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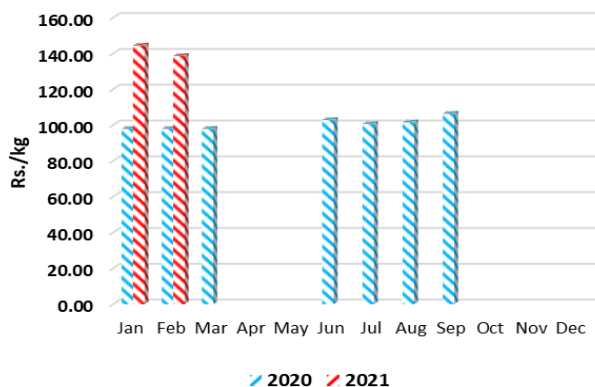
RICE:

Supply of all the rice varieties had increased with the commencement of 2020/2021 *Maha* harvesting in major producing areas. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of all the rice varieties had decreased compared to the last month.

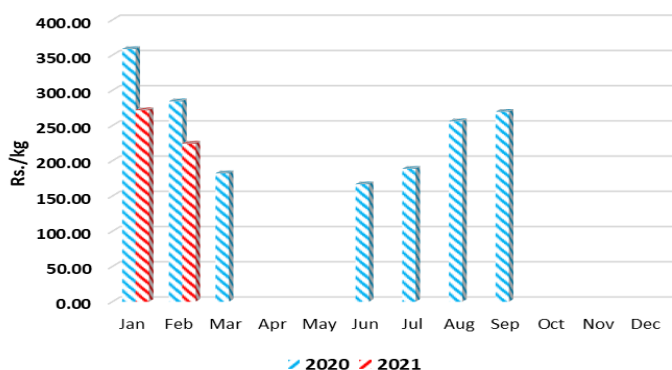
VEGETABLES:

Vegetable production of 2020/2021 *Maha* season started to arrive to the market from the second half of the month. Therefore, the supplies of vegetables from most of the producing areas were increased during the month. Compared to the last month, retail prices of vegetables have decreased by 3% - 23%. The highest retail price of Rs.600.00/Kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest retail price of Rs.50.00/Kg noted for cucumber.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices 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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Outstation Markets

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

1.Paddy

Crop Situation

Despite of the crop damage due to the flood situation occurred in producing areas mainly in the Batticaloe, Trincomalie and Mathara districts at the beginning of the 2020/21 *Maha* season the production outlook of the country is satisfactory in most of the major producing areas as a result of the high extent (801,009 ha) of paddy lands were cultivated during the season. According to the Department of Agriculture estimates 13,433 (77% of the total damaged extent) Ha of paddy cultivated lands damaged due to the floods in Batticaloe district and the expected Paddy Production after the removal of crop damage was 3.12 Million Mt. The reports further revealed that the cultivation progress was exceeded in Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee, Kalutara, Galle and most of Mahaweli Systems. Harvesting of paddy crop was progress in Kurunegala district and producing areas in the Eastern province during the month and new harvest arrives to the markets from those areas. The peak harvesting will be expected during the latter part of the March.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Maha* season as at end of February 2021

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	83,450	69,509	83	316,685	-	0	316,685
Ampara	7,067	7,020	99	32,295	55	126	32,169
Anuradhapura	76,710	65,535	85	253,576	110	329	253,248
Batticaloa	76,395	76,346	100	198,106	13,433	23,143	174,963
Jaffna	11,857	11,781	99	28,917	-	0	28,917
Hambantota	12,917	11,263	87	57,880	-	0	57,880
Trincomalee	42,642	43,427	102	170,494	2,146	4,847	165,646
System C	22,788	21,710	95	94,534	-	0	94,534
System B	21,503	21,317	99	92,823	-	0	92,823
Puttalam	21,996	17,907	81	62,756	84	220	62,536
Monaragala	29,783	27,737	93	117,374	139	236	117,137
Matara	15,670	14,789	94	48,842	214	180	48,662
Matale	17,551	15,325	87	66,485	-	0	66,485
Galle	13,405	13,438	100	34,264	-	0	34,264
Udawalawa	10,110	11,396	113	55,398	-	0	55,398
Kilinochchi	28,434	28,434	100	99,479	-	0	99,479
Kandy	9,372	8,719	93	28,467	-	0	28,467
Ratnapura	12,626	11,602	92	39,132	-	0	39,132
Badulla	16,476	14,353	87	54,681	-	0	54,681
Kegalle	8,368	7,397	88	30,226	-	0	30,226
Kalutara	13,539	13,788	102	44,746	65	85	44,661
Gampaha	12,923	11,982	93	36,786	-	0	36,786
Mullaitivu	19,867	19,610	99	72,991	-	0	72,991
System G	5,030	5,847	116	25,460	-	0	25,460
Vavniya	19,901	20,998	106	93,451	304	750	92,701
Neliya	5,610	4,957	88	11,462	-	0	11,462
Mannar	21,154	21,254	100	93,613	-	0	93,613
Colombo	3,908	3,871	99	11,409	-	0	11,409
System H	21,847	21,777	100	94,826	-	0	94,826
System D	1,495	1,438	96	6,262	-	0	6,262
System L	2,072	2,966	143	12,915	-	0	12,915
System H1	8,340	8,600	103	37,448	-	0	37,448
Others*	171,353	164,914	99	727,510	1,147	1,511	725,998
Sri Lanka	846,159	801,009	95	3,151,293	18,830	32,764	3,118,529

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2020/21, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

*Others: Inter province areas, Rambakanoya

Producer Prices

The gradual increase in prices of all the paddy varieties has shown a declining trend during the first part of the month in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the progress of harvesting and arrival of high moisture paddy to the markets from the producing areas in the Eastern province like Kalmunei, Akkeripathu. However, the current prices still higher than especially for short grain paddy with compared to the same period of last year. During the latter part of the month competitive buying practices by the rice millers was observed and Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) also started to purchase paddy in major producing areas. As a result of the uncertain situation due to the COVID pandemic rice millers tend to purchased more paddy stocks. However the monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have declined by 2% -19% in most of the major producing areas with the lowest decline from Ampara. Prices of long grain white were ranged between Rs.40.00-55.00/Kg in major producing areas. Prices of short grain have decreased in the range of 13% - 25% in all major producing areas. The prices of short grain ranged between Rs.45.00-68.00/Kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Kalawewa. The price range of Rs 55.00-58.00/Kg was recorded for the long grain red paddy in Embilipitiya. It is expected to that paddy prices will be stable next month mainly due to the progress of government paddy purchasing programme.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red have increased considerably in the range of 13%-40%, 5%-19% and 17% respectively.

Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – February 2021

Commodity	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2021	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2020	January 2021		Feb 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	44.02	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	46.00-56.00	50.04	66.42	44.29	-16.38	-24.66	5.75	13.00
Kalawewa	49.00-68.00	59.77	69.20	42.75	-9.43	-13.63	17.02	39.81
Kurunegala	45.00-60.00	51.81	59.75	44.50	-7.94	-13.29	7.31	16.43
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	64.33	45.98	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	50.00-63.00	56.42	66.13	43.53	-9.71	-14.68	12.89	29.61
Ampara	52.00-60.00	54.67	64.00	45.92	-9.33	-14.58	8.75	19.06
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	42.19	-	-	-	-
Polonnaruwa	42.00-51.00	45.50	55.92	43.30	-10.42	-18.63	2.20	5.07
Kalawewa	44.00-52.00	48.36	59.00	40.71	-10.64	-18.03	7.65	18.80
Kurunegala	40.00-55.00	46.56	53.25	44.25	-6.69	-12.56	2.31	5.22
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	56.42	44.00	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	43.00-53.00	47.50	55.88	43.00	-8.38	-15.00	4.50	10.47
Matara	-	-	60.50	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	48.00-51.00	49.79	51.00	45.29	-1.21	-2.37	4.50	9.93
Long Grain Red								
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-	60.00	46.83	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	47.17	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	55.00-58.00	56.40	60.80	48.25	-4.40	-7.24	8.15	16.89

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand / Supply and Price Behavior

Wholesale Prices

Supply of all the rice varieties had increased with the commencement of 2020/21 *Maha* harvesting in major producing areas. Hence, the wholesale price of all the rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 9% for samba grade II. The upper level of the price ranges of all the rice varieties had exceeded the regulated Maximum Retail Price (MRP).

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 31% for samba grade II.

Retail market

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the rice varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 8% for samba grade II. Prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs.135.00-145.00/kg and Rs.120.00-140.00/kg respectively. Further, the prices of all the rice varieties had exceeded the MRP level.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 42% for samba grade I.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – Feb 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2021	Feb 21	Jan 21	Feb 20	January 2021		February 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	-	-	-	96.07	-	-	-	-
Samba 2	115.00-132.00	121.63	132.97	93.18	-11.34	-8.53	28.46	30.54
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	97.00-105.00	101.21	107.06	96.07	-5.85	-5.46	5.14	5.35
Nadu 2	90.00-100.00	95.38	103.00	90.98	-7.62	-7.40	4.41	4.84
Raw red	90.00-95.00	93.38	96.00	89.00	-2.62	-2.73	4.38	4.92
Raw white	91.00-100.00	93.39	99.55	88.63	-6.16	-6.19	4.77	5.38
Imported Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	135.00-145.00	138.67	144.50	98.00	-5.83	-4.03	40.67	41.50
Samba 2	120.00-140.00	130.44	141.10	-	-10.66	-7.55	-	-
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	105.00-115.00	110.43	113.10	98.00	-2.67	-2.36	12.43	12.68
Nadu 2	98.00-110.00	103.88	108.75	-	-4.87	-4.48	-	-
Raw red	98.00-110.00	105.14	108.31	104.20	-3.17	-2.93	0.94	0.91
Raw white	98.00-110.00	105.34	108.04	104.75	-2.70	-2.50	0.59	0.57
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1. Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli for Maha 2020/21 is 11379 ha and about 7175 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of February 2021 achieving 63% of the targeted extent. Both the highest targeted extent (2050 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (1040 ha) were reported from Anuradhapura district. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of green chilli is 33526 Mt for this Maha season in the country with 50% of the supply from Anuradhapura (16%), Puttalam (15%), Monaragala (12%) and Jaffna (7%) districts.

Table 2.1.1 Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2020/21

Area	Target (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of February 2021		Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	2050	1040	51	5347
Anuradhapura IP*	330	220	67	1163
Puttalam	780	595	76	5037
Monaragala	1287	598	46	3996
Kurunegala	275	257	93	1398
Jaffna	600	370	62	2337
Vavuniya	395	274	69	1017
Other areas	5662	3821	67	13231
Total	11379	7175	63	33526

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2020/21, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

*IP – Inter Provincial Areas

Prices and Supply / Demand Situation

Both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.92.00/kg and Rs.65.00/kg respectively due to high supply from main producing areas. Wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about Rs.7.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.15.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about 221% and 132% respectively while the wholesale price of imported dried chili has decreased by 8%. However, retail price of imported dried chilli has increased slightly by around 1%.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli – Feb 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2021	Feb 21	Jan 21	Feb 20	Jan 21		Feb 20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-800.00	520.75	613.00	162.25	-92.25	-15.05	358.50	220.96
Dried Chilli	450.00-510.00	477.59	471.01	520.10	6.58	1.40	-42.51	-8.17
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	380.00-1200.00	791.00	856.47	341.46	-65.47	-7.64	449.54	131.65
Dried Chilli	560.00-700.00	623.15	638.57	616.91	-15.42	-2.41	6.24	1.01

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer prices of green chili (Rs/kg) February 2021

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	702.00	504.00	394	308
Hambantota	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	799.00	446.00	366	366
Puttalam	-	-	-	-
A'Pura	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big onion and Red onion

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of red onion for Maha 2020/21 is 3176 ha and about 1835 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of February 2021, achieving 58% of the targeted extent. Cultivation progress of red onion was in a satisfactory level in puttalam and Trincomalee districts. Around 839 ha have been cultivated in Jaffna district which represent 44% of the targeted extent. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of red onion is 29536 Mt for this Maha season in the country with 82% of the supply from Jaffna (45%) and Puttalam (37%) districts.

Table 2.2.1 Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2020/21

Area	Target (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of February 2021		Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Jaffna	1900	839	44	13250
Puttalam	515	525	102	10956
Trincomalee	280	275	98	3160
Other Areas	481	196	41	2170
Total	3176	1835	58	29536

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2020/21, Volume 05, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion were available at the market. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.31.00/kg and Rs.17.00/kg respectively. Both Sinnan and Vedalan red onions were available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.320.00 – 350.00 /kg for Sinnan and Rs.230.00- 520.00 /kg for Vedalan. Local red onions were not available at most of the retail markets. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.142.00/kg and Rs.161.00/kg respectively due to availability of ample stocks at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of imported red onion has increased by about 10% while the retail price of imported big onion has decreased by about 23%.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion – Feb 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2021	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2020	Jan 2021		Feb 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	320.00-350.00	330.00	-	321.72	-	-	8.28	2.57
Red Onion (Vedalan)	230.00-520.00	383.66	-	376.67	-	-	6.99	1.86
Red Onion (Imported)	210.00-520.00	337.70	479.50	326.54	-141.80	-43.42	11.16	3.42
Big Onion (imported)	75.00-180.00	110.14	79.50	140.63	30.64	21.79	-30.49	-21.68
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	-	589.00	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-650.00	537.28	698.55	489.95	-161.27	-23.09	47.33	9.66
Big Onion (imported)	110.00-240.00	144.28	127.78	187.64	16.50	12.91	-43.36	-23.11
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2020/21 is 2,451 ha and about 2,532 ha had been cultivated by the end of February exceeding the targeted extent by 103%. In February about 610 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. However, compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent by the end of February of this *maha* season was higher. According to the cultivated extent up to end of February, the expected production of potato is 41,341 mt for this *maha* season (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,081 ha and about 853 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of February (79% progress). Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at high level during this *maha* season in the district. During the month about 400 ha of potatoes were cultivated in Nuwara Eliya district (Table 2.3.1).

The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,365 ha in the Badulla district and 1,567 ha have been cultivated by the end of February exceeding the targeted extent by 115%. The cultivated extent during this season is at high level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the district. In February, about 207 ha of potatoes were cultivated in Badulla district. According to field information, more harvesting will be taken place in hilly areas of Keppetipola, Bogahakumbura, Borallanda, Ambagasdova, Uvaparagama areas of the Welimada DS division during this *maha* season and the supply will be expected till May for Welimada potato.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato up to end of February (Maha 2020/21)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2019/20*	<i>Maha</i> 2020/21	<i>Maha</i> 2019/20*	<i>Maha</i> 2020/21		
N'Eliya	1,132	1,081	725	853	79	16,116
Badulla	1,432	1,365	957	1,567	115	23,608
Sri Lanka	2,686	2,451	1,807	2,532	103	41,341

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2020/21, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

**Crop Forecast, Maha 2019/20, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of Nuwara Eliya potato and few stocks of Welimada potato were available in the Colombo Wholesale market. Monthly average wholesale price of Welimada potato was Rs.126.00/kg in the Colombo wholesale market. In February, the wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased by 2% while the retail price has decreased by 9%. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 15% and 1% respectively. During the month of February, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.110.00-145.00/kg, Rs.125.00-160.00/kg and Rs.85.00-115.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of Nuwara Eliya (7%) has decreased while the price of imported potato has not changed significantly. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased from March after the commencement of harvesting from Welimada area.

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – Feb 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2021	Feb 21	Jan 21	Feb 20	Jan 21		Feb 20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	95.00-130.00	107.90	149.85	-	-41.95	27.99	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	111.00-126.00	115.10	126.45	116.30	-11.35	-8.98	-1.20	-1.03
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	104.38	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	110.00-145.00	125.63	-	118.13	-	-	7.51	6.35
Nuwara Eliya	125.00-160.00	142.19	140	147.50	2.19	1.56	-5.31	-3.60
Imported	85.00-115.00	104.39	90.5	95.70	13.89	15.35	8.69	9.08
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-240.00	205.92	227.08	221.45	-21.16	-9.32	-15.53	-7.01
Imported	120.00-180.00	138.13	136.5	138.17	1.63	1.19	-0.04	-0.03
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		90.82	100.63	105.15	-14.33	-13.63	-14.33	-13.63
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		-51.37	-39.37	73.95	-12.00	30.48	-125.32	-169.46
Imported		-	-	42.47	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 90% of its targeted extent as at end of February in *Maha* 2020/21 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has increased by 2994 ha in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Maha* 2020/21). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 4,992 MT which is increased around 10% of the production compared to the previous year green gram production. Green gram production in Hambantota and Kurunegala districts shows a great achievement in the progress of cultivation. Around 65% of the total green gram production in the country has been produced in major three districts.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of a Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Maha	Expected Production (mt)
		<i>Maha</i>	<i>Maha</i>	<i>Maha</i>	<i>Maha</i>	2021	
		2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21		
Green gram	Hambantota	4432	1,791	5787	2,265	126.47	2,265
	Monaragala	658	986	424	652	66.13	681
	Kurunagala	467	250	326	290	116.00	292
	Other Areas	3,842	2,693	1,600	1,952	72.48	1,754
	Sri Lanka	9,399	5,720	2,165	5,159	90.19	4,992
Cowpea	Ampara	4400	3,698	536	423	11.44	556
	Monaragala	1234	2,039	862	1,046	51.30	1,046
	Anuradhapura	618	430	352	734	170.70	1,348
	Other Areas	3,473	3,213	2,044	2,297	71.49	2,422
	Sri Lanka	9,725	9,380	3,794	4,500	47.97	5,372

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast Maha 2020/21 & 2019/20, Volume 04, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It has been able to achieve 48% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 5,372 Mt in Sri Lanka. It has increased by 24% of production compared with previous year. Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2020/21 Maha season and about those districts was contribute for 55% of the total production in the country. Anuradhapura district highlighted a better performance while progress of Ampara district was 11% of its target.

Market Situation of Green gram and Cowpea

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.400/kg and Rs.1000/kg with an average of Rs.636/kg in February 2021. Whole sale price variation of the green gram was high during the February. The average price has increased by 60% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 133%. Sudden price enhancement shows in the market due to supply sortage in the market because of government banded the imports of locally produce crops. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.440/kg and Rs.1200/kg with an average of Rs.724/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has increased by around 60%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased to around 141% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Feb-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21		Feb-20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	400.00-1000.00	635.92	396.78	272.38	239.14	60.27	363.55	133.47
Cowpea (White)	-	-	-	257.38	-	-	-	-
Cowpea (Red)	440.00-580.00	495.00	471.79	271.68	23.21	4.92	223.32	82.20
Retail Price								
Green gram	440.00-1200.00	724.11	452.82	300.45	271.29	59.91	423.66	141.01
Cowpea (White)	600.00-650.00	616.67	565.00	303.00	51.67	9.15	313.67	103.52
Cowpea (Red)	520.00-660.00	600.85	569.29	305.51	31.56	5.54	295.34	96.67

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of red cowpea was recorded as Rs.495/kg in February 2021. The wholesale price of red cowpea ranged between Rs.440/kg and Rs.580/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of red cowpea has increased by around 5%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of red cowpea has been increased by 82% (Table 2.4.2). Government intervention for restrict the importation of the cowpea was the main reason to decrease supply and as a result price has been increased in the market.

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.617/kg and Rs.601/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.600/kg and Rs.650/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.520/kg and Rs.660/kg. Compared to the previous month, both white and red cowpea has been increased by around 9% and 5% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of white and red cowpea has been increased by around 104% and 97% correspondingly (Table 2.4.2).

2.5 Red dhal

Market Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.153/kg and Rs.165/kg with an average of Rs.158/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.160/kg and Rs.180/kg with an average of Rs.178/kg. Wholesale price has not significantly changed and the retail price has decreased by 3% compared with the January 2021. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices have been increased 25% and 24% respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Dhal – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Feb-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21		Feb-20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	153.00-165.00	157.66	157.17	126.08	0.49	0.31	31.59	25.05
Retail Prices	160.00-180.00	178.18	183.52	143.07	-5.34	-2.91	35.11	24.54

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

The target for the up-country vegetables was 15,579ha and 85% of the target had been achieved by the end of February. With regards to the individual crops cultivation, the progress was ranged between 71% and 98% of their targets. The highest progress was recorded for cabbage (98%), carrot (93%) and leeks (92%). The mostly cultivated up-country vegetables were, beans (4,306ha), capsicum (2,656ha), and cabbage (2,280ha). Among up-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from cabbage (56,982mt), beans (43,405mt), and carrot (34,910mt) (Crop Forecast, 2020/2021 Maha Season, Vol.05, Scio Economics and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture).

Low-country vegetable target was 36,096ha, of which, 87% had been achieved by the end of February. Ash plantain recorded the highest cultivation progress of 127% while the progress of the remaining low-country vegetables ranged between 66% (snake guard) and 91% (brinjal). The mostly cultivated low-country vegetables were brinjal (5,480ha), pumpkin (5,260ha), and long beans (5,136ha). The highest production is expected from pumpkin (59,739mt), brinjal (57,633mt), and long bean (36,966mt) (Crop Forecast, 2020/2021 Maha Season, Vol.05, Scio Economics and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Vegetable production of 2020/2021 Maha season started to arrive to the market from the second half of the month. It should be noted that vegetable supplies from Jaffna has been delayed by 3 to 4 weeks because of delayed the crop establishment due to unfavourable weather condition prevailed at the beginning of crop season. However, supplies of vegetables from most of the producing areas were in progress by the end of February.

Supplies of most of the low-country vegetables were increased during the month. Therefore, the wholesale process of most of the low-country vegetables have decreased between 5% and 55% recording the highest for cucumber and the lowest for brinjal. In contrast, the wholesale price of tomato has further increased by 99% due to low supplies. Among low-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs. 450.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.20.00/kg noted for cucumber. Although the wholesale prices of most of the low-country vegetables have decreased, it was opposite for the most of up-country vegetables. Except for beans (-34%) and knolkhol (-17%), the wholesale prices of the rest of the up-country vegetables have increased by 22%-69%. Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.250.00/kg was recorded for carrot, while the lowest price of Rs.40.00/kg was observes for cabbage.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties had decreased by 13%-53% recording the highest decrease for leeks and the lowest for pumpkin. The retail prices of most of the vegetables have decreased during the month. Prices of cucumber, bitter gourd, long beans and ash plantain decreased by 20%-23% followed by beans, ladies fingers, pumpkin, and snake gourd between 15% and 18%. The remaining vegetables recorded a price drop of less than 10%. The highest retail price of Rs.600.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs. 50.00/kg was for cucumber.

Compared to the month of February in last year, the retail prices of beans, carrot, leeks, cabbage, and tomato had decreased by 16%-34% followed by pumpkin and ash plantain as 7% and 4% respectively. The retail prices of rest of the vegetables had increased by 6%-62%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21		Feb-20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	90.00-220.00	125.25	191.00	199.20	-65.75	-34.42	-73.95	-37.12
Carrot	110.00-250.00	153.75	124.75	251.00	29.00	23.25	-97.25	-38.75
Leeks	50.00-150.00	89.00	55.00	190.25	34.00	61.82	-101.25	-53.22
Beetroot	130.00-240.00	197.61	159.63	130.09	37.98	23.79	67.53	51.91
Knolkhol	80.00-160.00	114.00	136.75	107.75	-22.75	-16.64	6.25	5.80
Radish	60.00-100.00	77.75	63.50	60.41	14.25	22.44	17.34	28.71
Cabbage	40.00-120.00	75.30	44.50	103.13	30.80	69.20	-27.83	-26.99
Tomato	110.00-240.00	188.00	94.50	257.25	93.50	98.94	-69.25	-26.92
Ladies Fingers	80.00-220.00	128.61	143.75	109.75	-15.14	-10.53	18.86	17.19
Brinjal	40.00-320.00	170.42	178.50	97.60	-8.08	-4.53	72.81	74.60
Capsicum	300.00-450.00	372.75	296.25	213.75	76.50	25.82	159.00	74.39
Pumpkin	80.00-180.00	129.52	157.00	149.00	-27.48	-17.50	-19.48	-13.07
Cucumber	20.00-100.00	38.38	86.00	35.31	-47.63	-55.38	3.07	8.69
Bittergourd	140.00-300.00	210.07	274.50	139.49	-64.43	-23.47	70.58	50.60
Snakegourd	80.00-180.00	120.25	146.25	106.00	-26.00	-17.78	14.25	13.44
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	120.00-200.00	161.00	185.50	115.00	-24.50	-13.21	46.00	40.00
Long Beans	50.00-200.00	98.00	154.75	127.75	-56.75	-36.67	-29.75	-23.29
Ash Plantain	60.00-80.00	69.45	67.75	92.50	1.70	2.52	-23.05	-24.91
Green Chilli	300.00-800.00	520.75	613.00	162.25	-92.25	-15.05	358.50	220.96
Lime	70.00-130.00	100.75	95.00	37.00	5.75	6.05	63.75	172.30

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – February 2021

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21		Feb-20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	160.00-320.00	224.46	272.00	284.59	-47.54	-17.48	-60.12	-21.13
Carrot	150.00-320.00	241.47	250.03	350.12	-8.56	-3.42	-108.65	-31.03
Leeks	100.00-240.00	192.29	185.75	289.32	6.54	3.52	-97.04	-33.54
Beetroot	160.00-400.00	284.11	282.67	216.46	1.44	0.51	67.64	31.25
Knolkhol	120.00-320.00	245.69	260.00	215.47	-14.31	-5.51	30.21	14.02
Radish	100.00-240.00	181.99	200.00	142.11	-18.01	-9.00	39.89	28.07
Cabbage	100.00-200.00	165.93	180.00	198.16	-14.07	-7.82	-32.24	-16.27
Tomato	200.00-400.00	287.70	202.00	380.51	85.70	42.43	-92.80	-24.39
Ladies Fingers	120.00-320.00	230.23	269.75	205.86	-39.52	-14.65	24.37	11.84
Brinjal	60.00-400.00	249.96	271.33	173.22	-21.37	-7.88	76.74	44.30
Capsicum	300.00-600.00	531.24	494.93	328.00	36.31	7.34	203.24	61.96
Pumpkin	120.00-280.00	221.88	270.47	239.53	-48.59	-17.97	-17.65	-7.37
Cucumber	50.00-160.00	124.52	158.82	117.37	-34.30	-21.60	7.15	6.09
Bittergourd	160.00-420.00	321.29	399.31	249.89	-78.02	-19.54	71.40	28.57
Snakegourd	120.00-320.00	226.58	276.19	190.50	-49.61	-17.96	36.08	18.94
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	180.00-320.00	273.33	290.00	216.01	-16.67	-5.75	57.31	26.53
Long Beans	80.00-320.00	211.17	268.35	211.54	-57.18	-21.31	-0.36	-0.17
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	153.79	199.87	160.37	-46.08	-23.05	-6.58	-4.10
Green Chilli	380.00-1200.00	791.00	856.47	341.46	-65.47	-7.64	449.54	131.65
Lime	120.00-400.00	312.81	387.35	147.22	-74.54	-19.24	165.60	112.48

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in January 2021, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in February 2021. Accordingly, prices of banana varieties, Ambun, Kolikuttu and Seeni had increased in the range of 1%-5% and their price ranges were noted as Rs.15.00-18.00/fruit, Rs.120.00-150.00/kg and Rs.50.00-80.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 1%, 3% and again by 1% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.89.60/fruit, Rs.130.07/fruit and Rs.162.75/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-200.00/fruit. Price of mango variety, Karthakolomban had also increased significantly by 49% and price of a Karthakolomban fruit was noted as Rs.40.00-130.00. Further, prices of wood apple, passion fruit and avocado had increased by 53%, 41% and 39% respectively. In addition, a price increase was noted for imported grapes and price had increased by 3% (Table 4.1).

However, even though the prices of banana varieties, Ambun, Kolikuttu and Seeni had increased, price decreases were noted for banana varieties, Ambul and Anamalu and prices had decreased by 1% and 2% respectively. Further, their price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.40.00-60.00/kg and Rs.12.00-14.00/fruit respectively. Price of papaw had decreased by 3% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.72.85/kg and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-120.00/kg. In addition, prices of slime apple and orange had decreased by 26% and 13% respectively (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2020, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 57% recorded for mango variety, Karthakolomban (Table 4.1).

In analysing the prices at the retail level, it was observed that the prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased at the retail level too. Accordingly, retail prices of banana varieties, Anamalu, Ambun, Ambul and Seeni had increased by less than 6%. Further, retail price ranges noted for them were Rs.16.00-22.00/fruit, Rs.20.00-28.00/fruit, Rs.80.00-140.00/kg and Rs.100.00-140.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 31%, 19% and 4% respectively and the monthly average retail prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were noted as Rs.129.47/fruit, Rs.174.70/fruit and Rs.232.18/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.90.00-260.00/fruit. Further, price of mango variety, Karthakolomban had increased by 33% and price of a Karthakolomban fruit ranged between Rs.60.00-180.00. Price of papaw had increased by 7% and the monthly average retail price was Rs.139.61/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-170.00/kg. In addition, prices of avocado, wood apple and passion fruit had increased by 37%, 11% and 3% respectively (Table 4.2).

However, though the prices of most of the banana varieties had increased, price of banana variety, Kolikuttu had decreased by 2% and the price ranged between Rs.180.00-220.00/kg. Further, prices of slime apple, orange and grapes (imported) had decreased by 18%, 10% and 4% respectively (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2020, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 36% recorded for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received a 48% price increase for papaw and 6% and 24% price decreases for banana varieties, Kolikuttu and Ambul respectively in February compared to the prices in January, 2021. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month were noted as Rs.36.00-37.00/kg, Rs.108.00-119.00/kg and Rs.45.00-48.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to February, 2020, producer prices had increased for banana varieties, Ambul by 6% and Kolikuttu by 17%, while price of papaw had decreased by 23% (Table 4.3).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21		Feb-20	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	40.00-60.00	49.38	50.00	46.04	-0.62	-1.24	3.34	7.25
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-150.00	137.29	134.17	127.42	3.12	2.33	9.87	7.75
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	67.29	63.75	57.29	3.54	5.55	10.00	17.45
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-14.00	13.44	13.75	12.13	-0.31	-2.25	1.31	10.85
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-18.00	16.17	16.08	14.92	0.09	0.56	1.25	8.40
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	140.00-200.00	162.75	161.25	204.00	1.50	0.93	-41.25	-20.22
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-150.00	130.07	126.67	163.45	3.40	2.68	-33.38	-20.42
Small (Fruit)	80.00-120.00	89.60	88.58	121.65	1.02	1.15	-32.05	-26.35
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	21.90	20.33	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-130.00	74.6	50.00	175.00	24.60	49.20	-	-57.37
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	14.00-22.00	17.50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-120.00	72.85	75.36	117.50	-2.51	-3.34	-44.65	-38.00
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-15.00	11.10	7.88	17.81	3.22	40.92	-6.71	-37.66
Woodapple (Fruit)	18.00-36.00	28.23	18.50	29.03	9.73	52.59	-0.80	-2.77
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-40.00	29.36	33.88	22.77	-4.52	-13.34	6.59	28.93
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	69.29	49.73	69.62	19.56	39.33	-0.33	-0.47
Slime Apple (Fruit)	10.00-18.00	13.25	17.80	18.98	-4.55	-25.56	-5.73	-30.18
Grapes Imported (Kg)	646.00-980.00	812.98	790.15	692.26	22.83	2.89	120.72	17.44

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb-21	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	Jan-21		Feb-20	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-140.00	110.86	105.77	104.16	5.09	4.81	6.70	6.43
Kolikuttu (Kg)	180.00-220.00	197.13	200.96	196.35	-3.83	-1.91	0.79	0.40
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-140.00	125.19	118.70	115.17	6.49	5.47	10.02	8.70
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-22.00	18.73	18.68	18.67	0.05	0.27	0.06	0.31
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-28.00	23.55	23.45	23.07	0.10	0.44	0.49	2.11
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-260.00	232.18	222.47	239.39	9.71	4.36	-7.21	-3.01
Medium (Fruit)	140.00-200.00	174.70	146.71	178.34	27.99	19.08	-3.65	-2.05
Small (Fruit)	90.00-150.00	129.47	98.63	136.23	30.84	31.27	-6.76	-4.96
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(Fruit)	60.00-180.00	111.45	83.76	-	27.69	33.06	-	-
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	70.00	-	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-170.00	139.61	130.52	193.92	9.09	6.96	-54.31	-28.01
Passionfruit (Fruit)	16.00-33.00	22.80	22.23	35.92	0.57	2.58	-13.12	-36.52
Woodapple (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	72.19	64.86	58.12	7.33	11.31	14.07	24.21
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	60.18	66.99	46.07	-6.81	-10.17	14.11	30.63
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-150.00	96.58	70.71	101.98	25.87	36.59	-5.40	-5.30
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	54.78	66.7	56.21	-11.92	-17.86	-1.43	-2.54
Grapes Imported (Kg)	900.00-1400.00	1104.90	1147.86	984.54	-42.96	-3.74	120.36	12.22

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	February 2021	Feb 21	Jan 21	Feb 20	Jan 21		Feb 20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	36.00-37.00	36.67	48.15	34.62	-11.48	-23.84	2.05	5.92
Kolikuttu	108.00-119.00	113.63	120.75	97.17	-7.12	-5.90	16.46	16.94
Papaw	45.00-48.00	47.50	32.19	61.91	15.32	47.58	-14.41	-23.27

Source ;Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the onset of the fishing season in the Southern and north western coastal belt is in progress, prices of most of the fish varieties had increased at the wholesale market in February 2021 compared to January 2021, due to COVID related market disruptions. Fishes had been supplied to the market mainly from Matara, Galle, Nigambo, Kalpitiya and Chillaw. The highest price increase of 14% was noted for balaya. Prices of salaya had increased by 11%. Prices of all the other fish varieties, except for hurulla, thora and mora had increased in the range of 5% - 6%. Of the price decreases, the highest was noted for hurulla by 10%. Further, prices of thora and mora had decreased by 6% and 3% respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased in the range of 3%-24% with the highest price decrease noted for salaya.

Prices of most of the fresh fish had increased in the range of 1%-22% at the retail level. Even though the prices of mora had decreased at the wholesale level, a notable price increase of 22% was observed at the retail level. Of the retail prices, the highest price increase was reported for mora and the lowest price increase observed for both kelawalla and shrimp (by 1%). Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all the fresh fishes except for thalapath had decreased with the highest price decrease noted for salaya by 27%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	February 2021	Feb 2021	Jan 21	Feb 20	Jan 21		Feb 20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	150.00-300.00	166.25	150.00	217.50	16.25	10.83	-51.25	-23.56
Hurulla	400.00-600.00	450.31	500.00	533.00	-49.69	-9.94	-82.69	-15.51
Balaya	250.00-450.00	323.13	282.50	353.75	40.63	14.38	-30.63	-8.66
Kelawalla	400.00-650.00	547.19	516.67	523.00	30.52	5.91	24.19	4.62
Thora	900.00-1400.00	1079.69	1150.00	1228.75	-70.31	-6.11	-149.06	-12.13
Paraw	450.00-750.00	633.75	600.00	587.50	33.75	5.63	46.25	7.87
Mora	500.00-700.00	557.50	575.00	606.25	-17.50	-3.04	-48.75	-8.04
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1000.00	901.25	850.00	927.50	51.25	6.03	-26.25	-2.83
Thalapath	750.00-900.00	732.81	700.00	801.25	32.81	4.69	-68.44	-8.54
Retail Prices								
Salaya	240.00-500.00	225.72	226.75	307.39	-1.03	-0.45	-81.67	-26.57
Hurulla	480.00-800.00	544.35	551.67	634.34	-7.32	-1.33	-89.99	-14.19
Balaya	520.00-840.00	604.96	612.00	659.87	-7.04	-1.15	-54.92	-8.32
Kelawalla	800.00-1320.00	1018.72	1004.03	983.87	14.69	1.46	34.85	3.54
Thora	1300.00-1860.00	1457.83	1516.67	1606.34	-58.84	-3.88	-148.51	-9.25
Paraw	800.00-1400.00	1139.63	1027.00	1143.57	112.63	10.97	-3.94	-0.34
Mora	600.00-1040.00	1038.75	853.33	786.89	185.42	21.73	251.86	32.01
Shrimp (small)	1000.00-1400.00	1103.48	1091.85	1194.87	11.63	1.07	-91.39	-7.65
Thalapath	1100.00-1400.00	1265.89	1240.41	1242.56	25.48	2.05	23.33	1.88

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase reported for mora (imported)(37%) followed by local mora (27%) at the wholesale level, compared to the same period of the previous year. Price increases are mainly due to the falling imports because of the COVID pandemic. However, price of balaya , sprats (imported) and salaya had decreased by 22%, 14% and 12% respectively, compared to the same period of the previous year. The main supply areas of the local varieties were Valachchenai, Mannar and Kalpitiya.

Compared to January 2021, the retail prices of 50% of the varieties had increased with the highest price increase noted for salaya (8%) followed by local sprats (6%) due to low supplies. However prices of 50% of the varieties including balaya, anguluwa, sprats (imported) and kattawa had decreased in the range of 1%-6% due to sufficient quantity available at the market. Compared the same period of last year, the current prices of most of the varieties have increased in the range of 4% to 15%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	February 2021	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2020	Jan 2021		Feb 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	800.00-1000.00	933.63	-	924.50	-	-	9.13	0.99
Sprats (imported)	440.00-580.00	442.33	-	512.81	-	-	-70.48	-13.74
Kattawa	950.00-1100.00	1129.36	-	1000.00	-	-	129.36	12.94
Kattawa (imported)	800.00-950.00	986.67	-	894.41	-	-	92.26	10.31
Thora	-	-	-	1276.67	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	1277.50	-	-	-	-
Mora	780.00-950.00	1079.31	-	849.00	-	-	230.31	27.13
Mora (imported)	740.00-900.00	1080.00	-	787.64	-	-	292.36	37.12
Balaya	440.00-550.00	388.02	-	497.75	-	-	109.73	-22.05
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	860.00-1200.00	1180.00	-	1077.00	-	-	103.00	9.56
Anguluwa (imported)	700.00-1100.00	1030.00	-	932.17	-	-	97.83	10.50
Maduwa	500.00-650.00	662.88	-	575.50	-	-	87.38	15.18
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-460.00	460.00	-	424.75	-	-	35.25	8.30
Salaya	280.00-440.00	303.93	-	345.25	-	-	-41.32	-11.97
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	682.64	698.41	701.05	-15.77	-2.26	-18.41	-2.63
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1169.14	1107.15	1192.15	62.00	5.60	-23.01	-1.93
Kattawa	1000.00-1600.00	1479.40	1490.71	1389.23	-11.32	-0.76	90.17	6.49
Thora	1400.00-2200.00	1911.31	1825.00	1840.98	86.31	4.73	70.33	3.82
Mora	900.00-1400.00	1351.79	1282.54	1173.08	69.25	5.40	178.71	15.23
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	916.17	975.48	946.76	-59.31	-6.08	-30.59	-3.23
Anguluwa	1000.00-1600.00	1305.80	1383.33	1211.35	-77.53	-5.60	94.45	7.80
Maduwa	-	-	983.33	735.57	-	-	-	-
Salaya	500.00-900.00	650.49	600.00	615.90	50.49	8.41	34.59	5.62

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 6% and 8% respectively at the wholesale level compared to the same period of the previous year. This is due to the decreased demand from industrial sector because of the COVID pandemic. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.19.5/egg and Rs.18.5/egg respectively. In line with the decreased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 8% and 12% respectively at the retail level, compared to the same period of the previous year. However, compared to January 2021, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 21% and 20% respectively. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg were Rs.21/egg and Rs.20/egg respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 2021	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2020	Jan 2021		Feb 2020	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	19.50-19.50	18.38	-	19.50	-	-	-1.13	-5.77
White (each)	18.50-18.50	17.08	-	18.50	-	-	-1.42	-7.68
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	20.00-22.00	19.10	15.81	20.65	3.29	20.78	-1.55	-7.51
White (each)	19.00-21.00	17.23	14.41	19.62	2.82	19.57	-2.39	-12.19

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to January 2021, prices of most of the meat varieties at the retail market had decreased by less than 5% due to continued low demand during COVID pandemic. The highest price decrease of 4% was noted for both beef (boneless) and pork. Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of all varieties except for curry chicken had increased with the highest price increase of 41% reported for chicken (broiler) due to COVID related market disruptions.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	February 2021	Feb 21	Jan 21	Feb 20	Jan 21		Feb 20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1100.00	1,075.00	1,125.00	997.36	-50.00	-4.44	77.64	7.78
Chicken (Broiler)	440.00-660.00	605.13	591.67	530.29	13.46	2.28	74.84	14.11
Chicken (curry)	600.00-750.00	628.32	639.58	658.42	-11.26	-1.76	-30.10	-4.57
Mutton	1800.00-2100.00	1,968.90	1,940.00	1,889.70	28.90	1.49	79.20	4.19
Pork	700.00-880.00	825.00	859.38	767.08	-34.38	-4.00	57.92	7.55

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

6. Wheat Flour and Sugar

The retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.92.00-94.00/kg and the average price was Rs.92.75/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 1% during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has not changed significantly.

With regard to the retail price of sugar for the month of February, the price ranged between Rs.113.00-115.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.113.79/kg. The average retail price for sugar has decreased nearly by 3% during the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, average retail price of sugar has increased by 5%.

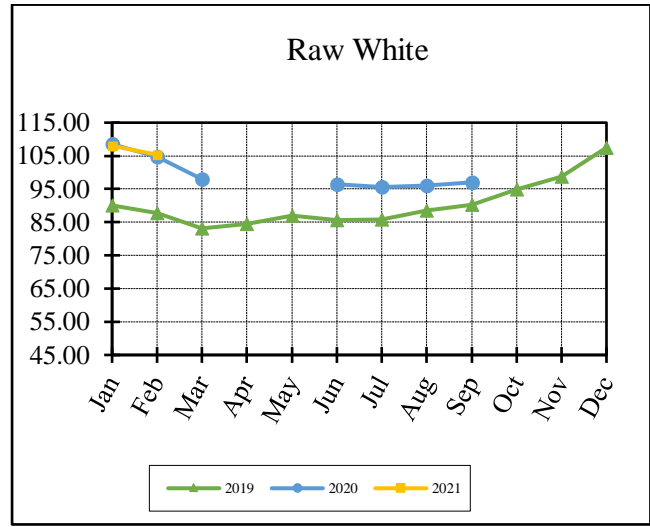
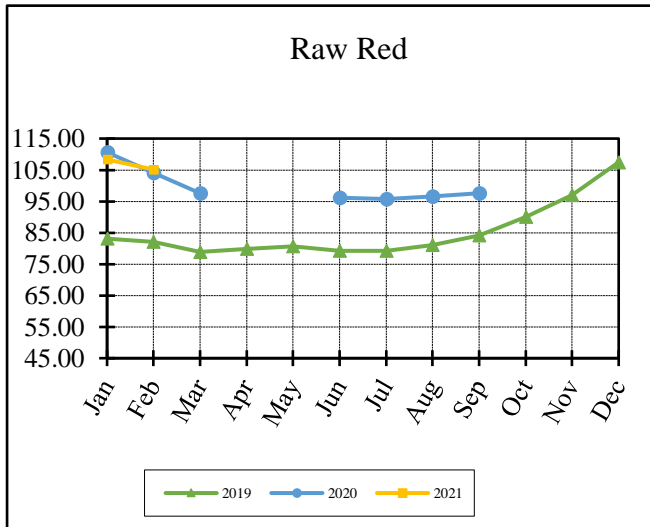
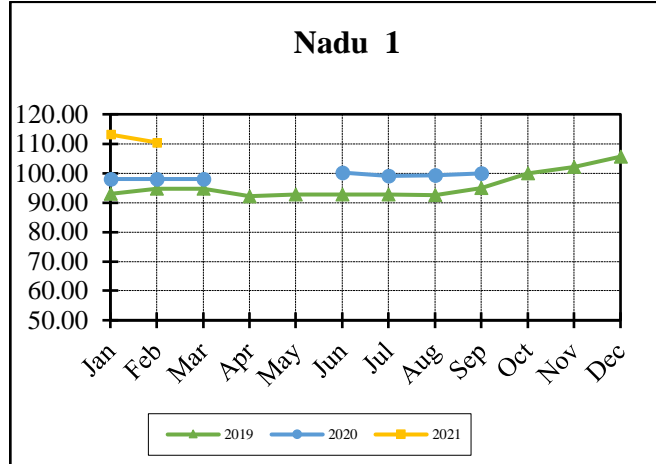
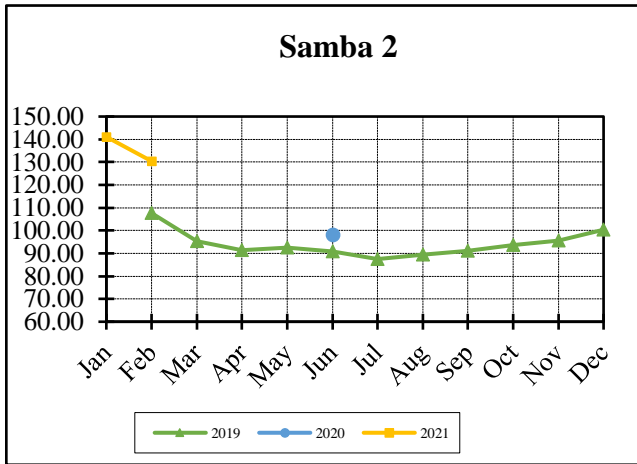
Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – February 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Feb 21	Feb 21	Jan 21	Feb 20	Jan 21		Feb 20	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	92.00-94.00	92.75	93.91	92.55	-1.16	-1.24	0.20	0.22
Sugar	113.00-115.00	113.79	116.79	108.30	-3.00	-2.57	5.49	5.07

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

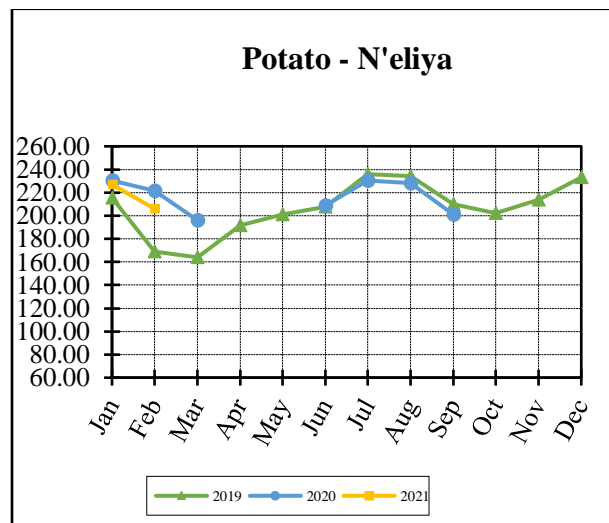
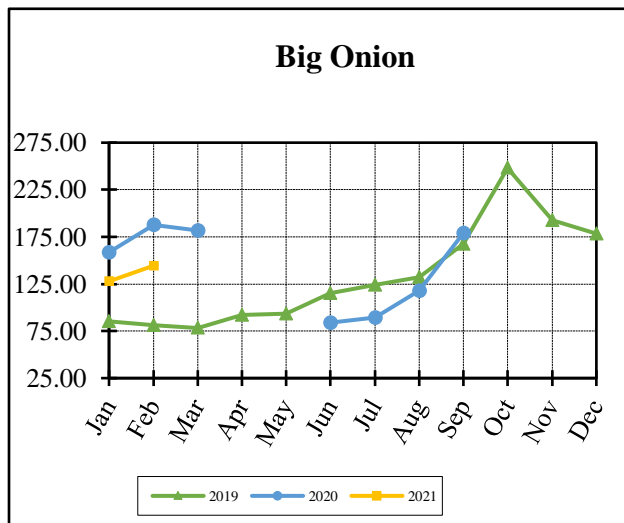
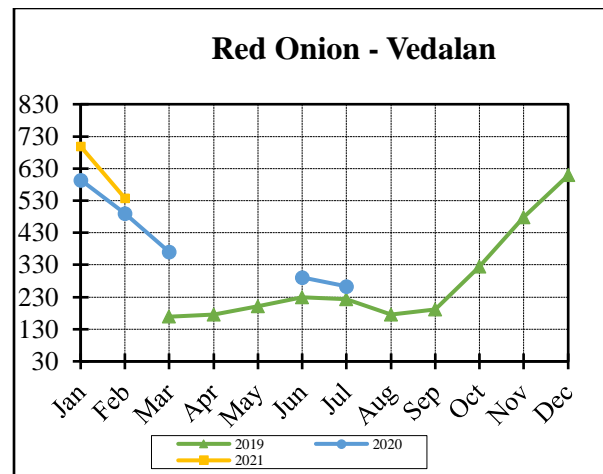
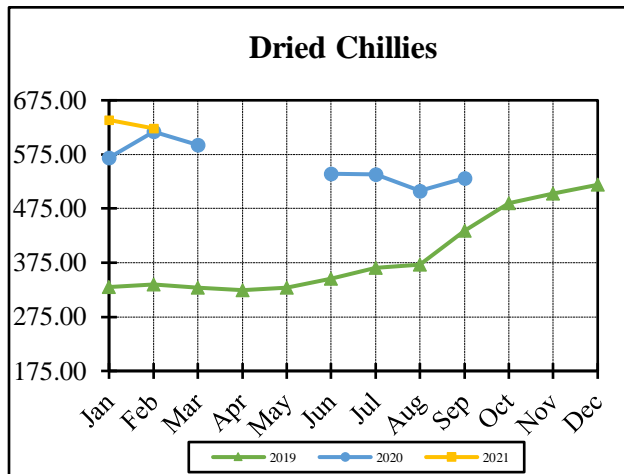
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Jan			141.10	93.00	98.00	113.10	83.12	110.60	108.31	90.02	108.50	108.03
Feb	107.65		130.44	94.64	98.00	110.43	82.07	104.20	105.14	87.74	104.75	105.33
Mar	95.23			94.63	98.00		78.87	97.55		83.14	97.98	
Apr	91.39			92.17			79.92			84.39		
May	92.62			92.83			80.74			87.00		
Jun	90.71	98.00		92.73	100.19		79.19	96.10		85.64	96.36	
Jul	87.49			92.75	98.97		79.31	95.73		85.86	95.59	
Aug	89.38			92.49	99.16		81.14	96.47		88.49	96.13	
Sep	91.08			95.00	99.85		84.14	97.54		90.23	97.08	
Oct	93.68			99.95			90.11			94.88		
Nov	95.57			102.03			96.96			98.70		
Dec	100.42			105.60			107.46			107.48		



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Jan	330.31	568.88	638.57		594.62	698.55	85.22	158.34	127.78	215.71	230.30	227.08
Feb	335.00	616.91	623.15		489.95	537.28	81.33	187.64	144.28	168.89	221.45	205.92
Mar	329.23	592.69		168.97	371.19		78.17	182.10		164.00	196.08	
Apr	324.25			175.37			91.75			191.47		
May	328.50			201.43			93.54			200.97		
Jun	345.06	539.23		229.57	291.67		114.91	83.89		207.45	208.57	
Jul	365.35	538.09		222.51	263.40		124.20	89.58		235.89	230.38	
Aug	371.46	507.84		175.95			132.13	118.02		234.10	227.97	
Sep	434.22	531.06		191.81			167.17	179.16		209.86	201.15	
Oct	484.80			325.31			248.02			202.38		
Nov	502.09			478.63			192.69			213.71		
Dec	518.89			608.84			178.67			232.91		



Appendix 03: Farmgate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg) Feb-21

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					- N'Eliya	126.00	112.40	111.20	110.80	- Welimada	77.20	75.40	72.80	62.20
- A'pura					- Badulla	130.00	125.00	102.00	100.00	- N'Eliya	76.60	77.60	68.00	67.00
- P'naruwa	56.00	47.33	47.33	49.50	- Welimada	111.20	104.20	94.80	96.00	Beetroot				
- Kalawewa	64.00	63.60	58.60	52.88	Pulses					- Hanguranketha				
- Kurunegala	52.75	47.50	54.00	53.00	Green Gram					- N'Eliya	192.00	192.00	142.20	94.00
- Dehiattakandiya					- Galgamuwa					- Dambulla	200.00	193.33	146.88	91.50
- Ampara	55.67	56.67	53.00	53.33	- Kalawewa					- Kurunegala				
Long grain					- Embilipitiya	345.00	345.00	345.00	345.00	- Welimada	193.80	186.80	165.00	83.00
(White)					- Kurunegala					Knokhol				
- A'pura					- A'pura					- Hanguranketha				
- P'naruwa	50.50	42.50	42.50	46.50	Cowpea					- N'Eliya	120.00	87.00	82.20	68.60
- Kalawewa	49.40	48.00	48.80	47.25	- A'pura					- Welimada	104.60	85.20	57.60	60.60
- Kurunegala	46.75	45.50	46.00	48.00	- Galgamuwa					Radish				
- Dehiattakandiya					- Nikaweratiya	310.00	310.00	310.00	310.00	- Hanguranketha				
- Embilipitiya					- Kalawewa				432.50	- N'Eliya	57.80	61.40	52.80	48.80
- Ampara	50.33	49.33	50.00	49.50	- Embilipitiya	363.33	363.33	363.33	363.33	- Welimada	38.00	38.00	27.60	32.00
- Matara					- Kurunegala					Cabbage				
- Hambantota					Maize					- Hanguranketha				
Long grain (Red)					- A'Pura					- N'Eliya	87.40	73.40	63.00	66.40
- Matara					- Kalawewa	62.67	69.00	69.00	63.75	- Welimada	47.80	39.80	39.80	57.80
- Hambantota					Gingelly					- Hambantota				
- Ampara	50.33	49.33	50.00	49.00	- A'Pura					- Badulla	52.00	54.00	54.00	46.00
- Embilipitiya	57.20	57.00	56.00	55.40	- Kalawewa					Tomato				
Other Food Crops					Black Gram					- Hanguranketha				
Dried Chillies					- Kalawewa	383.33	475.00	550.00	600.00	- Welimada	114.20	115.80	167.00	163.00
- A'Pura					- A'Pura					- Hambantota				
- Galgamuwa					Vegetables (Up					- Dambulla	104.00	122.00	183.50	201.00
- Kalawewa					Country)					Low Country				
Red Onion					Beans					Ladies Fingers				
- Puttalam					- Dambulla	153.00	98.00	114.00	146.50	- A'pura				
-					- Welimada	63.60	113.80	111.40	93.00	- Dambulla	140.00	117.00	134.00	127.00
Big Onion					- Badulla	105.00	96.00	128.00	122.00	- Hambantota				
- Dambulla					Carrot					- Embilipitiya	155.00	126.00	97.00	65.83
- Kalawewa					- Hanguranketha					- Matara				
- A'Pura					- N'Eliya	146.20	145.20	117.80	110.40					
- Kurunegala					- Welimada	71.40	69.20	77.00	77.00					

