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### Paddy/Rice

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### Other Field Crops

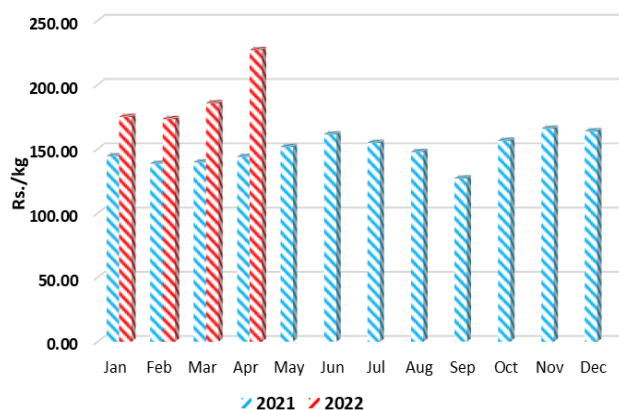
Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilies have increased by 33% and 35% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of dried chilies have increased by 168%.

Wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have increased by Rs. 56/kg and Rs. 61/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year it has increased by Rs. 119/kg and Rs.139/kg respectively.

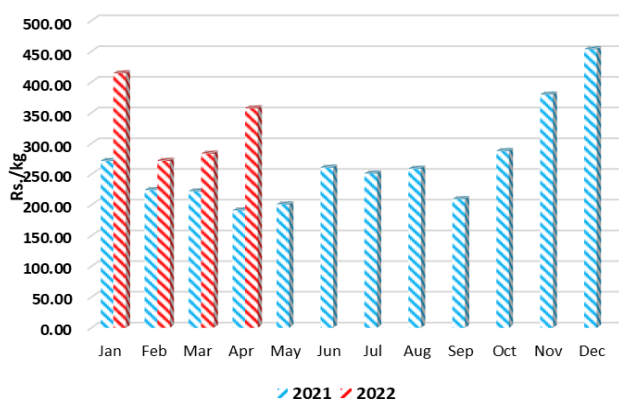
### Vegetables

Supplies of vegetables were limited in most of the retail markets as the harvesting of the *Maha* season has reached its end phase as well as the interruption of the supply chain due to the prevailing fuel shortage. Hence, retail prices of most of the vegetables have increased compared to the previous month recording the highest price increase of Rs.106/kg for capsicum.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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

##### **Outstation Markets**

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

## 1. Paddy/Rice Producer Prices

Farm gate prices of all paddy varieties surged to a record high, and the prices of short grain and long grain have increased in the range of Rs.7.00-19.00/kg in major paddy-producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of long-grain paddy had increased in the range of Rs.5.00-9.00/kg. Price increases were mainly underpinned by low production in the 2021/22 Maha crop as a result of shortage of fertilizers and agro chemicals. Farmers had limited releasing of paddy stocks to the market, which also caused price increases. Farm gate price of both long-grain white and short-grain paddy ranged from Rs.95.00-118.00/kg and Rs.95.00-125.00/kg respectively. The highest price ranges were recorded in Polonnaruwa. The price of long-grain paddy ranged between Rs.108.00-122.00/kg in Matara, Hambantota, and Embilipitiya.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the paddy varieties have shown an increasing trend in all considered producing areas. Prices of long-grain white have increased in the range of 92 % - 118% in all considered major producing areas. The prices of short-grain have increased in the range of 63% - 104% in all considered major producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of long-grain red have increased by 107% in Embilipitiya. According to field information, an upward trend in paddy prices can be expected next month due to short supply.

**Table1.1: Producer prices of paddy – April 2022**

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>								
Anuradhapura	110.00-112.00	110.70	100.46	59.20	10.24	10.19	51.50	86.99
Polonnaruwa	117.00-118.00	117.50	108.94	72.25	8.56	7.86	45.25	62.63
Kalawewa	95.00-115.00	108.99	95.50	64.53	13.49	14.12	44.46	68.90
Kurunegala	108.00-118.00	113.11	99.30	58.67	13.81	13.91	54.45	92.81
Dehiattakandiya	108.00-118.00	113.42	105.92	64.50	7.50	7.08	48.92	75.84
Nikaweratiya	110.00-117.00	114.80	95.74	56.25	19.06	19.91	58.55	104.09
Ampara	112.00-125.00	118.63	105.21	61.34	13.42	12.75	57.28	93.38
<b>Long Grain White</b>								
Anuradhapura	110.00-112.00	110.70	100.15	54.00	10.55	10.53	56.70	105.00
Polonnaruwa	117.00-118.00	117.50	108.81	60.25	8.69	7.98	57.25	95.02
Kalawewa	95.00-114.00	107.34	94.41	55.80	12.93	13.70	51.54	92.37
Kurunegala	108.00-118.00	112.99	100.77	51.92	12.22	12.13	61.07	117.63
Dehiattakandiya	108.00-117.00	113.33	105.92	57.00	7.42	7.00	56.33	98.83
Nikaweratiya	110.00-117.00	114.80	96.37	56.25	18.43	19.13	58.55	104.09
<b>Long Grain Red</b>								
Matara	108.00-120.00	114.44	105.00	54.00	9.44	8.99	60.44	111.93
Hambantota	108.00-120.00	114.08	105.08	-	9.00	8.56	-	-
Embilipitiya	100.00-122.00	111.87	107.10	54.15	4.77	4.45	57.72	106.59
<b>Keeri Samba</b>								
A'pura	120.00-127.00	122.60	113.25	-	9.35	8.26	-	-
Polonnaruwa	132.00-133.00	132.50	120.94	-	11.56	9.56	-	-
Kalawewa	120.00-130.00	125.25	110.50	-	14.75	13.35	-	-
Kurunegala	120.00-130.00	125.81	110.71	-	15.10	13.64	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	125.00-132.00	128.83	121.58	-	7.25	5.96	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Crop Situation

The prospects of the paddy crop were not high mainly due to limited availability of inputs like fertilizer, agro chemicals and fuel. Harvesting of paddy crop in the 2021/22 *Maha* season concluded in all major producing areas by releasing a low harvest to the markets. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of the 2021/22 *Maha* season was 855,359 ha. The cultivation progress up to the end of April was 806,644 ha and it is 94% of the target. The expected production based on the reported sown extent up to end of March is 2.3147 Million Mt, considering the crop damages and yield reduction due to the issues related to input supply. According to field information, a favorable weather condition prevailed and land preparation activities for the *Yala* season, 2022 are in progress in most of the major producing areas. The machinery cost for land preparation has increased significantly due to the high fuel prices and fuel shortage.

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Supply of all rice varieties was interrupted due to fuel shortage as well as decreased paddy production. The demand for rice also increased during the month due to Sinhala and Tamil new year festival season. Hence, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased in the range of 9%-28% compared to previous month. With regard to local rice varieties, the highest price increase of 20% was recorded for raw white and nadu II. Wholesale prices of samba I and II ranged between Rs.195.00-210.00/kg and Rs,190.00-205.00/kg during the month.

**Table 1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	195.00-210.00	205.17	176.64	-	28.54	16.16	-	-
Samba 2	190.00-205.00	199.16	171.35	126.80	27.81	16.23	72.36	57.07
Samba 3	230.00-260.00	242.50	223.16	-	19.35	8.67	-	-
Nadu 1	195.00-205.00	201.50	169.56	-	31.93	18.83	-	-
Nadu 2	185.00-200.00	195.66	163.50	101.25	32.16	19.67	94.41	93.24
Raw red	195.00-200.00	197.92	174.22	93.83	23.70	13.61	104.09	110.94
Raw white	190.00-210.00	201.36	168.28	98.03	33.09	19.66	103.34	105.42
Imported Samba	160.00-195.00	177.05	143.45	-	33.60	23.42	-	-
Imported Raw White	140.00-175.00	156.92	128.30	-	28.62	22.31	-	-
Imported Nadu	155.00-180.00	171.31	133.93	-	37.38	27.91	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	210.00-245.00	227.02	185.71	143.98	41.31	22.25	83.03	57.67
Samba 2	200.00-230.00	216.46	174.23	133.36	42.23	24.24	83.11	62.32
Samba 3	240.00-280.00	264.14	245.56	-	18.58	7.57	-	-
Nadu 1	200.00-230.00	216.03	178.69	118.02	37.34	20.90	98.01	83.04
Nadu 2	190.00-220.00	206.45	168.89	109.66	37.56	22.24	96.79	88.26
Raw red	200.00-240.00	221.05	181.30	104.80	39.75	21.92	116.25	110.92
Raw white	195.00-230.00	215.19	179.60	106.46	35.58	19.81	108.73	102.13
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	180.00-220.00	199.51	154.09	-	45.42	29.48	-	-
Imported Raw White	170.00-220.00	190.58	143.93	-	46.66	32.42	-	-
Imported Nadu	180.00-210.00	195.07	149.55	-	45.52	30.44	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Wholesale prices of all imported varieties also increased due to increased import costs as well as depreciation of the local currency.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all local varieties had increased recording the highest price increase of 111% for raw red.

## Retail Prices

In line with wholesale prices, retail prices of all rice varieties had increased significantly in the range of 8%-32%. Retail prices of samba I and II ranged between Rs.210.00-245.00/kg and Rs.200.00-250.00/kg during the month respectively. A shortage of rice was also observed in almost all the retail markets island-wide.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of all local varieties had increased significantly in the range of 58%-111%.

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has decreased during the month as at the end of the Maha season. Yala cultivation of green chilli commenced in some of the producing areas. Both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.86.00/kg and Rs.71.00/kg respectively due to limited supply and high demand during the festival season. Wholesale prices of green chilli ranged between Rs.180.00-550.00/kg and Rs.240.00- 800.00/kg at the retail level. Higher producer prices for green chilli were recorded from the Matale area in the range of Rs.164.50 – 502.00/kg during the month.

Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.330.00/kg and Rs.418.00/kg respectively due to increased import prices. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.1343.77/kg and Rs.1615.64/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 169%.

**Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	180.00-550.00	392.00	306.00	192.18	86.00	28.10	199.82	103.98
Dried Chilli	1250.00-1500.00	1343.77	1013.85	499.25	329.93	32.54	844.52	169.16
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	240.00-800.00	593.72	523.20	328.61	70.52	13.48	265.11	80.68
Dried Chilli	1400.00-1800.00	1615.64	1197.17	601.31	418.47	34.95	1014.32	168.68

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.2: Producer Prices of Green Chilies (Rs/kg) April 2022**

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	362.00	502.00	259.00	164.50
Embilipitiya	-	-	486.00	318.00
Puttalam	310.00	340.00	430.00	183.33
A'Pura	428.00	338.00	368.00	108.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Big onion market supplies totally comprised imports and this situation would continue until Yala harvesting begins in August. Nursery preparation of big onion has started in Matale district and Yala cultivation will commence next month. A quantity of 26,971 mt of big onion was imported in April 2022 and this quantity was higher than 7,665 mt compared to previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.96.11/kg and it has increased by Rs.10.22/kg compared to previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.56.00/kg and Rs.61.00/kg respectively due to high import prices. The wholesale price of imported big onion ranged between Rs.150.00 – 260.00/kg while at retail level it was recorded as Rs.180.00 – 270.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have increased by about 184% and 142% respectively.

The supply of local red onion from main producing areas has decreased during this month. However, the wholesale price of sinnan has decreased by about Rs,4.00/kg due to the availability of low-quality stocks in the market while the wholesale price of Vedalan has increased by about Rs.34.00/kg due to increased demand with the new year festival season. Retail prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs,19.00/kg and Rs.51.00/kg respectively due to high demand. Average retail prices for sinnan and vedalan red onions were Rs.292.77/kg and Rs.461.12/kg respectively.

**Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	150.00-220.00	178.57	182.33	203.33	-3.76	-2.06	-24.76	-12.18
Red Onion (Vedalan)	220.00-360.00	282.46	248.81	266.36	33.65	13.52	16.10	6.04
Red Onion (Imported)	250.00-350.00	284.02	209.44	267.58	74.58	35.61	16.44	6.14
Big Onion (imported)	150.00-260.00	183.52	127.58	64.55	55.94	43.85	118.97	184.31
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	260.00-320.00	292.77	274.26	293.12	18.51	6.75	-0.35	-0.12
Red Onion (Vedalan)	350.00-520.00	461.12	410.30	372.90	50.82	12.39	88.23	23.66
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-400.00	359.19	343.71	297.36	15.49	4.51	61.84	20.80
Big Onion (imported)	180.00-270.00	236.52	175.30	97.66	61.22	34.92	138.87	142.20
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

A quantity of 1,750mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 628 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.133.94/kg and it has increased by Rs. 20.41/kg compared to previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have increased by about Rs.75.00/kg and Rs.15.00/kg respectively due to increased imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onions have increased by about 24%, and 21% respectively.

**Table 2.2.2: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onion March 2022**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	April,2022	96.11	183.52	236.52	87.41	53.00
	March,2022	85.89	127.58	175.3	41.69	47.72
	April,2021	-	-	-	-	-
Red onion	April,2022	133.94	284.02	359.19	150.08	75.17
	March,2022	113.53	209.44	343.71	95.91	134.27
	April,2021	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion**

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	April 2022	March 2022	April 2022	March 2022	April 2022	March 2022
Red Onion	1749.71	2377.46	234.36	269.91	133.94	113.53
Big Onion	26970.62	19305.59	2592.20	1658.14	96.11	85.89

Source: Department of Customs

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion November 2021 to April 2022**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
April-2022	26,971	96.11	183.52	284.02	187.91
March-2022	19,306	85.89	127.58	175.30	89.41
February-2022	27,766	86.35	122.22	173.63	87.28
January-2022	20,621	87.83	157.4	203.69	115.86
December-2021	21,633	88.01	181.13	211.24	123.23
November-2021	18,013	91.07	139.81	190.57	99.50

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation

*Yala* cultivation of potatoes commenced in both Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts in April. In the Badulla district, most of the new cultivation for the *yala* season will take place in paddy fields after reaping the paddy harvest in those fields. According to field information, more than 75% of the harvesting had been completed in hilly areas of Keppetipola, Bogahakumbura, Boralanda, Ambagasdova, Uvaparaganagama areas of the Welimada DS division during the *maha* season and the supply of Welimada potato will end in the month of May .

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 10,587 mt of potato had been imported in April, which was 2,545 mt lower than that imported during the previous month. Special commodity levy on imported potatoes was Rs.30.00/kg. Average CIF price was Rs.92.00/kg in April (Table 2.3.2). In April, the average producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.189.00/kg and Rs.179.00/kg respectively. With regard to local potato, the stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the Colombo wholesale market with on-going harvesting for the *maha* season. However, due to high demand during the festival season in the country during the month, prices of all types of potatoes have increased. Wholesale and retail prices of Welimada potato have increased by 26% and 20% respectively. With regard to Nuwara Eliya potato, the wholesale and retail prices have increased by 22% and 9% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 36% and 39% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.145.00-220.00/kg, Rs.170.00-250.00/kg and Rs.135.00-180.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of imported (77%), Welimada (66%) and Nuwara Eliya (63%) potatoes have increased (Table 2.3.1). Prices of local potatoes are expected to increase from May due to end of peak harvesting season in the Badulla district.

**Table: 2.3.1: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	150.00-195.00	178.60	136.85	88.15	41.75	30.51	90.45	102.61
Nuwara Eliya	164.00-200.00	189.05	149.8	95.60	39.25	26.20	93.45	97.75
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	145.00-220.00	190.94	151.94	104.27	39.00	25.67	86.67	83.12
Nuwara Eliya	170.00-250.00	215.38	175.94	124.20	39.44	22.42	91.17	73.41
Imported	135.00-180.00	163.04	120.08	90.15	42.96	35.78	72.89	80.85
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	200.00-300.00	276.18	230.75	168.03	45.43	19.69	108.16	64.37
Nuwara Eliya	280.00-360.00	319.03	294.04	195.46	24.99	8.50	123.57	63.22
Imported	180.00-260.00	217.61	156.06	122.92	61.55	39.44	94.69	77.03
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada		97.58	93.90	79.88	3.68	3.92	17.71	22.17
Nuwara Eliya		129.98	144.24	99.86	-14.26	-9.89	30.12	30.16
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada		85.25	78.82	63.75	6.43	8.16	21.49	33.71
Nuwara Eliya		103.65	118.10	71.26	-14.45	-12.23	32.39	45.46
Imported		54.57	35.99	32.77	18.58	51.63	21.80	66.52

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes -November 2021 to April 2022**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April-2022	10,587	980.12	92.58	217.61	125.03
March-2022	13,132	917.12	69.84	156.06	86.22
February-2022	19,644	1181.69	60.16	166.35	106.19
January-2022	15,834	1062.32	67.09	199.33	132.23
December-2021	14,214	1035.91	72.88	186.66	113.78
November-2021	7,860	514.37	65.45	175.11	109.66

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI



## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of green gram and cowpea increased further by 7% and 3% respectively compared to the previous month due to decreased supplies. Limited stocks of green gram and cowpea (white and red) were available at the retail level and prices have increased by 44%, 6%, and 14% respectively.

**Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	760.00-950.00	844.43	792.88	808.48	51.55	6.50	35.95	4.45
Cowpea (White)	530.00-650.00	593.25	577.92	589.48	15.33	2.65	3.77	0.64
Cowpea (Red)	475.00-575.00	518.30	501.38	589.01	16.93	3.38	-70.70	-12.00
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green gram	850.00-1300.00	1142.70	792.38	911.03	350.32	44.21	231.67	25.43
Cowpea (White)	600.00-900.00	767.98	725.08	768.29	42.90	5.92	-0.31	-0.04
Cowpea (Red)	550.00-800.00	709.09	623.56	758.92	85.53	13.72	-49.83	-6.57

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 2.5 Red dhal Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.440/kg and Rs.470/kg with an average of Rs.457/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.460/kg and Rs.540/kg with an average of Rs.504/kg. Compared to last year, wholesale and retail prices have increased by 165% and 170% respectively.

**Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – April 2022**

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>	440.00-470.00	457.05	358.93	172.36	98.13	27.34	284.69	165.17
<b>Retail Price</b>	460.00-540.00	503.74	380.69	186.57	123.05	32.32	317.17	170.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 3. Vegetables Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of vegetables were limited in most of the markets as the harvesting of the *Maha* season has reached its end phase. Prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased due to low supply with the fuel crisis and seasonal demand for Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival. Therefore, prices of most of the vegetables have slightly increased during the month recording the highest price increase for radish. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all up-

country and low-country varieties have increased in the range of 11%-53%. The off-season for vegetables will start next month, therefore, prices are expected to increase.

Cultivation activities of 2021/22 Maha season has closed and harvesting activities further continued. Compared to the same period of last year, the vegetable market experienced low supplies mainly due to shortage of chemical fertilizers at production and high fuel prices at harvesting time. Further, demand for vegetable has increased due to Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival season. However, the vegetable prices of most of the upcountry vegetables dipped slightly soon after the festival season. Overall, the prices of most of vegetable varieties have increased during the month. With regard to wholesale prices of up country vegetables, prices of all vegetable varieties except for carrot, cabbage and tomato have increased in the range of 9%-63%. However, the wholesale prices of carrot, and tomato have decreased by 42% and 39% respectively due to regular supply. Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.258.50/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.64.58/kg was noted for cabbage. Compared to March, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased by 3%-63%. The highest price of Rs.295.50/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs. 44.00/kg was noted for cucumber.

**Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-460.00	258.50	191.25	121.50	67.25	35.16	137.00	112.76
Carrot	80.00-180.00	126.25	216.25	135.00	-90.00	-41.62	-8.75	-6.48
Leeks	60.00-160.00	100.00	78.75	64.25	21.25	26.98	35.75	55.64
Beetroot	80.00-190.00	139.91	127.61	77.80	12.29	9.63	62.10	79.83
Knolkhol	70.00-140.00	103.25	90.73	55.75	12.52	13.80	47.50	85.20
Radish	60.00-110.00	77.75	47.75	35.63	30.00	62.83	42.13	118.25
Cabbage	40.00-90.00	64.58	67.00	100.67	-2.42	-3.61	-36.08	-35.84
Tomato	70.00-280.00	131.25	213.80	83.25	-82.55	-38.61	48.00	57.66
Ladies Fingers	50.00-120.00	74.25	46.75	66.88	27.50	58.82	7.38	11.03
Brinjal	130.00-250.00	200.00	143.00	158.00	57.00	39.86	42.00	26.58
Capsicum	150.00-450.00	295.50	239.00	225.00	56.50	23.64	70.50	31.33
Pumpkin	40.00-80.00	56.39	108.00	57.88	-51.61	-47.79	-1.49	-2.57
Cucumber	20.00-80.00	43.75	46.88	34.00	-3.13	-6.67	9.75	28.68
Bittergourd	80.00-220.00	170.25	214.50	114.00	-44.25	-20.63	56.25	49.34
Snakegourd	120.00-240.00	154.00	129.25	85.25	24.75	19.15	68.75	80.65
Drumstick	180.00-400.00	286.00	267.00	196.64	19.00	7.12	89.36	45.45
Luffa	100.00-180.00	130.05	138.32	71.63	-8.27	-5.98	58.42	81.56
Long Beans	80.00-150.00	111.75	108.00	61.68	3.75	3.47	50.07	81.17
Ash Plantain	40.00-70.00	52.00	57.00	47.88	-5.00	-8.77	4.13	8.62
Green Chillies	180.00-550.00	392.00	306.00	192.18	86.00	28.10	199.82	103.98
Lime	150.00-600.00	392.75	98.25	85.21	294.50	299.75	307.54	360.90

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Wholesale prices of low country vegetable also have increased by 4%-59% recording the highest for ladies fingers. Nevertheless, the wholesale prices of pumpkin, bitter gourd, cucumber, luffa, and ash plantain have decreased by 48%, 21%, 7%, 6% and 9% respectively. In addition, the wholesale price of lime has also increased by 300% and the price ranged 150.00- 600.00/kg,

averaging to Rs.393.00/kg. According to seasonal price index for lime, generally the price is expected to increase from March to May of a year. However, the price increase for lime this year was sharp than that of previous years due to the reduction of anticipated production due to prevailing dry weather condition. Meanwhile, price of green chillies has increased by 28%. Compared to the same period of last year, it is a 104% price increment in green chillies.

The behavior of retail prices for most of the vegetables was largely similar in the wholesale market. With regard to up country vegetables, the prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased by 4%-26%. The highest retail price of Rs.649.00/kg was noticed for drumsticks and lowest of Rs.125.00/kg was reported for radish. Vegetable prices are expected to increase further, from next month due to off season. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties had increased by 9%-118%.

**Table 3.2: Retail prices of Vegetables – April 2022**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	180.00-600.00	357.53	283.72	191.33	73.80	26.01	166.20	86.87
Carrot	100.00-360.00	232.51	298.82	207.35	-66.31	-22.19	25.16	12.14
Leeks	100.00-280.00	195.57	178.03	142.03	17.55	9.86	53.54	37.70
Beetroot	120.00-320.00	223.80	214.30	143.46	9.49	4.43	80.34	56.00
Knolkhol	120.00-280.00	207.35	210.24	149.77	-2.89	-1.37	57.59	38.45
Radish	100.00-240.00	167.17	139.69	121.45	27.48	19.67	45.72	37.64
Cabbage	80.00-240.00	165.44	171.00	163.81	-5.56	-3.25	1.63	0.99
Tomato	100.00-400.00	236.56	315.64	144.06	-79.07	-25.05	92.50	64.21
Ladies Fingers	80.00-280.00	177.92	157.67	144.85	20.25	12.84	33.07	22.83
Brinjal	180.00-400.00	304.13	229.84	209.63	74.29	32.32	94.50	45.08
Capsicum	240.00-800.00	487.00	380.58	309.63	106.42	27.96	177.37	57.28
Pumpkin	80.00-200.00	141.83	196.22	120.67	-54.39	-27.72	21.16	17.54
Cucumber	50.00-160.00	125.33	125.44	104.30	-0.11	-0.09	21.03	20.16
Bittergourd	160.00-400.00	297.53	331.46	218.99	-33.93	-10.24	78.54	35.87
Snakegourd	160.00-320.00	245.19	247.83	149.95	-2.64	-1.07	95.24	63.52
Drumstick	350.00-800.00	648.79	624.33	480.98	24.47	3.92	167.81	34.89
Luffa	120.00-360.00	248.47	269.06	170.60	-20.60	-7.65	77.86	45.64
Long Beans	100.00-320.00	219.28	210.05	137.76	9.23	4.39	81.51	59.17
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	137.67	139.02	123.25	-1.35	-0.97	14.42	11.70
Green Chilli	240.00-800.00	593.72	523.20	328.61	70.52	13.48	265.11	80.68
Lime	200.00-1000.00	601.31	270.43	222.38	330.88	122.35	378.93	170.40

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 4. Fruits

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In April, the wholesale prices of most of the fruits increased with the highest price increase of 60% for *ambul* (banana). Wholesale prices of all varieties of banana had increased in the range of 7% -60% owing to increased demand in the festive season. Considering the mango varieties, the prices of *betti*, *Karthakolomban* and *kohu* have increased by 40%, 11% and 5% respectively while

the price of *vilad* has decreased by 10%. The price of papaw has decreased by 28% with the commencement of major harvesting season.

Prices of all sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 18%-28% due to increased supply from the Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.358.00/fruit (large), Rs.266.00/fruit (medium), and Rs.187.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively.

Considering other types of fruit varieties, prices of passionfruit, wood apple, orange, avocado, and slim apple have increased at the rate of 17%-56% due to limited supplies. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 207% reported for *vilad* (mango) (Table 4.1).

**Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-120.00	87.88	55.00	74.72	32.88	59.77	13.16	17.61
Kolikuttu (Kg)	160.00-300.00	224.46	169.73	194.11	54.73	32.25	30.35	15.63
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-110.00	84.17	64.25	78.28	19.92	31.00	5.89	7.52
Anamalu (Fruit)	11.00-18.00	13.70	12.49	13.42	1.21	9.69	0.28	2.08
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-22.00	16.70	15.65	16.84	1.05	6.71	-0.14	-0.86
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	230.00-480.00	358.13	438.33	192.33	-80.21	-18.30	165.80	86.21
Medium (Fruit)	180.00-350.00	265.57	345.77	158.00	-80.20	-23.19	107.57	68.08
Small (Fruit)	100.00-260.00	186.67	259.75	117.38	-73.08	-28.14	69.29	59.03
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	20.00-48.00	34.08	24.36	36.58	9.73	39.94	-2.50	-6.83
Karthakolomban(fruit)	70.00-160.00	114.37	102.61	102.45	11.76	11.46	11.92	11.64
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-63.00	46.55	51.56	15.14	-5.00	-9.71	31.41	207.43
Kohu (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	18.63	17.71	-	0.92	5.22	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-160.00	120.92	168.47	99.22	-47.56	-28.23	21.70	21.87
Passionfruit (Fruit)	32.00-50.00	39.45	32.71	14.28	6.74	20.61	25.17	176.18
Woodapple (Fruit)	28.00-48.00	38.87	24.92	48.51	13.95	55.99	-9.65	-19.88
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-42.00	33.62	29.16	30.83	4.46	15.28	2.78	9.03
Avocado (Fruit)	75.00-150.00	110.38	93.40	50.36	16.97	18.17	60.01	119.16
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	27.23	23.27	23.98	3.96	17.03	3.25	13.56
Grapes Imported (Kg)	900.00-1500.00	1166.15	1286.99	780.84	-120.84	-9.39	385.31	49.35

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the wholesale market, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased compared to last month. Accordingly, prices of all varieties of banana have increased in the range of 11%-21% due to increased demand in the festive season.

Retail prices of all sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 15-18% due to decreased wholesale prices and the prices ranged Rs.150.00-500.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. The price of papaw has decreased by 26% due to increased supply and further price decreases could be expected next month too.

Retail prices of other types of fruits such as passionfruit, wood apple, orange, avocado, and slim apple have increased at the rate of 9%-28% due to limited availability at retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 65% reported for pineapple (medium size) (Table 4.2).

**Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	100.00-160.00	133.18	110.03	128.69	23.15	21.04	4.49	3.49
Kolikuttu (Kg)	200.00-350.00	276.45	231.84	261.54	44.61	19.24	14.91	5.70
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-160.00	140.36	121.00	135.19	19.36	16.00	5.17	3.83
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-25.00	20.49	18.40	19.65	2.09	11.34	0.84	4.29
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-31.00	25.54	23.07	24.43	2.47	10.70	1.12	4.57
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	280.00-500.00	391.72	479.68	250.22	-87.96	-18.34	141.50	56.55
Medium (Fruit)	240.00-400.00	313.64	368.25	190.23	-54.61	-14.83	123.41	64.88
Small (Fruit)	150.00-330.00	237.47	285.20	145.01	-47.73	-16.74	92.46	63.76
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	80.00-200.00	131.08	120.03	129.88	11.05	9.21	1.20	0.93
Vilad (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	57.35	62.41	45.00	-5.05	-8.10	12.35	27.45
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	140.00-280.00	197.58	266.19	176.87	-68.62	-25.78	20.70	11.71
Passionfruit (Fruit)	38.00-58.00	48.11	42.17	26.69	5.94	14.09	21.42	80.27
Woodapple (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	68.52	53.539	116.91	14.98	27.99	-48.39	-41.39
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	65.12	59.7999	54.52	5.32	8.90	10.60	19.45
Avocado (Fruit)	80.00-250.00	151.43	115.173	92.79	36.26	31.48	58.64	63.19
Slime Apple (Fruit)	35.00-100.00	66.04	60.2288	58.55	5.81	9.65	7.49	12.79
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1500.00-2000.00	1665.81	1569.88	1097.42	95.93	6.11	568.39	51.79

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	35.00-83.33	55.64	34.75	43.12	20.89	60.12	12.52	29.04
Kolikuttu	98.00-194.00	151.58	122.53	165.17	29.05	23.71	-13.59	-8.23
Papaw	44.00-73.33	55.61	96.94	63.70	-41.33	-42.63	-8.09	-12.70

### Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, papaw was the widely exported type of fruit of SL amounting 1333.94 mt. (Table 4.3). Meanwhile the imported quantity of fruits has reduced significantly due to import restrictions.

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – February - April,2022**

Type of Fruit	April - 2022			March - 2022			Feb- 2022		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Papaw	1333.94	155.04	116.23	1269.32	111.03	87.47	979.24	72.57	74.11
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	16.28	10.88	667.96	12.81	9.78	763.38	45.68	13.79	301.95
Fresh Avocado	2.83	2.21	780.49	1.60	1.58	985.30	1.73	1.52	877.81
Pineapple, fresh	80.93	44.98	555.73	54.04	22.76	421.25	46.80	14.27	304.86

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – February – April, 2022**

Type of Fruit	April - 2022			Mar- 2022			Feb - 2022		
	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	721.37	265.98	368.72	1572.47	458.18	291.38	750.75	176.19	234.69
Grapes	57.81	42.68	738.25	814.55	403.01	494.77	471.96	204.13	432.51
Oranges	392.82	86.82	221.03	473.19	79.83	168.71	525.24	79.64	151.63

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Due to the unrest situation prevailed both supply and demand for fresh fish was affected despite the Sinhala - Tamil New year festival season. Moreover, rising fuel price, fuel shortages, cooking gas shortage and lengthy power outages aggravated the issue further. As a result, both domestic as well as industrial demand gradually dropped during the month, creating a slight dip in prices in all fresh fish varieties, compared to March, 2022. However, average prices of all fresh fish varieties remained high due to increased cost of production.

Fishes had been supplied to the market mainly from Negombo, Kalpitiya, Chillaw, Matara and Galle. Supplies of deep-sea fish varieties such as thalpath and paraw had gradually dropped due to fuel shortage. Of all fresh fish varieties, prices of balaya had fallen by the highest margin, by 12% during the month. Next, prices of thalpath had decreased by 7% compared to last month. Prices of all other fish varieties had decreased in the range of 2 - 6%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 15%-56% due to fuel price hike. The highest price increase was noted for salaya as 56%.

In line with the wholesale price movement of fish, prices of thora, paraw and shrimp (small) had dropped by less than 6% at retail level. However, prices of salaya and kelawalla had slightly increased by 6% and 5% respectively, due to high domestic demand during the festival season. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of fresh fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase noted for balaya as 53%.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	150.00-350.00	253.13	263.71	162.63	-10.58	-4.01	90.49	55.64
Hurulla	380.00-750.00	583.21	615.83	503.38	-32.62	-5.30	79.84	15.86
Balaya	360.00-750.00	544.69	621.88	487.41	-77.19	-12.41	57.28	11.75
Kelawalla	750.00-1100.00	876.50	897.71	804.29	-21.21	-2.36	72.21	8.98
Thora	1000.00-2100.00	1551.47	1638.99	1084.20	-87.52	-5.34	467.27	43.10
Paraw	650.00-1200.00	837.85	890.61	691.96	-52.75	-5.92	145.89	21.08
Mora	-	-	875.00	587.00	-	-	-	-
Shrimp (small)	980.00-1450.00	1182.41	1244.90	1122.92	-62.49	-5.02	59.49	5.30
Thalpath	1000.00-1450.00	1253.44	1347.75	891.25	-94.31	-7.00	362.19	40.64
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	280.00-480.00	376.37	356.20	262.40	20.17	5.66	113.97	43.43
Hurulla	560.00-920.00	751.17	749.28	604.85	1.89	0.25	146.31	24.19
Balaya	900.00-1360.00	1135.80	1132.58	742.37	3.22	0.28	393.43	53.00
Kelawalla	1300.00-2000.00	1631.32	1555.51	1143.28	75.81	4.87	488.04	42.69
Thora	1800.00-2800.00	2088.59	2143.88	1563.13	-55.29	-2.58	525.46	33.62
Paraw	1200.00-1900.00	1557.27	1620.48	1213.26	-63.21	-3.90	344.02	28.35
Mora	-	-	1277.14	816.67	-	-	-	-
Shrimp (small)	1080.00-1540.00	1293.39	1362.38	1267.07	-68.99	-5.06	26.31	2.08
Thalpath	1700.00-2200.00	1888.42	1889.74	1321.26	-1.32	-0.07	567.16	42.93

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As a result of the depreciation of Sri Lankan rupee against the USD, prices of most of the imported dried fish varieties had increased. Further, prices of some local dried fish varieties also increased due to the increasing cost of production because of the fuel price hike.

Prices of most of the imported dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 20-40%, compared to last month, in the wholesale market. The highest price hike was reported for kattawa (imported) as 40%. The prices of sprats (imported) and anguluwa (imported) had increased by 30% and 26% respectively. Among the domestically produce fish varieties, the highest price increase was reported for sprats as 20%. The only dried fish variety which recorded a price drop was salaya as 20%.

Except for salaya, the retail price movement also followed the wholesale price movement by showing a price rise for all fish varieties. The highest price increase was reported for sprats (imported) as 30% followed by kattawa as 27% and anguluwa as 20%. Prices of remaining dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 9%-13%, except for salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had considerably increased with the highest price increase noted for sprats (imported) as 100%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b>								
Sprats	1180.00-1420.00	1296.53	1065.96	1006.25	230.57	21.63	290.28	28.85
Sprats (imported)	850.00-1350.00	1111.47	856.48	470.47	255.00	29.77	641.00	136.25
Kattawa	1350.00-1400.00	1375.00	1366.67	1199.69	8.33	0.61	175.31	14.61
Kattawa (imported)	1650.00-1800.00	1731.67	1234.17		497.50	40.31		
Thora	-	-	-	1377.50	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1400.00-1650.00	1553.29	1437.62	1221.89	115.67	8.05	331.40	27.12
Mora (imported)	1600.00-1620.00	1610.00	1340.42	-	269.58	20.11	-	-
Balaya	740.00-940.00	836.94	790.31	605.38	46.63	5.90	231.56	38.25
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	1520.00-1520.00	1520.00	1407.92	1160.97	112.08	7.96	359.03	30.92
Anguluwa (imported)	1350.00-1740.00	1512.92	1202.08	-	310.83	25.86	-	-
Maduwa	760.00-1200.00	995.92	932.05	718.57	63.87	6.85	277.35	38.60
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	320.00-680.00	496.70	626.37	286.25	-129.67	-20.70	210.45	73.52
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>								
Sprats(imported)	1100.00-1600.00	1344.87	1032.47	672.58	312.39	30.26	672.28	99.96
Sprats	1300.00-1900.00	1588.58	1411.45	1200.09	177.14	12.55	388.49	32.37
Kattawa	1800.00-2800.00	2233.42	1757.18	1502.19	476.23	27.10	731.23	48.68
Thora	3000.00-3400.00	3250.00	3000.00	1838.72	-	-	1411.28	76.75
Mora	1600.00-2400.00	1921.28	1712.44	1435.65	208.84	12.20	485.62	33.83
Balaya	900.00-1800.00	1274.29	1130.64	986.06	143.65	12.71	288.24	29.23
Anguluwa	1600.00-2700.00	1931.07	1608.46	1390.01	322.61	20.06	541.06	38.92
Maduwa	1250.00-1600.00	1426.79	1305.36	1184.38	121.43	9.30	242.41	20.47
Salaya	700.00-1200.00	930.94	845.72	567.86	85.22	10.08	363.08	63.94

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had further dropped by 9% and 10% respectively at the wholesale level compared to March 2022, due to decreased demand with the imposition of island wide curfew. The monthly wholesale price of brown and white eggs was in the range of 23.50 - 30.00/ egg and 21.50 - 29.00/egg. In line with the wholesale price behavior, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 10% at retail level. The monthly retail prices of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.24.00 - 32.00/egg and Rs.23.00 - 30.00/egg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of an egg had increased by more than 75%.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	23.50-30.00	26.94	29.75	14.44	-2.81	-9.43	12.51	86.62
White (each)	21.50-29.00	25.02	27.75	13.69	-2.73	-9.83	11.34	82.82
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	24.00-32.00	27.34	30.34	15.54	-2.99	-9.87	11.80	75.97
White (each)	23.00-30.00	26.04	29.05	14.26	-3.01	-10.37	11.78	82.62

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI



## Meat

Prices of all meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market, compared to last month due to increasing feed prices. The highest price increase was noted for chicken (broiler) as 7%. Prices of all other meat varieties had increased by around 2-3%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all meat varieties had increased with the highest being reported for beef (without bones) as 50%.

**Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	1500.00-1800.00	1,599.29	1,561.61	1063.69	37.68	2.41	535.60	50.35
Chicken (Broiler)	880.00-1030.00	946.99	880.58	710.21	66.40	7.54	236.78	33.34
Chicken (curry)	650.00-980.00	833.14	810.97	636.45	22.17	2.73	196.68	30.90
Mutton	2000.00-2400.00	2,203.82	2,152.08	2011.11	51.74	2.40	192.71	9.58
Pork	850.00-1100.00	934.17	907.92	828.33	26.25	2.89	105.83	12.78

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 48,401mt worth of 5,885mn wheat grain had been imported from India during the month of April. The average CIF price was Rs.122.00/kg. Compared to last month average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by Rs.37.00/kg.

A total quantity of 10,267mt of wheat flour worth of 1500mn had been imported mainly from India, Bangladesh and Turkey during the month of April. Compared to last month, average CIF price for wheat flour has increased by Rs.45.00/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.187.31-249.47/kg and the average price was Rs.223.92/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by Rs.52.80/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 142%.

**Table 6.1: Open market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – April 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	April. 2022	April 2022	Mar 2022	April 2021	Mar 2022		April 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	187.31-249.47	223.92	171.12	92.67	52.80	30.86	131.25	141.63
Sugar	231.00-233.92	232.71	171.98	115.61	60.73	35.31	117.10	101.29

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- November 2021 to April 2022**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
April-2022	10,266.76	1500.43	146.14	223.92	77.78
March-2022	11,342.43	1141.17	100.61	171.12	70.51
February-2022	16,650.61	1414.60	84.96	156.78	71.82
January-2022	4,745.62	402.65	84.85	151.98	67.13
December-2021	1,423.51	128.13	90.01	135.92	45.91
November-2021	687.35	57.72	83.98	122.28	38.3
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
April-2022	48,401.47	5,884.73	121.58	223.92	102.34
March-2022	65,667.08	5,608.86	85.41	171.12	85.71
February-2022	39,463.99	2,911.81	73.78	156.78	83.00
January-2022	102,642.01	7,284.37	70.97	151.98	81.01
December-2021	79,671.56	5,594.25	70.21	135.92	65.71
November-2021	73,643.36	5,203.96	70.66	122.28	51.62

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

### Sugar

A total quantity of 24,003mt worth of 4,199mn of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of April. Compared to last month, this month's quantity has decreased by around 8,080mt. Sugar for the month of April had been mainly imported from India, Thailand and U.A.E and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.174.93/kg. Compared to last month, average CIF price for sugar has increased by Rs.39.00/kg.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of April, the average retail price was Rs.232.71/kg. Compared to last month the average retail price of sugar has increased by Rs 60.73/kg.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- November 2021 to April 2022**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
April-2022	24,002.70	4198.71	174.93	232.71	57.78
March-2022	32,083.01	4362.05	135.96	171.98	36.02
February-2022	19,278.02	2156.21	111.85	149.18	37.33
January-2022	39,109.12	4395.20	112.38	147.45	35.07
December-2021	59,427.97	6446.45	108.48	143.45	34.97
November-2021	55,343.22	5940.44	107.34	151.01	43.67

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

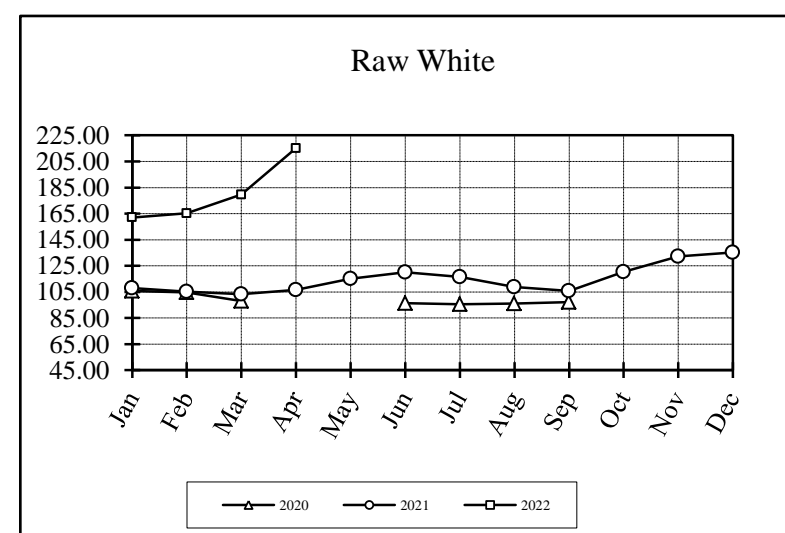
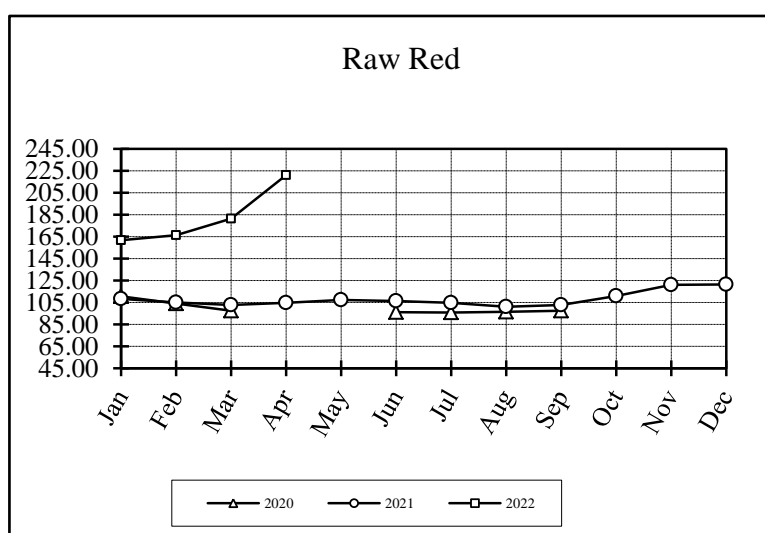
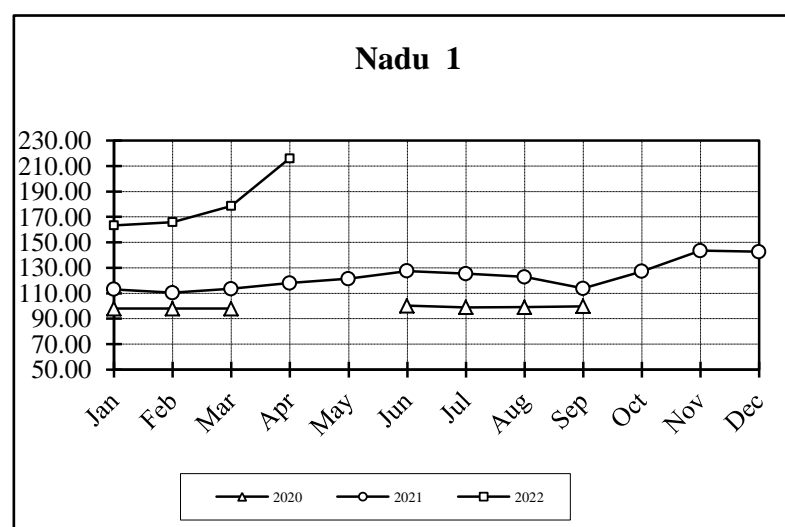
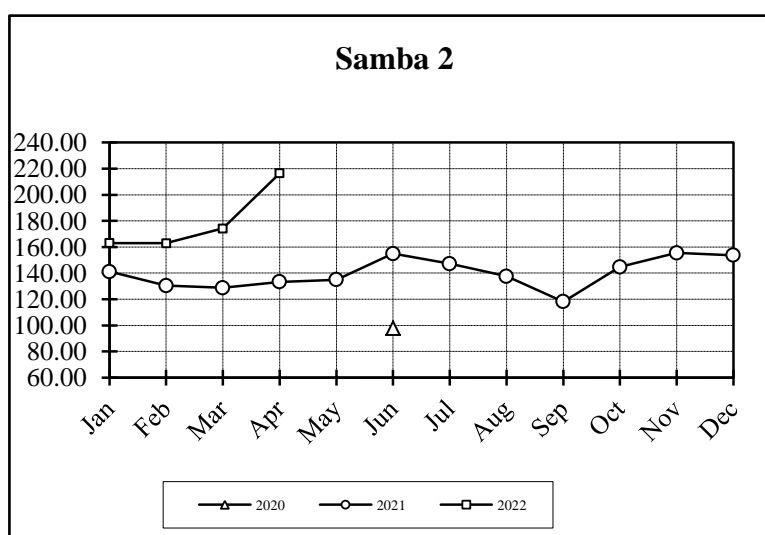
**Table 7: Import of selected food items – April 2022**

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	April 2022	March 2022		April 2022	Mar. 2022		April 2022	Mar. 2022	
Rice	54021.2	70218.9	(30)	7283.0	7326.8	(1)	134.8	104.3	23
Red Onion	1749.7	2377.5	(36)	234.4	269.9	(15)	133.9	113.5	15
Big Onion	26970.6	19305.6	28	2592.2	1658.1	36	96.1	85.9	11
Potato	10587.1	13131.8	(24)	980.1	917.1	6	92.6	69.8	25
Maysoor Dhal	10239.8	9126.9	11	3079.2	2005.2	35	300.7	219.7	27
Garlic	4576.2	3477.5	24	1549.2	963.1	38	338.5	276.9	18
Wheat flour	10266.8	11342.4	(10)	1500.4	1141.2	24	146.1	100.6	31
Wheat grain	48401.5	65667.1	(36)	5884.7	5608.9	5	121.6	85.4	30
Sugar & sugar confectionery	24002.7	32083.0	(34)	4198.7	4362.0	(4)	174.9	136.0	22
Maize (Other)	3919.2	4376.6	(12)	457.2	389.1	15	116.6	88.9	24

*Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs, HARTI*

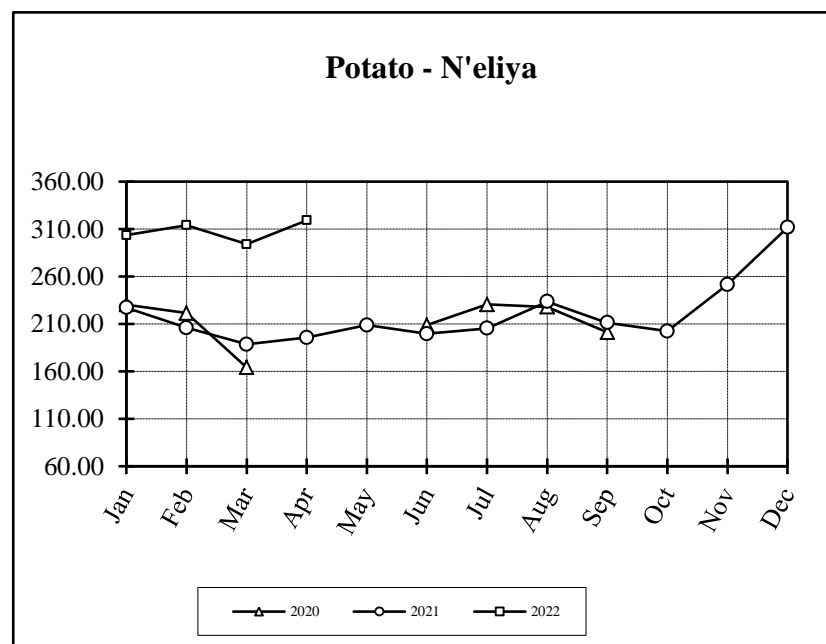
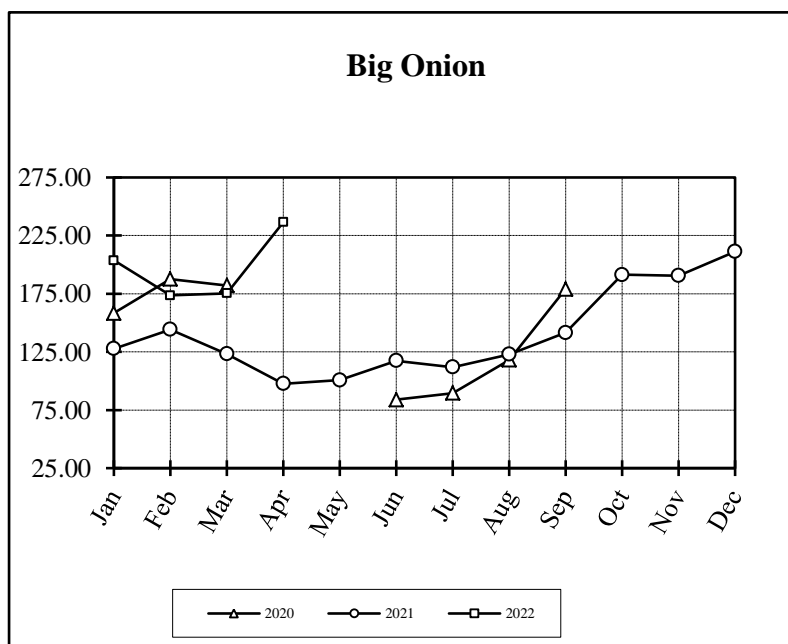
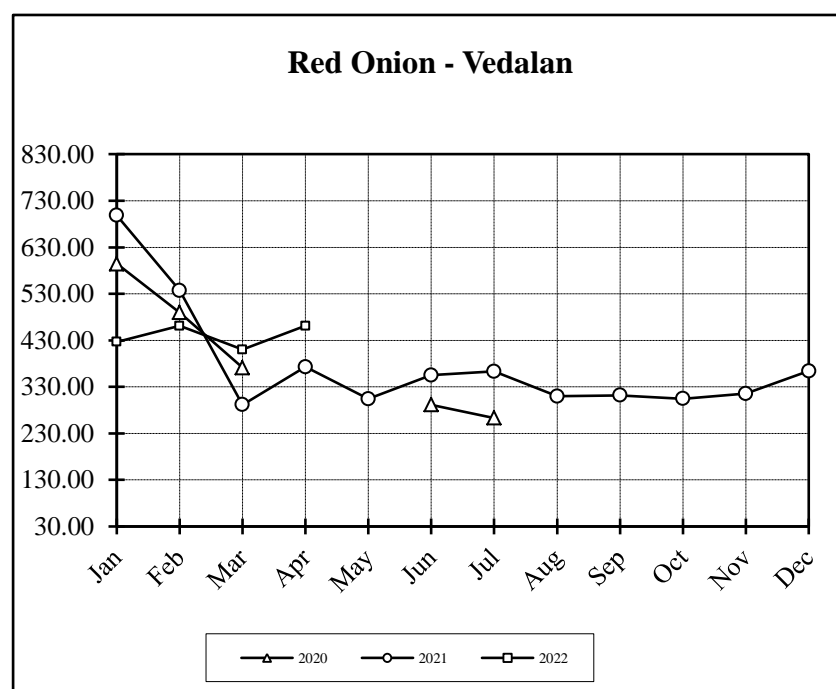
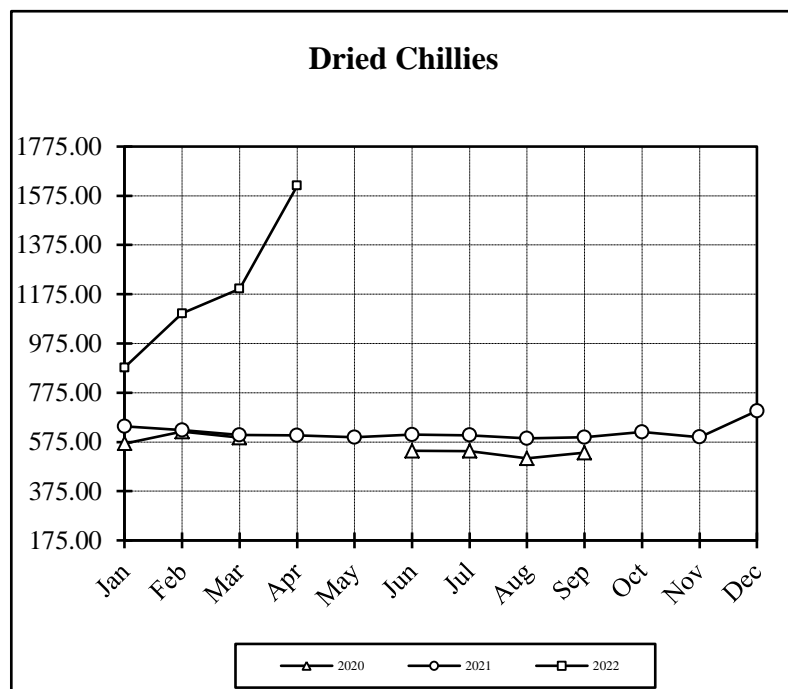
### Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Jan		141.10	163.05	98.00	113.10	163.43	110.60	108.31	161.74	105.80	108.03	162.13
Feb		130.44	162.91	98.00	110.43	165.94	104.20	105.14	166.21	104.75	105.33	165.39
Mar		128.86	174.23	98.00	113.55	178.69	97.55	102.71	181.30	97.98	103.35	179.60
Apr		133.36	216.46		118.02	216.03		104.80	221.05		106.46	215.19
May		135.00			121.48			107.41			115.04	
Jun	98.00	155.00		100.19	127.50		96.10	106.45		96.36	120.00	
Jul		147.27		98.97	125.36		95.73	104.83		95.59	116.53	
Aug		137.66		99.16	122.81		96.47	101.28		96.13	108.81	
Sep		118.18		99.85	113.72		97.54	102.87		97.08	105.80	
Oct		144.76			127.27			110.86			120.38	
Nov		155.53			143.51			121.01			132.33	
Dec		153.68			142.58			121.40			135.35	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Jan	568.88	638.57	876.68	594.62	698.55	426.78	158.34	127.78	203.69	230.30	227.08	303.42
Feb	616.91	623.15	1096.90	489.95	537.28	461.00	187.64	144.28	173.63	221.45	205.92	314.05
Mar	592.69	602.72	1197.17	371.19	291.66	410.30	182.10	123.19	175.30	164.00	188.53	294.04
Apr		601.31	1615.64		372.89	461.12		97.65	236.52		195.46	319.03
May		594.37			304.18			100.75			208.71	
Jun	539.23	605.00		291.67	355.40		83.89	117.42		208.57	199.41	
Jul	538.09	602.48		263.40	363.39		89.58	111.94		230.38	205.29	
Aug	507.84	589.40			309.97		118.02	122.89		227.97	233.39	
Sep	531.06	593.55			311.79		179.16	141.61		201.15	211.28	
Oct		615.62			304.48			191.39			202.40	
Nov		594.81			315.79			190.57			251.49	
Dec		700.81			364.32			211.24			311.55	



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

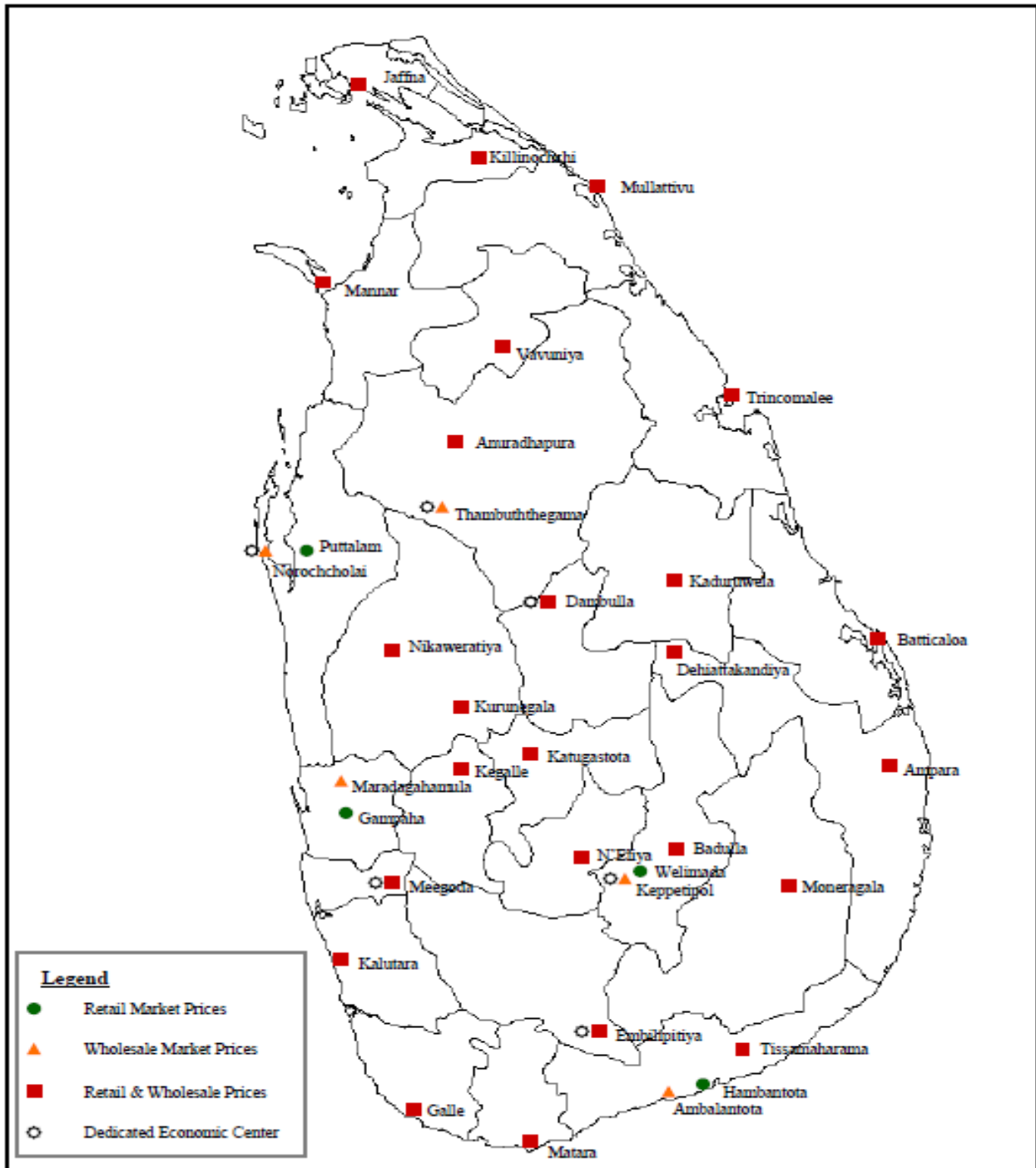
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Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Paddy</b>					<b>Potato</b>					<b>Leeks</b>				
<b>Short grain</b>					N'Eliya	195.60	197.80	196.60	166.20	Welimada	56.80	57.00	46.80	36.80
A'pura	110.40	110.80	110.80	110.80	Badulla	172.50	204.00	202.00	186.00	N'Eliya	73.60	52.60	53.00	46.60
P'naruwa	117.50	117.50	117.50	117.50	Welimada	185.00	190.20	187.00	152.20					
Kalawewa	107.71	105.29	111.17	111.80	<b>Pulses</b>					<b>Beetroot</b>				
Kurunegala	112.20	112.25	113.50	114.50	<b>Green Gram</b>					Hanguranketha	57.00			61.40
Dehiattakandiya	114.33	108.67	115.00	115.67	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	67.40	128.00	76.60	79.60
Ampara	115.00	125.00	122.50	112.00	Kalawewa	700.00	770.00	770.00	675.00	Dambulla	114.00	104.00	133.33	140.00
<b>Long grain (White)</b>					Embilipitiya	695.00		695.00	655.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	110.40	110.80	110.80	110.80	Kurunegala					Welimada	66.60	126.00	65.80	105.00
P'naruwa	117.50	117.50	117.50	117.50	A'pura	720.00	670.00	688.00	688.00	<b>Knokhol</b>				
Kalawewa	106.14	103.29	108.33	111.60	<b>Cowpea</b>					Hanguranketha	58.60			52.00
Kurunegala	112.20	112.25	113.50	114.00	A'pura					N'Eliya	66.80	98.00	57.40	56.00
Dehiattakandiya	114.33	108.67	115.00	115.33	Galgamuwa					Welimada	55.60	99.60	68.60	62.20
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	462.50	450.00	400.00	375.00	<b>Radish</b>				
Ampara	113.25	112.50	112.00	109.25	Kalawewa	537.50	537.50	520.00	460.00	Hanguranketha	27.40	23.00		16.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	453.33		453.33	445.00	N'Eliya	42.80	43.00	36.60	36.60
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	23.40	28.20	28.80	31.00
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>					<b>Maize</b>					<b>Cabbage</b>				
Matara	119.00	116.00	109.25	113.50	A'Pura	112.00	122.00	122.00	127.00	Hanguranketha	32.60	33.00		32.20
Hambantota	117.67	115.33	109.00	114.33	Kalawewa	116.00	112.50	130.00		N'Eliya	43.40	43.00	38.00	38.00
Ampara	116.67	117.67	117.00	114.00	<b>Gingelly</b>					Welimada	39.60	36.60	21.40	27.00
Embilipitiya	120.60		102.75	112.25	A'Pura				384.00	Hambantota				
<b>Keeri Samba</b>					Kalawewa	317.50	317.50	245.00	245.00	Badulla	45.00	39.00	42.00	35.00
A'pura	122.80	122.80	122.00	122.80	<b>Black Gram</b>					<b>Tomato</b>				
Polonnaruwa	132.50	132.50	132.50	132.50	Kalawewa	380.00	330.00	342.50	342.50	Hanguranketha	37.00			
Kalawewa	126.00	126.00	126.00	123.00	A'Pura				394.00	Welimada	37.80	173.00	65.80	89.00
Kurunegala	127.00	127.50	125.00	123.75	<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>					Hambantota	63.33	125.00	102.50	140.00
Dehiattakandiya	130.00	125.00	130.00	130.33	<b>Beans</b>					Dambulla	46.80	150.50	40.80	142.50
					Dambulla	140.00	268.00	139.00	286.00	<b>Low Country</b>				
<b>Red Onion</b>					Welimada	125.00	268.00	185.00	338.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Badulla	122.00	298.00	158.00	338.00	A'pura	32.00	74.00	57.00	57.00
Dambulla					<b>Carrot</b>					Dambulla	46.00	91.20	61.60	84.40
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	87.50	76.60		64.60	Hambantota	41.67	35.00	35.00	126.67
A'Pura					N'Eliya	117.60	99.20	86.20	73.00	Embilipitiya	52.00		48.00	156.25
Kurunegala					Welimada	110.00	95.20	59.20	62.80	Matara	65.00	47.50	47.50	96.67

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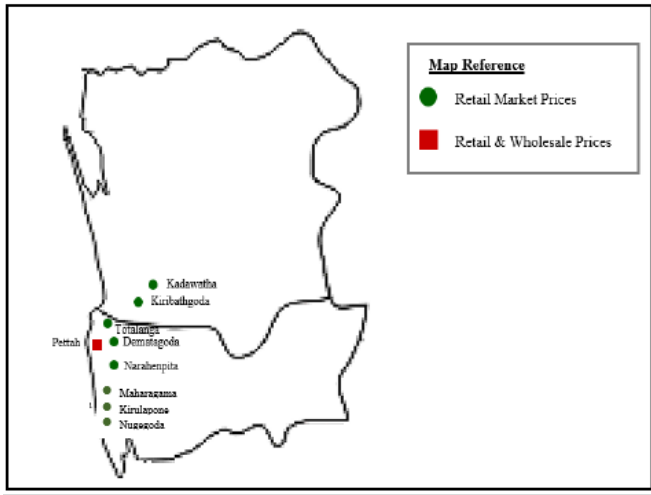
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<b><u>Brinjals</u></b>					<b><u>Pumpkin</u></b>					<b><u>Lime</u></b>				
A'pura	114.00	224.00	134.00	184.00	Dambulla	48.40	46.80	42.20	33.40	Hambantota				
Dambulla	152.50	260.00	133.00	174.50	Hambantota	51.67	38.33	38.33	40.00	Embilipitiya	111.00			322.00
Hambantota	110.00	140.00	150.00	127.50	Embilipitiya	61.67		62.00	47.00	Moneragala	188.00	246.00	430.00	338.00
Embilipitiya	161.00		100.00	136.00	Matara					<b><u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u></b>				
Matara	116.25		131.67	113.33	A'pura	37.00	32.00	32.00	27.00	<b><u>Banana</u></b>				
Welimada	114.00	269.00	178.00	86.00	Moneragala	36.00		46.00	36.00	<b><u>Ambul</u></b>				
					<b><u>Cucumber</u></b>					Moneragala	54.00	70.00	36.00	46.00
<b><u>Capsicum</u></b>					A'pura	12.00	34.00	32.00	32.00	Embilipitiya	41.00		41.00	39.00
Welimada	180.00	358.00	216.00	234.00	Dambulla	24.20	54.40	30.20	60.20	Hambantota	35.00	83.33	83.33	83.33
<b><u>Bitter Gourd</u></b>					Hambantota	36.67	31.67	26.67	26.67	<b><u>Kolikuttu</u></b>				
A'pura	74.00	84.00	62.00	194.00	Matara	37.50				Moneragala	98.00	144.00	112.00	118.00
Dambulla	86.80	105.00	77.00	180.50	<b><u>Long beans</u></b>					Embilipitiya	152.00		194.00	166.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	65.60	129.00	72.20	108.00	Hambantota	133.33	170.00	190.00	190.00
Embilipitiya	179.00		164.00	190.00	Hambantota	80.00	70.00	56.25	125.00	<b><u>Papaw</u></b>				
					Embilipitiya	131.00		125.00	140.00	Moneragala	46.00	44.00	50.00	46.00
<b><u>Snake Gourd</u></b>					Matara	130.00	107.50	90.00	116.67	Embilipitiya	65.00		59.00	55.00
Dambulla	80.80	86.60	84.40	114.00	A'Pura	52.00	94.00	57.00	94.00	Hambantota	58.33	58.33	73.33	56.67
Hambantota	68.33	127.50	132.50	132.50	<b><u>Ash Plantain</u></b>					<b><u>Pineapple</u></b>				
Embilipitiya			123.75	160.00	Hambantota	32.50	27.50	22.50	27.50	Divulapitiya				
Matara	96.67	96.67	113.33	136.67	Embilipitiya	38.00		38.00	38.00					
A'pura	67.00	52.00	52.00	114.00	Matara	55.00	51.67	35.00	38.33					
<b><u>Luffa</u></b>					<b><u>Green Chillies</u></b>									
Dambulla	91.20	78.60	71.80	140.00	Dambulla	362.00	502.00	259.00	164.50					
Hambantota	105.00	90.00	63.33	105.00	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	83.00		89.00	149.00	Embilipitiya			486.00	318.00					
Matara	96.67	90.00	83.33	110.00	Puttalam	310.00	340.00	430.00	183.33					
A'pura	67.00	64.00	84.00	124.00	A'Pura	428.00	338.00	368.00	108.00					

# Price Collecting Areas



**Legend**

- Retail Market Prices
- ▲ Wholesale Market Prices
- Retail & Wholesale Prices
- Dedicated Economic Center







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