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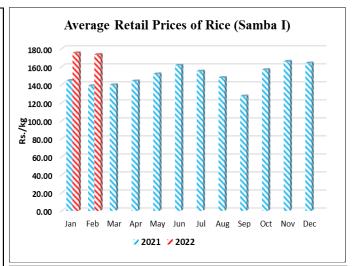
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Other Field Crops

The special commodity levy on imported potatoes has been reduced by Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 31/12/2021. During the month the retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.280.00-360.00/kg and Rs.120.00-240.00/kg respectively. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased from March after the commencement of harvesting from the Welimada area. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chili have increased by about 90% and 76% respectively. The farm gate price of Green gram ranged between Rs 400.00- 490.00/kg in the Anuradhapura, Moneragala, and Embilipitiya areas during the middle of the month. Average retail prices of Sinnan, Vedalan red onion, and imported big onion ranged from Rs.280.00 – Rs.380.00/kg, Rs.400.00 – Rs.500.00/kg, Rs.120.00 – Rs.200.00/kg respectively.

Vegetables

Supplies of most of the vegetable varieties were increased in most of the markets. In line with the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the upcountry and low country vegetable varieties have declined during the month. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables are decreased by 5%-63%. The price behavior in the retail market is observed similar to that of the wholesale market and the highest decline is recorded for Beans. The retail prices of most of the low-country vegetables also decreased by 10%-22%.





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1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in the 2021/22 *Maha* season is in progress in most of the major producing areas. According to the field, information the issues related to chemical fertilizer cropped up in most of the producing areas throughout the season. However, most of the farmers used various kinds of available organic fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers. The latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture revealed that the targeted paddy, extent for the 2021/22 *Maha* season is 855,309 ha and the cultivated extent is 805,150 ha. The expected production based on the reported sown extent up to the end of February is 2.31 Million Mt, considering the crop damages and yield reduction due to the issues related to fertilizer supply. The major surplus of paddy is expected from the Eastern and North Central provinces. The peak harvesting will be expected in early March.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in Maha season as at end of February 2022

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	**Production Forecast based on Progress (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast- 2** (Mt) - Expecting 30% yield Reduction
Colombo	4,096	3,931	96	11,962	-	0	8,373
Gampaha	13,058	12,383	95	41,050	1,768	3131	26,543
Kalutara	13,702	12,251	89	40,119	-	0	28,083
Galle	14,406	11,319	79	31,359	-	0	21,951
Matara	15,334	14,082	92	43,136	388	444	29,884
Ratnapura	12,504	10,996	88	44,397	-	0	31,078
Kegalle	8,478	6,861	81	28,794	-	0	20,156
Kurunagala	82,497	76,009	92	335,202	3,135	7420	229,447
Puttalam	22,744	21,146	93	77,826	3,214	10158	47,368
Kandy	9,556	8,863	93	31,075	-	0	21,752
Matale	18,317	15,638	85	76,222	-	0	53,355
N eliya	5,449	4,867	89	12,452	-	0	8,716
Badulla	16,531	13,897	84	55,046	-	0	38,532
Monaragala	30,023	25,940	86	121,259	-	0	84,882
Jaffna	11,727	11,727	100	36,111	-	0	25,277
Kilinochchi	28,779	28,779	100	96,050	-	0	67,235
Vavuniya	20,997	21,868	104	101,717	-	0	71,202
Mullativu	21,303	20,171	95	87,736	-	0	61,415
Mannar	21,534	21,938	102	105,989	-	0	74,192
Anuradhapura	82,586	71,883	87	309,815	-	0	216,871
Trincomalee	48,939	41,143	84	163,971	-	0	114,780
Batticaloa	76,260	76,260	100	242,306	1,482	4709	166,318
Ampara	7,074	6,624	94	30,903	-	0	21,632
Hambantota	13,081	12,160	93	66,611	-	0	46,628
Udawalawa	11,810	12,240	104	65,233	-	0	45,663
System H	21,755	19,246	88	82,527	-	0	57,769
System H1	8,195	8,200	100	35,162	ı	0	24,613
System B	20,745	20,613	99	86,245	-	0	60,371
System C	22,900	22,852	100	95,613	-	0	66,929
System G	5,700	5,752	101	24,941	ı	0	17,458
System D	1,043	1,457	140	6,096	ı	0	4,267
Rambakanoya	1,050	1,061	101	4,125	-	0	2,888
Sri Lanka	855,309	805,150	94	3,338,480	18,295	37,757	2,310,506

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha2021/22, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Despite harvesting of paddy in the *Maha* season has been progressing in major producing areas in Eastern and Northern Provinces the farm gate prices have remained at a higher level in most of the major producing areas. However, the farm gate prices were slightly directed downwards during the third week of the month, resulting in the arrival of high moisture newly harvested paddy to the market. The average prices of short grain and long grain paddy varieties have increased in the range of 2% -21% except for Kurunegala and Anuradhapura. The unit price of both long-grain white and short-grain paddy ranged from Rs.75.00-95.00/kg and Rs.72.00-98.00/kg respectively. The price of long-grain red paddy ranged between Rs.80.00-95.00/kg in Mathara, 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 71 % - 101% in all considered major producing areas with the highest in Polonnaruwa. Prices of short-grain have increased in the range of 48% - 83% in all considered major producing areas with the highest also recorded in Polonnaruwa. Meanwhile, the prices of long-grain red have increased by 65% in Embillipitiya.

Table 1.2: Producer prices of paddy – February 2022

	Price Range	A	verage Pri	ce		Change C	Compared	to
	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan	2022	Feb.	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	75.00-95.00	86.80	89.08	-	-2.28	-2.56	-	-
Polonnaruwa	90.00-96.00	91.75	88.02	50.04	3.73	4.24	41.71	83.35
Kalawewa	80.00-95.00	88.43	86.51	59.77	1.91	2.21	28.66	47.95
Kurunegala	75.00-94.00	82.31	86.48	51.81	-4.17	-4.82	30.50	58.87
Dehiattakandiya	90.00-95.00	92.83	85.20	-	7.63	8.96	-	-
Nikaweratiya	80.00-92.00	86.25	-	47.50	-	-	38.75	81.58
Ampara	92.00-95.00	93.67	77.05	54.67	16.61	21.56	39.00	71.34
Long Grain White	,	•						
Anuradhapura	80.00-92.00	86.65	85.72	-	0.93	1.08	-	-
Polonnaruwa	89.00-96.00	91.56	87.75	45.50	3.81	4.34	46.06	101.24
Kalawewa	77.00-92.00	85.76	83.35	48.36	2.41	2.90	37.40	77.33
Kurunegala	72.00-92.00	79.69	83.38	46.56	-3.69	-4.43	33.13	71.14
Dehiattakandiya	90.00-93.00	91.58	81.80	-	9.78	11.96	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	80.00-92.00	85.76	-	47.50	-	-	38.26	80.55
Long Grain Red		•						
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	80.00-93.00	87.58	94.00	-	-6.42	-6.83	-	-
Hambantota	80.00-95.00	88.96	93.00	-	-4.04	-4.35	-	-
Embilipitiya	91.00-95.00	93.25	90.32	56.40	2.93	3.24	36.85	65.34
Keeri Samba		•						
A'pura	100.00-105.00	102.00	120.00	-	-18.00	-15.00	-	-
Polonnaruwa	93.00-102.00	98.83	112.67	-	-13.83	-12.28	-	-
Kalawewa	90.00-100.00	94.50	109.90	-	-15.40	-14.01	-	-
Kurunegala	82.00-100.00	89.33	109.12	-	-19.79	-18.13	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	103.00-110.00	106.08	114.00	-	-7.92	-6.94	-	-

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

With the increased supply of imported rice varieties and local rice supply from the new harvest to the markets, prices showed a slightly decreasing trend during the latter part of the month. Accordingly, the monthly average prices have slightly decreased compared to the last month.

The average prices of samba and Nadu rice varieties have decreased by less than 3%. The average price of samba and Nadu rice ranged from Rs.150.00-165.00/kg and Rs.145.00-160.00/kg respectively. The average price of raw red has increased by 3% while the price of raw white has decreased by 1%. Meanwhile, the prices of imported samba and Nadu rice decreased by 3% and the price of raw white has decreased by 5%. Accordingly, prices of samba and *Keeri* samba decreased by 9% and prices ranged Rs from .198.00- 220.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of the last year the current prices of local rice varieties have increased in the range of 27%-64% with the highest increase for raw red.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – February 2022

	Price Range	Av	erage Pric	e	Ch	ange Co	mpared t	0
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2	2022	Feb. 2	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	155.00-165.00	159.87	163.44	-	-3.57	-2.18	-	-
Samba 2	150.00-160.00	155.26	159.60	121.63	-4.34	-2.72	33.63	27.65
Samba 3	198.00-220.00	207.86	227.23	-	-19.38	-8.53	-	-
Nadu 1	150.00-160.00	154.73	156.67	101.21	-1.94	-1.24	53.52	52.88
Nadu 2	145.00-155.00	149.96	152.21	95.38	-2.25	-1.48	54.58	57.22
Raw red	140.00-160.00	153.30	149.52	93.38	3.79	2.53	59.93	64.18
Raw white	140.00-160.00	149.12	151.23	93.39	-2.11	-1.39	55.73	59.67
Imported Samba	117.00-123.00	120.57	123.85	-	-3.28	-2.65	-	-
Imported Raw White	103.00-115.00	108.96	114.66	-	-5.70	-4.97	-	-
Imported Nadu	108.00-115.00	111.91	115.06	-	-3.15	-2.73	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	160.00-180.00	173.38	175.11	138.67	-1.73	-0.99	34.71	25.03
Samba 2	155.00-170.00	162.91	163.05	130.44	-0.14	-0.09	32.48	24.90
Samba 3	220.00-260.00	240.29	244.01	-	-3.73	-1.53	-	-
Nadu 1	160.00-180.00	165.94	163.43	110.43	2.51	1.53	55.51	50.26
Nadu 2	150.00-170.00	156.38	152.84	103.88	3.53	2.31	52.50	50.54
Raw red	160.00-175.00	166.21	161.74	105.14	4.47	2.76	61.06	58.08
Raw white	160.00-170.00	165.39	162.13	105.34	3.26	2.01	60.05	57.01
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	125.00-150.00	136.57	140.94	-	-4.37	-3.10	-	-
Imported Raw White	120.00-140.00	128.07	131.92	-	-3.85	-2.92	-	-
Imported Nadu	120.00-140.00	132.09	135.73	-	-3.64	-2.68	-	-

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale market, the monthly average retail prices of local samba and imported rice varieties have decreased slightly during the month. The monthly average prices of local samba rice have decreased by less than 1%. The prices of imported samba, nadu and raw white have decreased by nearly 3%. Meanwhile, the prices of local nadu and raw rice varieties have increased by less than 3 percent. The prices of local samba, nadu, raw red, and raw white ranged Rs.155.00-180.00/kg, Rs.150.00-180.00/kg, Rs.160.00- 175.00/kg, and Rs 160.00-170.00/kg respectively. The highest price range of Rs.220.00- 260.00/kg was recorded for *Keeri* samba.

The prices of imported samba, raw white, and nadu prices ranged from Rs.125.00-150.00/kg, Rs.120.00-140.00/kg and Rs.120.00-140.00/kg respectively. Imported rice varieties are available in all regional markets. Compared to the same period of the last year current prices of local samba, nadu, and raw rice varieties have increased by 25%, 50% and 58% respectively.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli from the main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.51.00/kg and Rs.131.00/kg. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.485.75/kg and Rs.686.78/kg respectively. Higher producer prices for green chilli were recorded from the Embilipitiya area with the price range of Rs.556.00 – 750.00/kg during the month of February. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by about 7% and 13% respectively.

Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.137.00/kg and Rs.220.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.908.03/kg and Rs.1096.90/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 90% and 76% respectively.

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

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2022		Feb. 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price									
Green Chilli	350.00-620.00	485.75	536.47	520.75	-50.72	-9.45	-35.00	-6.72	
Dried Chilli	850.00-970.00	908.03	771.37	477.59	136.67	17.72	430.44	90.13	
Retail Price									
Green Chilli	400.00-900.00	686.78	817.68	791.00	-130.90	-16.01	-104.22	-13.18	
Dried Chilli	950.00-1200.00	1096.90	876.68	623.15	220.22	25.12	473.76	76.03	

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of chilli in Maha 2021/22 season was about 11,383ha. About 7,223 ha had been cultivated by the end of February achieving 63% of the target of Sri Lanka. Both the highest targeted extent (1856 ha) and cultivated extent (1028 ha) were reported from the Anuradhapura district by the end of February 2022. Cultivation progress in the Puttalam district was at a low level and only 529 ha have been cultivated at the end of February representing 30% of the target.

Table 2.1.2: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2021/22 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent	Cultivation Progress at the end				
	(ha)	February 2022				
		Cultivated Extent	% of the Target			
		(ha)				
Anuradhapura	1,856	1.028	55			
Puttalam	1,770	529	30			
Monaragala	779	503	65			
Jaffna	770	404	52			
Vavuniya	400	370	93			
Badulla	475	429	90			
Batticaloa	290	579	200			
Inter provincial DDA Areas	898	516	57			
Mahaweli Areas	515	398	77			
Other Areas	3,630	2,467	68			
Total	11,383	7,223	63			

Source: Crop forecast, crop forecasting unit, Department of Agriculture

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	508.00	542.00	400.00	314.00
Embilipitiya	624.00	750.00	615.00	556.00
Puttalam	442.00	442.00	401.67	338.33
A'Pura	524.00	428.00	370.00	308.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation

The targeted extent of land of red onion for maha 2021/22 season was 3598 ha, of which 2083 ha has been cultivated by the end of February 2022. It represented 58% of the targeted extent of red onion in Sri Lanka. The targeted extent of land cultivation with red onion was about, 1900 ha in Jaffna and 1343 ha the target (71%) was grown at the end of February 2022. The cultivation progress of red onion was at a low level in Puttalam and other producing areas except for Jaffna.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2021/22 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of February 2022				
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target			
Jaffna	1900	1,343	71			
Puttalam	900	380	42			
Trincomalee	344	118	34			
Kilinochchi	130	59	45			
Other Areas	324	183	56			
Total	3,598	2,083	58			

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions consisted of only imported big onions during this month. A quantity of 27,766 mt of big onion was imported in February 2022 and this quantity was higher than 7,145 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.86.35/kg and it has decreased by Rs.1.48/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have decreased by about Rs.35.00/kg and Rs.30.00/kg respectively due to the availability of ample stocks at the market. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.122.22/kg and Rs.173.63/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have increased by about 11% and 20% respectively.

The supply of local red onion has decreased further from the main producing areas during this month. Limited stocks of sinnan and vedalan varieties were available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.100.00 – Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.270.00 – Rs.500.00/kg respectively. However, with the availability of low-quality stocks in the market, the wholesale price of sinnan red onion has decreased by about Rs.68.00/kg. A quantity of 1,641mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 608 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.152.99/kg and it has decreased by Cents 0.98/kg compared to the previous month. However, with the low availability of local stocks, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have increased by about Rs.30.00/kg and Rs.19.00/kg.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - February 2022

	Price Range	A	verage Pric	e		Change Co	ompared t	0
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan	2022	Feb.	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	100.00-220.00	178.33	246.67	330.00	-68.33	-27.70	-151.67	-45.96
Red Onion (Vedalan)	270.00-500.00	364.44	-	383.66	-	-	-19.22	-5.01
Red Onion (Imported)	150.00-520.00	341.25	311.20	337.70	30.05	9.66	3.55	1.05
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-150.00	122.22	157.40	110.14	-35.18	-22.35	12.08	10.97
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	280.00-380.00	330.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	400.00-500.00	461.00	-	-	-	-	=.	1
Red Onion (Imported)	280.00-680.00	445.42	426.78	537.28	18.65	4.37	-91.85	-17.10
Big Onion (imported)	120.00-200.00	173.63	203.69	144.28	-30.06	-14.76	29.35	20.34
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2.2.3: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onion February 2022

Item	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price Gross Margi		gin (Rs/kg)
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
	February,2022	86.35	122.22	173.63	35.87	51.41
Big onion	January,2022	87.83	157.4	203.69	69.57	46.29
	February,2021	-	ī	-	ī	-
	February,2022	152.99	341.25	445.42	188.26	104.17
Red onion	January,2022	153.97	311.20	426.78	157.23	115.58
	February,2021	-	-	-	-	-

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

Table 2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)		
Item	February 2022	January 2022	February 2022	January 2022	February 2022	January 2022	
Red Onion	1641.486	1032.909	251.14	159.04	152.99	153.97	
Big Onion	27766.10	20620.52	2397.49	1811.10	86.35	87.83	

Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion September 2021 to February 2022

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
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	99.5
October-2021	5,696	93.17	156.94	191.39	98.22
September-2021	6,085	70.72	109.75	141.61	70.89

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2021/22 season is 2,659 ha and about 2,036 ha had been cultivated by the end of February achieving 77% of the target. In February about 546 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. However, compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent by the end of February of this *maha* season was at low level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of February, the expected production of potato is 36,708 mt for this *maha* season (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,139 ha and about 964 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of February (85% progress). Compared to the same period of last *maha*

season, the cultivated extent is at high level during this *maha* season in the district. During the month about 450 ha of potatoes were cultivated in Nuwara Eliya district (Table 2.3.1).

The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,361 ha in the Badulla district and 982 ha have been cultivated by the end of February achieving the targeted extent by 72%. The cultivated extent during this season is at low level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the district. In February, only 96 ha of potatoes were cultivated in Badulla district. According to field information, more harvesting will be taken place in hilly areas of Keppetipola, Bogahakumbura, Boralanda, Ambagasdova, Uvaparanagama areas of the Welimada DS division during this *maha* season and the supply will be expected till May for Welimada potato.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (Maha 2021/22)

District	Targeted Ex	tent (ha)	Achieven	nent (ha)	Progress (%)
	Maha 2020/21*	<i>Maha</i> 2021/22	Maha 2020/21*	<i>Maha</i> 2021/22	<i>Maha</i> 2021/22
N'Eliya	1,081	1,139	853	964	85
Badulla	1,365	1,361	1,567	982	72
Sri Lanka	2,451	2,659	2,532	2,036	77

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2021/22, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA *Crop Forecast, Maha 2020/21, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 19,644 mt of potato had been imported in February, which was 3,810 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Special commodity levy on imported potatoes have been reduced by Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 31/12/2021. Average CIF price was Rs.60.00/kg in February (Table 2.3.2). With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of Nuwara Eliya potato and few stocks of Welimada potato were available in the Colombo Wholesale market. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.198.00/kg and Rs.178.00/kg respectively. In February, the wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 5% while the retail price has increased by 4%. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 35% and 17% respectively. During the month of February, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.190.00-250.00/kg and Rs.90.00-120.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of Nuwara Eliya (53%) and imported (20%) potatoes have increased (Table 2.3.3). Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased from March after the commencement of harvesting from Welimada area.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes -September 2021 to February 2022

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
Month	(mt.)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
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
October-2021	2,140	126.25	59.00	153.94	94.94
September-2021	8,439	543.62	64.42	149.22	84.80

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – February 2022

	Price Range		Average		(Change Co	ompared to)
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2	2022	Feb.	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	140.00-230.00	178.00	215.64	101.55	-37.64	-17.46	76.45	75.28
Nuwara Eliya	155.00-250.00	198.10	234.4	115.10	-36.30	-15.49	83.00	72.11
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	125.63	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	190.00-250.00	231.44	244.33	142.19	-12.90	-5.28	89.25	62.77
Imported	90.00-120.00	103.95	159.16	104.39	-55.21	-34.69	-0.44	-0.42
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	220.00-280.00	259.10	1	-	-	-	1	-
Nuwara Eliya	280.00-360.00	314.05	303.42	205.92	10.63	3.50	108.13	52.51
Imported	120.00-240.00	166.35	199.33	138.13	-32.98	-16.55	28.21	20.43
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		81.10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		115.95	69.02	90.82	46.93	67.99	25.13	27.67
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP))							
Welimada		86.60	=	-	-	=	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		82.61	59.09	63.73	23.52	39.81	18.88	29.62
Imported		62.40	40.17	33.74	22.23	55.35	28.65	84.92

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The farm gate price of Green gram ranged between Rs 400.00- 490.00/kg in Anuradhapura, Moneragala and Embilipitiya areas during the middle of the month. The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 480.00-650.00/kg and Rs 550.00-800/kg respectively. Meanwhile the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 600.00-850.00/kg and 500.00-700.00/kg respectively. When compared to the previous month, prices of green gram and white cowpea 4% and 6% respectively. The price of red Cowpea has not changed significantly.

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

	Price				Cł	nange	Change C	ompared	
	Range	Av	erage Pric	ee	Com	pared to	to		
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2022		Feb. 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	480.00-650.00	541.75	508.11	635.92	33.64	6.62	-94.17	-14.81	
Cowpea (White)	510.00-650.00	574.88	640.22	ı	-65.35	-10.21	-	-	
Cowpea (Red)	450.00-550.00	492.00	488.93	495.00	3.07	0.63	-3.00	-0.61	
Retail Price									
Green gram	520.00-800.00	643.24	618.57	724.11	24.68	3.99	-80.87	-11.17	
Cowpea (White)	600.00-900.00	735.94	692.89	616.67	43.05	6.21	119.27	19.34	
Cowpea (Red)	500.00-700.00	581.13	584.18	600.85	-3.06	-0.52	-19.72	-3.28	

Crop Situation

The cultivated extent and production of Green gram and Cowpea has increased considerably in *Maha* season mainly due to the import restrictions imposed by the government. It was recorded that the Hambanthota, Moneragala, Kurunegala Anuradhapura and Putthalam districts are the major producing areas for the Green gram cultivation while Anuradapura, Kurunegala and Moneragala are for Cowpea. The following table revealed that the production situation of 2021/22 Maha season

Table 2.4.2: Target and Cultivated Extent of Green gram and Cowpea as at end February 2022 in *Maha season*, 2021/22

Item	Unit	Green gram	Cowpea
Maha 2021/22			
Targeted Extent	На	7909	9447
Achievement	На	8078	8278
Crop affected area due to flood	На	67	47
Expected Production	Mt	6119	6201
Maha 2020/21			
Cultivated Extent	На	5696	5770
Production	Mt	5770	5979

Crop Forecast, Maha 2021/22, Vol 02 Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.295/kg and Rs.305/kg with an average of Rs.300.48/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.300/kg and Rs.340/kg with an average of Rs.326.17/kg. Compared with the last month wholesale and the retail prices have increased by 15% and 16% respectively.

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

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Red Dhal	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2022		Feb. 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price	295.00-305.00	300.48	261.94	157.66	38.54	14.71	142.81	90.58	
Retail Price	300.00-340.00	326.17	280.92	178.18	45.25	16.11	147.99	83.06	

3. Vegetables

Vegetable production of 2021/2022 Maha season started to arrive to the market and it increases the supply of both up-country and low-country vegetables. Compared to the month of the previous year, retail prices of up-country vegetables had increased within the range 8%-92%. Followed by low-country vegetables at 1%- 25%. However, the prices of most of the vegetables have declined during the month in comparison to previous month.

Crop Situation

The total targeted extent including both up-country and low-country vegetables was 39,368ha and 80% of the target had been achieved by the end of February 2022. The target for up-country vegetables was 18,795ha and 79% of the target had been achieved. Carrot and Leeks reported above 80% progress from their cultivation targets. Bean (3,436ha), tomato (2,708ha), capsicum (1,863ha), and cabbage (1,727ha) were the most cultivated up-country vegetables. Among up-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from cabbage (44,685mt) followed by carrot (35,708mt). Regarding the low-country vegetable cultivation, 80% of the target (21,177ha) had been achieved by the end of February-2022. The most cultivated low-country vegetables were brinjals (4,589ha), long beans (4,290ha), pumpkin (3,744ha), and okra (3,410ha). Among low country vegetables, the highest production is expected from brinjals (56,539mt) and pumpkin (52,483mt) (Crop Forecast, *Maha* 2021/22, Vol.03 Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – February 2022

	Price Range		Average		C	hange Co	mpared to)
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2	022	Feb. 2	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	130.00-230.00	179.00	311.04	125.25	-132.04	-42.45	53.75	42.91
Carrot	300.00-450.00	358.75	379.84	153.75	-21.09	-5.55	205.00	133.33
Leeks	80.00-160.00	109.25	202.96	89.00	-93.71	-46.17	20.25	22.75
Beetroot	130.00-400.00	248.82	366.23	197.61	-117.41	-32.06	51.20	25.91
Knolkhol	70.00-200.00	125.00	209.04	114.00	-84.04	-40.20	11.00	9.65
Radish	20.00-50.00	30.13	82.82	77.75	-52.70	-63.63	-47.63	-61.25
Cabbage	70.00-160.00	106.75	222.89	75.30	-116.14	-52.11	31.45	41.77
Tomato	100.00-300.00	183.75	145.64	188.00	38.11	26.16	-4.25	-2.26
Ladies Fingers	70.00-170.00	136.63	158.71	128.61	-22.09	-13.92	8.01	6.23
Brinjal	120.00-280.00	173.75	237.82	170.42	-64.07	-26.94	3.33	1.96
Capsicum	300.00-600.00	451.75	561.67	372.75	-109.92	-19.57	79.00	21.19
Pumpkin	130.00-200.00	164.50	113.97	129.52	50.53	44.34	34.98	27.00
Cucumber	40.00-90.00	66.50	84.60	38.38	-18.10	-21.39	28.13	73.29
Bittergourd	240.00-350.00	280.84	252.71	210.07	28.13	11.13	70.77	33.69
Snakegourd	140.00-180.00	153.36	215.40	120.25	-62.04	-28.80	33.11	27.54
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	160.00-280.00	226.25	200.50	161.00	25.75	12.84	65.25	40.53
Long Beans	80.00-150.00	121.67	192.27	98.00	-70.60	-36.72	23.67	24.15
Ash Plantain	70.00-90.00	75.75	79.38	69.45	-3.63	-4.58	6.30	9.06
Green Chillies	350.00-620.00	485.75	536.47	520.75	-50.72	-9.45	-35.00	-6.72
Lime	60.00-100.00	74.25	120.13	100.75	-45.88	-38.19	-26.50	-26.30

Supplies of most of the vegetable varieties were increased in most of the markets. The prices of most of the vegetable varieties have declined during the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased between 2% (brinjal) and 133% (carrot). In addition, the wholesale prices of up-country vegetables are decreased by 5%-63% in comparison to previous month. Supplies of most of the low-country vegetables also increased during the month. Therefore, the wholesale prices of most of the low-country vegetables have decreased between 4% and 37% recording the highest for long bean and the lowest for ash plantain. However, the supply of pumpkin was still limited in the market; hence, the wholesale price of pumpkin has increased by 44% compare to previous month. The price behavior in the retail market is observed similar to the wholesale market. Compare to the previous month, retail prices of up-country vegetables had decreased by 24%- 34%. The retail prices of most of the low-country vegetables also decreased by 10%-22%. However, the retail price of pumpkin has increased by 33% in comparison to previous month.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of Vegetables – February 2022

	Price Range		Average		Cl	nange Co	mpared to	
Items	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 20	022	Feb. 2	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	180.00-360.00	272.00	414.39	224.46	-142.39	-34.36	47.54	21.18
Carrot	320.00-600.00	463.40	460.29	241.47	3.11	0.68	221.94	91.91
Leeks	100.00-320.00	226.26	317.45	192.29	-91.20	-28.73	33.97	17.67
Beetroot	220.00-500.00	360.89	510.38	284.11	-149.49	-29.29	76.78	27.03
Knolkhol	120.00-400.00	266.22	351.50	245.69	-85.29	-24.26	20.53	8.36
Radish	40.00-180.00	126.52	179.44	181.99	-52.92	-29.49	-55.47	-30.48
Cabbage	100.00-320.00	232.23	335.19	165.93	-102.96	-30.72	66.30	39.96
Tomato	120.00-500.00	291.00	248.59	287.70	42.41	17.06	3.30	1.15
Ladies Fingers	120.00-320.00	234.06	262.10	230.23	-28.04	-10.70	3.83	1.66
Brinjal	160.00-360.00	260.01	335.17	249.96	-75.16	-22.42	10.05	4.02
Capsicum	360.00-900.00	659.92	774.32	531.24	-114.40	-14.77	128.68	24.22
Pumpkin	160.00-320.00	249.21	187.12	221.88	62.10	33.19	27.33	12.32
Cucumber	80.00-200.00	137.17	156.49	124.52	-19.32	-12.35	12.65	10.16
Bittergourd	240.00-500.00	391.85	368.42	321.29	23.43	6.36	70.56	21.96
Snakegourd	180.00-400.00	283.75	315.79	226.58	-32.04	-10.14	57.17	25.23
Drumstick	600.00-1000.00	780.77	1	1	-	-	-	-
Luffa	260.00-420.00	336.58	317.57	273.33	19.01	5.99	63.25	23.14
Long Beans	140.00-320.00	237.90	295.61	211.17	-57.71	-19.52	26.72	12.65
Ash Plantain	100.00-180.00	144.52	147.05	153.79	-2.54	-1.73	-9.28	-6.03
Green Chilli	400.00-900.00	686.78	817.68	791.00	-130.90	-16.01	-104.22	-13.18
Lime	100.00-320.00	209.45	315.13	312.81	-105.68	-33.53	-103.36	-33.04

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In February, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased further in the range of 4%-9% due to lean harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.361.00/fruit (large), Rs.266.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.198.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. Considering the mango varieties, the prices of all the varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 153% for *betti* and 24% for *karthakolomban* mango due to low stock position. Considering other types of fruit varieties, the price of passion fruit has increased further by 52%. Further, the prices of wood apple and papaw have increased by 35% and 33% respectively.

Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *ambul* (21%) and *seeni* (4%) banana have decreased, while the prices of *koikuttu* (9%) and *ambun* (1%) have increased. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.150.00-170.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.50.00-80.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.60.00-80.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.14.00-17.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.10.00-14.00/fruit (*anamlu*). In addition, the prices of slime apple (28%), orange (13%) and avocado (7%) have decreased (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – February 2022

	Price Range		Average		(Change Co	ompared t	0
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2	2022	Feb.	2021
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-80.00	65.85	83.17	49.38	-17.31	-20.82	16.48	33.37
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-170.00	162.41	148.33	137.29	14.08	9.49	25.12	18.29
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-80.00	68.92	71.83	67.29	-2.91	-4.06	1.63	2.42
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-14.00	12.57	12.63	13.44	-0.06	-0.47	-0.86	-6.43
Ambun (Fruit)	14.00-17.00	15.63	15.40	16.17	0.23	1.48	-0.54	-3.33
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	320.00-420.00	361.08	348.80	162.75	12.28	3.52	198.33	121.86
Medium (Fruit)	240.00-330.00	265.60	248.75	130.07	16.84	6.77	135.53	104.20
Small (Fruit)	180.00-250.00	198.14	181.15	89.60	16.99	9.38	108.53	121.13
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	40.00-60.00	49.00	19.40	21.90	29.60	152.58	27.10	123.74
Karthakolomban(fruit)	100.00-120.00	110.74	89.40	74.60	21.34	23.87	36.14	48.44
Vilad (Fruit)	38.00-60.00	48.00	39.50	-	8.50	21.52	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	40.00-42.00	41.00	-	17.50	-	-	23.50	134.29
Papaw (Kg)	180.00-280.00	228.64	171.50	72.85	57.14	33.32	155.79	213.86
Passionfruit (Fruit)	30.00-37.00	33.06	21.78	11.10	11.28	51.79	21.96	197.77
Woodapple (Fruit)	25.00-40.00	30.83	22.91	28.23	7.92	34.57	2.60	9.23
Orange (Fruit)	27.00-44.00	40.02	45.83	29.37	-5.81	-12.67	10.66	36.29
Avocado (Fruit)	75.00-120.00	103.48	110.72	69.29	-7.24	-6.54	34.19	49.34
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	23.42	32.35	13.25	-8.93	-27.61	10.16	76.69
Grapes Imported (Kg)	857.00-1066.00	967.16	974.67	812.98	-7.51	-0.77	154.18	18.97

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased in February. Accordingly, the prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 8%-9% due to increased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.200.00-500.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of passion fruit (38%), *karthakoomban* mango (35%) and papaw (21%) have increased in line with the increased wholesale prices.

Considering the price behaviour for banana varieties, the prices of all the banana varieties except *kolikuttu* have decreased in the range of 2%-10%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.200.00-260.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.100.00-150.00/kg for *seeni* banana and Rs.80.00-150.00/kg for *ambul* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. 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 111% reported for papaw (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – February 2022

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan	2022	Feb.	2021	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%	
Plantain									
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-150.00	112.32	125.05	110.86	-12.72	-10.17	1.47	1.33	
Kolikuttu (Kg)	200.00-260.00	232.90	219.96	197.13	12.94	5.89	35.77	18.15	
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-150.00	121.94	131.06	125.19	-9.12	-6.96	-3.25	-2.60	
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	18.69	19.60	18.73	-0.91	-4.63	-0.04	-0.20	
Ambun (Fruit)	19.00-27.00	23.55	24.01	23.55	-0.45	-1.89	0.00	0.00	
Pineapple									
Large (Fruit)	360.00-500.00	428.81	394.90	232.18	33.91	8.59	196.64	84.69	
Medium (Fruit)	300.00-380.00	328.93	301.56	174.70	27.37	9.08	154.23	88.29	
Small (Fruit)	200.00-280.00	255.45	239.33	129.47	16.12	6.73	125.98	97.30	
Mango									
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Karthakolomban(fruit)	100.00-200.00	154.50	114.42	111.45	40.08	35.03	43.05	38.62	
Vilad (Fruit)	-	-	46.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Papaw (Kg)	240.00-350.00	295.37	243.44	139.61	51.93	21.33	155.76	111.57	
Passionfruit (Fruit)	29.00-54.00	41.47	29.97	22.80	11.50	38.38	18.67	81.87	
Woodapple (Fruit)	40.00-90.00	57.50	58.2693	72.19	-0.76	-1.31	-14.69	-20.35	
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	70.44	78.1253	60.18	-7.68	-9.84	10.26	17.06	
Avocado (Fruit)	100.00-200.00	134.69	172.714	96.58	-38.03	-22.02	38.10	39.45	
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	57.11	65.9796	54.78	-8.87	-13.44	2.33	4.25	
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1200.00-1500.00	1352.89	1288.64	1104.90	64.25	4.99	247.99	22.44	

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – February 2022

	Price Range		Average			Change Co	ompared to	
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jai	n 2022	Feb.	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	26.00-43.33	34.43	44.28	-	-9.85	-22.24	-	-
Kolikuttu	100.00-126.67	117.07	123.54	-	-6.47	-5.24	-	-
Papaw	95.00-146.00	124.06	104.00	-	20.06	19.29	-	-

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,073 mt of fresh fruits in February, 2022 to the value of Rs.102 mn. Of the exported quantity, 91% were papaw, and 4% were fresh pineapple and the rest was fresh mango, guava, mangosteen, avocados and oranges. In the month of January, 2022, the quantity exported was 1,143 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had slightly decreased (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 1,748 mt of fresh fruits in February and the value was Rs.460 mn. Of the imported quantity, 43% were apple, 30% were oranges and 12% were grapes. In the month of January 2022, the quantity imported was 1,778 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had slightly decreased (Table 4.4).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – December, 2021 to February, 2022

	Feb - 2022				Jan - 2021		Dec - 2021			
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	979.24	72.57	74.11	1019.96	91.99	90.19	991.74	85.27	85.98	
Fresh										
Mango,Guava,	45.68	13.79	301.95	38.44	30.75	799.99	37.44	21.03	561.64	
Mangosteen										
Fresh Avocado	1.73	1.52	877.81	2.26	1.89	834.54	1.64	1.46	887.53	
Pineapple, fresh	46.80	14.27	304.86	83.41	40.03	479.98	73.32	26.44	360.56	

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – December ,2021 to ,February 2022

Type of	of Feb - 2022				Jan - 2021		Dec - 2021			
Fruit	Qty	Value	CIF	Qty	Value	CIF	Qty	Value	CIF	
	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	
Apple	750.75	176.19	234.69	1053.48	245.36	232.90	1881.34	412.97	219.51	
Grapes	471.96	204.13	432.51	431.84	173.34	401.41	394.99	169	427.86	
Oranges	525.24	79.64	151.63	293.32	48.47	165.25	289.89	55.49	191.42	

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the onset of the fishing season in the Southern and north western coastal belt is in progress, prices of 50% of the fish varieties had increased at the wholesale market in February 2022 compared to January 2022, due to increasing fuel prices.

Fishes had been supplied to the market mainly from Matara, Galle, Negombo, Kalpitiya and Chillaw. Of all the fresh fish varieties, hurulla prices had upsurged by the highest margin, by 21% during the month. Next, prices of shrimps (small), balaya and paraw had increased in the range of

3% - 6%. Of the varieties which showed a price drop, the highest was recorded for mora as 13%, due to high supplies. Further, prices of salaya, thalapath and kelawalla had decreased in the range of 1% -7%. High supplies of deep-sea fish varieties such as thalapath and kelawalla had received from Matara, Negombo and Chillaw. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 18%-71% due to the fuel price hike. The highest price increase was noted for thalapath.

Prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 4%-12% at the retail level. In line with the wholesale fish price movement, hurulla prices had upsurged by the highest margin, by 12% during the month. Further, prices of thora, paraw and shrimp (small) had increased by about 4% at the retail level. However, prices of thalapath and salaya had dropped by 5% and 4% respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 17%-70%, with the highest was noted for balaya.

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

	Price Range		Average			Change (Compared t	to
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2	2022	Feb.	2021
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	s							
Salaya	120.00-280.00	197.68	211.56	166.25	-13.88	-6.56	31.43	18.90
Hurulla	400.00-700.00	529.85	436.85	450.31	93.01	21.29	79.54	17.66
Balaya	400.00-680.00	552.60	526.92	323.13	25.69	4.88	229.48	71.02
Kelawalla	750.00-1050.00	855.95	868.26	547.19	-12.31	-1.42	308.76	56.43
Thora	1080.00-2000.00	1444.31	1444.84	1079.69	-0.54	-0.04	364.62	33.77
Paraw	700.00-950.00	786.90	763.18	633.75	23.72	3.11	153.15	24.17
Mora	650.00-670.00	660.00	755.00	557.50	-95.00	-12.58	102.50	18.39
Shrimp (small)	1000.00-1280.00	1151.64	1084.04	901.25	67.60	6.24	250.39	27.78
Thalapath	1050.00-1300.00	1179.06	1246.42	732.81	-67.36	-5.40	446.25	60.90
Retail Prices								
Salaya	200.00-400.00	296.97	310.90	225.72	-13.94	-4.48	71.24	31.56
Hurulla	500.00-800.00	658.91	589.37	544.35	69.53	11.80	114.55	21.04
Balaya	800.00-1400.00	1026.16	1026.58	604.96	-0.42	-0.04	421.20	69.62
Kelawalla	1200.00-1800.00	1452.33	1464.79	1018.72	-12.46	-0.85	433.61	42.56
Thora	1300.00-2600.00	2012.13	1926.92	1457.83	85.21	4.42	554.30	38.02
Paraw	1200.00-1800.00	1521.21	1463.34	1139.63	57.88	3.96	381.59	33.48
Mora	-	-	-	1038.75	-	-	-	-
Shrimp (small)	1100.00-1500.00	1292.58	1245.03	1103.48	47.54	3.82	189.10	17.14
Thalapath	1500.00-2100.00	1768.71	1867.66	1265.89	-98.95	-5.30	502.82	39.72

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase reported for salaya as 23% followed by sprats (imported) as 6% and anguluwa as 4% at the wholesale level, compared to last month. Price increases are mainly due to the increasing cost of production and increasing transportation cost due to the fuel price hike. However, price of anguluwa (imported),

kattawa (imported) and sprats had slightly dropped by less than 3%. The main supply areas of the local varieties were Valachchenai, Mannar and Kalpitiya.

Compared to January 2021, the retail prices of all the varieties, except for balaya had increased with the highest price increase noted for maduwa as 16% and salaya as 12%. Prices of rest of the varieties had increased by less than 7%, except for balaya. Meanwhile, prices of balaya had dropped by 1%. Compared the same period of last year, the current prices of all the varieties have increased, with the highest price increase reported for sprats (imported) as 26%.

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

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 20	022	Feb.	2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Dried fish - Wholesale										
Sprats	820.00-1050.00	948.38	966.47	933.63	-18.10	-1.87	14.75	1.58		
Sprats (imported)	620.00-780.00	709.00	671.86	442.33	37.14	5.53	266.67	60.29		
Kattawa	1180.00-1300.00	1259.11	1254.71	1129.36	4.39	0.35	129.75	11.49		
Kattawa (imported)	980.00-1160.00	1098.43	1117.32	986.67	-18.89	-1.69	111.76	11.33		
Thora	=	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mora	1350.00-1450.00	1400.76	1389.03	1079.31	11.73	0.84	321.45	29.78		
Mora (imported)	1150.00-1250.00	1196.67	1205.44	1080.00	-8. <i>7</i> 8	-0.73	116.67	10.80		
Balaya	650.00-720.00	680.60	672.54	388.02	8.06	1.20	292.58	75.40		
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Anguluwa	1250.00-1460.00	1385.42	1337.17	1180.00	48.25	3.61	205.42	17.41		
Anguluwa (imported)	1050.00-1200.00	1126.19	1155.12	1030.00	-28.93	-2.50	96.19	9.34		
Maduwa	800.00-930.00	877.58	856.64	662.88	20.94	2.44	214.70	32.39		
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	682.50	460.00	-	ı	-	ı		
Salaya	450.00-580.00	506.71	413.17	303.93	93.54	22.64	202.78	66.72		
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Dried fish – Retail Price	ce									
Sprats(imported)	700.00-1000.00	857.25	806.75	682.64	50.50	6.26	174.61	25.58		
Sprats	1100.00-1700.00	1344.09	1284.93	1169.14	59.17	4.60	174.95	14.96		
Kattawa	1400.00-1900.00	1676.12	1608.32	1479.40	67.80	4.22	196.73	13.30		
Thora	-	-	-	1911.31	-	-	-	-		
Mora	1500.00-1900.00	1666.34	1632.38	1351.79	33.96	2.08	314.56	23.27		
Balaya	800.00-1300.00	1071.15	1084.33	916.17	-13.19	-1.22	154.98	16.92		
Anguluwa	1400.00-1700.00	1556.66	1515.19	1305.80	41.47	2.74	250.86	19.21		
Maduwa	1100.00-1300.00	1194.64	1028.57	-	166.07	16.15	-	-		
Salaya	500.00-850.00	709.77	636.44	650.49	73.33	11.52	59.28	9.11		

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had further dropped by 9% and 12% respectively at the wholesale level compared to January 2022. The demand decrease just after the December-January festival season might be the reason for the price drop. The monthly average wholesale price of brown and white eggs was in the range of 18.00-27.00/egg and 16.00 - 25.50. In line with the wholesale price behavior, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 10% and 12% respectively at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.18.00 - 28.00/egg and Rs.16.50 - 27.00/egg respectively. Compared the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of eggs had increased by less than 18%.

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

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to				
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan	2022	Feb. 202		
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
Wholesale Price									
Eggs – Brown (each)	18.00-27.00	21.13	23.28	18.38	-2.15	-9.24	2.75	14.97	
White (each)	16.00-25.50	19.25	22.00	17.08	-2.75	-12.50	2.17	12.71	
Retail Price									
Eggs- Brown (each)	18.00-28.00	21.77	24.25	19.10	-2.49	-10.25	2.67	13.97	
White (each)	16.50-27.00	20.32	23.17	17.23	-2.85	-12.29	3.10	17.96	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of all meat varieties had further increased at the retail market, compared to last month, due to increasing feed prices. The highest price increase was noted for beef (without bones) as 5% Prices of pork had increased by 3%. Prices of both chicken (broiler) and chicken (curry) had upsurged by 2% at the retail level. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for chicken (broiler) as 35%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – February 2022

	Price Range		Average		Change Compared to					
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 2	022	Feb.	2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%		
Meat										
Beef (without bones)	1300.00-1500.00	1,423.21	1,349.95	1075.00	73.26	5.43	348.21	32.39		
Chicken (Broiler)	770.00-860.00	819.86	804.51	605.13	15.35	1.91	214.73	35.48		
Chicken (curry)	600.00-850.00	758.17	742.56	628.32	15.61	2.10	129.84	20.67		
Mutton	1800.00-2300.00	2,071.08	2,043.61	1968.90	27.47	1.34	102.18	5.19		
Pork	800.00-950.00	866.67	843.07	825.00	23.60 2.80		41.67	5.05		

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 39,464mt worth of 2,912mn wheat grain had been imported from India during the month of February. The average CIF price was Rs.74.00/kg. Compared to the January average CIF price for wheat grain increased by Rs.3.00/kg.

A total quantity of 16,651mt of wheat flour worth of 1415mn had been imported mainly from India, Turkey and Pakistan during the month of February. Compared to January, average CIF price was not changed significantly.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.155.25-157.65/kg and the average price was Rs.156.78/kg. Compared to the last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by Rs.4.80/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 69%.

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

	Price Range		Average		Change C	Compare	ed to		
Item	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2022	Jan 2022	Feb. 2021	Jan 20)22	Feb. 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wheat Flour	155.25-157.65	156.78	151.98	92.75	4.80	3.16	64.03	69.04	
Sugar	145.79-151.42	149.18	147.45	113.79	1.73	1.17	35.39	31.10	

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- September 2021 to February 2022

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
Within	(mt.)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
October-2021	610.14	57.66	94.51	113.9	19.39
September-2021	831.51	76.44	91.92	98.59	6.67
Wheat Grain					
February-2022	39,463.99	2,911.81	73.78	156.78	71.82
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
October-2021	206,191.12	13,718.46	66.53	113.9	47.37
September-2021	81,044.60	4,697.65	57.96	98.59	40.63

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 19,278mt worth of 2,156mn of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of February. Compared to the last month, quantity of this month has decreased by around 20,000mt. Sugar for the month of February had been mainly imported from India, Thailand and U.A.E and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.111.85/kg. Compared to the last month, average CIF price for sugar has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of February, the average retail price was Rs.149.18/kg. Compared to the last month the average retail price of sugar has increased by Rs 2.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year price of sugar has increased by 31%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- September 2021 to February 2022

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
Month	(mt.)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
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
October-2021	17075.00	1825.52	106.91	140.43	33.52
September-2021	4554.41	441.29	96.89	127.58	30.68

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

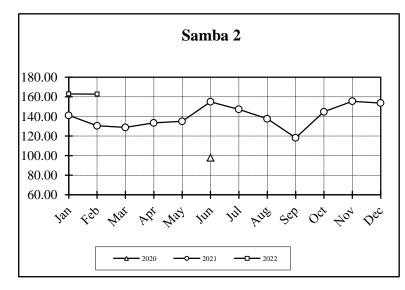
Table 7: Import of selected food items – February 2022

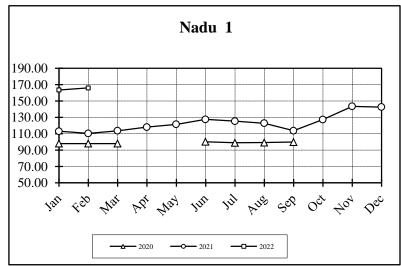
	Quanti	ity (mt)	% Change	Value (Rs. mn)	% Change	CIF	(Rs/kg)	% Change
Item	Feb. 2022	Jan. 2021	Compared to last month	Feb. 2022	Jan. 2021	Compared to last month	Feb. 2022	Jan. 2021	Compared to last month
Rice	76023.5	123913.5	(63)	6642.4	11394.4	(72)	87.4	92.0	(5)
Red Onion	1641.5	1032.9	37	251.1	159.0	37	153.0	154.0	(1)
Big Onion	27766.1	20620.5	26	2397.5	1811.1	24	86.3	87.8	(2)
Potato	19643.6	15833.9	19	1181.7	1062.3	10	60.2	67.1	(12)
Maysoor Dhal	7330.9	9330.7	(27)	1298.8	1679.1	(29)	177.2	180.0	(2)
Garlic	2783.4	2369.2	15	689.9	656.9	5	247.9	277.2	(12)
Wheat flour	16650.6	4745.6	71	1414.6	402.7	72	85.0	84.8	0
Wheat grain	39464.0	102642.0	(160)	2911.8	7284.4	(150)	73.8	71.0	4
Sugar & sugar confectionery	19278.0	39109.1	(103)	2156.2	4395.2	(104)	111.8	112.4	(0)
Maize (Other)	2052.2	14201.4	(592)	136.3	966.8	(609)	66.4	68.1	(2)

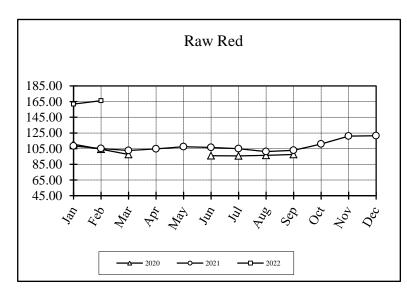
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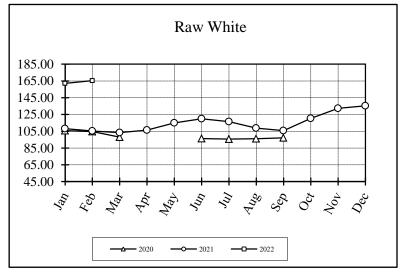
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		98.00	113.55		97.55	102.71		97.98	103.35		
Apr		133.36			118.02			104.80			106.46		
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		



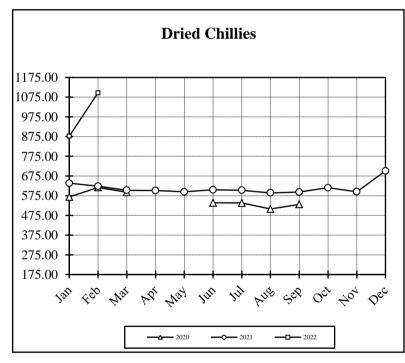


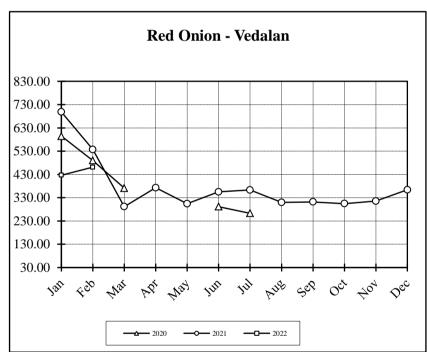


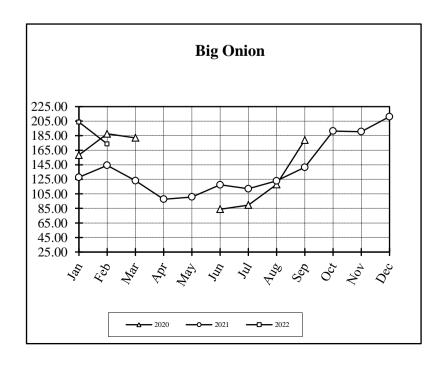


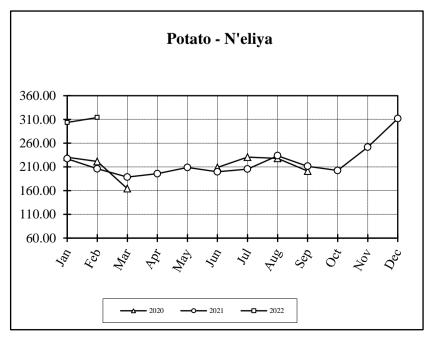
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	D	ried Chillie	es .		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		371.19	291.66		182.10	123.19		164.00	188.53		
Apr		601.31			372.89			97.65			195.46		
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		









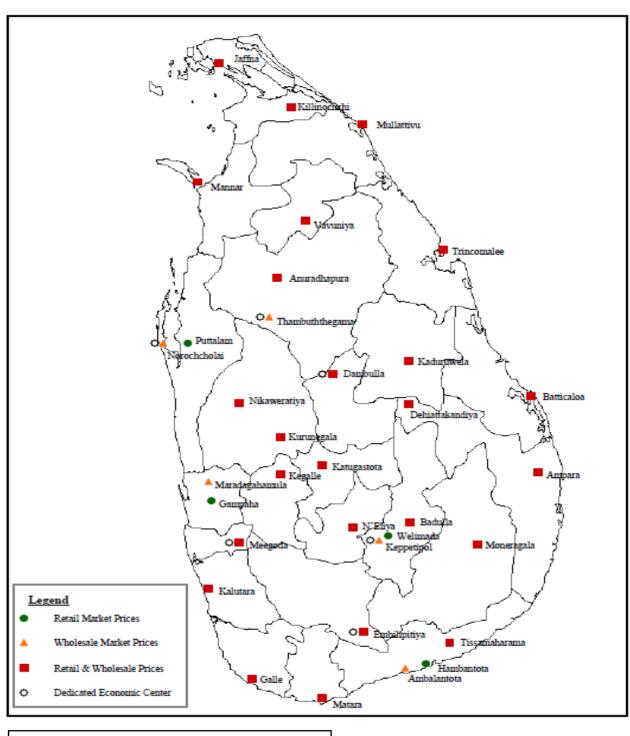
Appendix 03: Farmgate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg) Feb-22

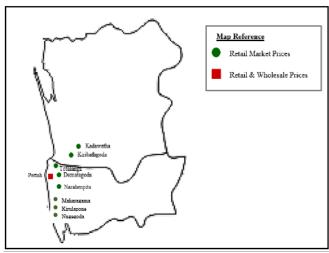
Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	Week	Week	Week	Week		Week	Week	Week	Week	•	Week	Week	Week	Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	248.00	218.60	161.00	164.80	Welimada	113.00	86.60	57.20	65.60
A'pura	85.00	92.00	79.40	90.80	Badulla	223.00	218.00	172.00	166.00	N'Eliya	116.00	86.40	57.80	76.20
P'naruwa	90.50	90.50	90.50	95.50	Welimada	227.00	185.00	144.00	156.00					
Kalawewa	88.33	92.00	87.80	85.57	<u>Pulses</u>					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	83.50	75.75	84.00	86.00	Green Gram					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	95.00	92.33	91.33	92.67	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	248.00	175.00	137.80	136.40
Ampara	92.00	94.50	94.50		Kalawewa	393.75	407.50	445.00	445.00	Dambulla		175.00	141.00	138.75
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	425.00	485.00	485.00	485.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	82.00	90.80	84.20	89.60	Kurunegala					Welimada	232.00	169.00	127.00	123.80
P'naruwa	90.50	90.50	89.50	95.75	A'pura	428.00	428.00	408.00	428.00	<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa	86.50	89.80	83.60	83.14	<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	79.25	73.50	82.00	84.00	A'pura					N'Eliya	144.00	107.00	66.40	65.00
Dehiattakandiya	90.00	91.33	92.67	92.33	Galgamuwa					Welimada	125.00	97.00	53.80	55.80
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya			433.33	422.00	Radish				
Ampara	82.00	83.50	86.83	92.71	Kalawewa	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00	Hanguranketha		32.50	28.75	28.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	465.00	446.67	446.67	446.67	N'Eliya	16.00	13.20	8.80	11.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	8.60	9.60	8.60	9.80
Long grain (Red)					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	81.67	89.33	91.00	88.33	A'Pura	84.00	88.00	84.00	94.00	Hanguranketha				
Hambantota	82.50	89.33	89.33	94.67	Kalawewa	91.40	92.40	95.00	91.00	N'Eliya	143.00	79.00	67.80	65.80
Ampara	83.33	85.00	86.83	90.71	Gingelly					Welimada	117.00	75.00	36.80	37.40
Embilipitiya	92.20	93.00	93.20	94.60	A'Pura					Hambantota				
<u>Keeri Samba</u>					Kalawewa	265.00	265.00	265.00	265.00	Badulla	124.00	110.00	67.00	65.00
A'pura				102.00	Black Gram					Tomato				
Polonnaruwa	93.50	101.50	101.50		Kalawewa	337.50	337.50	337.50	365.00	Hanguranketha		135.00	145.00	220.00
Kalawewa	93.00	93.00	96.00	96.00	A'Pura					Welimada	75.00	116.00	163.00	254.00
Kurunegala	91.25	83.75	89.33	93.00	Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota	53.33	122.50	142.50	166.67
Dehiattakandiya	110.00	105.00	105.00	104.33	<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	83.60	166.50	173.50	222.00
					Dambulla	179.00	156.50	156.50	183.50	Low Country				
Red Onion					Welimada	123.00	125.00	112.60	171.60	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Badulla	156.00	148.00	198.00	164.00	A'pura	114.00	134.00	133.33	100.00
Dambulla					<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	148.00	148.00	145.50	65.60
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha			276.67	277.50	Hambantota	110.00	97.50	115.00	65.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	368.00	413.00	275.00	264.60	Embilipitiya	155.00	119.00	111.00	74.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	332.00	335.00	237.00	223.00	Matara	133.33	80.00	153.33	123.33

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Commodity	1 St	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
·	Week	Week	Week	Week	· ·	Week	Week	Week	Week	•	Week	Week	Week	Week
Brinjals					Pumpkin					Lime				
A'pura	128.00	144.00	124.00	104.00	Dambulla	158.60	155.50	150.50	120.00	Hambantota				
Dambulla	160.00	155.00	132.00	102.00	Hambantota	117.50	117.50	117.50	115.00	Embilipitiya	67.00	47.00	47.00	55.00
Hambantota	150.00	133.33	133.33	133.33	Embilipitiya	136.25	149.00	203.00	152.00	Moneragala			72.00	63.00
Embilipitiya	129.00	140.00	153.00	104.00	Matara					Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Matara	156.67	116.67	150.00	126.67	A'pura	124.00	144.00	108.00	94.00	Banana				
Welimada	175.00	138.00	129.00	86.00	Moneragala			138.00	138.00	<u>Ambul</u>				
					Cucumber					Moneragala			27.00	28.00
Capsicum					A'pura	57.00		24.00	27.00	Embilipitiya	30.00	30.00	30.00	26.00
Welimada	386.00	458.00	376.00	250.00	Dambulla	45.60	46.40	32.20	30.00	Hambantota	43.33	43.33	43.33	43.33
Bitter Gourd					Hambantota	43.33	43.33	43.33	36.67	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	274.00	188.00	228.00	228.00	Matara			36.67		Moneragala			100.00	102.00
Dambulla	296.00	284.00	276.00	250.00	Long beans					Embilipitiya	118.00	118.00	118.00	118.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	123.00	104.00	120.00	88.20	Hambantota	116.67	126.67	126.67	126.67
Embilipitiya	335.00	327.50	330.00	315.00	Hambantota	106.67	110.00	130.00	70.00	Papaw				
					Embilipitiya	162.00	117.00	128.00	137.00	Moneragala				95.00
Snake Gourd					Matara	93.33	100.00	153.33	153.33	Embilipitiya	146.00	125.00	144.00	144.00
Dambulla	158.50	145.00	149.50	139.00	A'Pura	144.00	104.00	108.00	84.00	Hambantota	105.00	117.50	120.00	120.00
Hambantota	150.00	150.00	170.00	166.67	Ash Plantain					Pineapple				
Embilipitiya	180.00	130.00	135.00	118.00	Hambantota	30.00	32.50	32.50	30.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara	196.67	143.33	176.67	176.67	Embilipitiya	67.00	67.00	58.00	58.00					
A'pura	144.00	148.00	134.00	144.00	Matara	38.33	41.67	41.67	48.33					
<u>Luffa</u>					Green Chillies									
Dambulla	186.50	157.50	162.50	161.50	Dambulla	508.00	542.00	400.00	314.00					
Hambantota	195.00	195.00	170.00	173.33	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	226.25	188.75	238.00	202.00	Embilipitiya	624.00	750.00	615.00	556.00					
Matara	170.00	166.67	183.33	183.33	Puttalam	442.00	442.00	401.67	338.33					
A'pura	174.00	148.00	144.00	154.00	A'Pura	524.00	428.00	370.00	308.00					

Price Collecting Areas









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