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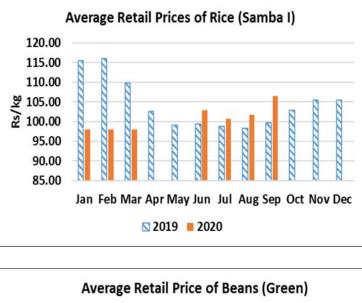
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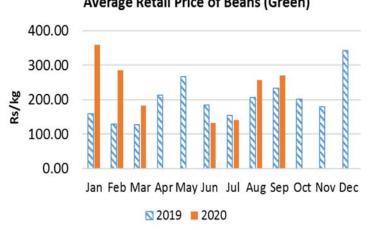
# Rice

Wholesale and retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased compared to the last month due to low supplies. Average retail prices of all the rice varieties had exceeded the regulated Maximum Retail Prices.

# Vegetables

Supplies of most of the vegetable varieties have further limited in the market. The retail prices of most of the up-country vegetable varieties have increased by 5%-13%, followed by low-country vegetable varieties have as 14%-52%. The highest retail price of Rs.500.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.60.00/kg was for leeks and cucumber. Prices are expected be increased further.





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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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   Kandy
   Meegoda
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- 11. Polonnaruwa
- 12. Puttalam
- 13. Hambanthota
- 14. Divulapitiya
- 14. Divulapiliya
- 15. Dehiattakandiya

- Thotalanga
   Peliyagoda
   Kadawatha
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- 16. Keppetipola
- 17. Thambuththegama
- 18. Anuradhapura
- 19. Badulla
- 20. Galle
- 21. Mannar
- 22. Trincomalee
- 23. Batticaloa
- 24. Jaffna
- 25. Mullativu
- 26. Kilinochchi
- 20. Killiochen
- 27. Vavuniya
- 28. Kegalle
- 29. Ampara
- 30. Monaragala

- 7. Kiribathgoda
- 8. Maharagama
- 9. Nugegoda
- 31. Rathnapura

#### 1. Paddy

#### **Crop Situation**

The harvesting of 2020 *Yala* season ended with a satisfactory harvest. The prospects of the paddy harvest in all major cultivation districts were satisfactory. The better availability of water in irrigation schemes and the new increased guaranteed prices encouraged the farmers for paddy cultivation. The latest crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture reveals that the cultivated extent of paddy is 465,230ha and it is already 39% higher than that of the average sown extent of last three *Yala* seasons. The expected production is 1.84 Million Mts. Cultivation targets have almost been achieved in Northern Province, Batticaloe, Hambanthota and all Mahaweli systems. The report further revealed that the expected paddy production of *Yala* 2020 season from the extent reported would be sufficient for more than five months. The land preparation activities for paddy cultivation for 2020/21 *Maha* season will be commenced during the next month. Therefore, it is expected that a high demand will be created for seed paddy in next month.

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)
Kurunagala	65,106	55,991	86	223,542	-	0	223,542
Ampara	58,020	54,977	95	253,346	1,434	2,947	250,399
Anuradhapura	39,678	26,312	66	100,491	-	0	100,491
Batticaloa	33,233	33,233	100	109,680	265	253	109,427
Polonnaruwa	32,212	30,057	93	136,929	-	0	136,929
Hambantota	27,284	25,449	93	128,101	86	114	127,987
Trincomalee	24,256	21,254	88	97,507	1,420	1,693	95,814
System C	20,172	22,043	109	92,149	-	0	92,149
System B	19,754	19,931	101	83,320	-	0	83,320
Puttalam	19,324	15,202	79	56,330	575	2,118	54,212
Monaragala	17,111	12,668	74	55,122	12	13	55,109
Matara	14,818	14,734	99	41,061	409	322	40,740
Matale	12,484	9,068	73	38,346	12	13	38,333
Galle	10,865	11,567	106	26,162	-	0	26,162
Udawalawa	9,706	10,756	111	56,364	-	0	56,364
Kilinochchi	8,781	8,688	99	35,955	-	0	35,955
Kandy	8,626	9,094	105	27,899	-	0	27,899
Ratnapura	8,403	9,499	113	32,700	-	0	32,700
Badulla	7,603	7,152	94	29,000	-	0	29,000
Kegalle	7,380	6,988	95	19,377	-	0	19,377
Kalutara	7,005	11,942	170	33,490	-	0	33,490
Gampaha	6,587	10,777	164	27,849	-	0	27,849
Mullaitivu	5,634	6,185	110	24,198	-	0	24,198
System G	4,357	4,634	106	19,372	-	0	19,372
Vavniya	4,000	1,950	49	8,434	-	0	8,434
N eliya	3,053	2,573	84	5,016	-	0	5,016
Mannar	2,000	2,300	115	9,611	-	0	9,611
Colombo	1,957	3,207	164	8,205	-	0	8,205
System H	1,270	10,616	836	44,379	-	0	44,379
System D	750	750	100	3,135	-	0	3,135
System L	742	742	100	3,102	-	0	3,102
Rambakanoya	238	225	95	941	-	0	941
System H1	Na	4,667	NA	19,510	1	1	19,508
Sri Lanka	482,408	465,230	96	1,850,623	4,214	7,473	1,843,149

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in Yala season as at end of Sep 2020

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

#### **Producer Prices**

It was noted that paddy purchasing activities were operated in a more competitive basis in all major producing areas compared to previous seasons. This situation was due to the fact that major millers purchased paddy more competitively and the paddy marketing board involved in paddy purchasing on the new increased guaranteed price. A satisfactory harvest reached to the markets in all major producing areas. Meanwhile the price of long grain red has paddy increased by nearly 5% and the prices ranged Rs 51.00-55.00/Kg in producing areas in the Southern province. In Kalawewa major producing area the prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.48.00-58.00/Kg and Rs.43.00-52.00/Kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of farm gate prices was recorded for short grain and long grain red varieties. Prices of short grain and long grain white have increased in Kalawewa major producing area by 22% and 6% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have increased by 13% Mathara and 27% in Embilipitiya.

	Price Ra	ange	Average Price			Change Compared to			
Commodity	Sep 2020	Sep 2020 Aug 2020		Sep         Aug           2020         2020		Aug 2020		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	-	50.00-54.00	-	52.45	44.23	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	-	45.31-53.12	-	48.72	46.36	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	48.00-58.00	46.00-58.00	54.22	51.19	44.43	3.03	5.92	9.79	22.02
Kurunegala	-	42.00-52.00	-	48.15	-	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	45.00-54.00	-	50.92	44.73	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	46.00-52.00	-	49.60	49.67	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	-	40.00-50.01	-	46.46	45.50	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	-	40.62-52.35	-	45.52	49.63	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	43.00-52.00	41.00-54.01	49.44	46.45	46.47	2.99	6.44	2.97	6.39
Kurunegala	-	40.00-51.01	-	46.34	-	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	38.00-51.57	-	46.90	46.67	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	40.00-50.51	-	44.82	49.67	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	52.00-55.00	50.00-54.01	53.20	50.64	47.15	2.56	5.06	6.05	12.83
Hambantota	-	50.00-51.01	-	50.33	44.80	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	51.00-55.00	50.00-52.01	53.70	51.00	42.13	2.70	5.29	11.57	27.48

Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – Sep 2020	Table1.2:	Producer	prices	of paddy	– Sep 2020
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Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

#### **Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation**

#### **Wholesale Prices**

Supplies of all the varieties of rice had decreased compared to the last month. Hence, wholesale prices of all the varieties of rice had increased with the highest price increase of 6% for Samba grade II. Shortage of Samba rice was recorded from almost all the wholesale markets. Further, the wholesale prices of Nadu and raw rice varieties had increased slightly by less than 2% compared to the last month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 21% for Samba followed by raw red (18%).

#### **Retail Prices**

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 5% for Samba I. The average retail prices of all the rice varieties had exceeded the regulated Maximum Retail Prices (MRP).

Compared to the same period of last year retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 16% for raw red.

	Price Range	Av	erage Pri	ce	C	hange (	Compared	to
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug Sep 2020 2019		Aug 2020		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	-	-	98.00	93.34	-	-	-	-
Samba 2	102.00-108.00	104.90	98.82	86.52	6.08	6.15	18.38	21.24
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	96.00-96.00	96.00	95.78	90.58	0.22	0.23	5.42	5.98
Nadu 2	92.00-94.00	92.63	92.20	86.36	0.42	0.46	6.27	7.25
Raw red	88.00-93.00	90.28	89.00	76.72	1.28	1.43	13.56	17.67
Raw white	88.00-92.00	89.28	88.54	84.68	0.74	0.84	4.60	5.43
Imported Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	98.00-115.00	106.43	101.63	99.58	4.80	4.73	6.85	6.88
Samba 2	-	-	-	91.08	-	-	-	-
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	96.00-110.00	99.85	99.16	95.00	0.69	0.70	4.85	5.11
Nadu 2	-	-	-	89.15	-	-	-	-
Raw red	93.00-105.00	97.54	96.47	84.14	1.07	1.11	13.40	15.93
Raw white	93.00-100.00	97.08	96.13	90.23	0.95	0.99	6.85	7.59
Imported Ponni Samba	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

 Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – Sep 2020

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

#### 2. Other Field Crops

## 2.1 Chilli

#### **Crop Situation**

The cultivation progress of green chilli at the end of September, 2020 was in a satisfactory level in most of the producing areas. The achievement of chilli cultivation has exceeded the targeted extent in all the producing areas except in Puttalam and Nuwara Eliya. The highest cultivated extent (866 ha) was reported from Anuradhapura district and it was 131% of the targeted extent. Total estimated production of green chili for this *Yala* season was about 36416 Mt and out of that around 51% of the production will be supplied from Anuradhapura (13%), Puttalam (13%), Monaragala (9%), Matale (9%) and Kurunegala (7%) districts.

Area	Target (Ha)	Cultivation prog Septemb	Estimated Production (Mt)	
		Extent (Ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Anuradhapura	663	866	131	4,730
Puttalam	711	569	80	4,831
Monaragala	389	575	148	3,431
Matale	271	642	237	3,098
Kurunegala	349	539	154	2,363
Kandy	226	289	128	1,438
Badulla	264	357	135	1,498
Nuwara Eliya	186	180	97	1,160
Hambantota	223	260	117	1,509
Vavuniya	275	369	134	2,216
Batticaloa	351	366	104	1,193
Other Areas	2,244	2,386	106	8,949
Total	6,152	7,398	120	36416

#### Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for the Yala, 2020

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

#### **Prices, Supply/Demand Situation**

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chili have decreased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.18.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale price and retail price of green chilli were about Rs.136.00/kg and Rs.281.36/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 20% and 14% respectively.

Both wholesale and retail prices of dried chillies have increased by about Rs.41.00/kg and Rs.23.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale price and retail price of dried chilli were about Rs.424.25/kg and Rs.531.06/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 10% and 22% respectively.

	Price Range	A	Average Pri	ce	(	Change Co		ompared to	
	Sep-20	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	Aug	-20	Sep-	19	
Item	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price	ces								
Green chillies	80.00-220.00	136.00	147.93	170.00	-11.93	-8.06	-34.00	-20.00	
Dried chillies	390.00-450.00	424.25	383.40	385.37	40.85	10.65	38.88	10.09	
Retail Price	•								
Green chillies	130.00-400.00	281.36	299.02	328.42	-17.66	-5.91	-47.05	-14.33	
Dried chillies	450.00-600.00	531.06	507.84	434.22	23.23	4.57	96.84	22.30	

# Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – September,2020

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

#### Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/Kg) – September, 2020

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	135.00	123.50	125.00	174.00
Hambantota	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	143.33	179.17	197.50	243.33
Puttalam	-	-	-	-
A'Pura	-	-	-	-

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

# Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies - April –September,2020

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep -2020				531.06	-
Aug -2020	4,079	1137.34	278.82	507.84	229.02
July -2020	4,193	1,188.65	283.48	538.09	254.61
June -2020	-	-	-	539.23	-
May -2020	3,388	1,234.13	364.18	-	-
Apr -2020	6,175	2,325.40	376.60	-	-

Source: Department of Customs and Marketing Food Policy and Agri-business Division/HARTI

#### 2.2 Big onion and Red onion

#### **Crop Situation**

Targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 981 ha and at the end of September 2020, around 1344 ha has been cultivated which represents 137% of the targeted extent. However, at the end of this month around 647 ha has been damaged which represent 48% of the total cultivated extent in Matale district. Around 1,054 ha of big onion cultivated extent was reported from Anuradhapura district and it represented 299% of the total targeted extent. Though the highest targeted extent was reported from System –H area, the achievement was in a low level (64% of the targeted extent). The estimated production of big onion for this yala season was 62,032 Mt

and out of that 85% will be supplied from Matale (44%), Anuradhapura (24%) and System- H1 (17%) areas.

Area	Target (Ha)	1 0		Damaged Extent(ha)	Estimated Production
		Extent (Ha)	% of the targeted extent		(Mt)
Matale	981	1,344	137	647	27,025
Anuradhapura	352	1,054	299	139	15,142
System- H1	1,287	823	64	242	10,434
System – H	250	205	82	-	3,075
Other Areas	486	395	81	-	6,356
Total	3,356	3,821	114	1028	62,032

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big onion for the Yala, 2020

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Cultivation progress of red onion was in a satisfactory level in most of the producing areas. Both the highest targeted extent and cultivated extent were reported from Jaffna district and the cultivation progress was 95% of the total targeted extent at the end of September, 2020. Around 583 ha have been cultivated from Puttalam district which represent 79% of the targeted extent. Total expected production of red onion for this *Yala* season was 40,005 Mt, and out of that 83% will be supplied from Jaffna (47%), Puttalam (27%) and Vavunia (9%) districts.

Area	Target (Ha)	Cultivation prog Septemb	Estimated Production (Mt)	
		Extent (Ha) % of the targeted		
			extent	
Jaffna	2,000	1,900	95	18,762
Puttalam	740	583	79	10,731
Vavunia	400	262	66	3,419
Trincomalee	656	164	25	1,286
Mullaithivu	450	103	23	1,227
Killinochchi	150	103	69	1,446
Other areas	419	379	90	3,134
Total	4,815	3,494	73	40,005

 Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red onion for the Yala, 2020

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Local big onion stocks were available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.115.00 – 165.00/kg and average wholesale price was Rs.145.25/kg. Wholesale price of local big onion has increased by about Rs.39.00/kg due to limited supply. At the retail market, prices of local big onion were ranged between Rs.140.00 – 240.00/kg. Around 7,012 Mt of big onion was imported during this month and it has decreased by about 5,073 Mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price of imported big onion was Rs.73.27/kg and it was an increase of Rs.26.65/kg compared to the last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.52.00/kg and Rs.61.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were about Rs.145.88/kg and Rs.179.16/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of imported big onion has decreased by about 6% while retail price has increased by about 7%.

Supply of local red onion from main producing areas has decreased during this month. Hence, wholesale prices of both Sinnan and Vedalan red onion have increased by about Rs.38.00/kg and Rs.24.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale prices of Sinnan and Vedalan were Rs.155.58/kg and Rs.168.82/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of Vedalan has increased by Rs.12.00/kg while the Sinnan red onion was not available at the retail markets. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan has increased by about 15%.

	Price Range	А	(	Change C	Compared t	0		
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Aug	2020	Sep 2	019
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	120.00-190.00	155.58	117.33	96.56	38.25	32.60	59.02	61.13
Red Onion (Vedalan)	130.00-200.00	168.82	144.70	129.62	24.12	16.67	39.20	30.24
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	220.00	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-180.00	145.88	93.84	155.81	52.03	55.45	-9.93	-6.37
Big Onion (Local)	115.00-165.00	145.25	106.67	150.17	38.58	36.17	-4.92	-3.28
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	148.37	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-280.00	220.60	208.40	191.81	12.20	5.85	28.78	15.01
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	140.00-240.00	179.16	118.02	167.17	61.14	51.81	12.00	7.18
Big Onion (Local)	140.00-240.00	178.34	-	226.27	-	-	-47.93	-21.18

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red onion and Big onion - September, 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

# Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of wholesale and retail prices for imported onion Sep 2020

Item	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Mar	gin (Rs/kg)
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	<b>RP-WP</b>
	Sep,2020	73.27	145.88	179.16	72.61	33.29
Big onion	Aug,2020	46.62	93.84	118.02	47.22	24.18
-	Sep,2019	109.24	155.81	167.17	46.57	11.36
	Sep,2020	-	168.82	220.60	-	51.78
Red onion	Aug,2020	58.77	144.70	208.40	85.93	63.70
	Sep,2019	72.81	129.62	191.81	56.81	62.19

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)	
Item	Sep, 2020	Aug, 2020	Sep, 2020	Aug, 2020	Sep, 2020	Aug, 2020
Red Onion	-	8	-	1	-	58.77
Big Onion	7,012	12085	-	563	73.27	46.62

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

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)		
Sep -2020	7,012	73.27	145.88	179.16	105.89		
Aug -2020	12,085	46.62	93.84	118.02	71.40		
Jul - 2020	29,697	43.94	63.95	89.58	45.64		
Jun -2020	-	-	62.04	83.89	-		
May -2020	17,954	42.61	57.53	-	-		
Apr -2020	30,475	72.04	-	-	-		
Mar -2020	33,496	79.14	137.75	182.10	102.96		

Table 2.2.6: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onionApril 2020 to Sep 2020

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* 2020 is 2,924 ha and about 2,844 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of the season achieving 97% of the targeted extent. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in September was at low level in the country, which was recorded as 433 ha. Compared to *Yala* 2019, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season has increased by 47% (Table 2.3.1). According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 52,951 mt for this *Yala* season in the country with 66% from Badulla and 34% from Nuwara Eliya respectively.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 860 ha for this *Yala* season and about 898 ha were cultivated by the end of the season exceeding the targeted extent with a progress of 104%. Compared to *Yala* 2019, the cultivated extent is at high level in this *Yala* season in Nuwara Eliya. About 362 ha of potato was cultivated in September which was higher than the extents cultivated in the previous months of this *Yala* season.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,063 ha for this *Yala* season and about 1,946 ha were cultivated by the end of this season achieving 94% of the target. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in September was at low level, which was recorded as 17 ha. Compared to last *Yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season was at high level in the district. The *Yala* harvesting of potato has been commenced in later part of August for Welimada potato and the harvesting is expected to continue till November.

District	Targeted	Extent (ha) Achievement (ha)		Achievement (ha) Progress (%)		Expected
	Yala 2019	Yala 2020	Yala 2019	Yala 2020	Yala 2020	production Mt
Badulla	2,157	2,063	1,456	1,946	94.33	34,718
Nuwara-Eliya	884	860	478	898	104.42	18,233
Other	7	1	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	3,049	2,924	1,934	2,844	97.26	52,951

 Table 2.3.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of potato (Yala 2020)

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

\*Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA \*Crop Forecast, Yala 2019, Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

#### **Prices and Supply/Demand Situation**

A quantity of 5,513 mt of potato had been imported in September which was 6,978 mt lower than that was imported in August. Value of imports were Rs.308 million. Special Commodity Levy of imported potatoes have been increased to Rs.55.00/kg with effect from 15/08/2020 for a period of four months. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan and China. Compared to September, 2019 (10,490 mt), the imports were considerably lower during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.56.00/kg in September.

M 41	Quantity	Value	CIF price	<b>Retail Price</b>	Gross Margin
Month	(mt.)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Sep-2020	5,513	308.40	55.94	150.37	94.43
Aug-2020	12,511	704.27	56.29	152.49	96.20
July-2020	12,039	686.05	56.99	172.29	115.30
June-2020	9,750	590.40	60.55	142.50	81.95
May -2020	3,948	230.37	58.36	-	-
Apr -2020	13,269	837.34	63.11	-	-

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes - April 2020 to Sep 2020

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

	Price Range Average				C	hange Co	mpared to	
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2		Sep 2	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	-	-	133.70	107.98	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-115.00	108.75	151.00	115.40	-42.25	-27.98	-6.65	-5.76
Imported - CIF	-	-	56.29	50.29	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	100.00-120.00	110.88	127.53	117.95	-16.65	-13.06	-7.08	-6.00
Nuwara Eliya	110.00-140.00	126.79	168.42	135.50	-41.63	-24.72	-8.71	-6.43
Imported	100.00-120.00	112.25	111.56	105.98	0.69	0.62	6.27	5.92
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	160.00-200.00	176.68	180.00	188.25	-3.32	-1.84	-11.57	-6.14
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-240.00	201.15	227.97	209.86	-26.81	-11.76	-8.71	-4.15
Imported	120.00-160.00	150.37	152.49	134.36	-2.12	-1.39	16.01	11.92
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	46.30	80.27	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		92.40	76.97	94.46	15.44	20.05	-2.06	-2.18
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	96.20	84.07	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)	)							
Welimada		65.81	52.47	70.30	13.34	25.42	-4.49	-6.39
Nuwara Eliya		74.36	59.54	74.36	14.82	24.88	0.00	0.00
Imported		38.12	40.93	28.38	-2.81	-6.87	9.74	34.33
Source: Marketing Food P	1. 1 4			20.30	-2.01	-0.07	2.14	57.5

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.109.00/kg in September. Stocks of both Welimada and

Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market in September. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 13% and 25% respectively. Further, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 2% and 12% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have not changed significantly. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.110.00-140.00/kg, Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and Rs.100.00-120.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (4%) and Welimada (6%) potatoes have decreased while the price of imported potato (12%) has increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased further in October with the arrival of *Yala* harvest of potato.

#### 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

#### **Crop Situation and Progress**

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 141% of its targeted extent as at end of September in *Yala* 2020 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has increased by 13,949 ha in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Yala* 2019). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 21,427 MT. More than half (53%) of the total green gram production in Sri Lanka was produced in Hambantota, Monaragla and Kurunegala districts.

	District	Targeted	-	Achiever		Progress (%)Yala	Expected
Crop	District	Yala	Yala	Yala	Yala	2020	Production
		2019	2020	2019	2020	2020	(mt)
	Hambantota	652	4,512	85	4,904	108.69	7,046
	Monaragala	632	765	339	1,448	189.28	1,384
Green gram	Kurunagala	923	689	243	2,571	373.15	2,996
	Other Areas	3,766	5,450	1,500	7,191	131.94	10,001
	Sri Lanka	5,973	11,416	2,167	16,114	141.15	21,427
	Ampara	3,388	2,348	1,967	3,071	130.79	3,641
	Anuradhapura	566	601	511	902	150.08	1,222
Cowpea	Monaragala	376	599	143	2,349	392.15	2,719
	Other Areas	2,409	2,548	947	4,241	166.44	5,917
	Sri Lanka	6,739	6,096	3,568	10,563	173.28	13,499

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

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

It has been able to achieve 173% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 13,499 Mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Kurunegala districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2020 *Yala* season and about those districts will contribute for 60% of the total production. Monaragala, Anuradhapura and Ampara districts highlighted a better performance as their cultivated extent exceeded the targeted extent remarkably (Table 2.4.1).

#### **Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation**

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.350/kg with an average of Rs.303/kg in September 2020. The average price has increased by 7% compared to August 2020. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 24%. Average retail price of the green gram was Rs. 342/kg and retail price has increase by 2% compared to August. Similarly compared to the previous year retail price has been increased by 21%.

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	9 Aug 2019		Sep 2	019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	260.00-350.00	303.16	284.40	244.77	18.76	6.60	58.39	23.86	
Cowpea (White)	320.00-430.00	361.11	354.25	224.59	6.86	1.94	136.52	60.79	
Cowpea (Red)	270.00-330.00	297.38	308.30	228.92	-10.93	-3.54	68.45	29.90	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	300.00-340.00	341.83	335.31	281.26	6.51	1.94	60.57	21.53	
Cowpea (White)	360.00-500.00	408.12	394.24	281.73	13.87	3.52	126.38	44.86	
Cowpea (Red)	360.00-440.00	391.78	394.18	299.10	-2.40	-0.61	92.68	30.99	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs. 361/kg and Rs. 297/kg respectively in September 2020. The wholesale prices of white cowpea ranged between Rs.320/kg and Rs.430/kg and red cowpea ranged between Rs 270/kg and Rs 330/kg. Compared to August 2020, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 2% and red cowpea has decreased by around 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 61% and the wholesale price of the red cowpea has increased by around 30% (Table 2.4.2). The retail price of the white cowpea has ranged between Rs. 360/kg and Rs. 500/kg and red cowpea Rs. 360/kg and Rs. 440/kg. The average price reported Rs. 408/kg for white cowpea and Rs. 392/kg for red cowpea.

Table 2.4.3: Ouantity, value	and CIF prices of imported gr	een gram- April 2020 to Sep 2020

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep-20	-	-	-	341.83	-
Aug-20	625	102.67	164.15	335.31	171.16
July-2020	1775	293.35	165.24	341.50	176.26
June -2020	-	-	-	351.30	-
May -2020	990	190.66	192.65	-	-
April -2020	926	187.29	202.34	-	-

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value CIF pri (Rs.mn) (Rs/kg		Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep-20	-	-	-	408.12	-
Aug-20	41	6.55	159.68	394.24	234.56
July-2020	140	17.12	122.29	391.57	269.28
June -2020	-	-	-	397.78	-
May -2020	344	56.38	163.93	-	-
April -2020	884	150.91	170.72	-	-

Table 2.4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea- April 2020 to Sep 2020

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

T.		CIF Price	Wholesale price	Retail price	Gross Margin		
Item	Month	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	(Rs/Kg) RP-WP	
0	Sep,2020	-	303.16	341.83	-	38.67	
Green gram	Aug,2020	164.15	284.40	335.31	120.25	50.91	
	Sep,2019	165.59	244.77	281.26	79.17	36.49	
	Sep,2020	-	361.11	408.12	-	47.00	
Cowpea (White)	Aug,2020	159.68	354.25	394.24	194.57	39.99	
(() inte)	Sep,2019	126.35	224.59	281.73	98.24	57.14	
Courses	Sep,2020	-	297.38	391.78	-	94.40	
Cowpea (Red)	Aug,2020	-	308.30	394.18	-	85.88	
(Red)	Sep,2019	-	228.92	299.10	-	70.17	

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

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.135/kg and Rs.152/kg with an average of Rs.141/kg. The wholesale price has increased by 2% relative to August and compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 32%. The average retail price price of the red dhal was 155/kg and it ranged between Rs. 140/kg and Rs. 180/kg. The retail price was also increased by 2% compared to August 2020 and compared same month in the previous year it has been increased by 22%.

	Table 2.5.1. Wholesale and retain prices of Red Dhar – Sep 2020											
	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to							
Red Dhal	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019		Sep 2019					
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%				
Wholesale Price	135.00-152.00	140.80	137.55	106.71	3.25	2.37	34.09	31.94				
Retail Price	140.00-180.00	155.26	152.29	127.23	2.97	1.95	28.03	22.03				

 Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – Sep 2020

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Month	Quantity	<b>CIF</b> Price	Wholesale price	Retail price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)		
Ivioittii	(mt)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	CIF-WP	WP-RP	
Sep-20	-	-	140.80	155.26	-	14.46	
Aug-20	9,842	104.52	137.55	152.29	33.03	14.74	
July-2020	16,100	107.45	137.25	165.10	29.80	27.85	
June -2020	-	-	144.44	168.57	-	24.13	
May -2020	18,566	99.64	152.43	-	52.79	-	
April -2020	22,976	99.44	-	-	-	-	

# Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported reddhal April 2020 to Sep 2020

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

#### 3. Vegetables

#### **Crop Situation**

During the month of September, Badulla (129.4mm), Galle (446.2mm), Hambantota (170.4mm), Jaffna (212.6mm), Kurunegala (370.5mm), Nuwara Eliya (191.6mm), and Ratnapura (590.87mm) received the rainfall above 30 years' average (Table 8). The prevailed weather condition was favorable for vegetable crops and the cultivation activities of *Yala* 2020 season were continued as expected. Compared to the previous month, the cultivation progress of both up-country as well as low-country vegetables has increased during the month.

Vegetable cultivation of *Yala* 2020 season has reached to its end phase. With regard to the cultivation progress of up-country vegetables, the highest cultivation progress was recorded for capsicum (112%), kno-khol (112%), carrot (106%), and leeks (102%). Meanwhile, the highest cultivated extent was recorded for beans (3,546ha), cabbage (2,142ha), and capsicum (2,033ha). Among up-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from cabbage (44,294mt), carrot (35,648mt), and beans (35,395mt) while the lowest production is expected from knol-khol (7,677mt).

With regard to the cultivation progress of low-country vegetables, except for snake guard (98%), and bitter guard (91%), the progress of the rest of the considered vegetables remarkably increased over 100% of their targets. The highest progress was recorded for pumpkin (141%), okra (136%), brinjal (134%), cucumber (128%), and long beans (127%). Among low-country vegetables, the highest extent was recorded for brinjal (5,463ha), long beans (4,919 ha), pumpkin (4,309ha) and okra (4,007ha). The highest production is expected from brinjal (72,444mt), pumpkin (64,052mt), long beans (45,498mt), and tomato (43,595mt) while the lowest production (6,717mt) is expected from ash plantain (Crop Forecast, Vol.05, *Yala* 2020, Socio Economics & Planning Centre/Department of Agriculture).

#### **Prices and Supply/Demand Situation**

Supplies of most of the vegetable varieties have further limited during this month too. Hence, the price increase of most of the up-country as well as low-country vegetable varieties has further continued. The wholesale prices of most of the up-country vegetables have increased by 10%-24% recording the highest price increase for carrot and the lowest for radish. In contrast, the wholesale prices of beetroot, cabbage and leeks have decreased by 31%, 17%, and 14% respectively as the supplies were increased mainly from Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts. Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.250.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.30.00/kg was observed for leeks. With regard to the wholesale price behavior of low-country vegetables, except for brinjal (-41%), the price of all the vegetable varieties have increased by 6%-135% recording the highest for tomato and the lowest for capsicum. Among

low-country vegetables, the highest wholesale price of Rs.340.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.30.00/kg was observed for brinjal and cucumber.

	Price Range		Average		С	hange Co	mpared to	)
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2	2019	Sep 2	019
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	180.00-250.00	217.25	192.40	172.60	24.85	12.92	44.65	25.87
Carrot	100.00-150.00	126.02	102.00	61.60	24.02	23.55	64.42	104.58
Leeks	30.00-70.00	47.63	55.20	51.00	-7.58	-13.72	-3.38	-6.62
Beetroot	50.00-100.00	69.00	99.30	73.78	-30.30	-30.52	-4.78	-6.47
Knolkhol	70.00-120.00	90.63	79.68	63.40	10.95	13.74	27.23	42.94
Radish	40.00-80.00	64.50	58.40	50.20	6.10	10.45	14.30	28.49
Cabbage	50.00-100.00	78.13	94.27	58.58	-16.15	-17.13	19.55	33.37
Tomato	90.00-150.00	118.00	50.11	87.60	67.89	135.49	30.40	34.70
Ladies Fingers	40.00-80.00	58.75	47.29	69.20	11.46	24.23	-10.45	-15.10
Brinjal	30.00-100.00	58.75	99.77	101.53	-41.02	-41.11	-42.78	-42.14
Capsicum	240.00-340.00	277.50	261.18	141.20	16.32	6.25	136.30	96.53
Pumpkin	80.00-140.00	114.75	92.00	56.40	22.75	24.73	58.35	103.46
Cucumber	30.00-60.00	43.50	37.50	43.95	6.00	16.00	-0.45	-1.03
Bittergourd	140.00-230.00	174.25	134.53	169.76	39.72	29.52	4.49	2.64
Snakegourd	80.00-150.00	121.50	85.78	103.60	35.72	41.65	17.90	17.28
Drumstick	120.00-250.00	202.75	101.20	68.25	101.55	100.35	134.50	197.05
Luffa	90.00-160.00	129.00	90.36	106.00	38.64	42.76	23.00	21.70
Long Beans	70.00-160.00	130.25	82.80	97.60	47.45	57.31	32.65	33.45
Ash Plantain	80.00-120.00	104.25	94.84	78.86	9.41	9.93	25.39	32.20
Green Chilli	80.00-220.00	136.00	147.93	170.00	-11.93	-8.06	-34.00	-20.00
Lime	40.00-90.00	51.75	80.96	227.40	-29.21	-36.08	-175.65	-77.24

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of up-country vegetables had increased by 26%-105% recording the highest for carrot. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices of drumstick, pumpkin, and capsicum had increased by 197%, 103%, and 97% respectively, while that of remaining vegetable varieties increased by 3%-35%.

The retail prices of all the up-country vegetable varieties have increased by 5%-13%, except for leeks (-11%), beetroot (-13%), and cabbage (-9%). Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs. 320.00/kg was noted for beans while the lowest price of Rs.60.00/ was observed for leeks. With regard to low-country vegetables, the retail prices of brinjal, cucumber and ladies fingers have decreased by 24%, 3% and 1% respectively. However, the retail prices of all the remaining low-country vegetable varieties have increased by 14%-52% recording the highest for drumstick and the lowest for capsicum. Among low –country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.500.00 was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.60.00was noted for brinjal and cucumber.

	Price Range		Average		Cł	nange Co	mpared to	
Items	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2		Sep 2	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-320.00	269.76	256.20	232.54	13.56	5.29	37.22	16.01
Carrot	130.00-260.00	187.93	165.68	132.75	22.25	13.43	55.18	41.57
Leeks	60.00-160.00	116.56	130.50	126.52	-13.94	-10.68	-9.96	-7.87
Beetroot	80.00-160.00	133.64	153.25	135.36	-19.61	-12.80	-1.72	-1.27
Knolkhol	100.00-200.00	163.98	150.69	144.18	13.29	8.82	19.80	13.73
Radish	80.00-200.00	136.09	127.89	127.27	8.20	6.41	8.82	6.93
Cabbage	100.00-200.00	155.03	169.92	138.75	-14.89	-8.76	16.28	11.74
Tomato	120.00-240.00	179.40	126.63	158.70	52.76	41.67	20.69	13.04
Ladies Fingers	80.00-160.00	132.40	134.35	143.52	-1.95	-1.45	-11.12	-7.75
Brinjal	60.00-160.00	124.69	163.44	159.89	-38.74	-23.71	-35.19	-22.01
Capsicum	260.00-500.00	377.40	332.18	215.76	45.22	13.61	161.63	74.91
Pumpkin	120.00-240.00	179.21	152.95	128.28	26.26	17.17	50.93	39.70
Cucumber	60.00-140.00	104.63	107.05	108.12	-2.43	-2.27	-3.50	-3.23
Bittergourd	160.00-360.00	267.88	228.14	245.17	39.74	17.42	22.70	9.26
Snakegourd	110.00-240.00	177.71	155.35	163.93	22.36	14.39	13.77	8.40
Drumstick	200.00-400.00	295.18	194.31	145.21	100.87	51.91	149.96	103.27
Luffa	120.00-240.00	186.41	156.40	182.40	30.01	19.19	4.01	2.20
Long Beans	140.00-240.00	193.44	146.54	154.79	46.90	32.00	38.65	24.97
Ash Plantain	120.00-200.00	155.08	155.83	141.47	-0.75	-0.48	13.60	9.62
Green Chilli	130.00-400.00	281.36	299.02	328.42	-17.66	-5.91	-47.05	-14.33
Lime	80.00-200.00	152.05	269.98	451.91	-117.93	-43.68	-299.86	-66.35

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables - Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices up-country vegetable varieties had increased by 7%-42% followed by low-country vegetables as 2%-103%.

#### 4. Fruits

#### **Prices and Supply/Demand Situation**

Compared to the prices in August 2020, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in September 2020. Accordingly, prices of banana varieties, Ambul and Seeni had decreased by 12% and their price ranges were noted as Rs.40.00-120.00/kg and Rs.50.00-100.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 15%, 8% and 2% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.113.64/fruit, Rs.159.64/fruit and Rs.203.83/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-250.00/fruit. Further, price of papaw had decreased by 7% and the monthly average wholesale price ranged between Rs.30.00-110.00/kg. Prices of wood apple and orange had decreased by 25% and 24% respectively. In addition, price decreases were noted for passion fruit and slime apple and prices had decreased by 14% and 2% respectively (Table 4.1).

	Table 4.1:	wholesale	prices of	ii uits – S	cp 2020			
	Price Range		Average		(	Change Co	mpared to	)
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug	2019	Sep 2	019
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain			•				•	
Ambul (Kg)	40.00-120.00	81.25	92.17	72.53	-10.92	-11.84	8.72	12.03
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-250.00	211.67	202.17	171.11	9.50	4.70	40.56	23.70
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-100.00	77.71	88.17	75.82	-10.46	-11.86	1.89	2.49
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-15.00	13.44	13.35	12.75	0.09	0.66	0.69	5.42
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-19.00	16.92	16.77	16.05	0.15	0.89	0.87	5.39
Pineapple			•				•	
Large (Fruit)	160.00-250.00	203.83	207.68	215.44	-3.86	-1.86	-11.61	-5.39
Medium (Fruit)	130.00-180.00	159.64	173.64	171.42	-14.00	-8.06	-11.78	-6.87
Small (Fruit)	80.00-150.00	113.64	134.25	128.28	-20.61	-15.35	-14.64	-11.41
Mango	1							<u>I</u>
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	30.08	26.64	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	80.00-140.00	119.92	113.07	107.75	6.85	6.06	12.18	11.30
Vilad (Fruit)	38.00-57.00	47.05	46.62	35.67	0.43	0.93	11.38	31.90
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	19.08	13.33	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	30.00-110.00	70.13	75.67	68.41	-5.54	-7.32	1.71	2.50
Passionfruit (Fruit)	5.00-10.00	7.40	8.57	13.01	-1.17	-13.67	-5.62	-43.16
Woodapple (Fruit)	5.00-10.00	6.47	8.62	9.69	-2.15	-24.94	-3.22	-33.25
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-35.00	25.10	32.99	29.49	-7.89	-23.91	-4.39	-14.87
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-63.00	41.79	35.54	31.24	6.24	17.57	10.54	33.74
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-63.00	39.31	40.28	29.35	-0.97	-2.40	9.96	33.94
Grapes Imported	533.00-778.00	601.16	596.44	608.52	4.73	0.79	-7.36	-1.21
(Kg)								

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits - Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

However, price increases were noted for banana varieties, Kolikuttu by 5% and Anamalu and Ambun by 1% and their price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.150.00-250.00/kg, Rs.12.00-15.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-19.00/fruit respectively. Prices of mango varieties Karthakolomban and Vilad had also increased by 6% and 1% respectively and price of a Karthakolomban fruit was noted as Rs.80.00-140.00 while, price of a Vilad fruit was noted as Rs.38.00-57.00. In addition, prices of avocado and grapes (imported) had increased by 18% and 1% respectively (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2019, wholesale prices of fruit varieties, banana, mango, papaw, avocado and slime apple had increased with the highest price increase of 34% recorded for both avocado and slime apple while, wholesale prices of fruit varieties, pineapple, passion fruit, wood apple, orange and imported grapes had decreased with the highest price decrease of 43% recorded for passion fruit (Table 4.1).

In analysing the prices at the retail level, it was observed that the prices of all the fruit varieties except for papaw, and banana variety, Kolikuttu had decreased. Accordingly, retail prices of banana varieties had decreased in the range of 2%-7%. Further, retail price ranges noted were Rs.80.00-160.00/kg for the variety, Ambul and Rs.100.00-160.00/kg for the variety, Seeni. In

addition, price ranges recorded for varieties, Anamalu and Ambun during the month were Rs.16.00-25.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small and medium sized pineapple had decreased by 19% while, price of large sized pineapple had decreased by 9% and the monthly average retail prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were noted as Rs.141.58/fruit, Rs.186.27/fruit and Rs.248.94/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-300.00/fruit. Price of mango variety, Vilad had decreased by 3% and price of a Vilad fruit ranged between Rs.50.00-100.00. In addition, prices of wood apple, orange and slime apple had decreased by 29%, 22% and 12% respectively while, prices of passion fruit, avocado and grapes (imported) had decreased by 7% 6% and 4% respectively (Table 4.2).

	Price Range	-	Average	-	(	Change Co	ompared to	)
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug	2019	Sep 2	019
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-160.00	138.57	143.23	125.22	-4.66	-3.25	13.34	10.65
Kolikuttu (Kg)	220.00-300.00	272.56	256.99	239.58	15.58	6.06	32.99	13.77
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-160.00	135.24	137.84	128.69	-2.60	-1.88	6.55	5.09
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-25.00	19.83	21.22	18.36	-1.39	-6.56	1.47	7.98
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	24.79	26.44	23.13	-1.64	-6.22	1.66	7.17
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	220.00-300.00	248.94	273.08	268.23	-24.14	-8.84	-19.30	-7.19
Medium (Fruit)	160.00-200.00	186.27	231.25	203.95	-44.97	-19.45	-17.67	-8.67
Small (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	141.58	173.91	151.08	-32.33	-18.59	-9.50	-6.29
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban								
(Fruit)	-	-	169.29	132.46	-	-	-	-
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	73.42	75.89	53.25	-2.47	-3.26	20.17	37.88
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-180.00	129.34	124.31	132.24	5.03	4.05	-2.91	-2.20
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-28.00	18.43	19.86	26.96	-1.43	-7.20	-8.53	-31.64
Woodapple (Fruit)	15.00-40.00	29.77	41.77	34.68	-12.00	-28.74	-4.91	-14.16
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	44.66	57.57	52.77	-12.90	-22.42	-8.11	-15.37
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	67.93	72.31	61.93	-4.37	-6.05	6.01	9.70
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-140.00	74.62	84.59	71.86	-9.98	-11.79	2.76	3.84
Grapes Imported	800.00-1000.00	909.82	943.59	858.02	-33.77	-3.58	51.80	6.04
(Kg)		D:						

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

However, as stated earlier, prices of banana variety, Kolikuttu and papaw had increased. Price of Kolikuttu had increased by 6% and the price ranged between Rs.220.00-300.00/kg. Further, price of papaw had increased by 4% and the monthly average retail price was Rs.129.34/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-180.00/kg (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2019, retail prices of fruit varieties, banana, mango, avocado, slime apple and imported grapes had increased with the highest price increase of 38% recorded for mango variety, Vilad while, retail prices of fruit varieties, pineapple, papaw, passion fruit,

wood apple and orange had decreased with the highest price decrease of 32% recorded for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received 24% and 7% price increases for banana variety, Kolikuttu and papaw respectively and 7% price decrease for banana variety, Ambul in September compared to the prices in August, 2020. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month were noted as Rs.41.00-75.00/kg, Rs.177.00-198.00/kg and Rs.30.00-86.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to September, 2019, producer prices had increased for all three varieties; Ambul by 31%, Kolikuttu by 27% and papaw by 5% (Table 4.3).

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	20         Aug 2019         Sep 2019         Aug 2019		Sep 2019					
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Ambul	41.00-75.00	65.50	70.20	49.92	-4.70	-6.70	15.58	31.21		
Kolikuttu	177.00-198.00	188.75	152.00	148.33	36.75	24.18	40.42	27.25		
Papaw	30.00-86.00	53.17	49.85	50.43	3.32	6.66	2.74	5.44		

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – Sep 2020

Source ;Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, value and	CIF prices of imported fr	uits – July 2020 to Sep 2020

Type of	Sept - 2020				Aug - 2020	)	July - 2020		
Fruit	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	-	-	-	1,055	175.66	166.44	857	154.85	180.76
Grapes	-	-	-	402	130.83	325.61	433	159.16	367.62
Oranges	-	-	-	644	103.71	160.96	466	73.15	157.01

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

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

#### Fish

#### **Prices and Supply/Demand Situation**

The total fish production for the month of September was reported as 39,340mt, a 5% decrease compared to the previous month. However, the imports of fish and fisheries products have increased by 22% from 4,963.6mt in August to 6,046.8mt in September. Meanwhile, exports of fish and fisheries products were reported as 1,495.8mt in September, a decrease by 18% compared to the month of August (www.fisheries.gov.lk).

The wholesale prices of Salaya, Hurulla, shrimps(small), and Thalapath have further decreased by 1%-19% recording the highest for Salaya. In contrast, the wholesale prices of the remaining fish varieties have increased by 1%-14%. The highest price range of Rs. 1,100.00-1500.00/kg was noted for Thora while the lowest price range of Rs.150.00-260.00/kg was for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year the wholesale prices of most of the fish varieties had decreased by 1%-24% while that of Hurulla and Balaya increased by 13% and 11% respectively.

The retail prices of the fish varieties have decreased by 3%-17% recording the highest price decrease for Salaya followed by Hurulla (12%). The highest retail price range was recorded for

Thora as Rs.1300.00-2200.00/kg while the lowest price range of Rs.200.00-400.00/kg was noted for Salaya.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the fish varieties had decreased by 1%-21% recording the highest price decrease for Mora and the lowest price decrease for Kelawalla and Thora.

	Price Range		Average	-		Change (	Compared t	0
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019		Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	S							
Salaya	150.00-260.00	198.32	244.80	236.55	-46.48	-18.99	-38.23	-16.16
Hurulla	350.00-500.00	424.00	469.80	375.09	-45.80	-9.75	48.91	13.04
Balaya	340.00-500.00	416.25	364.80	374.56	51.45	14.10	41.69	11.13
Kelawalla	550.00-800.00	685.00	622.25	718.00	62.75	10.08	-33.00	-4.60
Thora	1100.00-1500.00	1245.83	1180.29	1314.00	65.55	5.55	-68.17	-5.19
Paraw	600.00-750.00	686.25	650.89	679.78	35.36	5.43	6.47	0.95
Mora	500.00-960.00	663.03	656.40	668.56	6.63	1.01	-5.53	-0.83
Shrimp (small)	850.00-1000.00	928.61	1011.33	1216.00	-82.72	-8.18	-287.39	-23.63
Thalapath	850.00-1100.00	931.25	934.80	1013.66	-3.55	-0.38	-82.41	-8.13
<b>Retail Prices</b>			•					
Salaya	200.00-400.00	295.94	356.37	315.01	-60.44	-16.96	-19.08	-6.06
Hurulla	400.00-780.00	520.51	593.14	495.62	-72.62	-12.24	24.90	5.02
Balaya	500.00-920.00	715.25	694.37	750.59	20.88	3.01	-35.34	-4.71
Kelawalla	800.00-1400.00	1103.26	1028.08	1113.46	75.18	7.31	-10.20	-0.92
Thora	1300.00-2200.00	1639.27	1693.27	1646.15	-53.99	-3.19	-6.88	-0.42
Paraw	1100.00-1400.00	1243.68	1227.05	1142.18	16.63	1.36	101.50	8.89
Mora	600.00-1200.00	670.00	712.00	851.38	-42.00	-5.90	-181.38	-21.30
Shrimp (small)	1040.00-1400.00	1256.35	1204.37	1339.83	51.98	4.32	-83.48	-6.23
Thalapath	1200.00-1560.00	1325.90	1326.17	1286.61	-0.27	-0.02	39.29	3.05

 Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

#### **Dried Fish**

#### **Prices and Supply/Demand Situation**

Supplies of most of the dried fish varieties have further increased during the month. Therefore, the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties have decreased by 1%-13%. The highest price decrease was further recorded for Balaya. Meanwhile, the highest wholesale price of Rs. 1,100.00-1,300.00/kg was recorded for imported Thora followed by Anguluwa (Rs.1000.00-1,1500.00) while lowest price range of Rs.300.00-380.00/kg was observed for Salaya.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of Balaya had decreased by 22% followed by imported sprats (19%), imported Thora (11%), and imported Kattawa (5%). Meanwhile, local Kattawa decreased nearly by 2%. However, the wholesale prices of rest of the dried fish varieties had increased by 1%-10%.

The retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties have decreased by 1%-6% during the month. The highest price decrease (6%) was recorded for Salaya. The highest price range of Rs. 1,600.00-

2000.00/kg was further recorded for Thora while the lowest price range of Rs.480.00-800.00/kg was for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of imported sprats have decreased by 1%-4%.

	Price Range		Average		С	hange Co	ompared to	)
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2	019	Sep 2	2019
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	900.00-1000.00	999.50	1032.52	951.00	-33.02	-3.19	48.50	5.10
Sprats (imported)	320.00-560.00	421.34	382.11	522.53	39.23	10.27	-101.19	-19.37
Kattawa	980.00-1150.00	1010.00	1034.86	1027.86	-24.86	-2.40	-17.86	-1.74
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-920.00	867.94	893.16	911.53	-25.21	-2.82	-43.58	-4.78
Thora	-	-	-	1475.00	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	1100.00-1300.00	1198.21	1230.47	1341.67	-32.25	-2.62	-143.45	-10.69
Mora	880.00-1100.00	961.05	964.58	872.80	-3.53	-0.37	88.25	10.11
Mora (imported)	800.00-950.00	880.25	904.80	809.80	-24.55	-2.71	70.45	8.70
Balaya	440.00-600.00	490.50	560.85	624.93	-70.35	-12.54	-134.43	-21.51
Balaya (imported)	500.00-500.00	500.00	624.92	543.25	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	1000.00-1150.00	1083.68	1171.59	985.67	-87.91	-7.50	98.01	9.94
Anguluwa (imported)	800.00-980.00	900.67	904.20	892.05	-3.53	-0.39	8.62	0.97
Maduwa	560.00-700.00	638.00	658.44	578.60	-20.44	-3.10	59.40	10.27
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-500.00	422.86	444.17	408.40	-21.31	-4.80	14.46	3.54
Salaya	300.00-380.00	344.50	345.68	314.84	-1.18	-0.34	29.66	9.42
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	230.00	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Pric	e					-	-	
Sprats(imported)	500.00-800.00	658.03	655.37	688.73	2.66	0.41	-30.70	-4.46
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1236.49	1240.89	1219.18	-4.41	-0.36	17.31	1.42
Kattawa	1000.00-1800.00	1410.20	1441.69	1420.08	-31.49	-2.18	-9.88	-0.70
Thora	1600.00-2000.00	1811.09	1890.79	1837.09	-79.70	-4.22	-26.00	-1.42
Mora	980.00-1500.00	1207.55	1218.20	1212.77	-10.65	-0.87	-5.22	-0.43
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	943.32	971.64	956.09	-28.31	-2.91	-12.76	-1.33
Anguluwa	1000.00-1600.00	1265.90	1283.14	1207.02	-17.24	-1.34	58.88	4.88
Maduwa	500.00-1000.00	843.68	872.33	843.73	-28.65	-3.28	-0.05	-0.01
Salaya	480.00-800.00	605.76	646.03	625.87	-40.28	-6.23	-20.12	-3.21

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish - Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

#### Eggs

The wholesale prices have decreased by 17%-18% while the retail prices decreased by 14%-15%. The retail prices of brown egg and white egg reported as Rs.18.00-23.00/each and Rs.17.00-23.00/each respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of egg have decreased by 4%-6%, while that of retail prices have decreased by 3%-4%.

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020 Aug 2019		Sep 2019	Aug 2019		Sep 2019		
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
Wholesale Price									
Eggs – Brown (each)	16.50-22.00	18.28	22.27	19.41	-3.99	-17.90	-1.12	-5.77	
White (each)	16.00-21.00	17.73	21.25	18.41	-3.52	-16.57	-0.68	-3.67	
Retail Price									
Eggs- Brown (each)	18.00-23.00	19.77	22.90	20.50	-3.13	-13.66	-0.73	-3.57	
White (each)	17.00-23.00	18.84	22.15	19.44	-3.32	-14.98	-0.61	-3.11	

 Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

#### Meat

The retail price of curry chicken has decreased by 6% during the month. Meanwhile, the price of pork has increased by 3% followed by broiler chicken as 2%. A significant price changes were not observed for the remaining meat varieties. The highest price range of Rs. 1,800.00-2,100.00/kg was further noted for mutton. The lowest price range of Rs.530.00-690.00/kg was recorded for broiler chicken. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of meat had increased by 2%-7%.

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug	2019	Sep 20	019		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Meat										
Beef (without bones)	1000.00-1200.00	1,057.50	1,058.91	1,023.71	-1.41	-0.13	33.79	3.30		
Chicken (Broiler)	530.00-690.00	613.98	604.44	578.14	9.54	1.58	35.84	6.20		
Chicken (curry)	550.00-750.00	630.33	669.12	620.74	-38.79	-5.80	9.59	1.54		
Mutton	1800.00-2100.00	1,892.83	1,893.33	1,889.96	-0.50	-0.03	2.87	0.15		
Pork	750.00-880.00	803.75	780.52	750.00	23.23	2.98	53.75	7.17		

 Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – Sep 2020

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

#### 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

#### Wheat flour

The retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month and the price ranged between Rs.92.00-93.00/kg while the average price was recorded as Rs.92.84/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour had further decreased by 2%.

	Price Range		Average		Change C	ompare	d to	
Item	Sep 2020	Sep 2020 Aug 2019 Sep 201			Aug 20	019	Sep 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	92.00-93.00	92.84	92.48	94.42	0.35	0.38	-1.58	-1.68
Sugar	135.00-136.00	135.14	135.71	107.00	-0.58	-0.42	28.14	26.29

#### Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – Sep 2020

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

#### Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain-April 2020 to Sept 2020

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Sep -2020	-	-	-	92.84	-
Aug -2020	699	52	73.77	92.48	18.71
July -2020	343	29	85.64	93.76	8.12
June -2020	-	-	-	94.21	-
May -2020	1,075	82	75.96	92.26	16.30
Apr -2020	444	33	75.05	89.04	13.99
Wheat Grain	· · ·		·		
Sep -2020	-	-	-	92.84	-
Aug -2020	181,589	8,411	46.32	92.48	46.16
July -2020	77,682	3,754	48.33	93.76	45.43
June -2020	-	-	-	94.21	-
May -2020	194,417	9,627	49.52	-	-
Apr -2020	32,297	1,620	50.17	89.04	38.87

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

The average retail price of sugar has not changed significantly and the price ranged between Rs.135.00-136.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.135.14/kg. However, compared to the same period of last year, average retail price of sugar has also further increased by 27%.

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sep -2020	-	-	-	135.14	-
Aug -2020	34,376	2,540	73.90	135.71	61.81
July -2020	65,812	4,845	73.62	135.56	61.94
June -2020	-	-	-	138.87	-
May -2020	30,478	2,301	75.51	125.23	49.72
Apr -2020	34,839	2,548	73.13	119.21	46.08

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- April 2020 to Sep 2020

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

	Quanti	ty (mt)	% Change	Value (	Rs. mn)	%	CIF	(Rs/kg)	%
Item	Sep 2020	Aug - 2020	Compare d to last month	Sep 2020	Aug - 2020	Change Compare d to last month	Sep 2020	Aug - 2020	Change Compare d to last month
Rice	-	693	-	-	118.9	-	-	171.54	-
Red Onion	-	8	-	-	0.5	-	-	58.77	-
Big Onion	-	12,085	-	-	563.4	-	-	46.62	-
Potato	-	12,511	-	-	704.3	-	-	56.29	-
Dried Chillies	-	4,079	-	-	1,137.3	-	-	278.82	-
Masoor Dhal	-	9,842	-	-	1,028.6	-	-	104.52	-
Green Gram	-	625	-	-	102.7	-	-	164.15	-
Cowpea	-	41	-	-	6.5	-	-	159.68	-
Garlic	-	3,564	-	-	462.3	-	-	129.71	-
Wheat flour	-	699	-	-	51.5	-	-	73.77	-
Wheat grain	-	181,589	-	-	8,411.3	-	-	46.32	-
White crystalline cane sugar	-	34,376	-	-	2,540.3	-	-	73.90	-
Maize (Other)	-	128.00	-	-	14.4	-	-	112.12	-

 Table 7: Import of selected food items – Sep 2020

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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<b>Rainfall Station</b>	Total	30 Year Avg.	Total	<b>30 Year Average Rainy</b>
	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall (mm)	Rainy Days	Days
Anuradhapura	45.6	68.7	5	5
Badulla	129.4	119.4	9	9
Bandarawela	108.9	112.2	12	9
Batticaloa	59.5	89	7	6
Colombo	517.7	128	24	9
Galle	446.2	111.3	26	9
Hambantota	170.4	65.4	19	5
Jaffna	212.6	25.7	6	2
Katugastota	219.1	71.9	23	8
Katunayaka	514.2	132.9	24	8
Kurunegala	370.5	139.1	21	8
Maha Iluppallama	65.1	84.9	11	6
Mannar	179.3	44.4	4	3
Nuwara Eliya	191.6	71.5	23	8
Pottuvil	36.9	n/a	5	n/a
Puttalam	52.1	67.7	12	5
Ratmalana	427.7	141.5	25	9
Ratnapura	590.87	212.2	29	14
Trincomalee	224.9	55.5	8	4
Vavuniya	35.9	62.9	5	4
Polonnaruwa	17.6	n/a	5	n/a
Monaragala	136.8	n/a	9	n/a
Mattala	114.9	n/a	15	n/a

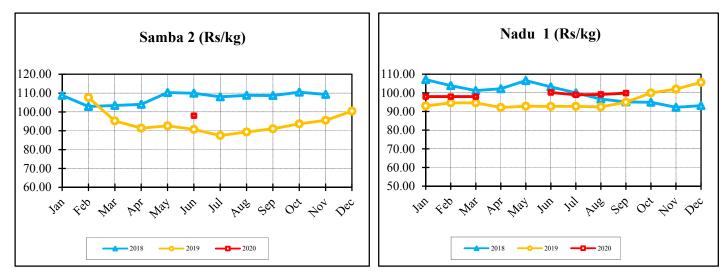
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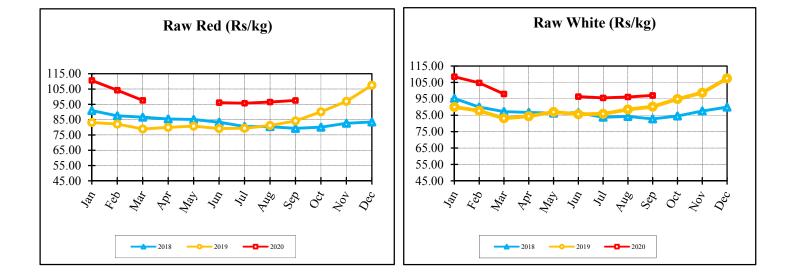
Source: Department of Meteorology

Note: na refers to not available

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	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	
Jan	108.80			107.10	93.00	98.00	90.96	83.12	110.60	95.24	90.02	108.50	
Feb	102.88	107.65		103.88	94.64	98.00	87.49	82.07	104.20	90.00	87.74	104.75	
Mar	103.40	95.23		101.20	94.63	98.00	86.63	78.87	97.55	87.25	83.14	97.98	
Apr	104.00	91.39		102.24	92.17		85.43	79.92		86.74	84.39		
May	110.30	92.62		106.56	92.83		85.08	80.74		86.25	87.00		
Jun	109.91	90.71	98.00	103.22	92.73	100.19	83.32	79.19	96.10	86.52	85.64	96.36	
Jul	108.00	87.49		99.99	92.75	98.97	80.52	79.31	95.73	83.80	85.86	95.59	
Aug	108.80	89.38		96.68	92.49	99.16	80.42	81.14	96.47	84.25	88.49	96.13	
Sep	108.67	91.08		95.11	95.00	99.85	79.26	84.14	97.54	82.76	90.23	97.08	
Oct	110.47	93.68		94.97	99.95		80.08	90.11		84.54	94.88		
Nov	109.30	95.57		92.27	102.03		82.65	96.96		87.55	98.70		
Dec		100.42		93.13	105.60		83.48	107.46		89.95	107.48		

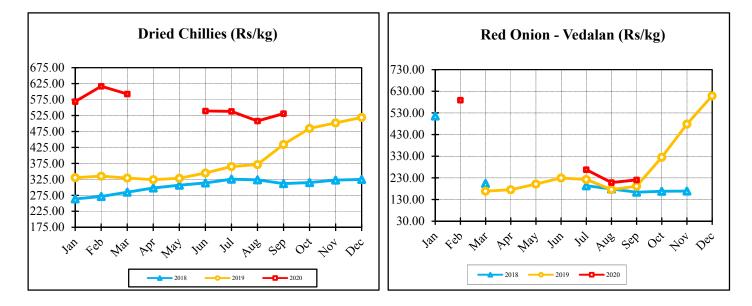
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

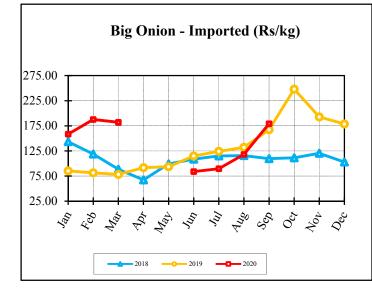


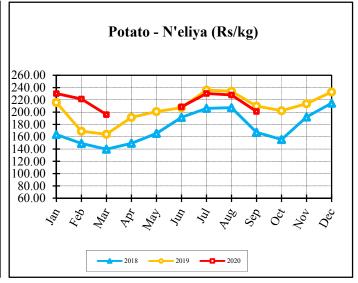


	pendix 02. Retail Frices of Chinies, Onions & Fotato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/Rg)												
Month	Dried (	Chillies		F	Red Onio	1	Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya			
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	
Jan	263.76	330.31	568.88	515.82			143.32	85.22	158.34	163.50	215.71	230.30	
Feb	271.41	335.00	616.91			589.00	118.86	81.33	187.64	149.12	168.89	221.45	
Mar	284.90	329.23	592.69	204.17	168.97		88.58	78.17	182.10	139.65	164.00	196.08	
Apr	298.03	324.25			175.37		67.31	91.75		149.37	191.47		
May	306.67	328.50			201.43		99.21	93.54		165.33	200.97		
Jun	313.87	345.06	539.23		229.57		108.62	114.91	83.89	191.52	207.45	208.57	
Jul	325.59	365.35	538.09	193.91	222.51	267.85	115.02	124.20	89.58	206.17	235.89	230.38	
Aug	323.56	371.46	507.84	179.06	175.95	208.40	115.74	132.13	118.02	207.29	234.10	227.97	
Sep	311.60	434.22	531.06	164.11	191.81	220.60	109.70	167.17	179.16	167.27	209.86	201.15	
Oct	315.11	484.80		168.06	325.31		111.28	248.02		155.45	202.38		
Nov	322.74	502.09		169.23	478.63		120.24	192.69		192.07	213.71		
Dec	324.98	518.89			608.84		102.86	178.67		214.56	232.91		

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







	Appendix 05. Farm gater Fourter Frites of Food Commontes in Sec								Reas (Rs/Rg) September 2020					
Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
<u>Short grain</u>					<u>rotato</u> N'Eliya	104.00	109.60	108.40	113.00	Welimada				
A'pura					Badulla	104.00	109.00	106.40	115.00	N'Eliya	28.00	28.00	28.00	32.00
- A pura P'naruwa					_ Baduna Welimada					IN Ellya	28.00	28.00	28.00	32.00
- F haruwa Kalawewa	52.78	52.78	55.67	55.67	Pulses					Beetroot				
	32.78	32.78	55.07	55.07						Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala					<u>Green Gram</u>					-	82.00	68.00	68.00	72.00
_ Dehiattakandiya					Galgamuwa	222.22	222.22	212.22		N'Eliya Dambulla				72.00
_ Ampara					Kalawewa	223.33	223.33	213.33	216.67		61.20	61.00	52.60	58.80
Long grain (White)					_ Embilipitiya	212.33	205.00	216.67	216.67	Kurunegala				
_ A'pura					Kurunegala					Welimada				
P'naruwa	17.56	17 54	51.00	51.00	A'pura					Knokhol				
_ Kalawewa	47.56	47.56	51.33	51.33	Cowpea					Hanguranketha	<b>(2</b> 0 0			<b>(2</b> , 0, 0)
Kurunegala					_ A'pura					N'Eliya	63.00	58.00	58.00	63.00
Dehiattakandiya					Galgamuwa					Welimada				
_ Embilipitiya					_ Nikaweratiya					<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara					_ Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
_ Matara					_ Embilipitiya	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	N'Eliya	37.00	37.00	37.00	43.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada				
Long grain (Red)					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
_ Matara	52.80	52.80	54.60	52.60	_ A'Pura					Hanguranketha				
_ Hambantota					_ Kalawewa	70.00	70.00	70.00	71.25	N'Eliya	52.00	68.00	53.00	53.00
Ampara					Gingelly					Welimada				
_ Embilipitiya	54.00	54.60	54.60	51.60	_ A'Pura					Hambantota				
<b>Other Food Crops</b>					_ Kalawewa		397.50	397.50		Badulla				
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					<u>Tomato</u>				
_ A'Pura					Kalawewa	493.33	612.50	612.50	675.00	Hanguranketha				
Galgamuwa					_ A'Pura					Welimada				
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota				
Red Onion					Beans					Dambulla	97.00	123.00	128.00	91.20
Puttalam					Dambulla	162.50	206.00	178.00	142.50	Low Country				
					Welimada					Ladies Fingers				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Badulla					A'pura				
Dambulla	122.00	148.50	125.00	141.50	- Carrot					Dambulla	36.00	44.20	38.80	39.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha					Hambantota				
- A'Pura					N'Eliya	98.00	118.00	137.00	117.00	Embilipitiya	65.00	71.00	75.00	66.00
Kurunegala					Welimada			•		Matara				
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## Appendix 03: Farm gate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg) September 2020

Appendix 03: cont.														
Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
_	Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week	_	Week	Week	Week	Week
<u>Brinjals</u>					Pumpkin					Lime				
_ A'pura					Dambulla	108.00	101.00	71.80	60.80	Hambantota				
Dambulla	44.40	40.40	33.80	55.80	Hambantota					Embilipitiya	59.17	51.67	54.17	63.33
Hambantota					_ Embilipitiya	108.00	108.00	99.00	73.00	Moneragala				
Embilipitiya	47.00	47.00	44.00	55.00	Matara					Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
_ Matara					_ A'pura					Banana				
Welimada					Moneragala					Ambul				
_					Cucumber					Moneragala				
Capsicum					_ A'pura					Embilipitiya	75.00	73.00	73.00	41.00
Welimada					Dambulla	24.00	30.60	30.40	29.20	Hambantota				
<b>Bitter Gourd</b>					Hambantota					Kolikuttu				
_ A'pura					Matara					Moneragala				
Dambulla	128.00	146.50	150.50	181.00	Long beans					Embilipitiya	198.00	198.00	182.00	177.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	93.20	110.00	118.00	103.00	Hambantota				
_ Embilipitiya	190.00	186.00	176.67	198.00	_ Hambantota					Papaw				
_					_ Embilipitiya	101.00	138.00	104.00	99.00	Moneragala				
Snake Gourd					Matara	100.00	120.00	100.00	82.50	Embilipitiya	86.00	56.67	40.00	30.00
Dambulla	70.80	82.40	92.20	95.00	A'Pura					Hambantota				
Hambantota					Ash Plantain					<b>Pineapple</b>				
Embilipitiya	86.00	94.00	103.00	86.00	_ Hambantota									
Matara			100.00	100.00	Embilipitiya	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00					
A'pura					Matara									
<u>Luffa</u>					<b>Green Chillies</b>									
Dambulla	94.00	101.00	103.00	79.20	Dambulla	135.00	123.50	125.00	174.00					
_ Hambantota					Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	109.40	120.00	124.00	78.00	Embilipitiya	143.33	179.17	197.50	243.33					
Matara		120.00	100.00	100.00	Puttalam									
A'pura					A'Pura					_				