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#### Highlights

#### Paddy

Producer prices of all paddy varieties have decreased in major producing areas during the month mainly due to the progress of 2022 *Yala* harvesting and the arrival of newly harvested high-moisture paddy to the markets. The monthly average prices of long-grain white and short-grain paddy have decreased by 4%-17%. Compared to the same period last year, the prices of all the paddy varieties have increased significantly in all major producing areas.

#### Rice

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased in the range of 3-8% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 74 -144%.

#### Red dhal

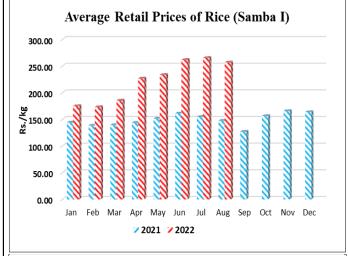
The retail price of red dhal was reduced by Rs.97.00/kg when compared to the month of July. However, compared to August 2021, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal had increased by 109% and 121% respectively.

#### Vegetables

Supplies of most of the vegetables have increased due to the progress of the *Yala* season harvesting. Therefore, the prices of most of the up-country vegetables have decreased during the month. However, significant price reduction was not observed in low-country vegetables.

#### Egg

Prices of both brown and white egg had increased by 26% and 29% respectively wholesale level, compared to last month. The average prices of both types of eggs remained high due to the increased cost of imported day-old chicks, feed and the processing cost such as electricity.





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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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31. Rathnapura32. Embilipitiya33. Maradagahamula34. Galenbindunuwewa35. Rilkillagaskada

36. Matale

#### 1. Paddy/Rice

#### **Crop Situation**

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2022 *Yala* season is in progress in most of the major producing areas while the peak harvesting was recorded in producing areas in the Eastern and North Central provinces. Dry weather was prevailing in many parts of the country. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of 2022 *Yala* season was reported as 542,055 ha. The cultivation progress up to end of August was 493,725 ha and it is 91% of the target. Cultivation targets have exceeded in all areas in the Mahaweli systems. Paddy production forecast based on the reported sown extent as at the end August 2022 is 1.63 million metric tons and it is nearly a 22% drop, compared to the last *Yala* season. It was recorded among the major surplus producing districts in Anuradhapura, which recorded low progress. Harvesting of the paddy crop progressed in all major producing areas and is expected to last until mid-September.

Table 1.1 Target and Sown Extent as at End August 2022 and production forecast of Yala

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end August 2022 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)	Total affected extent (ha)	Revised production forecast (Mt)
Colombo	2,809	2,861	102	6,565	_	6,565
Gampaha	10,978	10,016	91	22,136	_	22,136
Kalutara	7,383	11,040	150	27,497	_	27,497
Galle	11,850	10,672	90	17,372	_	17,372
Matara	14,606	13,578	93	31,087	620	30,518
Ratnapura	8,686	8,377	96	24,923	44	24,841
Kegalle	7,588	6,289	83	18,851	-	18,851
Kurunagala	75,798	57,573	76	201,506	-	201,506
Puttalam	19,108	13,586	71	27,831	-	27,831
Kandy	6,168	6,061	98	16,506	-	16,506
Matale	8,304	8,612	104	25,790	-	25,790
N eliya	3,283	2,881	88	5,358	-	5,358
Badulla	5,237	4,290	82	15,314	_	15,314
Monaragala	12,757	10,461	82	51,362	_	51,362
Kilinochchi	12,041	11,597	96	26,835	-	26,835
Vavuniya	5,522	6,214	113	15,830	-	15,830
Mullativu	8,790	7,937	90	38,715	-	38,715
Mannar	2,150	2,020	94	5,130	-	5,130
Anuradhapura	47,652	28,834	61	95,060	-	95,060
Trincomalee	25,324	23,156	91	65,828	20	65,785
Batticaloa	33,702	32,261	96	85,420	-	85,420
Ampara	1,848	1,829	99	7,918	-	7,918
Hambantota	11,910	9,009	76	30,696	-	30,696
Udawalawa	8,072	12,477	155	41,998	-	41,998
System H	9,521	12,918	136	50,845	-	50,845
System H1	1,703	5,048	296	11,590	-	11,590
System B	19,500	19,088	98	47,338	-	47,338
System C	21,152	21,152	100	91,377	-	91,377
System G	3,315	4,893	148	13,035	-	13,035
System D	919	947	103	2,349	-	2,349
Rambakanoya	905	905	100	2,063	-	2,063
Sri Lanka	542,055	493,725	91	1,632,266	683	1,631,573

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

#### **Producer Prices**

Producer prices of all paddy varieties have decreased in major producing areas during the month mainly due to progress of 2022 *Yala* harvesting and the arrival of newly harvested high moisture paddy to the markets. The monthly average prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have decreased by 4%-17%, with the highest decline recorded from Nikaweratiya. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red paddy has decreased nearly 5% in Hambanthota and Embilipitiya. In major producing areas, short grain and long grain white prices ranged Rs. 90.00 and Rs. 125.00/kg. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged Rs 120.00 and Rs 137.00/Kg in producing areas in the Southern province.

Compared to the same period last year, the prices of all the paddy varieties have increased significantly in all major producing areas. However, the prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have increased by more than double in all major producing areas. The prices of long grain red paddy have increased by nearly 147% in producing areas in the southern province.

**Table 1.2: Producer prices of Paddy – August 2022** 

	Price Range	A	verage Pri	ce	Change Compared to			
	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July	2022	Augu	st 2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg %		Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	110.00-116.00	112.52	123.85	53.48	-11.33	-9.15	59.04	110.38
Polonnaruwa	122.00-125.00	123.13	130.43	54.65	-7.30	-5.60	68.49	125.33
Kalawewa	90.00-125.00	106.84	126.21	54.62	-19.37	-15.34	52.22	95.60
Kurunegala	98.00-122.00	113.86	126.99	54.31	-13.12	-10.34	59.55	109.64
Dehiattakandiya	115.00-125.00	119.87	124.83	53.92	-4.97	-3.98	65.95	122.32
Nikaweratiya	95.00-122.00	109.20	130.70	-	-21.50	-16.45	-	-
Ampara	112.00-125.00	117.70	128.75	55.50	-11.05	-8.58	62.20	112.07
Long Grain Whit	e							
Anuradhapura	110.00-117.00	112.60	124.15	50.90	-11.55	-9.30	61.70	121.22
Polonnaruwa	121.00-125.00	122.93	130.50	52.73	-7.57	-5.80	70.20	133.14
Kalawewa	90.00-125.00	106.18	124.35	50.00	-18.17	-14.61	56.18	112.37
Kurunegala	98.00-122.00	113.86	126.99	51.29	-13.12	-10.34	62.57	121.99
Dehiattakandiya	115.00-122.00	119.03	124.83	52.08	-5.80	-4.65	66.95	128.54
Embilipitiya	=	-	-	=	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	95.00-122.00	109.20	131.35	-	-22.15	-16.86	-	-
Ampara	107.00-120.00	114.59	123.14	-	-8.55	-6.94	-	-
Long Grain Red					_			
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	120.00-137.00	127.50	135.08	51.25	-7.58	-5.61	76.25	148.78
Hambantota	120.00-136.00	127.20	136.00	51.06	-8.80	-6.47	-	-
Embilipitiya	120.00-136.00	127.03	133.38	51.69	-6.35	-4.76	75.34	145.75
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	110.00-120.00	113.64	120.00	-	-6.36	-5.30	-	-
Polonnaruwa	125.00-130.00	126.97	137.48	-	-10.51	-7.64	-	-
Kalawewa	95.00-130.00	112.95	126.75	-	-13.80	-10.89	-	=
Kurunegala	115.00-135.00	125.42	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	117.00-131.00	122.80	134.00	-	-11.20	-8.36	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

#### Wholesale Prices

Supplies of all the local rice varieties increased during the month due to the commencement of *Yala* harvesting in major producing areas. The wholesale price of *Keeri* samba decreased by Rs. 6.29/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs. 225.00-235.00/kg and 215.00-230.00/kg during the month. Furthermore, wholesale prices of all the imported rice varieties had decreased in the range of 4-9% due to decreased import prices.

Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of all varieties had increased by 81-136% with the highest price increase of 136% being recorded for raw red rice.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice – August 2022

	Price Range	Av	erage Pric	e	Ch	ange Co	mpared	to
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	Aug 2021	July	2022	Augus	t 2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	225.00-235.00	229.17	-	126.63	-	-	102.53	80.97
Samba 2	215.00-230.00	224.67	-	117.63	-	-	107.04	91.00
Keeri Samba	240.00-255.00	248.29	254.58	-	-6.29	-2.47	-	1
Nadu 1	215.00-225.00	219.58	-	107.45	219.58	-	112.14	104.36
Nadu 2	205.00-220.00	213.10	1	103.31	213.10	-	109.79	106.28
Raw red	205.00-225.00	215.43	-	91.35	215.43	-	124.08	135.83
Raw white	200.00-225.00	209.93	-	98.55	209.93	-	111.38	113.02
Imported Samba	175.00-190.00	183.22	197.68	-	-14.45	-7.31	-	-
Imported Raw White	162.00-185.00	170.03	177.38	-	-7.34	-4.14	-	-
Imported Nadu	170.00-192.00	182.86	201.04	-	-18.18	-9.04	-	-
Retail Prices-								
Samba 1	240.00-270.00	257.11	265.41	147.78	-8.30	-3.13	109.33	73.98
Samba 2	230.00-260.00	243.37	253.30	137.66	-9.93	-3.92	105.71	76.79
Keeri Samba	250.00-280.00	269.43	281.24		-11.82	-4.20	-	-
Nadu 1	230.00-260.00	245.23	256.35	122.81	-11.11	-4.34	122.42	99.68
Nadu 2	220.00-260.00	233.24	243.80	117.10	-10.56	-4.33	116.15	99.19
Raw red	220.00-270.00	247.19	267.75	101.28	-20.56	-7.68	145.91	144.07
Raw white	220.00-270.00	246.15	266.15	108.81	-20.00	-7.51	137.34	126.22
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	190.00-240.00	212.53	235.18	-	-22.64	-9.63	-	-
Imported Raw White	170.00-220.00	198.36	214.04	-	-15.69	-7.33	-	-
Imported Nadu	190.00-230.00	212.21	231.70	-	-19.50	-8.41	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

#### **Retail Prices**

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased in the range of 3-8% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. However, the upper limit of rice ranges of all the rice varieties had increased the Government regulated MRP. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 74 -144%, and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

#### 2. Other Field Crops

#### 2.1 Chilli

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

The cultivation progress of green chilli at the end of August,2022 was in a low level in most of the producing areas, when compared to the previous yala season. The highest targeted extent (1370ha) and cultivated extent (496ha) were reported from Puttalam district, and cultivation progress was only 36% of the targeted extent. Compared to the same period of last yala season, the cultivated extent of green chilli has decreased by about 20%. The total estimated production of green chilli for this yala season was about 45,577mt and out of that around 42% of the production will be supplied from Puttalam (11%), Anuradhapura (8%), Matale (6%), Badulla (6%), Batticaloa (6%) and Kurunegala (5%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Yala 2022 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progre August 2022	ess at the end of	Expected Production
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	(Mt)
Puttalam	1,370	496	36	4,964
Anuradhapura	730	374	51	3.744
Kurunegala	515	240	47	2,396
Batticaloa	560	270	48	2,698
Vavuniya	300	142	47	1,419
Matale	445	274	62	2,743
Badulla	303	265	87	2,653
Monaragala	869	216	25	2,156
Kandy	240	172	72	1,717
Rathnapura	196	154	79	1,544
Interprovincial DDA areas	482	162	34	1,614
Mahaweli areas	3,329	397	12	3,970
Other areas	2,444	1,396	57	13,959
Total	11,483	4,558	40	45,577

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

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

The highest producer price of green chilli was reported from Embilipitiya in the third week of August 2022 (Rs.516.00/kg) and a price decrease was observed at the latter part of the month with increased supplies. Both Wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.147.50/kg and Rs.133.42/kg respectively due to high supplies from main producing areas. Prices ranged between Rs.300.00-450.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.Rs.350.00 – Rs. 800.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about 126% and 129% respectively. Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about Rs.171.00/kg and Rs.272.00/kg respectively due to high imports from India. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.1487.40/kg and Rs.1838.64/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 191% and 212% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies - August 2022

	Price Range	Av	Change Compared to						
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022		August 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price	Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-450.00	373.00	520.50	165.33	-147.50	-28.34	207.67	125.60	
Dried Chilli	1400.00-1600.00	1487.40	1658.65	511.38	-171.25	-10.32	976.03	190.86	
Retail Price									
Green Chilli	350.00-800.00	631.65	765.07	276.41	-133.42	-17.44	355.24	128.52	
Dried Chilli	1550.00-2200.00	1838.64	2110.93	589.40	-272.29	-12.90	1249.24	211.95	

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chilies (Rs/kg) August 2022

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week	5 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	310.00	296.00	400.00	412.00	222.00
Embilipitiya	410.00	478.00	500.00	516.00	420.00
Puttalam	328.33	291.67	391.67	336.67	208.33
A'Pura	308.00	348.00	368.00	424.00	288.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

#### 2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

#### **Crop situation and Progress**

The targeted extent of big onion cultivation was about 6876 ha for the 2022 Yala season and around 2359 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2022, representing 34% of the targeted extent. Compared to the last Yala season, the cultivated extent of big onion decreased by about 43% at the end of August due to high input prices and the low availability of relevant chemicals and fertilizers. In Matale district, 1,127 ha have been cultivated at the end of August 2022 which represents 60% of the target. Around 60% of the cultivation damage of big onion was recorded in Matale district due to heavy rainy weather conditions which prevailed in the latter part of the last month. Only 50% of the expected production of big onion was supplied to the market during the month of August due to cultivation damage. Compared to the last yala season the average yield, as well as the expected production has dropped by about 10% and 66% respectively. The estimated production of big onion for this yala season was 28,313mt and of that 85% will be supplied from Matale (48%), Anuradhapura (22%) and Mahaweli H1(15%) areas. Peak harvest of big onion will be supplied in October (60%) from Matale district.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala 2022 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent	Cultivation Progress	Expected	
	(ha)	<b>Cultivated Extent</b>	% of the target	Production
		(ha)		(Mt)
Matale	1,876	1127	60	13,524
Anuradhapura	872	519	60	6,232
Mahaweli – G	1,000	220	22	2,640
Mahaweli – H1	1,392	346	25	4,152
Other areas	1,736	147	8	1,765
Total	6,876	2,359	34	28,313

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

Targeted extent of red onion for this Yala season was 3,947 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that around 2,672 ha has been achieved by the end of August 2022 representing 68% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent (2,000 ha) and cultivated extent (1,870 ha) were reported from the Jaffna district. However, compared to the last yala season, the cultivated extent of red onion has dropped by about 17% in Sri Lanka while a 3% of cultivation drop was reported in the Jaffna district. This is caused mainly due to the high input prices and low availability of fertilizer and chemicals. The estimated production of this Yala season was 32,066 Mt and out of that 87% was supplied from Jaffna (70%) and Puttalam (17%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2022 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent	<b>Cultivation Progress</b>	Expected	
	(ha)	Cultivated Extent	% of the target	Production
		(ha)		(Mt)
Jaffna	2,000	1,870	94	22,440
Puttalam	785	442	56	5,306
Vavuniya	238	80	34	960
Other area	924	280	30	3,360
Total	3,947	2,672	68	32,066

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

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

Local big onion stocks still were not available at the market. A quantity of 27,517 mt of big onion was imported in August 2022 and this quantity was higher than 5,286 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.100.31/kg and it has increased by Rs.19.74/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.29.00/kg and Rs.40.00/kg respectively due to increased imports. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.146.72/kg and Rs.189.33/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 60% and 54% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of local red onion has increased from main producing areas during this month. However, wholesale prices of both Sinnan and vedalan varieties have increased by about Rs.37.00/kg and Rs.16.00/kg respectively due to its good quality. Average wholesale prices of Sinnan were Rs.200.00 – 380.00/kg and Rs.280.00 – 450.00/kg reported for Vedalan. Meanwhile, retail price of vedalan has decreased by about Rs.41.00/kg. Average retail prices of sinnan and Vedalan were ranged between Rs.300.00 – 420.00/kg and Rs.400.00 – 600.00/kg respectively. A quantity of 327mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 190 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.117.42/kg and it has increased by Rs. 23.95/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.28.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.56.00/kg due to low demand. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have increased by about 36% and 21% respectively.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - August 2022

	Price Range	A	Average Pri	ce	(	Change C	ompared t	0
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July	2022	Augus	t 2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-380.00	311.67	275.00	159.97	36.67	13.33	151.69	94.83
Red Onion (Vedalan)	280.00-450.00	345.08	329.55	212.75	15.52	4.71	132.33	62.20
Red Onion (Imported)	250.00-350.00	296.50	268.38	217.50	28.13	10.48	79.00	36.32
Big Onion (imported)	125.00-165.00	146.72	175.33	91.78	-28.61	-16.32	54.95	59.87
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	1	102.50	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	300.00-420.00	368.20	-	278.87	-	-	89.33	32.03
Red Onion (Vedalan)	400.00-600.00	501.24	541.94	309.97	-40.70	-7.51	191.26	61.70
Red Onion (Imported)	340.00-420.00	385.99	442.07	319.55	-56.07	-12.68	66.44	20.79
Big Onion (imported)	160.00-240.00	189.33	228.96	122.89	-39.64	-17.31	66.44	54.06
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, August 2022

Item	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Mar	gin (Rs/kg)
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
	August,2022	100.31	146.72	189.33	46.41	42.61
Big onion	July,2022	80.57	175.33	228.96	94.75	53.64
	August,2021	-	-	-	-	-
	August,2022	117.42	296.50	385.99	179.08	89.49
Red onion	July,2022	93.47	268.38	442.07	174.90	173.69
	August,2021	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onions (March 2022 to August 2022)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
August-2022	27,516.83	100.31	146.72	189.33	89.01
July-2022	22,231.23	80.57	175.33	228.96	148.39
June-2022	22,288.64	71.48	173.32	230.89	159.41
May-2022	22,549.39	94.65	164.93	382.91	288.26
April-2022	26,970.62	96.11	183.52	284.02	187.91
March-2022	19,305.59	85.89	127.58	175.30	89.41

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (	(Rs. mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
Item	August,2022	July,2022	August,2022	July,2022	August,2022	July,2022
Red Onion	327.25	517.27	38.43	48.35	117.42	93.47
Big Onion	27516.83	22231.23	2760.35	1791.23	100.31	80.57

Source: Department of Customs

#### 2.3 Potato

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

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2022 is 2,796 ha and about 1,578 ha were cultivated by the end of August achieving the targeted extent by 56%. Compared to the same period of *Yala* 2021, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season up to now, was 56% of total cultivated area in Yala 2021. According to the cultivated extent up to end of August, the expected production of potato is 17,361 mt for this *yala* season. Potato cultivation area in Yala 2022 was higher in April and lower in May, June, July and August compared to the normal cultivation pattern.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 781 ha for this *yala* season and about 535 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving 69% of the targeted extent. In the Badulla district, the targeted extent was 2,011 ha and cultivation progress is 52%. (Crop Forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 04, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA)

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

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs. 329.00/kg and Rs.271.00/kg in August. During this month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have decreased by 5% and retail price recorded a 6% price increase. Meanwhile, the wholesale prices of imported potatoes have increased by 3% and the retail piece recorded a considerable price reduction of 13%. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 340.00-380.00 /kg, Rs. 320.00-360.00 and Rs. 150.00-320.00 respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (112%) and imported (36%) potatoes have increased.

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

	Price Range		Average		C	0		
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July	2022	Augus	st 2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	245.00-290.00	271.20	340.00	154.00	-68.80	-20.24	117.20	76.10
Nuwara Eliya	305.00-370.00	328.80	360.75	181.83	-31.95	-8.86	146.98	80.83
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	320.00-360.00	332.75	-	195.00	-	-	137.75	70.64
Nuwara Eliya	340.00-380.00	358.40	376.25	189.57	-17.85	-4.74	168.83	89.06
Imported	150.00-320.00	191.70	186.65	138.13	5.05	2.71	53.58	38.79
Retail Prices (RP)							_	
Welimada	340.00-450.00	379.63	ı	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	400.00-600.00	495.71	468.93	233.39	26.77	5.71	262.32	112.39
Imported	170.00-380.00	224.06	256.99	164.95	-32.93	-12.81	59.11	35.83
Gross Margin (RP-PP)	1							
Welimada		108.43	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		166.91	108.18	51.56	58.72	54.28	115.34	223.68
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	=	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WI	<b>P</b> )							
Welimada		46.88	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		137.31	92.68	43.82	44.62	48.14	93.49	213.35
Imported		32.36	70.34	26.83	-37.98	-53.99	5.53	20.62

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –March to August 2022

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
Month	(mt.)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
August-2022	13,414	1205.26	89.85	224.06	134.21
July-2022	13,747	1124.96	81.83	256.99	175.15
June-2022	9,050	636.82	70.37	258.01	187.65
May-2022	7,308	725.11	99.22	210.98	111.76
April-2022	10,587	980.12	92.58	217.61	125.03
March-2022	13,132	917.12	69.84	156.06	86.22

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

#### 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

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

The local green gram cultivation exceeded the normal cultivation extent in the months of June and August. The same trend was observed in Cowpea and Black gram cultivation as well. The cultivated areas as at end August of Yala as a percentage of total cultivated area in Yala 2021 was recorded as 70% for Green Gram and 123% for Cowpea. It was recorded that an extent of 7,232 ha and 6,150 ha of green gram and cowpea was cultivated as at the end of August 2022 respectively. Kurunegala ,Hambanthota, Moneragala and Mannar districts are the major producing areas for the Green gram cultivation and Ampara and Moneragala are for Cowpea.

#### Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of Green Gram ranged Rs 740.00-850.00/Kg and Rs 850.00-1000.00 /kg and respectively. Compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of Green gram have increased less than 30 percent despite the country's hyperinflation situation (Grean Gram wholesale- 13%, Green gram Retail- 23%). The wholesale price of White and Red Cowpea ranged Rs. 670.00-750.00/Kg and Rs.630.00-700.00Kg. Meanwhile the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 700.00-1050.00/Kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of white cowpea have increased by 30% while red cowpea price have increased by 19%.

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

	Price Range	Average Price			Cha Compa	nge ared to	Change C	-
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	Aug 2021	July 2022		August 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg %		Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	740.00-850.00	800.90	811.80	706.88	-10.90	-1.34	94.03	13.30
Cowpea (White)	670.00-750.00	708.22	709.94	550.87	-1.73	-0.24	157.35	28.56
Cowpea (Red)	630.00-700.00	672.23	636.50	398.25	35.73	5.61	273.98	68.80
Retail Price								
Green gram	850.00-1000.00	972.97	1003.79	793.43	-30.83 -3.07		179.53	22.63
Cowpea (White)	780.00-1050.00	882.50	864.81	678.77	17.69 2.05		203.73	30.01
Cowpea (Red)	700.00-900.00	775.85	733.58	654.21	42.26	5.76	121.64	18.59

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

#### 2.5 Red dhal

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

The wholesale price of red dhal reduced by 18% compared to the month of July. The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.415.00-460.00/kg. Retail prices of red dhal followed the same trend as wholesale prices and it has reduced by 19% compared to the month of July. Compared to August 2021, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal had increased by 109% and 121% respectively. The quantity of imports of red dhal has increased when compared to the month of July by 29%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal - August 2022

	Price Range		Average	Change Compared to				
Red Dhal	August 2022	Aug 2022			July 2022		2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	415.00-460.00	431.33	528.38	206.23	-97.05 -18.3		225.11	109.16
Retail Price	440.00-600.00	485.88	600.12	219.53	-114.23	-19.04	266.36	121.33

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.5.2: Imports of Maysoor/Red Dhal - August 2022

	Quantity	y (Mt)	0/	Value (Million Rs)		0/	CIF (I	Rs/Kg)	%
Items	August 2022	July 2022	% Change	August 2022	July 2022	% Change	August 2022	July 2022	Change
Maysoor Dhal	15483.6	10922.9	29	5269.2	3776.3	28	340.3	345.7	-2

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

#### 3. Vegetables

#### **Crop Situation**

The total targeted extent for vegetables was 39,064ha, and the progress achieved up to the end of August 2022 was 81% of the target. The reported cultivation progress of up-country vegetables and low-country vegetables is 71% and 88% of their targets, respectively. With regard to the cultivation progress of up-country vegetables, the highest cultivated extent of 2,704ha was recorded for beans, followed by tomatoes (2,330ha). The lowest cultivated extent (442ha) was for knol-khol and the highest production is expected from cabbage (39,176mt). With reference to low-country vegetables, the highest cultivation extent was reported in brinjal (3,803ha), followed by long beans (3,472ha). The highest production is expected from brinjals (51,117mt) followed by pumkins (31,156mt). Only the ash plantain, winged bean, kekiri, brinjal, long bean, okra, leeks, carrot and knol-khol reported above 80% progress from their targets cultivation. However, the cultivated extent of all the vegetables was lower than that of the year 2021(*Crop Forecast, Vol.04, Yala 2022, Socio Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture*).

Table 3.1 : Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Yala 2022 Season

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progre August 2022	ess at the end of	Expected Production
		<b>Cultivated Extent</b>	% of the Target	(mt)
		(ha)		
<b>Up-Country Vegetables</b>				
Bean	4,129	2,704	65	26,188
Beet	1,393	755	54	11,936
Cabbage	2,276	1,480	65	39,176
Capsicum	1,809	1,243	69	9,691
Carrot	1,698	1,474	87	31,824
Knol-khol	549	442	81	5,582
Leeks	1,075	920	86	15,665
Tomato	3,062	2,330	76	35,161
Radish	1,359	1,009	74	16,720
Total	17,349	12,357	71	191,942
Low – country Vegetables				
Pumpkin	2,871	2,210	77	31,156
Snake gourd	1,505	1,036	69	12,389
Cucumber	1,393	1,085	78	13,373
Bitter gourd	1,859	1,324	71	14,566
Okra	3,408	2,791	82	28,075
Brinjal	4,213	3,803	90	51,117
Ash plantain	219	825	378	11,566
Luffa	1,483	1,117	75	12,111
Long Bean	3,747	3,472	93	30,971
Winged bean	518	551	106	5,871
Kekiri	223	405	182	4,210
Total	21,715	19,161	88	219,007
<b>Grand Total</b>	39,064	31,518	81	410,949

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2022, volume 04, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

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

Supplies of most of the vegetables have increased due to the progress of the *Yala* season harvesting. Therefore, the prices of most of the up-country vegetables have decreased during the month. However, significant price reduction was not observed in low-country vegetables. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have decreased by 1%-40% except beans, cabbage and tomatoes. The highest price decrease was reported for beet roots (40%). The highest price of Rs.369.00/Kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.79.00/kg was observed for radish. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have decreased for ladies fingers and pumpkins by 40% and 45% respectively. However, price of rest of the vegetables has increased by 1%-36%. Among the low-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.628.80/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest of Rs.90.80/kg was for cucumber. Further, price of green chilli and lime were decreased by 28% and 45% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased by 17%-236% except leeks.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – August 2022

	Price Range		Average		C	hange Co	mpared to	)
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2	2022	August	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	230.00-600.00	368.80	323.00	207.58	45.80	14.18	161.22	77.66
Carrot	180.00-320.00	240.90	242.84	106.87	-1.94	-0.80	134.03	125.42
Leeks	140.00-200.00	156.20	182.75	194.27	-26.55	-14.53	-38.07	-19.60
Beetroot	70.00-180.00	127.94	215.21	88.12	-87.27	-40.55	39.82	45.19
Knolkhol	90.00-170.00	127.00	140.50	101.04	-13.50	-9.61	25.96	25.69
Radish	50.00-100.00	79.00	103.25	63.29	-24.25	-23.49	15.71	24.82
Cabbage	150.00-450.00	284.60	248.00	127.50	36.60	14.76	157.10	123.22
Tomato	130.00-350.00	265.60	180.25	79.00	85.35	47.35	186.60	236.20
Ladies Fingers	70.00-220.00	139.00	230.75	78.14	-91.75	-39.76	60.86	77.88
Brinjal	250.00-500.00	353.60	258.18	151.00	95.42	36.96	202.60	134.17
Capsicum	550.00-700.00	628.80	554.00	230.29	74.80	13.50	398.51	173.05
Pumpkin	100.00-150.00	126.60	230.91	107.54	-104.31	-45.17	19.06	17.72
Cucumber	70.00-130.00	90.80	91.75	38.63	-0.95	-1.04	52.18	135.08
Bittergourd	200.00-340.00	280.51	277.00	108.94	3.51	1.27	171.58	157.50
Snakegourd	180.00-350.00	266.44	218.75	131.54	47.69	21.80	134.90	102.56
Drumstick	220.00-350.00	271.69	229.75	159.02	41.94	18.26	112.67	70.85
Luffa	140.00-250.00	188.40	143.75	82.04	44.65	31.06	106.36	129.64
Long Beans	130.00-280.00	203.00	191.75	113.83	11.25	5.87	89.17	78.33
Ash Plantain	80.00-150.00	119.80	107.43	45.58	12.37	11.51	74.22	162.82
Green Chillies	300.00-450.00	373.00	520.50	165.33	-147.50	-28.34	207.67	125.60
Lime	130.00-230.00	157.60	284.00	99.76	-126.40	-44.51	57.84	57.98

Retail prices of vegetables also have decreased during the month. With regard to up-country vegetables, the retail prices have decreased by 2%-32% except cabbage and tomato. The highest price of Rs.870.00/kg was noted for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.194.00/was observed for cucumber. The retail prices of most of the low-country vegetables also have decreased. The highest retail price decrease was reported for beetroot (Rs.117.14/kg) followed by ladies finger (Rs.96.12/kg) with high supply from the main producing areas. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all vegetable varieties had increased by 10%-195%.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – August 2022

	Price Range		Average		C	hange Co	mpared to	)
Items	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2	022	Augus	t 2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	280.00-700.00	495.32	493.63	259.25	1.69	0.34	236.07	91.06
Carrot	260.00-600.00	392.21	400.42	175.05	-8.20	-2.05	217.16	124.06
Leeks	160.00-400.00	280.61	312.31	252.86	-31.70	-10.15	27.74	10.97
Beetroot	140.00-360.00	243.92	361.06	153.14	-117.14	-32.44	90.78	59.27
Knolkhol	120.00-360.00	255.03	285.96	180.16	-30.93	-10.82	74.87	41.56
Radish	100.00-280.00	203.88	222.10	130.66	-18.21	-8.20	73.22	56.04
Cabbage	280.00-600.00	456.63	403.30	191.89	53.33	13.22	264.74	137.96
Tomato	180.00-600.00	418.00	324.19	154.63	93.81	28.94	263.37	170.32
Ladies Fingers	120.00-400.00	273.04	369.16	153.70	-96.12	-26.04	119.34	77.65
Brinjal	300.00-600.00	485.93	398.92	230.94	87.01	21.81	254.99	110.42
Capsicum	600.00-1200.00	869.52	779.69	294.42	89.83	11.52	575.11	195.34
Pumpkin	160.00-320.00	244.48	317.92	170.84	-73.44	-23.10	73.64	43.11
Cucumber	120.00-240.00	193.70	200.85	104.95	-7.15	-3.56	88.75	84.57
Bittergourd	280.00-600.00	446.01	450.46	209.66	-4.45	-0.99	236.35	112.73
Snakegourd	280.00-600.00	402.95	374.34	201.21	28.61	7.64	201.75	100.27
Drumstick	280.00-800.00	471.02	415.02	248.59	56.00	13.49	222.43	89.48
Luffa	200.00-500.00	337.56	303.10	193.89	34.46	11.37	143.67	74.10
Long Beans	240.00-520.00	343.66	364.90	178.49	-21.24	-5.82	165.17	92.54
Ash Plantain	150.00-300.00	219.45	219.91	121.64	-0.46	-0.21	97.81	80.41
Green Chilli	350.00-800.00	631.65	765.07	276.41	-133.42	-17.44	355.24	128.52
Lime	240.00-600.00	418.14	591.10	240.81	-172.96	-29.26	177.33	73.64

#### 4. Fruits

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

Supply of most of the fruits has decreased further due to transportation disruptions with shortage of fuel distribution in the country and due to seasonality of the fruit harvesting periods. Hence, in August, the wholesale prices of all fruit varieties except for wood apple have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *kolikuttu* and *ambul* have increased by 53% and 29% respectively while the prices of *seeni*, *anamalu*, and *ambun* have increased in the range of 14%-20%. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.190.00-370.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.90.00-180.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.80.00-130.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.16.00-20.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.13.00-17.00/fruit (*anamalu*). Considering the mango varieties, the prices of all the varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 59% for *karthakolomban*, followed by *vilad* (25%) mango due to tail end of the harvesting season.

Prices of all sizes of pineapple have increased further in the range of 28%-30% due to lean harvesting season for pineapple in major producing areas. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.540.00/fruit (large), Rs.429.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.344.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively.

Considering other types of fruit varieties, the price of papaw has increased by 47% due to low supply. In addition, the prices of avocado (23%) and passion fruit (20%) have increased due to tail end of the harvesting season. 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 296% reported for pineapple (small size) (Table 4.1).

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

	Price Range		Average		(	Change Co	ompared to	)
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July	2022	Augus	t 2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	90.00-180.00	127.74	98.65	45.19	29.09	29.49	82.55	182.67
Kolikuttu (Kg)	190.00-370.00	272.29	177.63	144.38	94.67	53.30	127.92	88.60
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-130.00	108.28	90.25	60.21	18.03	19.98	48.07	79.85
Anamalu (Fruit)	13.00-17.00	15.37	13.10	11.13	2.28	17.38	4.25	38.18
Ambun (Fruit)	16.00-20.00	18.37	16.05	14.08	2.32	14.46	4.29	30.46
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	460.00-610.00	540.51	417.72	172.77	122.79	29.39	367.73	212.84
Medium (Fruit)	360.00-500.00	428.57	336.08	135.55	92.49	27.52	293.03	216.18
Small (Fruit)	280.00-400.00	343.61	264.16	86.77	79.45	30.08	256.84	296.00
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	37.82	26.10	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	140.00-230.00	167.23	128.91	107.80	38.32	29.73	59.42	55.12
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-80.00	61.63	55.30	37.02	6.33	11.44	24.61	66.48
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	21.00	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	100.00-320.00	188.64	128.35	75.29	60.29	46.97	113.35	150.55
Passionfruit (Fruit)	27.00-45.00	33.36	27.90	11.00	5.46	19.57	22.36	203.27
Woodapple (Fruit)	18.00-28.00	21.30	45.25	27.14	-23.95	-52.93	-5.84	-21.52
Orange (Fruit)	45.00-70.00	61.07	55.79	32.81	5.28	9.45	28.25	86.10
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	63.24	51.40	39.23	11.84	23.04	24.02	61.22
Slime Apple (Fruit)	24.00-45.00	30.13	29.94	37.54	0.19	0.62	-7.41	-19.75
Grapes Imported (Kg)	2700.00-3500.00	3154.17	-	845.64	-	-	2308.53	272.99

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the fruit varieties except for wood apple have increased in August. Accordingly, prices of all banana varieties have increased in the range of 8%-28% with the highest price increase reported for *kolikuttu* banana, followed by *ambul* banana (27%). During the month, the prices ranged Rs.200.00-400.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.120.00-220.00/kg for *ambul* and Rs.120.00-200.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Among the mango varieties, the price of *vilad* and *karthakolomban* have increased by 38% and 24% respectively due to low stock position.

Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have increased in the range of 20%-25% due to increased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.280.00-700.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of orange (19%), passion fruit (13%) and papaw (10%) have increased in line with the increased wholesale prices for those type of fruits. 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 122% reported for pineapple (medium size) (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – August 2022

	Price Range		Average		C	hange C	ompared t	0
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2	2022	Augus	t 2021
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	120.00-220.00	163.86	128.93	112.18	34.93	27.10	51.68	46.07
Kolikuttu (Kg)	200.00-400.00	320.80	251.19	223.77	69.61	27.71	97.03	43.36
Seeni (Kg)	120.00-200.00	160.48	140.21	130.77	20.27	14.45	29.71	22.72
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-28.00	22.77	21.11	18.68	1.66	7.89	4.09	21.93
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	28.43	26.15	23.57	2.28	8.70	4.86	20.62
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	480.00-700.00	573.76	476.29	236.38	97.47	20.47	337.38	142.73
Medium (Fruit)	400.00-580.00	477.00	383.45	176.46	93.55	24.40	300.54	170.31
Small (Fruit)	280.00-480.00	382.90	305.97	138.70	76.93	25.14	244.20	176.06
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	150.00-250.00	201.97	162.90	147.62	39.07	23.98	54.35	36.82
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00-200.00	102.23	73.94	67.13	28.29	38.26	35.11	52.30
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	150.00-400.00	282.20	226.29	147.69	55.91	24.71	134.51	91.08
Passionfruit (Fruit)	29.00-66.00	45.67	42.13	23.22	3.54	8.39	22.45	96.71
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	62.34	88.188	88.84	-25.85	-29.31	-26.50	-29.83
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-150.00	100.41	94.656	63.57	5.75	6.08	36.84	57.94
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-150.00	96.82	94.347	80.70	2.47	2.62	16.12	19.98
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	76.13	65.6	88.65	10.53	16.05	-12.52	-14.13
Grapes Imported (Kg)	3800.00-4500.00	4120.00	-	1286.53	-	-	2833.47	220.24

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – August 2022

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Jul	y 2022	Augus	t 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Ambul	28.00-123.33	65.29	38.58	26.47	26.71	69.23	38.82	146.66		
Kolikuttu	86.00-246.00	134.08	117.67	98.29	16.41	13.95	35.79	36.41		
Papaw	66.00-155.00	114.71	102.00	61.94	12.71	12.46	52.77	85.20		

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, 1,584 mt of fresh fruits had been exported in August, to the value of Rs.396 mn. Of the exported quantity, 93% were papaw and 5% were fresh pineapple and the rest was fresh mango, guava, mangosteen, avocados and oranges. Compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased in August (Table 4.4).

Fruit imports have drastically dropped from June to August due to foreign currency shortages and restrictions on imports. (Table 4.5).

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Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – June to August 2022

	A	August - 202	2		July - 2022		June- 2022			
Type of Fruit	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB	
	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	
Fresh Papaw	1475.47	275.01	186.38	1669.52	252.78	151.41	1619.13	270.81	167.26	
Fresh										
Mango,Guava,	30.31	46.42	1531.41	14.65	20.60	1405.91	19.72	26.79	1358.81	
Mangosteen										
Fresh Avocado	1.48	2.25	1528.39	1.25	1.77	1418.52	1.59	1.70	1072.33	
Pineapple, fresh	77.14	72.67	942.02	48.53	37.17	765.92	52.57	28.35	539.24	

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – June to August 2022

Type of	A	August - 202	2		July- 2022		June- 2022			
Fruit	Qty	Qty Value (mt) (Rs.mn)		CIF Qty		CIF			CIF	
	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	
Apple	0.39	0.35	913.95	0.29	0.46	1588.76	0.23	0.35	1521.46	
Grapes	20.03	14.60	729.05	0.14	0.41	2903.79	0.17	0.49	2897.38	
Oranges	20.00	3.11	155.69	-	-	-	0.89	0.49	552.00	

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

#### **Fish**

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

Compared to previous month, prices of all fish varieties, except for balaya had increased, mainly due to rising inflation. Furthermore, average prices of all fresh fish varieties remained high due to inflation - pushed high cost of production. Fishes had been supplied to the market mainly from western and southern coastal belt - Negombo, Kalpitiya, Chillaw, Matara and Galle. Of all the fresh fish varieties, the highest price increase was reported for kelawalla as 26% followed by thalapath as 23% and salaya as 17%. Prices of rest of the fish varieties, except for balaya had increased in the range of 9% -13%. Of all the fresh fish varieties, the only price drop was reported for balaya as 3%. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased significantly, in the range of 62% - 241%, mainly due to the inflation - driven high cost of production. The highest price increase was noted for salaya as 241%.

Prices of all fresh fish varieties had showed an increase at the retail level. The highest price increase was reported for shrimp (small) 21%, followed by paraw as 11% and thalapath as 10%. However, prices of rest of the fish varieties had increased slightly; in the range of 4% - 8%. Despite a drop at the wholesale level, prices of balaya had increased slightly, by 4% at the retail level because of the soring transport cost. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 156%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – August 2022

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2	2022	Augus	t 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Wholesale Price	S		•							
Salaya	450.00-900.00	703.00	601.25	206.42	101.75	16.92	496.58	240.57		
Hurulla	750.00-1300.00	1019.25	898.75	475.71	120.50	13.41	543.54	114.26		
Balaya	700.00-1300.00	940.25	968.13	406.46	-27.88	-2.88	533.79	131.33		
Kelawalla	1200.00-2150.00	1687.64	1341.34	674.29	346.30	25.82	1013.35	150.28		
Thora	1800.00-3800.00	2867.17	2604.78	1605.00	262.39	10.07	1262.17	78.64		
Paraw	1200.00-2000.00	1546.95	1416.55	794.04	130.40	9.21	752.91	94.82		
Mora	-	_	-	684.54	-	-	-	-		
Shrimp (small)	1250.00-2000.00	1520.83	1354.19	941.63	166.65	12.31	579.21	61.51		
Thalapath	1750.00-2500.00	2140.42	1746.25	1031.29	394.16	22.57	1109.13	107.55		
Retail Prices										
Salaya	600.00-1160.00	878.67	837.44	343.11	41.24	4.92	535.56	156.09		
Hurulla	960.00-1600.00	1220.02	1124.75	594.94	95.27	8.47	625.08	105.07		
Balaya	1000.00-2000.00	1801.47	1730.90	906.41	70.57	4.08	895.06	98.75		
Kelawalla	2000.00-3400.00	2625.21	2421.78	1246.53	203.43	8.40	1378.68	110.60		
Thora	2720.00-4900.00	3389.17	3126.39	2000.00	262.78	8.41	1389.17	69.46		
Paraw	1500.00-3200.00	2631.19	2379.59	1259.88	251.60	10.57	1371.32	108.85		
Mora	-	-	2100.00	966.67	-	-	-	-		
Shrimp (small)	1400.00-2200.00	1848.71	1533.76	1151.31	314.96	20.53	697.40	60.57		
Thalapath	2400.00-3500.00	2854.58	2585.31	1446.69	269.27	10.42	1407.89	97.32		

#### **Dried Fish**

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

Prices of few imported dried fish varieties had dropped compared to last month. However, average prices of all the imported and domestic dried fish varieties remained high due to depreciation of SLN rupee against USD and high cost of production respectively.

Wholesale prices of balaya had recorded the highest price increase of 13% compared to last month.

Rest of the fish varieties except kattawa (imported) and anguluwa (imported) had increased by a slight margin, less than 6% in August. However, prices of anguluwa (imported) and kattawa (imported) had dropped by less than 5%. At the retail level, prices had increased for sprats (imported), mora and anguluwa, in the range of 3% -7%. Prices of salaya and kattawa had remained unchanged, compared to last month. Meanwhile, a slight price drop was reported for sprats and balaya, by less than 3%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all the dried fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 161%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail prices of Dried fish – August 2021

	Price Range		Average		(	Change Co	ompared to	)
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2	2022	Augus	t 2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	1800.00-2700.00	2217.60	2095.50	1251.67	122.10	5.83	965.93	77.17
Sprats (imported)	1350.00-1780.00	1577.33	1491.04	653.56	86.29	5.79	923.78	141.35
Kattawa	=	-	-	1246.96	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1900.00-2250.00	2082.53	2164.27		-81.74	-3.78	-	-
Thora	ı	-	ı	1456.67	1	1	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	ı	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	2200.00-2600.00	2450.81	2430.92	1183.10	19.89	0.82	1267.72	107.15
Mora (imported)	=	-	ı	1	1	1	-	-
Balaya	1380.00-1880.00	1676.94	1481.41	717.62	195.54	13.20	959.33	133.68
Balaya (imported)	-	-	ı	-	-	1	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	ı	1214.63	-	1	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1780.00-2100.00	1909.33	1917.59	-	-8.26	-0.43	-	-
Maduwa	1800.00-1840.00	1813.33	-	781.79	-	-	1031.55	131.95
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	800.00-1150.00	985.80	972.53	293.08	13.27	1.36	692.72	236.36
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Pri								
Sprats(imported)	1600.00-2200.00	1927.57	1797.76	832.73	129.81	7.22	1094.84	131.48
Sprats	2000.00-3300.00	2582.30	2656.66	1381.74	-74.36	-2.80	1200.56	86.89
Kattawa	2300.00-3600.00	3091.26	3099.65	1586.53	-8.39	-0.27	1504.73	94.84
Thora	-	-	-	1946.53	-	-	-	-
Mora	2600.00-3400.00	3034.06	2931.91	1547.35	102.15	3.48	1486.71	96.08
Balaya	1800.00-2800.00	2412.76	2424.88	1071.31	-12.12	-0.50	1341.45	125.22
Anguluwa	2200.00-3300.00	2833.55	2734.01	1523.33	99.54	3.64	1310.21	86.01
Maduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	1200.00-2000.00	1439.79	1444.31	550.94	-4.51	-0.31	888.85	161.33

#### **Eggs**

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

Prices of both brown and white egg had increased by 26% and 29% respectively wholesale level, compared to last month. The average prices of both types of eggs remained high due to the increased cost of imported day-old chicks, feed and the processing cost such as electricity. At the same time, soaring prices of fish, dried fish and meat has resulted in substituting them with eggs, creating a high demand. In order to curtail the hiking egg prices, a gazette notification has been issued by the Consumer Affairs Authority declaring the maximum retail price for eggs on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Accordingly, a white egg is to be sold at Rs. 43.00 and a brown egg is to be sold at Rs. 45.00, at retail level. However, the recorded monthly prices indicate that the imposition of celling price has not been effective at the practical level. The monthly wholesale price of brown and white eggs was in the range of 43.00 - 62.50/ egg and 41.00 - 61.00/egg. In line with the wholesale price behavior, prices of brown and white eggs had increased significantly, by 34% and 35% at the retail level. The monthly retail prices of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.47.00 - 66.00/egg and Rs.45.00 - 65.00/egg respectively. Compared the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of an egg had increased by nearly 200%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – August 2022

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	August 2022	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July	y 2022	August 2021			
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%		
Wholesale Price										
Eggs – Brown (each)	43.00-62.50	53.03	42.12	19.78	10.91	25.89	33.24	168.06		
White (each)	41.00-61.00	51.00	39.60	17.83	11.40	28.79	33.17	186.06		
Retail Price										
Eggs- Brown (each)	47.00-66.00	58.02	43.26	20.32	14.76	34.12	37.70	185.58		
White (each)	45.00-65.00	56.22	41.50	18.94	14.72 35.47		37.28	196.81		

#### Meat

Prices of all meat varieties, except beef (without bones) had increased at the retail market, compared to last month, due to inflation. The highest price increase was noted for chicken (curry) as 26%. Next, price of pork had increased by 10%. Prices of all the remaining meat varieties, except for beef (without bones) had increased in the range of 2% - 9%. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for both chicken (curry) as 104%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat – August 2022

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to						
Item	August 2022	August 2022	t July August 2022 2021		July 2	2022	August 2021				
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%			
Meat											
Beef (without bones)	2000.00-2200.00	2,122.67	2,137.50	1176.59	-14.83	-0.69	946.08	80.41			
Chicken (Broiler)	1250.00-1460.00	1,374.67	1,255.90	709.67	118.77	9.46	665.01	93.71			
Chicken (curry)	1100.00-1800.00	1,453.64	1,150.25	712.05	303.39	26.38	741.59	104.15			
Mutton	1900.00-3000.00	2,735.56	2,670.83	2074.07	64.72	2.42	661.48	31.89			
Pork	1000.00-1600.00	1,255.33	1,137.50	861.11	117.83	10.36	394.22	45.78			

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

#### Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 53,385mt worth 8325mn wheat grain had been imported during the month of August and the quantity has increased by around ten times compared to the previous imported quantity. The average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by around Rs.16.00/kg compared to the previous month and it was Rs.155.95/kg. Total imports of wheat grain had been imported from India( 84%) and Romania(16%) during the month of August.

A total quantity of 16,509mt worth 2421mn wheat flour had been imported during the month of August and the quantity has increased by around 767mt compared to the previous imported quantity. 99% wheat flour had been mainly imported from India and average CIF price was recorded as Rs.146.67./kg. Other 1% quantity had been imported from China, Singapore and UAE.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged Rs.295.00-319.00/kg and the average price was Rs.304.00/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by Rs.11.00/kg and compared to the same period of last year, price has increased by 219%.

Table 6.1: Open market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar - August 2022

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	August 2022	Aug 2022	ug 2022 July 2022		July 2	022	August 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wheat Flour	294.89-318.68	304.11	292.64	95.30	11.47	3.92	208.81	219.11	
Sugar	304.30-325.38	314.99	339.65	158.81	-24.66	-7.26	156.18	98.34	

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- March to August 2022

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(mt.)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
August-2022	16,508.94	2421.32	146.67	304.11	157.44
July-2022	15,742.06	2369.22	150.50	292.64	142.14
June-2022	12,116.39	1845.98	152.35	284.18	131.82
May-2022	9,502.62	1,496.83	157.52	261.58	104.06
April-2022	10,266.76	1,500.43	146.14	223.92	77.78
March-2022	11,342.43	1,141.17	100.61	171.12	70.51
Wheat Grain					
August-2022	53,384.73	8,325.34	155.95	304.11	148.16
July-2022	5,318.24	743.84	139.87	292.64	152.77
June-2022	25,141.10	3,521.10	140.05	284.18	144.12
May-2022	55,401.91	6,904.07	124.62	261.58	136.96
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

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 36,121mt worth 7501mn of sugar had been imported during the month of August and the quantity has increased by around 20,000mt compared to the previous imported quantity. Out of the total imports for the month of August, the highest quantity (83%) which was 30,043mt worth of 5880mn had been imported from India and the balance had been imported from Thailand (10%), UAE (6%) and South Korea & Egypt (1%). The average CIF price was reported as Rs.207.67/kg. Compared to last month, average CIF price of sugar has increased by around Rs.14.00/kg.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of August, the average retail price was Rs. 315.00/kg. Compared to last month the average retail price of sugar has decreased by Rs.25.00/kg and compared to the last year price increased by 98%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- March 2022 to August 2022

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
Month	(Mt.)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs./kg)	(Rs./kg)	(Rs./kg)
August-2022	36,120.67	7501.31	207.67	314.99	107.32
July-2022	15,863.62	3072.55	193.69	339.65	145.96
June-2022	9,270.63	1847.44	199.28	319.54	120.26
May-2022	15,685.71	3,022.27	192.68	254.75	62.07
April-2022	24,002.70	4,198.71	174.93	232.71	57.78
March-2022	32,083.01	4,362.05	135.96	171.98	36.02

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

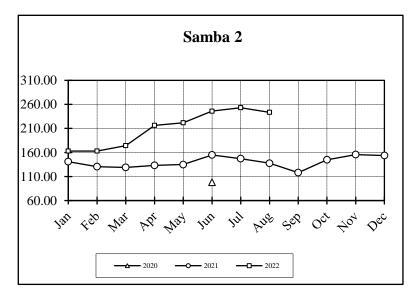
Table 7: Import of selected food items – August 2022

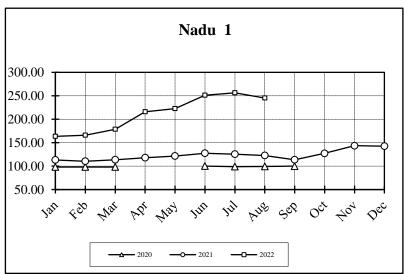
	Quant	ity (mt)	% Change	Value (	(Rs. mn)	% Change	CIF (	Rs/kg)	% Change
Item	Aug 2022	July 2022	Compared to last month	Aug 2022	July 2022	Compared to last month	Aug 2022	July 2022	Compared to last month
Rice	89544.5	80724.1	10	12265. 3	8936.1	27	137.0	110.7	19
Red Onion	327.2	517.3	(58)	38.4	48.4	(26)	117.4	93.5	20
Big Onion	27516.8	22231.2	19	2760.3	1791.2	35	100.3	80.6	20
Potato	13414.0	13747.0	(2)	1205.3	1125.0	7	89.9	81.8	9
Maysoor Dhal	15483.6	10922.9	29	5269.2	3776.3	28	340.3	345.7	(2)
Garlic	4041.0	3151.0	22	926.2	713.8	23	229.2	226.5	1
Wheat flour	16508.9	15742.1	5	2421.3	2369.2	2	146.7	150.5	(3)
Wheat grain	53384.7	5318.2	90	8325.3	743.8	91	155.9	139.9	10
Sugar & sugar confectionery	36120.7	15863.6	56	7501.3	3072.6	59	207.7	193.7	7
Maize (Other)	13347.9	4247.7	68	1860.0	611.6	67	139.3	144.0	(3)

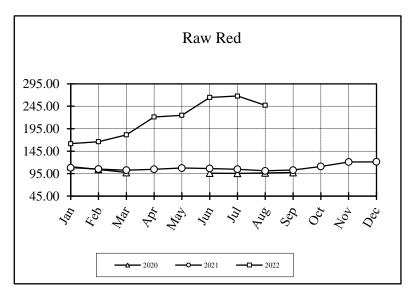
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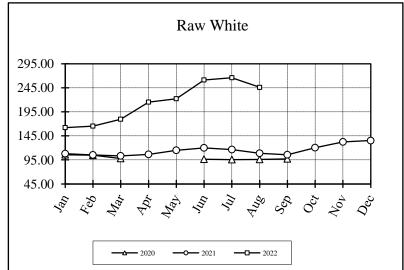
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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	221.87		121.48	222.47		107.41	224.78		115.04	222.45
Jun	98.00	155.00	246.00	100.19	127.50	251.20	96.10	106.45	264.53	96.36	120.00	261.37
Jul		147.27	253.30	98.97	125.36	256.35	95.73	104.83	267.75	95.59	116.53	266.15
Aug		137.66	243.37	99.16	122.81	245.23	96.47	101.28	247.19	96.13	108.81	246.15
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	



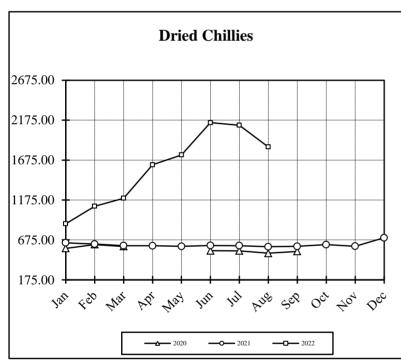


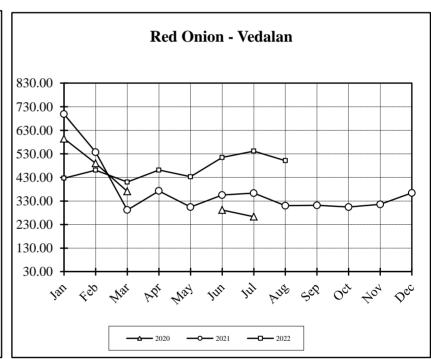


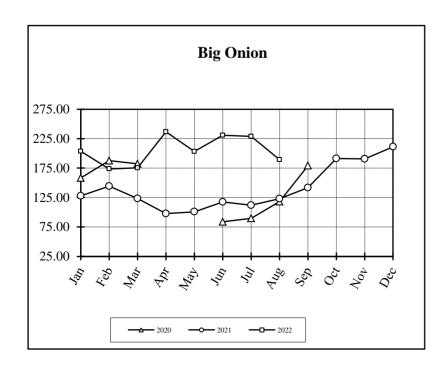


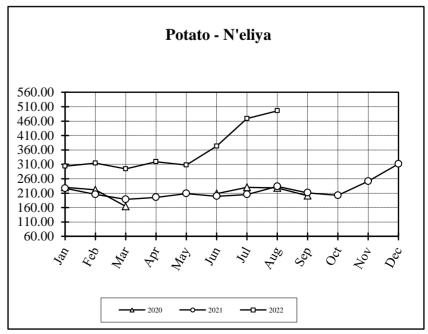
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	D	ried Chillie	S		Red Onion			Big Onion		Po	tato - N'Eli	ya
	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	<b>537</b> .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	1739.46		304.18	433.13		100.75	203.29		208.71	307.54
Jun	539.23	605.00	2143.50	291.67	<b>355</b> .40	514.80	83.89	117.42	230.89	208.57	199.41	373.16
Jul	<b>53</b> 8.09	602.48	2110.93	263.40	363.39	541.94	89.58	111.94	228.96	230.38	205.29	468.93
Aug	507.84	589.40	1838.64		309.97	501.24	118.02	122.89	189.33	227.97	233.39	495.71
Sep	<b>53</b> 1.06	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	









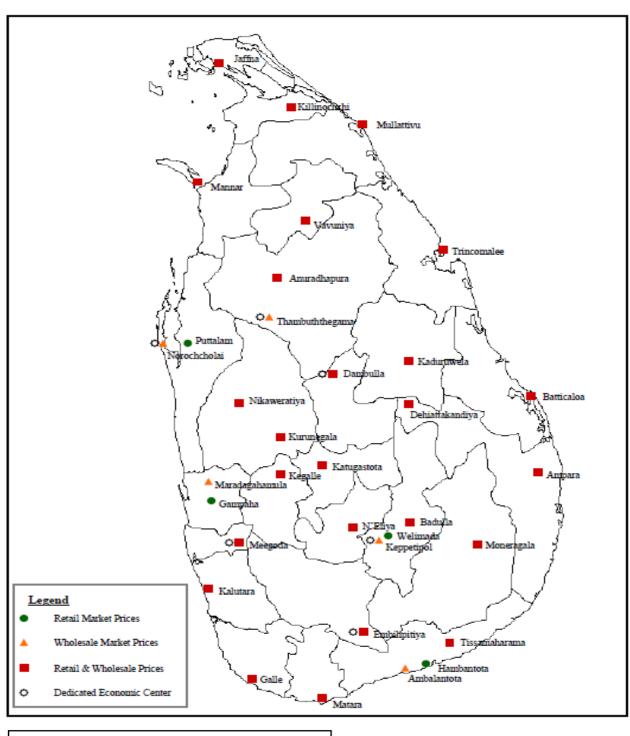
## Appendix 03: Farmgate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg) Aug-22

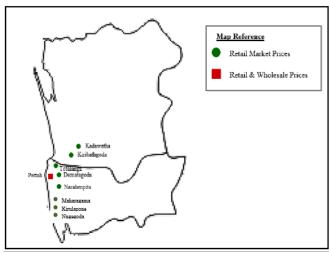
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	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	J	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	335.00	311.00	364.00	323.00	311.00	Welimada	77.40	103.00	238.00	114.00	127.00
A'pura	112.40	111.60	110.80	112.40	115.40	Badulla						N'Eliya	88.20	90.20	154.00	137.60	124.00
P'naruwa	123.42	122.75	122.75	122.75	124.00	Welimada	280.00	266.00	279.00	280.00	251.00						
Kalawewa	120.00	104.17	98.33	105.00	106.71	<u>Pulses</u>						<u>Beetroot</u>					
Kurunegala	112.40	108.50	120.67	115.75	112.00	<u>Green Gram</u>						Hanguranketha	132.00	132.00	107.00	88.00	
Dehiattakandiya	120.67	117.00	119.83	118.00	123.83	Galgamuwa						N'Eliya	116.80	117.40	124.00	122.60	131.00
Ampara	122.50	113.50	114.00	115.00	123.50	Kalawewa	601.25	600.00	607.50	596.00	600.00	Dambulla	75.60	80.00	99.00	82.60	134.00
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	Kurunegala					
A'pura	112.40	111.60	110.80	112.40	115.80	Kurunegala						Welimada	96.80	114.00	117.60	103.00	135.00
P'naruwa	123.33	123.00	122.17	122.17	124.00	A'pura	670.00	670.00	662.00	688.00	682.00	<u>Knokhol</u>					
Kalawewa	118.00	102.50	98.33	103.75	108.33	Cowpea						Hanguranketha	66.00	58.00		105.00	
Kurunegala	112.40	108.50	120.67	115.75	112.00	A'pura						N'Eliya	75.60	85.20	123.00	123.00	117.00
Dehiattakandiya	120.67	115.00	119.50	119.00	121.00	Galgamuwa						Welimada	65.80	118.00	114.00	106.00	125.00
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya	550.00	525.00	525.00	531.25	512.50	<u>Radish</u>					
Ampara	118.00	113.67	111.67	113.40	116.20	Kalawewa	482.50	475.00	475.00	476.00	517.50	Hanguranketha	34.60	29.60	30.40	48.00	56.60
Matara						Embilipitiya	545.00	608.33	605.00	605.00	605.00	N'Eliya	36.80	35.80	41.00	45.60	50.60
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Welimada	22.40	24.00	23.00	28.00	31.00
Long grain (Red)						<u>Maize</u>						<u>Cabbage</u>					
Matara	135.66	127.33	125.00	122.50	127.00	A'Pura			194.00			Hanguranketha	143.00	146.00		268.00	262.00
Hambantota	135.33	127.67	126.00	122.67	124.33	Kalawewa						N'Eliya	156.00	224.00	339.00	329.00	271.00
Ampara	130.00	123.60	123.00	122.00	124.00	<u>Gingelly</u>						Welimada	146.00	219.00	329.00	256.00	225.00
Embilipitiya	135.00	130.75	122.20	122.20	125.00	A'Pura	474.00	488.00	464.00	474.00	474.00	Hambantota					
<u>Keeri Samba</u>						Kalawewa				376.67	382.50	Badulla	119.00	160.00	250.00	248.00	240.00
A'pura	110.00	115.40	112.00	113.80	117.00	Black Gram						<u>Tomato</u>					
Polonnaruwa	129.67	126.50	126.50	126.17	126.00	Kalawewa	382.50	382.50	420.00	420.00	420.00	Hanguranketha		220.00	224.00	230.00	91.00
Kalawewa	121.00	110.00	103.00	107.00	123.75	A'Pura	424.00	494.00	494.00			Welimada	251.00	275.00	276.00	124.00	99.00
Kurunegala	128.00	126.67	128.33	122.50	121.60	Vegetables (Up Country)						Hambantota	260.00	260.00	270.00	90.00	70.00
Dehiattakandiya	130.33	120.67	119.67	119.00	124.33	Beans						Dambulla	270.00	268.00	298.00	89.25	106.00
						Dambulla	334.00	440.00	316.00	184.50	217.00	Low Country					
Red Onion						Welimada	276.00	478.00	226.00	161.00	219.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>					
Big Onion						Badulla	288.00	395.00	360.00	167.00	204.00	A'pura	64.00	108.00	94.00	54.00	62.00
Dambulla					131.00	<u>Carrot</u>						Dambulla	102.50	132.00	117.00	48.40	61.20
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	175.00	176.60			220.00	Hambantota	140.00	140.00	100.00	45.00	50.00
A'Pura						N'Eliya	194.00	216.00	269.00	272.00	242.00	Embilipitiya	141.00	197.00	155.00	75.00	68.00
Kurunegala						Welimada	183.00	232.00	234.80	212.00	201.00	Matara		185.00	186.67	96.67	58.33

#### Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Commodity	1 <sup>St</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
·	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	·	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	-	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
<b>Brinjals</b>						<u>Pumpkin</u>						Lime					
A'pura	174.00	268.00	328.00	354.00	314.00	Dambulla	102.00	105.00	111.00	100.00	124.00	Hambantota					
Dambulla	216.00	236.00	360.00	360.00	344.00	Hambantota	75.00	72.50	65.00	65.00	65.00	Embilipitiya	114.00	125.00	183.00	177.00	162.00
Hambantota						Embilipitiya	108.33	155.00	138.00	138.00	135.00	Moneragala	94.00	64.00	94.00	74.00	58.00
Embilipitiya	208.00	232.00	356.25	296.00	214.00	Matara						Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	200.00	240.00	280.00	300.00	282.50	A'pura	74.00	94.00	104.00	114.00	114.00	<b>Banana</b>					
Welimada	179.00	229.00	271.00	263.00	264.00	Moneragala					108.00	<u>Ambul</u>					
						<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	28.00	34.00	44.00	54.00	37.00
<u>Capsicum</u>						A'pura	32.00	57.00	72.00	82.00	84.00	Embilipitiya	48.00	68.00	76.00	86.00	81.00
Welimada	467.00	559.00	625.00	594.00	457.00	Dambulla	64.20	84.40	85.40	90.20	98.00	Hambantota	61.67	61.67	80.00	96.67	123.33
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	62.50	62.50	55.00	45.00	45.00	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	164.00	288.00	288.00	328.00	264.00	Matara						Moneragala	86.00	94.00	164.00	194.00	162.00
Dambulla	201.00	230.00	296.00	306.00	278.00	Long beans						Embilipitiya	148.00	165.00	211.25	246.00	246.00
Hambantota						Dambulla	151.50	174.50	202.00	101.00	92.20	Hambantota	147.50	147.50			
Embilipitiya	328.00	362.00	354.00	318.33	310.00	Hambantota			173.33	80.00	80.00	<u>Papaw</u>					
						Embilipitiya	213.00	288.00	276.67	210.00	192.00	Moneragala	66.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00
Snake Gourd						Matara	210.00	236.67	227.50	192.50	156.67	Embilipitiya	113.00	113.00	144.00	142.00	155.00
Dambulla	133.00	163.50	187.00	185.00	208.00	A'Pura	104.00	204.00	164.00	104.00	94.00	Hambantota	115.00	115.00	115.00	133.33	133.33
Hambantota	143.33					Ash Plantain						<u>Pineapple</u>					
Embilipitiya	240.00	292.50	283.00	271.25	212.50	Hambantota	32.50	32.50	32.50	42.50	42.50	Divulapitiya					
Matara	206.67			280.00	265.00	Embilipitiya	61.00	74.00	74.00	78.00	85.00						
A'pura	94.00	124.00	144.00	204.00	184.00	Matara		58.33	61.67	63.33	70.00						
<u>Luffa</u>						Green Chillies											
Dambulla	130.00	138.00	168.50	165.50	163.50	Dambulla	310.00	296.00	400.00	412.00	222.00						
Hambantota	116.67	143.33	143.33	170.00	153.33	Hambantota											
Embilipitiya	159.00	175.00	194.00	199.00	192.00	Embilipitiya	410.00	478.00	500.00	516.00	420.00						
Matara	170.00	196.67	260.00	265.00	190.00	Puttalam	328.33	291.67	391.67	336.67	208.33						
A'pura	84.00	144.00	174.00	154.00	146.00	A'Pura	308.00	348.00	368.00	424.00	288.00						

## **Price Collecting Areas**









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