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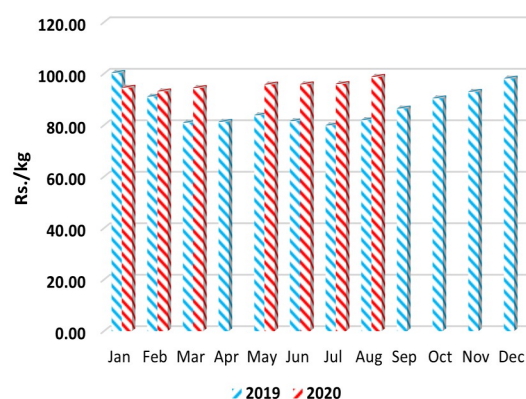
### Rice

Supplies of *Nadu* and raw rice varieties had increased with the commencement of *Yala* 2020 paddy harvesting. Hence the wholesale prices of *Nadu* and raw varieties had decreased slightly by less than one percent. Retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased by less than one percent. Upper limits of the retail price ranges of all the rice varieties had exceeded the MRP level.

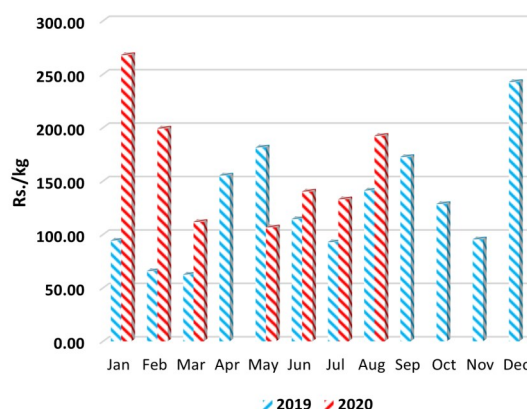
### Vegetables

Vegetable supplies were limited in the market. Therefore, the wholesale prices of up-country vegetable varieties have increased by 4%-45% followed by low-country vegetable varieties as 3%-170%. The highest price of Rs.320.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.20.00/kg was observed for cucumber.

Average Wholesale Prices of Rice (Samba II)



Average Wholesale Prices of Beans (Green)



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

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| 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

### Crop Situation

Harvesting of paddy crop in 2020 *Yala* season has been in progress and by the end of the month a bumper harvest reached the markets in all major producing areas. Rainy weather prevailed in most of the major producing areas during the first part of the month. A Peak harvesting was recorded by the end of the month and it is expected that harvesting will continue up to mid-September in major producing areas. According to the field information, the prospects of the *Yala* harvest was favorable in all the major producing areas. The latest crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture reveals that the cultivated extent of paddy is 465,191ha and it is already 39% higher than that of the average sown extent of last three *Yala* seasons. The expected production is 1.84 million mt. The better availability of water in irrigation schemes and the new increased guaranteed prices encourage farmers to the paddy cultivation. Cultivation targets have almost been achieved in Northern Province, Batticaloe, Hambantota and all Mahaweli systems.

**Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Yala* season as at end of August 2020**

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production Forecast based on Achievement (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast (mt)
Kurunagala	65,106	55,991	86	223,542	-	0	223,542
Ampara	58,020	54,977	95	253,346	1,434	2,947	250,399
Anuradhapura	39,678	26,312	66	100,491	-	0	100,491
Batticaloa	33,233	33,233	100	109,680	265	253	109,427
Polonnaruwa	32,212	30,057	93	136,929	-	0	136,929
Hambantota	27,284	25,449	93	128,101	86	114	127,987
Trincomalee	24,256	21,254	88	97,507	1,420	1,693	95,814
System C	20,172	22,043	109	92,149	-	0	92,149
System B	19,754	19,931	101	83,320	-	0	83,320
Puttalam	19,324	15,202	79	56,330	575	2,118	54,212
Monaragala	17,111	12,668	74	55,122	12	13	55,109
Matara	14,818	14,734	99	41,061	409	322	40,740
Matale	12,484	9,045	72	38,248	12	13	38,236
Galle	10,865	11,567	106	26,162	-	0	26,162
Udawalawa	9,706	10,756	111	56,364	-	0	56,364
Kilinochchi	8,781	8,688	99	35,955	-	0	35,955
Kandy	8,626	9,092	105	27,893	-	0	27,893
Ratnapura	8,403	9,499	113	32,700	-	0	32,700
Badulla	7,603	7,122	94	28,874	-	0	28,874
Kegalle	7,380	6,988	95	19,377	-	0	19,377
Kalutara	7,005	11,942	170	33,490	-	0	33,490
Gampaha	6,587	10,777	164	27,849	-	0	27,849
Mullaitivu	5,634	6,185	110	24,198	-	0	24,198
System G	4,357	4,634	106	19,372	-	0	19,372
Vavniya	4,000	1,950	49	8,434	-	0	8,434
N eliya	3,053	2,589	85	5,049	-	0	5,049
Mannar	2,000	2,300	115	9,611	-	0	9,611
Colombo	1,957	3,207	164	8,205	-	0	8,205
System H	1,270	10,616	836	44,379	-	0	44,379
System D	750	750	100	3,135	-	0	3,135
System L	742	742	100	3,102	-	0	3,102
Rambakanoya	238	225	95	941	-	0	941
System H1	Na	4,667		19,510	1	1	19,508
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>482,408</b>	<b>465,191</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,850,426</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>7,473</b>	<b>1,842,953</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020 , Volume 04, Socio Economics & Planning Center, Department of Agriculture

## Producer Prices

A satisfactory harvest reached to the markets in all major producing areas by the end of the month and the prices of all the paddy varieties have shown a decreasing trend. The arrival of high moisture newly harvested paddy to the markets mainly from the producing areas in the Eastern and North Central provinces also caused the price decline. Prices of long grain white paddy have decreased by less than 7% with the highest decline from Nikaweratiya. The average prices of short grain have also decreased by less than 4% in Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Kalawewa and Nikaweratiya while the prices have increased by 3% in Anuradhapura and Dehiattakandiya. Meanwhile the price of long grain red has not changed significantly and the prices ranged Rs 50.00-54.00/Kg in producing areas in the Southern province. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.42.00-58.00/Kg and Rs.38.00-54.00/Kg respectively. The low prices were recorded for long grain white in Dehiattakandiya, Anuradhapura and Kurunegala areas. However, the highest price range of Rs 45.00-54.00/Kg was recorded for the short grain paddy in Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura. Meantime the government allocates more money to paddy procurement programme through Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) in order to increase the domestic prices and maintain buffer stocks.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of farm gate prices was recorded for short grain and long grain red varieties. Prices of short grain and long grain red have increased by 19%-29% and 30%-38% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of long grain white have increased by 3%-13% in major producing areas.

**Table 1.2: Producer prices of paddy – August 2020**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	50.00-54.00	49.00-53.00	52.45	50.78	40.70	1.68	3.30	11.75	28.88
Polonnaruwa	45.31-53.12	46.87-54.68	48.72	50.58	-	-1.86	-3.67	-	-
Kalawewa	46.00-58.00	49.00-53.00	51.19	51.87	43.00	-0.68	-1.30	8.19	19.05
Kurunegala	42.00-52.00	42.00-52.00	48.15	48.85	41.80	-0.70	-1.43	6.35	15.19
Dehiattakandiya	45.00-54.00	43.00-54.00	50.92	49.67	39.63	1.25	2.52	11.29	28.50
Nikaweratiya	46.00-52.00	49.00-52.00	49.60	50.60	-	-1.00	-1.98	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	40.00-50.00	47.00-50.00	46.46	48.50	43.58	-2.04	-4.21	2.88	6.61
Polonnaruwa	40.62-52.34	40.62-50.00	45.52	45.73	-	-0.20	-0.45	-	-
Kalawewa	41.00-54.00	40.00-50.00	46.45	47.10	44.99	-0.65	-1.38	1.46	3.25
Kurunegala	40.00-51.00	42.00-52.00	46.34	48.70	43.60	-2.36	-4.85	2.74	6.28
Dehiattakandiya	38.00-51.56	40.00-51.56	46.90	47.11	41.38	-0.21	-0.44	5.53	13.36
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	40.00-50.50	42.50-51.00	44.82	48.30	-	-3.48	-7.20	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	35.50	-	-	-	-
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	50.00-54.00	-	50.64	-	39.05	-	-	11.59	29.69
Hambantota	50.00-51.00	50.00-52.00	50.33	50.67	36.57	-0.33	-0.66	13.76	37.63
Embilipitiya	50.00-52.00	49.00-52.00	51.00	50.40	39.11	0.60	1.19	11.89	30.41

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Supplies of *Nadu* and raw rice varieties had increased with the commencement of *Yala* 2020 paddy harvesting. Hence the wholesale prices of *Nadu* and raw varieties had decreased slightly by less than one percent. Low supplies of *Samba* varieties were reported at wholesale market during the month. Hence, the wholesale prices of *Samba* grade I and II had increased by less than 3%.

Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 23% for raw red.

According to the Department of Agriculture, the estimated paddy production of *Yala* 2020 is 1.66 million mt. A quantity of 1.13 million mt of rice could be produced by using *Yala* paddy production at 68% milling rate. It would be sufficient to feed the nation for more than five months.

### Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased by less than one percent compared to the previous month. Prices of *samba* grade I ranged between Rs. 95.00-110.00/kg and it had exceeded the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) at most of the retail outlets. Furthermore, the upper limits of the price ranges of all the rice varieties had surpassed the MRP level.

Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 19% for raw red.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	98.00-98.00	98.00	97.82	90.10	0.18	0.19	7.90	8.77
Samba 2	98.00-105.00	98.82	96.04	82.05	2.78	2.89	16.77	20.44
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	95.00-96.00	95.78	95.85	87.50	-0.07	-0.08	8.28	9.46
Nadu 2	90.00-95.00	92.20	93.03	81.93	-0.83	-0.89	10.28	12.54
Raw red	88.00-90.00	89.00	89.15	72.20	-0.15	-0.17	16.80	23.27
Raw white	87.00-90.00	88.54	89.08	80.95	-0.54	-0.61	7.59	9.37
Imported Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	95.00-110.00	101.63	100.67	98.35	0.96	0.96	3.28	3.34
Samba 2	-	-	-	89.38	-	-	-	-
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	95.00-105.00	99.16	98.97	92.49	0.19	0.19	6.67	7.21
Nadu 2	-	-	-	85.63	-	-	-	-
Raw red	93.00-100.00	96.47	95.73	81.14	0.74	0.77	15.33	18.89
Raw white	90.00-100.00	96.13	95.59	88.49	0.54	0.56	7.64	8.63
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation

The cultivation progress of green chilli at the end of August, 2020 was in a satisfactory level in most of the producing areas. The achievement of chilli cultivation has exceeded the targeted extent in all the producing areas except in Puttalam. The highest cultivated extent (858 ha) was reported from Anuradhapura district and it was 129% of the targeted extent. Total estimated production of green chili for this *Yala* season was about 35,928 mt and out of that around 51% of the production will be supplied from Anuradhapura (13%), Puttalam (13%), Monaragala (10%), Matale (9%) and Kurunegala (7%) districts.

**Table 2.1.1: Target and cultivation progress of green chili for *Yala* 2020**

Area	Target (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of August, 2020		Estimated Production (mt)
		Extent (ma)	% of the targeted extent	
Anuradhapura	663	858	129	4,686
Puttalam	711	569	80	4,831
Monaragala	389	573	147	3,418
Matale	271	641	237	3,094
Kurunegala	349	539	154	2,362
Kandy	226	280	124	1,395
Badulla	264	295	112	1,240
Nuwara Eliya	141	180	128	1,160
Hambantota	223	260	117	1,509
Vavuniya	275	369	134	2,216
Batticaloa	351	358	102	1,169
Other Areas	2,245	2,361	105	8,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,108</b>	<b>7,283</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>35,928</b>

Source: Source: *Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 04, Socio Economics & Planning Center, Department of Agriculture*

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chili have decreased by about Rs.53.00/kg and Rs.35.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale price and retail price of green chilli were about Rs.147.93/kg and Rs.299.03/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of green chilli has increased by about 4% while the retail price has decreased by about 8%.

About 4079 mt of dried chili was imported during this month and it was a decrease of 114 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price of imported dried chili was Rs.278.82/kg and it has decreased by about Rs.4.67/kg compared to the last month. However, with availability of sufficient stocks at the market both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chili have decreased by about Rs.27.00/kg and Rs.30.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 18% and 37% respectively.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	100.00-220.00	147.93	201.31	142.63	-53.39	-26.52	5.30	3.72
Dried Chilli	355.00-410.00	383.40	410.25	325.76	-26.85	-6.54	57.64	17.69
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	150.00-450.00	299.02	334.07	325.88	-35.05	-10.49	-26.86	-8.24
Dried Chilli	400.00-600.00	507.84	538.09	371.46	-30.25	-5.62	136.37	36.71

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chili - March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August -2020	4,079	1137.34	278.82	507.84	229.02
July -2020	4,193	1188.65	283.48	538.09	254.61
June -2020	-	-	-	539.23	-
May -2020	3,388	1,234.13	364.18	-	-
Apr -2020	6,175	2,325.40	376.60	-	-
Mar -2020	4,854	1,677.40	345.56	592.69	247.12

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.4: Producer prices of green chili (Rs/kg) August 2020**

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week	5 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	204.00	125.00	131.10	106.00	127.00
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	250.00	159.00	182.50	153.33	158.33
Puttalam	150.00	121.00	96.40	130.00	-
A'Pura	200.00	203.33	160.00	176.67	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion Crop Situation

Targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 981 ha and at the end of August 2020, around 1,344 ha has been cultivated which represents 137% of the targeted extent. However, at the end of this month around 647 ha has been damaged which represent 48% of the total cultivated extent in Matale district. Around 1,054 ha of big onion cultivated extent was reported from Anuradhapura district and it represented 299% of the total targeted extent. Though the highest targeted extent was reported from System –H area, the achievement was in a low level (64% of the targeted extent). The estimated production of big onion for this *Yala* season was 62,447 mt and out of that 85% will be supplied from Matale (43%), Anuradhapura (24%) and System- H1 (17%) areas.

**Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of big onion for Yala 2020**

Area	Target (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of August, 2020		Damaged Extent(ha)	Estimated Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent		
Matale	981	1,344	137	647	27,025
Anuradhapura	352	1,054	299	139	15,132
System- H1	1,287	823	64	196	10,868
System – H	250	205	82	-	3,075
Other Areas	486	394	81	-	6,547
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>62,447</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 04, Socio Economics & Planning Center, Department of Agriculture

Cultivation progress of red onion was in a satisfactory level in most of the producing areas. Both the highest targeted extent and cultivated extent were reported from Jaffna district and the cultivation progress was 95% of the total targeted extent at the end of August, 2020. Around 583 ha have been cultivated from Puttalam district which represent 79% of the targeted extent. Total expected production of red onion for this Yala season was 39,875 mt, and out of that 83% will be supplied from Jaffna (47%), Puttalam (27%) and Vavunia (9%) districts.

**Table 2.2.2: Target and Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2020 season**

Area	Target (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of August, 2020		Estimated Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,000	1,900	95	18,762
Puttalam	740	583	79	10,730
Vavunia	400	262	66	3,419
Trincomalee	656	164	25	1,286
Mullaithivu	450	103	23	1,227
Killinochchi	150	103	69	1,446
Other areas	419	349	83	3,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,815</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>39,875</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 04, Socio Economics & Planning Center, Department of Agriculture

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Local big onion stocks were available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.100.00 – 110.00/kg and average wholesale price was Rs.106.67/kg. However, local big onion stocks were not available at most of the retail markets. Around 12,085 mt of big onion was imported during this month and it has decreased by about 17,612 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price of imported big onion was Rs.46.62/kg and it was an increase of Rs.2.67/kg compared to the last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.30.00/kg and Rs.28.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were about Rs.106.67/kg and Rs.118.02/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 13% and 11% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.



Supply of local red onion from main producing areas has increased during this month. Hence, wholesale prices of both Sinnan and Vedalan red onion have decreased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale prices of Sinnan and Vedalan were Rs.117.33/kg and Rs.144.70/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of Vedalan has decreased by Rs.59.00/kg while Sinnan red onion was not available at the retail market. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of Vedalan has increased by about 18%.

Around 8 mt of red onion was imported during this month and it was a decreased of 121 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.58.77/kg and it has decreased by about Rs.50.00/kg compared to the last month.

**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion - August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	100.00-130.00	117.33	119.71	76.17	-2.38	-1.99	41.16	54.03
Red Onion (Vedalan)	120.00-175.00	144.70	155.47	100.38	-10.77	-6.93	44.33	44.16
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	159.50	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	75.00-115.00	93.84	63.95	108.37	29.89	46.74	-14.53	-13.41
Big Onion (Local)	100.00-110.00	106.67	-	120.80	-	-	-14.13	-11.70
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	211.00	136.81	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-260.00	208.40	267.85	175.95	-59.44	-22.19	32.45	18.44
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	263.40	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-150.00	118.02	89.58	132.13	28.44	31.74	-14.11	-10.68
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of wholesale and retail prices for imported onion August 2020**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	August,2020	46.62	93.84	118.02	47.22	24.18
	July,2020	43.94	63.95	89.58	20.01	25.63
	August,2019	63.46	108.37	132.13	44.92	23.76
Red onion	August,2020	58.77	144.70	208.00	85.93	63.30
	July,2020	115.18	155.47	267.85	40.29	112.38
	August,2019	-	100.38	175.95	-	75.57

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported big onion and red onion**

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	August, 2020	July, 2020	August, 2020	July, 2020	August, 2020	July, 2020
Red Onion	8	129	1	15	58.77	115.18
Big Onion	12085	29697	563	1305	46.62	43.94

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.6: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion  
March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
August -2020	12,085	46.6	93.84	118.02	71.40
July -2020	29,697	43.94	63.95	89.58	45.64
Jun -2020	-	-	62.04	83.89	-
May -2020	17,954	42.61	57.53	-	-
Apr -2020	30,475	72.04	-	-	-
Mar -2020	33,496	79.14	137.75	182.10	102.96

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *Yala* 2020 is 2,924 ha and about 2,411 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of August achieving 82% of the targeted extent. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in August was at high level, which was recorded as 1,116 ha. Compared to the same period of *Yala* 2019, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season up to now is at a high level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of August, the expected production of potato is 44,327 mt for this *Yala* season with 75% from Badulla and 25% from Nuwara Eliya respectively (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 860 ha for this *Yala* season and about 536 ha were cultivated by the end of August achieving 62% of the targeted extent. Compared to *Yala* 2019, the cultivated extent is at high level in this *Yala* season in Nuwara Eliya. Only 14 ha of potato was cultivated during this month in Nuwara Eliya district.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,063 ha for this *Yala* season and about 1,875 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 91% of the target. About 1,101 ha of potato was cultivated in August in the Badulla district which was higher compared to July. Compared to the same period of last *Yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season was at high level in the district. Harvesting of potato has been commenced from Badulla district in August.

**Table 2.3.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of potato (*Yala* 2020)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i> 2020	Expected production (mt)
	<i>Yala</i> 2019*	<i>Yala</i> 2020	<i>Yala</i> 2019*	<i>Yala</i> 2020		
Badulla	2,154	2,063	1,333	1,875	91	33,446
Nuwara-Eliya	884	860	321	536	62	10,881
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>44,327</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

*Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Vol.04 Socio-Economics & Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture*

\**Crop Forecast, Yala 2019, Vol.04 Socio-Economics & Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture*

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 12,511 mt of potato had been imported in August which was 472 mt higher than that was imported in July. Value of imports were Rs.704 million. Special Commodity Levy of imported potatoes have been increased to Rs.55.00/kg with effect from 15/08/2020 for a period of four months. Compared to August, 2019 (9,659 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.56.00/kg in August.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes - March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August-2020	12,511	704.27	56.29	152.49	96.20
July-2020	12,039	686.05	56.99	172.29	115.30
June-2020	-	-	-	142.50	-
May -2020	3,948	230.37	58.36	-	-
Apr -2020	13,269	837.34	63.11	-	-
Mar -2020	11,527	624.42	54.17	129.89	75.72

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table: 2.3.3: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	100.00-165.00	133.70	155.90	134.06	-22.20	-14.24	-0.36	-0.27
Nuwara Eliya	115.00-190.00	151.00	169.75	138.25	-18.75	-11.05	12.75	9.22
Imported – CIF	-	56.29	56.99	47.54	-0.70	-1.23	8.75	18.41
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	115.00-150.00	127.53	-	134.63	-	-	-7.10	-5.27
Nuwara Eliya	130.00-210.00	168.42	174.79	160.00	-6.36	-3.64	8.42	5.26
Imported	95.00-130.00	111.56	139.25	105.98	-27.69	-19.89	5.59	5.27
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	160.00-200.00	180.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-280.00	227.97	230.38	234.10	-2.41	-1.05	-6.14	-2.62
Imported	120.00-180.00	152.49	172.29	140.89	-19.80	-11.49	11.60	8.23
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada		46.30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		76.97	60.63	95.85	16.34	26.94	-18.89	-19.70
Imported (RP-CIF)		96.20	115.30	93.35	-19.10	-16.57	2.85	3.05
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada			-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		59.54	55.60	74.10	3.95	7.10	-14.56	-19.65
Imported		40.93	33.04	34.92	7.89	23.88	6.02	17.23

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, harvesting of Welimada potato was commenced by the end of August and sufficient stocks were received from Nuwara Eliya. Hence, stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market. On average, the producer prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were Rs.134.00 and Rs.151.00/kg in August. In August, the average wholesale price of Welimada potato was Rs.127.00/kg. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have decreased by 4% and 1% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 20%

and 11% respectively due to increased imports in July. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.130.00-210.00/kg, Rs.115.00-150.00/kg and Rs.95.00-130.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato (3%) has decreased while the price of imported potato (8%) has increased. Supply of local potato will be high in September with increased supply from Badulla district and the prices of potatoes are expected be lower in coming months.

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 141% of its targeted extent as at end of August in *Yala* 2020 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has increased by 13,930 ha in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Yala* 2019). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 21,403 mt. More than half (53%) of the total green gram production in Sri Lanka is expected from Hambantota, Monaragala and Kurunegala districts.

**Table 2.4.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of green gram and cowpea**

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i>	Expected Production (mt)
		<i>Yala</i>	<i>Yala</i>	<i>Yala</i>	<i>Yala</i>		
		2019	2020	2019	2020	2020	
Green gram	Hambantota	652	4,512	85	4,904	108.69	7,046
	Monaragala	632	765	339	1,442	188.50	1,378
	Kurunagala	923	689	243	2,571	373.15	2,996
	Other Areas	3,766	5,450	1,498	7,178	131.71	9,983
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>5,973</b>	<b>11,416</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>16,095</b>	<b>140.99</b>	<b>21,403</b>
Cowpea	Ampara	3,388	2,348	1,946	3,071	130.79	3,641
	Anuradhapura	566	601	511	899	149.58	1,219
	Monaragala	224	599	143	2,338	390.32	2,706
	Other Areas	2,510	2,548	939	4,212	165.31	5,857
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>6,688</b>	<b>6,096</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>10,520</b>	<b>172.57</b>	<b>13,423</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

*Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Volume 04, Socio Economics & Planning Center, Department of Agriculture*

It has been able to achieve 173% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 13,423 mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2020 *Yala* season and those districts will contribute for 56% of the total production. Monaragala, Anuradhapura and Ampara districts highlighted a better performance (Table 2.4.1).

## Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.260/kg and Rs.325/kg with an average of Rs.284/kg in August 2020. The average price has decreased by 3% compared to July 2020. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 15%. Average retail price of the green gram was Rs. 335/kg and retail price has decrease by 2% compared to July. Compared to the previous year, retail price has been increased by 18%.

**Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	260.00-325.00	284.40	294.25	247.06	-9.85	-3.35	37.34	15.12
Cowpea (White)	340.00-360.00	354.25	354.03	229.50	0.22	0.06	124.75	54.36
Cowpea (Red)	280.00-340.00	308.30	333.27	260.88	-24.97	-7.49	47.43	18.18
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	300.00-360.00	335.31	341.50	283.47	-6.19	-1.81	51.84	18.29
Cowpea (White)	380.00-440.00	394.24	391.57	281.77	2.68	0.68	112.47	39.92
Cowpea (Red)	320.00-440.00	394.18	400.39	301.39	-6.21	-1.55	92.78	30.79

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs. 354/kg and Rs. 308/kg respectively in August 2020. The wholesale prices of white cowpea ranged between Rs.340/kg and Rs.360/kg and red cowpea ranged between Rs 280/kg and Rs 340/kg. Compared to July 2020, the wholesale price of white cowpea has not been changed significantly while red cowpea has decreased by around 7%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 54% and the wholesale price of the red cowpea has increased by around 18% (Table 2.4.2). The retail price of the white cowpea has ranged between Rs. 380/kg and Rs. 440/kg and red cowpea between Rs. 320/kg and Rs. 440/kg. The average retail price reported as Rs. 394/kg for both white cowpea and red cowpea.

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported green gram- March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August-2020	625	102.67	164.15	335.31	171.16
July-2020	1,775	293.35	165.24	341.50	176.26
June-2020	-	-	-	351.30	-
May -2020	990	190.66	192.65	-	-
Apr -2020	926	187.29	202.34	-	-
Mar -2020	1,536	280.27	182.45	300.75	118.30

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

A total of 625 mt of green gram has been imported during this month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.164.15. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.102.67 million. Green gram imported quantity and expenditure have been decreased by 65% compared to the previous month. The CIF price has reduced around 0.7 percent compared with July.

According to table 2.4.4, a total of 41 mt of cowpea have been imported during this month. The average CIF price of cowpea was recorded as Rs.159.68/kg. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.6.55 million. The imported quantity of cowpea has decreased around 71% comparing with previous month. Imported expenditure also reduced by 62% while CIF price has increased by 31% compared to July.

**Table 2.4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea- March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August -2020	41	6.55	159.68	394.24	234.56
July -2020	140	17.12	122.29	391.57	269.28
June -2020	-	-	-	397.78	-
May -2020	344	56.38	163.93	-	-
Apr -2020	884	150.91	170.72	-	-
Mar -2020	780	117.76	150.95	304.89	153.94

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.4.5: Monthly average CIF, wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	August,2020	164.15	284.40	335.31	120.25	50.91
	July,2020	165.24	294.25	341.50	129.01	47.25
	August,2019	165.26	247.06	283.47	81.80	36.41
Cowpea (White)	August,2020	159.68	354.25	394.24	194.57	39.99
	July,2020	122.29	354.03	391.57	231.74	37.54
	August,2019	127.62	229.5	281.77	101.88	52.27
Cowpea (Red)	August,2020	-	308.30	394.18	-	85.88
	July,2020	-	333.27	400.39	-	67.12
	August,2019	-	260.88	301.39	-	40.51

Source: Department of Customs, Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.5 Red dhal

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.135/kg and Rs.140/kg with an average of Rs.137/kg. Wholesale price has not significantly changed relative to July. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 32%. The average retail price of the red dhal was 152/kg and it ranged between Rs. 140/kg and Rs. 160/kg. The retail price was also decreased by 8% compared to July 2020 and compared same month in the previous year it has been increased by 22%.

**Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – August 2020**

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>	135.00-140.00	137.55	137.25	104.28	0.30	0.22	33.27	31.91
<b>Retail Price</b>	140.00-160.00	152.29	165.10	124.47	-12.81	-7.76	27.82	22.36

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 9,842 mt of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs. 104.52/kg. The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs. 1,029 million. Nearly 40%

of the total red dhal quantity has decreased in August compared to the July. Expenditure on importation of red dhal was reduced by 40% compared with July.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal  
March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
August -2020	9,842	104.52	137.55	152.29	33.03	14.74
July -2020	16,100	107.45	137.25	165.10	29.80	27.85
June -2020	-	-	144.44	168.57	-	24.13
May -2020	18,566	99.64	152.43	-	52.79	-
Apr -2020	22,976	99.44	-	-	-	-
Mar -2020	14,475	92.32	123.35	143.27	31.03	19.92

*Source: Department of Customs, Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI*

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

During the month, Badulla, Galle, Hambantota, Jaffna, and Nuwara Eliya, received a rainfall, above the 30 years' average. Nuwara Eliya (308.7mm), Ratnapura (192.9mm), Galle (164.9mm) and Badulla (159mm) received the highest rainfall during the month of August (Table 8). The prevailed weather condition was favorable for vegetable crops and the cultivation activities of Yala 2020 season were continued as expected. Compared to the previous month, the cultivation progress of both up-country as well as low-country vegetables has increased during the month.

The cultivation progress of up-country vegetables, increased from 63%-99% in July to 73%-106% in August. The highest progress was noted for capsicum (106%) and kno-khol (105%). The highest cultivated extent of 3,082ha was recorded for beans. Among up-country vegetables, the highest production is expected from cabbage (37,654mt), beans (31,191mt), and carrot (30,568mt) while the lowest production is expected from knol-khol (7,127mt).

With regard to the cultivation progress of low-country vegetables, except for snake guard (96%), tomato (95%), and bitter guard (90%), the progress of the rest of the considered vegetables remarkably increased over 100% of their targets. The highest progress was recorded for pumpkin (139%), okra (135%), brinjal (131%), and cucumber (128%). Among low-country vegetables, the highest extent was recorded for brinjal (5,328ha), long beans (4,877 ha), pumpkin (4,263ha) and okra (3,977ha). The highest production is expected from brinjal (70,922mt) and pumpkin (63,368mt) while the lowest production (6,699mt) is expected from ash plantain (Crop Forecast, Vol.04, Yala 2020, Socio Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture).

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

During the month of August, vegetable supplies were limited in the market. Therefore, the prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased during the month. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 4%-45% recording the highest price increase for beans and the lowest increase for leeks. Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.230.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.40.00/kg was observed for leeks and radish. With regard to the price behavior of low-country vegetables, the wholesale price of tomato has further decreased by 24% due to availability of sufficient stocks in the market. Nevertheless, the wholesale prices of all other low-country vegetables have increased. The highest price increase of 170% was recorded for pumpkin while the lowest price increase (3%) was noted for cucumber. The wholesale

prices of the rest of the low-country vegetable varieties have increased by 29%-65%. Among low-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs.320.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.20.00/kg observed for cucumber.

**Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00-230.00	192.40	133.00	141.25	59.40	44.66	51.15	36.21
Carrot	70.00-160.00	102.00	88.50	68.75	13.50	15.25	33.25	48.36
Leeks	40.00-100.00	55.20	53.25	34.75	1.95	3.66	20.45	58.85
Beetroot	70.00-130.00	99.30	87.27	57.60	12.03	13.79	41.70	72.40
Knolkhol	60.00-100.00	79.68	58.25	45.73	21.43	36.78	33.95	74.24
Radish	40.00-80.00	58.40	45.27	30.63	13.13	29.00	27.78	90.69
Cabbage	60.00-130.00	94.27	71.36	23.84	22.91	32.10	70.44	295.52
Tomato	30.00-80.00	50.11	66.25	84.22	-16.14	-24.36	-34.11	-40.50
Ladies Fingers	30.00-70.00	47.29	47.25	47.00	0.04	0.09	0.29	0.62
Brinjal	70.00-140.00	99.77	60.48	78.96	39.28	64.94	20.81	26.35
Capsicum	200.00-320.00	261.18	190.50	101.96	70.68	37.10	159.22	156.17
Pumpkin	50.00-140.00	92.00	34.03	48.75	57.97	170.34	43.25	88.72
Cucumber	20.00-60.00	37.50	36.50	36.81	1.00	2.74	0.69	1.89
Bittergourd	70.00-200.00	134.53	104.04	94.55	30.49	29.31	39.98	42.29
Snakegourd	50.00-120.00	85.78	61.75	78.82	24.03	38.91	6.96	8.83
Drumstick	30.00-220.00	101.20	75.72	43.13	25.48	33.66	58.08	134.67
Luffa	50.00-120.00	90.36	57.00	59.70	33.36	58.53	30.66	51.35
Long Beans	50.00-120.00	82.80	56.72	66.30	26.08	45.97	16.50	24.88
Ash Plantain	70.00-120.00	94.84	68.06	65.00	26.78	39.34	29.84	45.90
Green Chilli	100.00-220.00	147.93	201.31	142.63	-53.39	-26.52	5.30	3.72
Lime	60.00-120.00	80.96	228.31	239.20	-147.35	-64.54	-158.25	-66.16

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of up-country vegetables had increased by 36%-296% recording the highest for cabbage. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices of ladies fingers, cucumber and snake gourd had increased by less than 10% while that of remaining low-country vegetables had increased by 25%-156%.

Price behavior in the retail market was more or less similar to the wholesale market. The retail prices of all the up-country vegetable varieties have increased by 2%-36%, except for leeks (-5%). Among up-country vegetables, the highest price of Rs. 320.00/kg was noted for beans while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/ was further observed for leeks and radish.

In line with the tomato price drop in the wholesale market, the retail price too has decreased by 20%. However, the retail prices of all the remaining low-country vegetable varieties have increased by 4%-47% recording the highest for pumpkin and the lowest for drumsticks.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices up-country vegetable varieties had increased by 8%-62% followed by low-country vegetables as 7%-69%.



**Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – August 2020**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-320.00	256.20	188.79	205.67	67.41	35.71	50.53	24.57
Carrot	120.00-240.00	165.68	162.80	139.25	2.87	1.77	26.43	18.98
Leeks	80.00-160.00	130.50	136.82	120.62	-6.32	-4.62	9.88	8.19
Beetroot	130.00-200.00	153.25	150.88	121.43	2.37	1.57	31.82	26.21
Knolkhol	100.00-200.00	150.69	138.67	123.34	12.02	8.67	27.36	22.18
Radish	80.00-160.00	127.89	122.79	106.99	5.10	4.15	20.90	19.53
Cabbage	100.00-240.00	169.92	144.40	104.78	25.52	17.67	65.14	62.17
Tomato	80.00-160.00	126.63	157.52	156.78	-30.89	-19.61	-30.14	-19.23
Ladies Fingers	70.00-180.00	134.35	122.15	120.23	12.20	9.99	14.12	11.74
Brinjal	110.00-200.00	163.44	128.94	138.73	34.49	26.75	24.71	17.81
Capsicum	250.00-400.00	332.18	264.27	196.90	67.91	25.69	135.28	68.71
Pumpkin	90.00-240.00	152.95	103.94	125.86	49.01	47.15	27.09	21.52
Cucumber	70.00-130.00	107.05	100.47	100.13	6.58	6.55	6.92	6.91
Bittergourd	140.00-320.00	228.14	191.20	181.13	36.94	19.32	47.01	25.96
Snakegourd	100.00-200.00	155.35	136.77	144.00	18.58	13.59	11.35	7.88
Drumstick	100.00-320.00	194.31	187.45	121.92	6.86	3.66	72.39	59.38
Luffa	100.00-200.00	156.40	136.87	139.44	19.53	14.27	16.95	12.16
Long Beans	100.00-200.01	146.54	134.14	132.26	12.40	9.25	14.28	10.80
Ash Plantain	110.00-200.00	155.83	140.90	132.08	14.93	10.59	23.75	17.98
Green Chilli	150.00-450.00	299.02	334.07	325.88	-35.05	-10.49	-26.86	-8.24
Lime	100.00-380.00	269.98	447.79	447.71	-177.81	-39.71	-177.73	-39.70

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

## 4. Fruits

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in July 2020, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in August 2020. Accordingly, prices of banana varieties had increased in the range of 2%-4%. Further, price ranges noted were Rs.70.00-100.00/kg, Rs.70.00-120.00/kg and Rs.180.00-240.00/kg for the varieties, Seeni, Ambul and Kolikuttu respectively. In addition, price ranges recorded for varieties, Anamalu and Ambun during the month were Rs.12.00-15.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-19.00/fruit respectively. Price of small sized pineapple had increased by 4% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-180.00/fruit. Prices of all the mango varieties had also increased significantly and had increased by 36% for Kohu, 60% for Betti, 95% for Vilad and by 151% for Karthakolomban and price of a Karthakolomban fruit was noted as Rs.70.00-200.00. Further, price of papaw had increased by 79% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.75.67/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-120.00/kg. In addition, prices of slime apple, passion fruit and orange had increased by 52%, 24% and 13% respectively (Table 4.1).

However, price decreases were noted for wood apple, avocado and grapes (imported) and prices had decreased by 31%, 11% and 6% respectively. Further, prices of medium and large sized pineapple had also decreased slightly and the monthly average wholesale prices of medium and large sized fruits were Rs.173.64/fruit and Rs.207.67/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.130.00-250.00/fruit (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2019, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 38% recorded for passion fruit (Table 4.1).

**Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	70.00-120.00	92.17	89.13	80.23	3.04	3.41	11.94	14.88
Kolikuttu (Kg)	180.00-240.00	202.17	196.46	186.65	5.71	2.91	15.52	8.31
Seeni (Kg)	70.00-100.00	88.17	86.04	78.93	2.12	2.47	9.23	11.70
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-15.00	13.35	12.83	13.05	0.52	4.03	0.30	2.33
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-19.00	16.77	16.06	16.32	0.70	4.38	0.45	2.75
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	170.00-250.00	207.68	214.72	226.89	-7.04	-3.28	-19.21	-8.47
Medium (Fruit)	130.00-220.00	173.64	174.16	183.25	-0.52	-0.30	-9.61	-5.24
Small (Fruit)	80.00-180.00	134.25	129.32	137.95	4.93	3.81	-3.70	-2.68
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	26.00-36.00	30.08	18.75	23.87	11.33	60.44	6.21	26.03
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	113.07	45.10	121.72	67.97	150.70	-8.64	-7.10
Vilad (Fruit)	29.00-65.00	46.62	23.86	35.00	22.75	95.35	11.62	33.18
Kohu (Fruit)	16.00-21.00	19.08	13.99	18.47	5.10	36.44	0.62	3.34
<b>Papaw (Kg)</b>	40.00-120.00	75.67	42.29	82.26	33.37	78.92	-6.59	-8.01
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	5.00-13.00	8.57	6.92	13.92	1.65	23.86	-5.35	-38.46
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	7.000-12.00	8.62	12.50	12.22	-3.89	-31.09	-3.61	-29.51
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	25.00-40.00	32.99	29.30	29.33	3.69	12.60	3.67	12.50
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	25.00-50.00	35.54	39.97	29.43	-4.43	-11.08	6.11	20.76
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	24.00-63.00	40.28	26.57	28.42	13.71	51.62	11.86	41.71
<b>Grapes Imported (Kg)</b>	467.00-822.00	596.44	635.39	658.33	-38.96	-6.13	-61.90	-9.40

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

In analysing the prices at the retail level, it was observed that the prices of all the fruit varieties except for grapes (imported) had increased. Accordingly, retail prices of banana varieties had increased in the range of 4%-8%. Further, retail price ranges noted were Rs.220.00-300.00/kg for the variety Kolikuttu and Rs.120.00-160.00/kg for varieties Ambul and Seeni. In addition, price ranges recorded for varieties, Anamalu and Ambun during the month were Rs.18.00-25.00/fruit and Rs.23.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small and medium sized pineapple had increased by 15% while, price of large sized pineapple had increased by 3% and the monthly average retail prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.173.91/fruit, Rs.231.25/fruit and Rs.273.08/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.140.00-300.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Vilad and Karthakolomban had increased significantly in the range of 47%-176% and prices of Vilad and Karthakolomban ranged between Rs.60.00-120.00/fruit and Rs.80.00-250.00/fruit respectively. Further, price of papaw had increased by 19% and the monthly average retail price was Rs.124.31/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-180.00/kg. In addition, prices of slime apple, passion fruit and avocado had increased by 47%, 18% and 13% respectively while, prices of orange and wood apple had increased by 10% and 1% respectively (Table 4.2). However, as stated earlier, price of grapes (imported) had decreased by 3% and the price ranged between Rs.800.00-1,200.00/kg (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2019, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for mango variety, Vilad as 32% (Table 4.2).

**Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	120.00-160.00	143.23	135.05	124.54	8.18	6.06	18.68	15.00
Kolikuttu (Kg)	220.00-300.00	256.99	246.62	243.29	10.37	4.20	13.70	5.63
Seeni (Kg)	120.00-160.00	137.84	128.52	128.56	9.31	7.25	9.27	7.21
Anamalu (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	21.22	19.76	18.80	1.46	7.36	2.41	12.83
Ambun (Fruit)	23.00-30.00	26.44	24.58	23.58	1.86	7.57	2.86	12.13
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	250.00-300.00	273.08	264.97	276.57	8.11	3.06	-3.49	-1.26
Medium (Fruit)	200.00-250.00	231.25	201.49	218.21	29.76	14.77	13.04	5.97
Small (Fruit)	140.00-200.00	173.91	150.55	158.47	23.36	15.51	15.43	9.74
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vilad (Fruit)	80.00-250.00	169.29	61.36	148.23	107.93	175.89	21.06	14.20
Kohu (Fruit)	60.00-120.00	75.89	51.70	57.45	24.19	46.79	18.43	32.08
Papaw (Kg)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passionfruit (Fruit)	80.00-180.00	124.31	104.03	134.59	20.28	19.49	-10.28	-7.64
Woodapple (Fruit)	12.00-26.00	19.86	16.81	27.48	3.05	18.16	-7.62	-27.72
Orange (Fruit)	25.00-60.00	41.77	41.49	39.53	0.28	0.68	2.25	5.68
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-70.00	57.57	52.37	53.53	5.20	9.93	4.04	7.55
Slime Apple (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	72.31	63.81	69.21	8.50	13.32	3.10	4.48
Grapes Imported (Kg)	800.00-1200.00	943.59	970.93	866.50	-27.34	-2.82	77.10	8.90

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received 14% and 7% price increases for banana variety, Ambul and papaw respectively and 4% price decrease for banana variety, Kolikuttu in August compared to the prices in July, 2020. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month were noted as Rs.64.00-89.00/kg, Rs.130.00-179.00/kg and Rs.33.75-86.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to August, 2019, producer prices had increased for Ambul by 40% and for Kolikuttu by 10% and it was a price decrease for papaw by 2% (Table 4.3).

**Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	64.00-89.00	70.20	61.50	50.24	8.70	14.15	19.96	39.72
Kolikuttu	130.00-179.00	152.00	158.06	138.60	-6.06	-3.83	13.40	9.67
Papaw	33.75-86.00	49.85	46.55	50.80	3.30	7.09	-0.95	-1.87

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division, HARTI

## Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had imported 2,102mt of fresh fruits during the month of August 2020 and the value was Rs. 410mn. Of the imported quantity, 50% were apple, 31% were oranges and 19% were grapes. In the month of July, 2020, the quantity imported was 1,756mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 20% (Table 4.4).

**Table 4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits – June 2020 to August 2020**

Type of Fruit	August - 2020			July - 2020			June - 2020		
	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	1,055	175.66	166.44	857	154.85	180.76	-	-	-
Grapes	402	130.83	325.61	433	159.16	367.62	-	-	-
Oranges	644	103.71	160.96	466	73.15	157.01	-	-	-

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The total fish production for the month of August was reported as 41,285mt, a 10% increase compared to the previous month. Further, fish production of this August, was very close to the production of August in 2019 (41,520mt). However, the imports of fish and fisheries products have further decreased by 45% from 9,012.2mt in July to 4,963.6mt in August. Further, exports of fish and fisheries products was reported as 1,834.8mt in August and no significant change compared to the month of July ([www.fisheries.gov.lk](http://www.fisheries.gov.lk)).

The wholesale prices of most of the fish varieties have further decreased by 1%-6% recording the highest for Salaya. The highest price range of Rs.850.00-1400.00/kg was noted for Thora while the lowest price range of Rs.150.00-300.00/kg was for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the fish varieties had decreased by 1%-11% while that of Salaya and Hurulla increased by 14% and 22% respectively.

The retail prices of the fish varieties have decreased by 1%-6% recording the highest price decrease for Hurulla. The highest retail price range was recorded for Thora as Rs.1400.00-2300.00/kg while the lowest price range of Rs.260.00-480.00/kg was noted for Salaya.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of most of the fish varieties had increased by 2%-24%. In contrast, the retail prices of Mora decreased by 16%, followed by Kelawalla (4%) and shrimps (1%).

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	150.00-300.00	244.80	260.75	215.33	-15.95	-6.12	29.47	13.68
Hurulla	350.00-600.00	469.80	472.00	383.75	-2.20	-0.47	86.05	22.42
Balaya	300.00-400.00	364.80	383.25	369.58	-18.45	-4.81	-4.78	-1.29
Kelawalla	450.00-700.00	622.25	627.38	648.75	-5.13	-0.82	-26.50	-4.08
Thora	850.00-1400.00	1180.29	1235.00	1319.44	-54.71	-4.43	-139.16	-10.55
Paraw	550.00-750.00	650.89	662.00	715.36	-11.11	-1.68	-64.47	-9.01
Mora	550.00-770.00	656.40	685.00	658.44	-28.60	-4.18	-2.04	-0.31
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1200.00	1011.33	988.33	1064.38	23.00	2.33	-53.04	-4.98
Thalapath	850.00-1000.00	934.80	950.06	973.06	-15.26	-1.61	-38.26	-3.93
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	260.00-480.00	356.37	364.71	313.20	-8.33	-2.28	43.17	13.78
Hurulla	400.00-720.00	593.14	632.52	480.02	-39.38	-6.23	113.11	23.56
Balaya	500.00-800.00	694.37	709.08	681.42	-14.72	-2.08	12.95	1.90
Kelawalla	800.00-1200.00	1028.08	1051.77	1075.44	-23.69	-2.25	-47.36	-4.40
Thora	1400.00-2300.00	1693.27	1644.72	1650.29	48.55	2.95	42.98	2.60
Paraw	1000.00-1400.00	1227.05	1243.34	1206.72	-16.29	-1.31	20.33	1.68
Mora	700.00-720.00	712.00	-	848.75	-	-	-136.75	-16.11
Shrimp (small)	1000.00-1400.00	1204.37	1237.20	1211.74	-32.83	-2.65	-7.37	-0.61
Thalapath	1200.00-1520.00	1326.17	1325.35	1279.79	0.82	0.06	46.38	3.62

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Stock position of dried fish has been increased during the month. As a result, the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties have decreased by 2%-16%. The highest price decrease was recorded for Balaya. Meanwhile, the highest wholesale price of Rs.1150.00-1300.00/kg was recorded for imported Thora followed by Anguluwa (Rs.1000.00-1300.00) while lowest price range of Rs.300.00-400.00/kg was observed for Salaya.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of sprats, Kattawa, Thora, and Balaya had decreased by 2%-29% while that of remaining dried fish varieties increased by 3%-25%.

The retail prices sprats (both local and imported), kattawa, Mora and Balaya have decreased by 1%-6% while that of remaining dried fish varieties increased by 1%-10%. The highest price range of Rs.1400.00-2200.00/kg was further recorded for Thora while the lowest price range was for Salaya and imported sprats (Rs.500.00-800.00/kg).

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of imported sprats have decreased by 8% followed by sprats and Salaya as 2% and 1% respectively.

**Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b>									
Sprats	900.00-1200.00	1032.52	1032.50	1090.50	0.02	0.002	-57.98	-5.32	
Sprats (imported)	350.00-450.00	382.11	393.14	534.95	-11.03	-2.81	-152.84	-28.57	
Kattawa	950.00-1200.00	1034.86	1136.74	1035.93	-101.87	-8.96	-1.07	-0.10	
Kattawa (imported)	820.00-1000.00	893.16	939.25	942.31	-46.09	-4.91	-49.15	-5.22	
Thora	-	-	1250.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Thora (imported)	1150.00-1300.00	1230.47	1229.06	1250.00	1.40	0.11	-19.53	-1.56	
Mora	880.00-1100.00	964.58	988.44	875.75	-23.86	-2.41	88.83	10.14	
Mora (imported)	800.00-960.00	904.80	898.89	827.13	5.91	0.66	77.68	9.39	
Balaya	440.00-700.00	560.85	669.92	640.00	-109.07	-16.28	-79.15	-12.37	
Balaya (imported)	600.00-650.00	624.92	642.44	561.00	-	-	-	-	
Anguluwa	1000.00-1300.00	1171.59	1191.67	938.88	-20.08	-1.68	232.71	24.79	
Anguluwa (imported)	850.00-950.00	904.20	926.14	815.81	-21.94	-2.37	88.39	10.83	
Maduwa	580.00-750.00	658.44	624.11	606.25	34.33	5.50	52.19	8.61	
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-500.00	444.17	426.04	430.55	18.13	4.26	13.62	3.16	
Salaya	300.00-400.00	345.68	325.38	324.25	20.30	6.24	21.43	6.61	
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>									
Sprats(imported)	500.00-800.00	655.37	675.86	716.22	-20.49	-3.03	-60.85	-8.50	
Sprats	1000.00-1700.00	1240.89	1294.76	1269.90	-53.87	-4.16	-29.00	-2.28	
Kattawa	1200.00-1800.00	1441.69	1449.08	1441.18	-7.39	-0.51	0.50	0.03	
Thora	1400.00-2200.00	1890.79	1854.17	1844.58	36.63	1.98	46.21	2.51	
Mora	1000.00-1500.00	1218.20	1227.99	1218.03	-9.78	-0.80	0.18	0.01	
Balaya	600.00-1300.00	971.64	1034.36	965.15	-62.72	-6.06	6.49	0.67	
Anguluwa	1000.00-1600.00	1283.14	1277.16	1212.51	5.98	0.47	70.63	5.83	
Maduwa	600.00-1200.00	872.33	792.41	859.70	79.92	10.09	12.64	1.47	
Salaya	500.00-800.00	646.03	594.71	650.93	51.32	8.63	-4.90	-0.75	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Eggs

The wholesale prices of egg have increased by 11%, followed by retail prices as 11%-12%. The retail prices of brown egg and white egg reported as Rs.22.00-24.00/each Rs.21.00-23.00/each. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has increased by 15% while that of retail price increased by 11%-13%.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019		
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%	
<b>Wholesale Price</b>									
Eggs – Brown (each)	21.50-22.50	22.27	20.13	19.45	2.15	10.66	2.82	14.52	
White (each)	20.50-21.50	21.25	19.13	18.45	2.13	11.11	2.80	15.20	
<b>Retail Price</b>									
Eggs- Brown (each)	22.00-24.00	22.90	20.72	20.57	2.18	10.52	2.33	11.35	
White (each)	21.00-23.00	22.15	19.72	19.58	2.43	12.32	2.58	13.16	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Meat

During the month of August, the retail price of broiler chicken has decreased by 3% while significant price changes were not observed for the remaining meat varieties. The highest price range of Rs.1800.00-2100.00/kg was further noted for mutton. The lowest price range of Rs.520.00-700.00/kg was recorded for broiler chicken. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of chicken had increased by 7%-12% while that of remaining meat varieties increased by 1%-4%.

**Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	1000.00-1200.00	1,058.91	1,065.00	1,023.90	-6.09	-0.57	35.00	3.42
Chicken (Broiler)	520.00-700.00	604.44	625.42	565.71	-20.99	-3.36	38.73	6.85
Chicken (curry)	550.00-700.00	669.12	660.52	599.14	8.60	1.30	69.97	11.68
Mutton	1800.00-2100.00	1,893.33	1,904.55	1,871.91	-11.21	-0.59	21.43	1.14
Pork	700.00-880.00	780.52	774.58	750.00	5.94	0.77	30.52	4.07

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

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain and Wheat flour

**Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – August 2020**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	August 2020	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020		August 2019	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	92.00-93.00	92.48	93.76	95.95	-1.28	-1.37	-3.47	-3.62
Sugar	135.00-136.00	135.71	135.56	106.81	0.15	0.11	28.90	27.05

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain-March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
August -2020	699	52	73.77	92.48	18.71
July -2020	343	29	85.64	93.76	8.12
June -2020	-	-	-	94.21	-
May -2020	1,075	82	75.96	92.26	16.30
Apr -2020	444	33	75.05	89.04	13.99
Mar -2020	917	66	72.18	92.24	20.06
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
August -2020	181,589	8,411	46.32	92.48	46.16
July -2020	77,682	3,754	48.33	93.76	45.43
June -2020	-	-	-	94.21	-
May -2020	194,417	9,627	49.52	-	-
Apr -2020	32,297	1,620	50.17	89.04	38.87
Mar -2020	309,091	14,829	71.56	92.24	20.68

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

During the month of August, wheat grain imports reported as 181,589mt, a 134% increase compared to the previous month. The CIF price of wheat grain has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg from Rs.48.33/kg in July to Rs.46.32/kg in August. Further, about 699mt of wheat flour also had been imported during the month, a 104% increase compared to the month of July. The CIF price of wheat flour also had been decreased by Rs.12.00/kg from Rs.85.64/kg in July to Rs.73.77/kg in August. The local retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 1% and the price ranged between Rs.92.00-93.00/kg while the average price was recorded as Rs.92.48/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour had further decreased by 4%.

## Sugar

About 34,376mt of sugar had been imported during the month of August, a 48% (31,436mt) decrease compared to the imported quantity in July (65,812mt). However, the CIF price has not changed significantly compared to the last month and reported around Rs.74.00/kg. The local average retail price of sugar has not changed significantly and the price ranged between Rs.135.00-136.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.135.71/kg. However, compared to the same period of last year, average retail price of sugar has also further increased by 27%.

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- March 2020 to August 2020**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August -2020	34,376	2,540	73.90	135.71	61.81
July -2020	65,812	4,845	73.62	135.56	61.94
June -2020	-	-	-	138.87	-
May -2020	30,478	2,301	75.51	125.23	49.72
Apr -2020	34,839	2,548	73.13	119.21	46.08
Mar -2020	66,007	4,724	71.56	109.52	37.96

Source: Department of Customs; Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

**Table 7: Import of selected food items – August 2020**

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	August 2020	July 2020		August 2020	July 2020		August 2020	July 2020	
Rice	693	5	13,257.89	118.9	0.6	20,853.98	171.54	109.35	56.87
Red Onion	8	129	-93.47	0.5	14.8	-96.67	58.77	115.18	-48.97
Big Onion	12,085	29,697	-59.31	563.4	1,305.0	-56.83	46.62	43.94	6.09
Potato	12,511	12,039	3.92	704.3	686.1	2.66	56.29	56.99	-1.21
Dried Chillies	4,079	4,193	-2.72	1,137.3	1,188.6	-4.32	278.82	283.48	-1.65
Masoor Dhal	9,842	16,100	-38.87	1,028.6	1,730.0	-40.54	104.52	107.45	-2.73
Green Gram	625	1,775	-64.77	102.7	293.3	-65.00	164.15	165.24	-0.66
Cowpea	41	140	-70.71	6.5	17.1	-61.76	159.68	122.29	30.58
Garlic	3,564	2,857	24.74	462.3	317.5	45.61	129.71	111.12	16.72
Wheat flour	699	343	103.95	51.5	29.3	75.68	73.77	85.64	-13.86
Wheat grain	181,589	77,682	133.76	8,411.3	3,754.4	124.03	46.32	48.33	-4.16
White crystalline cane sugar	34,376	65,812	-47.77	2,540.3	4,845.3	-47.57	73.90	73.62	0.37
Maize (Other)	128	0.08	170,569.87	14.4	0.0	255,174.71	112.12	74.96	49.57

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI



**Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – August 2020**

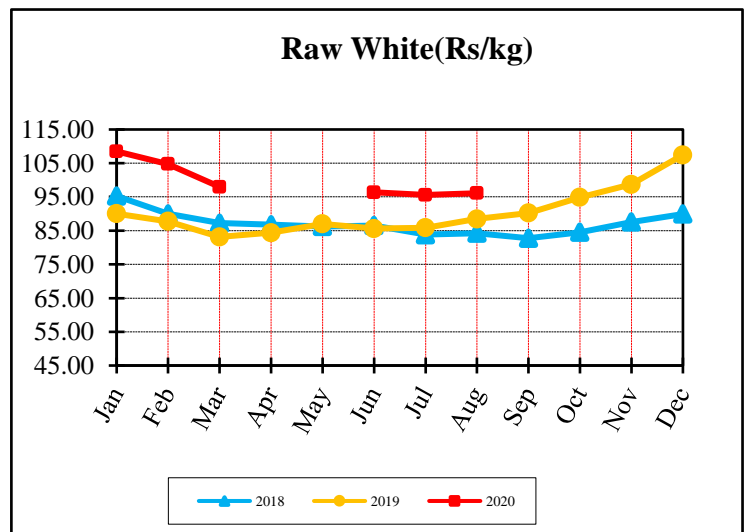
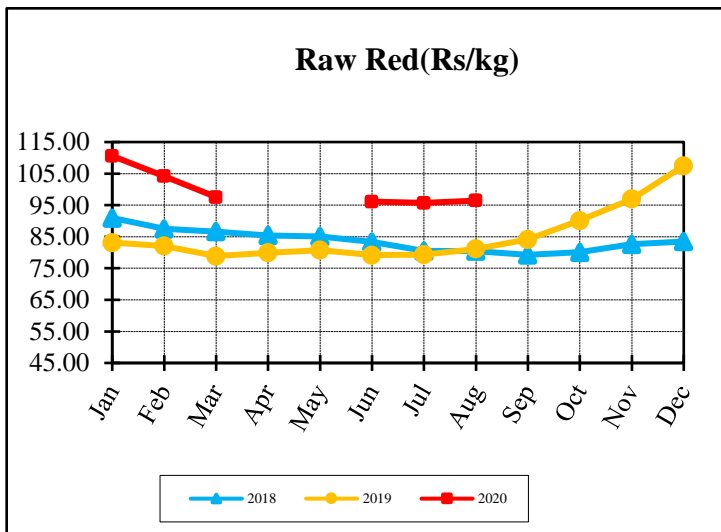
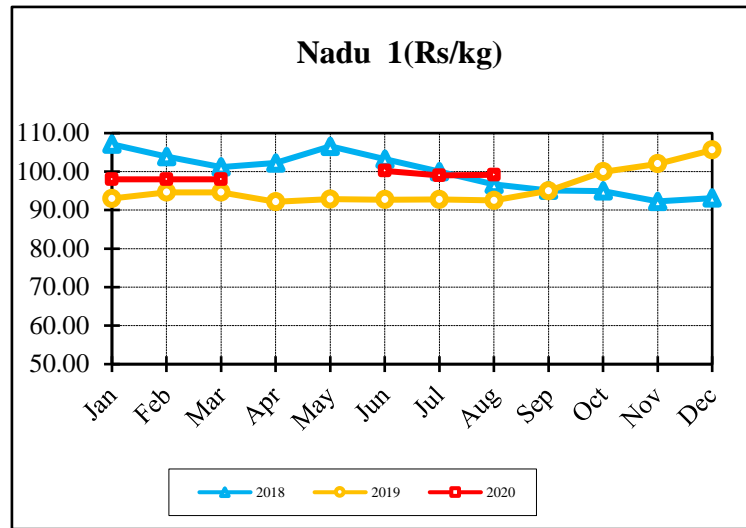
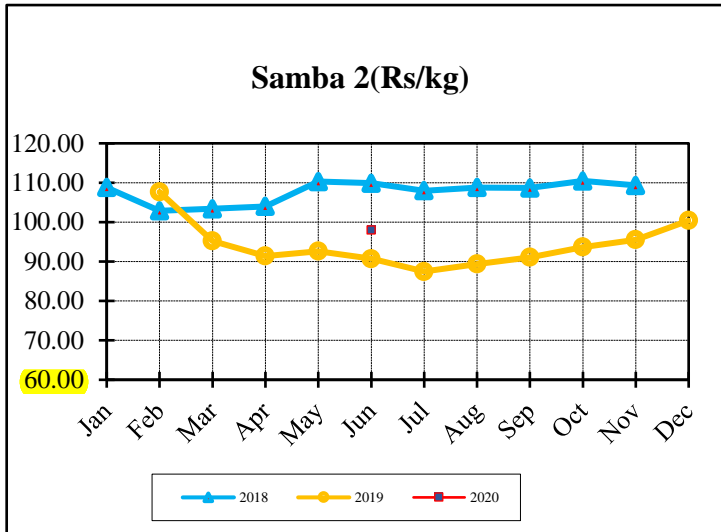
<b>Rainfall Station</b>	<b>Total Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>Total Rainy Days</b>	<b>30 Year Average Rainy Days</b>
Anuradhapura	39.0	68.7	4	5
Badulla	159.0	119.4	14	9
Bandarawela	77.9	112.2	14	9
Batticaloa	38.7	89	5	6
Colombo	97.5	128	7	9
Galle	164.9	111.3	14	9
Hambantota	68.0	65.4	10	5
Jaffna	33.2	25.7	2	2
Katugastota	114.2	71.9	12	8
Katunayaka	108.6	132.9	8	8
Kurunegala	83.0	139.1	8	8
Mahailuppallama	18.1	84.9	3	6
Mannar	32.8	44.4	2	3
Nuwara Eliya	308.7	71.5	19	8
Pottuvil	3.4	n/a	3	n/a
Puttalam	31.8	67.7	3	5
Ratmalana	129.9	141.5	11	9
Ratnapura	192.9	212.2	13	14
Trincomalee	17.5	55.5	3	4
Vavuniya	32.1	62.9	2	4
Polonnaruwa	29.6	n/a	5	n/a
Moneragala	100.4	n/a	4	n/a
Mattala	25.7	n/a	7	n/a

*Source: Department of Meteorology*

**Note: na refers to not available**

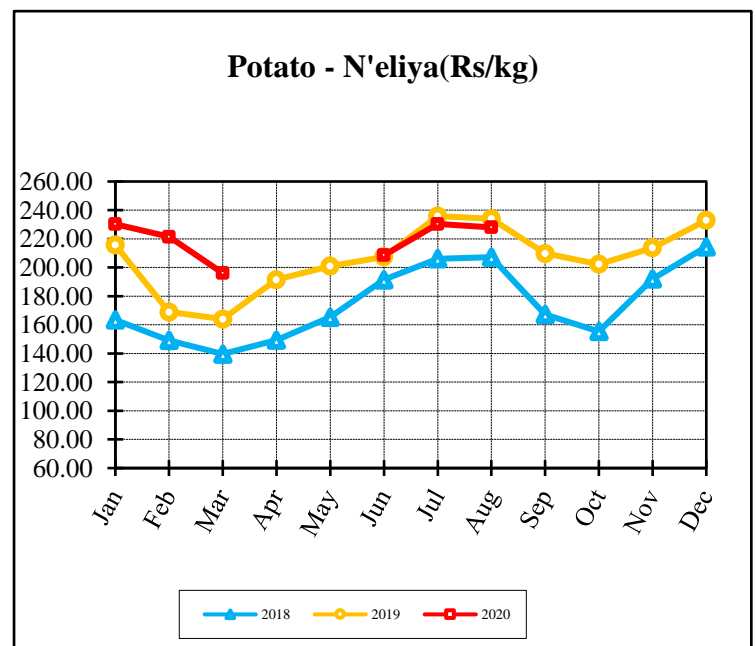
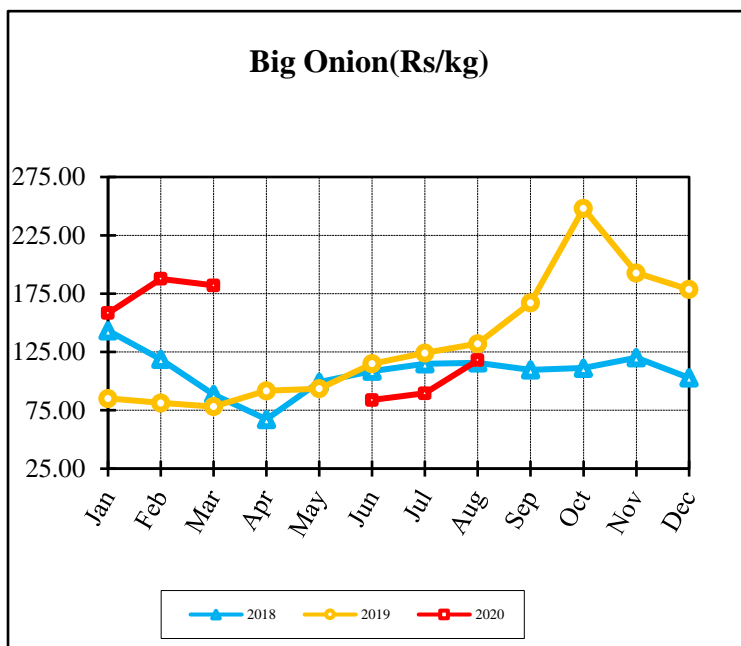
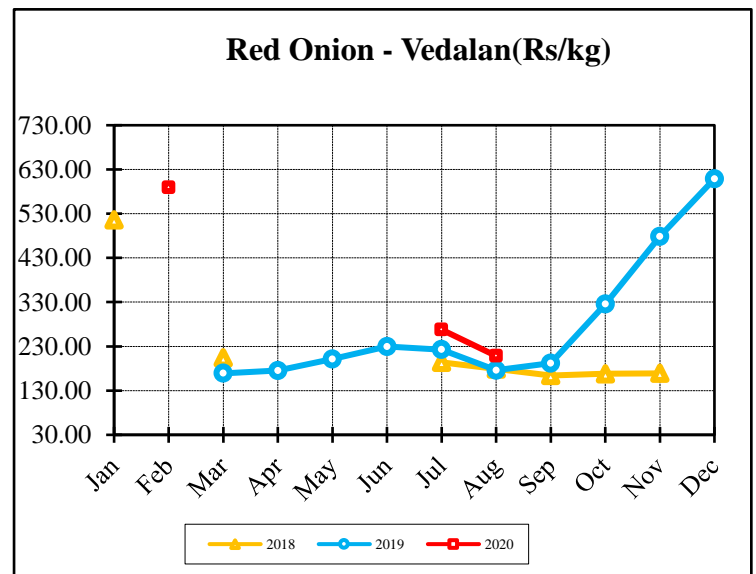
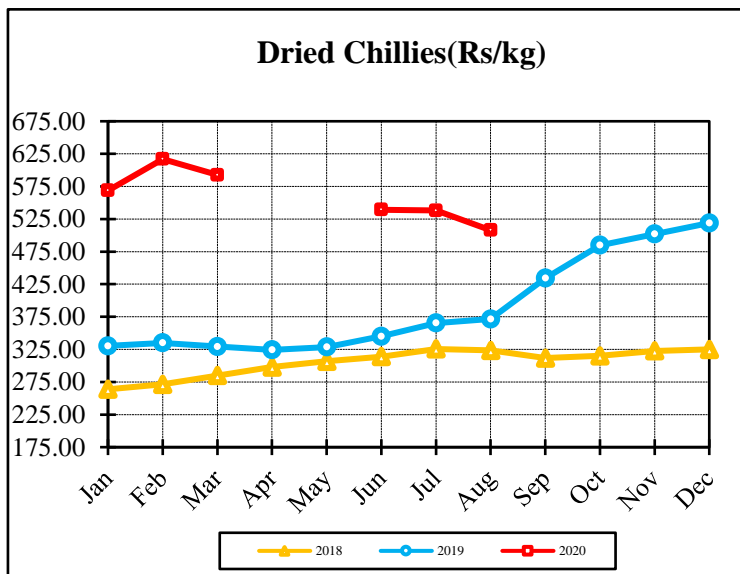
### Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Jan	108.80	-	-	107.10	93.00	98.00	90.96	83.12	110.60	95.24	90.02	108.50
Feb	102.88	107.65	-	103.88	94.64	98.00	87.49	82.07	104.20	90.00	87.74	104.75
Mar	103.40	95.23	-	101.20	94.63	98.00	86.63	78.87	97.55	87.25	83.14	97.98
Apr	104.00	91.39	-	102.24	92.17	-	85.43	79.92	-	86.74	84.39	-
May	110.30	92.62	-	106.56	92.83	-	85.08	80.74	-	86.25	87.00	-
Jun	109.91	90.71	98.00	103.22	92.73	100.19	83.32	79.19	96.10	86.52	85.64	96.36
Jul	108.00	87.49	-	99.99	92.75	98.97	80.52	79.31	95.73	83.80	85.86	95.59
Aug	108.80	89.38	-	96.68	92.49	99.16	80.42	81.14	96.47	84.25	88.49	96.13
Sep	108.67	91.08	-	95.11	95.00	-	79.26	84.14	-	82.76	90.23	-
Oct	110.47	93.68	-	94.97	99.95	-	80.08	90.11	-	84.54	94.88	-
Nov	109.30	95.57	-	92.27	102.03	-	82.65	96.96	-	87.55	98.70	-
Dec	-	100.42	-	93.13	105.60	-	83.48	107.46	-	89.95	107.48	-



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Jan	263.76	330.31	568.88	515.82			143.32	85.22	158.34	163.50	215.71	230.30
Feb	271.41	335.00	616.91			589.00	118.86	81.33	187.64	149.12	168.89	221.45
Mar	284.90	329.23	592.69	204.17	168.97		88.58	78.17	182.10	139.65	164.00	196.08
Apr	298.03	324.25			175.37		67.31	91.75		149.37	191.47	
May	306.67	328.50			201.43		99.21	93.54		165.33	200.97	
Jun	313.87	345.06	539.23		229.57		108.62	114.91	83.89	191.52	207.45	208.57
Jul	325.59	365.35	538.09	193.91	222.51	267.85	115.02	124.20	89.58	206.17	235.89	230.38
Aug	323.56	371.46	507.84	179.06	175.95	208.40	115.74	132.13	118.02	207.29	234.10	227.97
Sep	311.60	434.22		164.11	191.81		109.70	167.17		167.27	209.86	
Oct	315.11	484.80		168.06	325.31		111.28	248.02		155.45	202.38	
Nov	322.74	502.09		169.23	478.63		120.24	192.69		192.07	213.71	
Dec	324.98	518.89			608.84		102.86	178.67		214.56	232.91	



**Appendix 03: Farm gate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg) August-2020**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	
<b>Paddy</b>						<b>Potato</b>						<b>Leeks</b>						
<b>Short grain</b>						- N'Eliya	188.00	188.00	118.00	133.00	128.00	Welimada	34.60	35.60	35.60	35.60		
- A'pura	52.67	52.00	52.29	52.86	-	- Badulla					123.00	N'Eliya	33.00	33.00	33.00	37.00	28.00	
- P'naruwa	48.82	48.82	50.98	46.87	48.12	- Welimada	163.60	155.20	108.00	108.00		<b>Beetroot</b>						
- Kalawewa	49.40	51.67	52.00	51.44	51.44	<b>Pulses</b>						Hanguranketha	65.00	75.00				
- Kurunegala	49.75	47.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	<b>Green Gram</b>						N'Eliya	68.00	72.00	72.00	88.00	88.00	
- Dehiattakandiya	48.43	49.53	53.25	51.39	52.00	- Galgamuwa						Dambulla	80.80	69.80	87.40	72.60	81.00	
- Ampara						- Kalawewa		235.00	235.00	230.00	223.33	Kurunegala						
<b>Long grain</b>						- Embilipitiya	227.50	227.50	227.50	212.33	212.33	Welimada	63.60	72.60	78.60	79.60		
<b>(White)</b>						- Kurunegala						<b>Knokhol</b>						
- A'pura	46.50	46.20	46.14	47.00	-	- A'pura	197.00	196.00	193.00	180.00		Hanguranketha	50.00	55.00	55.00	55.00		
- P'naruwa	42.97	43.19	46.29	46.97	48.20	<b>Cowpea</b>						N'Eliya	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	
- Kalawewa	41.80	48.29	46.38	47.89	47.89	- A'pura	208.00	206.00	216.00	198.00		Welimada	65.80	65.80	65.80	75.20		
- Kurunegala	46.50	46.30	46.30	46.30	46.30	- Galgamuwa						<b>Radish</b>						
- Dehiattakandiya	43.50	44.37	47.00	49.64	50.00	- Nikaweratiya						Hanguranketha	22.50	22.50	27.50	22.50		
- Embilipitiya						- Kalawewa						N'Eliya	37.00	33.00	33.00	42.00	37.00	
- Ampara						- Embilipitiya	287.50	287.50	287.50	285.00	285.00	Welimada	28.20	28.20	29.20	37.20		
- Matara						- Kurunegala						<b>Cabbage</b>						
- Hambantota						<b>Maize</b>						Hanguranketha	45.00	55.00	55.00	50.00		
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>						- A'Pura	66.25	69.00	72.00	72.00		N'Eliya	67.00	67.00	92.00	127.00	88.00	
- Matara	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.40	52.80	- Kalawewa				70.00	70.00	Welimada	55.75	55.75	83.50	94.75		
- Hambantota	50.33	50.33	50.33	50.33	50.33	<b>Gingelly</b>						Hambantota						
- Ampara						- A'Pura	358.00	365.00	363.00	362.00		Badulla	56.00	76.00	54.00	98.00	76.00	
- Embilipitiya	50.60	50.80	51.00	51.00	51.60	- Kalawewa						<b>Tomato</b>						
<b>Other Food Crops</b>						<b>Black Gram</b>						Hanguranketha	25.00	21.00	33.33	35.00		
<b>Dried Chillies</b>						- Kalawewa		600.00	600.00	493.33	493.33	Welimada	22.60	22.60	25.60	40.60		
- A'Pura						- A'Pura	564.00	614.00	610.00	539.00		Hambantota	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	
- Galgamuwa						<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>						Dambulla	29.00	17.20	36.60	58.60	69.00	
- Kalawewa						<b>Beans</b>						<b>Low Country</b>						
<b>Red Onion</b>						- Dambulla	168.50	150.50	200.00	171.50	155.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>						
- Puttalam						- Welimada	188.60	202.60	193.60	168.60		A'pura	33.33	30.00	33.33	33.33		
-						- Badulla	168.00	130.00	209.00	174.00	172.00	Dambulla	30.00	30.60	37.20	40.80	31.20	
<b>Big Onion</b>						<b>Carrot</b>						Hambantota						
- Dambulla			76.38	81.60	95.20	- Hanguranketha	82.50	65.00	68.33	80.00		Embilipitiya	47.00	47.00	56.00	57.00	60.00	
- Kalawewa						- N'Eliya	80.00	73.00	73.00	108.00	92.00	Matara						
- A'Pura						- Welimada	55.20	59.20	59.20	83.60								
- Kurunegala																		

**Appendix 03: contd.....**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week</b>
<b><u>Brinjals</u></b>						<b><u>Pumpkin</u></b>						<b><u>Lime</u></b>					
- A'pura	80.00	66.67	98.00	95.00	-	- Dambulla	51.80	72.40	79.80	99.00	96.00	- Hambantota	160.00	86.67	63.33	63.33	63.33
- Dambulla	81.40	72.20	98.00	96.20	85.40	- Hambantota	43.33	43.33	53.33	53.33	53.33	- Embilipitiya	113.00	113.00	55.00	62.50	60.83
- Hambantota	45.00	45.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	- Embilipitiya	46.67	74.00	84.00	90.00	90.00	- Moneragala					
- Embilipitiya	79.00	85.00	96.00	96.00	93.00	- Matara	73.33	95.00	110.00			<b><u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u></b>					
- Matara				115.00	110.00	- A'pura	67.67	51.25	78.25	80.00	-	<b><u>Banana</u></b>					
- Welimada	55.20	52.20	88.20	87.60		- Moneragala						<b><u>Ambul</u></b>					
						<b><u>Cucumber</u></b>						- Moneragala					
<b><u>Capsicum</u></b>						- A'pura	25.75	21.67	26.25	30.00	-	- Embilipitiya	64.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	89.00
- Welimada	206.00	239.60	239.60	274.00	-	- Dambulla	26.80	22.40	26.80	28.20	25.80	- Hambantota					
<b><u>Bitter Gourd</u></b>						- Hambantota	23.33	23.33	23.33	23.33	23.33	<b><u>Kolikuttu</u></b>					
- A'pura	69.33	73.33	101.67	128.33	-	- Matara						- Moneragala					
- Dambulla	80.00	94.20	121.00	132.00	119.00	<b><u>Long beans</u></b>						- Embilipitiya	169.00	169.00	169.00	169.00	179.00
- Hambantota	63.33	86.67	86.67	86.67	86.67	- Dambulla	62.60	72.00	82.60	87.40	94.00	- Hambantota	137.50	137.50	130.00	130.00	130.00
- Embilipitiya	95.00		127.50	155.00	155.00	- Hambantota	33.33	53.33	53.33	53.33	53.33	<b><u>Papaw</u></b>					
						- Embilipitiya	68.00	73.00	80.83	79.17	79.17	- Moneragala					
<b><u>Snake Gourd</u></b>						- Matara						- Embilipitiya	52.00	50.00	52.00	86.00	86.00
- Dambulla	57.20	63.20	89.40	99.00	83.20	- A'Pura	60.00	63.33	81.67	83.33	-	- Hambantota	33.75	33.75	35.00	35.00	35.00
- Hambantota	36.67	36.67	70.00	70.00	70.00	<b><u>Ash Plantain</u></b>						<b><u>Pineapple</u></b>					
- Embilipitiya	65.00	87.00	87.00	91.25	93.75	- Hambantota	36.67	46.67	46.67	46.67	46.67						
- Matara	82.50	100.00	120.00	120.00	135.00	- Embilipitiya	50.00	60.00	62.00	62.00	64.00						
- A'pura	60.67	51.67	81.67	86.67		- Matara											
<b><u>Luffa</u></b>						<b><u>Green Chillies</u></b>											
- Dambulla	66.80	82.00	106.00	120.00	96.00	- Dambulla	204.00	125.00	131.10	106.00	127.00						
- Hambantota	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	- Hambantota											
- Embilipitiya	75.00	86.00	107.00	89.00	108.00	- Embilipitiya	250.00	159.00	182.50	153.33	158.33						
- Matara	102.50	102.50	-	-	-	- Puttalam	150.00	121.00	96.40	130.00	-						
- A'pura	53.33	66.67	103.33	80.00	-	- A'Pura	200.00	203.33	160.00	176.67							