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Highlights

Paddy

Producer prices of all paddy varieties have decreased in most of the major producing areas due to the new harvest reaching the market slightly and the abundance of imported and local rice varieties in the markets. The monthly average prices of long-grain white and short-grain paddy have decreased by less than Rs 6.00 per kg, in most of the producing areas, with the highest decline in Kurunegala.

Rice

Retail prices of all local rice varieties except for samba 1 had decreased slightly by less than 2% 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 05 -56% .

Red dhal

The retail price of red dhal was ranged between Rs.360/kg and Rs.400.00/kg with an average of Rs.381/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices have increased by 34% while retail price has also increased by 35%.

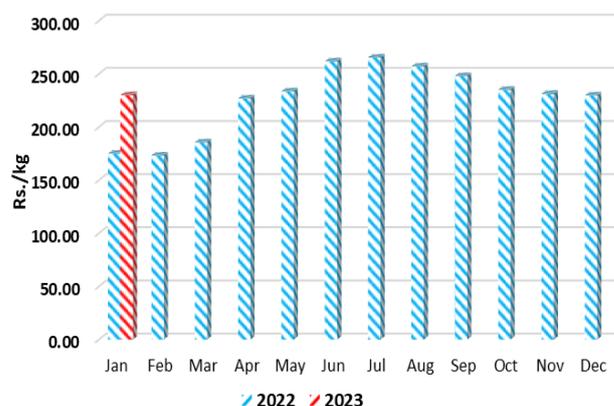
Vegetables

Prices of most of the up-country vegetable varieties have decreased due to increased market supply from main producing areas. The highest price decrease of 33% was recorded for cabbage, followed by carrot as 24%. However, prices of most of the low-country vegetable varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for cucumber as 29%. Nevertheless, vegetable prices are expected to decline further in the coming month.

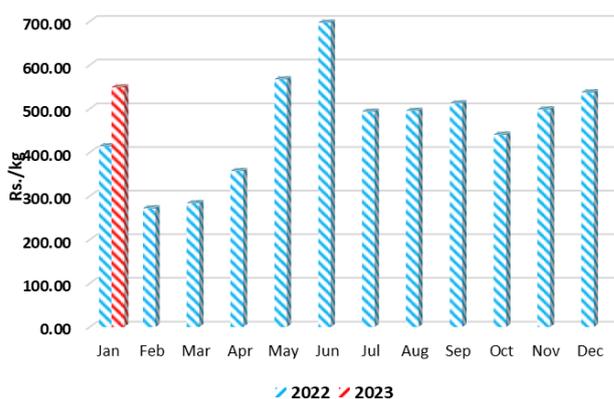
Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

The prices of most fish varieties slightly increased at the wholesale level due to the low supply caused by adverse weather conditions. However, compared to the price hike observed in the previous month, the prices of all meat varieties and eggs have slightly decreased in January.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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The information is analyzed and presented as, prevailing prices, price ranges, averages and comparison of monthly prices. The changes in prices reported are always in relation to price, which prevailed during the previous month unless otherwise stated.

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| 3. Dematagoda | 6. Kadawatha | 9. Nugegoda |

Outstation Markets

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 16. Keppetipola | 31. Rathnapura |
| 2. Dambulla | 17. Thambuththegama | 32. Embilipitiya |
| 3. Matara | 18. Anuradhapura | 33. Maradagahamula |
| 4. Kurunegala | 19. Badulla | 34. Galenbindunuwewa |
| 5. Bandarawela | 20. Galle | 35. Rilkillagaskada |
| 6. Kandy | 21. Mannar | 36. Matale |
| 7. Meegoda | 22. Trincomalee | |
| 8. Kalutara | 23. Batticaloa | |
| 9. Weeravila | 24. Jaffna | |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 25. Mullativu | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 26. Kilinochchi | |
| 12. Puttalam | 27. Vavuniya | |
| 13. Hambanthota | 28. Kegalle | |
| 14. Veyangoda | 29. Ampara | |
| 15. Dehiattakandiya | 30. Monaragala | |

1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

The harvesting of the paddy crop in the 2022–23 *Maha* season commenced slightly in Kalmunai, Akkeripatthu, Samanturei, and the rain-fed cultivations of Kurunegala. Official information reveals that among the major paddy-producing areas, above-normal rainfall was recorded in the north western and southern provinces and in the Mannar, Vauniya, and Anuradhapura districts. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent for the 2022/23 *Maha* season is 853,553 ha, and the cultivated extent is 794,163 ha. The expected production based on the reported sown extent up to the end of December is 2.62 million metric tons, considering the crop damages. The total crop damages reported due to yellowing, pests and diseases, floods, and other reasons are 129,309 ha, mainly from Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Kalutara, Kurunegala districts. The major surplus of paddy is expected from Eastern and North Central provinces.

Table 1.1 Target and Sown Extent as at End Jan 2023 and production forecast of Maha

| District/Area | Area target for the season (ha) | Sown area as at end January 2023 (ha) | Cultivation Progress as a % from target | **Production forecast based on progress (Mt) | Total affected extent (ha) | Revised production forecast (Mt) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Colombo | 4,197 | 4,345 | 104 | 12,040 | 512 | 11,600 |
| Gampaha | 13,277 | 12,492 | 94 | 38,332 | 2,598 | 36,339 |
| Kalutara | 14,722 | 13,310 | 90 | 39,167 | 6,264 | 31,232 |
| Galle | 14,048 | 12,939 | 92 | 33,417 | 892 | 32,637 |
| Matara | 15,276 | 14,288 | 94 | 38,467 | 419 | 38,165 |
| Ratnapura | 11,958 | 11,545 | 97 | 42,296 | 1,988 | 38,654 |
| Kegalle | 8,336 | 7,039 | 84 | 26,836 | - | 26,836 |
| Kurunagala | 83,507 | 70,939 | 85 | 277,373 | 6,587 | 269,977 |
| Puttalam | 22,745 | 19,159 | 84 | 58,627 | 67 | 58,452 |
| Kandy | 9,816 | 8,468 | 86 | 27,370 | 273 | 27,055 |
| Matale | 18,259 | 15,181 | 83 | 65,122 | 45 | 65,021 |
| N eliya | 6,628 | 3,245 | 49 | 7,643 | 157 | 7,550 |
| Badulla | 16,594 | 12,139 | 73 | 42,305 | - | 42,305 |
| Monaragala | 29,732 | 25,540 | 86 | 103,369 | 4,280 | 99,038 |
| Jaffna | 13,000 | 12,973 | 100 | 32,004 | 1,472 | 30,162 |
| Kilinochchi | 28,779 | 28,779 | 100 | 86,573 | - | 86,573 |
| Vavuniya | 22,394 | 23,568 | 105 | 85,831 | 1,000 | 83,828 |
| Mullativu | 21,899 | 21,950 | 100 | 77,455 | 2,277 | 72,581 |
| Mannar | 21,694 | 20,647 | 95 | 83,586 | 4,469 | 78,563 |
| Anuradhapura | 79,196 | 66,403 | 84 | 241,343 | 8,910 | 215,047 |
| Trincomalee | 42,498 | 41,572 | 98 | 145,214 | 925 | 144,380 |
| Batticaloa | 74,333 | 71,189 | 96 | 193,522 | 14,875 | 159,499 |
| Ampara | 7,303 | 7,302 | 100 | 28,951 | 4,960 | 16,377 |
| Hambantota | 13,016 | 11,977 | 92 | 56,296 | 221 | 56,036 |
| Udawalawa | 11,810 | 13,042 | 110 | 59,641 | 113 | 59,464 |
| System H | 21,755 | 21,872 | 101 | 79,089 | 4,897 | 67,010 |
| System H1 | 8,199 | 8,318 | 101 | 30,078 | 10 | 30,042 |
| System B | 20,745 | 20,371 | 98 | 74,639 | 16,905 | 45,228 |
| System C | 22,960 | 22,178 | 97 | 81,260 | 27,185 | 48,314 |
| System G | 5,948 | 5,806 | 98 | 22,156 | 13,428 | 8,797 |
| System D | 1,559 | 1,920 | 123 | 7,035 | 1,442 | 5,105 |
| Rambakanoya | 1,050 | 957 | 91 | 3,162 | 561 | 2,240 |
| Sri Lanka | 853,553 | 794,163 | 93 | 2,828,509 | 129,309 | 2,620,632 |

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices of all paddy varieties have decreased in most of the major producing areas during the month, mainly due to the new harvest reaching the market slightly and the abundance of imported and local rice varieties in the markets. The monthly average prices of long-grain white and short-grain paddy have decreased by less than Rs 6.00 per kg, in most of the producing areas, with the highest decline in Kurunegala. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red paddy has decreased by less than Rs 8.00 per kg in Hambantota and Embilipitiya. The prices of short grain and long grain white paddy ranged between Rs.85.00-108.00/kg, and the prices of long grain red paddy ranged Rs. 93.00-118.00/kg respectively. Prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs. 93.00 and 109.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all paddy varieties except for the *Keeri* samba have increased significantly in all major producing areas. The prices of short grain and long grain white paddy have increased by 9%-18% and 6%-30% respectively. Meanwhile prices of long grain red paddy have increased by nearly 11% in Hambantota and 16% in Embilipitiya.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy – January 2023

| | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Short Grain | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 90.00-105.00 | 94.72 | 98.15 | 89.08 | -3.43 | -3.49 | 5.64 | 6.33 |
| Polonnaruwa | 98.00-106.50 | 102.82 | 104.88 | 88.02 | -2.06 | -1.96 | 14.80 | 16.81 |
| Kalawewa | 90.00-105.00 | 95.28 | 98.70 | 86.51 | -3.42 | -3.47 | 8.77 | 10.13 |
| Kurunegala | 93.00-102.00 | 97.72 | 103.38 | 86.48 | -5.66 | -5.47 | 11.24 | 12.99 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 95.00-104.00 | 98.70 | 95.83 | 85.20 | 2.87 | 2.99 | 13.50 | 15.85 |
| Nikaweratiya | 90.00-108.00 | 96.25 | 101.79 | - | -5.54 | -5.44 | - | - |
| Ampara | 100.00-100.00 | 100.00 | - | 77.05 | - | - | 22.95 | 29.78 |
| Long Grain White | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 90.00-105.00 | 94.08 | 97.20 | 85.72 | -3.12 | -3.21 | 8.36 | 9.75 |
| Polonnaruwa | 99.00-106.50 | 102.44 | 102.53 | 87.75 | -0.09 | -0.09 | 14.69 | 16.74 |
| Kalawewa | 88.00-105.00 | 93.60 | 96.65 | 83.35 | -3.05 | -3.16 | 10.25 | 12.30 |
| Kurunegala | 90.00-100.00 | 96.37 | 101.44 | 83.38 | -5.07 | -5.00 | 12.99 | 15.58 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 94.00-102.00 | 96.87 | 94.50 | 81.80 | 2.37 | 2.50 | 15.07 | 18.42 |
| Embilipitiya | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nikaweratiya | 90.00-108.00 | 96.25 | 101.79 | - | -5.54 | -5.44 | - | - |
| Ampara | 85.00-93.00 | 89.65 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Long Grain Red | | | | | | | | |
| A' pura | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Matara | 95.00-117.00 | - | 110.56 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hambantota | 93.00-118.00 | 103.33 | 110.65 | 93.00 | -7.31 | -6.61 | 10.33 | 11.11 |
| Embilipitiya | 93.00-115.00 | 104.92 | 112.90 | 90.32 | -7.98 | -7.07 | 14.60 | 16.16 |
| Keeri Samba | | | | | | | | |
| A' pura | 94.00-108.00 | 98.72 | 97.20 | 108.00 | 1.52 | 1.56 | -9.28 | -8.59 |
| Polonnaruwa | 105.00-1058.00 | 106.18 | 103.19 | 122.43 | 3.00 | 2.90 | -16.25 | -13.27 |
| Kalawewa | 93.00-105.00 | 98.43 | 100.44 | 107.00 | -2.01 | -2.00 | -8.57 | -8.01 |
| Kurunegala | - | - | - | 112.00 | - | - | - | - |
| Dehiattakandiya | 95.00-109.00 | 101.60 | 96.08 | 118.58 | 5.52 | 5.74 | -16.98 | -14.32 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supplies of most of the local rice varieties increased slightly compared to last month. Hence, the wholesale prices of all rice varieties except *Samba* grade II have decreased by less than 2%. The highest price decrease of Rs. 4.44/kg was recorded for raw red due to increased supplies. A decreasing trend for price of raw red was recorded during the month and further price reduction could be expected by the next month too. Wholesale prices of *samba* grade I and II ranged between Rs. 210.00-220.00 and 200.00-210.00/kg during the month and prices remained unchanged compared to the previous month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all local rice varieties except for *keeri samba* had increased by 25- 30% with the highest price increase of 30% being recorded for *samba* grade 1. Prices of all imported rice varieties had increased significantly in the range of 45- 65% compared to the same period of last year.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 210.00-220.00 | 213.09 | 213.25 | 163.44 | -0.17 | -0.08 | 49.65 | 30.38 |
| Samba 2 | 200.00-210.00 | 205.76 | 205.24 | 159.60 | 0.52 | 0.25 | 46.16 | 28.92 |
| Keeri Samba | 215.00-230.00 | 221.86 | 222.84 | 227.23 | -0.98 | -0.44 | -5.37 | -2.37 |
| Nadu 1 | 180.00-210.00 | 199.20 | 199.76 | 156.67 | -0.56 | -0.28 | 42.53 | 27.14 |
| Nadu 2 | 170.00-200.00 | 192.46 | 194.43 | 152.21 | -1.97 | -1.01 | 40.25 | 26.44 |
| Raw red | 170.00-202.00 | 192.38 | 196.83 | 149.52 | -4.44 | -2.26 | 42.86 | 28.67 |
| Raw white | 170.00-200.00 | 188.30 | 190.25 | 151.23 | -1.95 | -1.02 | 37.07 | 24.52 |
| Imported Samba | 193.00-215.00 | 204.44 | 200.71 | 123.85 | 3.73 | 1.86 | 80.59 | 65.08 |
| Imported Raw White | 160.00-175.00 | 166.46 | 164.58 | 114.66 | 1.89 | 1.15 | 51.80 | 45.18 |
| Imported Nadu | 163.00-180.00 | 174.00 | 173.45 | 115.06 | 0.55 | 0.32 | 58.94 | 51.23 |
| Retail Prices- | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 220.00-240.00 | 230.11 | 229.85 | 175.11 | 0.26 | 0.11 | 55.00 | 31.41 |
| Samba 2 | 210.00-230.00 | 219.81 | 220.88 | 163.05 | -1.08 | -0.49 | 56.75 | 34.81 |
| Keeri Samba | 240.00-265.00 | 255.73 | 258.92 | 244.01 | -3.19 | -1.23 | 11.71 | 4.80 |
| Nadu 1 | 210.00-230.00 | 220.92 | 222.78 | 163.43 | -1.86 | -0.83 | 57.49 | 35.18 |
| Nadu 2 | 200.00-220.00 | 212.20 | 213.62 | 152.84 | -1.42 | -0.66 | 59.35 | 38.83 |
| Raw red | 190.00-220.00 | 213.83 | 217.65 | 161.74 | -3.82 | -1.76 | 52.09 | 32.21 |
| Raw white | 190.00-220.00 | 210.47 | 211.26 | 162.13 | -0.79 | -0.37 | 48.34 | 29.81 |
| Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba | 200.00-230.00 | 219.77 | 210.26 | 140.94 | 9.51 | 4.53 | 78.83 | 55.93 |
| Imported Raw White | 175.00-200.00 | 187.42 | 181.28 | 131.92 | 6.14 | 3.39 | 55.50 | 42.07 |
| Imported Nadu | 180.00-210.00 | 197.21 | 197.72 | 135.73 | -0.51 | -0.26 | 61.48 | 45.30 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all local rice varieties except for *samba* 1 had decreased slightly by less than 2% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. Retail price of *samba* grade I ranged Rs.220.00-240.00/kg and remained unchanged compared to the previous month. The highest price decrease of Rs. 4.00/kg was recorded for raw red due to increased supplies.

Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 05 -56%, and the highest price increase was recorded for imported ponni samba.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for green chilli cultivation in maha 2022 /23 was 11,214 ha. The extent of lands cultivated with green chilli was 6,477 ha by the end of January and it was 58% of the target. Both the highest targeted extent (1776ha) and cultivated extent (638ha) were recorded from the Anuradhapura district at the end of this month. However, the cultivation progress in Anuradhapura and Puttalam districts was below 50% of the targeted extent. The total estimated production of green chilli during this Maha season is 31,484 mt and out of that around 43% of the production will be supplied from Anuradhapura (11%), Puttalam (9%), Batticaloa (9%), Monaragala (8%), and Kurunegala (6%).

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2022/23 Season

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end January 2023 | | Expected Production (Mt) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the targeted extent | |
| Anuradhapura | 1,776 | 638 | 36 | 3,355 |
| Puttalam | 1,770 | 407 | 23 | 2,984 |
| Monaragala | 683 | 564 | 83 | 2,635 |
| Batticaloa | 588 | 548 | 93 | 2,904 |
| Jaffna | 770 | 383 | 50 | 2,015 |
| Kurunegala | 440 | 353 | 80 | 1,982 |
| Badulla | 415 | 418 | 101 | 1,764 |
| Kilinochchi | 485 | 256 | 53 | 1,149 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 271 | 208 | 77 | 1,093 |
| Interprovincial DDA areas | 751 | 224 | 30 | 1,038 |
| Mahaweli areas | 515 | 492 | 96 | 2,252 |
| Other areas | 2,750 | 1,986 | 72 | 8,313 |
| Total | 11,214 | 6,477 | 58 | 31,484 |

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 04, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas decreased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.109.00/kg and Rs.117.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.298.60/kg and Rs.535.06/kg respectively. Prices of green chilli are expected to increase in the coming months too with the decrease of supply from main producing areas. Compared to the same period of last year, both the wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 44% and 35% respectively.

A quantity of 3,080 mt of dried chilli was imported in January 2023 and this quantity was lower than 983 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.891.72/kg and it has increased by Rs.6.51/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.33.00/kg respectively with the high imports. Prices ranged between Rs.1100.00-1470.00/kg at the wholesale level and

Rs.1400.00 – Rs. 1900.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 73% and 100% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – Jan 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chilli | 250.00-350.00 | 298.60 | 189.50 | 536.47 | 109.10 | 57.57 | -237.87 | -44.34 |
| Dried Chilli | 1100.00-1470.00 | 1331.90 | 1451.46 | 771.37 | -119.56 | -8.24 | 560.53 | 72.67 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chilli | 300.00-700.00 | 535.06 | 418.51 | 817.68 | 116.55 | 27.85 | -282.62 | -34.56 |
| Dried Chilli | 1400.00-1900.00 | 1752.35 | 1785.38 | 876.68 | -33.03 | -1.85 | 875.67 | 99.88 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) January 2023

| Location | 1 st week | 2 nd week | 3 rd week | 4 th week | 5 th week |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dambulla | 264.00 | 214.00 | 316.00 | 220.00 | 212.00 |
| Embilipitiya | 396.00 | 396.00 | 388.00 | 388.00 | 304.00 |
| Puttalam | 198.33 | 206.67 | 243.33 | 242.00 | 198.00 |
| A'Pura | 188.00 | 188.00 | 252.00 | 208.00 | 182.00 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for red onion for maha 2022/23 season was 3575ha, of which 1,199ha has been cultivated by the end of January 2023. It represented 34% 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 831ha of the target (44%) was grown at the end of January 2023. The cultivation progress of red onion in Puttalam district was 22% of the targeted extent at the end of January 2023. The total estimated production of red onion during this maha season is 14,830 mt and out of that around 88% of the production will be supplied from Jaffna (69%), and Puttalam (19%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2022/23 Season

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of Jan 2023 | | Expected Production (Mt) |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the target | |
| Jaffna | 1,900 | 831 | 44 | 10,304 |
| Puttalam | 900 | 195 | 22 | 2,750 |
| Other area | 775 | 173 | 22 | 1,776 |
| Total | 3,575 | 1,199 | 34 | 14,830 |

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 04,, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of only imported and big onions during this month. A quantity of 27,638mt of big onion was imported in January 2023 and this quantity was higher than the 2,136 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.84.21/kg and it has decreased by Rs.4.06/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices

of imported big onions have decreased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.145.40/kg and Rs.188.50/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 8% and 7% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of local red onion has decreased from the main producing areas during this month too. Hence, local red onion stocks were not available at most of the wholesale and retail markets during this month. A quantity of 1677mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 584 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.156.20/kg and it has increased by Rs. 12.06/kg compared to the previous month. The wholesale price of imported red onion has decreased by about Rs.55.00/kg while the retail price has increased by Rs.20.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about,63%.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - Jan 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | - | - | - | 246.67 | - | - | - | - |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Red Onion (Imported) | 350.00-625.00 | 489.40 | 544.81 | 311.20 | -55.41 | -10.17 | | 0.00 |
| Big Onion (imported) | 110.00-170.00 | 145.40 | 157.60 | 157.40 | -12.20 | -7.74 | -12.00 | -7.62 |
| Big Onion (Local) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | - | - | 706.59 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Red Onion (Imported) | 420.00-800.00 | 696.10 | 676.47 | 426.78 | 19.63 | 2.90 | 269.33 | 63.11 |
| Big Onion (imported) | 140.00-240.00 | 188.50 | 195.56 | 203.69 | -7.06 | -3.61 | -15.20 | -7.46 |
| Big Onion (Local) | | | | | | | | |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, January 2023

| Item | Month | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Wholesale Price | Retail Price | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|--------|
| | | | (Rs/kg) | (Rs/kg) | WP-CIF | RP-WP |
| Big onion | January,2023 | 84.21 | 145.40 | 188.50 | 61.19 | 43.10 |
| | December,2022 | 88.27 | 157.60 | 195.56 | 69.33 | 37.96 |
| | January,2022 | 87.83 | 157.40 | 203.69 | 69.57 | 46.29 |
| Red onion | January,2023 | 156.20 | 489.40 | 696.10 | 333.20 | 206.70 |
| | December,2022 | 144.14 | 544.81 | 676.47 | 400.67 | 131.67 |
| | January,2022 | 153.97 | 311.20 | 426.78 | 157.23 | 115.58 |

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onions (August 2022 to January 2023)

| Month | Quantity Imported (Mt) | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Wholesale Price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg) |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| January-2023 | 27,637.65 | 84.21 | 145.40 | 188.50 | 104.29 |
| December-2022 | 25,501.24 | 88.27 | 157.60 | 195.56 | 107.29 |
| November-2022 | 19,712.16 | 92.02 | 226.13 | 281.28 | 189.26 |
| October-2022 | 12,950.79 | 83.42 | 202.30 | 233.69 | 150.28 |
| September-2022 | 16,368.03 | 80.70 | 136.48 | 183.42 | 102.72 |
| August-2022 | 27,516.83 | 100.31 | 146.72 | 189.33 | 89.01 |

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) | |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | Jan,2023 | Dec,2022 | Jan,2023 | Dec,2022 | Jan,2023 | Dec,2022 |
| Red Onion | 1677.32 | 1093.58 | 261.99 | 157.63 | 156.20 | 144.14 |
| Big Onion | 27637.65 | 25501.24 | 2327.31 | 2250.90 | 84.21 | 88.27 |

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* season was 3,202 ha and about 956 ha have been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 30% of the target. The cultivated progress is lower for the potato when compared with the total cultivated extent as at Maha 21/22 season. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 14,400 mt for the *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent was 1,526 ha and about 208 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (14% progress). Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at low during this *maha* season in the district.

The targeted extent for this *maha* season was 1,533 ha in the Badulla district and 731 ha have been cultivated by the end of January achieving 48% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at a low level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the Badulla district.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 17,961 mt of potato had been imported in January which was 2,779 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Compared to the quantity imported in January, 2022 (15,834 mt), the imports were slightly high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.67.32 /kg in January (Table 2.3.1).

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –August to January 2023

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| January-2023 | 17,961 | 1209.22 | 67.32 | 181.78 | 114.46 |
| December-2022 | 15,183 | 1199.30 | 78.99 | 232.61 | 153.61 |
| November-2022 | 12,035 | 883.04 | 73.37 | 239.85 | 166.48 |
| October-2022 | 12,788 | 965.08 | 75.47 | 233.55 | 158.08 |
| September-2022 | 11,101 | 831.97 | 74.94 | 300.32 | 225.37 |
| August-2022 | 13,414 | 1205.26 | 89.85 | 224.06 | 134.21 |

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

With regard to local potato, the Walimada potato stocks were not available in the Colombo wholesale and retail market due to the end of the harvesting period. Stocks of Nuwara Eliya potato were available in the wholesale and retail markets and the price ranged between Rs.300-440.00/kg and Rs. 350.00-520.00/kg. Wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 34% and 22% respectively due to ample stocks available in the market. During the month of January, the wholesale price of imported potato ranged between Rs.95.00-230.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya increased by 46% while the retail price of imported potato decreased by 9% (Table 2.3.2).

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Producer Prices (PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 200.00-300.00 | 255.80 | 364.25 | 215.64 | -108.45 | -29.77 | 40.16 | 18.62 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 210.00-320.00 | 272.00 | 389.50 | 234.40 | -117.50 | -30.17 | 37.60 | 16.04 |
| Imported – CIF | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wholesale Prices (WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | 300.00-440.00 | 366.00 | 427.50 | 244.33 | -61.50 | -14.39 | 121.67 | 49.80 |
| Imported | 95.00-230.00 | 124.06 | 188.13 | 159.16 | -64.07 | -34.05 | -35.10 | -22.05 |
| Retail Prices (RP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | 350.00-520.00 | 443.97 | 467.45 | 303.42 | -23.48 | -5.02 | 140.54 | 46.32 |
| Imported | 120.00-360.00 | 181.78 | 232.61 | 199.33 | -50.82 | -21.85 | -17.54 | -8.80 |
| Gross Margin (RP-PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | - | 171.97 | 77.95 | 69.02 | 94.02 | 120.62 | 102.94 | 149.14 |
| Imported (RP-CIF) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gross Margin (RP -WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | - | 77.97 | 39.95 | 59.09 | 38.02 | 95.17 | 18.88 | 31.94 |
| Imported | - | 57.72 | 44.48 | 40.17 | 13.24 | 29.77 | 17.56 | 43.71 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 29% of its targeted extent in Maha 2022/2023 season. The cultivated progress is lower for all the OFC's when compared with the total cultivated extent as at Maha 2021/22 season, except for black gram, soy bean and ground nut. Kurunegala recorded the highest cultivation extent of green gram as 857ha which is followed by Puttalam (533 ha) and Moneragala(509 ha). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 4,186 mt which is around 72% of the production compared to the previous year.

The cultivation of cowpea achieves 50% of the targeted cultivation extent. The expected production is around 3,906mt. Ampara, Monaragala and Kurunegala district are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2022/23 Maha season.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs. 1,080/kg to 1,350 /kg with an average of Rs. 1,231/kg in January 2023. The prices have increased by 14% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has increased by 142%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs. 1200/kg and 1600/kg with an average of Rs.1,344/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has changed significantly with the price increase of Rs. 68.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price has increased by 117% (Table 2.4.1).

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.1,226/kg and Rs.1233/kg, respectively in January 2023. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.950/kg and Rs. 1,350/kg and the wholesale price of red cowpea ranged between Rs.950/kg and Rs.1,400/kg.

Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 1% while the price of red cowpea has decreased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea and red cowpea has significantly increased by 92% and 152% respectively.

Average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs. 1,404/kg and Rs.1413/kg respectively. The retail prices of both white and red cowpeas ranged between Rs. 1,200/kg and Rs.1,600/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea and red cowpea prices have increased by 10% and 5% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white cowpea and red cowpea have increased by 103% and 141% respectively (Table 2.4.1).

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | Change Compared to | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 1080.00-1350.00 | 1231.36 | 1083.78 | 508.11 | 147.58 | 13.62 | 723.25 | 142.34 |
| Cowpea (White) | 950.00-1350.00 | 1225.68 | 1204.38 | 640.22 | 21.31 | 1.77 | 585.46 | 91.45 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 950.00-1400.00 | 1233.13 | 1248.75 | 488.93 | -15.63 | -1.25 | 744.19 | 152.21 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 1200.00-1600.00 | 1343.50 | 1275.08 | 618.57 | 68.42 | 5.37 | 724.93 | 117.20 |
| Cowpea (White) | 1200.00-1600.00 | 1404.31 | 1273.50 | 692.89 | 130.81 | 10.27 | 711.42 | 102.67 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 1200.00-1600.00 | 1412.52 | 1327.64 | 584.18 | 84.88 | 6.39 | 828.33 | 141.79 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.340/kg and Rs.360/kg with an average of Rs.353/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.360/kg and Rs.400.00/kg with an average of Rs.381/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices have increased by 34% while retail price has also increased by 35%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – January 2023

| Red Dhal | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Price | 340.00-360.00 | 353.36 | 353.77 | 261.94 | -0.41 | -0.12 | 91.42 | 34.90 |
| Retail Price | 360.00-400.00 | 381.35 | 375.65 | 280.92 | 5.70 | 1.52 | 100.43 | 35.75 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Cultivation progress of up-country and low-country vegetables are recorded as 62% (12,724ha) and 69% (19,435ha) respectively. Pumpkin, brinjal, long bean and winged bean reported above 70% progress from their targets. Cultivated area of all vegetables were lower than that of Maha 21/22 season, except for beans, cabbage, knol-khol, leeks, tomato, radish and winged bean (*Crop Forecast, Vol.04, Maha 2022/2023, Socio Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture*).

Table 3.1 :Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Maha 2022/23 Season

| Crops | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of January 2023 | | Expected Production (mt) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the Target | |
| Up-Country Vegetables | | | | |
| Bean | 4,340 | 2975 | 69 | 30,048 |
| Beet | 1,703 | 775 | 45 | 8,518 |
| Cabbage | 2,608 | 1583 | 61 | 38,739 |
| Capsicum | 2,501 | 1485 | 59 | 12,374 |
| Carrot | 1,995 | 1318 | 66 | 26,839 |
| Knol-khol | 498 | 339 | 68 | 3,347 |
| Leeks | 1,333 | 742 | 56 | 10,630 |
| Tomato | 3,421 | 2354 | 69 | 29,507 |
| Radish | 2,020 | 1153 | 57 | 22,600 |
| Total | 20,420 | 12,724 | 62 | 182,602 |
| Low – country Vegetables | | | | |
| Pumpkin | 3,774 | 3101 | 82 | 42,595 |
| Snake gourd | 1,825 | 1123 | 62 | 14,227 |
| Cucumber | 1,723 | 1022 | 59 | 14,161 |
| Bitter gourd | 2,293 | 1295 | 56 | 15,457 |
| Okra | 4,241 | 2868 | 68 | 31,777 |
| Brinjal | 5,356 | 3915 | 73 | 50,024 |
| Ash plantain | 632 | 311 | 49 | 4,593 |
| Luffa | 1,903 | 1127 | 59 | 13,049 |
| Long Bean | 5,082 | 3706 | 73 | 33,108 |
| Winged bean | 809 | 643 | 80 | 6,583 |
| Kekiri | 484 | 325 | 67 | 4,101 |
| Total | 28,122 | 19,435 | 69 | 229,676 |
| Grand Total | 48,542 | 32,159 | 66 | 412,278 |

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2022/23, volume 04, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the up-country vegetable varieties have decreased due to increased market supply. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have decreased by 1%-49% except beans.

The highest price decrease was reported for cabbage (49%). The highest price of Rs.443.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.72.00/kg was observed for radish. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have increased by 3%-105% except bitter gourd, snake gourd and long bean. The highest price of Rs. 689.00/kg was recorded for capsicum, while the lowest price of Rs. 103,000/kg was for cucumber. However, the price of cucumbers increased by 105% compared to the previous month. Further, prices of green chilli was increased by 58%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 176% being reported for ash plantain.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 250.00-650.00 | 443.00 | 374.00 | 311.04 | 69.00 | 18.45 | 131.96 | 42.42 |
| Carrot | 100.00-250.00 | 158.00 | 271.50 | 379.84 | -113.50 | -41.80 | -221.84 | -58.40 |
| Leeks | 170.00-320.00 | 224.58 | 333.00 | 202.96 | -108.42 | -32.56 | 21.63 | 10.66 |
| Beetroot | 130.00-450.00 | 318.02 | 342.24 | 366.23 | -24.22 | -7.08 | -48.21 | -13.16 |
| Knolkhol | 180.00-260.00 | 227.80 | 229.50 | 209.04 | -1.70 | -0.74 | 18.76 | 8.97 |
| Radish | 40.00-120.00 | 72.40 | 97.00 | 82.82 | -24.60 | -25.36 | -10.42 | -12.58 |
| Cabbage | 40.00-140.00 | 72.80 | 143.25 | 222.89 | -70.45 | -49.18 | -150.09 | -67.34 |
| Tomato | 100.00-230.00 | 156.20 | 164.00 | 145.64 | -7.80 | -4.76 | 10.56 | 7.25 |
| Ladies Fingers | 120.00-210.00 | 173.40 | 124.00 | 158.71 | 49.40 | 39.84 | 14.69 | 9.26 |
| Brinjal | 130.00-400.00 | 239.60 | 196.25 | 237.82 | 43.35 | 22.09 | 1.78 | 0.75 |
| Capsicum | 600.00-800.00 | 689.40 | 668.75 | 561.67 | 20.65 | 3.09 | 127.73 | 22.74 |
| Pumpkin | 70.00-150.00 | 119.40 | 96.25 | 113.97 | 23.15 | 24.05 | 5.43 | 4.77 |
| Cucumber | 60.00-150.00 | 102.80 | 50.25 | 84.60 | 52.55 | 104.58 | 18.20 | 21.51 |
| Bittergourd | 250.00-340.00 | 287.20 | 317.00 | 252.71 | -29.80 | -9.40 | 34.49 | 13.65 |
| Snakegourd | 130.00-250.00 | 194.20 | 227.25 | 215.40 | -33.05 | -14.54 | -21.20 | -9.84 |
| Drumstick | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Luffa | 180.00-300.00 | 230.20 | 205.50 | 200.50 | 24.70 | 12.02 | 29.70 | 14.81 |
| Long Beans | 120.00-300.00 | 205.80 | 242.25 | 192.27 | -36.45 | -15.05 | 13.53 | 7.04 |
| Ash Plantain | 180.00-250.00 | 219.40 | 203.75 | 79.38 | 15.65 | 7.68 | 140.02 | 176.38 |
| Green Chillies | 250.00-350.00 | 298.60 | 189.50 | 536.47 | 109.10 | 57.57 | -237.87 | -44.34 |
| Lime | 80.00-130.00 | 99.00 | 138.50 | 120.13 | -39.50 | -28.52 | -21.13 | -17.59 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the fluctuations of wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the up-country varieties have decreased and prices of most of the low-country varieties have increased. Retail prices of up-country vegetables had decreased by 3%-32% except beans. The highest price of Rs.917.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.194.00/kg was observed for radish. In addition, price of green chilli has increased by 28% and price of lime has decreased by 21%.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – January 2023

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 320.00-800.00 | 549.17 | 537.45 | 414.39 | 11.73 | 2.18 | 134.78 | 32.53 |
| Carrot | 160.00-480.00 | 302.64 | 398.66 | 460.29 | -96.03 | -24.09 | -157.65 | -34.25 |
| Leeks | 240.00-600.00 | 384.59 | 449.42 | 317.45 | -64.84 | -14.43 | 67.14 | 21.15 |
| Beetroot | 240.00-640.00 | 465.61 | 483.28 | 510.38 | -17.68 | -3.66 | -44.78 | -8.77 |
| Knolkhol | 240.00-480.00 | 377.50 | 410.37 | 351.50 | -32.87 | -8.01 | 26.00 | 7.40 |
| Radish | 100.00-280.00 | 193.54 | 222.70 | 179.44 | -29.16 | -13.09 | 14.09 | 7.85 |
| Cabbage | 100.00-320.00 | 197.77 | 294.57 | 335.19 | -96.80 | -32.86 | -137.42 | -41.00 |
| Tomato | 150.00-400.00 | 252.87 | 276.79 | 248.59 | -23.93 | -8.64 | 4.28 | 1.72 |
| Ladies Fingers | 180.00-360.00 | 281.33 | 243.12 | 262.10 | 38.21 | 15.72 | 19.23 | 7.34 |
| Brinjal | 200.00-600.00 | 391.40 | 338.15 | 335.17 | 53.25 | 15.75 | 56.24 | 16.78 |
| Capsicum | 700.00-1200.00 | 917.44 | 895.50 | 774.32 | 21.94 | 2.45 | 143.12 | 18.48 |
| Pumpkin | 140.00-280.00 | 226.13 | 197.37 | 187.12 | 28.76 | 14.57 | 39.02 | 20.85 |
| Cucumber | 100.00-280.00 | 202.63 | 157.66 | 156.49 | 44.96 | 28.52 | 46.14 | 29.48 |
| Bittergourd | 320.00-600.00 | 456.04 | 482.59 | 368.42 | -26.55 | -5.50 | 87.62 | 23.78 |
| Snakegourd | 240.00-480.00 | 369.10 | 388.63 | 315.79 | -19.52 | -5.02 | 53.32 | 16.88 |
| Drumstick | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Luffa | 280.00-480.00 | 404.03 | 358.12 | 317.57 | 45.91 | 12.82 | 86.46 | 27.22 |
| Long Beans | 200.00-500.00 | 355.54 | 378.62 | 295.61 | -23.08 | -6.10 | 59.93 | 20.27 |
| Ash Plantain | 240.00-400.00 | 317.77 | 298.61 | 147.05 | 19.17 | 6.42 | 170.72 | 116.09 |
| Green Chilli | 300.00-700.00 | 535.06 | 418.51 | 817.68 | 116.55 | 27.85 | -282.62 | -34.56 |
| Lime | 150.00-400.00 | 277.27 | 351.90 | 315.13 | -74.63 | -21.21 | -37.86 | -12.01 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In January, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of all the varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 27% reported for *ambul* banana, followed by *anamalu* (9%) and *ambun* (13%). During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.300.00-420.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.150.00-240.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.100.00-150.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.22.00-28.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.17.00-24.00/fruit (*anamalu*).

Considering the mango varieties, prices have increased by 24% for *vilad* and 15% for *Karthakolomban* mango due to low stock position. Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the price of wood apple has increased significantly by 70% due to low stock position. Further, the prices of passion fruit and avocado have increased by 33% and 15% respectively.

Prices of all sizes of pineapple have decreased by 22% due to arrival of stocks from Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.466.00/fruit (large), Rs.394.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.320.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. In addition, the prices of orange and slime apple have decreased by 51% and 39%.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 144% reported for *kolikuttu* banana.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Kg) | 150.00-240.00 | 188.93 | 149.17 | 83.17 | 39.76 | 26.66 | 105.76 | 127.17 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg) | 300.00-420.00 | 362.64 | 352.90 | 148.33 | 9.74 | 2.76 | 214.30 | 144.47 |
| Seeni (Kg) | 100.00-150.00 | 128.36 | 123.33 | 71.83 | 5.03 | 4.07 | 56.53 | 78.69 |
| Anamalu (Fruit) | 17.00-24.00 | 20.02 | 18.44 | 12.63 | 1.59 | 8.61 | 7.39 | 58.50 |
| Ambun (Fruit) | 22.00-28.00 | 24.87 | 22.02 | 15.40 | 2.85 | 12.92 | 9.47 | 61.47 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large (Fruit) | 400.00-600.00 | 466.11 | 599.70 | 348.80 | -133.59 | -22.28 | 117.31 | 33.63 |
| Medium (Fruit) | 340.00-520.00 | 393.91 | 508.03 | 248.75 | -114.12 | -22.46 | 145.16 | 58.36 |
| Small (Fruit) | 280.00-420.00 | 320.43 | 409.58 | 181.15 | -89.15 | -21.77 | 139.28 | 76.89 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti (Fruit) | 10.00-24.00 | 18.99 | 11.54 | 19.40 | - | - | - | - |
| Karthakolomban(fruit) | 60.00-200.00 | 102.89 | 89.65 | 89.40 | 13.24 | 14.76 | 13.48 | 15.08 |
| Vilad (Fruit) | 50.00-70.00 | 61.92 | 49.92 | 39.50 | 12.00 | 24.04 | 22.42 | 56.77 |
| Kohu (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Papaw (Kg) | 100.00-280.00 | 178.30 | 205.10 | 171.50 | -26.80 | -13.07 | 6.80 | 3.97 |
| Passionfruit (Fruit) | 25.00-70.00 | 46.83 | 35.23 | 21.78 | 11.59 | 32.91 | 25.05 | 114.98 |
| Woodapple (Fruit) | 34.00-44.00 | 39.37 | 23.14 | 22.91 | 16.23 | 70.14 | 16.46 | 71.83 |
| Orange (Fruit) | 18.00-60.00 | 35.97 | 74.02 | 45.83 | -38.04 | -51.40 | -9.86 | -21.51 |
| Avocado (Fruit) | 90.00-240.00 | 164.41 | 142.52 | 110.72 | 21.90 | 15.36 | 53.69 | 48.50 |
| Slime Apple (Fruit) | 16.00-36.00 | 23.34 | 38.39 | 32.35 | -15.05 | -39.20 | -9.01 | -27.86 |
| Grapes Imported (Kg) | 1500.00-2200.00 | 1762.05 | 1480.83 | 974.67 | 281.22 | 18.99 | 787.39 | 80.79 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased in January. Accordingly, the prices of all banana varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 27% noted for *ambul* banana, followed by *kolokuttu*, *seeni*, *ambun* and *anamalu* in the range of 5-13%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.380.00-590.00/kg for *kolikuttu* and Rs.180.00-320.00/kg for *ambul* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Further, the prices of *vilad* and *karthakolomban* mangoes have increased by 13% and 9% respectively due to low stocks position. Meanwhile, the prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 7%-13% due to decreased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.300.00-700.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of orange (32%), slime apple (18%) and papaw (15%) have decreased while the prices of wood apple (52%), grapes (12%) and passion fruit (6%) have increased according to the price behavior in the wholesale market. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 116% reported for *kolikuttu* banana (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | % | (Rs) | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Kg) | 180.00-320.00 | 258.73 | 204.47 | 125.05 | 54.26 | 26.54 | 133.69 | 106.91 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg) | 380.00-590.00 | 474.68 | 442.83 | 219.96 | 31.85 | 7.19 | 254.72 | 115.80 |
| Seeni (Kg) | 150.00-260.00 | 212.30 | 187.24 | 131.06 | 25.06 | 13.38 | 81.25 | 61.99 |
| Anamalu (Fruit) | 20.00-35.00 | 28.09 | 26.74 | 19.60 | 1.35 | 5.06 | 8.49 | 43.30 |
| Ambun (Fruit) | 25.00-44.00 | 34.85 | 32.79 | 24.01 | 2.06 | 6.27 | 10.84 | 45.15 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large (Fruit) | 500.00-700.00 | 582.92 | 627.17 | 394.90 | -44.25 | -7.05 | 188.02 | 47.61 |
| Medium (Fruit) | 400.00-620.00 | 503.22 | 544.32 | 301.56 | -41.09 | -7.55 | 201.67 | 66.88 |
| Small (Fruit) | 300.00-520.00 | 403.03 | 462.27 | 239.33 | -59.24 | -12.82 | 163.69 | 68.40 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Karthakolomban(fruit) | 100.00-250.00 | 162.42 | 148.46 | 114.42 | 13.96 | 9.40 | 48.00 | 41.95 |
| Vilad (Fruit) | 70.00-100.00 | 84.00 | 74.33 | 46.00 | 9.67 | 13.01 | 38.00 | 82.61 |
| Kohu (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Papaw (Kg) | 180.00-400.00 | 315.62 | 373.37 | 243.44 | -57.75 | -15.47 | 72.18 | 29.65 |
| Passionfruit (Fruit) | 30.00-100.00 | 60.81 | 57.21 | 29.97 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 30.84 | 102.92 |
| Woodapple (Fruit) | 40.00-125.00 | 82.11 | 53.823 | 58.27 | 28.29 | 52.56 | 23.84 | 40.92 |
| Orange (Fruit) | 40.00-160.00 | 90.88 | 133.18 | 78.13 | -42.30 | -31.76 | 12.76 | 16.33 |
| Avocado (Fruit) | 100.00-400.00 | 173.92 | 178.42 | 172.71 | -4.49 | -2.52 | 1.21 | 0.70 |
| Slime Apple (Fruit) | 30.00-120.00 | 74.32 | 90.835 | 65.98 | -16.52 | -18.19 | 8.34 | 12.63 |
| Grapes Imported (Kg) | 1700.00-3500.00 | 2326.15 | 2082.7 | 1288.64 | 243.42 | 11.69 | 1037.51 | 80.51 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Ambul | 44.00-129.00 | 102.37 | 87.83 | 44.28 | 14.54 | 16.55 | 58.09 | 131.19 |
| Kolikuttu | 188.00-316.00 | 265.00 | 221.00 | 123.54 | 44.00 | 19.91 | 141.46 | 114.51 |
| Papaw | 84.00-138.00 | 117.13 | 144.17 | 104.00 | -27.04 | -18.75 | 13.13 | 12.63 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 730 mt of fresh fruits in January, 2023 to the value of Rs.203 mn. Of the exported quantity, 91% were papaw, 5% were fresh pineapple and rest were fresh mangoes, guava, avocados and mangosteen. Compared to January 2022 (1,143 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 300 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.132 mn. Grapes was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 163 mt, followed by apple (137 mt). Compared to the month of January, 2022 (1,178 mt), the imported quantity had significantly decreased during this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – November 2022 to January 2023

| Type of Fruit | January - 2023 | | | December - 2022 | | | November- 2022 | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | FOB (Rs/kg) | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | FOB (Rs/kg) | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | FOB (Rs/kg) |
| Fresh Papaw | 662.17 | 144.62 | 218.40 | 1057.25 | 201.56 | 190.64 | 1148.12 | 231.33 | 201.49 |
| Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen | 21.17 | 29.56 | 1395.95 | 67.81 | 63.54 | 937.05 | 47.43 | 48.12 | 1014.55 |
| Fresh Avocado | 8.66 | 9.18 | 1061.06 | 1.37 | 2.08 | 1514.78 | 2.14 | 2.62 | 1222.56 |
| Pineapple, fresh | 38.50 | 19.35 | 502.61 | 48.59 | 29.03 | 597.43 | 38.25 | 15.82 | 413.69 |

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – November 2022 to January 2023

| Type of Fruit | January - 2023 | | | December - 2022 | | | November- 2022 | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF (Rs/kg) | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF (Rs/kg) | Qty (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF (Rs/kg) |
| Apple | 136.54 | 52.87 | 387.24 | 244.54 | 89.59 | 366.36 | 477.79 | 176.99 | 370.44 |
| Grapes | 163.02 | 79.11 | 485.27 | 214.92 | 116.47 | 541.90 | 121.47 | 64.06 | 527.39 |
| Oranges | 0.56 | 0.29 | 522.23 | 29.07 | 9.64 | 331.73 | 49.92 | 15.97 | 319.97 |

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The year-on-year food inflation rate has slightly increased to 60.1% in January 2023, leading to an increase in the prices of all fish varieties, except for shrimp (small), at the wholesale level compared to the previous month. The price hikes have been mostly attributed to the low supply caused by adverse weather conditions. As previously noted, the ongoing increase in the cost of living, combined with the loss of income, has compelled consumers to cut back on the consumption of high-value foods, such as fish and meat. Meanwhile, the shift in demand from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones, such as hurulla, has led to a significant price increase for these varieties compared to the previous year. Additionally, the deep-sea fish catch has been on a downward trend since the fuel price hike. The high costs associated with deep-sea fishing have resulted in fewer fishing trips, reduced fishing efforts, and lower supply.

Among all fresh fish varieties, the largest price increase was observed for hurulla as 25%, followed by thora as 14%. Conversely, prices for most of the remaining fish varieties, with the exception of shrimp (small) had increased within the range of 1% to 5%. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had increased substantially, ranging from 26% to 90%, with the most notable increase seen in the price of salaya as 90%.

As a result of the wholesale price changes, the retail prices for all fish varieties have increased in comparison to the previous month. The most significant price increase was reported for hurulla and salaya as 12% and 10% respectively. Furthermore, the prices of balaya kelawalla, thora and paraw had risen in the range of 2% - 6%. However, prices of mora and thalapath had dropped by

11% and 1% respectively. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for all fresh fish varieties have increased substantially, with the most significant increase noted for salaya at 90%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 250.00-600.00 | 402.80 | 398.52 | 211.56 | 4.28 | 1.07 | 191.24 | 90.40 |
| Hurulla | 650.00-950.00 | 820.60 | 658.00 | 436.85 | 162.60 | 24.71 | 383.75 | 87.85 |
| Balaya | 580.00-1000.00 | 734.00 | 722.50 | 526.92 | 11.50 | 1.59 | 207.08 | 39.30 |
| Kelawalla | 750.00-1600.00 | 1167.40 | 1132.25 | 868.26 | 35.15 | 3.10 | 299.14 | 34.45 |
| Thora | 1500.00-3100.00 | 2350.00 | 2060.00 | 1444.84 | 290.00 | 14.08 | 905.16 | 62.65 |
| Paraw | 850.00-1600.00 | 1198.18 | 1146.00 | 763.18 | 52.18 | 4.55 | 434.99 | 57.00 |
| Mora | 850.00-1000.00 | 948.84 | 901.73 | 755.00 | 47.11 | 5.22 | 193.84 | 25.67 |
| Shrimp (small) | 1300.00-1750.00 | 1467.40 | 1474.81 | 1084.04 | -7.41 | -0.50 | 383.36 | 35.36 |
| Thalapath | 1300.00-2200.00 | 1711.00 | 1659.72 | 1246.42 | 51.28 | 3.09 | 464.58 | 37.27 |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 450.00-800.00 | 591.41 | 539.00 | 310.90 | 52.40 | 9.72 | 280.50 | 90.22 |
| Hurulla | 800.00-1200.00 | 988.33 | 881.46 | 589.37 | 106.87 | 12.12 | 398.96 | 67.69 |
| Balaya | 800.00-1200.00 | 1344.52 | 1296.46 | 1026.58 | 48.06 | 3.71 | 317.95 | 30.97 |
| Kelawalla | 1260.00-3000.00 | 2114.26 | 2077.64 | 1464.79 | 36.61 | 1.76 | 649.47 | 44.34 |
| Thora | 2200.00-4000.00 | 3200.87 | 3015.03 | 1926.92 | 185.84 | 6.16 | 1273.95 | 66.11 |
| Paraw | 1300.00-2800.00 | 2123.42 | 2022.18 | 1463.34 | 101.24 | 5.01 | 660.08 | 45.11 |
| Mora | 1000.00-2000.00 | 1418.35 | 1596.18 | - | -177.82 | -11.14 | - | - |
| Shrimp (small) | 1500.00-2300.00 | 1825.81 | 1785.94 | 1245.03 | 39.86 | 2.23 | 580.77 | 46.65 |
| Thalapath | 1900.00-3200.00 | 2637.39 | 2651.44 | 1867.66 | -14.04 | -0.53 | 769.74 | 41.21 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In January 2023, prices of most dried fish varieties also experienced an increase following the rise in prices of the majority of fresh fish varieties. Further, the average prices of imported dried fish varieties remained high due to the depreciation of the Sri Lankan rupee against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the average prices of local dried fish varieties remained high due to the low supply of fresh fish and the high cost of production.

The highest price hike at the wholesale level was recorded for sprats as 11% due to high fresh fish prices. Next, the prices of balaya and mora had increased by 9% and 6% respectively. Further, prices of sprats had increased slightly, by 7%. Following the wholesale price movements, prices of all dried fish varieties had slightly increased, in the range of 1% -5%, except for anguluwa (imported). Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all dried fish varieties had increased, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 88%.

During the same period, the retail prices of most dried fish varieties slightly decreased, which could be attributed to the continued price drops observed in the previous month. Prices of kattawa,

mora, anguluwa and maduwa had dropped in the range of 1% - 4%. Meanwhile, prices of few dried fish varieties namely salaya, sprats and balaya showed a slight price increase of less than 10%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all dried fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for maduwa as 107%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail prices of Dried fish – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Dried fish – Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats | 1180.00-1450.00 | 1308.40 | 1173.59 | 966.47 | 134.81 | 11.49 | 341.93 | 35.38 |
| Sprats (imported) | 840.00-1050.00 | 934.77 | 933.54 | 671.86 | 1.23 | 0.13 | 262.91 | 39.13 |
| Kattawa | - | - | - | 1254.71 | - | - | - | - |
| Kattawa (imported) | 1600.00-1800.00 | 1702.96 | 1685.45 | 1117.32 | 17.50 | 1.04 | 585.63 | 52.41 |
| Thora | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Thora (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mora | 1550.00-1850.00 | 1715.22 | 1621.00 | 1389.03 | 94.22 | 5.81 | 326.19 | 23.48 |
| Mora (imported) | - | - | - | 1205.44 | - | - | - | - |
| Balaya | 780.00-950.00 | 875.13 | 802.25 | 672.54 | 72.88 | 9.08 | 202.59 | 30.12 |
| Balaya (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anguluwa | - | - | - | 1337.17 | - | - | - | - |
| Anguluwa (imported) | 1600.00-1850.00 | 1670.11 | 1733.96 | 1155.12 | -63.85 | -3.68 | 514.99 | 44.58 |
| Maduwa | 1100.00-1350.00 | 1203.80 | 1163.25 | 856.64 | 40.55 | 3.49 | 347.16 | 40.53 |
| Maduwa (imported) | - | - | - | 682.50 | - | - | - | - |
| Salaya | 600.00-880.00 | 777.20 | 742.57 | 413.17 | 34.63 | 4.66 | 364.03 | 88.11 |
| Salaya (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dried fish – Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats(imported) | 1000.00-1800.00 | 1328.54 | 1337.30 | 806.75 | -8.76 | -0.66 | 521.78 | 64.68 |
| Sprats | 1300.00-2400.00 | 1816.68 | 1762.18 | 1284.93 | 54.51 | 3.09 | 531.76 | 41.38 |
| Kattawa | 2200.00-2800.00 | 2486.64 | 2530.65 | 1608.32 | -44.01 | -1.74 | 878.32 | 54.61 |
| Thora | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mora | 2000.00-2800.00 | 2406.43 | 2428.09 | 1632.38 | -21.67 | -0.89 | 774.05 | 47.42 |
| Balaya | 1200.00-1800.00 | 1465.46 | 1417.36 | 1084.33 | 48.10 | 3.39 | 381.12 | 35.15 |
| Anguluwa | 2100.00-2800.00 | 2437.22 | 2527.79 | 1515.19 | -90.57 | -3.58 | 922.04 | 60.85 |
| Maduwa | 1500.00-2600.00 | 2128.33 | 2155.36 | 1028.57 | -27.02 | -1.25 | 1099.76 | 106.92 |
| Salaya | 1000.00-1600.00 | 1240.61 | 1131.02 | 636.44 | 109.59 | 9.69 | 604.16 | 94.93 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Increasing cost of production and the demand substitution effect had led to a price hike in eggs in the last quarter of 2022. To curtail the increasing egg prices, a gazette notification followed by a verbal agreement was made between egg producers and the Consumer Affairs Authority to sell both types of eggs at maximum retail price of Rs.50.00. Following the agreement, egg prices seemed to stabilize around at Rs. 50.00 at wholesale level in October and November.

As anticipated, slim wholesale margins have caused supply chain instability and shortages during the festival season, particularly in mid-December. As compared to the price hike observed in the previous month, egg prices slightly decreased in January by 2% for both brown and white eggs. Consequently, the retail prices of brown eggs had dropped by 2%, while the prices of white eggs had further increased by 1%. However, the retail prices had not reached the maximum agreed price of Rs. 50.00, yet, following the price hike in December.

Recorded average retail prices were (per egg values) Rs. 55.00 for brown eggs and Rs. 53.00 per white eggs. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of an egg had increased by more than 120%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | % | Rs | % |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs – Brown (each) | 45.00-60.00 | 54.06 | 55.00 | 23.28 | -0.94 | -1.70 | 30.79 | 132.28 |
| White (each) | 43.00-62.00 | 52.40 | 53.59 | 22.00 | -1.19 | -2.23 | 30.40 | 138.18 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs- Brown (each) | 46.00-65.00 | 54.67 | 54.39 | 24.25 | 0.28 | 0.51 | 30.42 | 125.43 |
| White (each) | 43.00-64.00 | 52.90 | 54.16 | 23.17 | -1.26 | -2.33 | 29.72 | 128.29 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to December, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly dropped at the retail market. The highest price drop was noted for chicken (curry) as 4% followed by chicken (broiler) and pork by 2%. Prices of remaining meat varieties dropped by 1% during the considered period. Compared to last year, prices of all meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for chicken (curry) and pork as 101%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat – January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Meat | | | | | | | | |
| Beef (without bones) | 2000.00-2200.00 | 2,062.00 | 2,074.17 | 1349.95 | -12.17 | -0.59 | 712.05 | 52.75 |
| Chicken (Broiler) | 1150.00-1300.00 | 1,235.95 | 1,263.26 | 804.51 | -27.31 | -2.16 | 431.44 | 53.63 |
| Chicken (curry) | 1250.00-1700.00 | 1,492.54 | 1,558.93 | 742.56 | -66.39 | -4.26 | 749.98 | 101.00 |
| Mutton | 2700.00-3200.00 | 2,947.56 | 2,967.22 | 2043.61 | -19.67 | -0.66 | 903.94 | 44.23 |
| Pork | 1450.00-2000.00 | 1,691.73 | 1,728.75 | 843.07 | -37.02 | -2.14 | 848.67 | 100.66 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

Total quantity of wheat grain imported in January was around 48mt worth 9.41mn. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported in this month has decreased by 99.8%. All amount wheat grain was imported from Australia at a CIF price of Rs.196.0/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price has increased by Rs.37.97/kg.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported this month was 17,124mt worth 3,300mn. Compared to the previous month, this month's quantity has decreased by around 10,233mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour was imported from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs.192.54/kg and that was 93% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in January. The balance was imported from UAE (2.66%), India(2.66%) ,Ukraine(0.7%) and small quantities from Singapore and China.

Average CIF price of wheat flour imported this month was Rs.192.71/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.4.43/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.238.61-254.35/kg and the average price was Rs.249.52/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 5% and compared to the same period of last year the price has increased by 64%.

Table 6.1: Open market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar –January 2023

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Jan 2023 | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2022 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2022 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wheat Flour | 238.61-254.35 | 249.52 | 263.58 | 151.98 | -14.07 | -5.34 | 97.54 | 64.18 |
| Sugar | 227.89-230.48 | 229.46 | 234.10 | 147.45 | -4.64 | -1.98 | 82.01 | 55.62 |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- August 2022 to January 2023

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wheat Flour | | | | | |
| January-2023 | 17,123.90 | 3299.92 | 192.71 | 249.52 | 56.81 |
| December-2022 | 29,356.97 | 5787.48 | 197.14 | 263.58 | 66.44 |
| November-2022 | 62,365.07 | 12183.59 | 195.36 | 280.84 | 85.48 |
| October-2022 | 35,870.81 | 6972.66 | 194.38 | 374.18 | 179.80 |
| September-2022 | 9,442.75 | 1462.50 | 154.88 | 431.79 | 276.91 |
| August-2022 | 16,508.94 | 2,421.32 | 146.67 | 304.11 | 157.44 |
| Wheat Grain | | | | | |
| January-2023 | 48.00 | 9.41 | 196.06 | 249.52 | 53.46 |
| December-2022 | 30,514.41 | 4,824.02 | 158.09 | 263.58 | 105.49 |
| November-2022 | 99,236.54 | 15,482.21 | 156.01 | 280.84 | 124.83 |
| October-2022 | 36,999.93 | 6,923.99 | 187.14 | 374.18 | 187.04 |
| September-2022 | 20,993.62 | 3,073.22 | 146.39 | 431.79 | 285.40 |
| August-2022 | 53,384.73 | 8,325.34 | 155.95 | 304.11 | 148.16 |

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Sugar

Total quantity of sugar imported this month was 9,190mt worth 2,037mn and it has decreased by around 909mt when compared to the previous month. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India and that was 93% of the total quantity. Rest of quantity has imported from Thailand (5.6%) and South Korea(1.3%) and smaller quantities from China and UAE. The average CIF price was Rs.221.60/kg and compared to the previous month it has increased by Rs.8.60/kg. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from UAE while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from India (Rs.219.59/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, price ranged from Rs.227.89-230.48/kg and the average retail price was Rs.229.46/kg. Compared to the last month average retail price has decreased by 2% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 56%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- August 2022 to January 2023

| Month | Quantity (Mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs./kg) | Retail Price (Rs./kg) | Gross Margin (Rs./kg) |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| January-2023 | 9,190.42 | 2036.64 | 221.60 | 229.46 | 7.86 |
| December-2022 | 10,099.85 | 2151.23 | 213.00 | 234.10 | 21.10 |
| November-2022 | 8,157.59 | 1725.73 | 211.55 | 247.28 | 35.73 |
| October-2022 | 11,369.84 | 2541.37 | 223.52 | 274.64 | 51.12 |
| September-2022 | 28,072.12 | 5908.40 | 210.47 | 287.58 | 77.11 |
| August-2022 | 36,120.67 | 7,501.31 | 207.67 | 314.99 | 107.32 |

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

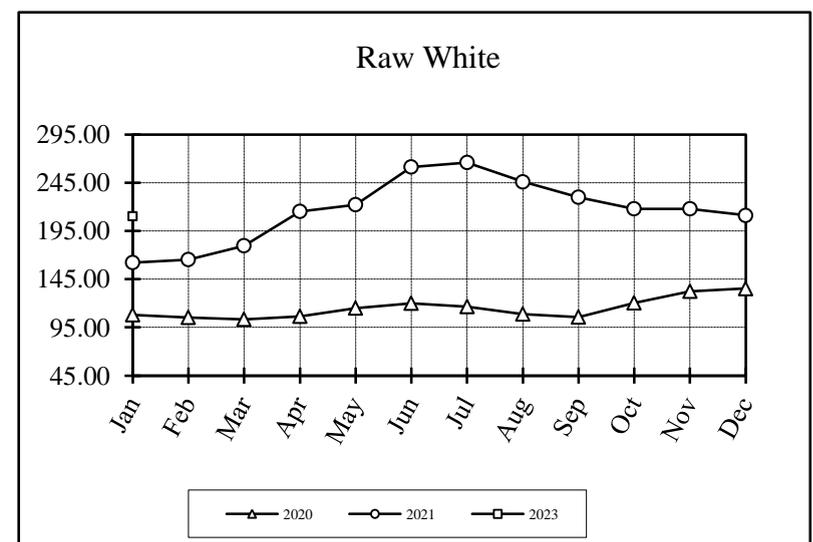
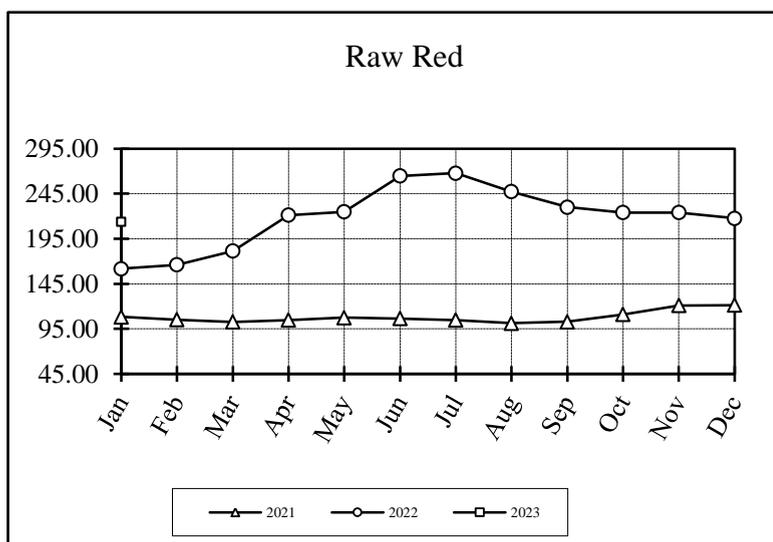
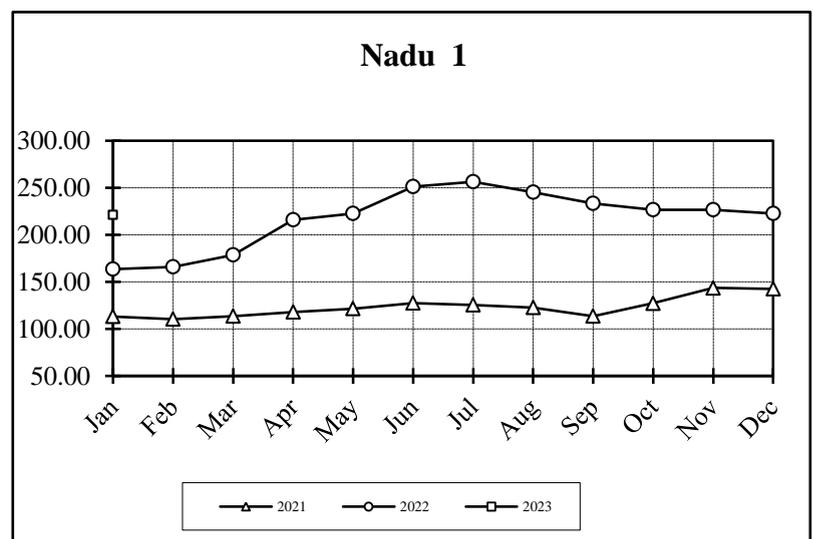
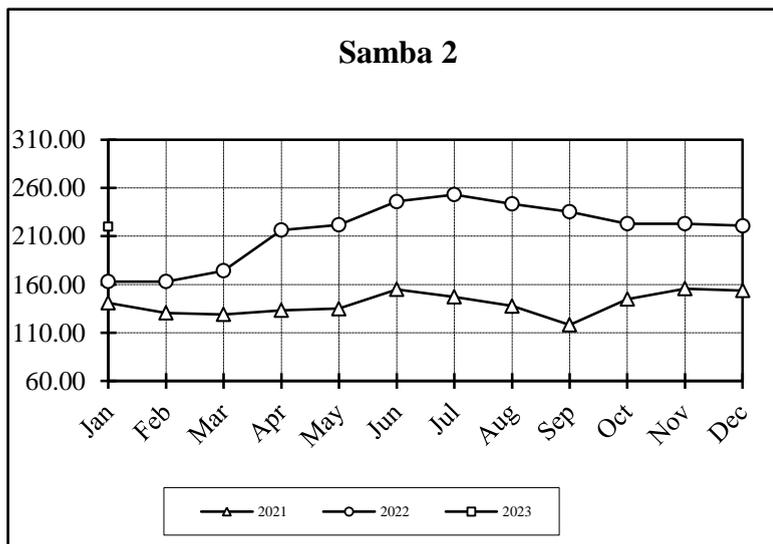
Table 7: Import of selected food items – January 2023

| Item | Quantity (mt) | | % Change Compared to last month | Value (Rs. mn) | | % Change Compared to last month | CIF (Rs/kg) | | % Change Compared to last month |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | | Jan 2023 | Dec 2022 | |
| Rice | 8806.9 | 23017.1 | (62) | 767.0 | 3017.8 | (75) | 87.1 | 131.1 | (34) |
| Red Onion | 1677.3 | 1093.6 | 53 | 262.0 | 157.6 | 66 | 156.2 | 144.1 | 8 |
| Big Onion | 27637.7 | 25501.2 | 8 | 2327.3 | 2250.9 | 3 | 84.2 | 88.3 | (5) |
| Potato | 17961.4 | 15182.7 | 18 | 1209.2 | 1199.3 | 1 | 67.3 | 79.0 | (15) |
| Maysoor Dhal | 8770.2 | 7177.0 | 22 | 2209.1 | 1828.4 | 21 | 251.9 | 254.8 | (1) |
| Garlic | 3615.0 | 2951.6 | 22 | 900.3 | 731.8 | 23 | 249.1 | 247.9 | 0 |
| Wheat flour | 17123.9 | 29357.0 | (42) | 3299.9 | 5787.5 | (43) | 192.7 | 197.1 | (2) |
| Wheat grain | 48.0 | 30514.4 | (100) | 9.4 | 4824.0 | (100) | 196.1 | 158.1 | 24 |
| Sugar & sugar confectionery | 9190.4 | 10099.9 | (9) | 2036.6 | 2151.2 | (5) | 221.6 | 213.0 | 4 |
| Maize (Other) | 18045.8 | 60291.5 | (70) | 1830.9 | 7927.6 | (77) | 101.5 | 131.5 | (23) |

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

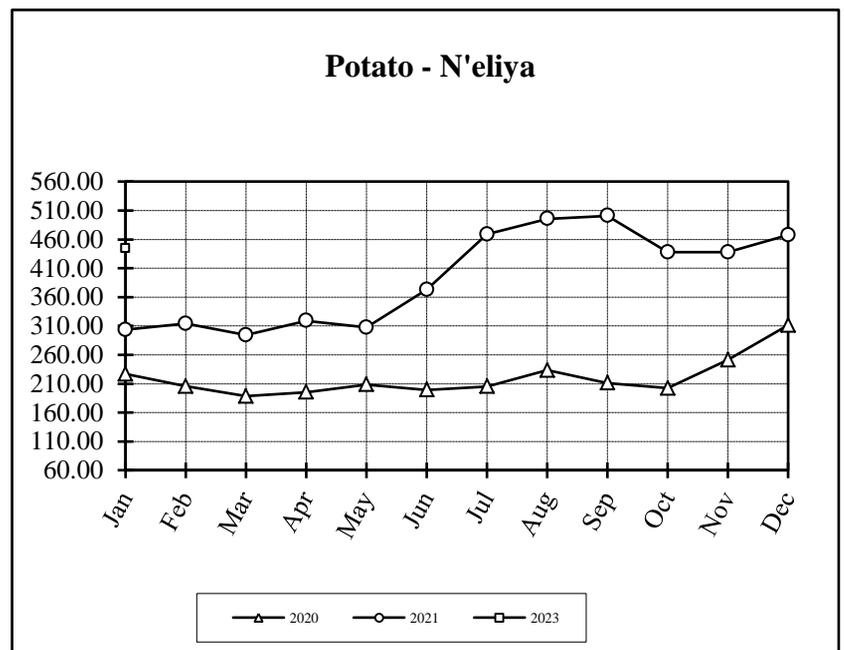
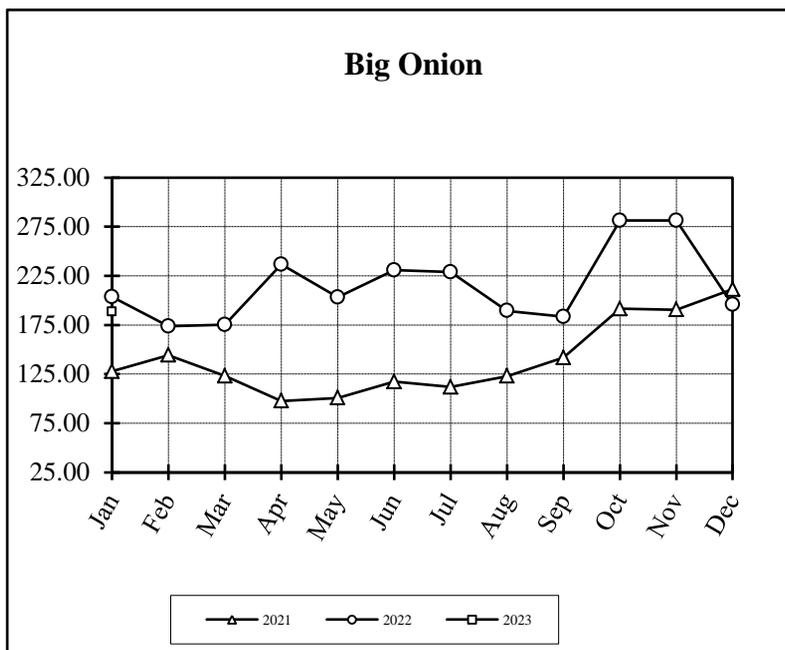
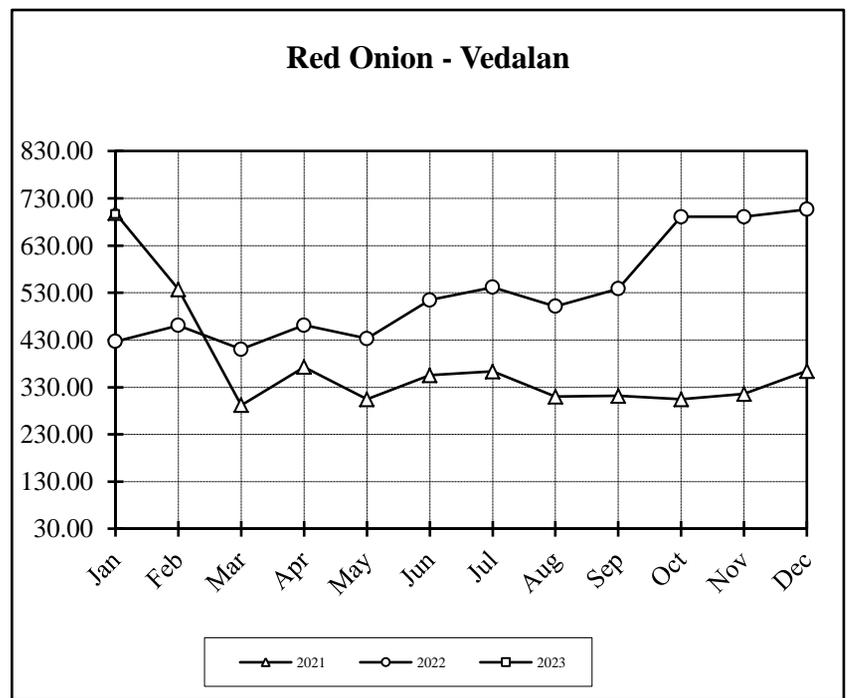
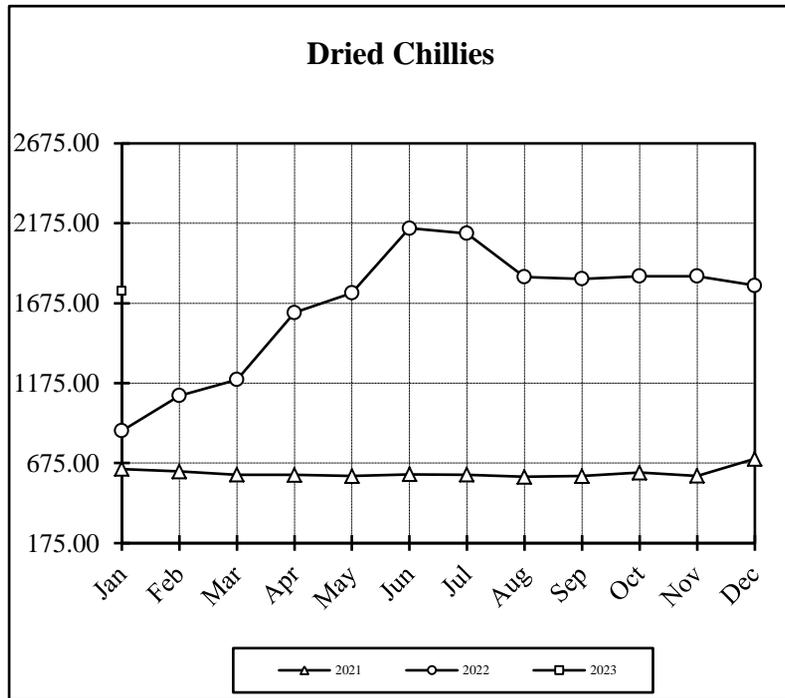
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

| Month | Samba 2 | | | Nadu 1 | | | Raw Red | | | Raw White | | |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2020 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Jan | 141.10 | 163.05 | 219.81 | 113.10 | 163.43 | 220.92 | 108.31 | 161.74 | 213.83 | 108.03 | 162.13 | 210.47 |
| Feb | 130.44 | 162.91 | | 110.43 | 165.94 | | 105.14 | 166.21 | | 105.33 | 165.39 | |
| Mar | 128.86 | 174.23 | | 113.55 | 178.69 | | 102.71 | 181.30 | | 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 | 155.00 | 246.00 | | 127.50 | 251.20 | | 106.45 | 264.53 | | 120.00 | 261.37 | |
| Jul | 147.27 | 253.30 | | 125.36 | 256.35 | | 104.83 | 267.75 | | 116.53 | 266.15 | |
| Aug | 137.66 | 243.37 | | 122.81 | 245.23 | | 101.28 | 247.19 | | 108.81 | 246.15 | |
| Sep | 118.18 | 235.46 | | 113.72 | 233.33 | | 102.87 | 230.02 | | 105.80 | 229.95 | |
| Oct | 144.76 | 223.04 | | 127.27 | 226.45 | | 110.86 | 224.05 | | 120.38 | 218.10 | |
| Nov | 155.53 | 223.04 | | 143.51 | 226.45 | | 121.01 | 224.05 | | 132.33 | 218.10 | |
| Dec | 153.68 | 220.88 | | 142.58 | 222.77 | | 121.40 | 217.65 | | 135.35 | 211.26 | |



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

| Month | Dried Chillies | | | Red Onion | | | Big Onion | | | Potato - N'Eliya | | |
|-------|----------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2020 | 2021 | 2023 |
| Jan | 638.57 | 876.68 | 1752.35 | 698.55 | 426.78 | 696.10 | 127.78 | 203.69 | 188.50 | 227.08 | 303.42 | 443.97 |
| Feb | 623.15 | 1096.90 | | 537.28 | 461.00 | | 144.28 | 173.63 | | 205.92 | 314.05 | |
| Mar | 602.72 | 1197.17 | | 291.66 | 410.30 | | 123.19 | 175.30 | | 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 | 605.00 | 2143.50 | | 355.40 | 514.80 | | 117.42 | 230.89 | | 199.41 | 373.16 | |
| Jul | 602.48 | 2110.93 | | 363.39 | 541.94 | | 111.94 | 228.96 | | 205.29 | 468.93 | |
| Aug | 589.40 | 1838.64 | | 309.97 | 501.24 | | 122.89 | 189.33 | | 233.39 | 495.71 | |
| Sep | 593.55 | 1827.19 | | 311.79 | 538.53 | | 141.61 | 183.42 | | 211.28 | 500.91 | |
| Oct | 615.62 | 1843.52 | | 304.48 | 690.99 | | 191.39 | 281.28 | | 202.40 | 437.60 | |
| Nov | 594.81 | 1843.52 | | 315.79 | 690.99 | | 190.57 | 281.28 | | 251.49 | 437.60 | |
| Dec | 700.81 | 1785.38 | | 364.32 | 706.59 | | 211.24 | 195.56 | | 311.55 | 467.45 | |



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

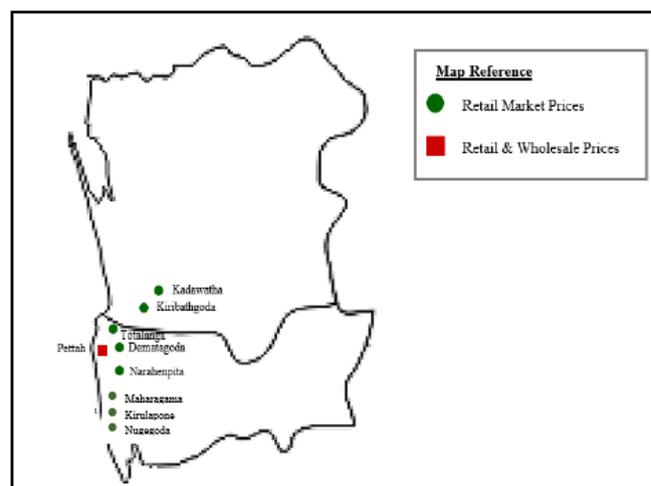
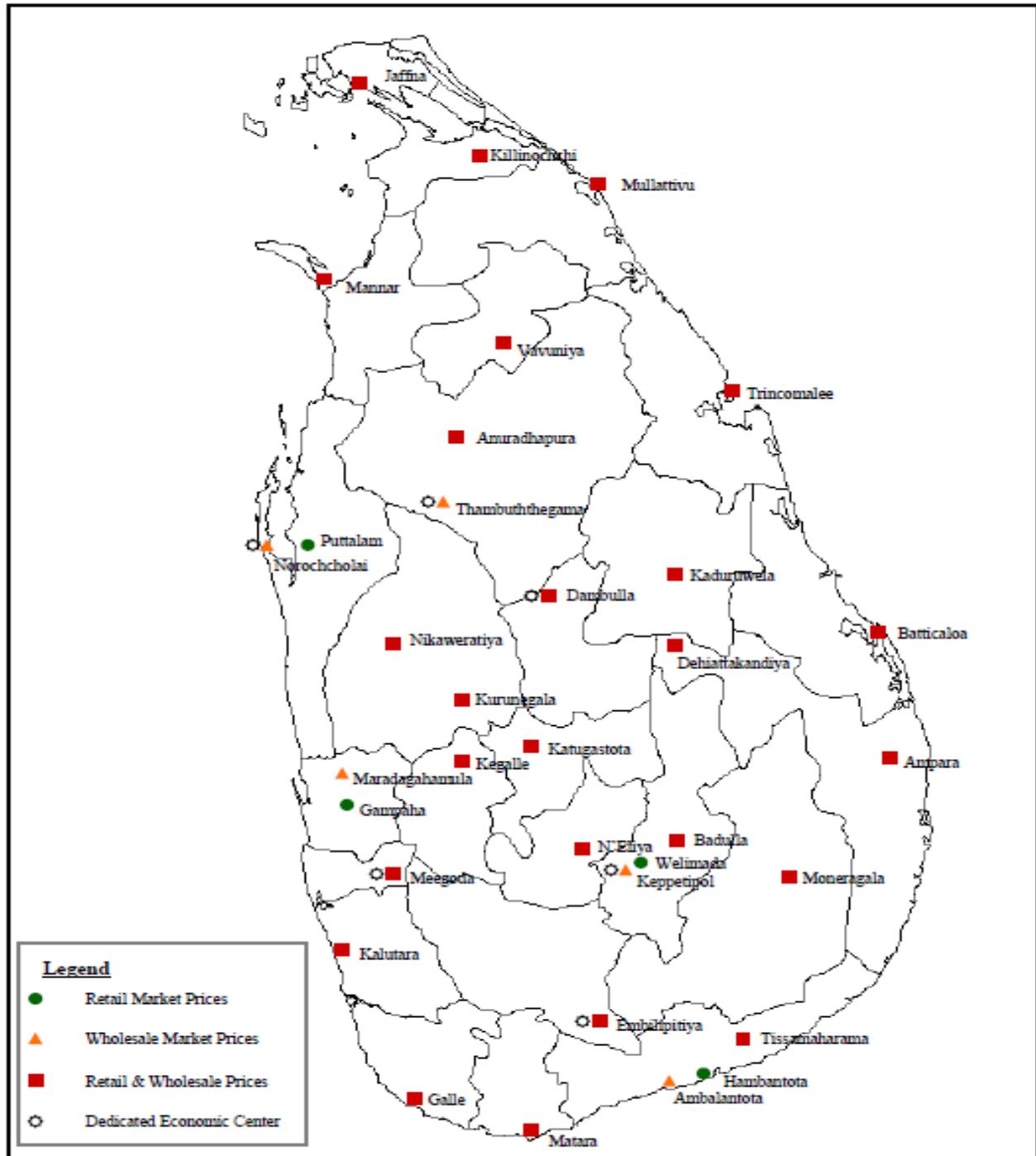
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| Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | 5 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | 5 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | 5 th Week |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Paddy | | | | | | Potato | | | | | | Leeks | | | | | |
| Short grain | | | | | | N'Eliya | 310.00 | 286.00 | 278.00 | 272.00 | 214.00 | Welimada | 229.00 | 173.00 | 217.00 | 178.00 | 109.00 |
| A'pura | 102.00 | 93.20 | 92.00 | 92.40 | 94.00 | Badulla | | | | | | N'Eliya | 236.00 | 161.00 | 219.00 | 186.00 | 129.00 |
| P'narawa | 106.25 | 103.50 | 98.58 | 102.42 | 103.33 | Welimada | 295.00 | 255.00 | 268.00 | 256.00 | 205.00 | | | | | | |
| Kalawewa | 102.60 | 94.00 | 92.40 | 92.60 | 94.80 | Pulses | | | | | | Beetroot | | | | | |
| Kurunegala | 101.00 | 100.00 | 93.75 | 94.50 | 99.33 | Green Gram | | | | | | Hanguranketha | 272.00 | 286.00 | 306.00 | 262.00 | 138.00 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 102.00 | 97.67 | 97.67 | 98.00 | 98.17 | Galgamuwa | | | | | | N'Eliya | 190.00 | 272.00 | 295.00 | 195.00 | 129.00 |
| Ampara | | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | Kalawewa | 830.00 | 850.00 | 800.00 | 875.00 | 875.00 | Dambulla | 423.33 | 365.00 | 307.50 | 183.75 | 102.00 |
| Long grain (White) | | | | | | Embilipitiya | 955.00 | 955.00 | 990.00 | 990.00 | 990.00 | Kurunegala | | | | | |
| A'pura | 102.00 | 93.20 | 91.20 | 91.60 | 92.40 | Kurunegala | | | | | | Welimada | 276.00 | 251.00 | 276.00 | 180.00 | 110.00 |
| P'narawa | 106.53 | 103.33 | 102.33 | 99.50 | 100.50 | A'pura | 920.00 | 870.00 | 870.00 | 920.00 | 920.00 | Knokhol | | | | | |
| Kalawewa | 101.80 | 92.00 | 90.00 | 91.00 | 93.20 | Cowpea | | | | | | Hanguranketha | 166.00 | 202.00 | 182.00 | 174.60 | 160.00 |
| Kurunegala | 99.00 | 98.00 | 91.00 | 94.50 | 99.33 | A'pura | | | | | | N'Eliya | 192.00 | 205.00 | 225.00 | 170.00 | 104.00 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 101.33 | 95.00 | 94.67 | 96.67 | 96.67 | Galgamuwa | 900.00 | 825.00 | 725.00 | 725.00 | 775.00 | Welimada | 193.00 | 213.00 | 225.00 | 164.00 | 90.00 |
| Embilipitiya | | | | | | Nikaweratiya | | | | | | Radish | | | | | |
| Ampara | | 90.00 | 90.50 | 88.75 | 89.33 | Kalawewa | | | | | | Hanguranketha | 25.60 | 23.00 | 23.60 | 19.60 | 14.20 |
| Matara | | | | | | Embilipitiya | 1010.00 | 1010.00 | 975.00 | 975.00 | 975.00 | N'Eliya | 27.00 | 24.00 | 31.00 | 28.00 | 18.60 |
| Hambantota | | | | | | Kurunegala | | | | | | Welimada | 22.00 | 19.60 | 19.00 | 14.40 | 13.00 |
| Long grain (Red) | | | | | | Maize | | | | | | Cabbage | | | | | |
| Matara | 115.50 | 107.00 | 101.75 | 98.75 | 97.50 | A'Pura | 174.00 | 158.00 | 144.00 | 128.00 | 128.00 | Hanguranketha | 32.00 | 41.60 | 31.00 | 26.00 | 28.00 |
| Hambantota | 115.75 | 106.67 | 103.25 | 96.75 | 94.25 | Kalawewa | 173.33 | 147.50 | 128.75 | 126.25 | 123.33 | N'Eliya | 81.00 | 54.00 | 63.00 | 34.00 | 18.80 |
| Ampara | | 100.00 | 98.00 | 88.75 | 89.00 | Gingelly | | | | | | Welimada | 51.00 | 24.00 | 39.00 | 23.00 | 12.20 |
| Embilipitiya | 113.80 | 113.80 | 102.20 | 100.60 | 94.20 | A'Pura | 512.00 | 508.00 | 508.00 | | 570.00 | Hambantota | | | | | |
| Keeri Samba | | | | | | Kalawewa | | | | | | Badulla | 59.00 | 45.00 | 48.00 | 37.00 | 30.00 |
| A'pura | 102.00 | 96.20 | 95.60 | 94.80 | 105.00 | Black Gram | | | | | | Tomato | | | | | |
| Polonnaruwa | 106.17 | 105.42 | 105.42 | 106.42 | 107.50 | Kalawewa | 807.50 | | 491.67 | 516.67 | 575.00 | Hanguranketha | 112.00 | 46.00 | 52.00 | 89.00 | 90.00 |
| Kalawewa | 102.50 | 97.00 | 95.75 | 94.50 | 102.40 | A'Pura | 820.00 | 770.00 | 640.00 | 520.00 | 520.00 | Welimada | 58.00 | 68.00 | 130.00 | 79.00 | 112.00 |
| Kurunegala | | | | | | Vegetables (Up Country) | | | | | | Hambantota | | | | | |
| Dehiattakandiya | 102.67 | 99.00 | 100.00 | 100.67 | 105.67 | Beans | | | | | | Dambulla | 64.60 | 84.00 | 144.00 | 100.00 | 157.50 |
| Red Onion | | | | | | Dambulla | 546.00 | 270.00 | 312.00 | 262.00 | 314.00 | Low Country | | | | | |
| Big Onion | | | | | | Welimada | 550.00 | 322.00 | 278.00 | 302.00 | 314.00 | Ladies Fingers | | | | | |
| Dambulla | | | | | | Badulla | 488.00 | 400.00 | 412.00 | 336.00 | 344.00 | A'pura | 94.00 | 108.00 | 114.00 | 128.00 | 148.00 |
| Kalawewa | | | | | | Carrot | | | | | | Dambulla | 117.00 | 122.00 | 134.00 | 156.00 | 158.50 |
| A'Pura | | | | | | Hanguranketha | 169.00 | 137.00 | 98.00 | 89.00 | 77.00 | Hambantota | 118.33 | 118.33 | 118.33 | 123.33 | 126.67 |
| Kurunegala | | | | | | N'Eliya | 166.00 | 108.00 | 129.00 | 119.00 | 69.00 | Embilipitiya | 122.00 | 117.00 | 179.00 | 173.00 | 206.00 |
| | | | | | | Welimada | 147.00 | 72.00 | 78.00 | 80.00 | 50.00 | Matara | 126.25 | 116.25 | 130.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 |

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| Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | 5 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | 5 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | 5 th Week |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Brinjals | | | | | | Pumpkin | | | | | | Lime | | | | | |
| A'pura | 308.00 | 348.00 | 316.00 | 168.00 | 88.00 | Dambulla | 121.00 | 104.00 | 104.00 | 64.00 | 54.60 | Hambantota | | | | | |
| Dambulla | 354.00 | 392.00 | 362.00 | 157.00 | 104.00 | Hambantota | 71.67 | 114.00 | 114.00 | 116.00 | 108.00 | Embilipitiya | 120.00 | 128.00 | 138.00 | 104.00 | 116.00 |
| Hambantota | | | | | | Embilipitiya | 121.00 | 117.00 | 148.00 | 98.00 | 98.00 | Moneragala | 54.00 | 54.00 | 54.00 | 52.00 | 54.00 |
| Embilipitiya | 246.00 | 228.00 | 256.00 | 141.00 | 113.00 | Matara | 61.67 | 63.75 | 76.25 | 60.00 | 55.00 | Fruits (Rs/Kg) | | | | | |
| Matara | | 217.50 | 227.50 | 151.25 | 126.25 | A'pura | 94.00 | 94.00 | 84.00 | 84.00 | 78.00 | Banana | | | | | |
| Welimada | 273.00 | 288.00 | 325.00 | 131.00 | 129.00 | Moneragala | | | | | | Ambul | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Cucumber | | | | | | Moneragala | 44.00 | 44.00 | 74.00 | 88.00 | 88.00 |
| Capsicum | | | | | | A'pura | 74.00 | 54.00 | 64.00 | 64.00 | 64.00 | Embilipitiya | 109.00 | 119.00 | 128.00 | 129.00 | 116.00 |
| Welimada | 560.00 | 510.00 | 570.00 | 568.00 | 560.00 | Dambulla | 100.00 | 72.40 | 92.20 | 91.20 | 91.20 | Hambantota | 112.50 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 124.00 |
| Bitter Gourd | | | | | | Hambantota | 33.00 | 50.00 | 80.00 | 100.00 | 102.00 | Kolikuttu | | | | | |
| A'pura | 328.00 | 308.00 | 276.00 | 258.00 | 248.00 | Matara | 36.25 | 62.50 | 78.75 | 83.75 | | Moneragala | 188.00 | 188.00 | 270.00 | 282.00 | 288.00 |
| Dambulla | 262.00 | 280.00 | 300.00 | 242.00 | 203.00 | Long beans | | | | | | Embilipitiya | 316.00 | 294.00 | 284.00 | 284.00 | 256.00 |
| Hambantota | | | | | | Dambulla | 260.00 | 204.50 | 191.00 | 117.00 | 91.40 | Hambantota | | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 358.00 | 358.00 | 362.00 | 372.00 | 372.00 | Hambantota | 150.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 | 98.33 | 98.33 | Papaw | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Embilipitiya | 85.00 | 88.33 | 100.00 | 122.00 | 108.00 | Moneragala | 108.00 | 84.00 | 104.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 |
| Snake Gourd | | | | | | Matara | 180.00 | 136.25 | 133.75 | 102.50 | 90.00 | Embilipitiya | 128.00 | 132.00 | 132.00 | 138.00 | 130.00 |
| Dambulla | 197.00 | 129.00 | 176.00 | 111.00 | 97.40 | A'Pura | 262.00 | 248.00 | 168.00 | 148.00 | 98.00 | Hambantota | 112.50 | 112.50 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Hambantota | 176.00 | 176.00 | 176.00 | 176.00 | 176.00 | Ash Plantain | | | | | | Pineapple | | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 212.00 | 173.00 | 210.00 | 184.00 | 190.00 | Hambantota | 76.00 | 76.00 | 76.00 | 84.00 | 94.00 | Divulapitiya | | | | | |
| Matara | 212.50 | 220.00 | 200.00 | 192.50 | 115.00 | Embilipitiya | 115.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 160.00 | | | | | | |
| A'pura | 188.00 | 176.00 | 148.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 | Matara | 136.25 | 157.50 | 142.50 | 143.75 | 145.00 | | | | | | |
| Luffa | | | | | | Green Chillies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dambulla | 198.00 | 200.00 | 280.00 | 234.00 | 250.00 | Dambulla | 264.00 | 214.00 | 316.00 | 220.00 | 212.00 | | | | | | |
| Hambantota | 160.00 | 160.00 | 166.67 | 166.67 | 155.00 | Hambantota | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 258.00 | 258.00 | 262.00 | 258.00 | 258.00 | Embilipitiya | 396.00 | 396.00 | 388.00 | 388.00 | 304.00 | | | | | | |
| Matara | 207.50 | 210.00 | 190.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | Puttalam | 198.33 | 206.67 | 243.33 | 242.00 | 198.00 | | | | | | |
| A'pura | 216.00 | 238.00 | 252.00 | 158.00 | 216.00 | A'Pura | 188.00 | 188.00 | 252.00 | 208.00 | 182.00 | | | | | | |

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