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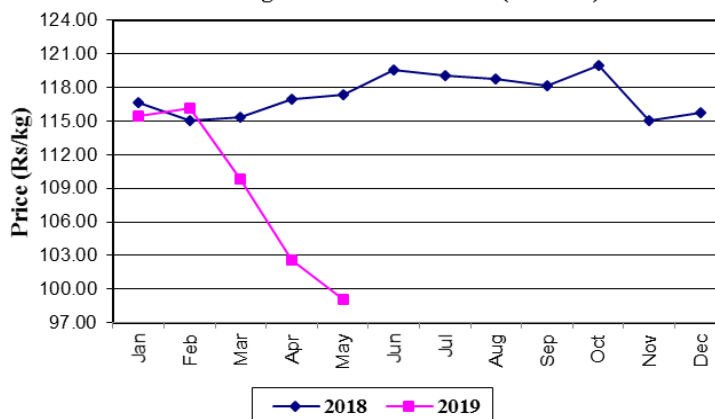
### RICE:

Retail prices of all the rice varieties, except for samba grade I, had increased compared to the previous month. Retail prices of all the rice varieties ranged between Rs.75.00-100.00/kg during the month. Retail price of samba grade I ranged between Rs.96.00-100.00/kg.

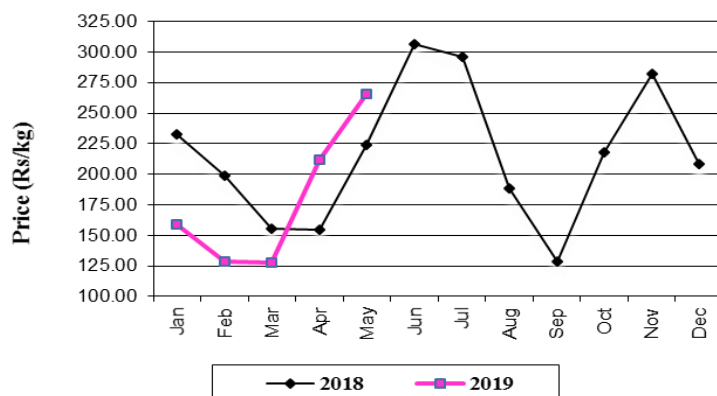
### VEGETABLES:

Supplies of vegetable were further limited during this month too. Hence, the prices of most of the vegetables have increased. The highest price increase (Rs.58.00/kg) was reported for bitter gourd. Vegetable prices are expected to increase further during next month too.

Average Retail Prices 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

- |                  |                     |                 |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 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 early prospects of paddy crop in 2019 *Yala* season were not favorable in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs in major producing areas. The dry weather prevailed in major producing areas like North Central and Eastern Provinces. However, moderate amount of rainfall received to some parts in North Central Province during the latter part of the month. The land preparation and crop establishment were progress in some of the major producing areas like Polonnaruwa, Monaragala, Ampara and Embilipitiya by the end of the month. The official estimates of cultivated extent are not announced so far. However, the same period of 2017, which was the lowest progress year in the recent past reported nearly 200,000 Ha of cultivated extent. The cultivation outlook will be depending on the progress of monsoon rains during the next month.

### **Producer Prices**

An increasing trend of paddy prices begin from the last month, continued throughout the month in all major producing areas due to the arrival of limited supplies of paddy to the markets. The limiting and reducing of releasing paddy to the markets by the farmers and the traders were observed mainly due to the uncertainty of the paddy crop progress in present *Yala* season. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 3-12% in major producing areas and the lowest increase recorded from Dehiattakandiya. The prices of short grain paddy have increased by less than 5% in all considered producing areas with the lowest increase from Anuradhapura. Prices of short grain and long grain white paddy were ranged between Rs.38.00-44.00/Kg and Rs.38.00-45.00/Kg. It was noted that, the prices of long grain white paddy are slightly higher than the price of short grain paddy. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 10% in Hambantota and 9% in Embilipitiya and the prices ranged between Rs34.00-38.00/Kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to the field information it is expected to that increasing trend of paddy prices can be expected during next month due to the limited supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain paddy varieties have shown a declining trend in all considered producing areas. The prices of short grain have decreased by 10%-30% with the highest decline from Dehiattakandiya. Meanwhile the prices of long grain white have increased by less than 15% in all considered major producing areas. The prices of long grain red have increased by 15% in Hambantota and 10% Embilipitiya (Table 1.1).

**Table 1.1: Producer prices of paddy – May 2019**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	38.00-41.00	36.00-40.00	39.44	38.78	54.80	0.66	1.71	-15.36	-28.03
Polonnaruwa	41.00-42.18	32.81-41.41	41.95	40.10	56.56	1.85	4.61	-14.61	-25.83
Kalawewa	40.00-40.00	36.00-40.00	40.00	39.13	55.85	0.87	2.21	-15.85	-28.38
Kurunegala	41.00-44.00	37.00-44.00	43.08	41.13	47.75	1.95	4.74	-4.67	-9.77
Dehiattakandiya	39.00-41.00	38.00-40.00	39.75	38.80	56.48	0.95	2.45	-16.73	-29.61
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	44.33	-	-	-	-
Ampara	38.00-40.00	36.00-38.00	39.43	37.68	55.69	1.75	4.63	-16.26	-29.20
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	40.00-45.00	37.50-42.00	41.71	40.09	41.01	1.62	4.03	0.70	1.71
Polonnaruwa	38.00-44.53	34.37-42.97	43.92	40.13	41.56	3.79	9.44	2.36	5.67
Kalawewa	41.00-45.00	38.00-42.00	42.50	40.27	42.13	2.23	5.55	0.38	0.89
Kurunegala	42.00-45.00	38.00-44.00	44.21	41.97	38.27	2.24	5.34	5.94	15.53
Dehiattakandiya	39.00-44.00	38.00-42.00	41.13	39.90	39.71	1.23	3.07	1.42	3.57
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	44.33	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	37.83	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	39.00-43.00	36.00-37.00	41.23	36.92	-	4.31	11.66	-	-
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	34.00-35.50	29.00-35.00	34.72	33.08	36.83	-	-	-2.11	-5.74
Hambantota	36.00-38.00	30.00-35.00	36.90	33.47	32.00	3.43	10.26	4.90	15.30
Embilipitiya	34.00-38.00	31.00-35.00	35.83	32.89	32.50	2.94	8.93	3.33	10.26

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Supplies of most of the rice varieties had decreased compared to the previous month due to the off season of paddy harvesting. Hence, the wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 8.27% for raw white. Wholesale price of nadu grade II had increased by 5% while the wholesale price of samba grade II and raw white had increased by 3%. Meanwhile, the wholesale prices of samba grade I and nadu grade I had decreased by 5% and 4% respectively due to decreased demand at high price levels. Imported rice varieties such as samba, raw white and nadu were not available at wholesale level.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 19% for samba grade II, followed by samba grade I (11%). According to the Department of Customs of Sri Lanka, a quantity of 995mt of rice had been imported during the month of May 2019. The total expenditure on importing rice was Rs.81.1million in May 2019.

### Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the rice varieties had increased compared to the previous month with the highest price increase of 3% for nadu grade II and raw white. Retail price of samba grade I ranged between Rs.96.00-100.00/kg and the average price had dropped by 3%. The retail price of all the rice varieties remained between Rs.75.00-100.00/kg during the month.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the rice varieties, except for raw white, had decreased with the highest price decrease of 16% for samba grade II.

**Table 1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of rice –May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	92.00-100.00	96.40	101.13	108.46	-4.73	-4.68	-12.06	-11.12
Samba 2	80.00-86.00	83.88	81.34	103.02	2.54	3.12	-19.15	-18.59
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	85.00-88.00	85.69	89.38	-	-3.69	-4.12	-	-
Nadu 2	80.00-85.00	82.80	78.68	79.33	4.12	5.24	3.47	4.37
Raw red	65.00-70.00	67.60	65.83	70.37	1.77	2.70	-2.77	-3.94
Raw white	77.00-82.00	79.03	72.99	74.89	6.04	8.27	4.14	5.52
Imported Samba	-	-	-	82.42	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	76.77	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	96.00-100.00	99.05	102.58	117.36	-3.53	-3.44	-18.31	-15.60
Samba 2	90.00-95.00	92.62	91.39	110.30	1.23	1.35	-17.68	-16.03
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-95.00	92.83	92.17	106.56	0.66	0.72	-13.73	-12.89
Nadu 2	85.00-90.00	87.48	84.79	93.62	2.68	3.16	-6.14	-6.56
Raw red	75.00-85.00	80.74	79.92	85.08	0.81	1.02	-4.34	-5.10
Raw white	80.00-92.00	87.00	84.39	86.25	2.61	3.09	0.75	0.87
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	89.87	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	84.07	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	84.52	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of green chillie from main producing areas have decreased further during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.29.00/kg and Rs.39.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillie were Rs.147.00/kg and Rs.323.00/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 81% and 39% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 3,529mt of dried chillie was imported from India and it was a decrease of only 55mt compared to that of the last month. The CIF price was Rs.234.25/kg and it was an increase of Rs.17.00/kg compared to previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail price of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.9.00/kg and Rs.4.00/kg respectively. Compared o the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillie have increased by about 7%.

**Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli - May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	60.00-300.00	147.00	117.83	81.00	29.17	24.75	66.00	81.47
Dried Chilli	250.00-280.00	264.59	256.06	248.13	8.53	3.33	16.46	6.64
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	140.00-600.00	323.20	284.16	232.56	39.04	13.74	90.63	38.97
Dried Chilli	300.00-360.00	328.50	324.25	306.67	4.24	1.31	21.83	7.12

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chilli-Dec 2018 to May 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May	3,529	826.58	234.25	328.50	94.24
Apr	3,584	779.92	217.61	324.25	106.64
Mar	5,830	1,272.18	218.21	329.23	111.02
Feb	4,855	1,134.21	233.62	335.00	101.39
Jan	3,748	876.20	233.81	330.31	96.50
Dec	5,149	1,218.31	236.59	324.98	88.39

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

**Table 2.1.3: Producer prices of green chilli (Rs/kg) –May 2019**

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	84.20	120.00	146.00	139.00
Hambantota	200.00	175.00	390.00	220.00
Embilipitiya	145.00	216.25	288.00	209.00
Puttalam	76.00	90.00	210.00	122.00
A'Pura	176.67	165.00	260.00	210.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The imported quantity of big onion during the month was about 17,976mt and this was about 1,723mt lower than the imported amount in the last month. Average CIF price was Rs.48.08/kg and it has increased by Rs.2.00/kg compared to that of previous month. Wholesale price of imported big onion has decreased by about Rs.3.00/kg while retail price has increased by about Rs.2.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about 13% and 6% respectively.

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas had decreased throughout this month as it was the end of the *Maha* harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.9.00/kg and Rs.23.00/kg respectively. Retail prices of both sinnan and vedalan have also increased by about Rs.27.00/kg and Rs.26.00/kg respectively due to limited supplies.

About 516mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 374mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.115.33/kg and it has an increase of Rs.33.00/kg compared to the last month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.35.00/kg while no stocks of imported red onion were available at the retail markets.

**Table 2.2.1: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	60.00-90.00	78.10	69.50	-	8.60	12.37	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.00-180.00	135.92	113.13	133.33	22.79	20.15	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	110.00-190.00	146.71	112.14	113.60	34.57	30.83	33.11	29.15
Big Onion (imported)	50.00-83.00	64.05	66.68	73.88	-2.63	-3.94	-9.83	-13.31
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	140.00-180.00	163.86	136.56	-	27.31	20.00	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-280.00	201.43	175.37	-	26.06	14.86	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	183.45	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-120.00	93.54	91.75	99.21	1.80	1.96	-5.67	-5.72
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.2: 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	May,2019	48.08	64.05	93.54	15.96	29.50
	Apr, 2019	46.28	66.68	91.75	20.40	25.07
	May,2018	36.10	73.88	99.21	37.78	25.34
Red onion	May,2019	115.33	146.71	-	31.38	-
	Apr,2019	83.15	112.14	-	29.00	-
	May,2018	82.39	113.60	183.45	31.21	69.84

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

**Table 2.2.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported big onion and red onion**

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	May,2019	Apr,2019	May,2019	Apr,2019	May,2019	Apr,2019
Red Onion	516	142	59.5	11.8	115.33	83.15
Big Onion	17,976	19,699	864.3	911.6	48.08	46.28

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion  
Dec 2018 May 2019**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
May-2019	17,976	48.08	64.05	93.54	45.46
Apr-2019	19,699	46.28	66.68	91.75	45.47
Mar-2019	22,323	37.00	52.95	78.17	41.17
Feb-2019	19,709	33.58	52.07	81.33	47.75
Jan -2019	23,697	40.01	56.95	85.22	57.95
Dec-2018	23,169	44.91	68.88	102.86	72.60

Source: Department of Customs

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

*Yala* cultivation of potato was commenced in both Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts. In Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, the targeted extents of potato for the *yala* 2019 are 884 ha and 1,504 ha. New cultivation was affected with prevailed dry weather condition in Nuwara Eliya district.

In Badulla district, most of the new cultivation for the *yala* season will be taken place in paddy fields after obtaining paddy harvest in those fields. According to field information, majority of the harvesting had been completed in hilly areas of Keppetipola, Bogahakumbura, Boralanda, Ambagasdova and Uvaparagama areas of the Welimada DS division during the *maha* season and the supply was over from the month of May for Welimada potato.

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 12,591 mt of potato had been imported in May which was 1,726 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan (86%), followed by Bangladesh (10%). Compared to May, 2018 (10,508 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.37.00/kg in May.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was over due to end of the peak harvesting period. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.124.00/kg in May. Supply of Nuwara Eliya potato was also at a low level. Hence, the wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased by 3% in the Colombo wholesale market. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 2% and 3% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.135.00-160.00/kg and Rs.90.00-100.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (18%) and imported (15%) potatoes have increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be increased further in June.

**Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes- Dec 2018 to May 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May-2019	12,591	468.76	37.23	125.23	88.00
Apr-2019	10,865	355.52	32.72	121.36	88.64
Mar-2019	9,475	298.61	31.52	103.66	72.15
Feb-2019	9,802	297.78	30.38	95.19	64.81
Jan -2019	21,206	704.59	33.23	93.77	75.11
Dec-2018	17,372	784.21	45.14	120.25	80.59

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



**Table: 2.3.2: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	120.00-135.00	128.06	119.90	106.56	8.16	6.37	21.50	16.79
Nuwara Eliya	116.00-130.00	124.05	130.60	108.40	-6.55	-5.28	15.65	12.62
Imported – CIF	35.81-64.40	37.23	32.72	26.97	4.51	12.10	10.26	27.56
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	132.50	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	135.00-160.00	145.92	142.19	125.06	3.74	2.56	20.86	14.30
Imported	90.00-100.00	94.85	93.08	80.00	1.77	1.87	14.85	15.66
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-240.00	200.97	191.47	165.33	9.50	4.73	35.64	17.73
Imported	110.00-150.00	125.23	121.36	106.55	3.87	3.09	18.68	14.92
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	76.92	60.87	56.93	16.05	20.87	19.99	25.99
Imported (RP-CIF)	-	88.00	88.64	79.58	-0.63	-0.72	8.43	9.57
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	55.04	-	40.26	-	-	14.78	26.85
Imported	-	30.38	28.28	26.55	2.10	6.90	3.83	12.62

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

### Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.260.00/kg with an average of Rs.252.00/kg in May 2019. The average price has been decreased by 1.5 percent compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 20%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.300.00/kg with an average of Rs.278.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has not been changed significantly. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month had been increased to around 14 % (Table 2.4.1).

**Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	240.00-260.00	251.97	255.72	209.88	-3.75	-1.47	42.10	20.06
Cowpea (White)	210.00-225.00	217.71	222.34	219.63	-4.64	-2.08	-1.92	-0.87
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-255.00	248.36	239.47	204.38	8.88	3.71	43.98	21.52
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	260.00-300.00	277.49	276.09	242.43	1.41	0.51	35.06	14.46
Cowpea (White)	240.00-320.00	276.49	278.30	284.58	-1.81	-0.65	-8.09	-2.84
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-320.00	300.82	299.11	290.14	1.71	0.57	10.68	3.68

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.218.00/kg and Rs.248.00/kg, respectively in May 2019. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.225.00/kg, while that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.255.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has decreased by 2% and red cowpea has been increased by around 4%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been decreased by around 1% and red cowpea wholesale price has increased around 22% (Table 2.4.1).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.276.00/kg and Rs.301.00/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, white and red cowpea have not been changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of white cowpea has been decreased by 3% and red cowpea price has been increased by 4%. (Table 2.4.1).

A total of 766 mt of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is a decrease of 32% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.177.00/kg which was increased by 7 percent compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.135.81 million which has decreased by 27% of the total value spent on green gram importation compared to the previous month. Green gram has been imported from several countries which are Myanmar (40%), Australia (29%), Argentina (25%) and India (7%).

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported green gram- Dec 2018 to May 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
February	876	144.85	165.29	258.21	92.92
January	1,329	210.79	158.59	256.53	105.25
December	1,034	155.43	150.30	255.55	100.85

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

According to table 2.4.3, a total of 178 mt of white cowpea have been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea has been decreased by 59% compared to April 2019. The average CIF price of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.123.47/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been decreased by 58% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.22 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Myanmar (32%), India (28%), Madagascar (26%) and Brazil (14%).

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea- Dec 2018 to May 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
February	737	83.96	113.93	273.31	159.38
January	900	104.65	116.28	278.22	163.07
December	614	70.72	115.14	279.38	166.82

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

**Table 2.4.4: 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	May - 2019	177.22	251.97	277.49	74.75	25.52
	Apr - 2019	164.79	255.72	276.09	90.93	20.37
	May - 2018	135.94	209.88	242.43	73.94	32.55
Cowpea (White)	May - 2019	123.47	217.71	276.49	94.23	58.78
	Apr - 2019	119.49	222.34	278.30	102.85	55.96
	May - 2018	124.77	219.63	284.58	94.86	64.95
Cowpea (Red)	May - 2019	-	248.36	300.82	-	52.46
	Apr - 2019	-	239.47	299.11	-	59.64
	May - 2018	-	204.38	290.14	-	85.76

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.108/kg and Rs.110/kg with an average of Rs.109/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.129/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.20/kg during this month. The wholesale and retail prices have not been changed significantly compared with the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price has been decreased by 2% while the retail price has decreased by 1%.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average				Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	Apr 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price	108.00-110.00	109.13	108.35	111.13	0.78	0.72	-2.00	-1.80	
Retail Price	120.00-140.00	129.30	129.52	131.05	-0.22	-0.17	-1.75	-1.33	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 12,502 mt of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.86/kg and CIF price has been decreased by 4 percent compared to the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 11,442 mt) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 1,060 mt) was of the split type. The whole type of red dhal, from Canada (87%), Australia (12%) and Ukraine (1%). The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs. 949 million. With an average CIF price of Rs.83 per kilo and the split type red dhal, has been imported from Canada (81%), United Arab Emirate (12%) and India (7%). The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.118 per kilo and the total value of the imports of split type was Rs.125 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal  
Dec 2018 to May 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
May-2019	12,502	85.92	109.13	129.30	23.21	20.17
Apr-2019	11,062	82.64	108.35	129.52	25.70	21.17
Mar-2019	20,901	84.18	108.63	128.77	24.44	20.15
Feb-2019	14,757	85.72	115.54	131.22	29.82	15.69
Jan-2019	14,543	83.23	113.50	128.88	29.04	16.93
Dec-2018	16,510	81.21	110.25	127.19	26.57	20.96

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

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

Dry weather condition further prevailed in most of vegetable producing areas during this month too. The rainfall received to main vegetable producing area during this month was considerably low compared to the past 30-years average rainfall data (Table 8). Vegetable cultivation in rain fed areas was further delighted while *Yala* cultivation dominated by irrigated lands. Further, according to the past experience, generally crop damaged are reported due to heavy rains in the month of May, however, such incident has not reported during this year. Therefore, a satisfactory level of production is expected from the prevailing crops in the field as of this month.

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Vegetable supplies have further limited in the most of the market during the month due to off season. Daily supplies to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center was about 1000-1200mt, a decrease by 50% compared to the previous month.

As a result of low stocks available in the markets, the wholesale prices of most of vegetable varieties have increased during the month. With regard to the upcountry vegetable prices, the highest price increase was reported for carrot (89%) while the lowest price increase was noted for leeks (33%). With regard to lowcountry vegetable prices, the wholesale prices of all the lowcountry vegetables, except for drumsticks have also increased recording the highest for pumpkin (128%) followed by brinjal (102%). In contrast, the prices of drumstick has decreased by 14%. Moreover, the supplies of lime further limited during this month too resulting a price increase of 93% compared to the last month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of upcountry vegetable varieties had increased by 17%-64% while that of lowcountry vegetable increased by 5%-145%.

**Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-280.00	181.50	155.25	155.42	26.25	16.91	26.08	16.78
Carrot	60.00-150.00	118.25	62.54	150.23	55.71	89.07	-31.98	-21.29
Leeks	30.00-80.00	56.25	42.44	161.78	13.81	32.55	-105.53	-65.23
Beetroot	50.00-135.00	92.21	64.20	56.33	28.01	43.64	35.88	63.71
Knolkhol	40.00-120.00	82.25	51.21	59.75	31.04	60.62	22.50	37.66
Radish	30.00-90.00	70.13	47.25	56.04	22.88	48.41	14.08	25.13
Cabbage	20.00-80.00	53.11	30.31	41.38	22.79	75.19	11.72	28.33
Tomato	50.00-100.00	78.00	58.00	101.04	20.00	34.48	-23.04	-22.80
Ladies Fingers	30.00-90.00	54.38	53.33	64.11	1.04	1.95	-9.74	-15.19
Brinjal	30.00-140.00	95.97	47.40	72.18	48.57	102.48	23.80	32.97
Capsicum	70.00-180.00	140.75	109.00	134.36	31.75	29.13	6.39	4.76
Pumpkin	30.00-70.00	51.25	22.50	20.94	28.75	127.78	30.31	144.76
Cucumber	15.00-80.00	46.38	40.08	58.56	6.29	15.70	-12.18	-20.80
Bittergourd	100.00-200.00	156.15	99.00	125.00	57.16	57.74	31.15	24.92
Snakegourd	90.00-150.00	125.00	85.63	92.10	39.37	45.97	32.90	35.72
Drumstick	120.00-160.00	139.52	161.67	142.29	-22.14	-13.70	-2.77	-1.95
Luffa	70.00-120.00	103.25	73.20	85.62	30.05	41.05	17.63	20.60
Long Beans	60.00-120.00	96.14	55.73	83.81	40.41	72.52	12.33	14.71
Ash Plantain	40.00-70.00	51.74	49.15	51.75	2.59	5.28	-0.01	-0.02
Green Chilli	60.00-300.00	147.00	117.83	81.00	29.17	24.75	66.00	81.47
Lime	220.00-450.00	335.00	173.29	227.04	161.71	93.32	107.96	47.55

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The retail prices of both upcountry and lowcountry vegetable also have increased during the month. The highest price increase of Rs.58.00/kg was recorded for bitter gourd while the lowest price increase of Rs.12.00/kg was noted for ash plantain. Meanwhile, the price of lime has considerably increased by Rs.256.00/kg. Drumstick was the only vegetable that recorded a price decrease of Rs.61.00/kg during the month. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of most of the vegetable varieties had increased by 2%-31%.

**Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – May 2019**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00-400.00	266.05	212.08	224.04	53.97	25.45	42.01	18.75
Carrot	100.00-280.00	189.05	142.99	232.16	46.07	32.22	-43.10	-18.57
Leeks	80.00-200.00	144.72	126.79	247.28	17.93	14.14	-102.56	-41.48
Beetroot	100.00-240.00	166.96	127.88	143.22	39.08	30.56	23.74	16.58
Knolkhol	90.00-240.00	175.69	144.82	153.06	30.86	21.31	22.63	14.78
Radish	80.00-200.00	146.31	122.53	135.18	23.78	19.41	11.13	8.23
Cabbage	70.00-200.00	136.42	108.71	119.94	27.72	25.50	16.49	13.75
Tomato	70.00-200.00	149.22	114.69	161.19	34.53	30.10	-11.97	-7.43
Ladies Fingers	70.00-200.00	147.08	131.90	135.79	15.18	11.51	11.28	8.31
Brinjal	80.00-240.00	159.69	122.11	145.16	37.58	30.78	14.53	10.01
Capsicum	140.00-320.00	239.75	195.91	224.24	43.84	22.38	15.51	6.92
Pumpkin	50.00-160.00	117.11	88.68	89.31	28.43	32.06	27.80	31.12
Cucumber	60.00-200.00	127.81	104.82	132.95	22.99	21.93	-5.14	-3.87
Bittergourd	160.00-320.00	241.35	183.28	202.59	58.07	31.68	38.76	19.13
Snakegourd	140.00-240.00	196.84	152.05	161.45	44.80	29.46	35.39	21.92
Drumstick	150.00-320.00	243.10	304.25	363.25	-61.15	-20.10	-120.15	-33.08
Luffa	100.00-280.00	185.30	161.36	171.69	23.94	14.84	13.61	7.92
Long Beans	60.00-240.00	170.05	133.07	161.53	36.98	27.79	8.52	5.27
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	136.77	124.38	133.47	12.40	9.97	3.30	2.47
Green Chilli	140.00-600.00	323.20	284.16	232.56	39.04	13.74	90.63	38.97
Lime	350.00-800.00	600.79	344.19	479.12	256.60	74.55	121.68	25.40

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

#### 4. Fruits

##### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in April, 2019, wholesale prices of pineapple, papaw, passion fruit, wood apple and orange had increased in May 2019 while, the prices of banana, mango, avocado, slime apple and imported grapes had decreased. Accordingly, prices of medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 3% and 1% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of medium and large sized fruits were Rs.133.00/fruit and Rs.168.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.110.00-200.00/fruit. Price of papaw had increased by 1% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.67.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-90.00/kg. In addition, prices of wood apple, passion fruit and orange had increased by 45%, 21% and 17% respectively (Table 4.1).

As stated earlier, prices of all the banana varieties had recorded price decreases in the range of 8%-16% compared to April, 2019. Prices of Kolikuttu and Ambul had decreased by 11% while, price of Seeni had decreased by 8% and their price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.100.00-140.00/kg (Kolikuttu), Rs.30.00-60.00/kg (Ambul) and Rs.40.00-70.00/kg (Seeni). Prices of banana varieties, Ambun and Anamalu also had recorded 16% and 8% price decreases respectively and the price ranged between Rs.10.00-16.00/fruit for Ambun and Rs.8.00-13.00/fruit for Anamalu.

With regard to prices of mango varieties, Betti, Karthakolomban and Vilad had decreased by 32%, 31% and 29% respectively and their price ranges recorded for a fruit were Rs.12.00-22.00, Rs.30.00-60.00 and Rs.13.00-28.00 respectively. In addition, 24%, 17% and 9% price decreases were noted for avocado, slime apple and imported grapes respectively. Further, though the prices of medium and large sized pineapple had increased, the price of small sized pineapple had decreased by 2% and the price was noted as Rs.60.00-120.00/fruit (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2018, wholesale prices of most of the banana and mango varieties, orange, slime apple and imported grapes had decreased with the highest price decrease of 27% recorded for banana variety Ambun while, prices of pineapple, papaw, passion fruit, wood apple and avocado had increased with the highest price increase of 167% recorded for wood apple (Table 4.1).

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

In analyzing the prices at the retail level, it was observed that the prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in the month of May compared to April. Accordingly, price decreases were noted for all the banana varieties with the highest price decrease of 11%. Prices of Ambul, Seeni and Kolikuttu had decreased by 11%, 5% and 4% respectively and their price ranges were noted as Rs.60.00-100.00/kg, Rs.80.00-130.00/kg and Rs.150.00-200.00/kg respectively. Further, price of banana variety, Ambun had decreased by 1% while, price of Anamalu had not changed significantly and prices of Ambun and Anamalu ranged between and Rs.18.00-25.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-20.00/fruit respectively. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban, Vilad and Betti had also decreased in the range of 26%-40%. Price of a Karthakolomban fruit was noted as Rs.40.00-100.00. In addition, prices of avocado, slime apple and orange had decreased by 17%, 3% and 1% respectively, while, prices of passion fruit and imported grapes had decreased by 7% (Table 4.2).

On the other hand, prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 5%, 2% and 1% respectively and price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.80.00-280.00/fruit. Price of papaw had also increased by 9% and the price ranged between Rs.90.00-180.00/kg. Further, price of wood apple had increased by 22% and the price was noted as Rs.30.00-100.00/fruit (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2018, retail prices of all the fruit varieties except orange and slime apple had increased with the highest price increase of 68% noted for both passion fruit and wood apple (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu and papaw and prices had decreased by 18%, 15% and 5% respectively. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.13.00-38.00/kg, Rs.77.00-90.00/kg and Rs.22.00-74.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to May, 2018, producer prices had increased for papaw by 62%, for Kolikuttu by 45% and for Ambul by 18% (Table 4.3).

### **Exports/Imports of Fruits**

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 973mt of fresh fruits in May, 2019 to the value of Rs.133mn. Of the exported quantity, 90% were papaw, 6% were fresh pineapple, 3% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. In the month of April, 2019, the quantity exported was 743mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 31% (Table 4.4).

**Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-60.00	40.69	45.68	41.67	-4.98	-10.91	-0.97	-2.34
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-140.00	116.82	130.75	90.81	-13.93	-10.66	26.00	28.63
Seeni (Kg)	40.00-70.00	56.00	60.59	62.63	-4.59	-7.57	-6.63	-10.58
Anamalu (Fruit)	8.00-13.00	10.86	11.88	13.05	-1.01	-8.54	-2.18	-16.74
Ambun (Fruit)	10.00-16.00	13.53	16.12	18.51	-2.59	-16.07	-4.98	-26.89
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	150.00-200.00	168.42	166.25	131.64	2.17	1.31	36.78	27.94
Medium (Fruit)	110.00-150.00	132.67	128.28	98.20	4.39	3.42	34.47	35.10
Small (Fruit)	60.00-120.00	87.12	88.75	67.52	-1.63	-1.83	19.60	29.03
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	12.00-22.00	16.79	24.82	17.24	-8.03	-32.36	-0.45	-2.62
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	48.36	70.31	34.57	-21.95	-31.22	13.78	39.87
Vilad (Fruit)	13.00-28.00	20.10	28.48	22.50	-8.38	-29.43	-2.40	-10.67
Kohu (Fruit)	11.00-18.00	14.35	14.00	-	0.35	2.51	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-90.00	66.95	66.35	58.31	0.60	0.91	8.64	14.81
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-30.00	20.23	16.75	11.97	3.48	20.76	8.26	69.03
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	37.58	25.91	14.06	11.67	45.03	23.52	167.34
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-35.00	24.85	21.20	28.71	3.66	17.26	-3.86	-13.43
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-65.00	54.48	72.02	40.42	-17.54	-24.36	14.06	34.77
Slime Apple (Fruit)	13.00-50.00	22.14	26.58	27.85	-4.44	-16.72	-5.71	-20.50
Grapes Imported (Kg)	512.00-633.00	566.91	625.27	586.58	-58.36	-9.33	-19.67	-3.35

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-100.00	85.27	96.15	79.98	-10.88	-11.31	5.29	6.61
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-200.00	175.16	181.81	157.30	-6.65	-3.66	17.86	11.35
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-130.00	106.37	111.67	105.45	-5.30	-4.75	0.91	0.87
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	17.34	17.39	16.63	-0.05	-0.27	0.71	4.29
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	21.50	21.82	21.47	-0.33	-1.49	0.02	0.11
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	180.00-280.00	217.10	214.83	195.63	2.27	1.06	21.47	10.98
Medium (Fruit)	140.00-180.00	158.11	155.09	134.57	3.02	1.95	23.53	17.49
Small (Fruit)	80.00-140.00	111.00	106.12	87.09	4.88	4.60	23.91	27.45
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	15.00-50.00	31.43	52.00	25.48	-20.57	-39.56	5.95	23.35
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	66.45	89.54	51.89	-23.09	-25.79	14.56	28.05
Vilad (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	35.68	48.40	31.70	-12.73	-26.29	3.98	12.55
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	90.00-180.00	125.51	115.09	97.63	10.42	9.05	27.88	28.56
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-50.00	34.98	37.55	20.84	-2.57	-6.84	14.15	67.89
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	62.22	51.06	36.97	11.16	21.86	25.25	68.31
Orange (Fruit)	25.00-60.00	45.19	45.69	54.71	-0.49	-1.08	-9.52	-17.39
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	75.20	90.20	69.56	-15.00	-16.63	5.63	8.10
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	52.29	53.94	55.75	-1.66	-3.07	-3.46	-6.21
Grapes Imported (Kg)	700.00-1000.00	848.99	914.17	836.65	-65.17	-7.13	12.35	1.48

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,884mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.601mn. Of the imported quantity, 68% were apple, 18% were oranges and 14% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, New Zealand, the United States and China. Egypt and Australia were the importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported from Australia and India. In the month of April, 2019, the quantity imported was 3,590mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 20% (Table 4.5).

**Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	12.71-38.33	24.96	30.45	21.14	-5.49	-18.04	3.82	18.05
Kolikuttu	76.67-90.00	84.86	99.48	58.36	-14.62	-14.70	26.50	45.41
Papaw	22.50-74.17	42.81	45.23	26.38	-2.42	-5.35	16.43	62.28

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, value and FOB prices of exported fruits -March 2019 to May 2019**

Type of Fruit	May - 2019			Apr - 2019			Mar - 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	57.56	23.15	402.11	50.57	20.62	407.82	81.76	43.40	530.83
Papaw	880.70	96.11	109.13	659.70	62.32	94.47	707.03	64.01	90.53
Fresh Mango	26.37	10.63	403.19	22.18	7.32	330.10	37.32	8.22	220.34
Avocado, fresh	7.94	3.55	446.55	10.11	4.42	437.31	5.18	2.69	519.45

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits - March 2019 to May 2019**

Type of Fruit	May - 2019			Apr - 2019			Mar - 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	1,962	383.82	195.62	2,462	455.67	185.08	2,462	455.76	185.09
Grapes	399	169.62	424.62	536	197.47	368.68	822	312.98	380.67
Oranges	523	47.95	91.64	592	55.87	94.40	1,086	102.85	94.71

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

## 5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of all the fish varieties have further increased in the range of 4%-33%. The highest price increase was noted for Hurulla. The wholesale prices for fish ranged between Rs.120.00/kg (Salaya) and Rs.1400.00/kg (Thora). Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of all the fish varieties had increased by 3%-34% (Table 5.1).

The retail prices of fish also have increased during the month. Shrimps (small), Thalapat and Thora have increased by less than 10% while the prices of all other fish varieties have increased by 10%-19%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the fish varieties had increased by 10%-44% (Table5.1).



**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	120.00-200.00	158.39	143.77	153.86	14.62	10.17	4.53	2.94
Hurulla	320.00-450.00	374.00	281.78	279.75	92.22	32.73	94.25	33.69
Balaya	280.00-500.00	375.25	294.71	335.25	80.54	27.33	40.00	11.93
Kelawalla	500.00-700.00	628.13	517.06	568.06	111.06	21.48	60.07	10.57
Thora	1100.00-1400.00	1294.17	1043.78	1120.00	250.39	23.99	174.17	15.55
Paraw	550.00-700.00	607.29	539.73	578.75	67.56	12.52	28.54	4.93
Mora	500.00-700.00	616.67	572.62	596.38	44.05	7.69	20.29	3.40
Shrimp (small)	800.00-950.00	871.39	836.38	825.00	35.00	4.19	46.39	5.62
Thalapath	700.00-900.00	794.79	750.95	765.00	43.84	5.84	29.79	3.89
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	200.00-460.00	303.28	263.48	210.02	39.80	15.11	93.26	44.41
Hurulla	400.00-720.00	542.31	454.99	423.52	87.31	19.19	118.78	28.05
Balaya	600.00-800.00	708.46	645.14	550.84	63.32	9.82	157.62	28.61
Kelawalla	800.00-1320.00	1072.26	953.48	912.64	118.78	12.46	159.61	17.49
Thora	1400.00-2000.00	1679.00	1572.26	1505.04	106.74	6.79	173.96	11.56
Paraw	800.00-1320.00	1135.70	1029.92	966.39	105.78	10.27	169.31	17.52
Mora	850.00-1120.00	984.54	893.79	884.64	90.75	10.15	99.90	11.29
Shrimp (small)	960.00-1300.00	1116.00	1081.90	1121.15	34.10	3.15	-5.15	-0.46
Thalapath	1080.00-1400.00	1203.71	1186.00	1095.65	17.71	1.49	108.06	9.86

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of most of dried fish varieties have increased during the month. The highest price increase was reported for Balaya(20%) followed by Sprats(15%). The prices of all other dried fish varieties have increased by 8% or less. The highest wholesale price of Rs.1,350.00/kg was reported for imported Thora while the lowest price of Rs.300.00/kg was noted for Salaya. Meanwhile, the prices of Anguluwa (imported and local), and Maduwa (imported and local) have decreased by 3%-8%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of dried fish varieties had increased by 1%-26%.

The retail prices of all the dried fish varieties have increased by 2%-9%. The highest price of Rs.2000.00/kg was reported for Thora while the lowest price of Rs.500.00/kg was observed for Sprats(imported) and Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the fish varieties had increased by 1%-16% (Table 5.2).

**Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish –May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b>								
Sprats	800.00-1000.00	902.77	782.50	887.50	120.27	15.37	15.27	1.72
Sprats (imported)	400.00-550.00	469.75	443.58	530.50	26.17	5.90	-60.75	-11.45
Kattawa	1050.00-1250.00	1102.81	1065.00	953.50	37.81	3.55	149.31	15.66
Kattawa (imported)	900.00-1080.00	1022.22	945.28	813.66	76.94	8.14	208.56	25.63
Thora	-	-	-	1168.33	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	1250.00-1350.00	1287.50	1275.00	1079.46	12.50	0.98	208.04	19.27
Mora	880.00-950.00	920.11	894.08	892.00	26.03	2.91	28.11	3.15
Mora (imported)	700.00-900.00	810.23	762.75	821.50	47.48	6.22	-11.27	-1.37
Balaya	400.00-600.00	493.25	411.25	442.75	82.00	19.94	50.50	11.41
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	358.20	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	850.00-950.00	894.48	938.93	798.75	-44.45	-4.73	95.73	11.98
Anguluwa (imported)	700.00-850.00	805.83	876.77	661.69	-70.94	-8.09	144.15	21.78
Maduwa	450.00-600.00	516.58	544.39	512.25	-27.81	-5.11	4.33	0.85
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-400.00	387.17	400.45	379.55	-13.28	-3.32	7.61	2.01
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	300.00-450.00	376.34	292.50	321.00	83.84	28.66	55.34	17.24
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	718.09	703.41	712.35	14.69	2.09	5.74	0.81
Sprats	1000.00-1500.00	1213.08	1187.17	1189.42	25.91	2.18	23.66	1.99
Kattawa	1200.00-1600.00	1417.56	1298.62	1218.65	118.94	9.16	198.91	16.32
Thora	1400.00-2000.00	1733.61	1649.09	1550.80	84.52	5.13	182.81	11.79
Mora	1000.00-1300.00	1216.90	1188.45	1142.50	28.45	2.39	74.40	6.51
Balaya	600.00-1000.00	868.87	843.38	829.96	25.49	3.02	38.91	4.69
Anguluwa	1000.00-1400.00	1198.14	1154.67	1044.14	43.46	3.76	154.00	14.75
Maduwa	700.00-900.00	818.33	781.67	747.50	36.67	4.69	70.83	9.48
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	500.00-800.00	666.22	637.67	635.82	28.56	4.48	30.40	4.78

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Eggs

As depicted in the Table 5.3 below, the wholesale prices of both brown egg and white egg have decreased by 17% and 18% respectively. The prices for brown egg and white egg ranged between Rs.15.00-16.50/each and Rs.14.50-15.50/each. However, compared to the same period of last year, prices of both brown egg and white egg had increased by 11% and 12% respectively.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	15.50-16.50	15.63	18.81	14.10	-3.19	-16.94	1.52	10.78
White (each)	14.50-15.50	14.60	17.81	12.99	-3.21	-18.01	1.61	12.40
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	16.00-20.00	17.28	20.24	15.33	-2.96	-14.63	1.95	12.70
White (each)	15.00-19.00	16.25	19.23	14.12	-2.99	-15.53	2.13	15.07

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Meat

The prices of all the types of meat except for Mutton have decreased during the month. The prices of broiler chicken decreased by 10% followed by curry chicken as 12%. The highest price of Rs.2000.00/kg was reported for Mutton while the lowest prices of Rs.420.00/kg was observed for broiler chicken. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of chicken had decreased by 4%-6%. Meanwhile, the prices of pork had increased by 38% followed by beef and Mutton as 2%.

**Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – May 2019**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1000.00	983.33	985.38	960.71	-2.05	-0.21	22.62	2.35
Chicken (Broiler)	420.00-650.00	532.70	593.95	564.11	-61.25	-10.31	-31.41	-5.57
Chicken (curry)	450.00-650.00	544.28	618.60	565.54	-74.32	-12.01	-21.26	-3.76
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1883.24	1858.51	1835.42	24.73	1.33	47.82	2.61
Pork	700.00-840.00	775.83	779.67	561.00	-3.83	-0.49	214.83	38.29

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 148,620mt. worth of Rs.7,211mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of May. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased and it was 26,588mt. in terms of quantity. Wheat grain for the month of May had been mainly imported from United States (51%) and the CIF price was Rs.48.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Canada (45,078mt.) and Pakistan (18,881mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from Australia (5%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.44.00-66.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.49.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain remained unchanged during the month. The lowest CIF price was reported for the stocks from Pakistan.

A total quantity of 1,011mt. of wheat flour worth of Rs.71mn. had been imported during the month of May. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased nearly four times in terms of quantity. Wheat flour for the month of May had been mainly imported from India (31%) and its' CIF price was Rs.77.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been imported from Pakistan (15%) and Germany (1%) as well. In addition, few quantities were also imported from China, Italy and Hong Kong. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of May ranged between Rs.58.00-86.00/kg (for main three importing countries, which represent more than 95% from the total wheat flour imports).

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.87.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.94.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 4%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2019	May 2019	Apr 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019		May 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	87.00-100.00	93.64	93.97	89.78	-0.33	-0.35	3.86	4.30
Sugar	97.00-110.00	99.42	104.74	107.95	-5.32	-5.07	-8.53	-7.90

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain-Dec 2018 to May 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
May-2019	1,011	70.99	70.22	93.64	23.42
Apr-2019	263	21.12	80.20	93.97	13.77
Mar-2019	1,102	77.64	70.48	94.33	23.85
Feb-2019	754	55.23	73.20	94.41	21.21
Jan-2019	581	43.93	75.66	94.43	18.77
Dec- 2018	1,385	102.51	74.04	93.63	19.59
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
May-2019	148,620	7,211	48.52	93.64	45.12
Apr-2019	175,208	8,583	48.99	93.97	44.98
Mar-2019	112,815	5,421	48.05	94.33	46.28
Feb-2019	142,478	7,199	50.53	94.41	43.88
Jan-2019	100,466	5,070	50.47	94.43	43.96
Dec- 2018	139,382	6,653	47.73	93.63	45.90

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 54,051mt. worth of Rs.3,321mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of May. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased and it was 23,695mt. in terms of quantity. This was the highest quantity which imported to the country since this January. Sugar for the month of May had been mainly imported from India (91%) and its' CIF price was Rs.61.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (8%). Furthermore, sugar has also imported from Korea (1%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from United Arab Emirates and Malaysia as well.

The CIF prices ranged between Rs.61.00-86.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.61.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar has decreased only by Rs.1.00/kg. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged 176 points in May 2019, down by 3.2% from April 2019. This is due to weaker international energy prices as well as prospects of increased sugar output in India.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of May, price ranged between Rs.97.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.99.00/kg. Compared to the previous month the average retail price of sugar has decreased by Rs.5.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year, average retail price of sugar has decreased by 8%.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- Dec 2018 to May 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May-2019	54,051	3320.7	61.44	99.42	37.98
Apr-2019	30,356	1881.9	61.99	104.74	42.74
Mar-2019	45,872	2775.3	60.50	104.57	44.07
Feb-2019	33,893	2052.6	60.56	105.34	44.78
Jan-2019	35,030	2227.6	63.59	105.92	42.33
Dec- 2018	59,943	3626.2	60.49	107.88	47.39

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

**Table 7: Import of selected food items – May 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
	May-2019	Apr-2019		May-2019	Apr-2019		May-2019	Apr-2019	
Rice	995	1,208	-18	81.1	115.7	-30	81.52	95.79	-15
Red Onion	516	142	264	59.5	11.8	404	115.33	83.15	39
Big Onion	17,976	19,699	-9	864.3	911.6	-5	48.08	46.28	4
Potato	12,591	10,865	16	468.8	355.5	32	37.23	32.72	14
Dried Chillies	3,529	3,584	-2	826.6	779.9	6	234.25	217.61	8
Masoor Dhal	12,502	11,062	13	1074.2	914.2	18	85.92	82.64	4
Green Gram	766	1,128	-32	135.8	185.9	-27	177.22	164.79	8
Cowpea	178	438	-59	22.0	52.3	-58	123.47	119.49	3
Garlic	3,647	2,101	74	765.0	369.4	107	209.76	175.83	19
Wheat flour	1,011	263	284	71.0	21.1	236	70.22	80.20	-12
Wheat grain	148,620	175,208	-15	7210.8	8582.8	-16	48.52	48.99	-1
White crystalline cane sugar	54,051	30,356	78	3320.7	1881.9	76	61.44	61.99	-1
Maize	0.1	76	-80	0.01	8.1	-76	175.89	105.96	18

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

**Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – May 2019**

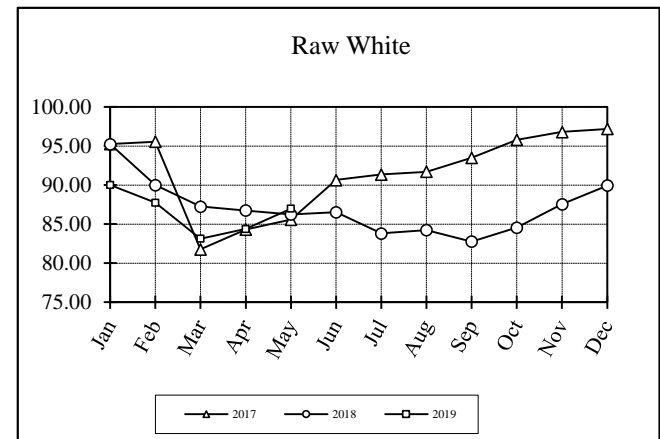
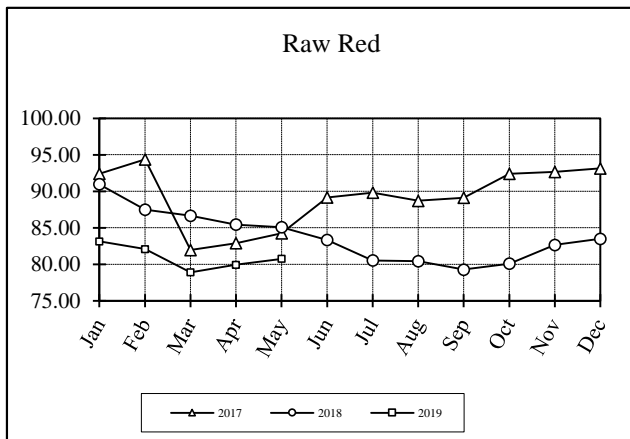
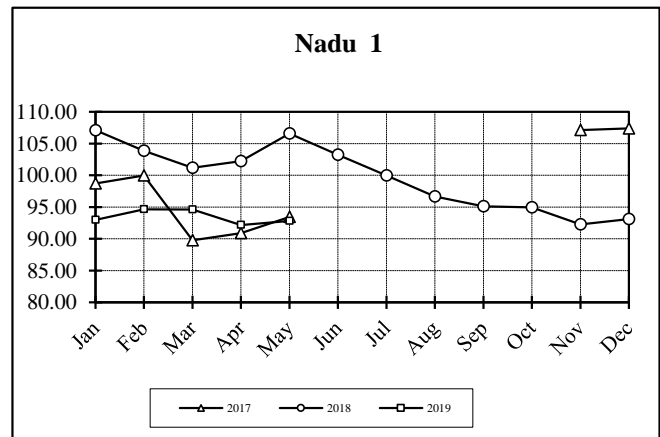
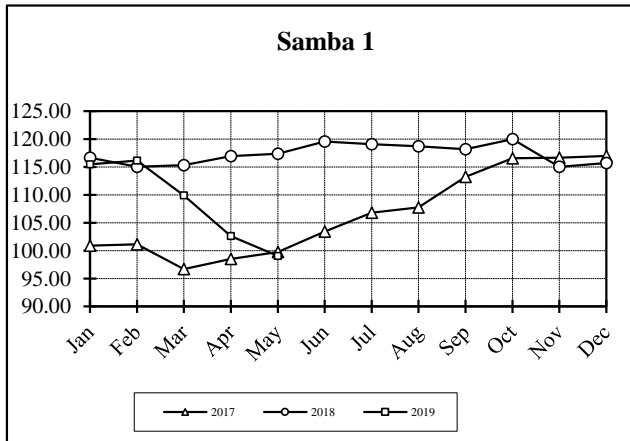
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	3.9	84.3	1	6
Badulla	90.0	104.0	7	10
Bandarawela	90.3	104.2	8	9
Batticaloa	0.0	39.3	0	3
Colombo	126.9	392.4	16	16
Galle	269.8	290.4	20	16
Hambantota	50.6	85.1	6	7
Jaffna	0.0	46.7	0	3
Katugastota	17.9	144.0	3	11
Katunayaka	91.4	317.6	11	16
Kurunegala	0.9	188.3	1	12
Mahailuppallama	35.2	93.0	1	6
Mannar	0.0	44.7	8	3
Nuwara Eliya	63.9	175.9	3	13
Pottuvil	46.9	35.1	2	na
Puttalam	2.3	84.3	16	7
Ratmalana	199.6	360.6	15	17
Ratnapura	99.3	475.9	1	20
Trincomalee	38.1	50.2	4	4
Vavuniya	48.6	74.8	5	6
Polonnaruwa	79.3	na	3	na
Moneragala	47.7	na	3	na
Mattala	41.5	na	0	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

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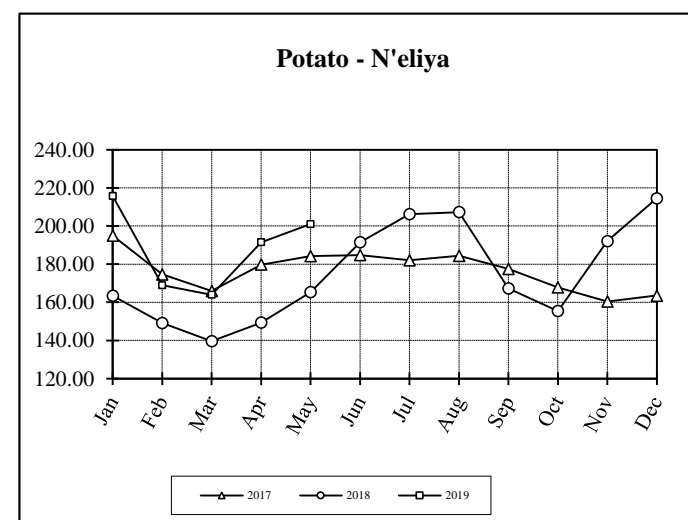
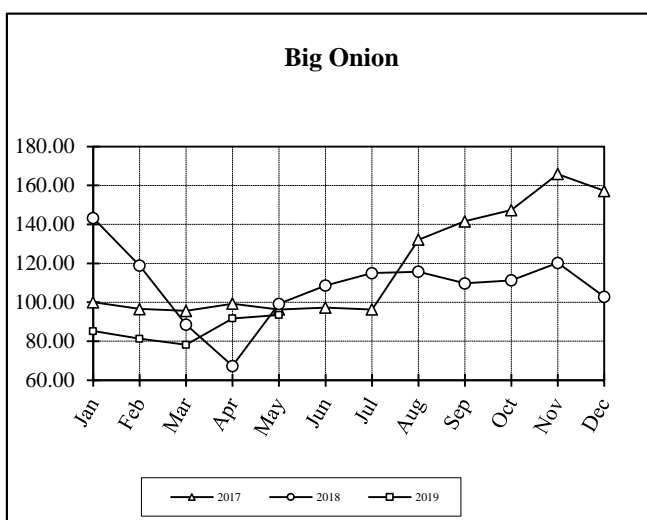
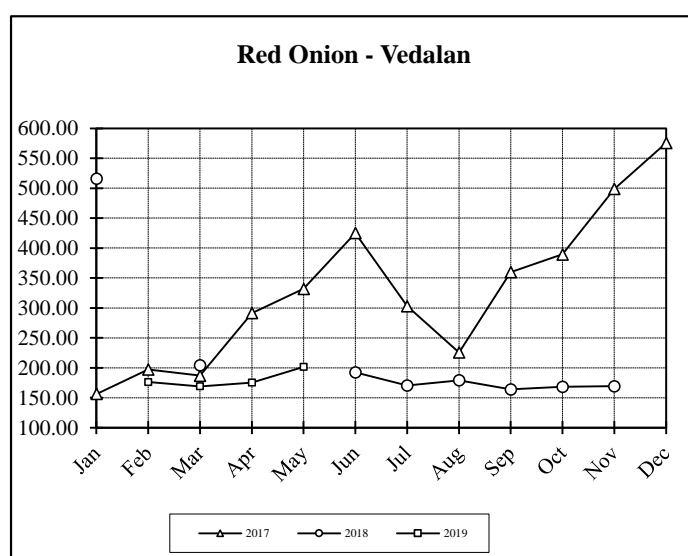
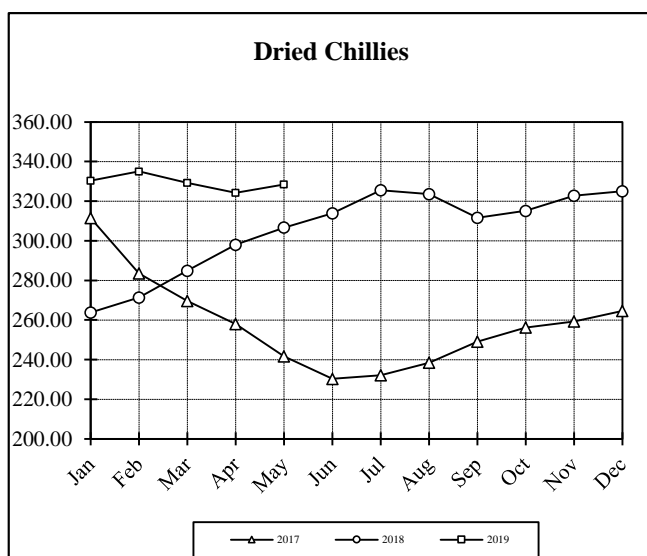
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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			103.22		89.17	83.32		90.65	86.52	
Jul	106.81	119.08			99.99		89.80	80.52		91.36	83.80	
Aug	107.72	118.72			96.68		88.70	80.42		91.71	84.25	
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		425.19	192.53		97.25	108.62		184.74	191.52	
Jul	232.12	325.59		302.86	170.61		96.33	115.02		182.06	206.17	
Aug	238.44	323.56		225.63	179.06		132.19	115.74		184.34	207.29	
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)**

**May - 2019**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Paddy</b>					<b>Potato</b>					<b>Leeks</b>				
<b>Short grain</b>					N'Eliya	118.20	122.00	128.00	128.00	Welimada	36.60	72.00	65.00	45.50
A'pura	38.67	39.75	39.50	39.83	Badulla					N'Eliya	33.00	62.00	57.00	42.00
P'naruwa	41.27	42.18	42.18	42.18	Welimada	126.25	127.00	129.00	130.00	<b>Beetroot</b>				
Kalawewa	40.00	40.00			<b>Pulses</b>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	42.83	43.33	43.50	42.67	<b>Green Gram</b>					N'Eliya	32.00	58.00	63.00	57.00
Dehiattakandiya	40.33	39.33	39.33	40.00	Galgamuwa	150.00	150.00			Dambulla	63.20	65.40	101.00	81.80
Ampara	39.60	39.60	40.00	38.50	Embilipitiya	205.00	205.00			Kurunegala				
<b>Long grain (White)</b>					Kurunegala					Welimada	54.00	79.67	92.25	77.75
A'pura	41.00	41.25	41.25	43.33	A'pura		175.00			<b>Knokhol</b>				
P'naruwa	42.09	44.53	44.53	44.53	<b>Cowpea</b>					Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa	41.67	43.33			A'pura	115.00	131.25	137.50	145.00	N'Eliya	33.00	72.00	82.00	67.00
Kurunegala	44.17	44.17	44.67	43.83	Galgamuwa	54.00	79.67	92.25	77.75	Welimada	65.20	92.00	97.25	84.00
Dehiattakandiya	39.50	41.00	41.00	43.00	Nikaweratiya					<b>Radish</b>				
Embilipitiya					Kalawewa	170.00	170.00			Hanguranketha				
Ampara	39.60	41.40	41.40	42.50	Embilipitiya	173.75	173.75			N'Eliya	37.00	63.00	52.00	33.00
Matara					Kurunegala					Welimada	67.00	67.00	61.60	29.75
Hambantota					<b>Maize</b>					<b>Cabbage</b>				
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>					A'Pura	46.00	47.50	46.33	47.17	Hanguranketha				
Matara	34.25	34.50	35.00	35.13	Kalawewa	45.00	45.00			N'Eliya	22.40	43.00	62.00	48.00
Hambantota	36.40	36.40	37.40	37.40	<b>Gingelly</b>					Welimada	21.20	42.00	53.20	42.25
Ampara	35.40	37.60	38.60	36.50	A'Pura	250.00	276.25	253.33	268.75	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	34.67	34.67	36.50	37.50	Kalawewa	215.00	215.00	200.00	203.75	Badulla	19.00	39.00	39.00	39.00
<b>Other Food Crops</b>					<b>Black Gram</b>					<b>Tomato</b>				
<b>Dried Chillies</b>					Kalawewa	180.00	180.00			Hanguranketha				
A'Pura					A'Pura	200.00	210.00	200.00	203.75	Welimada	72.75	72.00	54.50	35.80
Galgamuwa					<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>					Hambantota	52.50	82.50	55.00	65.00
Kalawewa					<b>Beans</b>					Dambulla	69.80	80.60	62.20	62.20
<b>Red Onion</b>					Dambulla	244.00	158.00	137.00	143.00	<b>Low Country</b>				
Puttalam	85.00	85.00	93.00	148.00	Welimada	225.00	177.50	91.60	112.50	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Badulla	198.00	110.00	108.00	119.00	A'pura	70.00	63.75	66.67	50.00
Dambulla					<b>Carrot</b>					Dambulla	70.80	51.40	40.60	37.60
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha					Hambantota	85.00	85.00	55.00	55.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	62.00	110.00	143.00	108.00	Embilipitiya	80.00	83.00	53.33	46.67
Kurunegala					Welimada	61.50	113.75	125.00	86.25	Matara		95.00	47.50	47.50



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

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Brinjals</b>					<b>Pumpkin</b>					<b>Lime</b>				
A'pura	63.33	81.25	93.33	117.50	Dambulla	37.20	46.60	59.80	56.80	Hambantota	165.00		275.00	290.00
Dambulla	37.00	72.00	101.00	85.40	Hambantota	30.00	33.33	34.00	42.00	Embilipitiya	174.00	264.00	264.00	252.00
Hambantota	42.50	72.50	95.00	95.00	Embilipitiya	48.25	48.25	63.00	75.00	Moneragala	232.50	232.50	342.50	291.67
Embilipitiya	60.83	77.00	77.00	77.00	Matara	45.00	55.00	50.00	52.50	<b>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Matara		86.67	135.00		A'pura	56.67	72.50	75.00	85.00	<b>Banana</b>				
Welimada	31.50	58.60	90.40	91.75	Moneragala	43.33	38.33	53.33	38.33	<b>Ambul</b>				
<b>Capsicum</b>					<b>Cucumber</b>					Moneragala	38.33	26.67	31.67	31.67
Welimada	118.00	167.50	179.00	156.00	A'pura	50.00	28.00	30.00	22.50	Embilipitiya	12.71	13.43	20.00	20.00
<b>Bitter Gourd</b>					Dambulla	63.80	33.40	16.20	19.20	Hambantota	27.50	27.50	27.50	22.50
A'pura	160.00	168.00	190.00	190.00	Hambantota	42.50	42.50	42.50	35.00	<b>Kolikuttu</b>				
Dambulla	120.00	133.00	137.00	148.00	Matara					Moneragala	88.33	86.67	86.67	76.67
Hambantota	135.00	135.00	140.00	145.00	<b>Long beans</b>					Embilipitiya	79.17	79.17	87.50	89.17
Embilipitiya	137.50	155.00	128.33	126.67	Dambulla	93.20	82.80	34.80	59.40	Hambantota	85.00	85.00	85.00	90.00
<b>Snake Gourd</b>					Hambantota	77.50	85.00	75.00	85.00	<b>Papaw</b>				
Dambulla	108.00	108.00	100.00	91.40	Embilipitiya	81.67	85.00	81.67	89.00	Moneragala				
Hambantota	85.00	110.00	95.00	95.00	Matara					Embilipitiya	43.40	44.40	58.00	74.17
Embilipitiya	80.00	103.00	87.00	85.00	A'Pura	93.33	66.67	70.00	90.00	Hambantota	22.50	27.50	27.50	45.00
Matara			120.00		<b>Ash Plantain</b>					<b>Pineapple</b>				
A'pura	106.67	110.00	110.00	110.00	Hambantota	35.00	32.50	42.50	42.50	Divulapitiya				
<b>Luffa</b>					Embilipitiya	35.33	37.50	41.40	36.00					
Dambulla	96.00	111.00	63.40	80.20	Matara	53.33		46.67	52.50					
Hambantota	72.50	84.00	84.00	84.00	<b>Green Chillies</b>									
Embilipitiya	100.00	103.33	90.00	79.00	Dambulla	84.20	120.00	146.00	139.00					
Matara					Hambantota	200.00	175.00	390.00	220.00					
A'pura	110.00	117.50	90.00	90.00	Embilipitiya	145.00	216.25	288.00	209.00					
					Puttalam	76.00	90.00	210.00	122.00					
					A'Pura	176.67	165.00	260.00	210.00					