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Highlights

Paddy

The producer prices of all the paddy varieties have slightly decreased in some of the major producing areas during the month mainly due to progress of 2022 *Yala* harvesting and the arrival of newly harvested high moisture paddy to the markets. Compared to the same period last year, the prices of all the paddy varieties have increased significantly in all major producing areas.

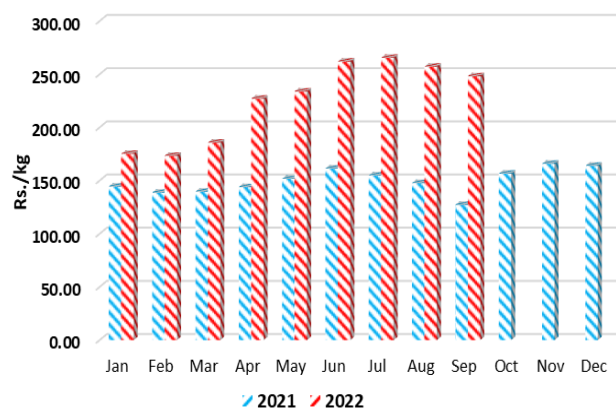
Rice

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased in the range of Rs. 3.00-17.00/kg compared to the previous month due to decreased wholesale prices. The highest price decrease was recorded for raw red followed by raw white. In line with the local rice varieties, retail prices of imported rice varieties also decreased slightly. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 95 -123%, and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

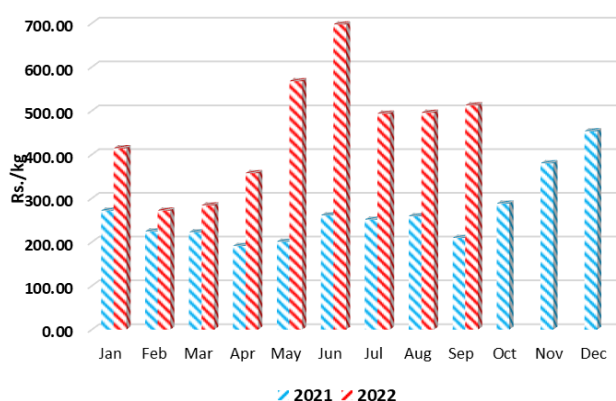
Vegetables

Supplies of most of the vegetables have decreased due to the vegetable cultivation of *yala* 2022 season has reached to its end phase. Therefore, the prices of most of the up-country vegetables and low-country vegetables are further increased. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 9%-51% except beans and tomatoes. Retail prices of vegetables also have increased during the month. Among up country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.831.00/kg was noted for while the lowest price of Rs.208.00/was observed for cucumber. However, the retail prices of most of the low-country vegetables also have increased. The highest retail price increase (27%) was reported for drumsticks.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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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 paddy crops in the 2022 *Yala* season ended by the mid of the month in all major producing areas by releasing low harvest to the markets. The production outlook of the season was not satisfactory in most of the producing areas mainly due to the issues related to the inputs like fertilizer and agro-chemicals. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of the season is 542,055 ha. The cultivation progress up to the end of September is 494,134 ha and it is 91% of the target. The cultivation progress is 12% higher than that of the average extent of the last three *Yala* seasons. The expected paddy production is 1.63 Million tons. Cultivation targets have exceeded in all areas in the Mahaweli systems. Paddy production forecast based on the reported sown extent as at the end September 2022 is 1.63 million metric tons and is nearly a 22% drop compared to the last *Yala* season.

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

| District/Area | Area target for the season (ha) | Sown area as at end September 2022 (ha) | Cultivation Progress as a % from target | **Production forecast based on progress (Mt) | Total affected extent (ha) | Revised production forecast (Mt) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Colombo | 2,809 | 2,861 | 102 | 6,565 | - | 6,565 |
| Gampaha | 10,978 | 10,016 | 91 | 22,136 | - | 22,136 |
| Kalutara | 7,383 | 11,040 | 150 | 27,497 | - | 27,497 |
| Galle | 11,850 | 10,672 | 90 | 17,372 | - | 17,372 |
| Matara | 14,606 | 13,578 | 93 | 31,087 | 620 | 30,518 |
| Ratnapura | 8,686 | 8,377 | 96 | 24,923 | 44 | 24,841 |
| Kegalle | 7,588 | 6,289 | 83 | 18,851 | 15 | 18,840 |
| Kurunagala | 75,798 | 57,573 | 76 | 201,506 | - | 201,506 |
| Puttalam | 19,108 | 13,586 | 71 | 27,831 | - | 27,831 |
| Kandy | 6,168 | 6,077 | 99 | 16,550 | - | 16,550 |
| Matale | 8,304 | 8,614 | 104 | 25,796 | - | 25,796 |
| N eliya | 3,283 | 2,925 | 89 | 5,439 | - | 5,439 |
| Badulla | 5,237 | 4,555 | 87 | 16,262 | - | 16,262 |
| Monaragala | 12,757 | 10,461 | 82 | 51,362 | - | 51,362 |
| Kilinochchi | 12,041 | 11,597 | 96 | 26,835 | - | 26,835 |
| Vavuniya | 5,522 | 6,214 | 113 | 15,830 | - | 15,830 |
| Mullativu | 8,790 | 8,020 | 91 | 39,120 | - | 39,120 |
| Mannar | 2,150 | 2,020 | 94 | 5,130 | - | 5,130 |
| Anuradhapura | 47,652 | 28,834 | 61 | 95,060 | - | 95,060 |
| Trincomalee | 25,324 | 23,156 | 91 | 65,828 | 20 | 65,785 |
| Batticaloa | 33,702 | 32,261 | 96 | 85,420 | - | 85,420 |
| Ampara | 1,848 | 1,829 | 99 | 7,918 | - | 7,918 |
| Hambantota | 11,910 | 9,009 | 76 | 30,696 | - | 30,696 |
| Udawalawa | 8,072 | 12,477 | 155 | 41,998 | - | 41,998 |
| System H | 9,521 | 12,918 | 136 | 50,845 | - | 50,845 |
| System H1 | 1,703 | 5,048 | 296 | 11,590 | - | 11,590 |
| System B | 19,500 | 19,088 | 98 | 47,338 | - | 47,338 |
| System C | 21,152 | 21,152 | 100 | 91,377 | - | 91,377 |
| System G | 3,315 | 4,893 | 148 | 13,035 | - | 13,035 |
| System D | 919 | 947 | 103 | 2,349 | - | 2,349 |
| Rambakanoya | 905 | 905 | 100 | 2,063 | - | 2,063 |
| Sri Lanka | 542,055 | 494,134 | 91 | 1,633,749 | 698 | 1,633,045 |

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

The producer prices of all paddy varieties have slightly decreased in some of the major producing areas during the month mainly due to progress of 2022 *Yala* harvesting and the arrival of newly harvested high moisture paddy to the markets. The monthly average prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have decreased by less than 5%, with the highest decline recorded from Kurunegala. However, the prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have increased by less than 4% in Kalawewa and Ampara areas. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red paddy has decreased by 3% in Hambantota and 5% in Matara. In major producing areas, short grain and long grain white prices ranged between Rs. 100.00 and Rs. 126.00/kg. The prices of *Keeri* samba also ranged between Rs 105.00-125.00/kg in major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs 110.00 and Rs 130.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province.

Compared to the same period last year, the prices of all paddy varieties have increased significantly in all major producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have increased by more than double in all major producing areas. The prices of long grain red paddy have increased by nearly 130% in producing areas in the Southern province.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy – September 2022

| | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Short Grain | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 105.00-115.00 | 110.05 | 112.52 | 57.80 | -2.47 | -2.20 | 52.25 | 90.40 |
| Polonnaruwa | 118.00-121.50 | 120.23 | 123.13 | 62.21 | -2.90 | -2.36 | 58.02 | 93.27 |
| Kalawewa | 100.00-120.00 | 110.11 | 106.84 | 59.17 | 3.27 | 3.06 | 50.95 | 86.11 |
| Kurunegala | 100.00-122.00 | 108.01 | 113.86 | 52.63 | -5.86 | -5.14 | 55.38 | 105.24 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 110.00-120.00 | 115.25 | 119.87 | 56.83 | -4.62 | -3.85 | 58.42 | 102.79 |
| Nikaweratiya | 100.00-125.00 | 109.30 | 109.20 | | 0.10 | 0.09 | - | - |
| Ampara | 113.00-125.00 | 118.17 | 117.70 | 58.67 | 0.47 | 0.40 | 59.50 | 101.42 |
| Long Grain White | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 108.00-113.00 | 110.50 | 112.60 | 56.00 | -2.10 | -1.87 | 54.50 | 97.32 |
| Polonnaruwa | 114.00-121.50 | 117.00 | 122.93 | 60.40 | -5.93 | -4.83 | 56.60 | 93.72 |
| Kalawewa | 100.00-120.00 | 111.10 | 106.18 | 55.96 | 4.92 | 4.63 | 55.14 | 98.54 |
| Kurunegala | 100.00-122.00 | 108.01 | 113.86 | 49.63 | -5.86 | -5.14 | 58.38 | 117.65 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 112.00-117.00 | 114.33 | 119.03 | 55.33 | -4.70 | -3.95 | 59.00 | 106.63 |
| Embilipitiya | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nikaweratiya | 100.00-125.00 | 109.30 | 109.20 | - | 0.10 | 0.09 | - | - |
| Ampara | 112.00-126.00 | 116.75 | 114.59 | - | 2.17 | 1.89 | - | - |
| Long Grain Red | | | | | | | | |
| A' pura | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Matara | 110.00-125.00 | 120.38 | 127.50 | 53.83 | -7.12 | -5.58 | 66.55 | 123.62 |
| Hambantota | 120.00-126.00 | 123.25 | 127.20 | 53.25 | -3.95 | -3.11 | 70.00 | 131.46 |
| Embilipitiya | 125.00-130.00 | 126.67 | 127.03 | 55.44 | -0.36 | -0.29 | 71.23 | 128.48 |
| Keeri Samba | | | | | | | | |
| A'pura | 110.00-120.00 | 115.75 | 113.64 | - | 2.11 | 1.86 | - | - |
| Polonnaruwa | 118.00-124.00 | 120.94 | 126.97 | - | -6.03 | -4.75 | - | - |
| Kalawewa | 105.00-120.00 | 114.46 | 112.95 | - | 1.51 | 1.34 | - | - |
| Kurunegala | 115.00-125.00 | 117.98 | 125.42 | - | -7.44 | -5.93 | - | - |
| Dehiattakandiya | 115.00-121.00 | 118.42 | 122.80 | - | -4.38 | -3.57 | - | - |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supplies of all local rice varieties increased further during the month due to increased paddy supply in major producing areas. Hence, average wholesale prices of all local rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of Rs. 6.00/kg for raw red. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs. 215.00-230.00 and 210.00-225.00/kg respectively during the month. The average wholesale prices of Nadu grade 1 and 2 decreased by Rs. 4.00/kg compared to the previous month and the price ranged between Rs. 210.00-225.00 and Rs. 200.00-215.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all varieties had increased by 97-126% with the highest price increase of 126% being recorded for raw red rice.

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

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 215.00-230.00 | 225.88 | 229.17 | - | -3.29 | -1.44 | - | - |
| Samba 2 | 210.00-225.00 | 219.43 | 224.67 | 111.08 | -5.24 | -2.33 | 108.35 | 97.55 |
| Keeri Samba | 240.00-250.00 | 244.79 | 248.29 | - | -3.50 | -1.41 | - | - |
| Nadu 1 | 210.00-225.00 | 215.59 | 219.58 | 109.33 | -4.00 | -1.82 | 106.25 | 97.18 |
| Nadu 2 | 200.00-215.00 | 209.03 | 213.10 | 101.02 | -4.07 | -1.91 | 108.01 | 106.92 |
| Raw red | 205.00-215.00 | 209.45 | 215.43 | 92.85 | -5.98 | -2.78 | 116.60 | 125.58 |
| Raw white | 200.00-215.00 | 205.55 | 209.93 | 95.18 | -4.38 | -2.09 | 110.37 | 115.95 |
| Imported Samba | 175.00-195.00 | 185.96 | 183.22 | - | 2.74 | 1.49 | - | - |
| Imported Raw White | 157.00-190.00 | 169.33 | 170.03 | - | -0.71 | -0.42 | - | - |
| Imported Nadu | 170.00-190.00 | 180.70 | 182.86 | - | -2.16 | -1.18 | - | - |
| Retail Prices- | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 230.00-260.00 | 248.19 | 257.11 | 127.21 | -8.92 | -3.47 | 120.98 | 95.10 |
| Samba 2 | 220.00-250.00 | 235.46 | 243.37 | 118.18 | -7.91 | -3.25 | 117.28 | 99.24 |
| Keeri Samba | 260.00-280.00 | 266.57 | 269.43 | - | -2.85 | -1.06 | - | - |
| Nadu 1 | 220.00-240.00 | 233.33 | 245.23 | 113.72 | -11.90 | -4.85 | 119.61 | 105.18 |
| Nadu 2 | 210.00-230.00 | 223.55 | 233.24 | 106.73 | -9.69 | -4.16 | 116.82 | 109.46 |
| Raw red | 215.00-250.00 | 230.02 | 247.19 | 102.87 | -17.17 | -6.95 | 127.15 | 123.61 |
| Raw white | 215.00-240.00 | 229.95 | 246.15 | 105.80 | -16.21 | -6.58 | 124.15 | 117.34 |
| Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba | 190.00-240.00 | 210.95 | 212.53 | - | -1.58 | -0.74 | - | - |
| Imported Raw White | 180.00-210.00 | 196.48 | 198.36 | - | -1.87 | -0.94 | - | - |
| Imported Nadu | 190.00-220.00 | 208.37 | 212.21 | - | -3.83 | -1.81 | - | - |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased in the range of Rs. 3.00-17.00/kg compared to the previous month due to decreased wholesale prices. The highest price decrease was recorded for raw red followed by raw white. In line with the local rice varieties, retail prices of imported rice varieties also decreased slightly. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 95 -123%, and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The cultivation progress of green chilli at the end of September, 2022 was in a low level in most of the producing areas, when compared to the previous yala season. The targeted extent of land for green chilli cultivation in yala 2022 was 11,483 ha. The extent of lands cultivated with green chilli was 4,958 ha by the end of September and it was only 43% of the target. Compared to the last yala season, cultivated extent of green chilli has decreased by about 16% at the end of September 2022 due to lack of fertilizer and chemicals. As well, chilli was not largely cultivated in major producing areas during this month due to the end of the yala season. According to the cultivated extent this month, the expected production of green chilli was 49,578 mt of which 39% was expected from Puttalam (10%), Mahaweli areas (8%), Anuradhapura (8%), Badulla (7%), and Matale (6%).

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

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2022 | | Expected Production (Mt) |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the Target | |
| Puttalam | 1,370 | 496 | 36 | 4,964 |
| Anuradhapura | 730 | 408 | 56 | 4,077 |
| Kurunegala | 515 | 240 | 47 | 2,396 |
| Batticaloa | 560 | 271 | 48 | 2,705 |
| Vavuniya | 300 | 182 | 61 | 1,818 |
| Matale | 445 | 313 | 70 | 3,129 |
| Badulla | 303 | 330 | 109 | 3,296 |
| Monaragala | 869 | 216 | 25 | 2,156 |
| Kandy | 240 | 198 | 83 | 1,981 |
| Rathnapura | 196 | 154 | 79 | 1,544 |
| Interprovincial DDA areas | 482 | 164 | 34 | 1,636 |
| Mahaweli areas | 3,329 | 397 | 12 | 3,970 |
| Other areas | 2,444 | 1,589 | 65 | 15,906 |
| Total | 11,483 | 4,958 | 43 | 49,578 |

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The highest producer price of green chilli was reported from Embilipitiya in the fourth week of September 2022 (Rs.266.67/kg) and price increase was observed at the latter part of the month with limited supplies. Both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.121.00/kg and Rs.154.00/kg respectively due to high supplies at the beginning of the month from main producing areas. Prices ranged between Rs.200.00-300.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.240.00 – Rs. 600.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about 67% and 75% respectively. Wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about Rs.64.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.11.00/kg. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.1551.13/kg and Rs.1827.19/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 203% and 208% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – Sept 2022

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chilli | 200.00-300.00 | 252.25 | 373.00 | 151.00 | -120.75 | -32.37 | 101.25 | 67.05 |
| Dried Chilli | 1480.00-1650.00 | 1551.13 | 1487.40 | 512.17 | 63.72 | 4.28 | 1038.96 | 202.86 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chilli | 240.00-600.00 | 477.69 | 631.65 | 272.22 | -153.96 | -24.37 | 205.46 | 75.48 |
| Dried Chilli | 1600.00-2000.00 | 1827.19 | 1838.64 | 593.55 | -11.45 | -0.62 | 1233.64 | 207.84 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) September 2022

| Location | 1 st week | 2 nd week | 3 rd week | 4 th week |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dambulla | 143.50 | 188.00 | 173.50 | 236.00 |
| Embilipitiya | - | 198.00 | 206.67 | 266.67 |
| Puttalam | 148.33 | 116.67 | 145.00 | 196.67 |
| A'Pura | 154.00 | 194.00 | 188.00 | 244.00 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent of big onion cultivation was about 6876 ha for the 2022 Yala season and around 2365 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2022, representing 34% of the targeted extent. Compared to the last Yala season, the cultivated extent of big onion decreased by about 41% at the end of September due to high input prices and the low availability of relevant chemicals and fertilizers. In Matale district, 1,127 ha have been cultivated at the end of September 2022, which represents 60% of the target. Around 60% of the cultivation damage of big onion was recorded in Matale district due to heavy rainy weather conditions which prevailed in the latter part of the last month. Only 50% of the expected production of big onion has been supplied to the market during the month of September due to cultivation damage. Compared to the last yala season the average yield, as well as expected production has dropped by about 10% and 66% respectively. The estimated production of big onion for this yala season was 28,178mt and out of that 84% will be supplied from Matale (47%), Anuradhapura (22%) and Mahaweli H1(15%) areas. Peak harvest of big onion will be supplied in October (60%) from Matale district.

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

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of Sept 2022 | | Expected Production (Mt) |
|---------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the target | |
| Matale | 1,876 | 1127 | 60 | 13,320 |
| Anuradhapura | 872 | 519 | 60 | 6,232 |
| Mahaweli – G | 1,000 | 220 | 22 | 2,640 |
| Mahaweli – H1 | 1,392 | 346 | 25 | 4,152 |
| Other areas | 1,736 | 153 | 9 | 1,834 |
| Total | 6,876 | 2,365 | 34 | 28,178 |

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent of red onion for this Yala season was 3,947 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that around 2,750 ha has been achieved by the end of September 2022 representing 68% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent (2,000 ha) and cultivated extent (1,870 ha) were reported from the Jaffna district. However, compared to the last yala season, the cultivated extent of red onion has dropped by about 15% while a 23% of production drop was reported in Sri Lanka. This is caused mainly due to the high input prices and low availability of fertilizer and chemicals. The estimated production of this Yala season was 32,997 Mt and out of that 84% was supplied from Jaffna (68%) and Puttalam (16%) districts.

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

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of Sept 2022 | | Expected Production (Mt) |
|--------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the target | |
| Jaffna | 2,000 | 1,870 | 94 | 22,440 |
| Puttalam | 785 | 442 | 56 | 5,306 |
| Trincomalee | 238 | 80 | 34 | 960 |
| Other area | 924 | 358 | 39 | 4,291 |
| Total | 3,947 | 2,750 | 68 | 32,997 |

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2022, Volume 05, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Local big onion stocks were available at the market during this month. Prices ranged between Rs.100.00 – Rs.150.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.150.00 – Rs.200.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the last yala season, the availability of local big onion stocks was in a low level at the market. The average wholesale and retail prices of local big onion were Rs.128.60/kg and Rs.185.82/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 9% and 34% respectively when compared to the same period of last year. A quantity of 16,368 mt of big onion was imported in September 2022 and this quantity was lower than 11,149 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.80.70/kg and it has decreased by Rs.19.61/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.10.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively due to the availability of sufficient stocks at the market. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.136.48/kg and Rs.183.42/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 24% and 30% 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. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan varieties have increased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.99.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale prices of sinnan were Rs.250.00 – 360.00/kg and Rs.380.00 – 500.00/kg reported for vedalan. Meanwhile, retail price of sinnan has decreased by about Rs.2.00/kg due to low demand while the retail price of vedalan has increased by about Rs.37.00/kg. Average retail prices of sinnan and vedalan ranged between Rs.300.00 – 400.00/kg and Rs.460.00 – 600.00/kg respectively. A quantity of 716mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 389 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.125.38/kg and it has increased by Rs. 7.96/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.85.00/kg and Rs.29.00/kg due to limited imports. Compared to the same period of last year,

retail prices of sinnan, vedaln and imported red onion have increased by about,37%, 73% and 36% respectively.

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

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | 250.00-360.00 | 318.61 | 311.67 | 192.78 | 6.95 | 2.23 | 125.84 | 65.28 |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | 380.00-500.00 | 444.43 | 345.08 | 234.88 | 99.36 | 28.79 | 209.56 | 89.22 |
| Red Onion (Imported) | 340.00-425.00 | 381.23 | 296.50 | 204.65 | 84.73 | 28.58 | 176.58 | 86.28 |
| Big Onion (imported) | 90.00-150.00 | 136.48 | 146.72 | 109.75 | -10.25 | -6.98 | 26.73 | 24.35 |
| Big Onion (Local) | 100.00-150.00 | 128.60 | - | 117.53 | - | - | 11.07 | 9.42 |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | 300.00-400.00 | 365.75 | 368.20 | 266.69 | -2.45 | -0.66 | 99.06 | 37.14 |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | 460.00-600.00 | 538.53 | 501.24 | 311.79 | 37.30 | 7.44 | 226.75 | 72.73 |
| Red Onion (Imported) | 380.00-480.00 | 414.79 | 385.99 | 304.53 | 28.80 | 7.46 | 110.26 | 36.21 |
| Big Onion (imported) | 160.00-200.00 | 183.42 | 189.33 | 141.61 | -5.91 | -3.12 | 41.80 | 29.52 |
| Big Onion (Local) | 150.00-200.00 | 185.82 | - | 138.94 | - | - | 46.88 | 33.74 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, September 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 | September,2022 | 80.70 | 136.48 | 183.42 | 55.78 | 46.94 |
| | August,2022 | 100.31 | 146.72 | 189.33 | 46.41 | 42.61 |
| | September,2021 | 70.72 | 109.75 | 141.61 | 39.03 | 31.86 |
| Red onion | September,2022 | 125.38 | 381.23 | 414.79 | 255.86 | 33.56 |
| | August,2022 | 117.42 | 296.50 | 385.99 | 179.08 | 89.49 |
| | September,2021 | 114.73 | 204.65 | 304.53 | 89.92 | 99.88 |

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

| Month | Quantity Imported (Mt) | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Wholesale Price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg) |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
| July-2022 | 22,231.23 | 80.57 | 175.33 | 228.96 | 148.39 |
| June-2022 | 22,288.64 | 71.48 | 173.32 | 230.89 | 159.41 |
| May-2022 | 22,549.39 | 94.65 | 164.93 | 382.91 | 288.26 |
| April-2022 | 26,970.62 | 96.11 | 183.52 | 284.02 | 187.91 |

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) | |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Sept,2022 | August,2022 | Sept,2022 | August,2022 | Sept,2022 | August,2022 |
| Red Onion | 715.69 | 327.25 | 89.73 | 38.43 | 125.38 | 117.42 |
| Big Onion | 16368.03 | 27516.83 | 1320.90 | 2760.35 | 80.70 | 100.31 |

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato cultivation for *yala* 2022 is 2,796 ha and about 2042 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of the month: September achieving the targeted extent by 73%. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2021, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season is achieved 82% only.

According to the cultivated extent up to the end of the month of September, the expected production of potatoes is 22,461 mt which is 37% lower production forecast when compared to *yala* 2021 (*yala* 2021 production – 35,903 mt).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 781 ha for this *yala* season and about 800 ha was cultivated by the end of this month exceeding the targeted extent by 2.4%. However, compared to *yala* 2021, the cultivated extent is at a low level in this *yala* season in Nuwara Eliya.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent was 2,011 ha and cultivation progress (1,241 ha) has not exceeded the targeted extent and is lower by 38%. The *yala* harvesting of potatoes has commenced in Welimada area in the current month and the harvesting is expected to continue.

Source: Crop Forecast, *yala* 2022-Final, Vol 05, Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 11,101 mt of potato had been imported in September which was 2,313 mt lower than that was imported in August 2022. Value of imports were Rs. 832 million. Compared to September, 2021 (8,439 mt), the imports were high during this month with an increase of 32%. Average CIF price was Rs.75.00/kg in September.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –April to September 2022

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| September-2022 | 11,101 | 831.97 | 74.94 | 300.32 | 225.37 |
| August-2022 | 13,414 | 1205.26 | 89.85 | 224.06 | 134.21 |
| July-2022 | 13,747 | 1124.96 | 81.83 | 256.99 | 175.15 |
| June-2022 | 9,050 | 636.82 | 70.37 | 258.01 | 187.65 |
| May-2022 | 7,308 | 725.11 | 99.22 | 210.98 | 111.76 |
| April-2022 | 10,587 | 980.12 | 92.58 | 217.61 | 125.03 |

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the harvesting of Welimada potato commenced by the end of August. On average, the producer prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potato were Rs.256.00/kg and Rs.298.00/kg in September. Stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market in September.

Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 4% and 2% respectively. Further, the retail price of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potato has not changed significantly following the same trend of the wholesale price (Welimada- 0.1%, Nuwaraeliya- 1%). Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potatoes have increased significantly by 29% and 34% respectively.

During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.320.00-380.00/kg, Rs. 280.00-340.00/kg, and Rs. 180.00-350.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada and imported potatoes have increased by 130%,145%,118% respectively. However, prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased in October with the arrival of imported stocks and Yala harvest of potato.

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – September 2022

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Producer Prices (PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 225.00-280.00 | 256.00 | 271.20 | 104.10 | -15.20 | -5.60 | 151.90 | 145.92 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 270.00-345.00 | 298.40 | 328.80 | 128.70 | -30.40 | -9.25 | 169.70 | 131.86 |
| Imported – CIF | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wholesale Prices (WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 280.00-340.00 | 319.02 | 332.75 | 130.41 | -13.73 | -4.13 | 188.61 | 144.63 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 320.00-380.00 | 351.61 | 358.40 | 152.63 | -6.79 | -1.90 | 198.98 | 130.37 |
| Imported | 180.00-350.00 | 246.50 | 191.70 | 112.83 | 54.80 | 28.59 | 133.68 | 118.48 |
| Retail Prices (RP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 320.00-480.00 | 380.33 | 379.63 | 178.43 | 0.70 | 0.18 | 201.90 | 113.16 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 420.00-600.00 | 500.91 | 495.71 | 211.28 | 5.21 | 1.05 | 289.63 | 137.09 |
| Imported | 200.00-360.00 | 300.32 | 224.06 | 149.22 | 76.26 | 34.03 | 151.10 | 101.26 |
| Gross Margin (RP-PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | | 124.33 | 108.43 | 74.33 | 15.90 | 14.66 | 50.00 | 67.28 |
| Nuwara Eliya | | 202.51 | 166.91 | 82.58 | 35.61 | 21.34 | 119.93 | 145.23 |
| Imported (RP-CIF) | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gross Margin (RP -WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | | 61.31 | 46.88 | 48.02 | 14.43 | 30.78 | 13.30 | 27.69 |
| Nuwara Eliya | | 149.31 | 137.31 | 58.66 | 12.00 | 8.74 | 90.65 | 154.55 |
| Imported | | 53.82 | 32.36 | 36.39 | 21.46 | 66.30 | 17.43 | 47.89 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The cultivation progress is lower for all the OFC's when compared with the total cultivated extent as of Yala 2021 season, including green gram and cowpea. Cowpea reported above 60% progress from the targets. The targeted extent of cowpea cultivation for yala 2022 is 9,991 ha and about 6,303 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of the month.

The forecasted local green gram production decreased by nearly three times compared to last year's production with the forecast of 12,416 mt in Yala 2022. It was recorded that the

Kurunegala, Mannar, Moneragala, and Hambantota, districts are the major producing areas for Green gram cultivation and Ampara and Moneragala are for Cowpea.

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2022-Final, Vol 05, Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 825.00-1100.00 /Kg and Rs 900.00-1200.00 /kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of Green gram have increased 37% and 29% respectively.

Meanwhile, the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpeas ranged between Rs 720.00-1100.00 /kg. Compared to the same period last year nearly a 30% price increase was recorded for both White and Red Cowpea.

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

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | Change Compared to | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 825.00-1100.00 | 966.72 | 800.90 | 702.60 | 165.82 | 20.70 | 264.13 | 37.59 |
| Cowpea (White) | 700.00-870.00 | 790.69 | 708.22 | 539.10 | 82.47 | 11.65 | 251.59 | 46.67 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 680.00-900.00 | 810.42 | 672.23 | 348.78 | 138.18 | 20.56 | 461.64 | 132.36 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 900.00-1200.00 | 1081.30 | 972.97 | 836.64 | 108.33 | 11.13 | 244.66 | 29.24 |
| Cowpea (White) | 800.00-1100.00 | 938.98 | 882.50 | 700.95 | 56.48 | 6.40 | 238.03 | 33.96 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 720.00-1000.00 | 876.52 | 775.85 | 643.63 | 100.67 | 12.98 | 232.89 | 36.18 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.390/kg and Rs.420/kg with an average of Rs.407/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.420/kg and Rs.480/kg with an average of Rs.451/kg. The wholesale price has decreased by 6% and the retail price has decreased by 7% compared with August 2021. Compared to the same period of last year wholesale prices and retail prices increased by 68% and 67% respectively.

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

| Red Dhal | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Price | 390.00-420.00 | 407.48 | 431.33 | 242.34 | -23.86 | -5.53 | 165.13 | 68.14 |
| Retail Price | 420.00-480.00 | 451.90 | 485.88 | 271.01 | -33.98 | -6.99 | 180.89 | 66.75 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

The total targeted extent for vegetables was 39,119ha, and the progress achieved up to the end of September 2022 was 91% of the target. The reported cultivation progress of up-country vegetables and low-country vegetables is 87% and 94% of their targets, respectively. Compared to the previous month, the cultivation progress of both up-country and low-country vegetables has increased during the month. With regard to the cultivation progress of up-country vegetables, the highest cultivated extent of 3,361ha was recorded for beans, followed by tomatoes (2,745ha). The lowest cultivated extent (527ha) was for knol-khol and the highest production is expected from cabbage (51,151mt). With reference to low-country vegetables, the highest cultivation extent was reported in brinjal (4,215ha), followed by long beans (3,665ha). The highest production is expected from brinjals (56,371mt) followed by pumpkins (35,207mt). Carrot, leeks, ash plantain, winged bean, brinjal and kekiri exceeded their target. Beans, carrot and long bean exceeded their cultivated extent compared to last 3 year average extent (*Crop Forecast, Vol.04, Yala 2022, Socio Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture*).

Table 3.1 :Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Yala 2022 Season

| Crops | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2022 | | Expected Production (mt) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | Cultivated Extent (ha) | % of the Target | |
| Up-Country Vegetables | | | | |
| Bean | 4,129 | 3,361 | 81 | 32,417 |
| Beet | 1,393 | 890 | 64 | 13,574 |
| Cabbage | 2,276 | 1,886 | 83 | 51,151 |
| Capsicum | 1,809 | 1,393 | 77 | 10,973 |
| Carrot | 1,698 | 1,902 | 112 | 41,837 |
| Knol-khol | 549 | 527 | 96 | 6,516 |
| Leeks | 1,076 | 1,201 | 112 | 20,582 |
| Tomato | 3,062 | 2,745 | 90 | 42,195 |
| Radish | 1,359 | 1,139 | 84 | 19,279 |
| Total | 17,350 | 15,046 | 87 | 238,524 |
| Low – country Vegetables | | | | |
| Pumpkin | 2,871 | 2,438 | 85 | 35,207 |
| Snake gourd | 1,505 | 1,081 | 72 | 12,935 |
| Cucumber | 1,393 | 1,106 | 79 | 13,665 |
| Bitter gourd | 1,859 | 1,399 | 75 | 15,455 |
| Okra | 3,408 | 2,939 | 86 | 29,683 |
| Brinjal | 4,213 | 4,215 | 100 | 56,371 |
| Ash plantain | 223 | 836 | 375 | 11,695 |
| Luffa | 1,483 | 1,149 | 77 | 12,419 |
| Long Bean | 3,747 | 3,665 | 98 | 32,744 |
| Winged bean | 518 | 567 | 110 | 6,061 |
| Kekiri | 223 | 426 | 191 | 4,426 |
| Total | 21,769 | 20,378 | 94 | 234,292 |
| Grand Total | 39,119 | 35,424 | 91 | 472,816 |

Source: *Crop Forecast, Yala 2022, volume 05, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the vegetables have decreased due to the vegetable cultivation of yala 2022 season has reached to its end phase. Therefore, the prices of most of the up-country vegetables and low-country vegetables are further increased. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables

have increased by 9%-51% except beans and tomatoes. The highest price decrease was reported for tomatoes (93%). The highest price of Rs.339.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.110.00/kg was observed for radish. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have decreased for brinjals and snake gourd by 65% and 23% respectively. The highest price of Rs.623.50/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest of Rs.117.00/kg was for cucumber. Further, price of green chilli was decreased by 32%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased by 71%-454%.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – September 2022

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 240.00-500.00 | 338.50 | 368.80 | 125.50 | -30.30 | -8.22 | 213.00 | 169.72 |
| Carrot | 220.00-330.00 | 281.45 | 240.90 | 78.25 | 40.55 | 16.83 | 203.20 | 259.69 |
| Leeks | 140.00-270.00 | 193.25 | 156.20 | 149.50 | 37.05 | 23.72 | 43.75 | 29.26 |
| Beetroot | 110.00-300.00 | 191.76 | 127.94 | 44.89 | 63.82 | 49.88 | 146.87 | 327.21 |
| Knolkhol | 130.00-220.00 | 191.25 | 127.00 | 78.00 | 64.25 | 50.59 | 113.25 | 145.19 |
| Radish | 70.00-140.00 | 110.25 | 79.00 | 43.50 | 31.25 | 39.56 | 66.75 | 153.45 |
| Cabbage | 200.00-450.00 | 311.25 | 284.60 | 99.89 | 26.65 | 9.36 | 211.36 | 211.60 |
| Tomato | 120.00-220.00 | 172.50 | 265.60 | 78.63 | -93.10 | -35.05 | 93.88 | 119.40 |
| Ladies Fingers | 80.00-140.00 | 118.00 | 139.00 | 47.00 | -21.00 | -15.11 | 71.00 | 151.06 |
| Brinjal | 200.00-350.00 | 289.00 | 353.60 | 169.00 | -64.60 | -18.27 | 120.00 | 71.01 |
| Capsicum | 530.00-700.00 | 623.50 | 628.80 | 158.89 | -5.30 | -0.84 | 464.61 | 292.42 |
| Pumpkin | 120.00-180.00 | 151.75 | 126.60 | 65.88 | 25.15 | 19.87 | 85.88 | 130.36 |
| Cucumber | 90.00-150.00 | 117.00 | 90.80 | 21.13 | 26.20 | 28.85 | 95.88 | 453.85 |
| Bittergourd | 200.00-350.00 | 269.00 | 280.51 | 117.59 | -11.51 | -4.10 | 151.41 | 128.76 |
| Snakegourd | 190.00-280.00 | 243.00 | 266.44 | 88.88 | -23.44 | -8.80 | 154.13 | 173.42 |
| Drumstick | 270.00-450.00 | 361.25 | 271.69 | 145.75 | 89.56 | 32.96 | 215.50 | 147.86 |
| Luffa | 140.00-280.00 | 219.25 | 188.40 | 81.75 | 30.85 | 16.37 | 137.50 | 168.20 |
| Long Beans | 120.00-250.00 | 214.25 | 203.00 | 64.25 | 11.25 | 5.54 | 150.00 | 233.46 |
| Ash Plantain | 130.00-170.00 | 150.75 | 119.80 | 39.50 | 30.95 | 25.83 | 111.25 | 281.65 |
| Green Chillies | 200.00-300.00 | 252.25 | 373.00 | 151.00 | -120.75 | -32.37 | 101.25 | 67.05 |
| Lime | 160.00-300.00 | 229.50 | 157.60 | 194.25 | 71.90 | 45.62 | 35.25 | 18.15 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail prices of vegetables also have increased during the month. With regard to up-country vegetables, the retail prices have increased by 2%-23% except tomato. The highest price of Rs.831.00/kg was noted for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.208.00/kg was observed for cucumber. However, the retail prices of most of the low-country vegetables also have increased. The highest retail price increase (27%) was reported for drumsticks. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all vegetable varieties had increased by 41%-249%.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – September 2022

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 320.00-700.00 | 512.30 | 495.32 | 209.63 | 16.98 | 3.43 | 302.67 | 144.38 |
| Carrot | 300.00-480.00 | 402.99 | 392.21 | 156.18 | 10.78 | 2.75 | 246.81 | 158.03 |
| Leeks | 200.00-400.00 | 318.52 | 280.61 | 224.59 | 37.91 | 13.51 | 93.93 | 41.82 |
| Beetroot | 180.00-400.00 | 298.02 | 243.92 | 117.77 | 54.10 | 22.18 | 180.25 | 153.05 |
| Knolkhol | 180.00-440.00 | 314.95 | 255.03 | 144.85 | 59.92 | 23.49 | 170.10 | 117.43 |
| Radish | 140.00-320.00 | 224.98 | 203.88 | 105.26 | 21.09 | 10.34 | 119.71 | 113.73 |
| Cabbage | 300.00-600.00 | 457.79 | 456.63 | 188.28 | 1.16 | 0.25 | 269.51 | 143.14 |
| Tomato | 180.00-400.00 | 303.16 | 418.00 | 156.90 | -114.84 | -27.47 | 146.26 | 93.22 |
| Ladies Fingers | 120.00-400.00 | 248.46 | 273.04 | 141.00 | -24.58 | -9.00 | 107.46 | 76.22 |
| Brinjal | 260.00-520.00 | 390.96 | 485.93 | 224.58 | -94.96 | -19.54 | 166.38 | 74.08 |
| Capsicum | 600.00-1000.00 | 831.16 | 869.52 | 237.98 | -38.37 | -4.41 | 593.18 | 249.25 |
| Pumpkin | 200.00-320.00 | 245.27 | 244.48 | 141.47 | 0.79 | 0.32 | 103.80 | 73.37 |
| Cucumber | 120.00-240.00 | 207.50 | 193.70 | 95.51 | 13.80 | 7.12 | 111.99 | 117.26 |
| Bittergourd | 320.00-600.00 | 443.98 | 446.01 | 213.10 | -2.03 | -0.45 | 230.88 | 108.34 |
| Snakegourd | 300.00-480.00 | 374.48 | 402.95 | 191.26 | -28.47 | -7.07 | 183.22 | 95.80 |
| Drumstick | 400.00-880.00 | 599.73 | 471.02 | 236.84 | 128.71 | 27.32 | 362.89 | 153.22 |
| Luffa | 240.00-480.00 | 357.58 | 337.56 | 191.88 | 20.02 | 5.93 | 165.70 | 86.35 |
| Long Beans | 280.00-480.00 | 368.61 | 343.66 | 153.69 | 24.95 | 7.26 | 214.92 | 139.85 |
| Ash Plantain | 140.00-320.00 | 243.88 | 219.45 | 111.37 | 24.43 | 11.13 | 132.51 | 118.98 |
| Green Chilli | 240.00-600.00 | 477.69 | 631.65 | 272.22 | -153.96 | -24.37 | 205.46 | 75.48 |
| Lime | 250.00-700.00 | 435.61 | 418.14 | 325.11 | 17.47 | 4.18 | 110.51 | 33.99 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In September, considering the price behavior of major fruit types, the wholesale prices of most of them have increased. Prices of all varieties of banana except for *seeni* have increased. Prices of *kolikuttu* and *ambul* banana have increased by 30% and 20% respectively, while the prices of *anmalu* and *ambun* have increased in the range of 5-6%. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.300.00-400.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.120.00-200.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.90.00-120.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.18.00-21.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.15.00-18.00/fruit (*anamalu*). Considering the mango varieties, only *karthakolomban* and *vilad* mango types were available in the market due to end of the peak harvesting period. Prices of *vilad* and *karthakolomban* have increased by 23% and 17% respectively.

Prices of all sizes of pineapple have increased further in the range of 24%-34% due to lean harvesting season for pineapple in major producing areas. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.670.00/fruit (large), Rs.560.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.461.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively.

Considering other types of fruit varieties, the prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased due to seasonality of harvesting period. Price of papaw has decreased by 24% due to high supply from major producing areas. Further, the prices of wood apple (12%) and orange (10%) have

decreased due to on-going harvesting period. Meanwhile, the prices of slime apple and passion fruit have increased by 29% and 24% respectively due to limited stocks in the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all fruit varieties except for slime apple have increased with the highest price increase of 266% reported for passion fruit (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – September 2022

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Kg) | 120.00-200.00 | 152.71 | 127.74 | 51.88 | 24.96 | 19.54 | 100.83 | 194.38 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg) | 300.00-400.00 | 353.75 | 272.29 | 211.46 | 81.46 | 29.91 | 142.29 | 67.29 |
| Seeni (Kg) | 90.00-120.00 | 106.68 | 108.28 | 67.08 | -1.60 | -1.48 | 39.60 | 59.03 |
| Anamalu (Fruit) | 15.00-18.00 | 16.31 | 15.37 | 11.08 | 0.94 | 6.11 | 5.23 | 47.18 |
| Ambun (Fruit) | 18.00-21.00 | 19.31 | 18.37 | 14.08 | 0.94 | 5.11 | 5.23 | 37.13 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large (Fruit) | 600.00-780.00 | 670.31 | 540.51 | 283.00 | 129.81 | 24.02 | 387.31 | 136.86 |
| Medium (Fruit) | 480.00-680.00 | 560.31 | 428.57 | 206.25 | 131.74 | 30.74 | 354.06 | 171.67 |
| Small (Fruit) | 380.00-600.00 | 461.40 | 343.61 | 143.00 | 117.79 | 34.28 | 318.40 | 222.65 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Karthakolomban(fruit) | 150.00-220.00 | 195.42 | 167.23 | 129.09 | 28.19 | 16.86 | 66.33 | 51.38 |
| Vilad (Fruit) | 60.00-85.00 | 76.09 | 61.63 | 40.30 | 14.47 | 23.48 | 35.79 | 88.80 |
| Kohu (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Papaw (Kg) | 100.00-200.00 | 143.99 | 188.64 | 89.36 | -44.65 | -23.67 | 54.63 | 61.13 |
| Passionfruit (Fruit) | 35.00-46.00 | 41.46 | 33.36 | 11.31 | 8.10 | 24.27 | 30.14 | 266.46 |
| Woodapple (Fruit) | 14.00-24.00 | 18.66 | 21.30 | 12.00 | -2.64 | -12.41 | 6.66 | 55.48 |
| Orange (Fruit) | 45.00-65.00 | 54.76 | 61.07 | 40.00 | -6.31 | -10.33 | 14.76 | 36.90 |
| Avocado (Fruit) | 50.00-90.00 | 65.93 | 63.24 | 42.08 | 2.69 | 4.25 | 23.85 | 56.66 |
| Slime Apple (Fruit) | 30.00-48.00 | 38.81 | 30.13 | 50.67 | 8.69 | 28.83 | -11.85 | -23.40 |
| Grapes Imported (Kg) | 1300.00-2000.00 | 1586.11 | 3154.17 | 766.40 | -1568.06 | -49.71 | 819.72 | 106.96 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all major fruit varieties have increased in September. Accordingly, the prices of all banana varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 26% recorded for *kolikuttu*, followed by *ambul* (18%). Prices of other varieties of banana have increased in the range of 5-8%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.300.00-460.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.150.00-250.00/kg for *ambul* and Rs.120.00-220.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Among the mango varieties, the highest price increase of 42% was recorded for *karthakolomban* due to low stock position.

Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all sizes have increased in the range of 22%-29% due to increased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.400.00-850.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of most of the varieties have decreased due to decreased wholesale prices. Accordingly, the prices of wood apple (24%), papaw (12%) and orange (8%) have decreased. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all fruit varieties except for slime apple and wood apple have increased with the highest price increase of 188% reported for pineapple (small size) (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – September 2022

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | (Rs) | % | (Rs) | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Kg) | 150.00-250.00 | 193.96 | 163.86 | 111.23 | 30.10 | 18.37 | 82.73 | 74.38 |
| Kolikuttu (Kg) | 300.00-460.00 | 403.49 | 320.80 | 311.45 | 82.70 | 25.78 | 92.04 | 29.55 |
| Seeni (Kg) | 120.00-220.00 | 173.09 | 160.48 | 133.19 | 12.61 | 7.86 | 39.90 | 29.96 |
| Anamalu (Fruit) | 18.00-30.00 | 24.55 | 22.77 | 18.46 | 1.78 | 7.81 | 6.09 | 32.97 |
| Ambun (Fruit) | 20.00-38.00 | 29.93 | 28.43 | 23.27 | 1.50 | 5.28 | 6.66 | 28.62 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large (Fruit) | 620.00-850.00 | 700.32 | 573.76 | 295.85 | 126.56 | 22.06 | 404.46 | 136.71 |
| Medium (Fruit) | 500.00-750.00 | 595.00 | 477.00 | 238.45 | 118.00 | 24.74 | 356.55 | 149.53 |
| Small (Fruit) | 400.00-630.00 | 492.12 | 382.90 | 170.88 | 109.22 | 28.52 | 321.24 | 188.00 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Karthakolomban(fruit) | 250.00-400.00 | 287.41 | 201.97 | - | 85.44 | 42.30 | - | - |
| Vilad (Fruit) | 60.00-200.00 | 103.59 | 102.23 | - | 1.35 | 1.32 | - | - |
| Kohu (Fruit) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Papaw (Kg) | 180.00-300.00 | 247.58 | 282.20 | 142.91 | -34.62 | -12.27 | 104.67 | 73.24 |
| Passionfruit (Fruit) | 38.00-67.00 | 51.05 | 45.67 | 23.11 | 5.38 | 11.77 | 27.94 | 120.93 |
| Woodapple (Fruit) | 30.00-70.00 | 47.24 | 62.337 | 49.17 | -15.10 | -24.22 | -1.93 | -3.93 |
| Orange (Fruit) | 60.00-120.00 | 92.41 | 100.41 | 64.60 | -8.00 | -7.97 | 27.81 | 43.04 |
| Avocado (Fruit) | 60.00-180.00 | 98.74 | 96.819 | 76.87 | 1.92 | 1.99 | 21.88 | 28.46 |
| Slime Apple (Fruit) | 50.00-120.00 | 93.25 | 76.129 | 108.57 | 17.12 | 22.49 | -15.32 | -14.11 |
| Grapes Imported (Kg) | 2500.00-4000.00 | 3260.00 | 4120 | 1311.70 | -860.00 | -20.87 | 1948.30 | 148.53 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – September 2022

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Ambul | 52.00-126.67 | 82.14 | 65.29 | 29.00 | 16.85 | 25.81 | 53.14 | 183.24 |
| Kolikuttu | 144.00-246.00 | 175.25 | 134.08 | 162.81 | 41.17 | 30.71 | 12.44 | 7.64 |
| Papaw | 64.00-126.67 | 95.22 | 114.71 | 61.25 | -19.49 | -16.99 | 33.97 | 55.46 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, 1,615 mt of fresh fruits had been exported in September, to the value of Rs.411 mn. Of the exported quantity, 95% were papaw and 2% were fresh pineapple and the rest was fresh mango, guava, mangosteen, avocados and oranges. Compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased in September (Table 4.3).

Fruit imports have drastically dropped from June to August due to foreign currency shortages and restrictions on imports. In September, the quantity of imports has increased compared to previous months. Total of 413 mt of fruit were imported during the month and grapes was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 219 mt, followed by apple (146 mt). The total import expenditure of apple, grapes and oranges were Rs. 194.81 million in September (Table 4.4).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – July to September 2022

| Type of Fruit | September - 2022 | | | August - 2022 | | | July- 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 | 1541.48 | 312.84 | 202.95 | 1475.47 | 275.01 | 186.38 | 1669.52 | 252.78 | 151.41 |
| Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen | 26.05 | 56.56 | 2171.11 | 30.31 | 46.42 | 1531.41 | 14.65 | 20.60 | 1405.91 |
| Fresh Avocado | 14.08 | 13.12 | 932.15 | 1.48 | 2.25 | 1528.39 | 1.25 | 1.77 | 1418.52 |
| Pineapple, fresh | 33.48 | 28.77 | 859.25 | 77.14 | 72.67 | 942.02 | 48.53 | 37.17 | 765.92 |

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – July to September 2022

| Type of Fruit | September - 2022 | | | August - 2022 | | | July- 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 | 145.71 | 54.87 | 376.57 | 0.39 | 0.35 | 913.95 | 0.29 | 0.46 | 1588.76 |
| Grapes | 219.43 | 126.27 | 575.43 | 20.03 | 14.60 | 729.05 | 0.14 | 0.41 | 2903.79 |
| Oranges | 48.00 | 13.67 | 284.81 | 20.00 | 3.11 | 155.69 | - | - | - |

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the year-on-year food inflation rate for September 2022 was recorded as 86%, prices of all fish varieties, except for shrimp (small) and thalapath had dropped, at both wholesale and retail level, compared to previous month. Average prices of all fresh fish varieties remained high, due to inflation - pushed high cost of production. Meantime, compared to the same period of the last year, both deep sea, and coastal fish catch had dropped by 17% and by 15% respectively, due to windy weather-related low fishing activities along the western and eastern costal belt. Furthermore, high costs associated with deep sea fishing owing to fuel price hike has forced the fisherman to reduce the number of fishing trips per season. Continuous low fishing effort has caused low supply since the fuel shortage and fuel price hike came into effect in April. Meantime, demand for fish had declined than the supply drop, due to low purchasing power of the

consumers. Market information shows that the rising cost of living coupled with loss of income, has forced consumers to spend only on staple food items, skipping high priced protein sources such as fish and meat. Furthermore, the demand of the average consumers has shifted from high value fish varieties to low value fish varieties such as salaya and hurulla, causing a high price hike in those varieties compared to previous year.

Of all the fresh fish varieties, the highest price drop was reported for kelawalla as 19% followed by hurulla as 18% and for both salaya and balaya as 15%. Prices of rest of the fish varieties except for shrimp (small) and thalpath, had decreased in the range of 6% -13%. Of all the fresh fish varieties, the price increases were reported for shrimps (small) and thalpath as 6% and 4% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased significantly, in the range of 84% - 250%, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 250%.

Following wholesale price movements, the retail prices of most of the fish varieties had dropped. except for shrimps (small) and thalpath. The highest price drop was reported for balaya as 13%, followed by salaya and hurulla as 12% and 11% respectively. Meantime, prices of kelawalla, thora and paraw had dropped by less than 10%. However, prices of shrimps (small) and thalpath had increased by less than 5%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fresh fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 171%.

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

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 280.00-1000.00 | 594.32 | 703.00 | 169.89 | -108.68 | -15.46 | 424.43 | 249.82 |
| Hurulla | 500.00-1150.00 | 832.26 | 1019.25 | 390.92 | -186.99 | -18.35 | 441.34 | 112.90 |
| Balaya | 500.00-1250.00 | 794.89 | 940.25 | 396.46 | -145.36 | -15.46 | 398.43 | 100.50 |
| Kelawalla | 950.00-1700.00 | 1366.34 | 1687.64 | 707.92 | -321.30 | -19.04 | 658.42 | 93.01 |
| Thora | 1950.00-3100.00 | 2499.46 | 2867.17 | 1360.89 | -367.70 | -12.82 | 1138.57 | 83.66 |
| Paraw | 1100.00-1800.00 | 1453.50 | 1546.95 | 722.29 | -93.45 | -6.04 | 731.21 | 101.23 |
| Mora | - | - | - | 645.42 | - | - | - | - |
| Shrimp (small) | 1250.00-1950.00 | 1608.22 | 1520.83 | 1006.67 | 87.39 | 5.75 | 601.56 | 59.76 |
| Thalpath | 1750.00-2700.00 | 2225.25 | 2140.42 | 1065.42 | 84.83 | 3.96 | 1159.83 | 108.86 |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 480.00-1150.00 | 769.78 | 878.67 | 284.54 | -108.89 | -12.39 | 485.24 | 170.54 |
| Hurulla | 680.00-1400.00 | 1085.33 | 1220.02 | 522.19 | -134.69 | -11.04 | 563.14 | 107.84 |
| Balaya | 700.00-2400.00 | 1564.88 | 1801.47 | 910.86 | -236.58 | -13.13 | 654.03 | 71.80 |
| Kelawalla | 1500.00-3200.00 | 2380.84 | 2625.21 | 1082.01 | -244.38 | -9.31 | 1298.83 | 120.04 |
| Thora | 2600.00-4000.00 | 3327.89 | 3389.17 | 1889.82 | -61.28 | -1.81 | 1438.07 | 76.10 |
| Paraw | 1700.00-3200.00 | 2494.16 | 2631.19 | 1225.10 | -137.03 | -5.21 | 1269.06 | 103.59 |
| Mora | 1400.00-2400.00 | 1878.00 | - | 936.67 | - | - | 941.33 | 100.50 |
| Shrimp (small) | 1560.00-2400.00 | 1930.61 | 1848.71 | 1193.21 | 81.89 | 4.43 | 737.39 | 61.80 |
| Thalpath | 2100.00-3500.00 | 2941.34 | 2854.58 | 1515.71 | 86.75 | 3.04 | 1425.62 | 94.06 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Following the price drop in fresh fish, prices of most of the local dried fish varieties also dropped, compared to last month. Meantime, average prices of imported dried fish varieties remained high due to depreciation of SLN rupee against USD and average prices of local dried fish varieties remained high due to high cost of production. As a result, demand had declined due to low purchasing power of the consumers.

The highest price drop at wholesale level was recorded for balaya as 19% due to low demand. Next, the prices of kattawa (imported) had dropped by 16%. Except for sprats and salaya, prices of rest of the dried fish varieties had dropped slightly, in the range of 1%-5%. Meanwhile, sprats and salaya prices had increased marginally, by less than 3%, compared to last month. Following the wholesale price movements, prices of all dried fish varieties had slightly dropped, except for sprats (imported) and sprats. The highest price drop was reported for balaya as 7%. Prices of kattawa, mora, anguluwa and salaya had dropped slightly; in the range of 2%-6%. Meanwhile, a slight price increase was reported for sprats and sprats (imported), by less than 4%. 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 sprats (imported) as 147%.

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

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Dried fish – Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats | 1950.00-2500.00 | 2279.25 | 2217.60 | 1286.67 | 61.65 | 2.78 | 992.58 | 77.14 |
| Sprats (imported) | 1400.00-1800.00 | 1568.39 | 1577.33 | 641.63 | -8.94 | -0.57 | 926.77 | 144.44 |
| Kattawa | - | - | - | 1246.67 | - | - | - | - |
| Kattawa (imported) | 1600.00-1900.00 | 1748.12 | 2082.53 | - | -334.41 | -16.06 | - | - |
| Thora | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Thora (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mora | 2200.00-2450.00 | 2339.48 | 2450.81 | 1264.17 | -111.33 | -4.54 | 1075.32 | 85.06 |
| Mora (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Balaya | 1280.00-1500.00 | 1360.81 | 1676.94 | 657.92 | -316.13 | -18.85 | 702.90 | 106.84 |
| Balaya (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anguluwa | - | - | - | 1249.17 | - | - | - | - |
| Anguluwa (imported) | 1780.00-2000.00 | 1885.60 | 1909.33 | - | -23.74 | -1.24 | - | - |
| Maduwa | - | - | 1813.33 | 748.33 | - | - | - | - |
| Maduwa (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Salaya | 850.00-1200.00 | 998.50 | 985.80 | 282.26 | 12.70 | 1.29 | 716.24 | 253.75 |
| Salaya (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dried fish – Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats(imported) | 1600.00-2400.00 | 1989.41 | 1927.57 | 807.53 | 61.84 | 3.21 | 1181.88 | 146.36 |
| Sprats | 2100.00-3400.00 | 2599.79 | 2582.30 | 1399.75 | 17.49 | 0.68 | 1200.04 | 85.73 |
| Kattawa | 2400.00-3800.00 | 2920.66 | 3091.26 | 1557.74 | -170.60 | -5.52 | 1362.91 | 87.49 |
| Thora | - | - | - | 1939.88 | - | - | - | - |
| Mora | 2400.00-3500.00 | 2968.90 | 3034.06 | 1524.77 | -65.16 | -2.15 | 1444.13 | 94.71 |
| Balaya | 1600.00-2700.00 | 2239.02 | 2412.76 | 969.17 | -173.74 | -7.20 | 1269.86 | 131.03 |
| Anguluwa | 2200.00-3300.00 | 2758.75 | 2833.55 | 1478.27 | -74.80 | -2.64 | 1280.48 | 86.62 |
| Maduwa | - | - | - | 951.67 | - | - | - | - |
| Salaya | 1200.00-1700.00 | 1367.90 | 1439.79 | 577.53 | -71.89 | -4.99 | 790.37 | 136.85 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The average prices of both types of eggs remained high due to the increased cost of imported day-old chicks, feed, and the processing cost such as electricity. At the same time, soaring prices of fish, dried fish and meat has resulted in substituting them with eggs, creating a high demand. To curtail the hiking egg prices, a gazette notification has been issued by the Consumer Affairs Authority declaring the maximum retail price for eggs on August 19th. Accordingly, a white egg is to be sold at Rs. 43.00 and a brown egg is to be sold at Rs. 45.00, at retail level. If the above price declaration was effective, the wholesale prices must be around Rs.40.00 per egg. Though the price drop compared to last month was born by the controlled price, the exact nominal-controlled prices were not observed at either wholesale or at retail level.

Prices of both brown and white egg had dropped by 6% and 7% respectively at the wholesale level due to the imposition of a controlled price for eggs. The monthly wholesale price of brown and white eggs was in the range of 49.00 – 50.00/ egg and 46.50 – 49.00/egg. In line with the wholesale price behavior, prices of both brown and white eggs had dropped; by 13% and 12% at the retail level. The monthly retail price of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.49.00 - 52.00/egg and Rs.47.00 - 51.00/egg respectively. Compared the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of an egg had increased by nearly 200%.

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

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | % | Rs | % |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs – Brown (each) | 49.00-50.00 | 49.63 | 53.03 | 17.80 | -3.40 | -6.41 | 31.83 | 178.79 |
| White (each) | 46.50-49.00 | 47.66 | 51.00 | 15.72 | -3.34 | -6.56 | 31.94 | 203.18 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs- Brown (each) | 49.00-52.00 | 50.69 | 58.02 | 19.03 | -7.33 | -12.63 | 31.66 | 166.37 |
| White (each) | 47.00-51.00 | 49.28 | 56.22 | 17.40 | -6.94 | -12.34 | 31.88 | 183.27 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to last month, prices of all meat varieties, except beef (without bones) had increased at the retail market, due to inflation. Pork prices had increased by a significant margin; around 34%, compared to last month. Next, prices of chicken (broiler), chicken (curry) and mutton had increased by a slight margin; by less than 8% at the retail level. The only meat variety that reported a slight price drop was beef (without bones) by 2%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for pork as 109%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat – September 2022

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Meat | | | | | | | | |
| Beef (without bones) | 2000.00-2200.00 | 2,080.36 | 2,122.67 | 1145.00 | -42.31 | -1.99 | 935.36 | 81.69 |
| Chicken (Broiler) | 1320.00-1550.00 | 1,470.81 | 1,374.67 | 664.43 | 96.14 | 6.99 | 806.38 | 121.36 |
| Chicken (curry) | 1400.00-1700.00 | 1,530.06 | 1,453.64 | 667.70 | 76.42 | 5.26 | 862.36 | 129.15 |
| Mutton | 2600.00-3000.00 | 2,832.22 | 2,735.56 | 2065.77 | 96.67 | 3.53 | 766.45 | 37.10 |
| Pork | 1450.00-2000.00 | 1,680.83 | 1,255.33 | 803.89 | 425.50 | 33.90 | 876.94 | 109.09 |

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

Total quantity of wheat grain imported in September was around 20,994mt worth 3073mn. Compared to previous month, the quantity imported in this month had decreased by around 32,391mt. Wheat grain was mainly imported from Romania at a CIF price of Rs.159.59/kg and the quantity was 74% of the total imported quantity of this month. The remaining quantity was imported from India(16.7%), Canada(9.5%) and Ukraine(0.1%). CIF price of wheat grain ranged from Rs.65.06 to Rs.188.66/kg except Ukraine and average CIF price was Rs.146.39/kg this month. Compared to previous month, average CIF price has decreased by Rs.10.00/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Canada whilst the lowest CIF price for wheat grain imported from Ukraine.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported in this month was 9,443mt worth 1,463mn. Compared to the previous month, this quantity was lower by 7066mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour was imported from UAE at a CIF price of Rs.151.6/kg and that was 75% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in September. Further, of the total quantity of wheat flour imported 16% was imported from Turkey as well. In addition, trivial quantities were also imported from India (6%), Russia (3%) and rest from Australia, Singapore and Germany. CIF price of wheat flour imported this month ranged from Rs.151.60-321.84/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.154.88/kg. Compared to the previous month average CIF price for wheat flour has increased by Rs.8.00/kg. The highest CIF price was for the wheat flour imported from Australia while lowest was from UAE.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.422.50-437.22/kg and the average price was Rs.431.79/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by 42% and compared to the same period of last year, price has increased by 338%.

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

| Item | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | Sept 2022 | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | Sept 2021 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2021 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wheat Flour | 422.50-437.22 | 431.79 | 304.11 | 98.59 | 127.68 | 41.98 | 333.20 | 337.97 |
| Sugar | 282.62-291.80 | 287.58 | 314.99 | 127.58 | -27.41 | -8.70 | 160.00 | 125.41 |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wheat Flour | | | | | |
| September-2022 | 9,442.75 | 1462.50 | 154.88 | 431.79 | 276.91 |
| August-2022 | 16,508.94 | 2421.32 | 146.67 | 304.11 | 157.44 |
| July-2022 | 15,742.06 | 2369.22 | 150.50 | 292.64 | 142.14 |
| June-2022 | 12,116.39 | 1,845.98 | 152.35 | 284.18 | 131.82 |
| May-2022 | 9,502.62 | 1,496.83 | 157.52 | 261.58 | 104.06 |
| April-2022 | 10,266.76 | 1,500.43 | 146.14 | 223.92 | 77.78 |
| Wheat Grain | | | | | |
| 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 |
| July-2022 | 5,318.24 | 743.84 | 139.87 | 292.64 | 152.77 |
| June-2022 | 25,141.10 | 3,521.10 | 140.05 | 284.18 | 144.12 |
| May-2022 | 55,401.91 | 6,904.07 | 124.62 | 261.58 | 136.96 |
| April-2022 | 48,401.47 | 5,884.73 | 121.58 | 223.92 | 102.34 |

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 28,072mt worth 5,908mn and it has decreased by around 8,049mt when compared to the previous month. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India and that was 92% of the total quantity. Rest of quantity was imported from South Korea (1%), Thailand (5%), UAE (1%) and small quantity from Malayasia and Australia. The average CIF price was Rs.210.47/kg and compared to previous month it increased by Rs.3.00/kg. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from Malayasia (Rs.631.42/kg) while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from India (Rs.204.84/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, price ranged from Rs.282.62-291.80/kg and the average retail price was Rs.287.58/kg. Compared to the last month average retail price has decreased by 9% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 125%.

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

| Month | Quantity (Mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs./kg) | Retail Price (Rs./kg) | Gross Margin (Rs./kg) |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| September-2022 | 28,072.12 | 5908.40 | 210.47 | 287.58 | 77.11 |
| August-2022 | 36,120.67 | 7501.31 | 207.67 | 314.99 | 107.32 |
| July-2022 | 15,863.62 | 3072.55 | 193.69 | 339.65 | 145.96 |
| June-2022 | 9,270.63 | 1,847.44 | 199.28 | 319.54 | 120.26 |
| May-2022 | 15,685.71 | 3,022.27 | 192.68 | 254.75 | 62.07 |
| April-2022 | 24,002.70 | 4,198.71 | 174.93 | 232.71 | 57.78 |

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

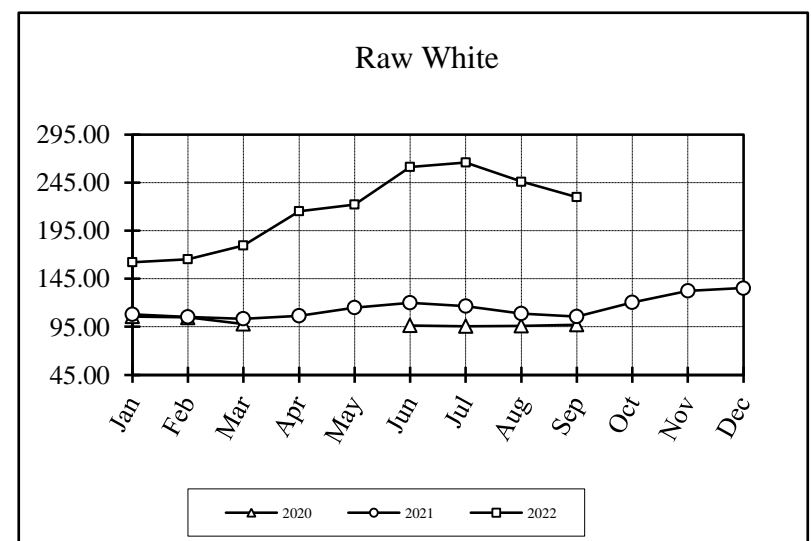
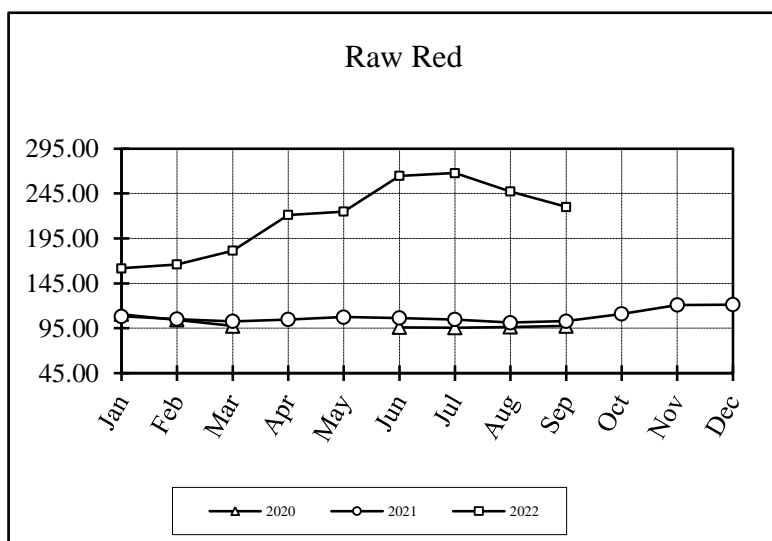
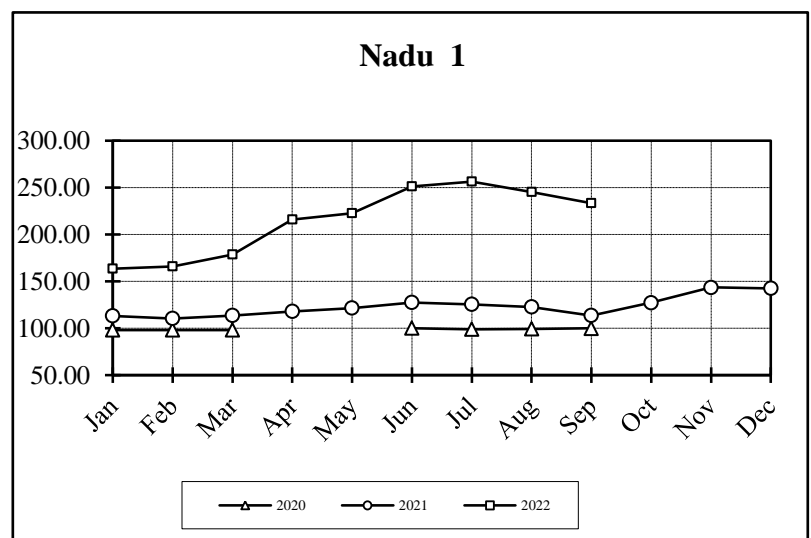
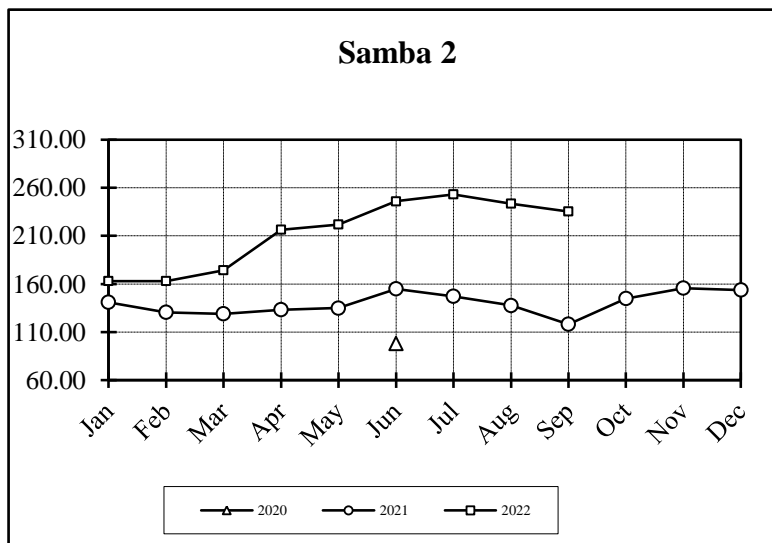
Table 7: Import of selected food items – September 2022

| Item | Quantity (mt) | | % Change Compared to last month | Value (Rs. mn) | | % Change Compared to last month | CIF (Rs/kg) | | % Change Compared to last month |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | | Sept 2022 | Aug 2022 | |
| Rice | 78786.2 | 89544.5 | (14) | 9035.1 | 12265.3 | (36) | 114.7 | 137.0 | (19) |
| Red Onion | 715.7 | 327.2 | 54 | 89.7 | 38.4 | 57 | 125.4 | 117.4 | 6 |
| Big Onion | 16368.0 | 27516.8 | (68) | 1320.9 | 2760.3 | (109) | 80.7 | 100.3 | (24) |
| Potato | 11101.5 | 13414.0 | (21) | 832.0 | 1205.3 | (45) | 74.9 | 89.9 | (20) |
| Maysoor Dhal | 13593.0 | 15483.6 | (14) | 4229.7 | 5269.2 | (25) | 311.2 | 340.3 | (9) |
| Garlic | 3334.9 | 4041.0 | (21) | 801.5 | 926.2 | (16) | 240.3 | 229.2 | 5 |
| Wheat flour | 9442.8 | 16508.9 | (75) | 1462.5 | 2421.3 | (66) | 154.9 | 146.7 | 5 |
| Wheat grain | 20993.6 | 53384.7 | (154) | 3073.2 | 8325.3 | (171) | 146.4 | 155.9 | (7) |
| Sugar & sugar confectionery | 28072.1 | 36120.7 | (29) | 5908.4 | 7501.3 | (27) | 210.5 | 207.7 | 1 |
| Maize (Other) | 23061.4 | 13347.9 | 42 | 3274.3 | 1860.0 | 43 | 142.0 | 139.3 | 2 |

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

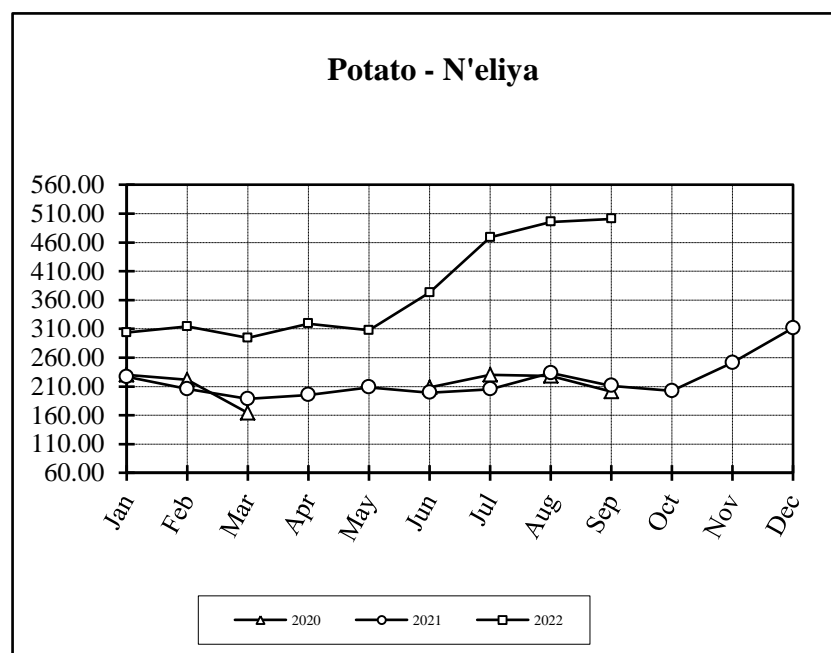
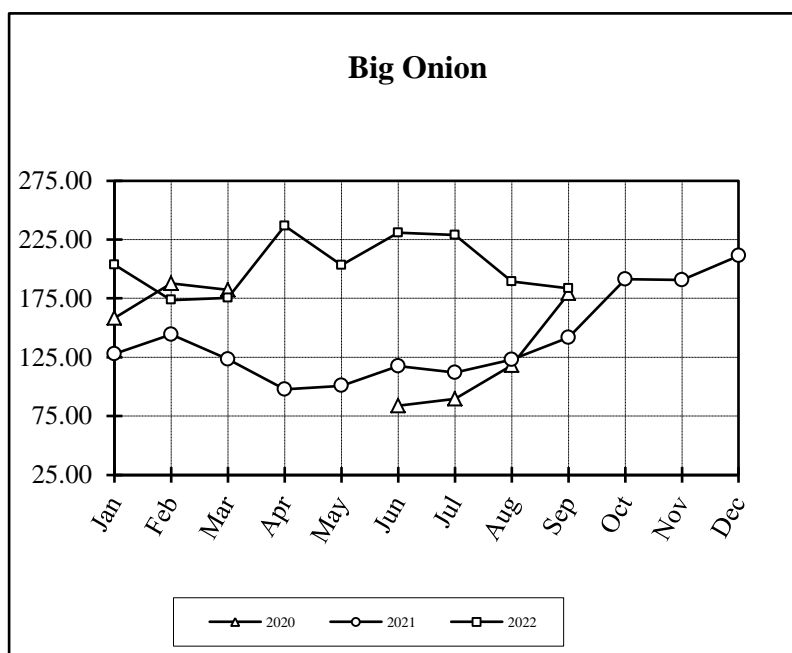
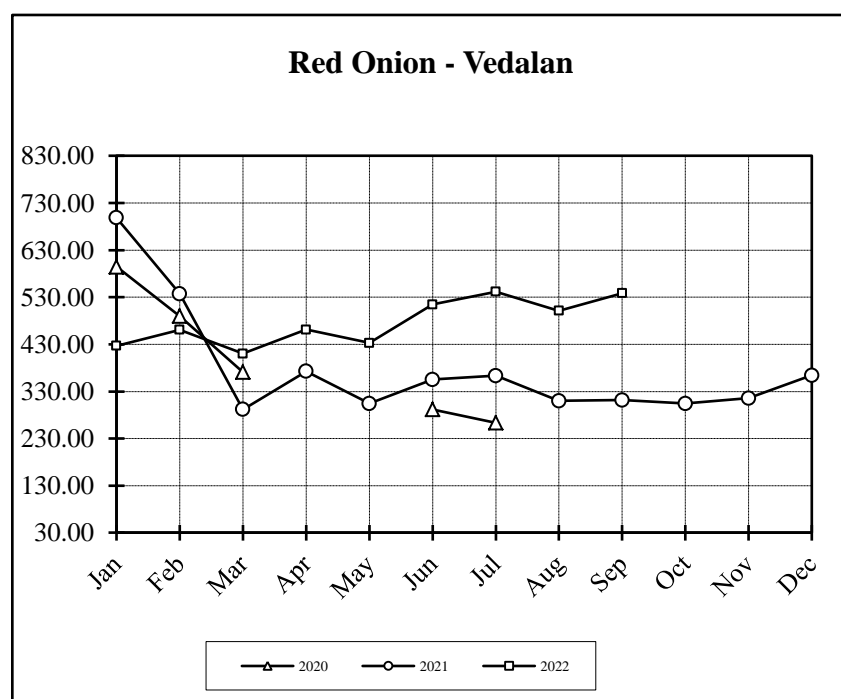
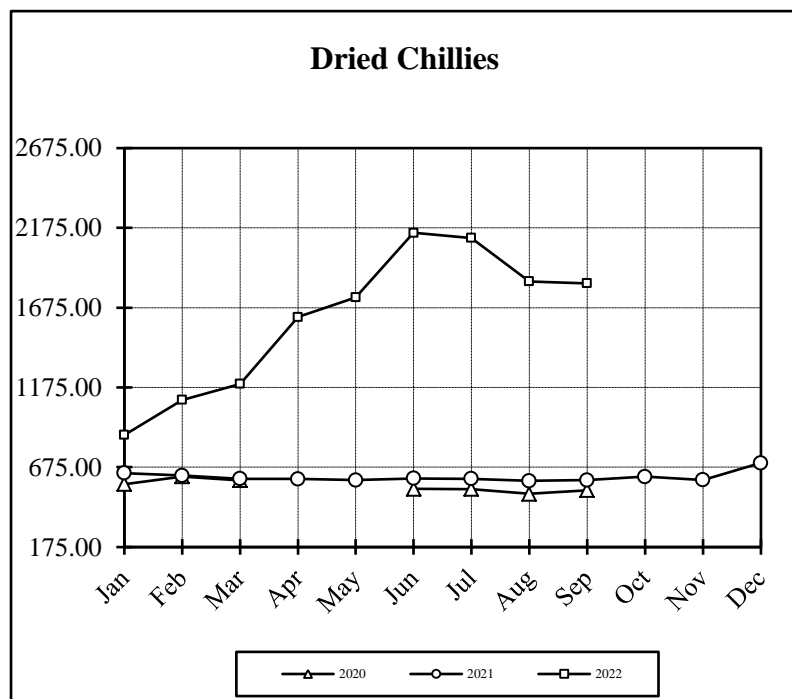
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

| Month | Samba 2 | | | Nadu 1 | | | Raw Red | | | Raw White | | |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Jan | | 141.10 | 163.05 | 98.00 | 113.10 | 163.43 | 110.60 | 108.31 | 161.74 | 105.80 | 108.03 | 162.13 |
| Feb | | 130.44 | 162.91 | 98.00 | 110.43 | 165.94 | 104.20 | 105.14 | 166.21 | 104.75 | 105.33 | 165.39 |
| Mar | | 128.86 | 174.23 | 98.00 | 113.55 | 178.69 | 97.55 | 102.71 | 181.30 | 97.98 | 103.35 | 179.60 |
| Apr | | 133.36 | 216.46 | | 118.02 | 216.03 | | 104.80 | 221.05 | | 106.46 | 215.19 |
| May | | 135.00 | 221.87 | | 121.48 | 222.47 | | 107.41 | 224.78 | | 115.04 | 222.45 |
| Jun | 98.00 | 155.00 | 246.00 | 100.19 | 127.50 | 251.20 | 96.10 | 106.45 | 264.53 | 96.36 | 120.00 | 261.37 |
| Jul | | 147.27 | 253.30 | 98.97 | 125.36 | 256.35 | 95.73 | 104.83 | 267.75 | 95.59 | 116.53 | 266.15 |
| Aug | | 137.66 | 243.37 | 99.16 | 122.81 | 245.23 | 96.47 | 101.28 | 247.19 | 96.13 | 108.81 | 246.15 |
| Sep | | 118.18 | 235.46 | 99.85 | 113.72 | 233.33 | 97.54 | 102.87 | 230.02 | 97.08 | 105.80 | 229.95 |
| Oct | | 144.76 | | | 127.27 | | | 110.86 | | | 120.38 | |
| Nov | | 155.53 | | | 143.51 | | | 121.01 | | | 132.33 | |
| Dec | | 153.68 | | | 142.58 | | | 121.40 | | | 135.35 | |



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

| Month | Dried Chillies | | | Red Onion | | | Big Onion | | | Potato - N'Eliya | | |
|-------|----------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Jan | 568.88 | 638.57 | 876.68 | 594.62 | 698.55 | 426.78 | 158.34 | 127.78 | 203.69 | 230.30 | 227.08 | 303.42 |
| Feb | 616.91 | 623.15 | 1096.90 | 489.95 | 537.28 | 461.00 | 187.64 | 144.28 | 173.63 | 221.45 | 205.92 | 314.05 |
| Mar | 592.69 | 602.72 | 1197.17 | 371.19 | 291.66 | 410.30 | 182.10 | 123.19 | 175.30 | 164.00 | 188.53 | 294.04 |
| Apr | | 601.31 | 1615.64 | | 372.89 | 461.12 | | 97.65 | 236.52 | | 195.46 | 319.03 |
| May | | 594.37 | 1739.46 | | 304.18 | 433.13 | | 100.75 | 203.29 | | 208.71 | 307.54 |
| Jun | 539.23 | 605.00 | 2143.50 | 291.67 | 355.40 | 514.80 | 83.89 | 117.42 | 230.89 | 208.57 | 199.41 | 373.16 |
| Jul | 538.09 | 602.48 | 2110.93 | 263.40 | 363.39 | 541.94 | 89.58 | 111.94 | 228.96 | 230.38 | 205.29 | 468.93 |
| Aug | 507.84 | 589.40 | 1838.64 | | 309.97 | 501.24 | 118.02 | 122.89 | 189.33 | 227.97 | 233.39 | 495.71 |
| Sep | 531.06 | 593.55 | 1827.19 | | 311.79 | 538.53 | 179.16 | 141.61 | 183.42 | 201.15 | 211.28 | 500.91 |
| Oct | | 615.62 | | | 304.48 | | | 191.39 | | | 202.40 | |
| Nov | | 594.81 | | | 315.79 | | | 190.57 | | | 251.49 | |
| Dec | | 700.81 | | | 364.32 | | | 211.24 | | | 311.55 | |



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

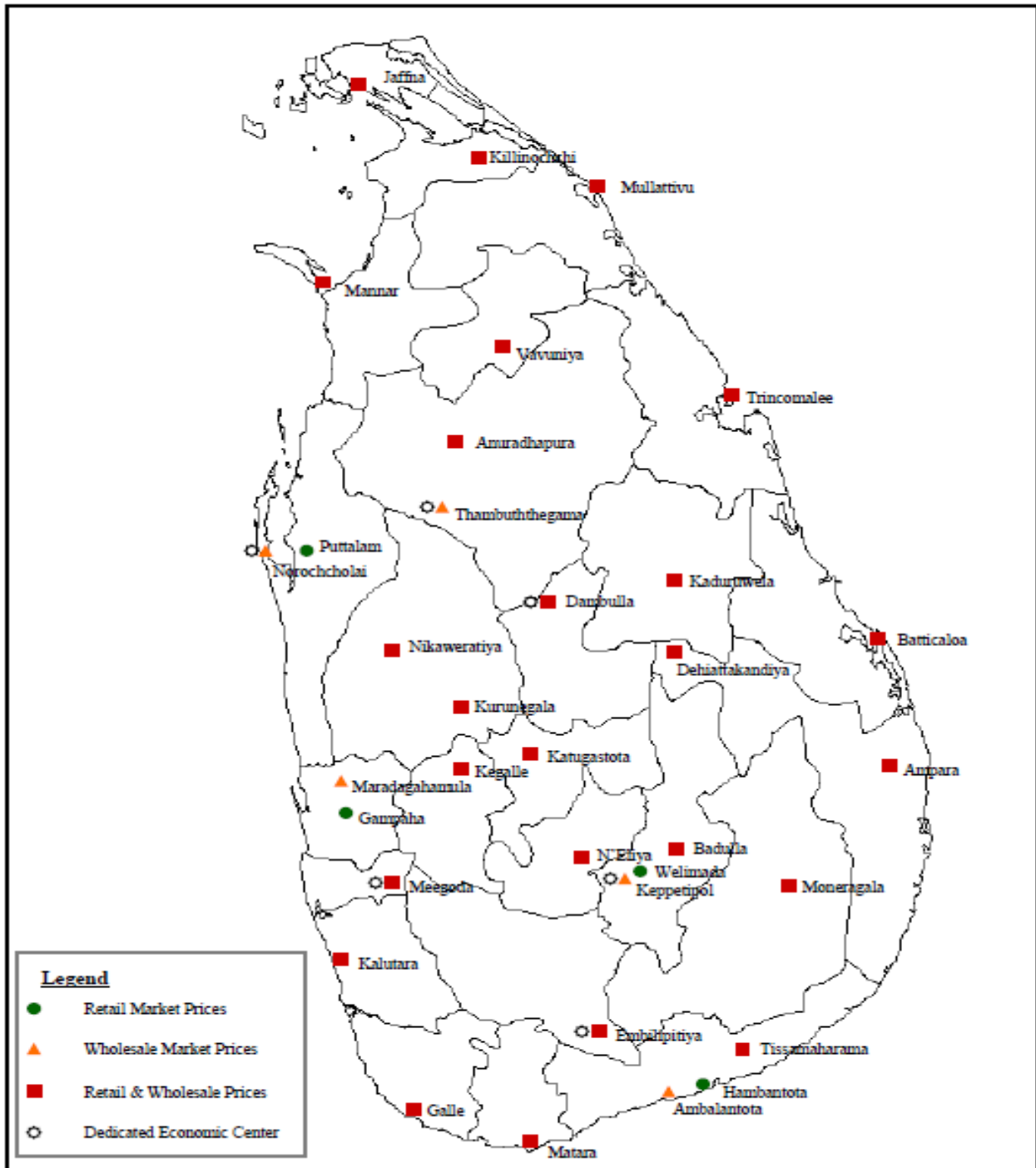
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| Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week | Commodity | 1 st Week | 2 nd Week | 3 rd Week | 4 th Week |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Paddy | | | | | Potato | | | | | Leeks | | | | |
| Short grain | | | | | N'Eliya | 341.00 | 305.60 | 274.00 | 273.00 | Welimada | 130.00 | 169.00 | 181.00 | 187.60 |
| A'pura | 112.00 | 107.00 | 111.20 | 110.00 | Badulla | | | | | N'Eliya | 143.20 | 180.00 | 179.00 | 180.00 |
| P'naruwa | 120.67 | 120.67 | 120.67 | 118.92 | Welimada | 274.00 | 264.00 | 259.00 | 227.00 | Beetroot | | | | |
| Kalawewa | 110.00 | 107.57 | 110.71 | 112.17 | Pulses | | | | | Hanguranketha | | 89.00 | 83.00 | 118.00 |
| Kurunegala | 110.83 | 102.50 | 112.20 | 106.50 | Green Gram | | | | | N'Eliya | 116.60 | 131.60 | 149.00 | 169.00 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 114.33 | 112.00 | 118.00 | 116.67 | Galgamuwa | | | | | Dambulla | 122.00 | 127.00 | 172.50 | 207.00 |
| Ampara | 122.50 | 118.67 | 117.50 | 114.00 | Kalawewa | 620.00 | 646.00 | 646.00 | 656.00 | Kurunegala | | | | |
| Long grain (White) | | | | | Embilipitiya | | 745.00 | 745.00 | 756.67 | Welimada | 106.80 | 125.00 | 134.00 | 165.00 |
| A'pura | 110.80 | 110.00 | 111.20 | 110.00 | Kurunegala | | | | | Knokhol | | | | |
| P'naruwa | 118.50 | 117.58 | 117.58 | 114.33 | A'pura | 688.00 | 708.00 | | | Hanguranketha | | 100.00 | 106.67 | 122.00 |
| Kalawewa | 110.00 | 107.57 | 110.00 | 116.83 | Cowpea | | | | | N'Eliya | 108.60 | 124.00 | 141.00 | 174.00 |
| Kurunegala | 110.83 | 102.50 | 112.20 | 106.50 | A'pura | | | | | Welimada | 79.00 | 116.00 | 129.00 | 162.00 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 115.67 | 115.67 | 112.33 | 113.67 | Galgamuwa | | | | | Radish | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | | | | | Nikaweratiya | 525.00 | 550.00 | 600.00 | 625.00 | Hanguranketha | | 35.60 | 42.20 | 56.60 |
| Ampara | 115.71 | 116.20 | 117.43 | 117.67 | Kalawewa | 507.50 | 550.00 | 562.50 | 616.00 | N'Eliya | 44.20 | 58.00 | 74.00 | 86.00 |
| Matara | | | | | Embilipitiya | | 676.67 | 790.00 | 676.67 | Welimada | 35.00 | 28.60 | 50.00 | 70.00 |
| Hambantota | | | | | Kurunegala | | | | | Cabbage | | | | |
| Long grain (Red) | | | | | Maize | | | | | Hanguranketha | | 187.00 | | 264.00 |
| Matara | 116.25 | 123.00 | 120.50 | 121.75 | A'Pura | | | | 208.00 | N'Eliya | 187.00 | 285.00 | 311.00 | 284.00 |
| Hambantota | 124.33 | 125.33 | 121.67 | 121.67 | Kalawewa | | | | | Welimada | 176.00 | 230.00 | 259.00 | 262.00 |
| Ampara | 125.71 | 127.00 | 131.00 | 133.71 | Gingelly | | | | | Hambantota | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | | 125.80 | 125.80 | 128.40 | A'Pura | | 488.00 | 488.00 | 504.00 | Badulla | 204.00 | 196.00 | 236.00 | 234.00 |
| Keeri Samba | | | | | Kalawewa | 382.50 | | | | Tomato | | | | |
| A'pura | 112.00 | 117.00 | 117.00 | 117.00 | Black Gram | | | | | Hanguranketha | | 101.60 | | 100.40 |
| Polonnaruwa | 122.75 | 121.50 | 120.58 | 118.92 | Kalawewa | 483.33 | 583.33 | 583.33 | 700.00 | Welimada | 136.00 | 168.00 | 75.00 | 117.00 |
| Kalawewa | 110.83 | 112.50 | 116.25 | 118.25 | A'Pura | | | | 788.00 | Hambantota | 106.00 | 124.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 |
| Kurunegala | 120.00 | 115.75 | 118.67 | 117.50 | Vegetables (Up Country) | | | | | Dambulla | 168.50 | 164.50 | 85.40 | 145.00 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 118.00 | 116.33 | 119.33 | 120.00 | Beans | | | | | Low Country | | | | |
| | | | | | Dambulla | 396.00 | 448.00 | 256.00 | 208.00 | Ladies Fingers | | | | |
| Red Onion | | | | | Welimada | 281.00 | 364.00 | 264.00 | 183.00 | A'pura | 54.00 | 72.00 | 94.00 | 74.00 |
| Big Onion | | | | | Badulla | 344.00 | 395.00 | 308.00 | 252.00 | Dambulla | 61.40 | 68.60 | 90.40 | 75.80 |
| Dambulla | 128.00 | 116.00 | 111.00 | 129.00 | Carrot | | | | | Hambantota | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Kalawewa | | | | | Hanguranketha | | 212.00 | 210.00 | 220.00 | Embilipitiya | | 74.00 | 106.00 | 123.00 |
| A'Pura | | | | | N'Eliya | 255.80 | 287.00 | 267.00 | 282.00 | Matara | 73.33 | 73.33 | 110.00 | 110.00 |
| Kurunegala | | | | | Welimada | 224.00 | 234.00 | 234.00 | 244.00 | | | | | |

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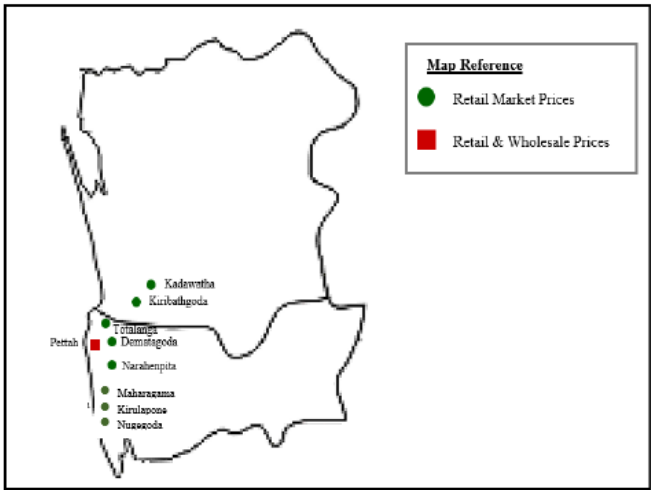
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|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Brinjals</u> | | | | | <u>Pumpkin</u> | | | | | <u>Lime</u> | | | | |
| A'pura | 224.00 | 224.00 | 224.00 | 294.00 | Dambulla | 139.00 | 126.00 | 122.00 | 140.50 | Hambantota | | | | |
| Dambulla | 210.00 | 206.00 | 232.00 | 290.00 | Hambantota | 70.00 | 95.00 | 95.00 | 95.00 | Embilipitiya | | 158.00 | 164.00 | 248.00 |
| Hambantota | | | | | Embilipitiya | | 152.00 | 142.00 | 154.00 | Moneragala | 134.00 | 134.00 | 228.00 | 294.00 |
| Embilipitiya | | 150.00 | 276.00 | 242.00 | Matarara | | | | | <u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u> | | | | |
| Matarara | 196.67 | 166.67 | 160.00 | 186.67 | A'pura | 134.00 | 124.00 | 134.00 | 124.00 | <u>Banana</u> | | | | |
| Welimada | 164.00 | 209.00 | 179.00 | 221.00 | Moneragala | 84.00 | 84.00 | 94.00 | 84.00 | <u>Ambul</u> | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>Cucumber</u> | | | | | Moneragala | 58.00 | 52.00 | 54.00 | 54.00 |
| <u>Capsicum</u> | | | | | A'pura | 84.00 | 104.00 | 104.00 | 94.00 | Embilipitiya | | 102.00 | 102.00 | 82.00 |
| Welimada | 526.00 | 613.00 | 625.00 | 576.00 | Dambulla | 81.60 | 130.00 | 100.00 | 114.00 | Hambantota | 126.67 | 126.67 | 113.33 | 115.00 |
| <u>Bitter Gourd</u> | | | | | Hambantota | 45.00 | 45.00 | 45.00 | 48.00 | <u>Kolikuttu</u> | | | | |
| A'pura | 268.00 | 308.00 | 304.00 | 334.00 | Matarara | | 75.00 | | | Moneragala | 188.00 | 162.00 | 144.00 | 170.00 |
| Dambulla | 230.00 | 246.00 | 303.00 | 341.00 | <u>Long beans</u> | | | | | Embilipitiya | | 246.00 | 246.00 | 246.00 |
| Hambantota | | | | | Dambulla | 109.00 | 181.50 | 138.00 | 186.50 | Hambantota | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | | 292.00 | 328.00 | 340.00 | Hambantota | 90.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 75.00 | <u>Papaw</u> | | | | |
| | | | | | Embilipitiya | | 188.00 | 188.00 | 204.00 | Moneragala | 84.00 | 94.00 | 84.00 | 64.00 |
| <u>Snake Gourd</u> | | | | | Matarara | 158.33 | 190.00 | 196.67 | 123.33 | Embilipitiya | | 95.00 | 103.00 | 112.00 |
| Dambulla | 171.00 | 157.50 | 194.00 | 200.00 | A'Pura | 114.00 | 194.00 | 154.00 | 214.00 | Hambantota | 126.67 | 126.67 | 126.67 | 126.67 |
| Hambantota | | | | 150.00 | <u>Ash Plantain</u> | | | | | <u>Pineapple</u> | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | | 192.00 | 212.00 | 212.00 | Hambantota | 42.50 | 46.25 | 46.25 | 51.25 | Divulapitiya | | | | |
| Matarara | 196.67 | 183.33 | 206.67 | 206.67 | Embilipitiya | | 102.00 | 97.00 | 99.00 | | | | | |
| A'pura | 154.00 | 174.00 | 184.00 | 204.00 | Matarara | 65.00 | | | 105.00 | | | | | |
| <u>Luffa</u> | | | | | <u>Green Chillies</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Dambulla | 170.50 | 166.50 | 192.50 | 196.00 | Dambulla | 143.50 | 188.00 | 173.50 | 236.00 | | | | | |
| Hambantota | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | Hambantota | | | | | | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | | 208.00 | 213.00 | 219.00 | Embilipitiya | | 198.00 | 206.67 | 266.67 | | | | | |
| Matarara | 170.00 | 181.67 | 203.33 | 193.33 | Puttalam | 148.33 | 116.67 | 145.00 | 196.67 | | | | | |
| A'pura | 164.00 | 184.00 | 194.00 | 194.00 | A'Pura | 154.00 | 194.00 | 188.00 | 244.00 | | | | | |

Price Collecting Areas



Legend

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





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