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### Highlights

#### Rice

Despite the reduction in prices for key paddy varieties, the rice market did not reflect this change during the month, primarily due to a shortage in rice supplies. Consequently, wholesale prices for all local rice varieties, excluding red raw, experienced a further increase compared to the previous month. Notably, Keeri samba recorded the highest price hike at Rs. 17.16/kg. Samba grade I and II witnessed wholesale prices ranging from Rs. 205.00-220.00 and Rs. 200.00-215.00/kg, respectively, during the month.

In the current month, retail prices for all local rice varieties, excluding raw red, have seen an increase in the range of 1-5% compared to the previous month. This rise can be attributed to diminished supplies. Furthermore, when compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all varieties have witnessed an escalation within the range of 6-45%, with imported *Ponni* samba experiencing the highest price surge.

#### Vegetables

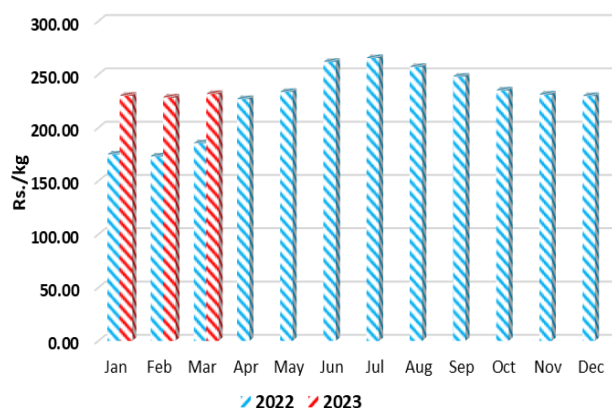
Due to an increase in market supply, wholesale prices for the majority of up-country and low-country vegetables have experienced a decrease. Wholesale prices for up-country vegetables have notably decreased by 3%-39%, excluding cabbage. The most significant price reduction was observed in beans, with a decrease of 39%. Among up-country vegetables, beans also exhibited the highest recorded price of Rs. 202.00/kg, while radish reported the lowest at Rs. 53.00/kg.

Consistent with the fluctuations in wholesale prices, retail prices for the majority of vegetable varieties have experienced a decrease. Retail prices for up-country vegetables notably saw a decline of 7%-31%. Capsicum reported the highest retail price at Rs. 505.00/kg, while pumpkin recorded the lowest at Rs. 147.00/kg.

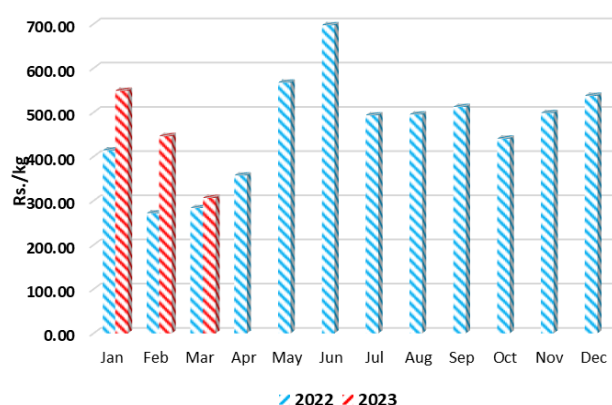
#### Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Due to lower food inflation and abundant supply resulting from favorable weather conditions, the prices of most fish varieties have experienced a further decline in both wholesale and retail markets. However, the retail prices of both types of eggs have increased due to a shortage that occurred after the implementation of maximum retail prices (MRP) for brown eggs at Rs. 46.00 and white eggs at Rs. 44.00.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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

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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Pettah      | 4. Thotalanga | 7. Kiribathgoda |
| 2. Narahenpita | 5. Peliyagoda | 8. Maharagama   |
| 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

According to the Department of Agriculture, the sown area of paddy in March 2023 remains consistent with the year-on-year basis, totaling 809,350 hectares. The projected paddy production, estimated at 2.63 million metric tons, takes into account crop losses. Various factors, including yellowing, pest and diseases, floods, and other reasons, have affected a total area of 112,379 hectares. The impact is notably concentrated in the Batticaloa district and Mahaweli systems C, B, and G.

Cultivation efforts have nearly achieved the set targets in regions such as Colombo, Vavuniya, Polonnaruwa IP, Anuradhapura IP, and Mahaweli Systems H, H1, D, L, and Udawalawa.

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

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end March 2023 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)	Total affected extent (ha)	Revised production forecast (Mt)
<b>Provincial Areas</b>						
Colombo	4,197	4,345	104	12,040	512	11,600
Gampaha	13,277	12,492	94	38,332	625	37,852
Kalutara	14,722	13,313	90	39,177	6,264	31,242
Galle	14,048	12,939	92	33,417	892	32,637
Matara	15,276	14,288	94	38,467	769	37,924
Ratnapura	11,958	11,589	97	42,456	1,988	38,815
Kegalle	8,336	7,039	84	24,001	-	24,001
Kurunagala	83,507	70,939	85	277,373	1,864	274,489
Puttalam	22,745	19,159	84	58,627	67	58,452
Kandy	9,816	9,017	92	29,145	273	28,830
Matale	18,259	15,500	85	66,488	74	66,338
N eliya	6,628	5,840	88	13,756	-	13,756
Badulla	16,594	14,385	87	50,131	-	50,131
Monaragala	29,732	28,488	96	115,301	4,280	110,970
Jaffna	13,000	12,973	100	32,004	2,387	29,598
Kilinochchi	28,779	28,779	100	86,573	-	86,573
Vavuniya	22,394	23,903	107	87,053	2,500	83,684
Mullativu	21,899	21,950	100	77,455	4,392	70,715
Mannar	21,694	21,621	100	87,529	270	86,756
Anuradhapura	79,196	66,699	84	204,340	8,910	182,175
Trincomalee	42,498	42,056	99	146,903	9,750	138,388
Batticaloa	74,333	71,189	96	193,522	25,492	152,284
Ampara	7,303	7,302	100	28,951	4,960	16,377
Hambantota	13,016	12,111	93	56,925	221	56,666
<b>Inter Provincial Areas</b>						
Polonnaruwa IP	32,000	32,750	102	132,686	0	132,686
Ampara IP	64,688	64,690	100	255,253	0	255,253
Monaragala IP	6,314	6,156	98	24,917	1,280	23,457
Hambantota IP	15,727	15,404	98	72,101	0	72,101
Hasalaka IP*	14,026	12,079	86	39,039	0	39,039
Anuradhapura IP	31,485	32,145	102	97,978	0	97,978
<b>Mahaweli Systems</b>						
Udawalawa	11,810	13,042	110	59,641	1,099	58,337
System H	21,755	21,872	101	66,666	10,933	51,885
System H1	8,199	8,318	101	25,353	1,530	24,165
System B	20,745	20,371	98	74,639	8,524	52,905
System C	22,960	22,178	97	81,260	10,473	63,622
System G	5,948	5,806	98	22,156	381	21,244
System D	1,559	1,920	123	7,035	740	5,748
Rambakanoya	1,050	957	91	3,162	718	2,110
System L	2,080	3,746	180	11,208	210	10,947
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>853,553</b>	<b>809,350</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2,813,062</b>	<b>112,379</b>	<b>2,631,729</b>

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 06, Department of Agriculture

## Producer Prices

Producer prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red paddy varieties have shown a decreasing trend in all major producing areas during the month. Harvesting of paddy in *Maha*, 2022/23 season was in progress in the producing areas in the Eastern province and Kurunegala and Anuradhapura districts. Prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.85.00-110.00/Kg and Rs.77.00-102.00/Kg respectively. The lowest prices for long grain white was recorded in Kalawewa. Producer prices of Keeri samba ranged between Rs. 100.00 - 129.50/kg in all the major producing areas.

Compared to last month, the average producer prices of short grain and long grain white varieties have decreased in all most all the major producing areas. The lowest price for the short grain white paddy was recorded in Kalawewa and Kurunegala while the highest was recorded in Polonnaruwa and Ampara. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red have decreased in all most all the major producing areas.

**Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy –March 2023**

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>								
Anuradhapura	90.00-105.00	98.50	100.50	100.46	-2.00	-1.99	-1.96	-1.96
Polonnaruwa	93.00-110.00	105.43	105.17	108.94	0.26	0.25	-3.51	-3.22
Kalawewa	85.00-105.00	94.68	98.98	95.50	-4.30	-4.34	-0.83	-0.86
Kurunegala	85.00-106.00	95.53	101.27	99.30	-5.74	-5.67	-3.77	-3.80
Dehiattakandiya	92.50-108.50	104.37	99.63	105.92	4.74	4.76	-1.55	-1.46
Nikaweratiya	88.00-108.00	100.71	101.39	96.37	-0.67	-0.67	4.34	4.51
Ampara	90.00-110.00	103.13	105.46	105.21	-2.33	-2.21	-2.08	-1.98
<b>Long Grain White</b>								
Anuradhapura	85.00-100.00	93.45	96.30	100.15	-2.85	-2.96	-6.70	-6.69
Polonnaruwa	80.00-110.00	94.45	102.48	108.81	-8.03	-7.83	-14.36	-13.20
Kalawewa	77.00-100.00	87.29	95.52	94.41	-8.23	-8.61	-7.11	-7.53
Kurunegala	80.00-100.00	89.04	97.23	100.77	-8.19	-8.43	-11.73	-11.64
Dehiattakandiya	79.00-99.00	90.84	96.92	105.92	-6.08	-6.27	-15.08	-14.23
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	80.00-101.00	93.78	97.98	96.37	-4.20	-4.29	-2.59	-2.69
Ampara	85.00-102.00	93.42	91.77	-	1.65	1.79	-	-
<b>Long Grain Red</b>								
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	80.00-95.00	87.94	92.69	105.31	-4.75	-5.12	-17.37	-16.50
Hambantota	75.00-100.00	87.85	95.33	105.08	-7.48	-7.84	-17.23	-16.40
Embilipitiya	85.00-96.00	90.65	92.45	107.10	-1.80	-1.95	-16.45	-15.36
<b>Keeri Samba</b>								
A'pura	110.00-125.00	116.00	112.25	108.00	3.75	3.34	8.00	7.41
Polonnaruwa	120.00-128.00	124.64	117.44	122.43	7.20	6.13	2.21	1.80
Kalawewa	100.00-120.00	110.98	106.85	107.00	4.13	3.86	3.97	3.71
Kurunegala	100.00-120.00	114.96	110.00	112.00	4.96	4.51	2.96	2.65
Dehiattakandiya	103.00-129.50	119.33	110.67	118.58	8.66	7.82	0.75	0.63

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Despite the reduction in prices for key paddy varieties, the rice market did not reflect this change during the month, primarily due to a shortage in rice supplies. Consequently, wholesale prices for all local rice varieties, excluding red raw, experienced a further increase compared to the previous month. Notably, Keeri samba recorded the highest price hike at Rs. 17.16/kg. Samba grade I and II witnessed wholesale prices ranging from Rs. 205.00-220.00 and Rs. 200.00-215.00/kg, respectively, during the month.

Moreover, wholesale prices for all imported rice varieties saw an increase in the range of 2-8%, attributed to elevated import costs. In contrast, the wholesale price of raw red decreased by 4% compared to the previous month, with prices ranging between Rs. 155.00-180.00/kg.

In a year-on-year comparison, wholesale prices for all rice varieties, except raw red, saw a substantial increase of 8-64%. The imported samba variety recorded the highest price surge at 64%.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	205.00-220.00	215.94	212.30	176.64	3.64	1.71	39.30	22.25
Samba 2	200.00-215.00	210.58	205.98	171.35	4.61	2.24	39.23	22.89
Keeri Samba	240.00-250.00	244.50	227.34	223.16	17.16	7.55	21.34	9.56
Nadu 1	185.00-195.00	187.16	187.35	169.56	-0.19	-0.10	17.60	10.38
Nadu 2	180.00-185.00	183.00	178.70	163.50	4.30	2.40	19.50	11.93
Raw red	155.00-180.00	163.89	171.60	174.22	-7.71	-4.49	-10.32	-5.92
Raw white	170.00-185.00	176.25	173.18	168.28	3.07	1.78	7.97	4.74
Imported Samba	200.00-215.00	207.40	193.98	143.45	13.43	6.92	63.95	44.58
Imported Raw White	170.00-180.00	174.34	161.35	128.30	12.99	8.05	46.04	35.88
Imported Nadu	163.00-175.00	170.86	166.73	133.93	4.14	2.48	36.93	27.58
<b>Retail Prices-</b>								
Samba 1	220.00-240.00	231.74	228.58	185.71	3.16	1.38	46.03	24.79
Samba 2	210.00-230.00	221.53	217.90	174.23	3.62	1.66	47.30	27.15
Keeri Samba	250.00-270.00	262.08	254.05	245.56	8.04	3.16	16.53	6.73
Nadu 1	210.00-230.00	219.37	218.61	178.69	0.76	0.35	40.68	22.76
Nadu 2	190.00-210.00	206.15	205.48	168.89	0.67	0.33	37.26	22.06
Raw red	170.00-210.00	192.21	198.52	181.30	-6.31	-3.18	10.91	6.02
Raw white	180.00-210.00	194.29	197.12	179.60	-2.83	-1.43	14.69	8.18
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	210.00-230.00	223.47	217.07	154.09	6.40	2.95	69.38	45.03
Imported Raw White	180.00-200.00	192.25	182.79	143.93	9.46	5.17	48.32	33.57
Imported Nadu	180.00-200.00	195.43	192.13	149.55	3.30	1.72	45.88	30.68

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

### Retail Prices

In the current month, retail prices for all local rice varieties, excluding raw red, have seen an increase in the range of 1-5% compared to the previous month. This rise can be attributed to diminished supplies. Furthermore, when compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all varieties have witnessed an escalation within the range of 6-45%, with imported *Ponni* samba experiencing the highest price surge.

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation and Progress

In the Maha 2022/23 season, the targeted land extent for green chilli cultivation was set at 11,214 hectares. However, by the end of the season, only 7,836 hectares were cultivated, accounting for 70% of the target. Notably, the Anuradhapura district recorded both the highest targeted extent (1,776 hectares) and cultivated extent (667 hectares) by the end of the month. Surprisingly, despite this, the Monaragala district yielded the highest expected production at 11,605 metric tons.

In March alone, approximately 400 hectares of green chilli were cultivated across the country. Nevertheless, there is a notable 4% increase in the cultivated extent by the end of this Maha season compared to the last one.

Based on the cultivated extent up to the end of the season, the anticipated green chilli production for this Maha season is estimated to be 87,778 metric tons. Notably, around 46% of this production is expected to come from Anuradhapura (7%), Puttalam (10%), Jaffna (10%), Monaragala (13%), and Inter Provincial DDA areas (6%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end March 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Anuradhapura	1,776	667	38	6,472
Puttalam	1,770	461	26	8,683
Monaragala	683	635	93	11,605
Batticaloa	588	582	99	3,083
Jaffna	770	491	64	8,998
Kurunegala	440	386	88	4,105
Badulla	415	497	120	5,213
Kilinochchi	485	311	64	1,396
Nuwara Eliya	271	240	89	4,223
Mullathivu	370	296	80	4,886
Interprovincial DDA areas	751	551	73	5,672
Mahaweli areas	515	492	96	2,252
Other areas	2,380	2,227	95	21,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,214</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>87,778</b>

*Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 06, Department of Agriculture*

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli from the main producing areas has decreased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.37.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.310.50/kg and Rs.490.66/kg respectively. Higher producer prices for green chilli were recorded from the Embilipitiya area with the price range of Rs.317.00 – 358.00/kg during the month of March. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of green chillies has increased by about 1% while the retail price has decreased by about 6%.

A quantity of 3,408 mt of dried chillie was imported in March, 2023 and this quantity was less than 816mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.723.55/kg and it has decreased by Rs.89.54/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.116.00/kg and Rs.185.00/kg respectively. Prices ranged between Rs.950.00-1220.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.1100.00 – Rs. 1600.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 5% and 20% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	250.00-400.00	310.50	273.41	306.00	37.09	13.57	4.50	1.47
Dried Chilli	950.00-1220.00	1061.50	1177.50	1013.85	-116.00	-9.85	47.65	4.70
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	300.00-700.00	490.66	479.55	523.20	11.11	2.32	-32.55	-6.22
Dried Chilli	1100.00-1600.00	1439.94	1625.09	1197.17	-185.15	-11.39	242.77	20.28

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	308.00	266.00	256.00	236.00
Embilipitiya	358.00	323.33	323.33	316.67
Puttalam	260.00	278.00	248.00	202.00
A'Pura	154.00	288.00	308.00	262.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (March– Oct 2023)**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
March-2023	3408.37	2466.11	723.55	1439.94	716.39
Feb-2023	4224.49	3434.89	813.09	1625.09	812.00
Jan-2023	3079.93	2746.44	891.72	1752.35	860.63
Dec-2022	4063.21	3596.78	885.21	1785.38	900.17
Nov-2022	3959.56	3568.72	901.29	1843.52	942.23
Oct-2022	2888.04	2566.62	888.70	1815.12	926.42

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

## 2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

### Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for red onion for maha 2022/23 season was 3575ha, of which 1,879ha has been cultivated by the end of the maha season. It represented 53% of the targeted extent of red onion in Sri Lanka. The targeted extent of land cultivation with red onion was about, 1900 ha in Jaffna and 1417ha of the target (75%) was grown at the end of March 2023. In March about 361 ha of red onion was cultivated in Jaffna while no cultivation was recorded in Puttalam district. The cultivation progress of red onion in Puttalam district was 25% of the targeted extent at the end of March 2023. Compared to last maha season, the cultivated extent by the end of this maha

season has decreased by about 14% in Sri Lanka. According to the cultivated extent up to end of the season, the expected production of red onion is 23136mt and out of that around 90% of the production will be supplied from Jaffna (76%), and Puttalam (14%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of March 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	1900	1,417	75	17,571
Puttalam	900	228	25	3,211
Other area	775	234	30	2,354
<b>Total</b>	<b>3575</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>23,136</b>

*Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 06, Department of Agriculture*

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of only imported and big onions during this month too. A quantity of 30,172mt of big onion was imported in March 2023 and this quantity was higher than the 6,965 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.61.75/kg and it has decreased by Rs.11.59/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have decreased by about Rs.17.00/kg and Rs.32.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.94.18/kg and Rs.126.33/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 26% and 28% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

The supply of local red onion has increased from the main producing areas during this month. Hence wholesale prices of sinnan and vedalan red onion have decreased by about Rs.47.00/kg and Rs.81.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of vedalan has also decreased by about Rs.54.00/kg and prices range between Rs.320.00 -360.00/kg for sinnan and Rs.360.00- 560.00/kg for vedalan. A quantity of 1,341mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 248 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.109.33/kg and it has decreased by Rs. 19.01/kg compared to the previous month. With the availability of ample stocks of local red onion in the market, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onions have decreased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.102.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of sinnan, vedalan and imported red onions have increased by about 28%, 17% and 13% respectively.



**Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	220.00-280.00	243.33	290.00	182.33	-46.67	-16.09	61.00	33.46
Red Onion (Vedalan)	250.00-340.00	298.78	380.00	248.81	-81.22	-21.37	49.97	20.08
Red Onion (Imported)	250.00-300.00	273.39	285.50	209.44	-12.11	-4.24	63.94	30.53
Big Onion (imported)	75.00-110.00	94.18	111.20	127.58	-17.03	-15.31	-33.40	-26.18
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	320.00-360.00	352.02	-	274.26	-	-	77.76	28.35
Red Onion (Vedalan)	360.00-560.00	479.02	532.96	410.30	-53.94	-10.12	68.72	16.75
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-440.00	389.11	491.57	343.71	-102.46	-20.84	45.40	13.21
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-150.00	126.33	158.70	175.30	-32.36	-20.39	-48.97	-27.93
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.3: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, March 2023**

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	March,2023	61.75	94.18	126.33	32.43	32.16
	February,2023	73.34	111.20	158.70	37.86	47.50
	March,2022	85.89	127.58	175.30	41.69	47.72
Red onion	March,2023	109.33	273.39	389.11	164.06	115.72
	February,2023	128.34	285.50	491.57	157.16	206.07
	March,2022	113.53	209.44	343.71	95.91	134.27

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onions**

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
March-2023	30,172.31	61.75	94.18	126.33	64.59
February-2023	23,206.84	73.34	111.20	158.70	85.35
January-2023	27,637.65	84.21	145.40	188.50	104.29
Dec-2022	25,501.24	88.27	157.60	195.56	107.29
Nov-2022	19,712.16	92.02	226.13	281.28	189.26
Oct-2022	12,950.79	83.42	202.30	233.69	150.28

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions**

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	March,2023	Feb,2023	March,2023	Feb,2023	March,2023	Feb,2023
Red Onion	1340.93	1589.15	146.60	203.96	109.33	128.34
Big Onion	30172.31	23206.84	1862.99	1702.00	61.75	73.34

Source: Department of Customs

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *Maha* 2022/23 season is 3,202 ha and about 1,682ha had been cultivated by the end of the season achieving 53% of the target. Potato cultivation did not achieve the targeted cultivation extent by the season's end. However, when compared to last *Maha* season cultivation extent of *Maha* 2022/23 is recorded as 102%. The major reason for this drastic drop in the potato cultivation with the target is mainly due to the high seed cost due to the prevailing economic crisis.

However, compared to last maha season, the cultivated extent by the end of this maha season has increased by 102%. According to the cultivated extent up to the end of the season, the expected potato production is 27,140 mt for this maha season (Table 2.3.1). In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,526 ha and about 782 ha of potato had been cultivated by the end of the season (51% progress). The targeted extent for this maha season is 1,533 ha in the Badulla district and 861 ha had been cultivated by the end of the season achieving the targeted extent by 56%.

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 20, 479 mt of potato had been imported in March, which was 6,221 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.56 /kg in March (Table 2.3.2). With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were available in the Colombo Wholesale market. In March, the wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 11% and 13% respectively. Further, the retail prices of Welimada potatoes have increased by 4% and retail prices Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes have decreased by 1% and 14% respectively.

During the month of March, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 180.00-200.00/kg, Rs. 210.00-230.00/kg and Rs. 95.00-130.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (26%), Nuwara Eliya (22%) and imported (1%) potatoes have increased (Table 2.3.3).

**Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –Oct 2022 to March 2023**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
March-2023	20,479	1145.17	55.92	159.15	103.23
February-2023	14,258	922.11	64.68	185.01	120.34
January-2023	17,961	1209.22	67.32	181.78	114.46
December-2022	15,183	1199.30	78.99	232.61	153.61
November-2022	12,035	883.04	73.37	239.85	166.48
October-2022	12,788	965.08	75.47	233.55	158.08

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	150.00-175.00	163.90	170.25	136.85	-6.35	-3.73	27.05	19.77
Nuwara Eliya	175.00-195.00	186.20	218.75	149.80	-32.55	-14.88	36.40	24.30
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	180.00-200.00	189.38	215.00	151.94	-25.63	-11.92	37.44	24.64
Nuwara Eliya	210.00-230.00	220.63	255.00	175.94	-34.38	-13.48	44.69	25.40
Imported	95.00-130.00	119.38	134.26	120.08	-14.89	-11.09	-0.70	-0.58
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	260.00-320.00	290.88	279.25	230.75	11.63	4.17	60.13	26.06
Nuwara Eliya	320.00-400.00	357.69	361.86	294.04	-4.17	-1.15	63.66	21.65
Imported	130.00-200.00	159.15	185.01	156.06	-25.86	-13.98	3.09	1.98
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada		126.98	109.00	93.90	17.98	16.50	33.08	35.23
Nuwara Eliya		171.49	143.11	144.24	28.38	19.83	27.26	18.90
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada		101.51	64.25	78.82	37.26	57.99	22.69	28.79
Nuwara Eliya		137.07	106.86	118.10	30.21	28.27	18.97	16.06
Imported		39.78	50.75	35.99	-10.97	-21.62	3.79	10.53

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

### Crop Situation and Progress

The cultivated extent Green gram and Cowpea has increased ( by 114% and 113% respectively). Both cowpea and black gram reported above 80% progress from the targets. It was recorded that the Hambanthota, Moneragala, Kurunegala, Ampara, Anuradhapura and Puttalam districts are the major producing areas for the Green gram cultivation while Ampara, Anuradapura, Kurunegala and Moneragala Vavuniya are for Cowpea.

### Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 1350.00-1450.00 /kg and Rs 600.00-1200/kg respectively. Meanwhile, the retail prices of White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 850.00-1450.00/kg and 850.00-1400.00 /kg respectively. When compared to the previous month, prices of green gram increased by 1%. The price of red and white cowpea decrease by 10% and 13% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	1350.00-1450.00	1420.04	1407.54	792.88	12.51	0.89	627.17	79.10
Cowpea (White)	650.00-950.00	803.47	968.99	577.92	-165.52	-17.08	225.56	39.03
Cowpea (Red)	700.00-960.00	830.06	981.46	501.38	-151.40	-15.43	328.68	65.56
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green gram	1400.00-1600.00	1547.65	1525.45	792.38	22.21	1.46	755.28	95.32
Cowpea (White)	850.00-1450.00	1201.68	1345.59	725.08	-143.92	-10.70	476.60	65.73
Cowpea (Red)	850.00-1400.00	1168.43	1342.16	623.56	-173.74	-12.94	544.86	87.38

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 2.5 Red dhal

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.305/kg and Rs.340/kg with an average of Rs.323.93/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.320/kg and Rs.380/kg with an average of Rs.360.69/kg. Compared with the last year wholesale and retail prices have increased by 9% and 5% respectively.

In March 2023, 15,324 mt were imported and the highest imports is from Australia. The average CIF price recorded as Rs. 237/kg

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>	305.00-340.00	323.55	337.78	358.93	-14.23	-4.21	-35.38	-9.86
<b>Retail Price</b>	320.00-380.00	360.22	372.70	380.69	-12.48	-3.35	-20.46	-5.38

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 3. Vegetables

### Crop Situation

Cultivation progress of up-country and low-country vegetables are recorded as 87% (17,694ha) and 85% (23,974ha) respectively. Beans, carrot, knol-khol, leeks, pumpkin, brinjal and winged bean reported above 90% progress from their targets. Carrot and pumpkin exceeded their target as their cultivation progress reported as 102% and 105% respectively. (Crop Forecast, Vol.05, Maha 2022/2023, Socio-Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture).

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

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of March 2023		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
<b>Up-Country Vegetables</b>				
Bean	4,340	3949	91	40,176
Beet	1,703	1084	64	11,662
Cabbage	2,608	2300	88	56,888
Capsicum	2,501	1921	77	16,234
Carrot	1,995	2036	102	44,179
Knol-khol	498	490	98	4,782
Leeks	1,333	1333	100	18,963
Tomato	3,421	3015	88	37,758
Radish	2,020	1564	77	31,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,420</b>	<b>17,694</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>261,785</b>
<b>Low – country Vegetables</b>				
Pumpkin	3,774	3955	105	54,590
Snake gourd	1,835	1390	76	17,336
Cucumber	1,723	1233	72	17,022
Bitter gourd	2,293	1700	74	20,308
Okra	4,241	3485	82	38,448
Brinjal	5,356	4799	90	60,932
Ash plantain	632	542	86	7,375
Luffa	1,835	1327	72	15,251
Long Bean	5,092	4385	86	38,989
Winged bean	809	734	91	7,467
Kekiri	484	426	88	5,598
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,074</b>	<b>23,974</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>283,317</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48,494</b>	<b>41,668</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>545,101</b>

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2022/23, volume 06, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Due to an increase in market supply, wholesale prices for the majority of up-country and low-country vegetables have experienced a decrease. Wholesale prices for up-country vegetables have notably decreased by 3%-39%, excluding cabbage. The most significant price reduction was observed in beans, with a decrease of 39%. Among up-country vegetables, beans also exhibited the highest recorded price of Rs. 202.00/kg, while radish reported the lowest at Rs. 53.00/kg.

Similarly, wholesale prices for low-country vegetables have witnessed a decline of 1%-53%, with the exception of brinjal, which experienced a 4% increase. Among low-country vegetables, capsicum reached the highest price at Rs. 323.00/kg, while pumpkin had the lowest at Rs. 50.00/kg.

In a year-on-year comparison, wholesale prices for most vegetable varieties have increased by 5%-251%, with the most significant surge reported for ash plantain at 251%. However, prices for carrot, cabbage, tomato, and pumpkin have decreased, ranging from 17%-56%.

**Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-350.00	201.78	328.00	191.25	-126.22	-38.48	10.53	5.50
Carrot	80.00-120.00	95.41	107.50	216.25	-12.09	-11.25	-120.84	-55.88
Leeks	140.00-220.00	156.75	174.25	78.75	-17.50	-10.04	78.00	99.05
Beetroot	90.00-200.00	145.27	149.52	127.61	-4.25	-2.85	17.65	13.83
Knolkhol	90.00-140.00	113.00	137.00	90.73	-24.00	-17.52	22.27	24.55
Radish	40.00-80.00	53.43	55.46	47.75	-2.03	-3.66	5.68	11.90
Cabbage	40.00-80.00	54.00	47.39	67.00	6.61	13.96	-13.00	-19.40
Tomato	130.00-220.00	176.50	187.25	213.80	-10.75	-5.74	-37.30	-17.44
Ladies Fingers	100.00-220.00	157.75	198.75	46.75	-41.00	-20.63	111.00	237.43
Brinjal	110.00-230.00	151.50	146.25	143.00	5.25	3.59	8.50	5.94
Capsicum	250.00-450.00	322.91	533.75	239.00	-210.84	-39.50	83.91	35.11
Pumpkin	35.00-70.00	50.11	65.25	108.00	-15.14	-23.20	-57.89	-53.60
Cucumber	40.00-110.00	60.50	127.25	46.88	-66.75	-52.46	13.63	29.07
Bittergourd	200.00-300.00	267.50	270.50	214.50	-3.00	-1.11	53.00	24.71
Snakegourd	120.00-170.00	135.25	141.75	129.25	-6.50	-4.59	6.00	4.64
Drumstick	-	-	-	267.00	-	-	-	-
Luffa	140.00-250.00	185.25	228.50	138.32	-43.25	-18.93	46.93	33.93
Long Beans	90.00-140.00	117.32	142.00	108.00	-24.68	-17.38	9.32	8.63
Ash Plantain	160.00-220.00	200.00	211.00	57.00	-11.00	-5.21	143.00	250.88
Green Chillies	250.00-400.00	310.50	273.41	306.00	37.09	13.57	4.50	1.47
Lime	100.00-230.00	146.25	102.50	98.25	43.75	42.68	48.00	48.85

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Consistent with the fluctuations in wholesale prices, retail prices for the majority of vegetable varieties have experienced a decrease. Retail prices for up-country vegetables notably saw a decline of 7%-31%. Capsicum reported the highest retail price at Rs. 505.00/kg, while pumpkin recorded the lowest at Rs. 147.00/kg.

However, it's worth noting that there were exceptions to this trend, with the prices of green chilli and lime witnessing increases of 2% and 8%, respectively.

**Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – March 2023**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-450.00	306.70	446.33	283.72	-139.63	-31.28	22.97	8.10
Carrot	120.00-280.00	209.88	231.10	298.82	-21.22	-9.18	-88.94	-29.76
Leeks	180.00-360.00	271.46	298.72	178.03	-27.26	-9.12	93.44	52.48
Beetroot	140.00-360.00	256.26	275.63	214.30	-19.36	-7.03	41.96	19.58
Knolkhol	140.00-320.00	247.35	264.80	210.24	-17.45	-6.59	37.11	17.65
Radish	80.00-240.00	161.81	161.64	139.69	0.17	0.10	22.12	15.83
Cabbage	80.00-240.00	151.83	149.11	171.00	2.72	1.83	-19.17	-11.21
Tomato	200.00-400.00	295.37	303.88	315.64	-8.52	-2.80	-20.27	-6.42
Ladies Fingers	150.00-360.00	266.19	295.08	157.67	-28.89	-9.79	108.52	68.83
Brinjal	160.00-400.00	269.62	269.05	229.84	0.57	0.21	39.77	17.30
Capsicum	300.00-800.00	504.77	737.01	380.58	-232.24	-31.51	124.19	32.63
Pumpkin	80.00-200.00	146.75	165.95	196.22	-19.20	-11.57	-49.47	-25.21
Cucumber	80.00-240.00	158.30	218.10	125.44	-59.80	-27.42	32.86	26.20
Bittergourd	240.00-600.00	401.79	398.60	331.46	3.19	0.80	70.33	21.22
Snakegourd	180.00-320.00	268.13	293.64	247.83	-25.50	-8.69	20.30	8.19
Drumstick	-	-	-	624.33	-	-	-	-
Luffa	200.00-420.00	317.41	385.85	269.06	-68.44	-17.74	48.35	17.97
Long Beans	130.00-360.00	242.07	283.78	210.05	-41.71	-14.70	32.02	15.25
Ash Plantain	200.00-360.00	289.73	299.51	139.02	-9.79	-3.27	150.70	108.40
Green Chilli	300.00-700.00	490.66	479.55	523.20	11.11	2.32	-32.55	-6.22
Lime	150.00-500.00	334.52	308.84	270.43	25.68	8.32	64.09	23.70

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

#### 4. Fruits

##### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In March, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of *anamalu* (28%), *ambun* (20%), *kolikuttu* (17%) and *seeni* (7%) banana have increased, while the price of *ambul* (2%) has decreased. During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.330.00-480.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.140.00-220.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.100.00-160.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.29.00-40.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.25.00-35.00/fruit (*anamalu*). Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased further in the range of 54%-62% due to lean harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.695.00/fruit (large), Rs.594.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.484.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. Considering the mango varieties, the price of *karthakolomban* mango has decreased by 35% due to arrival of ample stocks from major producing areas.

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the highest price increase was recorded for orange (49%). Further, the prices of slime apple, papaw and wood apple have increased by 29%, 23% and 17% respectively. However, the prices of avocado and passion fruit have decreased by 17% due to on-going harvesting season.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 212% reported for *ambul* banana (Table 4.1).

**Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	140.00-220.00	171.46	175.42	55.00	-3.96	-2.26	116.46	211.74
Kolikuttu (Kg)	330.00-480.00	396.15	339.48	169.73	56.67	16.69	226.42	133.40
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-160.00	142.45	132.54	64.25	9.91	7.48	78.20	121.72
Anamalu (Fruit)	25.00-35.00	29.23	22.88	12.49	6.36	27.80	16.75	134.08
Ambun (Fruit)	29.00-40.00	33.37	27.85	15.65	5.52	19.81	17.72	113.24
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	640.00-740.00	694.72	452.22	438.33	242.50	53.62	256.39	58.49
Medium (Fruit)	540.00-640.00	593.82	376.59	345.77	217.23	57.68	248.05	71.74
Small (Fruit)	440.00-530.00	484.03	298.69	259.75	185.34	62.05	224.28	86.34
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	40.00-70.00	58.29	58.65	24.36	-0.37	-0.62	33.93	139.31
Karthakolomban(fruit)	100.00-240.00	162.50	249.97	102.61	-87.47	-34.99	59.89	58.36
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00-80.00	70.83	-	51.56	-	-	19.28	37.38
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	17.71	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	170.00-360.00	251.47	203.68	168.47	47.80	23.47	83.00	49.27
Passionfruit (Fruit)	40.00-75.00	56.40	68.07	32.71	-11.68	-17.15	23.69	72.42
Woodapple (Fruit)	46.00-70.00	52.93	45.08	24.92	7.84	17.40	28.01	112.42
Orange (Fruit)	45.00-65.00	55.34	37.11	29.16	18.23	49.11	26.17	89.76
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	123.78	148.44	93.40	-24.66	-16.62	30.37	32.52
Slime Apple (Fruit)	22.00-30.00	25.53	19.81	23.27	5.73	28.92	2.26	9.73
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1150.00-2000.00	1410.71	1957.29	1286.99	-546.58	-27.93	123.73	9.61

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased in March. Considering the price behaviour for banana varieties, the highest price increase of 9% was reported for *kolikuttu* banana and the prices of *anamalu*, *seeni* and *ambun* banana have increased by 3%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.380.00-580.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.180.00-280.00/kg for *ambul* banana and Rs.160.00-250.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have increased in the range of 27%-36% due to increased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.450.00-760.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Among the mango varieties, the price of *karthakolomban* has decreased by 26% due to availability of ample stocks in the market.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of orange (22%), papaw (12%) and wood apple (7%) have increased due to decreased supply. However, the prices of avocado (21%) and passion fruit (14%) have decreased due to decreased wholesale price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 118% reported for *karthakolomban* mango (Table 4.2).



**Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	180.00-280.00	236.93	247.66	110.03	-10.73	-4.33	126.90	115.33
Kolikuttu (Kg)	380.00-580.00	480.18	442.30	231.84	37.88	8.56	248.33	107.11
Seeni (Kg)	160.00-250.00	217.69	211.25	121.00	6.44	3.05	96.69	79.91
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00-36.00	31.07	30.00	18.40	1.07	3.55	12.67	68.84
Ambun (Fruit)	32.00-48.00	38.79	37.81	23.07	0.99	2.61	15.72	68.14
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	680.00-760.00	712.86	560.12	479.68	152.74	27.27	233.18	48.61
Medium (Fruit)	580.00-680.00	623.70	477.13	368.25	146.57	30.72	255.45	69.37
Small (Fruit)	450.00-580.00	510.31	376.48	285.20	133.83	35.55	225.11	78.93
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	-	261.40	351.32	120.03	-89.92	-25.59	141.37	117.78
Vilad (Fruit)	-	97.00	-	62.41	-	-	34.59	55.43
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	250.00-460.00	363.14	324.54	266.19	38.60	11.89	96.95	36.42
Passionfruit (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	76.27	89.11	42.17	-12.84	-14.41	34.10	80.85
Woodapple (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	100.27	93.459	53.54	6.81	7.29	46.73	87.29
Orange (Fruit)	60.00-120.00	97.41	79.604	59.80	17.81	22.37	37.61	62.90
Avocado (Fruit)	100.00-250.00	151.95	191.41	115.17	-39.46	-20.62	36.77	31.93
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	78.11	75.944	60.23	2.16	2.85	17.88	29.69
Grapes Imported (Kg)	2000.00-3200.00	2533.11	2446.1	1569.88	87.04	3.56	963.23	61.36

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	74.00-136.00	109.50	112.17	34.75	-2.67	-2.38	74.75	215.11
Kolikuttu	262.00-296.00	275.50	261.50	122.53	14.00	5.35	152.97	124.84
Papaw	74.00-261.25	157.31	142.50	96.94	14.81	10.39	60.37	62.28

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

### Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 832 mt of fresh fruits in March, 2023 to the value of Rs.213 mn. Of the exported quantity, 89% were papaw and 6% were fresh pineapple. Compared to March 2022 (1,338 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 968 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.431 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 546 mt, followed by grapes (305 mt). Compared to the month of March, 2022 (2,860 mt), the imported quantity had significantly decreased during this year (Table 4.4).

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

Type of Fruit	March - 2023			February - 2023			January - 2023		
	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	742.85	149.86	201.73	541.00	112.09	207.19	662.17	144.62	218.40
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	24.47	33.81	1381.68	31.58	35.18	1114.03	21.17	29.56	1395.95
Fresh Avocado	16.48	11.26	683.03	7.42	7.20	970.81	8.66	9.18	1061.06
Pineapple, fresh	48.04	17.97	374.08	79.73	61.83	775.57	38.50	19.35	502.61

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

Type of Fruit	March - 2023			February - 2023			January - 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	546.48	221.84	405.94	423.01	163.14	385.66	136.54	52.87	387.24
Grapes	304.88	187.96	616.51	259.97	177.00	680.87	163.02	79.11	485.27
Oranges	117.20	20.95	178.79	26.13	6.53	250.11	0.56	0.29	522.23

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The Food inflation (Y-o-Y) had decreased further to 47.6% in March 2023 from 54.4 % in February 2023, leading to a slight decrease in the prices of all fish varieties, except for mora and balaya at the wholesale level compared to the previous month. Further, there was an increase in supply during the main fishing season in the southern coastal and deep-sea fishing season and improved weather conditions. As mentioned earlier, due to the rise in the cost of living and loss of income, consumers have been compelled to reduce their consumption of high-value foods such as fish and meat, leading to a decrease in demand for these products. Additionally, a shift in demand from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones has also been observed.

Among all the fresh fish varieties, the largest price drop was observed for thalapath as 9%, followed by thora as 4%, and salaya as 3%. Equally, prices for most of the remaining fish varieties, with the exception of mora and balaya had been decreased within the range of 1% to 2%. As mentioned earlier, the economic crisis induced demand shift from high-value fish varieties to low-value ones have been observed. For instance, the price of hurulla and salaya which had been increasing for several consecutive months, in the last year, showed a slight drop in March due to high supply. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for most fresh fish varieties had increased, ranging from 4% to 42%, with the most notable increase seen in the price of salaya as 42%.

As a result of the wholesale price changes, the retail prices for most of the fish varieties have decreased in comparison to the previous month. The largest price drop was for thora as 7%. Next,

prices of shrimps (small), thalapatha and hurulla had dropped by 6%. However, prices of mora kelawalla and hurulla had increased in the range of 1% - 6%. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for all fresh fish varieties have increased, with the most significant increase noted for salaya as 59%.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	150.00-540.00	375.50	386.75	263.71	-11.25	-2.91	111.79	42.39
Hurulla	480.00-860.00	677.25	692.50	615.83	-15.25	-2.20	61.42	9.97
Balaya	580.00-860.00	694.50	653.50	621.88	41.00	6.27	72.63	11.68
Kelawalla	860.00-1500.00	1146.75	1161.00	897.71	-14.25	-1.23	249.04	27.74
Thora	1560.00-2600.00	1969.00	2052.50	1638.99	-83.50	-4.07	330.01	20.13
Paraw	750.00-1300.00	1118.00	1145.75	890.61	-27.75	-2.42	227.39	25.53
Mora	800.00-1200.00	1001.74	907.62	875.00	94.12	10.37	126.74	14.48
Shrimp (small)	1280.00-1700.00	1511.25	1507.00	1244.90	4.25	0.28	266.35	21.40
Thalapath	1100.00-1700.00	1402.00	1542.50	1347.75	-140.50	-9.11	54.25	4.03
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	400.00-750.00	565.11	559.03	356.20	6.08	1.09	208.91	58.65
Hurulla	600.00-1200.00	928.80	985.80	749.28	-57.01	-5.78	179.52	23.96
Balaya	800.00-1750.00	1227.05	1267.51	1132.58	-40.45	-3.19	94.47	8.34
Kelawalla	1400.00-2800.00	1889.88	1842.53	1555.51	47.34	2.57	334.37	21.50
Thora	2200.00-3800.00	2813.00	3039.22	2143.88	-226.23	-7.44	669.12	31.21
Paraw	1400.00-2600.00	1916.93	1966.06	1620.48	-49.13	-2.50	296.45	18.29
Mora	1320.00-2000.00	1604.00	1512.22	1277.14	91.78	6.07	326.86	25.59
Shrimp (small)	1400.00-2200.00	1733.90	1841.88	1362.38	-107.98	-5.86	371.52	27.27
Thalapath	1560.00-2800.00	2229.81	2373.35	1889.74	-143.54	-6.05	340.08	18.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In March 2023, prices of most dried fish varieties also experienced a decrease in prices following the drop in prices of the common fresh fish varieties.

The highest price drop at the wholesale level was recorded for salaya as 9% due to low fresh fish prices. Further, prices of both sprats and sprats (imported) had dropped by 8%. The prices of remaining dried fish varieties, except for balaya and anguluwa (imported) had dropped in the range of by 2% - 6%. However, prices of balaya had increased slightly, by 2%. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased, with the highest price increase noted for anguluwa (imported) as 38%.

During the same period, the retail prices of most dried fish varieties had slightly decreased, which could be attributed to the price drops observed in the wholesale market. The highest price drop was reported for sprats (imported) as 7%. Prices of other fish varieties, except for mora and kattawa had shown a slight price drop in the range of 4% - 5%. Compared to the same period of

the last year, retail prices of all the dried fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase noted for anguluwa as 40%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale Price</b>								
Sprats	950.00-1320.00	1132.00	1226.25	1065.96	-94.25	-7.69	66.04	6.20
Sprats (imported)	740.00-950.00	848.96	920.63	856.48	-71.67	-7.78	-7.52	-0.88
Kattawa	-	-	-	1366.67	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1450.00-1720.00	1605.50	1714.67	1234.17	-109.17	-6.37	371.33	30.09
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1500.00-1800.00	1663.50	1690.50	1437.62	-27.00	-1.60	225.88	15.71
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	1340.42	-	-	-	-
Balaya	750.00-1000.00	891.25	870.75	790.31	20.50	2.35	100.94	12.77
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	1407.92	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1580.00-1880.00	1664.83	1660.54	1202.08	4.29	0.26	462.74	38.50
Maduwa	1080.00-1300.00	1206.75	1234.00	932.05	-27.25	-2.21	274.70	29.47
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	540.00-880.00	708.00	778.75	626.37	-70.75	-9.09	81.63	13.03
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail Price</b>								
Sprats(imported)	900.00-1500.00	1243.95	1336.44	1032.47	-92.49	-6.92	211.48	20.48
Sprats	1200.00-2000.00	1709.42	1780.81	1411.45	-71.39	-4.01	297.97	21.11
Kattawa	2000.00-2800.00	2436.48	2436.13	1757.18	0.35	0.01	679.30	38.66
Thora	-	-	-	3000.00	-	-	-	-
Mora	1800.00-2800.00	2363.79	2342.16	1712.44	21.63	0.92	651.35	38.04
Balaya	1000.00-1800.00	1408.65	1464.53	1130.64	-55.88	-3.82	278.01	24.59
Anguluwa	1800.00-2800.00	2255.56	2368.99	1608.46	-113.43	-4.79	647.10	40.23
Maduwa	-	-	1750.00	1305.36	-	-	-	-
Salaya	800.00-1400.00	1132.78	1191.29	845.72	-58.52	-4.91	287.06	33.94

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Eggs

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The Consumer Affairs Authority issued a new Gazette notification on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, renewing the maximum retail price (MRP) for eggs. According to the new MRP, white eggs must be sold at Rs. 44, while brown eggs must be sold at Rs. 46. In the wholesale market, prices of both brown and white eggs had remained the same, compared to last month. The recorded average prices were Rs. 46.00 per egg and Rs. 44.00 per egg for brown and white eggs at the wholesale market.

After the implementation of new pricing regulations, a shortage of brown and white eggs occurred in the retail market. The few retail outlets that had eggs available experienced a notable price hike compared to the previous month. Consequently, the retail prices for both brown and white eggs saw significant increases, rising by 23% and 12% respectively. When comparing to the same period last year, the wholesale and retail prices of eggs had surged by over 50%.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	46.00-46.00	46.00	45.88	29.75	0.13	0.27	16.25	54.62
White (each)	44.00-44.00	44.00	43.81	27.75	0.19	0.43	16.25	58.56
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	57.00-58.00	57.20	46.50	30.34	10.70	23.01	26.86	88.55
White (each)	44.00-58.00	51.28	45.68	29.05	5.60	12.27	22.23	76.51

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## Meat

Compared to February, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly decreased at the retail market. The highest price drop was noted for pork as 5%. Next, prices of chicken curry had dropped by 1%. However, prices of mutton and chicken (broiler) had remained the same while the price of beef (without bones) recording a price hike of 4%.

Compared to last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for pork as 84%.

**Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat –March 2023**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	2200.00-2400.00	2,291.67	2,214.05	1561.61	77.62	3.51	730.06	46.75
Chicken (Broiler)	1100.00-1360.00	1,211.35	1,211.64	880.58	-0.29	-0.02	330.77	37.56
Chicken (curry)	1280.00-1500.00	1,398.61	1,418.89	810.97	-20.28	-1.43	587.64	72.46
Mutton	2800.00-3200.00	2,986.11	2,983.33	2152.08	2.78	0.09	834.03	38.75
Pork	1480.00-2000.00	1,669.33	1,755.12	907.92	-85.79	-4.89	761.42	83.86

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A Total quantity of 110,419mt of wheat grain, worth of 13,505mn had been imported during March. Compared to the quantity imported in previous month, the quantity imported in this month has increased by around 32,818mt. Wheat grain was mainly imported from Ukraine (49%) and Romania(51%) at a CIF price of Rs.118.41/kg and Rs.126.08/kg respectively. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price has decreased by Rs.22.26/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Romania whilst the lowest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Ukraine.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported in this month was 6,009mt, worth 1,008mn. Compared to the previous month, this month quantity has decreased by around 15,462mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour has imported from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs.164.73/kg and that was 83% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in March. Remain quantity has imported from India (11%), UAE (4%) and few quantities from China and Singapore. Average CIF price of wheat flour

imported in this month was Rs.167.68/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.19.59/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.226.61-245.56/kg and the average price was Rs.227.04/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 7% and compared to the same period of last year, price has increased by 33%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	March 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	March 2022	Feb 2023		March 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	226.61-245.56	227.04	242.92	171.12	-15.88	-6.54	55.92	32.68
Sugar	217.32-237.36	219.38	234.13	171.98	-14.75	-6.30	47.40	27.56

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- October 2022 to March 2023**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
March-2023	6,008.63	1007.55	167.68	227.04	59.36
February-2023	21,470.58	4020.70	187.27	242.92	55.66
January-2023	17,123.90	3299.92	192.71	249.52	56.81
December-2022	29,356.97	5787.48	197.14	263.58	66.44
November-2022	62,365.07	12183.59	195.36	280.84	85.48
October-2022	35,870.81	6972.66	194.38	374.18	179.80
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
March-2023	110,419.03	13,505.27	122.31	227.04	104.73
February-2023	77,600.76	11,218.83	144.57	242.92	98.35
January-2023	48.00	9.41	196.06	249.52	53.46
December-2022	30,514.41	4,824.02	158.09	263.58	105.49
November-2022	99,236.54	15,482.21	156.01	280.84	124.83
October-2022	36,999.93	6,923.99	187.14	374.18	187.04

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 in this month was 21,412mt worth 4,238mn and it has increased by around 10,759mt when compared to the quantity imported in February. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India and that was 95% of the total quantity. Rest of quantity has imported from Pakistan (4%), UAE(0.6%) and Malaysia. The average CIF price was Rs.197.93/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.10.81/kg. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from Malaysia (Rs.375.20/kg) while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from India (Rs.197.54/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, price ranged from Rs.217.32-237.36/kg and the average retail price was Rs.219.38/kg. Compared to the last month, average retail price has decreased by 6% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 28%.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- October 2022 to March 2023**

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
March-2023	21,412.25	4238.03	197.93	219.38	21.45
February-2023	10,652.80	2223.65	208.74	234.13	25.40
January-2023	9,190.42	2036.64	221.60	229.46	7.86
December-2022	10,099.85	2151.23	213.00	234.10	21.10
November-2022	8,157.59	1725.73	211.55	247.28	35.73
October-2022	11,369.84	2541.37	223.52	274.64	51.12

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

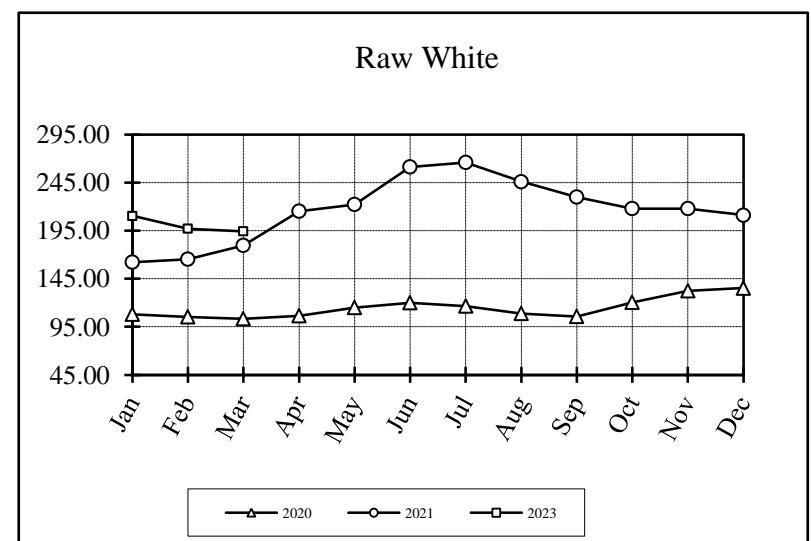
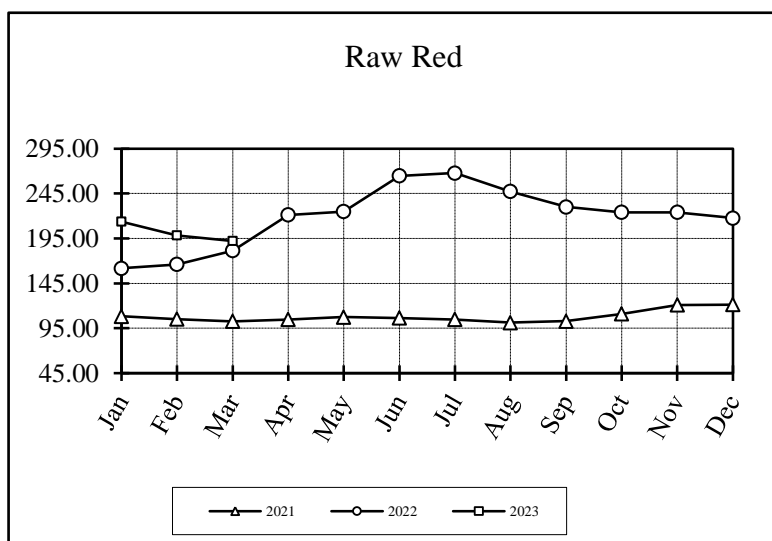
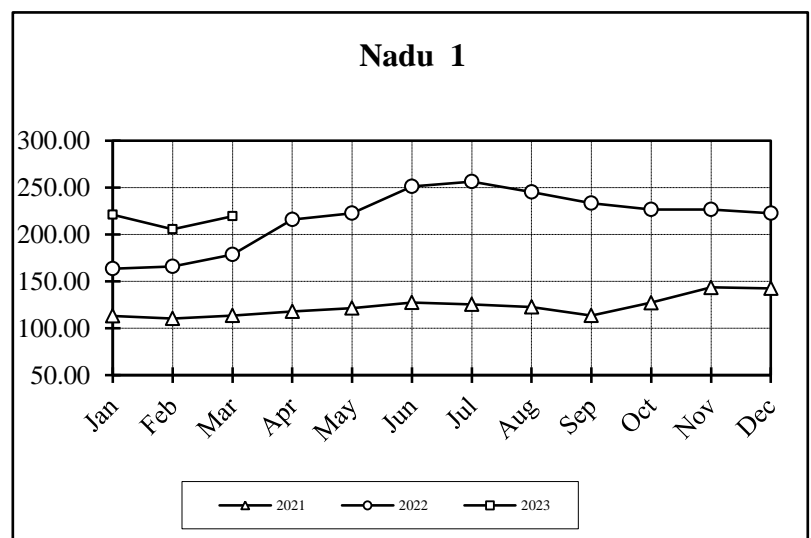
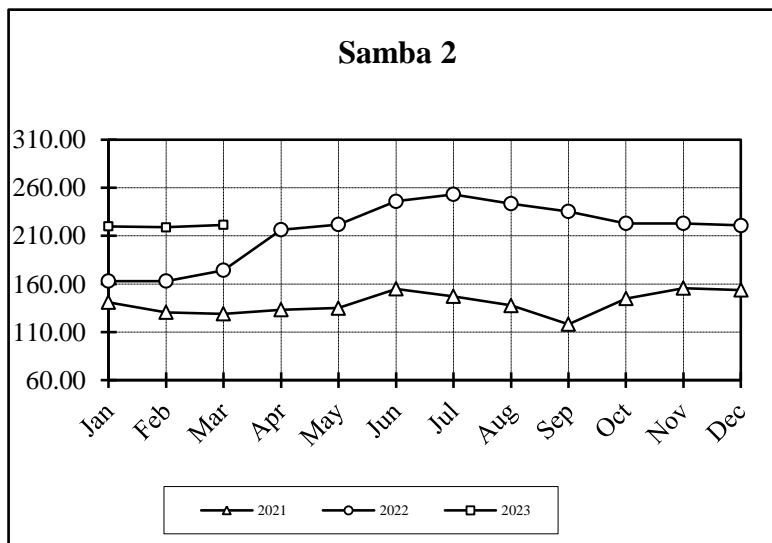
**Table 7: Import of selected food items –March 2023**

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Mar 2023	Feb 2023		Mar 2023	Feb 2023		Mar 2023	Feb 2023	
Rice	1726.3	2963.7	(42)	369.1	596.8	(38)	213.8	201.4	6
Red Onion	1340.9	1589.2	(16)	146.6	204.0	(28)	109.3	128.3	(15)
Big Onion	30172.3	23206.8	30	1863.0	1702.0	9	61.7	73.3	(16)
Potato	20479.0	14257.6	44	1145.2	922.1	24	55.9	64.7	(14)
Maysoor Dhal	15324.3	11952.1	28	3635.4	2927.6	24	237.2	244.9	(3)
Garlic	4824.1	1852.0	160	1275.5	489.4	161	264.4	264.2	0
Wheat flour	6008.6	21470.6	(72)	1007.6	4020.7	(75)	167.7	187.3	(10)
Wheat grain	110419.0	77600.8	42	13505.3	11218.8	20	122.3	144.6	(15)
Sugar & sugar confectionery	21412.2	10652.8	101	4238.0	2223.6	91	197.9	208.7	(5)
Maize (Other)	52.0	9768.4	(99)	16.4	976.1	(98)	314.5	99.9	215

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

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

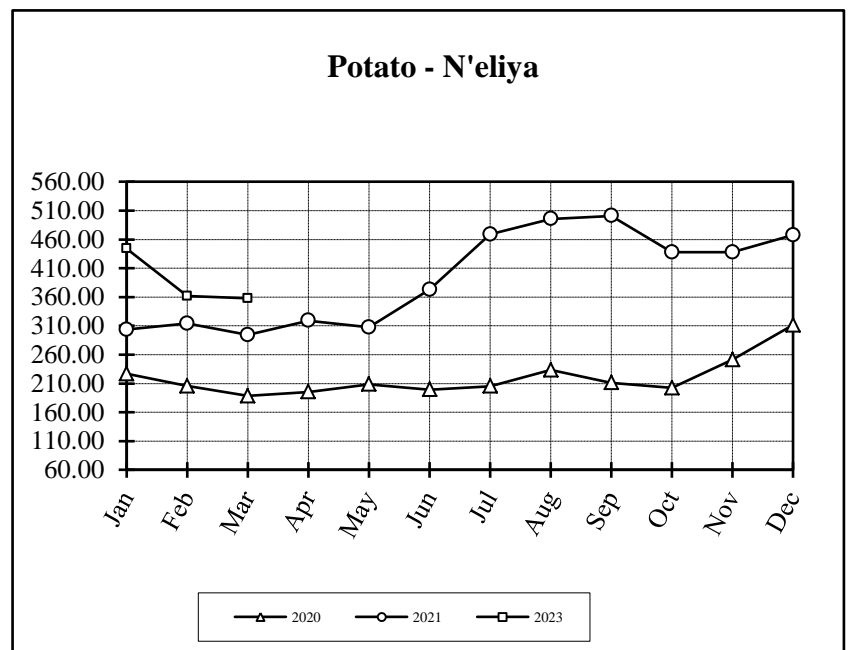
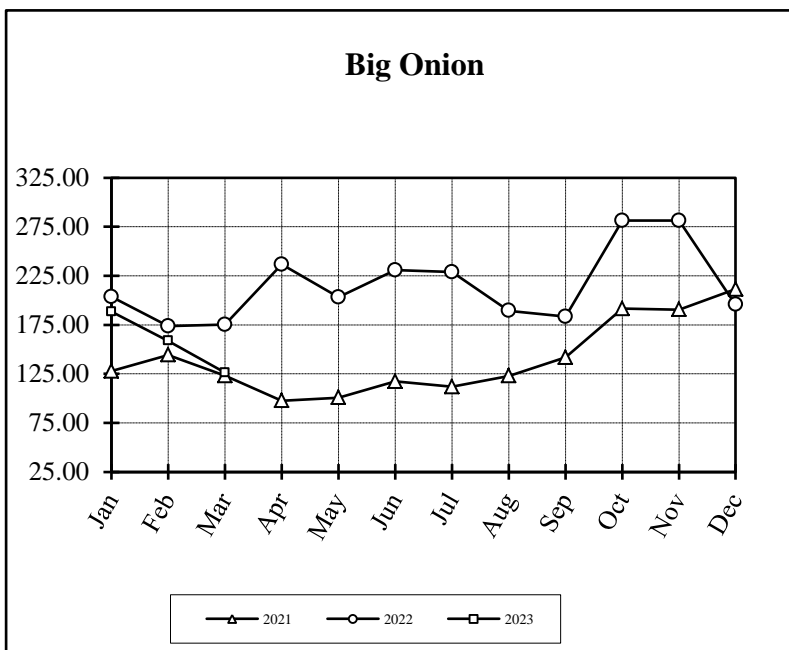
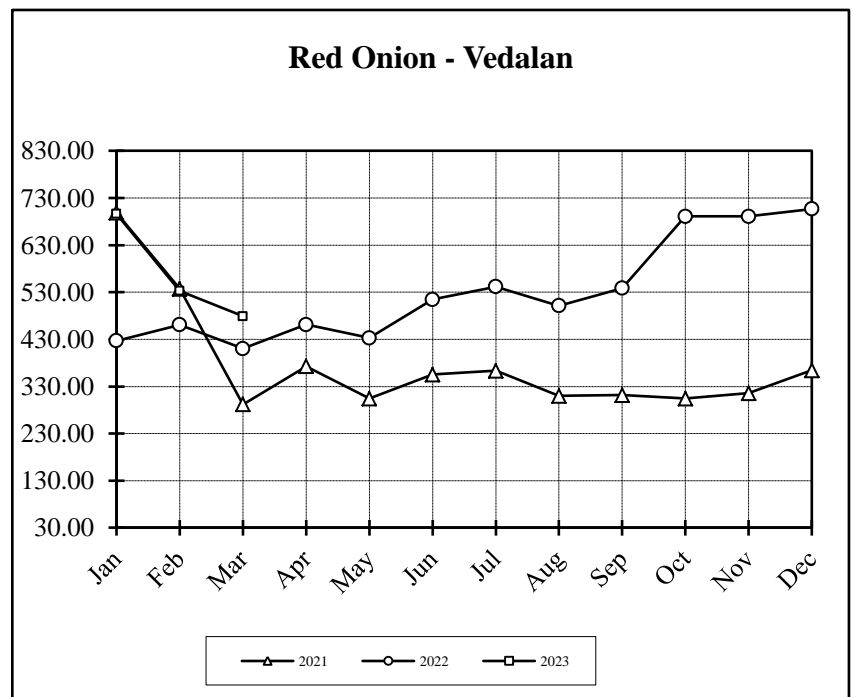
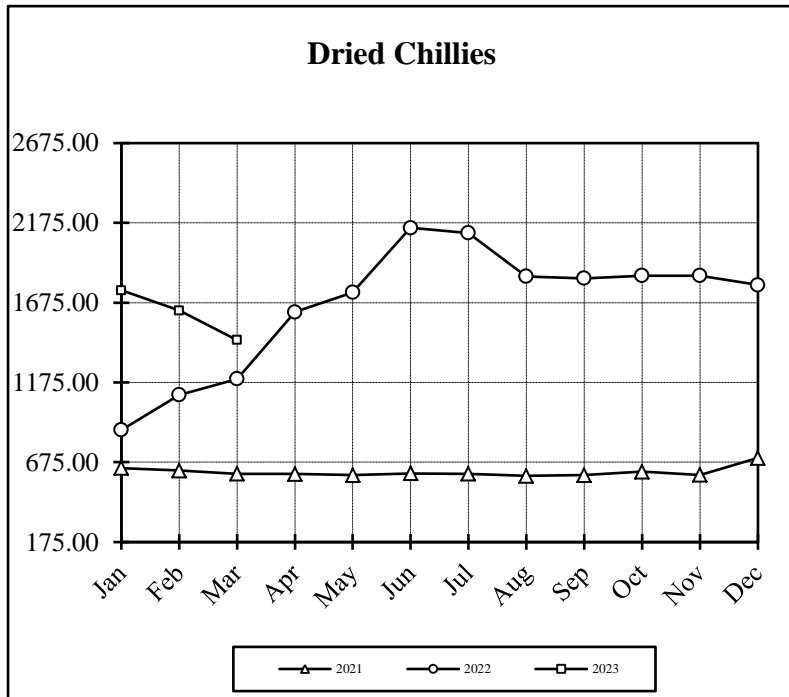
Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023
Jan	141.10	163.05	219.81	113.10	163.43	220.92	108.31	161.74	213.83	108.03	162.13	210.47
Feb	130.44	162.91	218.90	110.43	165.94	205.48	105.14	166.21	198.52	105.33	165.39	197.12
Mar	128.86	174.23	221.53	113.55	178.69	219.37	102.71	181.30	192.21	103.35	179.60	194.29
Apr	133.36	216.46		118.02	216.03		104.80	221.05		106.46	215.19	
May	135.00	221.87		121.48	222.47		107.41	224.78		115.04	222.45	
Jun	155.00	246.00		127.50	251.20		106.45	264.53		120.00	261.37	
Jul	147.27	253.30		125.36	256.35		104.83	267.75		116.53	266.15	
Aug	137.66	243.37		122.81	245.23		101.28	247.19		108.81	246.15	
Sep	118.18	235.46		113.72	233.33		102.87	230.02		105.80	229.95	
Oct	144.76	223.04		127.27	226.45		110.86	224.05		120.38	218.10	
Nov	155.53	223.04		143.51	226.45		121.01	224.05		132.33	218.10	
Dec	153.68	220.88		142.58	222.77		121.40	217.65		135.35	211.26	





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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2023
Jan	638.57	876.68	1752.35	698.55	426.78	696.10	127.78	203.69	188.50	227.08	303.42	443.97
Feb	623.15	1096.90	1625.09	537.28	461.00	532.96	144.28	173.63	158.70	205.92	314.05	361.86
Mar	602.72	1197.17	1439.94	291.66	410.30	479.02	123.19	175.30	126.33	188.53	294.04	357.69
Apr	601.31	1615.64		372.89	461.12		97.65	236.52		195.46	319.03	
May	594.37	1739.46		304.18	433.13		100.75	203.29		208.71	307.54	
Jun	605.00	2143.50		355.40	514.80		117.42	230.89		199.41	373.16	
Jul	602.48	2110.93		363.39	541.94		111.94	228.96		205.29	468.93	
Aug	589.40	1838.64		309.97	501.24		122.89	189.33		233.39	495.71	
Sep	593.55	1827.19		311.79	538.53		141.61	183.42		211.28	500.91	
Oct	615.62	1843.52		304.48	690.99		191.39	281.28		202.40	437.60	
Nov	594.81	1843.52		315.79	690.99		190.57	281.28		251.49	437.60	
Dec	700.81	1785.38		364.32	706.59		211.24	195.56		311.55	467.45	



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

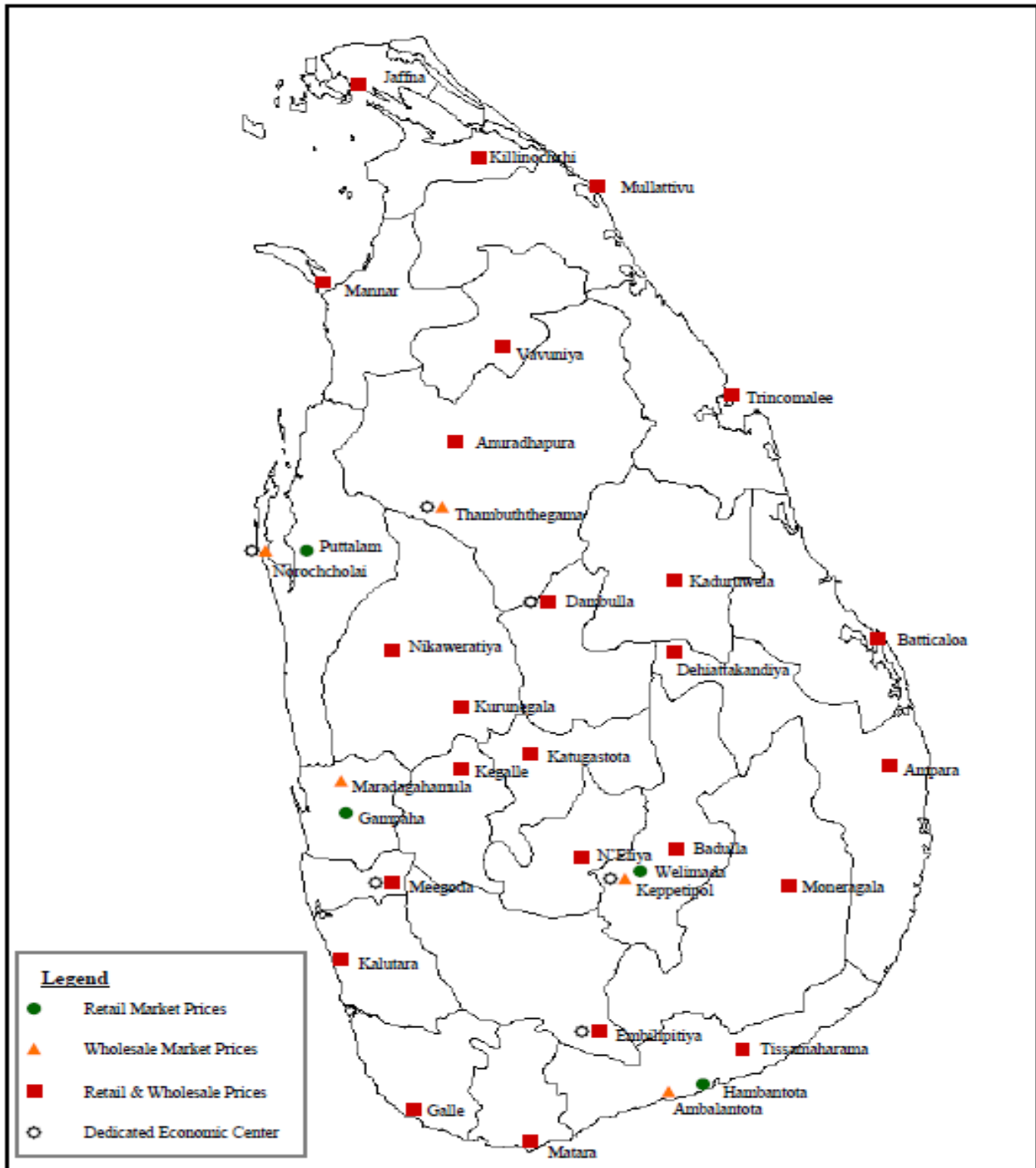
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Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Paddy</b>					<b>Potato</b>					<b>Leeks</b>				
<b>Short grain</b>					N'Eliya	179.00	185.00	187.80	193.00	Welimada	114.00	107.00	120.00	166.00
A'pura	100.80	99.00	99.00	95.20	Badulla	160.00	161.00	164.00	168.00	N'Eliya	114.60	137.00	134.80	178.00
P'naruwa	109.40	109.40	93.50	109.40	Welimada	156.00	164.00	169.60	166.00					
Kalawewa	95.00	93.00	95.00	95.71	<b>Pulses</b>					<b>Beetroot</b>				
Kurunegala	92.75	95.60	97.75	96.00	<b>Green Gram</b>					Hanguranketha	127.00	130.40	101.60	80.00
Dehiattakandiya	99.80	107.17	103.67	106.83	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	120.20	121.20	96.80	84.00
Ampara	107.50	101.67	103.33	100.00	Kalawewa					Dambulla	159.00	125.00	111.00	77.20
<b>Long grain (White)</b>					Embilipitiya	1375.00	1375.00	1390.00	1390.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	96.00	94.00	92.80	91.00	Kurunegala					Welimada	123.00	92.00	86.00	65.00
P'naruwa	104.90	97.50	81.00	94.40	A'pura	1240.00	1320.00	1240.00	1270.00	<b>Knokhol</b>				
Kalawewa	87.88	86.29	85.71	89.30	<b>Cowpea</b>					Hanguranketha	81.60	81.60	66.60	51.60
Kurunegala	92.75	87.40	90.50	85.50	A'pura					N'Eliya	79.00	102.00	53.00	69.00
Dehiattakandiya	91.40	88.80	91.67	91.50	Galgamuwa					Welimada	65.00	79.00	47.60	59.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	550.00	600.00	625.00	625.00	<b>Radish</b>				
Ampara	94.00	91.67	95.00	93.00	Kalawewa	500.00	500.00	450.00		Hanguranketha	22.00	22.40	26.00	25.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	660.00	660.00	660.00	416.67	N'Eliya	37.80	29.00	34.20	40.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	18.60	18.60	21.60	29.00
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>					<b>Maize</b>					<b>Cabbage</b>				
Matara	93.00	93.75	82.50	82.50	A'Pura	134.00	139.00	142.00	142.00	Hanguranketha	27.20	28.00	30.60	32.40
Hambantota	97.50	92.80	77.60	83.50	Kalawewa	119.00	141.67	146.67	146.67	N'Eliya	41.00	26.80	35.00	78.00
Ampara	90.80	88.60	90.00	89.33	<b>Gingelly</b>					Welimada	18.60	18.60	26.80	59.00
Embilipitiya	95.00	90.40	89.20	88.00	A'Pura	570.00	640.00	640.00	640.00	Hambantota				
<b>Keeri Samba</b>					Kalawewa	650.00	650.00	650.00		Badulla	30.00	27.00	25.00	28.00
A'pura	114.00	119.00	117.00	114.00	<b>Black Gram</b>					<b>Tomato</b>				
Polonnaruwa	125.25	121.40	124.40	127.50	Kalawewa	550.00	550.00	510.00		Hanguranketha	90.60	88.40	104.00	110.00
Kalawewa	111.40	105.00	113.75	113.75	A'Pura	558.00	570.00	540.00	520.00	Welimada	104.00	113.00	126.00	86.00
Kurunegala	108.75	115.60	116.50	119.00	<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>					Hambantota				
Dehiattakandiya	117.40	114.90	120.00	125.00	<b>Beans</b>					Dambulla	104.00	122.00	119.00	134.00
					Dambulla	196.50	159.50	140.00	125.00	<b>Low Country</b>				
<b>Red Onion</b>					Welimada	165.00	150.00	86.00	75.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Badulla	152.00	142.00	104.00	102.00	A'pura	124.00	128.00	124.00	94.00
Dambulla					<b>Carrot</b>					Dambulla	153.00	154.00	112.00	80.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	67.00	63.00	58.00	59.00	Hambantota	144.00	144.00	144.00	125.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	99.00	70.00	55.20	94.00	Embilipitiya	179.00	138.00	112.00	88.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	54.00	49.00	42.00	69.00	Matara	156.25	156.25	147.50	113.75

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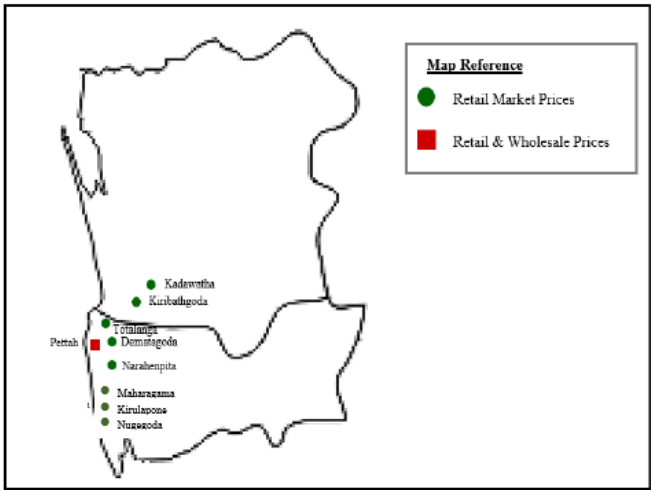
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<b><u>Brinjals</u></b>					<b><u>Pumpkin</u></b>					<b><u>Lime</u></b>				
A'pura	164.00	118.00	114.00	114.00	Dambulla	52.00	44.00	32.60	33.80	Hambantota				
Dambulla	190.00	145.00	92.40	116.00	Hambantota	46.00	42.50	42.50	38.75	Embilipitiya	88.00	88.00	88.00	88.00
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	75.00	81.25	70.00	67.50	Moneragala	94.00	94.00	108.00	154.00
Embilipitiya	149.00	137.00	105.00	108.00	Matara	47.50	43.75	47.50	47.50	<b><u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u></b>				
Matara	175.00	167.50	136.25	115.00	A'pura	42.00	42.00	37.00	37.00	<b><u>Banana</u></b>				
Welimada	218.00	119.00	106.00	116.00	Moneragala					Ambul				
					<b><u>Cucumber</u></b>					Moneragala	74.00	74.00	74.00	84.00
<b><u>Capsicum</u></b>					A'pura	47.00	37.00	32.00	34.00	Embilipitiya	116.00	116.00	116.00	116.00
Welimada	378.00	220.00	265.00	256.00	Dambulla	53.60	41.80	30.40	28.60	Hambantota	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00
<b><u>Bitter Gourd</u></b>					Hambantota	86.00	42.50	42.50	41.25	<b><u>Kolikuttu</u></b>				
A'pura	288.00	248.00	238.00	148.00	Matara	101.25	65.00	33.75	33.75	Moneragala	262.00	262.00	262.00	288.00
Dambulla	298.00	252.00	160.50	119.00	<b><u>Long beans</u></b>					Embilipitiya	276.00	276.00	282.00	296.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	115.00	108.00	71.80	62.60	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	357.50	338.00	310.00	310.00	Hambantota	88.00	88.00	88.00	72.00	<b><u>Papaw</u></b>				
					Embilipitiya	120.83	120.83	118.33	118.33	Moneragala	124.00	128.00	128.00	74.00
<b><u>Snake Gourd</u></b>					Matara	117.50	133.75	105.00	96.25	Embilipitiya	261.25	176.25	176.25	145.00
Dambulla	116.00	114.00	104.00	94.20	A'Pura	104.00	104.00	98.00	94.00	Hambantota	182.50	182.50	155.00	155.00
Hambantota	176.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	<b><u>Ash Plantain</u></b>					<b><u>Pineapple</u></b>				
Embilipitiya	142.00	138.00	128.00	128.00	Hambantota	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara	176.25	153.75	148.75	141.25	Embilipitiya	123.00	123.00	123.00	123.00					
A'pura	116.00	114.00	114.00	108.00	Matara	142.50	138.75	133.75	127.50					
<b><u>Luffa</u></b>					<b><u>Green Chillies</u></b>									
Dambulla	148.50	134.00	113.00	123.00	Dambulla	308.00	266.00	256.00	236.00					
Hambantota	174.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	186.00	141.00	125.00	129.00	Embilipitiya	358.00	323.33	323.33	316.67					
Matara	205.00	182.50	152.50	142.50	Puttalam	260.00	278.00	248.00	202.00					
A'pura	114.00	128.00	124.00	124.00	A'Pura	154.00	288.00	308.00	262.00					

# Price Collecting Areas



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