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### Paddy/Rice

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Prices of all local rice varieties, surged in most markets throughout the year 2022, reaching new record highs for raw rice in March, nearly 75 percent above their year-earlier levels.

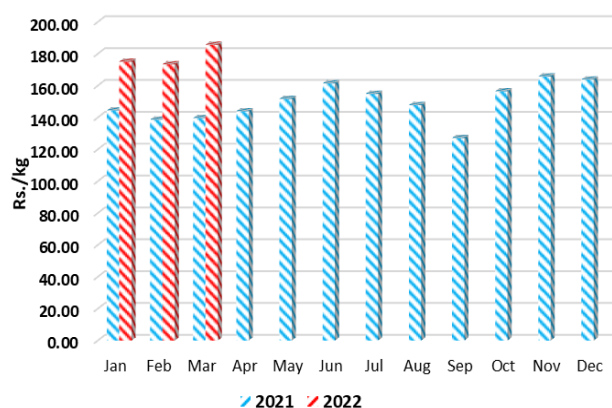
### Other Field Crops

The retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by Rs.100.00/kg due to limited imports. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by 99%. The prices of *Vedalan* red onion have decreased by about Rs.56.00/kg due to the increased supply from the main producing areas. The prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 11% and 6% respectively. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased further with the ongoing harvesting season for Welimada potato. The farm gate price of Green gram ranged between Rs 550.00- 700.00/kg in Anuradhapura, Moneragala and Embilipitiya areas during the middle of the month.

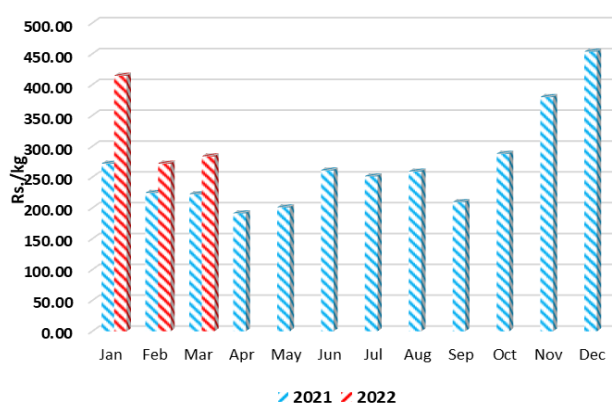
### Vegetables

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. Both wholesale and retail prices of all the vegetables except beans, radish, tomato and lime have decreased.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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

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

## 1. Paddy/Rice

### Crop Situation

The harvesting of paddy crop in 2021/22 *Maha* season is in progress and the peak harvesting was recorded in producing areas in North Central province. According to the field, information the issues related to chemical fertilizer become visible in all producing areas throughout the season and the paddy production outlook is not much satisfactory. However, most of the farmers used various kind of available organic fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers. The latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture revealed that the targeted paddy, extent of 2021/22 *Maha* season is 855,309 ha and the cultivated extent is 806,644 ha. The expected production based on the reported sown extent up to end of February is 2.314 Million Mt, considering the crop damages and yield reduction due to the issues related to fertilizer supply. The major surplus of paddy expected from Eastern and North Central provinces. The harvesting will be expected until mid of April.

**Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Maha* season as at end of March 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	8,885	93	31,152	-	0	21,806
Matale	18,317	15,676	86	76,408	-	0	53,486
N eliya	5,449	4,952	91	12,669	-	0	8,869
Badulla	16,531	15,086	91	59,757	-	0	41,830
Monaragala	30,023	26,099	87	122,001	-	0	85,401
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	-	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	-	0	17,458
System D	1,043	1,457	140	6,096	-	0	4,267
Rambakanoya	1,050	1,061	101	4,125	-	0	2,888
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>855,309</b>	<b>806,644</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3,344,413</b>	<b>18,295</b>	<b>37,757</b>	<b>2,314,659</b>

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

## Producer Prices

Despite the peak harvesting of paddy in the *Maha* season has been progressing in major producing areas in North Central Province the farm gate prices have remained at higher level in most of the major producing areas. The farm gate prices were continuously surged due to the limited arrival of paddy to the markets. Farmers limitedly release their paddy stocks to the markets also caused the price increase. The average prices of short grain paddy varieties have increased by Rs7.00-rs 17.00/kg with the highest increase from Polonnaruwa. The farm gate price of both long grain white and short grain paddy ranged as Rs.80.00-120.00/kg and Rs.80.00-118.00/kg respectively. The price of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.90.00-122.00/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 83 % - 117% in all considered major producing areas with the highest in Polonnaruwa. Prices of short grain have increased in the range of 77% - 88% in all considered major producing areas with the highest also recorded in Polonnaruwa. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have increased by 95% in Embilipitiya.

**Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – March 2022**

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>								
Anuradhapura	88.00-110.00	100.46	86.80	-	13.66	15.74	-	-
Polonnaruwa	95.00-118.00	108.94	91.75	57.90	17.19	18.73	51.04	88.15
Kalawewa	81.00-115.00	95.50	88.43	53.94	7.08	8.00	41.57	77.07
Kurunegala	83.00-116.00	99.30	82.31	53.17	16.99	20.64	46.13	86.77
Dehiattakandiya	90.00-118.00	105.92	92.83	-	13.08	14.09	-	-
Nikaweratiya	80.00-115.00	95.74	86.25	52.67	9.49	11.00	43.07	81.79
Ampara	94.00-120.00	105.21	93.67	57.72	11.54	12.32	47.49	82.27
<b>Long Grain White</b>								
Anuradhapura	88.00-110.00	100.15	86.65	-	13.50	15.58	-	-
Polonnaruwa	95.00-118.00	108.81	91.56	50.07	17.25	18.84	58.75	117.34
Kalawewa	80.00-112.00	94.41	85.76	48.52	8.65	10.08	45.89	94.57
Kurunegala	84.00-118.00	100.77	79.69	48.67	21.08	26.45	52.10	107.05
Dehiattakandiya	90.00-118.00	105.92	91.58	-	14.33	15.65	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	80.00-115.00	96.37	85.76	52.67	10.61	12.37	43.70	82.98
<b>Long Grain Red</b>								
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	90.00-122.00	105.00	87.58	-	17.42	19.89	-	-
Hambantota	95.00-122.00	105.08	88.96	-	16.13	18.13	-	-
Embilipitiya	95.00-120.00	107.10	93.25	54.92	13.85	14.85	52.18	95.01
<b>Keeri Samba</b>								
A'pura	100.00-125.00	113.25	102.00	-	11.25	11.03	-	-
Polonnaruwa	104.00-133.00	120.94	98.83	-	22.10	22.37	-	-
Kalawewa	100.00-125.00	110.50	94.50	-	16.00	16.93	-	-
Kurunegala	95.00-125.00	110.71	89.33	-	21.37	23.93	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	104.00-136.00	121.58	106.08	-	15.50	14.61	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

The prices of local and imported rice continuously surged throughout the month. The increased farm gate prices, increase transport cost and currency depreciation mainly caused to the price increase. The average prices of all the rice varieties have increased by Rs 17.00-Rs 21.00/kg with the highest increase for long grain red. The average price of samba and nadu rice ranged as Rs.150.00-200.00/kg and Rs.145.00-200.00/kg respectively. The price of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs 200.00-260.00/kg. The prices of imported rice varieties also increased by Rs 19.00-Rs 23.00/kg. Prices of imported ponni samba, raw white and nadu ranged between Rs.120.00-180.00/kg and Rs.105.00-160.00/kg Rs.112.00-160.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of the last year the current prices of local rice varieties have increased in the range of 41%-85% with the highest increase for raw red.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – March 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	158.00-200.00	176.64	159.87	-	16.77	10.49	-	-
Samba 2	150.00-200.00	171.35	155.26	121.46	16.09	10.37	49.89	41.08
Samba 3	200.00-260.00	223.16	207.86	-	15.30	7.36	-	-
Nadu 1	150.00-200.00	169.56	154.73	105.87	14.83	9.59	63.69	60.15
Nadu 2	145.00-190.00	163.50	149.96	97.92	13.53	9.03	65.58	66.97
Raw red	160.00-200.00	174.22	153.30	93.96	20.91	13.64	80.26	85.41
Raw white	145.00-200.00	168.28	149.12	95.66	19.16	12.85	72.62	75.91
Imported Samba	120.00-180.00	143.45	120.57	-	22.88	18.98	-	-
Imported Raw White	105.00-160.00	128.30	108.96	-	19.34	17.75	-	-
Imported Nadu	112.00-160.00	133.93	111.91	-	22.02	19.67	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	165.00-220.00	185.71	173.38	139.71	12.33	7.11	46.00	32.93
Samba 2	160.00-200.00	174.23	162.91	128.86	11.32	6.95	45.37	35.21
Samba 3	220.00-260.00	245.56	240.29	-	5.27	2.19	-	-
Nadu 1	160.00-210.00	178.69	165.94	113.55	12.75	7.68	65.14	57.37
Nadu 2	150.00-190.00	168.89	156.38	103.75	12.52	8.00	65.14	62.79
Raw red	160.00-210.00	181.30	166.21	102.71	15.10	9.08	78.59	76.52
Raw white	160.00-210.00	179.60	165.39	103.35	14.21	8.59	76.25	73.77
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	130.00-190.00	154.09	136.57	-	17.51	12.82	-	-
Imported Raw White	120.00-180.00	143.93	128.07	-	15.85	12.38	-	-
Imported Nadu	120.00-180.00	149.55	132.09	-	17.45	13.21	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

### Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale market the monthly average retail prices of all local and imported rice varieties have increased throughout the month. The monthly average prices of local samba, nadu and raw rice have increased by 7%, 8%, and 9% respectively. The prices of imported samba, nadu and raw white have increased by nearly 12%. The prices of local samba, nadu, raw rice ranged Rs.160.00-220.00/kg, Rs.150.00-210.00/kg, and Rs 160.00-210.00/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 Rs.130.00-190.00/kg, Rs.120.00-180.00/kg and Rs.120.00-180.00/kg respectively. Imported rice varieties 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 nearly 33%, 60% and 75% 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 significantly by about Rs.180.00/kg and Rs.164.00/kg. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.306.00/kg and Rs.523.20/kg respectively. Higher producer prices for green chilli were recorded from the Embilipitiya area with the price range of Rs.378.00 – 522.00/kg during the month of March. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about 71% and 44% respectively.

Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.106.00/kg and Rs.100.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.1013.85/kg and Rs.1197.17/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 102% and 99% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	200.00-500.00	306.00	485.75	179.20	-179.75	-37.00	126.80	70.76
Dried Chilli	840.00-1200.00	1013.85	908.03	501.87	105.81	11.65	511.98	102.02
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	300.00-700.00	523.20	686.78	364.61	-163.58	-23.82	158.59	43.50
Dried Chilli	950.00-1400.00	1197.17	1096.90	602.72	100.26	9.14	594.45	98.63

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

#### Crop Situation

The targeted extent of chilli in Maha 2021/22 season was about 11,383ha. About 7,530 ha had been cultivated by the end of March achieving 66% 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 March 2022. Cultivation progress in the Puttalam district was at a low level and only 529 ha have been cultivated at the end of this month representing 30% of the target. The production forecast of chilli for the season is 37,151mt and out of that,48% of the production will be provided from Anuradhapura (15%), Jaffna (9%), Batticaloa (9%), Puttalam (8%) and Monaragala (7%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of March 2022		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Anuradhapura	1,856	1,028	55	5,602
Puttalam	1,770	529	30	2,812
Monaragala	779	504	65	2,536
Jaffna	770	426	55	3,520
Vavuniya	400	395	99	1,344
Badulla	475	466	98	1,944
Batticaloa	290	620	47	3,271
Interprovincial DDA Areas	898	544	61	2,457
Mahaweli Areas	515	398	77	1,898
Other Areas	3,630	2,620	72	11,767
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,383</b>	<b>7,530</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>37,151</b>

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

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

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	308.00	302.00	250.00	252.00
Embilipitiya	438.00	522.00	468.00	378.00
Puttalam	261.67	276.67	261.67	211.67
A'Pura	224.00	268.00	254.00	184.00

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 2194 ha has been cultivated by the end of February 2022. It represented 61% 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 1416 ha the target (75%) was grown at the end of March 2022. The cultivation progress of red onion was at a low level in Puttalam and other producing areas except for Jaffna. The production forecast of red onion for this season is 23,079mt and out of that 84% of the production will arrive to the market from Jaffna (78%) and Puttalam (6%) districts.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of March 2022		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	1900	1,416	75	17,898
Puttalam	900	380	42	1,404
Trincomalee	344	118	34	833
Kilinochchi	130	75	58	747
Other Areas	324	205	63	2,197
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>23,079</b>

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

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions consisted of only imported big onions during this month. A quantity of 19,306 mt of big onion was imported in March 2022 and this quantity was lower than 8,460 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.85.89/kg and it has decreased by Rs.0.46/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have increased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.2.00/kg respectively due to a decrease in the imported quantity. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.127.58/kg and Rs.175.30/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have increased by about 57% and 42% respectively.

The supply of local red onion has increased from the main producing areas during this month. Hence wholesale and retail prices of vedalan red onion have decreased by about Rs.116.00/kg and Rs.56.00/kg respectively. However, with the availability of good-quality stocks in the market, the wholesale price of sinnan red onion has increased by about Rs.4.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by Rs.56.00/kg. A quantity of 2.377mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 736 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.113.53/kg and it has decreased by Rs. 39.46/kg compared to the previous month. With the availability of ample stocks in the market, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have decreased by about Rs.132.00/kg and Rs.102.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of sinnan, vedalan and imported red onions have increased by about 22%, 41% and 42% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	150.00-200.00	182.33	178.33	153.64	4.00	2.24	28.69	18.67
Red Onion (Vedalan)	220.00-310.00	248.81	364.44	194.59	-115.63	-31.73	54.22	27.86
Red Onion (Imported)	180.00-300.00	209.44	341.25	179.58	-131.81	-38.62	29.86	16.63
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-180.00	127.58	122.22	81.27	5.36	4.38	46.31	56.98
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	240.00-300.00	274.26	330.00	225.26	-55.74	-16.89	49.00	21.75
Red Onion (Vedalan)	320.00-480.00	410.30	461.00	291.67	-50.69	-11.00	118.63	40.67
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-400.00	343.71	445.42	278.85	-101.72	-22.84	64.85	23.26
Big Onion (imported)	120.00-220.00	175.30	173.63	123.19	1.67	0.96	52.11	42.30
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI



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

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	March,2022	85.89	127.58	175.3	41.69	47.72
	February,2022	86.35	122.22	173.63	35.87	51.41
	March,2021	-	-	-	-	-
Red onion	March,2022	113.53	209.44	343.71	95.91	134.27
	February,2022	152.99	341.25	445.42	188.26	104.17
	March,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**

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2022	February 2022	March 2022	February 2022
Red Onion	2377.46	1641.486	269.91	251.14	113.53	152.99
Big Onion	19305.59	27766.10	1658.14	2397.49	85.89	86.35

Source: Department of Customs

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion October 2021 to March 2022**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
March-2022	19,306	85.89	127.58	175.3	89.41
February-2022	27,766	86.35	122.22	173.63	87.28
January-2022	20,621	87.83	157.4	203.69	115.86
December-2021	21,633	88.01	181.13	211.24	123.23
November-2021	18,013	91.07	139.81	190.57	99.5
October-2021	5,696	93.17	156.94	191.39	98.22

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 2,156 ha had been cultivated by the end of the season achieving 81% of the target. In March about 120 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. However, compared to last *maha* season, the cultivated extent by the end of this *maha* season has decreased by 21%. According to the cultivated extent up to end of the season, the expected production of potato is 38,930 mt for this *maha* season (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,139 ha and about 1,047 ha of potato had been cultivated by the end of the season (92% progress). Compared to last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at high level during this *maha* season in the district. During the month only 83 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 1,019 ha had been cultivated by the end of the season achieving the targeted extent by 75%. The cultivated extent during this season has decreased by 38% compared to last *maha* season in the district. In March, only 37 ha of potatoes were cultivated in Badulla district. According to field information, more harvesting was taken place in Keppetipola, Bogahakumbura, Boralanda, Ambagasdova, Uvaparaganagama 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 Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Maha 2020/21*	Maha 2021/22	Maha 2020/21*	Maha 2021/22		
N'Eliya	1,081	1,139	957	1,047	92	20,281
Badulla	1,365	1,361	1,647	1,019	75	17,070
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>2,451</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>38,930</b>

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 13,132 mt of potato had been imported in March, which was 6,512 mt lower 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.70.00/kg in March (Table 2.3.2). With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were available in the Colombo Wholesale market. In March, the wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 12% and 24% respectively. Further, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 11% and 6% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported potato has increased by 16% while the retail price has decreased by 6%. During the month of March, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.140.00-165.00/kg, Rs.160.00-190.00/kg and Rs.95.00-160.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (55%), Nuwara Eliya (56%) and imported (27%) potatoes have increased (Table 2.3.3). Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased further with the ongoing harvesting season for Welimada potato.

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
March-2022	13,132	917.12	69.84	156.06	86.22
February-2022	19,644	1181.69	60.16	166.35	106.19
January-2022	15,834	1062.32	67.09	199.33	132.23
December-2021	14,214	1035.91	72.88	186.66	113.78
November-2021	7,860	514.37	65.45	175.11	109.66
October-2021	2,140	126.25	59.00	153.94	94.94

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	117.00-165.00	136.85	178	95.00	-41.15	-23.12	41.85	44.05
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-166.00	149.80	198.1	106.90	-48.30	-24.38	42.90	40.13
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	140.00-165.00	151.94	172.50	107.50	-20.56	-11.92	44.44	41.34
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-190.00	175.94	231.44	123.38	-55.50	-23.98	52.56	42.60
Imported	95.00-160.00	120.08	103.95	83.75	16.13	15.51	36.33	43.37
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	180.00-280.00	230.75	259.10	148.88	-28.35	-10.94	81.87	54.99
Nuwara Eliya	260.00-320.00	294.04	314.05	188.54	-20.01	-6.37	105.50	55.96
Imported	120.00-180.00	156.06	166.35	122.65	-10.28	-6.18	33.41	27.24
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada		93.90	81.10	53.88	12.80	15.78	40.02	74.27
Nuwara Eliya		144.24	115.95	81.64	28.29	24.39	62.60	76.68
Imported (RP-CIF)		86.22	106.19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada		78.82	86.60	41.38	-7.79	-8.99	37.43	90.45
Nuwara Eliya		118.10	82.61	65.16	35.49	42.95	52.94	81.24
Imported		35.99	62.40	38.90	-26.41	-42.32	-2.91	-7.49

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 550.00- 700.00/kg in Anuradhapura, Moneragala and Embilipitiya areas during the middle of the month. The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 600.00-950.00/kg and Rs 600.00-1200/kg respectively. Meanwhile the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 600.00-850.00/kg and 550.00-750.00/kg respectively. When compared to the previous month, prices of green gram and red cowpea have increased by 23% and 7% respectively. The price of white Cowpea has not changed significantly.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	March. 2022	Mar 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	600.00-950.00	792.88	541.75	707.26	251.13	46.35	85.62	12.11
Cowpea (White)	530.00-650.00	577.92	574.88	604.31	3.04	0.53	-26.39	-4.37
Cowpea (Red)	450.00-600.00	501.38	492.00	597.13	9.38	1.91	-95.76	-16.04
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green gram	600.00-1200.00	792.38	643.24	827.93	149.14	23.18	-35.56	-4.29
Cowpea (White)	600.00-850.00	725.08	735.94	741.74	-10.86	-1.48	-16.66	-2.25
Cowpea (Red)	550.00-750.00	623.56	581.13	699.56	42.44	7.30	-76.00	-10.86

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 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 March 2022 in *Maha* season, 2021/22**

Item	Unit	Green gram	Cowpea
<i>Maha</i> 2021/22			
Targeted Extent	Ha	7909	9447
Achievement	Ha	8300	8360
Crop affected area due to flood	Ha	67	47
Expected Production	Mt	6290	6255
<i>Maha</i> 2020/21			
Cultivated Extent	Ha	5696	5770
Production	Mt	6527	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.440/kg with an average of Rs.358.93/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.320/kg and Rs.460/kg with an average of Rs.380.69/kg. Compared with the last year wholesale and the retail prices have increased by 117% and 110% respectively.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>	295.00-440.00	358.93	300.48	165.44	58.45	19.45	193.48	116.95
<b>Retail Price</b>	320.00-460.00	380.69	326.17	180.93	54.52	16.72	199.76	110.41

*Source: Data Management Division/HARTI*

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

The total targeted extent including both up-country and low-country vegetables was 49,303ha and 41,695ha (85%) of the target had been achieved by the end of March 2022. The target for up-country vegetables was 18,795ha and 87% of the target had been achieved. Carrot and Leeks reported more than 100% progress from their cultivation targets. Bean (3,810ha), tomato (2,942ha), capsicum (1,979ha), and cabbage (1,947ha) were the most cultivated up-country vegetables. Among up-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from cabbage (50,175mt) followed by carrot (39,741mt). Regarding the low-country vegetable cultivation, 83% of the target (25,283ha) had been achieved by the end of March-2022. The most cultivated low-country vegetables were brinjals (4,869ha), long beans (4,432ha), pumpkin (3,830ha), and okra (3,516ha). Among low country vegetables, the highest production is expected from brinjals (60,052mt) and pumpkin (53,710mt).

**Table 3.1 :Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Maha 2021/22 Season**

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of March 2022		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
<b>Up-Country Vegetables</b>				
Bean	4291	3810	89	39099
Beet	1409	1050	75	18236
Cabbage	2191	1947	89	50175
Capsicum	2407	1979	82	16929
Carrot	1743	1866	107	39741
Knol-khol	412	385	93	4064
Leeks	964	1112	115	14573
Tomato	3570	2942	82	37370
Radish	1808	1321	73	26492
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,795</b>	<b>16,412</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>246,679</b>
<b>Low – country Vegetables</b>				
Pumpkin	4932	3830	78	53710
Snake gourd	1997	1397	70	18494
Cucumber	1778	1362	77	20075
Bitter gourd	2440	1705	70	20157
Okra	4250	3516	83	37298
Brinjal	5265	4869	92	60052
Ash plantain	616	836	136	10417
Luffa	1940	1397	72	16457
Long Bean	5189	4432	85	41445
Winged bean	826	739	89	7856
Kekiri	637	525	82	6494
<b>Total</b>	<b>30508</b>	<b>25,283</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>299,166</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>49303</b>	<b>41,695</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>545,845</b>

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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 too. Among up-country vegetables, all the wholesale prices have decreased by 27% - 49% except beans, radish and tomato. Wholesale prices of beans, radish and tomato have increased by about 7%, 58%, and 16% respectively due to limited supply from main producing areas. Wholesale prices of all the low-country vegetables have decreased between 4%-42%. However, the price of lime has increased by about 32%. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the up-country and low-country vegetables have decreased. The highest retail price decrease was observed for capsicum (Rs.279.33/kg) followed by carrot (Rs.164.58/kg) with high supply from the main producing areas. As in the wholesale market, retail market prices of beans, radish, tomato and lime have increased by Rs.11.72/kg, Rs.13.17/kg, Rs.24.64/kg and Rs.60.98/kg respectively due to limited supply. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the vegetables except cabbage have increased in the range of 3%-61%.

**Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – March 2022**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00-260.00	191.25	179.00	163.87	12.25	6.84	27.38	16.71
Carrot	120.00-380.00	216.25	358.75	139.80	-142.50	-39.72	76.45	54.69
Leeks	60.00-120.00	78.75	109.25	76.60	-30.50	-27.92	2.15	2.81
Beetroot	70.00-190.00	127.61	248.82	92.32	-121.20	-48.71	35.29	38.23
Knolkhol	70.00-120.00	90.73	125.00	84.00	-34.27	-27.42	6.73	8.01
Radish	30.00-70.00	47.75	30.13	51.00	17.63	58.51	-3.25	-6.37
Cabbage	50.00-80.00	67.00	106.75	101.18	-39.75	-37.24	-34.18	-33.78
Tomato	90.00-320.00	213.80	183.75	123.44	30.05	16.35	90.36	73.20
Ladies Fingers	40.00-60.00	46.75	136.63	71.67	-89.88	-65.78	-24.92	-34.77
Brinjal	100.00-180.00	143.00	173.75	69.20	-30.75	-17.70	73.80	106.65
Capsicum	150.00-320.00	239.00	451.75	221.60	-212.75	-47.09	17.40	7.85
Pumpkin	50.00-180.00	108.00	164.50	75.73	-56.50	-34.35	32.27	42.61
Cucumber	30.00-80.00	46.88	66.50	31.00	-19.63	-29.51	15.88	51.21
Bittergourd	150.00-280.00	214.50	280.84	138.07	-66.34	-23.62	76.43	55.35
Snakegourd	100.00-150.00	129.25	153.36	77.02	-24.11	-15.72	52.23	67.82
Drumstick	180.00-350.00	267.00						
Luffa	120.00-180.00	138.32	226.25	118.60	-87.93	-38.86	19.72	16.63
Long Beans	70.00-150.00	108.00	121.67	66.20	-13.67	-11.23	41.80	63.14
Ash Plantain	40.00-80.00	57.00	75.75	57.90	-18.75	-24.75	-0.90	-1.55
Green Chillies	200.00-500.00	306.00	485.75	179.20	-179.75	-37.00	126.80	70.76
Lime	70.00-150.00	98.25	74.25	75.76	24.00	32.32	22.49	29.68

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – March 2022**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-360.00	283.72	272.00	222.48	11.72	4.31	61.24	27.52
Carrot	140.00-480.00	298.82	463.40	211.19	-164.58	-35.52	87.63	41.49
Leeks	100.00-240.00	178.03	226.26	151.43	-48.23	-21.32	26.60	17.57
Beetroot	120.00-320.00	214.30	360.89	164.75	-146.59	-40.62	49.55	30.08
Knolkhol	120.00-280.00	210.24	266.22	173.84	-55.97	-21.03	36.40	20.94
Radish	60.00-200.00	139.69	126.52	128.26	13.17	10.41	11.43	8.91
Cabbage	80.00-240.00	171.00	232.23	171.21	-61.23	-26.36	-0.21	-0.12
Tomato	120.00-500.00	315.64	291.00	202.04	24.64	8.47	113.59	56.22
Ladies Fingers	80.00-240.00	157.67	234.06	152.67	-76.39	-32.64	5.00	3.28
Brinjal	140.00-320.00	229.84	260.01	142.97	-30.16	-11.60	86.88	60.77
Capsicum	220.00-800.00	380.58	659.92	332.05	-279.33	-42.33	48.53	14.62
Pumpkin	80.00-300.00	196.22	249.21	150.63	-52.99	-21.26	45.59	30.27
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	125.44	137.17	98.06	-11.73	-8.55	27.38	27.92
Bittergourd	200.00-480.00	331.46	391.85	237.45	-60.39	-15.41	94.01	39.59
Snakegourd	160.00-360.00	247.83	283.75	162.86	-35.92	-12.66	84.97	52.17
Drumstick	400.00-800.00	624.33	780.77	-	-156.44	-20.04	-	-
Luffa	140.00-400.00	269.06	336.58	213.41	-67.51	-20.06	55.65	26.08
Long Beans	100.00-300.00	210.05	237.90	151.86	-27.85	-11.71	58.19	38.32
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	139.02	144.52	130.03	-5.49	-3.80	9.00	6.92
Green Chilli	300.00-700.00	523.20	686.78	364.61	-163.58	-23.82	158.59	43.50
Lime	120.00-400.00	270.43	209.45	216.59	60.98	29.11	53.84	24.86

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 4. Fruits

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In March, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *ambul* (16%), *seeni* (7%) and *anamalu* (1%) banana have decreased, while the prices of *koikuttu* (5%) has increased. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.150.00-190.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.40.00-70.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.50.00-80.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.14.00-17.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.11.00-14.00/fruit (*anamalu*). Considering the mango varieties, the prices of all the varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 57% for *kohu*, followed by *betti* (50%), *karthakolomban* (7%) and *vilad* (7%) mangoes.

Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased further in the range of 21%-31% due to lean harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.438.00/fruit (large), Rs.346.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.260.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively.

Considering other types of fruit varieties, the prices of orange (27%), papaw (26%), wood apple (19%) and avocado (10%) have decreased. Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 37% reported for wood apple (Table 4.1).

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	40.00-70.00	55.00	65.85	54.17	-10.85	-16.48	0.83	1.54
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-190.00	169.73	162.41	151.00	7.32	4.51	18.73	12.40
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	64.25	68.92	72.59	-4.67	-6.78	-8.34	-11.49
Anamalu (Fruit)	11.00-14.00	12.49	12.57	13.30	-0.08	-0.67	-0.81	-6.10
Ambun (Fruit)	14.00-17.00	15.65	15.63	16.73	0.02	0.14	-1.08	-6.47
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	380.00-490.00	438.33	361.08	182.65	77.25	21.40	255.68	139.98
Medium (Fruit)	280.00-390.00	345.77	265.60	145.63	80.17	30.19	200.14	137.43
Small (Fruit)	220.00-300.00	259.75	198.14	105.82	61.61	31.10	153.93	145.47
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	20.00-32.00	24.36	49.00	31.18	-24.64	-50.29	-6.82	-21.88
Karthakolomban(fruit)	80.00-120.00	102.61	110.74	129.35	-8.13	-7.34	-26.74	-20.67
Vilad (Fruit)	40.00-65.00	51.56	48.00	34.47	3.56	7.41	17.09	49.59
Kohu (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	17.71	41.00	20.17	-23.29	-56.81	-2.46	-12.19
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-260.00	168.47	228.64	95.38	-60.16	-26.31	73.09	76.62
Passionfruit (Fruit)	30.00-35.00	32.71	33.06	12.94	-0.36	-1.08	19.77	152.84
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-28.00	24.92	30.83	39.64	-5.92	-19.19	-14.73	-37.15
Orange (Fruit)	23.00-40.00	29.16	40.02	29.96	-10.86	-27.14	-0.80	-2.67
Avocado (Fruit)	75.00-110.00	93.40	103.48	71.88	-10.07	-9.74	21.53	29.95
Slime Apple (Fruit)	18.00-28.00	23.27	23.42	17.67	-0.15	-0.62	5.60	31.72
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1070.00-1400.00	1286.99	967.16	806.58	319.83	33.07	480.40	59.56

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased in March. Accordingly, the prices of all the banana varieties have decreased in the range of 1%-2%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.200.00-260.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.80.00-140.00/kg for *seeni* and *ambul* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Among the mango varieties, the price of *karthakolomban* has decreased by 22%.

Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have increased by 12% due to increased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.240.00-600.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of orange (15%), avocado (14%), papaw (10%) and wood apple (7%) have decreased in line with the decreased wholesale prices for those type of fruits. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 119% reported for pineapple (medium size) (Table 4.2).



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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-140.00	110.03	112.32	112.86	-2.29	-2.04	-2.83	-2.51
Kolikuttu (Kg)	200.00-260.00	231.84	232.90	214.58	-1.06	-0.46	17.26	8.05
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-140.00	121.00	121.94	124.54	-0.94	-0.77	-3.54	-2.85
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-22.00	18.40	18.69	19.08	-0.29	-1.57	-0.67	-3.54
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-27.00	23.07	23.55	23.70	-0.48	-2.04	-0.62	-2.63
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	400.00-600.00	479.68	428.81	226.03	50.86	11.86	253.65	112.22
Medium (Fruit)	320.00-450.00	368.25	328.93	168.44	39.32	11.95	199.80	118.62
Small (Fruit)	240.00-360.00	285.20	255.45	134.99	29.75	11.65	150.21	111.28
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	40.00-60.00	50.00	-	32.50	-	-	17.50	53.85
Karthakolomban(fruit)	90.00-160.00	120.03	154.50	186.79	-34.47	-22.31	-66.76	-35.74
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-80.00	62.41	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	200.00-350.00	266.19	295.37	169.70	-29.18	-9.88	96.50	56.86
Passionfruit (Fruit)	33.00-50.00	42.17	41.47	24.39	0.70	1.68	17.78	72.89
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	53.54	57.5046	90.39	-3.97	-6.90	-36.85	-40.77
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	59.80	70.4414	58.33	-10.64	-15.11	1.47	2.52
Avocado (Fruit)	80.00-150.00	115.17	134.688	99.70	-19.51	-14.49	15.48	15.52
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	60.23	57.114	52.16	3.11	5.45	8.07	15.48
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1400.00-1800.00	1569.88	1352.89	1105.72	216.99	16.04	464.16	41.98

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	27.00-43.33	34.75	34.43	43.50	0.32	0.93	-8.75	-20.11
Kolikuttu	96.00-149.00	122.53	117.07	131.00	5.46	4.66	-8.47	-6.47
Papaw	38.33-144.00	96.94	124.06	63.00	-27.12	-21.86	33.94	53.87

### Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,338 mt of fresh fruits in March, 2022 to the value of Rs.146 mn. Of the exported quantity, 95% were papaw, and 4% were fresh pineapple and the rest was fresh mango, guava, mangosteen, avocados and oranges. In the month of February, 2022, the quantity exported was 1,073 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased in March (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,860 mt of fresh fruits in March and the value was Rs.941 mn. Of the imported quantity, 55% were apple, 28% were grapes and 17% were oranges. In the month of February 2022, the quantity imported was 1,748 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased in March (Table 4.4).

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

Type of Fruit	March - 2022			Feb - 2022			Jan - 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	1269.32	111.03	87.47	979.24	72.57	74.11	1019.96	91.99	90.19
Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	12.81	9.78	763.38	45.68	13.79	301.95	38.44	30.75	799.99
Fresh Avocado	1.60	1.58	985.30	1.73	1.52	877.81	2.26	1.89	834.54
Pineapple, fresh	54.04	22.76	421.25	46.80	14.27	304.86	83.41	40.03	479.98

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

Type of Fruit	March - 2022			Feb- 2022			Jan - 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	1572.47	458.18	291.38	750.75	176.19	234.69	1053.48	245.36	232.90
Grapes	814.55	403.01	494.77	471.96	204.13	432.51	431.84	173.34	401.41
Oranges	473.19	79.83	168.71	525.24	79.64	151.63	293.32	48.47	165.25

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the fishing season in the Southern and north - western coastal belt is in progress, prices of all the fish varieties had increased, some with a considerably high margin, at the wholesale market, in March 2022 compared to February 2022, due to the fuel price hike a result of heavy depreciation of SLR against USD.

Fishes had been supplied to the market mainly from Negombo, Kalpitiya, Chillaw, Matara and Galle. Of all the fresh fish varieties, prices of both salaya and mora had upsurged by the highest margin, by 33% during the month. Next, prices of hurulla, thora, balaya , thalpath and paraw had increased in the range of 13% - 16%. Supplies of deep-sea fish varieties such as thalpath and paraw had dropped considerably due to the fuel shortages. Further, kelawalla ad shrimp (small) prices had increased by less than 10%. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased considerably, in the range of 26%-87% due to the fuel price hike. The highest price increase was noted for thalpath.

In line with the wholesale fish price movement, prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 5%-20% at the retail level. Salaya prices had upsurged by the highest margin, by 20% during the month. Further, prices of hurulla and balaya had increased by 14% and 10% respectively, at the retail level. Prices of rest of the dried fish varieties had increased by more than 5%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties had increased considerably, in the range of 17%-67%, with the highest price increase noted for balaya.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	160.00-350.00	263.71	197.68	172.32	66.03	33.40	91.39	53.03
Hurulla	350.00-750.00	615.83	529.85	443.46	85.98	16.23	172.37	38.87
Balaya	460.00-750.00	621.88	552.60	397.45	69.27	12.54	224.42	56.47
Kelawalla	750.00-1100.00	897.71	855.95	541.46	41.76	4.88	356.25	65.80
Thora	1100.00-2100.00	1638.99	1444.31	956.80	194.69	13.48	682.20	71.30
Paraw	750.00-1100.00	890.61	786.90	594.35	103.70	13.18	296.26	49.85
Mora	850.00-900.00	875.00	660.00	578.89	215.00	32.58	296.11	51.15
Shrimp (small)	1100.00-1340.00	1244.90	1151.64	986.81	93.26	8.10	258.09	26.15
Thalapath	1200.00-1400.00	1347.75	1179.06	720.97	168.69	14.31	626.78	86.94
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	280.00-480.00	356.20	296.97	223.20	59.24	19.95	133.01	59.59
Hurulla	520.00-920.00	749.28	658.91	516.50	90.37	13.72	232.77	45.07
Balaya	880.00-1400.00	1132.58	1026.16	678.64	106.43	10.37	453.94	66.89
Kelawalla	1280.00-1960.00	1555.51	1452.33	994.34	103.18	7.10	561.17	56.44
Thora	1800.00-2800.00	2143.88	2012.13	1436.35	131.75	6.55	707.53	49.26
Paraw	1360.00-1900.00	1620.48	1521.21	1109.37	99.27	6.53	511.11	46.07
Mora	1200.00-1360.00	1277.14		866.67			410.48	47.36
Shrimp (small)	1200.00-1600.00	1362.38	1292.58	1160.65	69.80	5.40	201.73	17.38
Thalapath	1700.00-2200.00	1889.74	1768.71	1251.47	121.03	6.84	638.26	51.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of all the dried fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase reported for salaya. Prices of salaya had increased by 24%, followed by sprats (imported) as 21% and sprats (local), mora (imported) and kattawa (imported) as 12% at the wholesale level, compared to last month. Further, prices of rest of the dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 2% -7%. Price increases are mainly due to the rising cost of production and cost of transportation due to the fuel price hike. The main supply areas of the local varieties were Valachchenai, Mannar and Kalpitiya. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of all the varieties had increased, with the highest price increase reported for salaya as 129%.

Compared to previous month, the retail prices of all the dried fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase noted for both sprats (imported) and salaya as 20%. Prices of rest of the varieties had increased by less than 10%. Compared the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all the varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase reported for thora as 67%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b>								
Sprats	800.00-1200.00	1065.96	948.38	1005.62	117.59	12.40	60.35	6.00
Sprats (imported)	680.00-1080.00	856.48	709.00	473.80	147.48	20.80	382.67	80.77
Kattawa	1280.00-1600.00	1366.67	1259.11	1193.56	107.56	8.54	173.11	14.50
Kattawa (imported)	1050.00-1350.00	1234.17	1098.43	-	135.74	12.36	-	-
Thora	-	-	-	1369.64	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1350.00-1540.00	1437.62	1400.76	1208.29	36.86	2.63	229.33	18.98
Mora (imported)	1260.00-1450.00	1340.42	1196.67	-	143.75	12.01	-	-
Balaya	640.00-900.00	790.31	680.60	502.08	109.72	16.12	288.23	57.41
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	1280.00-1520.00	1407.92	1385.42	1166.51	22.50	1.62	241.40	20.69
Anguluwa (imported)	1050.00-1320.00	1202.08	1126.19	-	75.89	6.74	-	-
Maduwa	850.00-1150.00	932.05	877.58	705.61	54.47	6.21	226.45	32.09
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	480.00-760.00	626.37	506.71	273.71	119.66	23.61	352.65	128.84
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>								
Sprats(imported)	800.00-1400.00	1032.47	857.25	745.90	175.22	20.44	286.57	38.42
Sprats	1100.00-1700.00	1411.45	1344.09	1093.63	67.35	5.01	317.82	29.06
Kattawa	1400.00-2300.00	1757.18	1676.12	1478.18	81.06	4.84	279.00	18.87
Thora	3000.00-3000.00	3000.00	-	1799.75	-	-	1200.25	66.69
Mora	1500.00-2000.00	1712.44	1666.34	1395.53	46.10	2.77	316.91	22.71
Balaya	850.00-1400.00	1130.64	1071.15	933.18	59.49	5.55	197.46	21.16
Anguluwa	1400.00-1800.00	1608.46	1556.66	1354.48	51.80	3.33	253.98	18.75
Maduwa	1100.00-1400.00	1305.36	1194.64	941.75	110.71	9.27	363.61	38.61
Salaya	700.00-1000.00	845.72	709.77	521.10	135.95	19.15	324.62	62.30

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had increased significantly by 41% and 44% respectively, at the wholesale level compared to February 2022. Raising cost of imported day - old chicks and feeds due to the depreciation of SLR is the reason for the significant price hike. The monthly average wholesale price of brown and white eggs was in the range of 27.00 - 31.50/egg and 25.00 - 29.50. In line with the wholesale price behavior, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 40% and 43% respectively at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.27.00 - 34.00/egg and Rs.26.00 - 32.00/egg respectively. Compared the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of eggs had increased by 76% and 82% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	27.00-31.50	29.75	21.13	16.07	8.63	40.83	13.68	85.13
White (each)	25.00-29.50	27.75	19.25	15.29	8.50	44.16	12.47	81.55
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	27.00-34.00	30.34	21.77	17.25	8.57	39.37	13.08	75.82
White (each)	26.00-32.00	29.05	20.32	15.93	8.73	42.95	13.13	82.44

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Meat

Prices of all meat varieties had further increased at the retail market, compared to last month, due to price rise in inputs. The highest price increase was noted for beef (without bones) as 10%. Prices of both chicken (broiler) and chicken (curry) had upsurged by 7% at the retail level. Prices of pork had increased by 5%. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for as beef (without bones) 50%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	1400.00-1800.00	1,561.61	1,423.21	1042.67	138.39	9.72	518.94	49.77
Chicken (Broiler)	770.00-970.00	880.58	819.86	630.87	60.72	7.41	249.71	39.58
Chicken (curry)	680.00-950.00	810.97	758.17	616.41	52.81	6.96	194.56	31.56
Mutton	1800.00-2400.00	2,152.08	2,071.08	1981.39	81.00	3.91	170.69	8.61
Pork	800.00-1050.00	907.92	866.67	833.24	41.25	4.76	74.68	8.96

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 65,667mt worth of 5,609mn wheat grain had been imported from India during the month of March. The average CIF price was Rs.85.00/kg. Compared to the last month average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by Rs.12.00/kg.

A total quantity of 11,342mt of wheat flour worth of 1141mn had been imported mainly from India, Bangladesh and Pakistan during the month of March. Compared to the last month, average CIF price for wheat flour has increased by Rs.16.00/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.155.25-157.65/kg and the average price was Rs.171.12/kg. Compared to the last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by Rs.14.34/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 85%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March. 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	March 2021	Feb 2022		March 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	155.24-187.31	171.12	156.78	92.33	14.34	9.15	78.79	85.34
Sugar	152.42-193.26	171.98	149.18	115.33	22.80	15.28	56.65	49.12

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
March-2022	11,342.43	1141.17	100.61	171.12	70.51
February-2022	16,650.61	1414.60	84.96	156.78	71.82
January-2022	4,745.62	402.65	84.85	151.98	67.13
December-2021	1,423.51	128.13	90.01	135.92	45.91
November-2021	687.35	57.72	83.98	122.28	38.3
October-2021	610.14	57.66	94.51	113.9	19.39
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
March-2022	65,667.08	5,608.86	85.41	171.12	85.71
February-2022	39,463.99	2,911.81	73.78	156.78	83.00
January-2022	102,642.01	7,284.37	70.97	151.98	81.01
December-2021	79,671.56	5,594.25	70.21	135.92	65.71
November-2021	73,643.36	5,203.96	70.66	122.28	51.62
October-2021	206,191.12	13,718.46	66.53	113.9	47.37

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 32,083mt worth of 4,362mn of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of March. Compared to the last month, quantity of this month has increased by around 13,000mt. Sugar for the month of March had been mainly imported from India, Thailand and U.A.E and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.135.96/kg. Compared to the last month, average CIF price for sugar has increased by Rs.24.00/kg.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of March, the average retail price was Rs.171.98/kg. Compared to the last month the average retail price of sugar has increased by Rs 23.00/kg.

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
March-2022	32,083.01	4362.05	135.96	171.98	36.02
February-2022	19,278.02	2156.21	111.85	149.18	37.33
January-2022	39,109.12	4395.20	112.38	147.45	35.07
December-2021	59,427.97	6446.45	108.48	143.45	34.97
November-2021	55,343.22	5940.44	107.34	151.01	43.67
October-2021	17075.00	1825.52	106.91	140.43	33.52

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

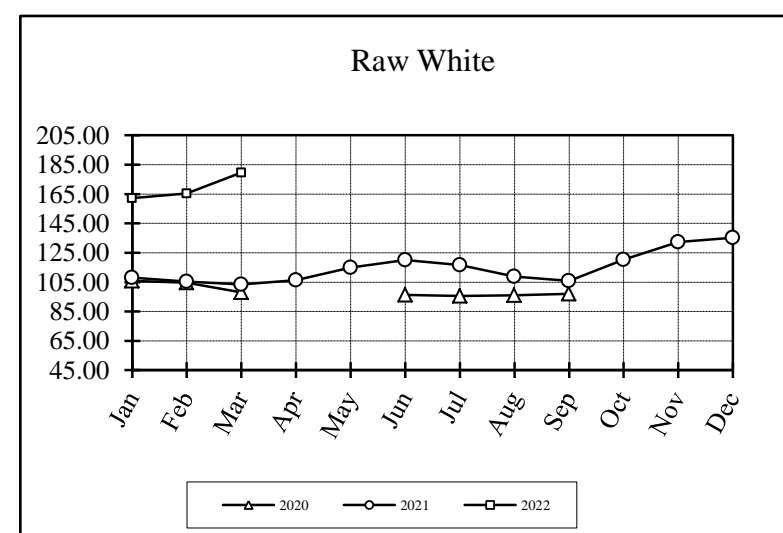
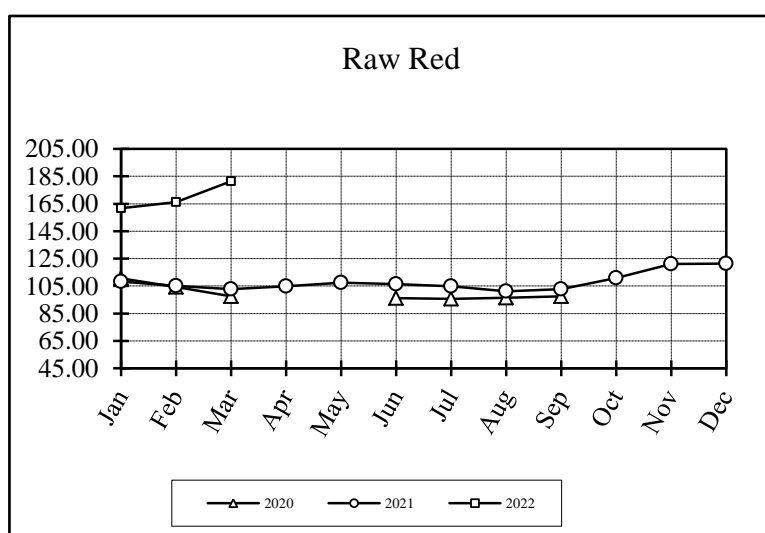
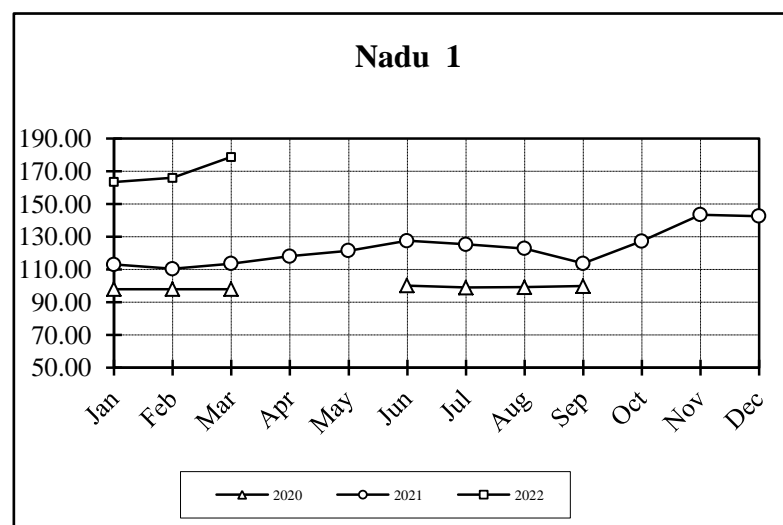
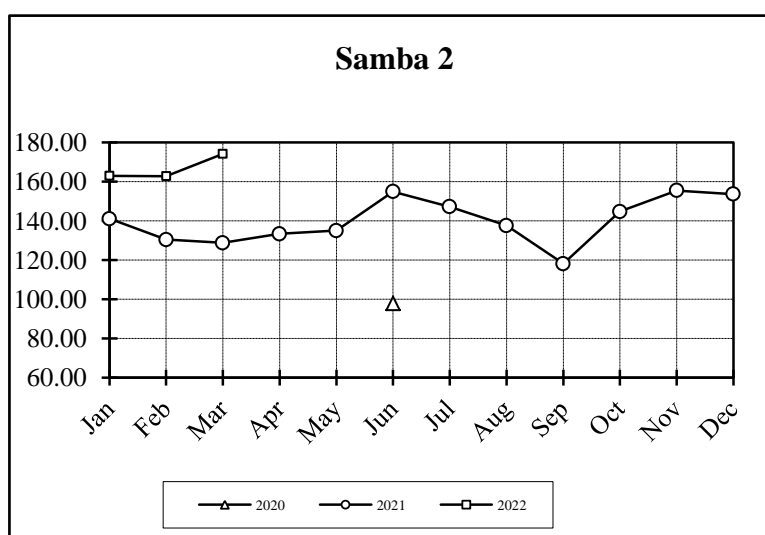
**Table 7: Import of selected food items – March 2022**

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	March 2022	Feb 2022		March 2022	Feb 2022		Mar. 2022	Feb 2022	
Rice	70218.9	76023.5	(8)	7326.8	6642.4	9	104.3	87.4	16
Red Onion	2377.5	1641.5	31	269.9	251.1	7	113.5	153.0	(35)
Big Onion	19305.6	27766.1	(44)	1658.1	2397.5	(45)	85.9	86.3	(1)
Potato	13131.8	19643.6	(50)	917.1	1181.7	(29)	69.8	60.2	14
Maysoor Dhal	9126.9	7330.9	20	2005.2	1298.8	35	219.7	177.2	19
Garlic	3477.5	2783.4	20	963.1	689.9	28	276.9	247.9	11
Wheat flour	11342.4	16650.6	(47)	1141.2	1414.6	(24)	100.6	85.0	16
Wheat grain	65667.1	39464.0	40	5608.9	2911.8	48	85.4	73.8	14
Sugar & sugar confectionery	32083.0	19278.0	40	4362.0	2156.2	51	136.0	111.8	18
Maize (Other)	4376.6	2052.2	53	389.1	136.3	65	88.9	66.4	25

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

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

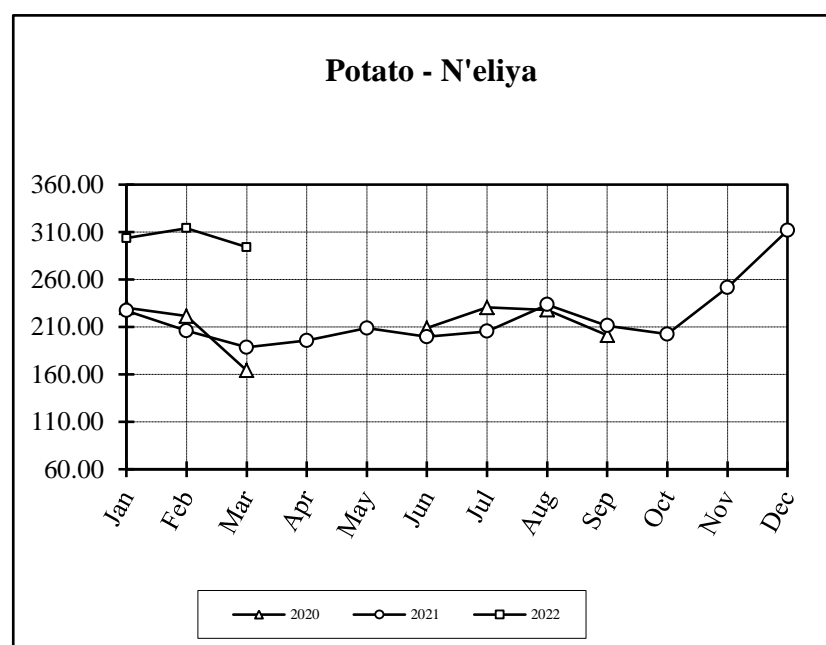
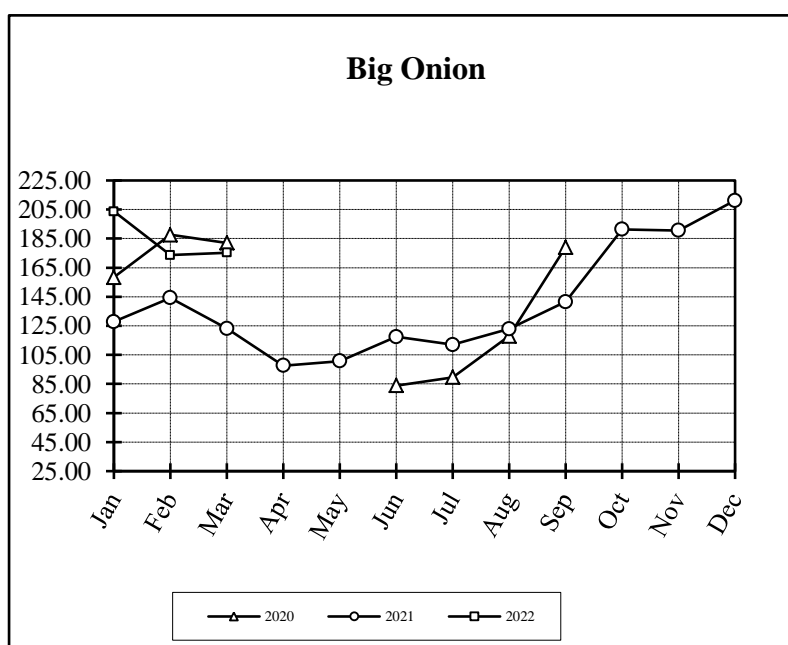
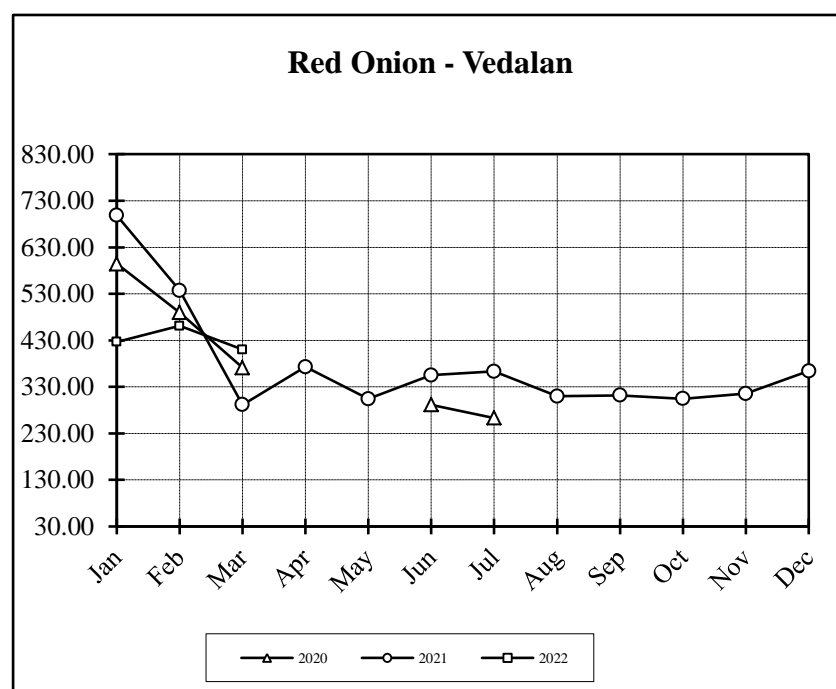
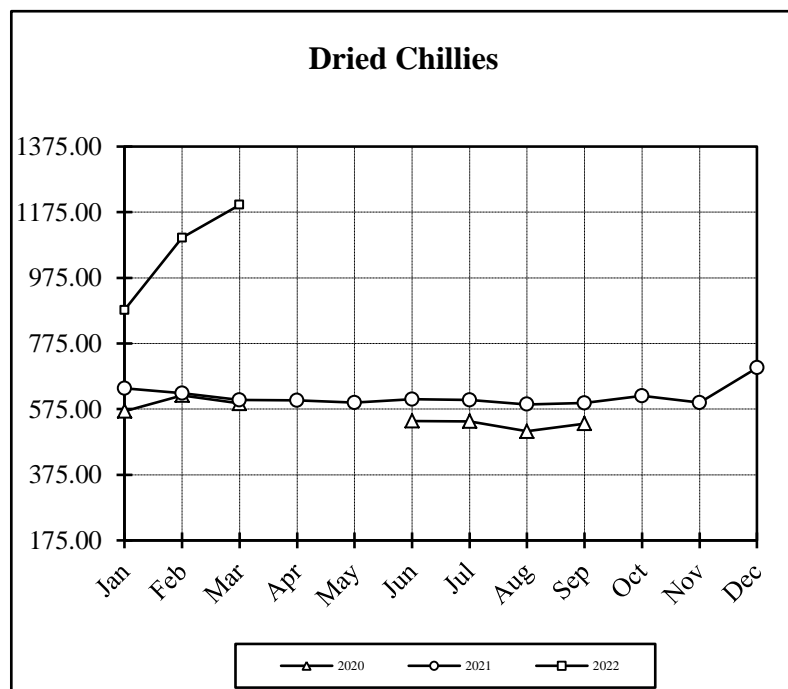
Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Jan		141.10	163.05	98.00	113.10	163.43	110.60	108.31	161.74	105.80	108.03	162.13
Feb		130.44	162.91	98.00	110.43	165.94	104.20	105.14	166.21	104.75	105.33	165.39
Mar		128.86	174.23	98.00	113.55	178.69	97.55	102.71	181.30	97.98	103.35	179.60
Apr		133.36			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 Prices of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Jan	568.88	638.57	876.68	594.62	698.55	426.78	158.34	127.78	203.69	230.30	227.08	303.42
Feb	616.91	623.15	1096.90	489.95	537.28	461.00	187.64	144.28	173.63	221.45	205.92	314.05
Mar	592.69	602.72	1197.17	371.19	291.66	410.30	182.10	123.19	175.30	164.00	188.53	294.04
Apr		601.31			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  
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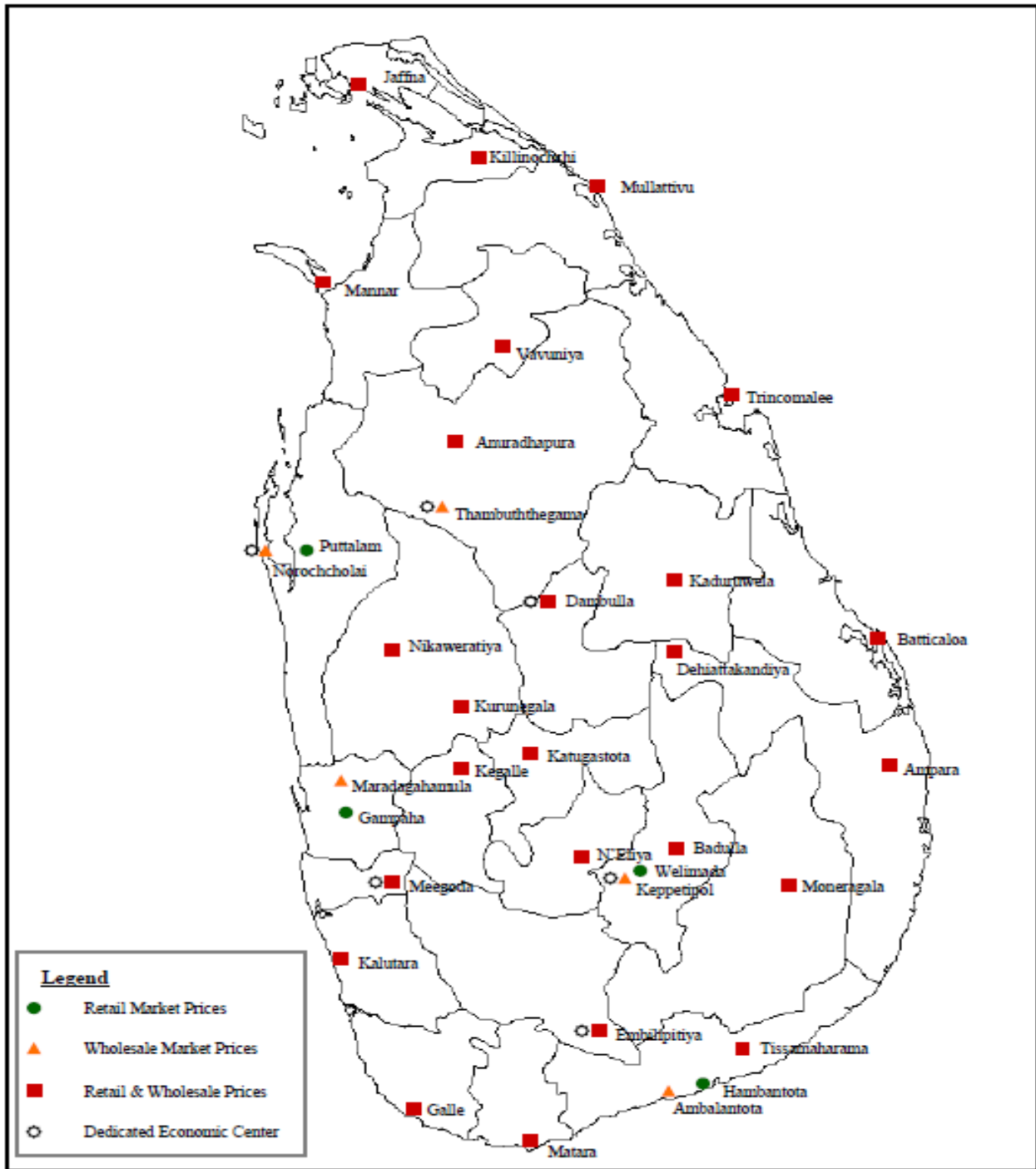
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<b>Paddy</b>					<b>Potato</b>					<b>Leeks</b>				
<b>Short grain</b>					N'Eliya	164.40	145.80	142.00	147.00	Welimada	48.40	63.40	57.80	45.20
A'pura	90.80	95.86	107.00	108.20	Badulla	160.00	161.00	155.00	145.00	N'Eliya	56.60	72.60	66.00	56.60
P'naruwa	95.50	105.75	117.25	117.25	Welimada	160.20	132.40	133.80	121.00					
Kalawewa	86.88	87.00	102.14	106.00	<b>Pulses</b>					<b>Beetroot</b>				
Kurunegala	88.67	94.00	103.33	111.20	<b>Green Gram</b>					Hanguranketha				56.00
Dehiattakandiya	92.67	103.33	115.00	112.67	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	127.80	72.80	77.00	62.40
Ampara	94.50	94.67	111.67	120.00	Kalawewa	525.00	650.00	650.00	700.00	Dambulla	137.50	77.60	76.40	96.25
<b>Long grain (White)</b>					Embilipitiya	485.00	495.00	695.00	695.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	89.60	95.80	107.00	108.20	Kurunegala					Welimada	104.60	87.20	66.60	45.00
P'naruwa	95.50	105.25	117.25	117.25	A'pura	494.00	540.00	662.00	770.00	<b>Knokhol</b>				
Kalawewa	84.88	86.75	101.00	105.00	<b>Cowpea</b>					Hanguranketha			72.50	48.00
Kurunegala	89.67	96.00	105.00	112.40	A'pura					N'Eliya	63.60	59.20	57.40	42.80
Dehiattakandiya	92.67	103.33	115.00	112.67	Galgamuwa					Welimada	57.00	48.80	57.80	48.20
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	400.00	445.00	437.50	515.00	<b>Radish</b>				
Ampara	91.60	94.00	107.40	109.50	Kalawewa	487.50	525.00	525.00	537.50	Hanguranketha		22.00	25.00	23.60
Matara					Embilipitiya	446.67	453.33	453.33	453.33	N'Eliya	14.40	28.60	38.80	32.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	11.40	16.80	19.00	16.80
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>					<b>Maize</b>					<b>Cabbage</b>				
Matara	93.00	97.00	109.00	121.00	A'Pura	94.00	94.00	102.00	104.00	Hanguranketha		50.00	50.00	31.20
Hambantota	95.00	96.33	109.00	120.00	Kalawewa	92.00	96.00	96.00	108.00	N'Eliya	56.40	49.20	37.60	32.80
Ampara	91.75	95.50	112.00	115.00	<b>Gingelly</b>					Welimada	36.80	35.20	32.20	21.80
Embilipitiya	95.80	103.80	109.40	119.40	A'Pura					Hambantota				
<b>Keeri Samba</b>					Kalawewa	265.00		376.67	317.50	Badulla	61.00	48.00	49.00	37.00
A'pura	102.00	107.00	122.00	122.00	<b>Black Gram</b>					<b>Tomato</b>				
Polonnaruwa	104.50	117.25	129.50	132.50	Kalawewa	327.50	327.50	354.00	380.00	Hanguranketha		198.00	135.00	33.00
Kalawewa	105.00	106.00	114.00	117.00	A'Pura					Welimada	235.60	134.80	109.00	18.40
Kurunegala	101.00	102.50	118.33	121.00	<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>					Hambantota	166.67	200.00	113.33	75.00
Dehiattakandiya	105.00	117.67	133.67	130.00	<b>Beans</b>					Dambulla	246.00	214.00	105.00	70.00
					Dambulla	190.40	171.50	149.50	133.00	<b>Low Country</b>				
<b>Red Onion</b>					Welimada	161.60	121.60	155.80	76.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Badulla	176.00	176.00	166.00	134.00	A'pura	57.00	44.00	37.00	32.00
Dambulla					<b>Carrot</b>					Dambulla	71.80	42.00	51.00	41.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				73.00	Hambantota	60.00	52.50	35.00	41.67
A'Pura					N'Eliya	226.80	166.60	129.40	92.00	Embilipitiya	52.00	52.00	46.00	46.00
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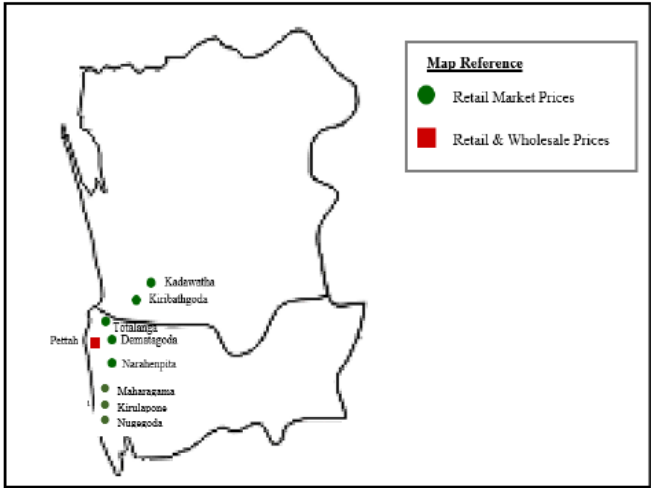
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