |

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 161,303mt. worth of 7,001mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of August. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased and it was 26,764 in terms of quantity. Wheat grain for the month of August had been mainly imported from Romania (39%) and the CIF price was Rs.38.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Canada (2,217mt.) and Russia (1,042mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from Australia (8%), United States (7%) and Pakistan (4%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.38.00-68.00/kg

and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.43.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has decreased by Rs.6.00/kg during the month.

A total quantity of 619mt. of wheat flour worth of 46mn. had been imported during the month of August. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by nearly one and half times in terms of quantity. Wheat flour for the month of August had been mainly imported from India (58%) and the CIF price was Rs.77.00/kg. In addition, wheat flour had been imported from Indonesia (4%). Few quantities were also imported from China as well. The CIF price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.77.00-80.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.75.00/kg (based on two major wheat flour-importing countries). Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has increased by Rs.3.00/kg during the month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.87.00-108.00/kg and the average price was Rs.96.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased only by Rs.1.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 6%.

Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – August 2019

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|------|
| | Aug 2019 | Aug 2019 | July 2019 | Aug 2018 | July 2019 | | Aug 2018 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wheat Flour | 87.00-108.00 | 95.95 | 96.77 | 90.32 | -0.82 | -0.85 | 5.63 | 6.23 |
| Sugar | 98.00-110.00 | 106.81 | 106.43 | 104.36 | 0.38 | 0.36 | 2.45 | 2.35 |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- March to Aug 2019

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wheat Flour | | | | | |
| August | 619 | 46.11 | 74.50 | 95.95 | 21.45 |
| July | 415 | 29.52 | 71.11 | 96.77 | 25.66 |
| June | 706 | 49.28 | 69.78 | 94.11 | 24.33 |
| May | 1,011 | 70.99 | 70.22 | 93.64 | 23.42 |
| April | 263 | 21.12 | 80.20 | 93.97 | 13.77 |
| March | 1,102 | 77.64 | 70.48 | 94.33 | 23.85 |
| Wheat Grain | | | | | |
| August | 161,303 | 7,001 | 43.40 | 95.95 | 52.55 |
| July | 188,067 | 9,290 | 49.40 | 96.77 | 47.37 |
| June | 180,913 | 8,803 | 69.78 | 94.11 | 24.33 |
| May | 148,620 | 7,211 | 48.52 | 93.64 | 45.12 |
| April | 175,208 | 8,583 | 48.99 | 93.97 | 44.98 |
| March | 112,815 | 5,421 | 48.05 | 94.33 | 46.28 |

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

Note: Retail price of wheat grains means the retail price of wheat flour.

Sugar

A total quantity of 33,920mt. worth of 2,216mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of August. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased and it was 11,835mt. in terms of quantity. Sugar for the month of August had been mainly imported from

India (53%) and its' CIF price was Rs.65.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (46%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from United Arab Emirates and Korea as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.65.00-88.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.65.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar remained unchanged during the month. According to the World Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged 175 points in August 2019, down by nearly 4% from July 2019. This is due to incentivize sugar export as a result of continuous devaluation of Brazilian currency.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of August, price ranged between Rs.98.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.107.00/kg. Compared to the previous month the average retail price of sugar remained unchanged during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has increased by 2%.

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- March to Aug 2019

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| August | 33,920 | 2215.5 | 65.32 | 106.81 | 41.50 |
| July | 22,085 | 1445.4 | 65.45 | 106.43 | 40.98 |
| June | 51,253 | 3271.4 | 63.83 | 105.99 | 42.16 |
| May | 54,051 | 3320.7 | 61.44 | 99.42 | 37.98 |
| April | 30,356 | 1881.9 | 61.99 | 104.74 | 42.74 |
| March | 45,872 | 2775.3 | 60.50 | 104.57 | 44.07 |

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

Table 7: Import of selected food items – August 2019

| Item | Quantity (mt) | | % Change Compared to last month | Value (Rs. mn) | | % Change Compared to last month | CIF (Rs/kg) | | % Change Compared to last month |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| | Aug-2019 | July-2019 | | Aug-2019 | July-2019 | | Aug-2019 | July-2019 | |
| Rice | 1,698 | 1,754 | -3 | 144.8 | 182.3 | -21 | 85.25 | 103.88 | -18 |
| Red Onion | - | 150 | - | - | 16.2 | - | - | 107.84 | - |
| Big Onion | 16,999 | 21,038 | -19 | 1078.7 | 1226.2 | -12 | 63.46 | 58.29 | 9 |
| Potato | 9,659 | 17,019 | -43 | 459.2 | 746.5 | -38 | 47.54 | 43.86 | 8 |
| Dried Chillies | 2,952 | 6,291 | -53 | 841.8 | 1678.6 | -50 | 285.19 | 266.83 | 7 |
| Masoor Dhal | 7,737 | 7,317 | 6 | 625.1 | 610.4 | 2 | 173.57 | 83.43 | 108 |
| Green Gram | 1,593 | 1,593 | 0 | 263.2 | 257.5 | 2 | 165.26 | 161.66 | 2 |
| Cowpea | 622 | 927 | -33 | 79.4 | 118.6 | -33 | 127.62 | 127.90 | 0 |
| Garlic | 2,948 | 2,443 | 21 | 758.6 | 609.8 | 24 | 257.38 | 249.61 | 3 |
| Wheat flour | 619 | 415 | 49 | 46.1 | 29.5 | 56 | 74.50 | 71.11 | 5 |
| Wheat grain | 161,303 | 188,067 | -14 | 7001.3 | 9289.6 | -25 | 43.40 | 49.40 | -12 |
| White crystalline cane sugar | 33,920 | 22,085 | 54 | 2215.5 | 1445.4 | 53 | 65.32 | 65.45 | 0 |
| Maize | 5,402 | 50 | -80 | 228.92 | 5.3 | -76 | 42.37 | 105.23 | 18 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – August 2019

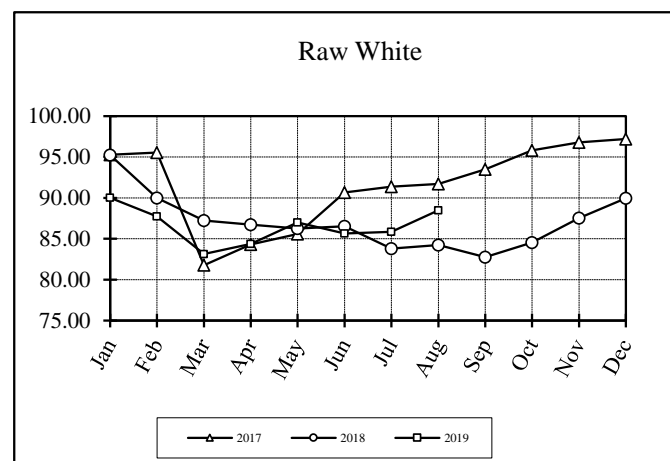
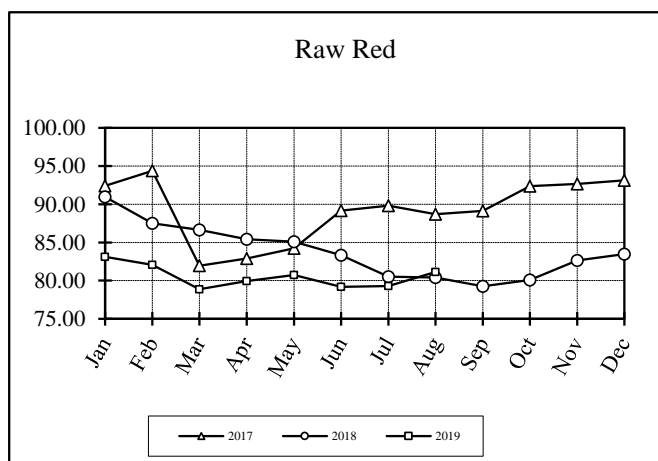
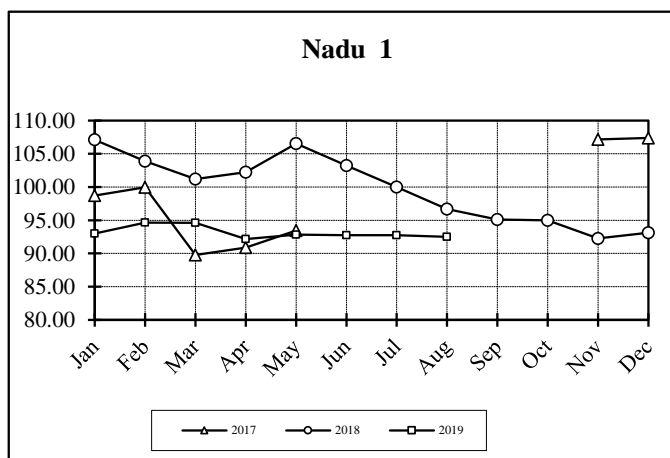
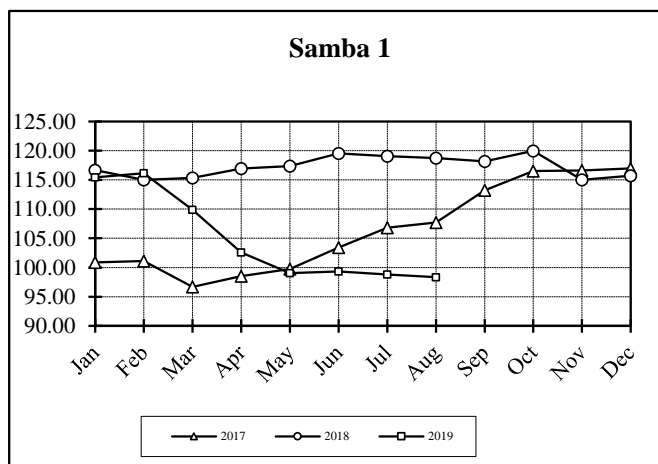
| Rainfall Station | Total Rainfall (mm) | 30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm) | Total Rainy Days | 30 Year Average Rainy Days |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Anuradhapura | 96.3 | 39.8 | 9 | 3 |
| Badulla | 53.4 | 93.2 | 10 | 7 |
| Bandarawela | 56.7 | 69.3 | 11 | 6 |
| Batticaloa | 82.0 | 48.5 | 6 | 4 |
| Colombo | 288.4 | 119.5 | 22 | 11 |
| Galle | 426.0 | 185.9 | 25 | 16 |
| Hambantota | 164.5 | 56.3 | 22 | 7 |
| Jaffna | 83.1 | 38.7 | 8 | 3 |
| Katugastota | 165.8 | 112.8 | 21 | 13 |
| Katunayaka | 244.7 | 117.6 | 23 | 9 |
| Kurunegala | 137.1 | 98.0 | 16 | 10 |
| Mahailuppallama | 101.4 | 32.0 | 12 | 3 |
| Mannar | 0.6 | 12.3 | 1 | 1 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 188.2 | 161.0 | 21 | 16 |
| Pottuvil | 19.2 | 18.9 | 4 | - |
| Puttalam | 88.3 | 17.1 | 9 | 2 |
| Ratmalana | 271.0 | 139.3 | 23 | 12 |
| Ratnapura | 642.1 | 304.1 | 27 | 20 |
| Trincomalee | 22.6 | 85.9 | 4 | 5 |
| Vavuniya | 111.0 | 75.0 | 5 | 4 |
| Polonnaruwa | 30.3 | - | 3 | - |
| Moneragala | 13.7 | - | 3 | - |
| Mattala | 59.9 | - | 14 | - |

Source: Department of Meteorology

Note: - refers to not available

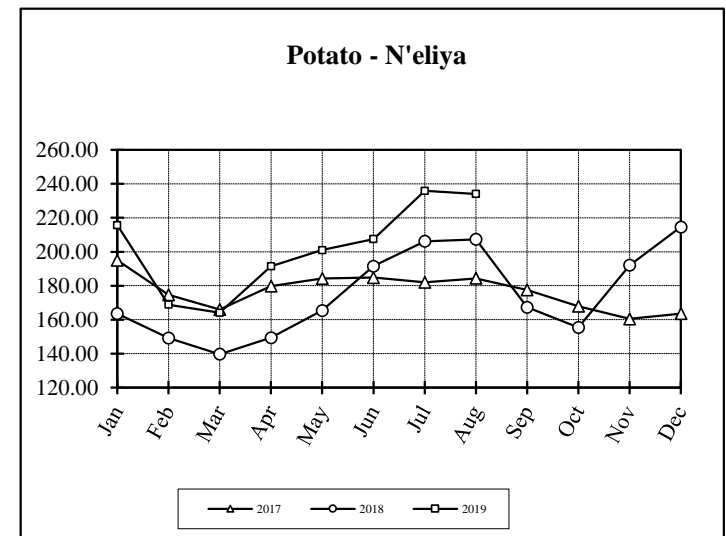
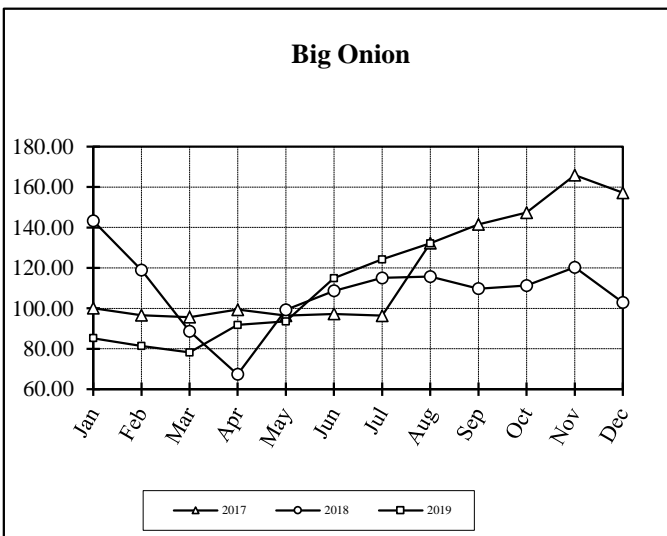
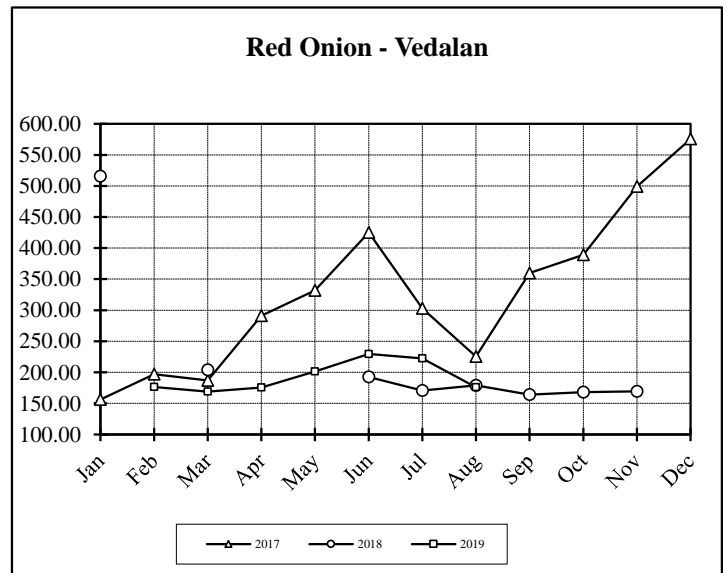
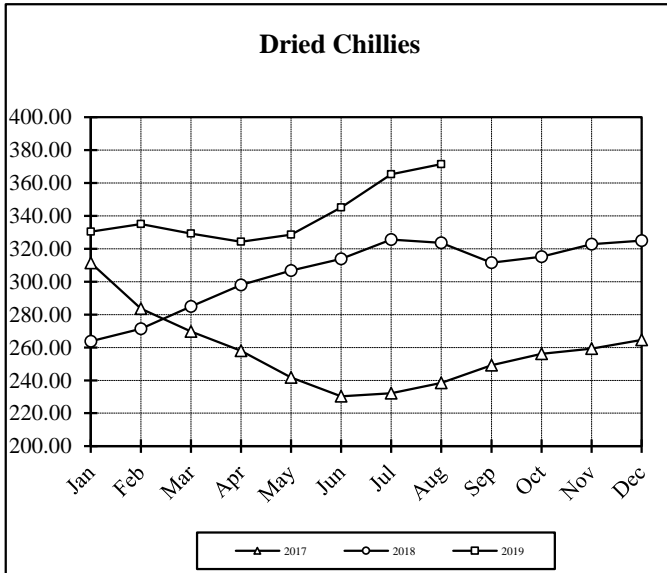
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

| Month | Samba 1 | | | Nadu 1 | | | Raw Red | | | Raw White | | |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Jan | 100.87 | 116.65 | 115.44 | 98.73 | 107.10 | 93.00 | 92.41 | 90.96 | 83.12 | 95.27 | 95.24 | 90.02 |
| Feb | 101.11 | 115.03 | 116.14 | 99.95 | 103.88 | 94.64 | 94.37 | 87.49 | 82.07 | 95.56 | 90.00 | 87.74 |
| Mar | 96.68 | 115.34 | 109.87 | 89.77 | 101.20 | 94.63 | 81.95 | 86.63 | 78.87 | 81.77 | 87.25 | 83.14 |
| Apr | 98.53 | 116.93 | 102.58 | 90.88 | 102.24 | 92.17 | 82.89 | 85.43 | 79.92 | 84.30 | 86.74 | 84.39 |
| May | 99.74 | 117.36 | 99.05 | 93.46 | 106.56 | 92.83 | 84.24 | 85.08 | 80.74 | 85.58 | 86.25 | 87.00 |
| Jun | 103.41 | 119.56 | 99.33 | | 103.22 | 92.73 | 89.17 | 83.32 | 79.19 | 90.65 | 86.52 | 85.64 |
| Jul | 106.81 | 119.08 | 98.81 | | 99.99 | 92.75 | 89.80 | 80.52 | 79.31 | 91.36 | 83.80 | 85.86 |
| Aug | 107.72 | 118.72 | 98.35 | | 96.68 | 92.49 | 88.70 | 80.42 | 81.14 | 91.71 | 84.25 | 88.49 |
| Sep | 113.25 | 118.15 | | | 95.11 | | 89.11 | 79.26 | | 93.51 | 82.76 | |
| Oct | 116.54 | 119.98 | | | 94.97 | | 92.38 | 80.08 | | 95.80 | 84.54 | |
| Nov | 116.63 | 115.02 | | 107.14 | 92.27 | | 92.67 | 82.65 | | 96.81 | 87.55 | |
| Dec | 116.97 | 115.70 | | 107.39 | 93.13 | | 93.12 | 83.48 | | 97.20 | 89.95 | |



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

| Month | Dried Chillies | | | Red Onion (Vedalan) | | | Big Onion | | | Potato - N'eliya | | |
|-------|----------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Jan | 311.44 | 263.76 | 330.31 | 156.25 | 515.82 | | 100.02 | 143.32 | 85.22 | 194.94 | 163.50 | 215.71 |
| Feb | 283.58 | 271.41 | 335.00 | 197.00 | | 176.36 | 96.57 | 118.86 | 81.33 | 174.64 | 149.12 | 168.89 |
| Mar | 269.67 | 284.90 | 329.23 | 186.80 | 204.17 | 168.97 | 95.60 | 88.58 | 78.17 | 165.97 | 139.65 | 164.00 |
| Apr | 257.93 | 298.03 | 324.25 | 291.30 | | 175.37 | 99.33 | 67.31 | 91.75 | 179.77 | 149.37 | 191.47 |
| May | 241.70 | 306.67 | 328.50 | 331.70 | | 201.43 | 96.33 | 99.21 | 93.54 | 184.26 | 165.33 | 200.97 |
| Jun | 230.28 | 313.87 | 345.06 | 425.19 | 192.53 | 229.57 | 97.25 | 108.62 | 114.91 | 184.74 | 191.52 | 207.45 |
| Jul | 232.12 | 325.59 | 365.35 | 302.86 | 170.61 | 222.51 | 96.33 | 115.02 | 124.20 | 182.06 | 206.17 | 235.89 |
| Aug | 238.44 | 323.56 | 371.46 | 225.63 | 179.06 | 175.95 | 132.19 | 115.74 | 132.13 | 184.34 | 207.29 | 234.10 |
| Sep | 249.10 | 311.60 | | 359.93 | 164.11 | | 141.57 | 109.70 | | 177.47 | 167.27 | |
| Oct | 256.20 | 315.11 | | 389.38 | 168.06 | | 147.37 | 111.28 | | 167.88 | 155.45 | |
| Nov | 259.31 | 322.74 | | 498.85 | 169.23 | | 165.87 | 120.24 | | 160.43 | 192.07 | |
| Dec | 264.58 | 324.98 | | 575.43 | | | 157.18 | 102.86 | | 163.52 | 214.56 | |



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

August - 2019

| Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Paddy | | | | | Potato | | | | | Leeks | | | | |
| Short grain | | | | | N'Eliya | 132.00 | 162.00 | 142.00 | 117.00 | Welimada | 28.80 | 27.40 | 28.80 | 28.50 |
| A'pura | 41.20 | 41.20 | 40.25 | 40.14 | Badulla | | | | | N'Eliya | 28.00 | 28.00 | 23.00 | 23.00 |
| P'naruwa | | | | | Welimada | 136.25 | 146.25 | 138.75 | 115.00 | Beetroot | | | | |
| Kalawewa | 42.20 | 42.20 | 43.80 | 43.80 | Pulses | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | 32.50 | 30.00 |
| Kurunegala | 41.80 | | | | Green Gram | | | | | N'Eliya | 57.00 | 43.00 | 47.00 | 47.00 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 39.00 | 41.00 | 38.50 | 40.00 | Galgamuwa | | | | | Dambulla | 32.40 | 35.40 | 36.00 | 39.20 |
| Ampara | | | | | Kalawewa | | | | | Kurunegala | | | | |
| Long grain (White) | | | | | Embilipitiya | 212.50 | 212.50 | | | Welimada | 49.80 | 51.00 | 48.20 | 51.00 |
| A'pura | 45.40 | 42.86 | 43.25 | 42.80 | Kurunegala | | | | | Knokhol | | | | |
| P'naruwa | | | | | A'pura | 188.00 | 186.25 | | | Hanguranketha | 30.00 | 30.00 | 27.50 | 25.00 |
| Kalawewa | 44.20 | 44.20 | 45.80 | 45.75 | Cowpea | | | | | N'Eliya | 20.40 | 21.20 | 43.00 | 43.00 |
| Kurunegala | 43.60 | | | | A'pura | 163.75 | 168.75 | 183.75 | 206.67 | Welimada | 31.00 | 39.25 | 47.75 | 47.75 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 39.00 | 43.50 | 40.75 | 42.25 | Galgamuwa | 49.80 | 51.00 | 48.20 | 51.00 | Radish | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | | | | | Nikaweratiya | | | | | Hanguranketha | 12.50 | 17.50 | | 17.50 |
| Ampara | | | | | Kalawewa | | | | | N'Eliya | 16.40 | 18.40 | 18.40 | 18.40 |
| Matara | | 38.57 | 38.57 | 40.00 | Embilipitiya | 173.75 | 173.75 | | | Welimada | 15.80 | 16.33 | 30.67 | 27.75 |
| Hambantota | | | | | Kurunegala | | | | | Cabbage | | | | |
| Long grain (Red) | | | | | Maize | | | | | Hanguranketha | 20.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Matara | | | | | A'Pura | 51.00 | 52.50 | 56.00 | 53.33 | N'Eliya | 22.00 | 18.20 | 22.00 | 18.80 |
| Hambantota | 36.57 | | | | Kalawewa | | | | | Welimada | 15.20 | 15.50 | 20.00 | 22.20 |
| Ampara | | | | | Gingelly | | | | | Hambantota | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 37.43 | 39.29 | 39.86 | 39.86 | A'Pura | 312.50 | 305.00 | 306.00 | 305.00 | Badulla | | | | |
| Other Food Crops | | | | | Kalawewa | | | 233.75 | 271.25 | Tomato | | | | |
| Dried Chillies | | | | | Black Gram | | | | | Hanguranketha | 70.00 | 78.33 | 93.33 | 70.00 |
| A'Pura | | | | | Kalawewa | | | | | Welimada | 80.00 | 87.00 | 85.40 | 89.25 |
| Galgamuwa | | | | | A'Pura | 246.25 | 256.25 | 233.75 | 271.25 | Hambantota | 72.50 | | | |
| Kalawewa | | | | | Vegetables (Up Country) | | | | | Dambulla | 57.80 | 76.80 | 80.60 | 67.80 |
| Red Onion | | | | | Beans | | | | | Low Country | | | | |
| Puttalam | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | Dambulla | 89.40 | 122.00 | 150.00 | 176.00 | Ladies Fingers | | | | |
| Big Onion | | | | | Welimada | 101.75 | 132.50 | 170.00 | 210.00 | A'pura | 32.50 | 32.50 | 31.00 | 35.00 |
| Dambulla | | | | | Badulla | | | | | Dambulla | 29.80 | 31.80 | 31.60 | 40.60 |
| Kalawewa | | | | | Carrot | | | | | Hambantota | 47.50 | | | |
| A'Pura | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | 45.00 | 45.00 | Embilipitiya | 43.86 | 33.86 | 41.71 | 56.67 |
| Kurunegala | | | | | N'Eliya | 68.00 | 52.00 | 52.00 | 42.00 | Matara | | 75.00 | | 65.00 |
| | | | | | Welimada | 60.00 | 51.25 | 48.75 | 49.60 | | | | | |

Appendix 03: contd.....

| Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Brinjals | | | | | Pumpkin | | | | | Lime | | | | |
| A'pura | 52.50 | 47.50 | 60.00 | 57.67 | Dambulla | 39.20 | 33.40 | 27.60 | 31.20 | Hambantota | 160.00 | | | |
| Dambulla | 42.40 | 62.20 | 41.80 | 49.60 | Hambantota | 55.00 | | | | Embilipitiya | 153.33 | 207.50 | 193.33 | 196.67 |
| Hambantota | 55.00 | | | | Embilipitiya | 61.67 | 61.67 | 56.67 | 50.00 | Moneragala | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 45.33 | 50.33 | 33.86 | 68.33 | Matara | | | | 77.50 | Fruits (Rs/Kg) | | | | |
| Matara | | | | 75.00 | A'pura | 60.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | 41.67 | Banana | | | | |
| Welimada | 55.80 | 50.60 | 55.60 | 61.00 | Moneragala | | | | | Ambul | | | | |
| | | | | | Cucumber | | | | | Moneragala | | | | |
| Capsicum | | | | | A'pura | 27.50 | 27.50 | 32.50 | 32.50 | Embilipitiya | 39.57 | 43.14 | 57.00 | 74.00 |
| Welimada | 152.50 | 153.75 | 100.00 | 110.00 | Dambulla | 25.20 | 26.60 | 26.20 | 30.00 | Hambantota | 37.50 | | | |
| Bitter Gourd | | | | | Hambantota | 22.50 | | | | Kolikuttu | | | | |
| A'pura | 82.50 | 67.50 | 71.25 | 78.33 | Matara | | | | | Moneragala | | | | |
| Dambulla | 69.80 | 71.80 | 65.80 | 80.80 | Long beans | | | | | Embilipitiya | 128.00 | 138.00 | 152.00 | 165.00 |
| Hambantota | 115.00 | | | | Dambulla | 28.00 | 31.80 | 31.60 | 38.00 | Hambantota | 110.00 | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 113.33 | 98.33 | 105.00 | 127.00 | Hambantota | 52.50 | | | | Papaw | | | | |
| | | | | | Embilipitiya | 43.43 | 37.71 | 55.71 | 70.00 | Moneragala | | | | |
| Snake Gourd | | | | | Matara | | | | | Embilipitiya | 50.33 | 50.33 | 52.83 | 63.00 |
| Dambulla | 62.20 | 59.80 | 57.60 | 59.80 | A'Pura | 35.00 | 47.50 | 40.00 | 37.50 | Hambantota | 37.50 | | | |
| Hambantota | 65.00 | | | | Ash Plantain | | | | | Pineapple | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 63.67 | 55.00 | 55.00 | 63.75 | Hambantota | 57.50 | | | | Divulapitiya | | | | |
| Matara | | 120.00 | 85.00 | 85.00 | Embilipitiya | 42.40 | 43.40 | 43.40 | 43.40 | | | | | |
| A'pura | 82.50 | 47.50 | 57.50 | 56.00 | Matara | | | | | | | | | |
| Luffa | | | | | Green Chillies | | | | | | | | | |
| Dambulla | 51.00 | 50.00 | 60.80 | 70.80 | Dambulla | 138.00 | 134.00 | 71.80 | 97.00 | | | | | |
| Hambantota | 85.00 | | | | Hambantota | | | | | | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 61.67 | 54.17 | 58.00 | 70.00 | Embilipitiya | 225.00 | 114.17 | 121.43 | 180.00 | | | | | |
| Matara | | 120.00 | 102.50 | 115.00 | Puttalam | 150.00 | 104.00 | 84.00 | 88.00 | | | | | |
| A'pura | 35.00 | 47.50 | 57.50 | 85.00 | A'Pura | 220.00 | 195.00 | 135.00 | 167.50 | | | | | |