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Highlights

Rice

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased further in the range of 1-3% compared to the previous month due to increased supplies. The price of samba grade 1 and 2 ranged between Rs. 220.00-240.00/kg and Rs. 210.00-230.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 9 -85% and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

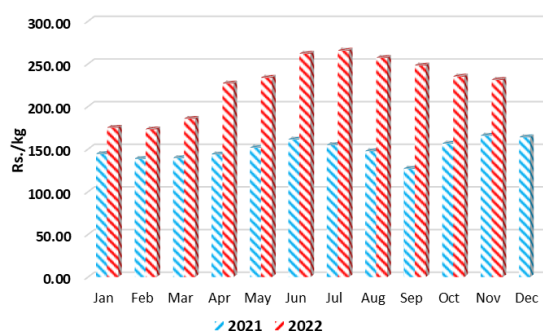
Vegetables

Prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased due to decreased market supply in the off season. The highest price of Rs.1004.00/kg was noted for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.156.00/kg was observed for cucumber. When compared to the same period last year, retail prices of all vegetable varieties had increased by 6-142% and prices are expected to rise further in the coming month.

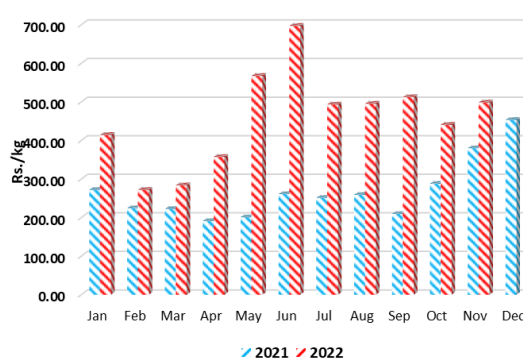
Fish

Prices of most fish varieties had continued to drop, at both wholesale and retail levels, due to low demand, compared to the supply. Market information shows that the rising cost of living coupled with the loss of income has forced consumers to spend only on staple food items, overlooking the high-priced protein sources such as fish and meat.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

The Food Information Bulletin is a monthly publication containing information relating to producer, wholesale and retail prices of selected food commodities in selected markets in and around Colombo and main markets in the major producing areas. Data on extent, production and imports are also available in the bulletin.

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

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

Outstation Markets

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

1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

Crop establishment activities for paddy cultivation in the 2022/23 Maha season progressed in all major producing areas. According to the crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, targeted paddy area for the Maha 2022/23 season was 852,053 ha. Sown extent reported as at end November 2022 was 583,470 ha, 68% achievement from the target. Sown area of paddy in November 2022 is shown a 7 % increase in a year-on-year basis. The government made arrangements to distribute Urea fertilizer to all producing areas. Further, 2.05 million metric tons of paddy were predicted based on the sown extent as at the end of November 2022.

Table 1.1 Target and Sown Extent as at End Nov 2022 and production forecast of Maha 2022/23

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end November 2022 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)
Colombo	4,197	3,928	94	10,884
Gampaha	13,277	12,167	92	37,335
Kalutara	14,722	12,461	85	36,670
Galle	13,893	6,171	44	15,938
Matara	15,276	9,834	64	26,475
Ratnapura	11,958	5,696	48	20,867
Kegalle	8,336	6,948	83	26,489
Kurunagala	83,507	58,984	71	230,628
Puttalam	22,745	14,747	65	45,125
Kandy	9,816	3,552	36	11,481
Matale	18,289	6,307	34	27,054
N eliya	6,157	336	5	792
Badulla	16,594	3,371	20	11,749
Monaragala	29,732	17,137	58	69,360
Jaffna	13,000	12,973	100	32,004
Kilinochchi	28,779	28,779	100	86,573
Vavuniya	22,208	21,795	98	79,375
Mullativu	21,899	21,445	98	75,673
Mannar	21,694	18,250	84	73,882
Anuradhapura	79,196	45,593	58	165,710
Trincomalee	42,498	31,043	73	108,434
Batticaloa	74,333	71,189	96	193,522
Ampara	7,303	7,302	100	28,951
Hambantota	13,016	5,632	43	26,473
Udawalawa	11,810	8,563	73	39,159
System H	21,755	8,514	39	30,787
System H1	8,199	5,797	71	20,962
System B	20,745	16,522	80	60,537
System C	22,960	19,812	86	72,591
System G	5,948	965	16	3,682
System D	1,559	1,412	91	5,174
Rambakanoya	1,050	957	91	3,162
Sri Lanka	852,083	583,470	68	2,051,430

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices of all paddy varieties have further decreased in major producing areas during the month mainly due to abundance of imported and local rice varieties in the markets. The monthly average prices of long-grain white and short grain paddy have decreased by less than Rs. 9.00/kg, with the highest decline recorded in Kalawewa. The farm gate prices of long grain white have decreased by Rs 7.00/kg in Ampara and Rs 6.00/kg in Anuradhapura. Meanwhile, the price of long grain red paddy has decreased by less than Rs 7.00/kg in Hambantota and Embilipitiya. The prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red ranged between Rs.90.00-111.00/kg, Rs.88.00-111.00/kg and Rs. 114.00-125.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all paddy varieties have increased significantly in all major producing areas. However, prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have doubled in all major producing areas. The prices of short grain and long grain white paddy have increased by 23%-30% and 36%-40% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red paddy have increased by nearly 80% in producing areas in the Southern province.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy – November 2022

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	95.00-105.00	99.55	105.48	81.16	-5.93	-5.62	18.39	22.66	
Polonnaruwa	103.00-111.00	107.71	113.77	87.23	-6.06	-5.33	20.47	23.47	
Kalawewa	90.00-110.00	100.70	109.79	82.08	-9.09	-8.28	18.62	22.69	
Kurunegala	100.00-110.00	104.54	107.01	80.13	-2.47	-2.31	24.41	30.47	
Dehiattakandiya	100.00-108.00	103.08	107.80	81.73	-4.72	-4.38	21.35	26.12	
Nikaweratiya	95.00-108.00	101.69	110.42	-	-8.72	-7.90	-	-	
Ampara	100.00-105.00	102.50	105.87	82.07	-3.37	-3.18	20.43	24.90	
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	93.00-105.00	98.40	104.60	71.76	-6.20	-5.93	26.64	37.12	
Polonnaruwa	97.00-111.00	103.48	109.50	75.33	-6.02	-5.50	28.15	37.36	
Kalawewa	88.00-110.00	98.02	106.91	72.28	-8.89	-8.32	25.74	35.61	
Kurunegala	98.00-108.00	101.90	106.74	72.96	-4.84	-4.53	28.94	39.67	
Dehiattakandiya	94.00-103.00	99.42	105.20	72.50	-5.78	-5.50	26.92	37.13	
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nikaweratiya	95.00-108.00	101.69	110.42	-	-8.72	-7.90	-	-	
Ampara	100.00-110.00	102.50	109.16	-	-6.66	-6.10	-	-	
Long Grain Red									
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Matara	114.00-125.00	117.75	122.90	65.73	-5.15	-4.19	52.02	79.13	
Hambantota	114.00-122.00	117.25	122.02	64.25	-4.77	-3.91	53.00	82.49	
Embilipitiya	115.00-123.00	118.70	125.44	66.92	-6.74	-5.37	51.78	77.38	
Keeri Samba									
A'pura	95.00-110.00	101.85	112.76	112.96	-10.91	-9.68	-11.11	-9.84	
Polonnaruwa	99.50-109.00	104.28	111.48	120.25	-7.20	-6.46	-15.97	-13.28	
Kalawewa	90.00-115.00	102.69	112.20	107.80	-9.51	-8.48	-5.11	-4.74	
Kurunegala	-	-	116.20	106.13	-	-	-106.13	-100.00	
Dehiattakandiya	98.00-108.00	103.25	108.60	118.80	-5.35	-4.93	-15.55	-13.09	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supplies of all local rice varieties increased further during the month. Prices of all paddy varieties also had shown a decreasing trend. Hence, the wholesale prices of all local rice varieties had decreased compared to October with the highest price decrease of Rs. 9.00/kg recorded for raw white. The wholesale prices of *Keeri* samba, Nadu grade 1 and 2, and raw red had decreased by 3% compared to previous month. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs. 210.00-225.00 and 205.00-220.00/kg during the month.

Wholesale prices of imported samba and raw white had increased by 4% and 3% respectively due to decreased supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all varieties had increased by 8-90% with the highest price increase of 90% being recorded for raw red rice.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	210.00-225.00	218.00	222.14	147.78	-4.14	-1.86	70.22	47.52
Samba 2	205.00-220.00	211.00	216.36	147.38	-5.36	-2.48	63.62	43.17
Keeri Samba	225.00-240.00	232.25	238.52	215.76	-6.27	-2.63	16.49	7.64
Nadu 1	200.00-215.00	207.80	213.22	131.18	-5.42	-2.54	76.62	58.41
Nadu 2	190.00-210.00	201.55	207.92	127.07	-6.37	-3.06	74.48	58.61
Raw red	195.00-210.00	204.45	211.24	107.85	-6.79	-3.21	96.60	89.56
Raw white	185.00-205.00	194.70	203.26	125.18	-8.56	-4.21	69.52	55.54
Imported Samba	185.00-195.00	188.53	181.62	142.21	6.91	3.80	46.32	32.57
Imported Raw White	153.00-165.00	158.28	153.62	109.60	4.66	3.03	48.68	44.41
Imported Nadu	162.00-175.00	166.85	169.64	124.32	-2.79	-1.64	42.53	34.21
Retail Prices-								
Samba 1	220.00-240.00	231.24	235.20	165.82	-3.96	-1.68	65.42	39.45
Samba 2	210.00-230.00	223.04	226.48	155.53	-3.44	-1.52	67.51	43.41
Keeri Samba	250.00-270.00	260.73	262.23	239.98	-1.51	-0.57	20.75	8.65
Nadu 1	220.00-240.00	226.45	228.88	143.51	-2.44	-1.06	82.94	57.80
Nadu 2	200.00-230.00	218.10	220.67	134.55	-2.57	-1.17	83.54	62.09
Raw red	210.00-230.00	224.05	226.55	121.01	-2.49	-1.10	103.04	85.15
Raw white	200.00-230.00	218.10	224.71	132.33	-6.61	-2.94	85.77	64.81
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	190.00-220.00	207.31	203.90	160.51	3.42	1.68	46.80	29.16
Imported Raw White	160.00-190.00	180.07	182.59	124.24	-2.52	-1.38	55.83	44.94
Imported Nadu	180.00-210.00	193.30	198.10	131.79	-4.79	-2.42	61.52	46.68

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all local rice varieties had decreased further in the range of 1-3% compared to previous month due to increased supplies. The price of samba grades 1 and 2 ranged between Rs. 220.00-240.00/kg and Rs. 210.00-230.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same month of last year, retail prices of all varieties had increased in the range of 9 -85%, and the highest price increase was recorded for raw red.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for green chilli cultivation in maha 2022 /23 was 11,268 ha. The extent of lands cultivated with green chilli was 3,866 ha by the end of October and it was 34% of the target. Both the highest targeted extent (1776ha) and cultivated extent (2677ha) were recorded from the Anuradhapura district at the end of this month. However, the cultivation progress in Anuradhapura and Puttalam districts was at a low level. The total estimated production of green chilli during this Yala season is 19,141 mt and out of that around 55% of the production will be supplied from Anuradhapura (14%), Puttalam (11%), Batticaloa (14%), Monaragala (9%), and Kurunegala (7%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of November 2022		Expected Production
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Puttalam	1,770	294	17	2,158
Anuradhapura	1,776	509	29	2,677
Batticaloa	588	498	85	2,637
Jaffna	770	145	19	765
Kurunegala	440	228	52	1,279
Badulla	415	233	56	985
Monaragala	666	379	57	1,772
Kandy	238	80	34	335
Matale	241	86	36	429
Nuwara Eliya	271	100	37	525
Interprovincial DDA areas	815	27	3	127
Mahaweli areas	515	192	37	956
Other areas	2,763	1,095	40	4,496
Total	11,268	3,866	34	19,141

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas increased during this month. Hence, producer prices of green chillies have shown a decreasing trend in the second and third weeks of the month with a price increase recorded in the last week of the month. However, with the high supplies from the main producing areas, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.59.00/kg and Rs.81.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.162.75/kg and Rs.372.18/kg respectively. Prices of green chilli are expected to increase in the coming months with the end of the harvesting season. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of green chilli has decreased by about 10% while the retail price has increased by about 13%.

A quantity of 3,960 mt of dried chillie was imported in November 2022 and this quantity was higher than 1,072 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.901.29/kg and it has increased by Rs.12.59/kg compared to the previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.111.00/kg and Rs.28.00/kg respectively. Prices ranged between Rs.1450.00-1650.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.1600.00

– Rs. 2000.00/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 213% and 210% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	130.00-200.00	162.75	222.00	181.40	-59.25	-26.69	-18.65	-10.28
Dried Chilli	1450.00-1650.00	1567.13	1455.80	501.40	111.33	7.65	1065.73	212.55
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	180.00-600.00	372.18	452.74	330.07	-80.56	-17.79	42.11	12.76
Dried Chilli	1600.00-2000.00	1843.52	1815.12	594.81	28.40	1.56	1248.72	209.94

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	100.00	80.40	92.80	106.00
Embilipitiya	210.00	169.17	110.00	128.33
Puttalam	136.67	83.33	46.67	70.00
A'Pura	142.00	108.00	138.00	104.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (Nov – June 2022)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov-2022	3959.56	3568.72	901.29	1843.52	942.23
Oct-2022	2888.04	2566.62	888.70	1815.12	926.42
Sept-2022	4128.60	3686.10	892.82	1827.19	934.37
Aug-2022	4047.65	3641.90	899.76	1838.64	938.88
July-2022	4709.28	3767.39	799.99	2110.93	1310.93
June-2022	3571.98	2775.77	777.10	2143.50	1366.40

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 245ha has been cultivated by the end of November 2022. It represented only 7% 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 only 29 ha of the target (2%) was grown at the end of November 2022. The cultivation progress of red onion was at a low level in the Puttalam district too (15%). The total estimated production of red onion during this maha season is 3102 mt and out of that around 70% of the production will be supplied from Jaffna (11%), and Puttalam (59%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of Nov 2022		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	1900	29	2	360
Puttalam	900	131	15	1,844
Trincomalee	307	3	1	19
Other area	468	82	18	879
Total	3575	245	7	3,102

Source: Crop forecast, Maha 2022/23, Volume 02,, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both imported and local big onion varieties during this month too. Due to the end of the harvesting season of local big onion, both wholesale and retail prices have increased by about Rs.84.00/kg. The average wholesale and retail prices of local big onion were Rs.294.29/kg and Rs.333.21/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 70% and 61% respectively when compared to the same period of last year. A quantity of 19,712 mt of big onion was imported in November, 2022 and this quantity was higher than the 6,761 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.92.02/kg and it has increased by Rs.8.60/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions increased by about Rs.24.00/kg and Rs.48.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.226.13/kg and Rs.281.28/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 62% and 48% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of local red onion has decreased from the main producing areas during this month. Hence, the wholesale price of vedalan has increased by about Rs.78.00/kg while sinnan stocks were not available at most of the retail markets. The wholesale prices of vedalan were Rs.540.00 – 620.00/kg.

Meanwhile, the retail prices of both Sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.118.00/kg and Rs.126.00/kg respectively due to limited supply from the main producing areas. The average retail prices of sinnan and Vedalan were Rs.491.25/kg and Rs.690.99/kg respectively. A quantity of 1347mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 651 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.143.16/kg and it has increased by Rs. 14.41/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.65.00/kg and Rs.173.00/kg due to limited imports as well as limited local stock position. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of sinnan, vedaln and imported red onion have increased by about,80%, 119% and 84% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	290.00	183.42	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	540.00-620.00	573.01	494.66	245.91	78.35	15.84	327.10	133.01
Red Onion (Imported)	480.00-550.00	523.27	458.73	227.26	64.53	14.07	296.01	130.25
Big Onion (imported)	150.00-290.00	226.13	202.30	139.81	23.83	11.78	86.31	61.73
Big Onion (Local)	230.00-340.00	294.29	200.30	173.03	93.99	46.92	121.26	70.08
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	400.00-600.00	491.25	373.70	273.36	117.55	31.45	217.89	79.71
Red Onion (Vedalan)	580.00-800.00	690.99	564.78	315.79	126.21	22.35	375.20	118.81
Red Onion (Imported)	400.00-720.00	607.08	434.53	330.23	172.55	39.71	276.86	83.84
Big Onion (imported)	180.00-360.00	281.28	233.69	190.57	47.59	20.36	90.71	47.60
Big Onion (Local)	280.00-380.00	333.21	238.89	206.81	94.32	39.48	126.39	61.12

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, November 2022

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	November,2022	92.02	226.13	281.28	134.10	55.15
	October,2022	83.42	202.30	233.69	118.88	31.39
	November,2021	91.07	139.81	190.57	48.74	50.76
Red onion	November,2022	143.16	523.27	607.08	380.10	83.82
	October,2022	128.75	429.76	434.53	301.01	4.77
	November,2021	147.64	227.26	330.23	79.62	102.97

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onions (June 2022 to November 2022)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
November-2022	19,712.16	92.02	226.13	281.28	189.26
October-2022	12,950.79	83.42	202.30	233.69	150.28
September-2022	16,368.03	80.70	136.48	183.42	102.72
August-2022	27,516.83	100.31	146.72	189.33	89.01
July-2022	22,231.23	80.57	175.33	228.96	148.39
June-2022	22,288.64	71.48	173.32	230.89	159.41

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)	
	Nov,2022	Oct,2022	Nov,2022	Oct,2022	Nov,2022	Oct,2022
Red Onion	1347.06	695.98	192.85	89.61	143.16	128.75
Big Onion	19712.16	12950.79	1813.98	1080.30	92.02	83.42

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2022/23 season is 3,202 ha which is higher than the targeted extent of *maha* 2021/22 season. About 346 995 ha had been cultivated by the end of November achieving 11% of the target. However, compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season by the end of November is low. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 5,177 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,526 ha which is higher than the last *maha* season and about 65 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of November (4.2 % progress). The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,533 ha in the Badulla district and 281 ha have been cultivated by the end of November achieving 08.3% of the targeted extent.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 12,035 mt of potato had been imported in November, which was similar to that of previous month. With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs. 339.00/kg and Rs. 310.00/kg respectively. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 10.91 % and 11.69 % respectively in November. Also, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 6.69 % and 3.07 % respectively. Retail prices of imported potato have increased by 2.70 %. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 265.00-350.00 /kg, Rs. 300.00-375.00 /kg respectively. Prices of potatoes are expected to increase further till February as the new harvesting will be commenced in February from Badulla district. Compared to November 2021, wholesale and retail prices of potato had increased by 52% and 63% respectively.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –June to November 2022

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November-2022	12,035	883.04	73.37	239.85	166.48
October-2022	12,788	965.08	75.47	233.55	158.08
September-2022	11,101	831.97	74.94	300.32	225.37
August-2022	13,414	1205.26	89.85	224.06	134.21
July-2022	13,747	1124.96	81.83	256.99	175.15
June-2022	9,050	636.82	70.37	258.01	187.65

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	265.00-350.00	310.25	247.00	175.64	63.25	25.61	134.61	76.64
Nuwara Eliya	300.00-375.00	339.75	272.16	188.40	67.59	24.83	151.35	80.33
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	290.00-340.00	310.00	279.50	179.20	30.50	10.91	130.80	72.99
Nuwara Eliya	310.00-410.00	346.25	310.00	203.95	36.25	11.69	142.30	69.77
Imported	150.00-300.00	186.00	172.12	162.39	13.88	8.06	23.61	14.54
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	320.00-400.00	363.21	340.42	203.89	22.79	6.69	159.31	78.13
Nuwara Eliya	380.00-480.00	437.60	424.58	251.49	13.02	3.07	186.11	74.00
Imported	190.00-300.00	239.85	233.55	175.11	6.30	2.70	64.73	36.97
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		52.96	93.42	28.25	-40.46	-43.31	24.70	87.42
Nuwara Eliya		97.85	152.42	63.09	-54.57	-35.80	34.76	55.09
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		53.21	60.92	24.69	-7.71	-12.66	28.51	115.45
Nuwara Eliya		91.35	114.58	47.54	-23.23	-20.27	43.81	92.15
Imported		53.85	61.43	12.72	-7.58	-12.34	41.13	323.23

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The cultivated extent and production of Green gram and Cowpea has increased considerably in the last Yala season mainly due to the import restrictions imposed by the government. It was recorded that the Hambanthota, Moneragala, Kurunegala Anuradhapura and Puttalam districts are the major producing areas for the Green gram cultivation while Anuradapura, Kurunegala and Moneragala are for Cowpea. The following table revealed that the production situation of 2021/22 Maha season.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 900.00-1100.00/kg and Rs 1100.00-1300.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile, the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 1000.00-1300.00 /kg and 1000.00-1300.00 /kg respectively. When compared to the previous month, the November prices have increased by 12.45% for Red Cowpea. Compared to last year , wholesale and retail prices of Green gram and Cowpea(white and red) had increased by 151% and 99% and 257% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	900.00-1100.00	1036.50	1072.69	412.73	-36.19	-3.37	623.77	151.13
Cowpea (White)	860.00-1150.00	970.80	868.74	487.79	102.06	11.75	483.01	99.02
Cowpea (Red)	900.00-1200.00	1032.43	909.81	288.82	122.62	13.48	743.61	257.46
Retail Price								
Green gram	1100.00-1300.00	1231.15	1206.32	575.61	24.82	2.06	655.54	113.89
Cowpea (White)	1000.00-1300.00	1172.99	1074.08	611.96	98.92	9.21	561.03	91.68
Cowpea (Red)	1000.00-1300.00	1157.86	1029.63	372.26	128.23	12.45	785.60	211.04

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs. 350.00 and Rs. 360.00 with an average of Rs. 355 /kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs. 340.00 and Rs. 420.00/kg with an average of Rs. 387 /kg. Both wholesale and the retail prices decreased by 5% and 6% respectively. Compared to November 2021, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal had increased by 58% and 54% respectively.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	350.00-360.00	355.48	377.10	225.04	-21.63	-5.73	130.43	57.96
Retail Price	340.00-420.00	387.49	416.08	251.60	-28.59	-6.87	135.89	54.01

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

According to the *Crop Forecast, Vol.02, Maha 2022/2023, Socio Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture, Maha cultivation season of 2022/2023 has started and progress of up country and low country vegetables are recorded as 29% (5,876ha) and 39% (11,077ha) respectively*. The total target extent for up-country vegetables is 20,420ha and 27,820ha for low-country vegetables. Pumpkin, long bean, okra, brinjal and kekiri, reported above 35% progress from their targets. Cultivated area of the all the vegetables were lower than that of Maha 21/22 season, except for Knol-Khol.

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

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of November 2022	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target
Up-country vegetables			
Bean	4,340	1402	30
Beet	1,703	464	21
Cabbage	2,608	743	28
Capsicum	2,501	910	31
Carrot	1,995	713	30
Knol-khol	498	140	32
Leeks	1,333	369	23
Tomato	3,421	1253	32
Radish	2,020	565	26
Total	20,420	6559	29
Low-country vegetables			
Pumpkin	3,774	2179	53
Snake gourd	1,779	686	34
Cucumber	1,723	747	33
Bitter gourd	2,293	867	31
Okra	4,241	1859	38
Brinjal	5,280	2268	38
Ash plantain	449	746	16
Luffa	1,903	756	32
Long Bean	5,090	2259	43
Winged bean	805	386	33
Kekiri	484	241	36
Total	27,820	12994	39
Grand Total	48,240	19,553	35

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2022/23, volume 02, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased due to decreased market supply in the off season. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have increased by 8%-47% except cabbage. The highest price increase was reported for leeks (47%). The highest price of Rs.349.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.129.00/kg was observed for radish. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have increased by 8%-35% except pumpkin, cucumber and drumstick. The highest price of Rs 760.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest of Rs.52.00/kg was for cucumber. Further, prices of green chilli and lime decreased by 27% and 38% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of all vegetable varieties had increased by 5%-306%.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – November 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	280.00-420.00	349.25	303.40	290.00	45.85	15.11	59.25	20.43
Carrot	280.00-380.00	335.75	280.80	220.20	54.95	19.57	115.55	52.48
Leeks	180.00-380.00	270.25	183.40	224.00	86.85	47.36	46.25	20.65
Beetroot	200.00-370.00	259.71	239.47	77.53	20.24	8.45	182.17	234.96
Knolkhol	170.00-240.00	208.25	184.40	142.40	23.85	12.93	65.85	46.24
Radish	90.00-160.00	128.80	117.78	121.80	11.01	9.35	7.00	5.74
Cabbage	120.00-200.00	152.25	210.00	160.00	-57.75	-27.50	-7.75	-4.84
Tomato	160.00-400.00	301.58	229.00	273.80	72.58	31.70	27.78	10.15
Ladies Fingers	100.00-180.00	142.25	105.20	133.00	37.05	35.22	9.25	6.95
Brinjal	300.00-400.00	349.50	264.40	183.20	85.10	32.19	166.30	90.78
Capsicum	700.00-850.00	760.25	620.60	393.40	139.65	22.50	366.85	93.25
Pumpkin	80.00-150.00	116.75	177.00	46.20	-60.25	-34.04	70.55	152.71
Cucumber	30.00-70.00	52.25	78.40	74.10	-26.15	-33.35	-21.85	-29.49
Bittergourd	350.00-400.00	378.75	349.80	313.40	28.95	8.28	65.35	20.85
Snakegourd	220.00-330.00	286.59	252.80	199.60	33.79	13.37	86.99	43.58
Drumstick	150.00-400.00	250.00	287.40	185.00	-37.40	-13.01	65.00	35.14
Luffa	170.00-260.00	206.50	190.80	185.60	15.70	8.23	20.90	11.26
Long Beans	150.00-300.00	218.25	171.40	188.00	46.85	27.33	30.25	16.09
Ash Plantain	180.00-200.00	191.25	165.40	47.10	25.85	15.63	144.15	306.05
Green Chillies	130.00-200.00	162.75	222.00	181.40	-59.25	-26.69	-18.65	-10.28
Lime	150.00-450.00	307.50	491.80	411.40	-184.30	-37.47	-103.90	-25.26

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail prices of vegetables also have increased during the month. With regard to up-country vegetables, only the retail prices of cabbages had decreased by 15%. The highest price of Rs.1004.00/kg was noted for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.156.00/kg was observed for cucumber. In addition, the retail prices of pumpkin, cucumber and drumsticks have decreased. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all vegetable varieties had increased by 6%-143%.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – November 2022

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	360.00-600.00	498.69	440.64	379.94	58.05	13.17	118.75	31.26
Carrot	350.00-600.00	478.56	410.92	309.11	67.64	16.46	169.45	54.82
Leeks	260.00-600.00	400.84	326.69	327.48	74.16	22.70	73.36	22.40
Beetroot	280.00-560.00	402.34	352.02	165.83	50.32	14.29	236.51	142.62
Knolkhol	250.00-500.00	388.29	344.19	225.54	44.11	12.81	162.75	72.16
Radish	180.00-320.00	259.64	231.79	199.43	27.85	12.02	60.21	30.19
Cabbage	200.00-440.00	331.38	387.48	253.28	-56.10	-14.48	78.10	30.84
Tomato	240.00-600.00	428.85	361.14	402.53	67.71	18.75	26.32	6.54
Ladies Fingers	160.00-320.00	266.96	245.19	230.85	21.77	8.88	36.11	15.64
Brinjal	340.00-600.00	470.73	407.36	274.52	63.37	15.56	196.21	71.48
Capsicum	750.00-1200.00	1004.58	853.46	507.33	151.13	17.71	497.25	98.01
Pumpkin	140.00-300.00	230.47	269.33	111.49	-38.86	-14.43	118.98	106.71
Cucumber	70.00-200.00	155.66	189.74	144.87	-34.08	-17.96	10.78	7.44
Bittergourd	400.00-640.00	536.42	505.30	437.15	31.12	6.16	99.27	22.71
Snakegourd	300.00-480.00	410.16	381.49	289.85	28.67	7.52	120.31	41.51
Drumstick	260.00-720.00	436.98	505.32	410.42	-68.33	-13.52	26.56	6.47
Luffa	240.00-480.00	367.50	342.13	288.87	25.37	7.42	78.63	27.22
Long Beans	240.00-480.00	383.11	322.37	285.59	60.74	18.84	97.52	34.15
Ash Plantain	200.00-320.00	285.63	271.70	125.10	13.94	5.13	160.53	128.32
Green Chilli	180.00-600.00	372.18	452.74	330.07	-80.56	-17.79	42.11	12.76
Lime	240.00-900.00	552.28	714.01	600.30	-161.73	-22.65	-48.02	-8.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In November, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of all the varieties except for *ambul* banana have increased with the highest price increase of 6% was reported for *kolikuttu* banana, followed by *seeni*, *anamalu* and *ambun* (3%). During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.320.00-380.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.120.00-200.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.90.00-140.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.19.00-23.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.16.00-20.00/fruit (*anamalu*).

Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 24%-34% due to on-going harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.473.00/fruit (large), Rs.380.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.287.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. With the arrival of ample stocks of mango to the market, the wholesale prices of *karthakolomban* (26%) mango has decreased and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-150.00/fruit (Table 4.1).

Considering other types of fruit varieties, the highest price increase of 62% was reported for orange due to off-season. Further, the prices of avocado (49%), papaw (48%) and grapes (25%) have increased. Meanwhile, the prices of slime apple and wood apple have decreased by 12% and 8% respectively.

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 285% reported for passion fruit (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – November 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	120.00-200.00	151.67	158.32	49.50	-6.65	-4.20	102.17	206.40
Kolikuttu (Kg)	320.00-380.00	359.76	337.83	128.33	21.92	6.49	231.42	180.33
Seeni (Kg)	90.00-140.00	115.51	112.33	62.00	3.18	2.83	53.51	86.31
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-20.00	17.44	17.00	10.92	0.44	2.56	6.52	59.72
Ambun (Fruit)	19.00-23.00	20.53	19.99	13.30	0.54	2.69	7.23	54.38
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	420.00-530.00	472.73	620.58	205.60	-147.85	-23.83	267.13	129.93
Medium (Fruit)	340.00-430.00	379.95	526.81	153.91	-146.85	-27.88	226.04	146.86
Small (Fruit)	250.00-330.00	287.23	436.25	104.60	-149.02	-34.16	182.63	174.60
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	21.20	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	80.00-150.00	114.54	154.83	61.95	-40.29	-26.02	52.60	84.91
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-75.00	60.23	60.15	25.90	0.08	0.13	34.33	132.55
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	150.00-370.00	246.68	167.24	100.12	79.44	47.50	146.56	146.38
Passionfruit (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	37.21	33.77	9.65	3.44	10.19	27.56	285.57
Woodapple (Fruit)	12.00-22.00	16.88	18.30	12.48	-1.41	-7.72	4.40	35.26
Orange (Fruit)	60.00-130.00	96.20	59.34	55.75	36.86	62.11	40.45	72.56
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	97.74	65.76	67.69	31.98	48.64	30.05	44.39
Slime Apple (Fruit)	28.00-60.00	38.24	43.45	35.98	-5.22	-12.00	2.26	6.27
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1200.00-1800.00	1508.33	1208.53	887.94	299.80	24.81	620.40	69.87

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 November. Accordingly, the prices of *kolikuttu*, *seeni* and *anamalu* banana have increased in the range of 1-5%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.380.00-480.00/kg for *kolikuttu* and Rs.140.00-260.00/kg for *ambul* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. In addition, the prices of avocado (37%), papaw (26%) and orange (25%) have increased due to low stock position. Meanwhile, the prices of all sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 29%-32% and the prices ranged between Rs.280.00-800.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 151% reported for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – November 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	140.00-260.00	192.49	193.12	110.80	-0.63	-0.33	81.69	73.73
Kolikuttu (Kg)	380.00-480.00	431.67	413.04	212.16	18.63	4.51	219.51	103.46
Seeni (Kg)	120.00-230.00	179.96	177.43	119.91	2.54	1.43	60.05	50.08
Anamalu (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	24.91	24.46	18.20	0.46	1.86	6.72	36.90
Ambun (Fruit)	21.00-38.00	30.02	30.30	23.06	-0.27	-0.90	6.96	30.19
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	500.00-800.00	583.71	852.33	259.76	-268.62	-31.52	323.95	124.71
Medium (Fruit)	400.00-600.00	478.80	675.18	205.18	-196.38	-29.09	273.62	133.36
Small (Fruit)	280.00-500.00	383.78	542.69	154.28	-158.91	-29.28	229.50	148.76
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	80.00-200.00	137.79	194.10	90.44	-56.31	-29.01	47.35	52.36
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00-120.00	85.87	85.81	61.94	0.06	0.07	23.92	38.62
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	180.00-500.00	325.50	258.76	165.70	66.74	25.79	159.81	96.45
Passionfruit (Fruit)	38.00-71.00	53.07	49.20	21.14	3.87	7.87	31.93	151.02
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	47.66	47.588	46.00	0.07	0.15	1.66	3.60
Orange (Fruit)	80.00-180.00	127.99	102.18	87.19	25.81	25.26	40.80	46.79
Avocado (Fruit)	80.00-220.00	144.85	105.93	87.96	38.92	36.74	56.89	64.69
Slime Apple (Fruit)	60.00-200.00	132.15	116.15	79.64	16.00	13.77	52.51	65.93
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1600.00-2500.00	2050.98	2135.5	1270.70	-84.49	-3.96	780.28	61.41

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – November 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	44.00-111.00	83.25	92.40	33.15	-9.15	-9.90	50.10	151.10
Kolikuttu	154.00-280.00	219.88	207.90	111.60	11.98	5.76	108.28	97.02
Papaw	74.00-169.00	108.25	100.48	49.60	7.77	7.74	58.65	118.25

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,235 mt of fresh fruits in November, 2022 to the value of Rs.298 mn. Of the exported quantity, 93% were papaw, 4% were fresh mangoes, avocados and mangosteen and 3% were fresh pineapple. In the month of October, 2022, the quantity exported was 1,778 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 649 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs. 258 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 478 mt, followed by grapes (121 mt). Compared to the month of November, 2021, the quantity imported was 2,827 mt. Therefore, compared to last year, the imported quantity had decreased by 77% (Table 4.4).

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

Type of Fruit	November - 2022			October - 2022			September- 2022		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Papaw	1148.12	231.33	201.49	1689.64	336.43	199.11	1541.48	312.84	202.95
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	47.43	48.12	1014.55	40.35	38.46	953.09	26.05	56.56	2171.11
Fresh Avocado	2.14	2.62	1222.56	7.74	8.09	1045.81	14.08	13.12	932.15
Pineapple, fresh	38.25	15.82	413.69	39.51	30.88	781.43	33.48	28.77	859.25

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

Type of Fruit	November - 2022			October - 2022			September- 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	477.79	176.99	370.44	408.58	156.83	383.84	145.71	54.87	376.57
Grapes	121.47	64.06	527.39	161.02	87.35	542.50	219.43	126.27	575.43
Oranges	49.92	15.97	319.97	499.25	140.78	281.98	48.00	13.67	284.81

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though the year-on-year food inflation rate for October 2022 was recorded as 74%, prices of all fish varieties, except for hurulla, continued to drop, at the wholesale level, compared to previous month. The main cause of the fall in fish prices may be the demand decrease due to low purchasing power of the consumers.

As mentioned in the previous month, rising cost of living coupled with loss of income has continued to force the consumers to focus more on staple food items, skipping high priced protein sources such as fish and meat. Meantime, the demand shift from high value fish varieties to low value fish varieties such as salaya, caused a high price hike in those varieties compared to previous year. Meantime, deep sea fish catch continued to be at a declining trend since the fuel price hike due to high costs associated with deep sea fishing; thus, resulting in low fishing trips, low fishing effort and low supply. Monthly marine fish production in November 2022 (provisional) was 2% lower than that of the same period, last year (Ministry of fisheries, 2023)

Of all the fresh fish varieties, the highest price drop was reported for mora as 18% followed by thora by 17%, balaya by 16%, and salaya by 11%. Prices of the remaining fish varieties, except for hurulla had decreased in the range of 1% - 8%. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 15% - 134%, with the highest price increase noted for salaya as 134%.

Following wholesale price movements, the retail prices of all the fish varieties had dropped, compared to last month. The highest price drop was reported for mora as 15%, followed by salaya as 11% and balaya, kelawalla and thora as 6%. Meantime, prices of the remaining fish varieties had dropped in the range of 2% - 5%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fresh fish varieties had increased significantly, with the highest price increase was noted for salaya as 104%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	280.00-600.00	420.75	472.05	179.65	-51.30	-10.87	241.10	134.20
Hurulla	450.00-800.00	630.50	609.20	411.73	21.30	3.50	218.77	53.13
Balaya	450.00-800.00	622.06	738.75	453.30	-116.69	-15.80	168.76	37.23
Kelawalla	800.00-1400.00	1184.25	1220.04	821.33	-35.79	-2.93	362.92	44.19
Thora	1000.00-2600.00	1925.00	2315.00	1392.43	-390.00	-16.85	532.57	38.25
Paraw	800.00-1250.00	1076.72	1185.60	778.05	-108.88	-9.18	298.67	38.39
Mora	650.00-900.00	790.46	967.77	687.50	-177.31	-18.32	102.96	14.98
Shrimp (small)	1350.00-1650.00	1478.75	1497.80	1069.29	-19.05	-1.27	409.46	38.29
Thalapath	1350.00-2600.00	1838.75	1990.27	1120.00	-151.52	-7.61	718.75	64.17
Retail Prices								
Salaya	400.00-900.00	583.07	658.02	285.99	-74.95	-11.39	297.09	103.88
Hurulla	600.00-1000.00	818.30	846.76	544.02	-28.46	-3.36	274.28	50.42
Balaya	800.00-1600.00	1179.28	1253.39	916.43	-74.12	-5.91	262.85	28.68
Kelawalla	1200.00-2800.00	2074.33	2205.88	1446.21	-131.56	-5.96	628.12	43.43
Thora	2200.00-3800.00	2847.47	3023.12	1988.30	-175.65	-5.81	859.17	43.21
Paraw	1100.00-2600.00	1970.71	2080.15	1496.25	-109.44	-5.26	474.46	31.71
Mora	1000.00-1760.00	1290.60	1519.64	1012.83	-229.05	-15.07	277.76	27.42
Shrimp (small)	1480.00-2200.00	1764.18	1851.62	1188.85	-87.44	-4.72	575.33	48.39
Thalapath	2000.00-3200.00	2678.21	2743.78	1813.69	-65.57	-2.39	864.51	47.67

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Following the price drop in fresh fish, prices of most of the local dried fish varieties had also dropped, compared to last month. As observed for fresh fish prices, the main cause for the price drop was low demand due to declining purchasing power of the consumers. However, average prices of imported dried fish varieties remained high due to depreciation of SLN rupee against USD whilst, average prices of local dried fish varieties remained high due to low supply of fresh fish and high cost of production.

The highest price drop at wholesale level was recorded for sprats as 43% due to low demand. Next, the prices of sprats (imported) had dropped by 29%. Prices of remaining dried fish varieties, except for salaya and kattawa (imported) had dropped in the range of 3%-11%. However, prices of salaya and kattawa (imported) had increased slightly, by 1% and 2% respectively.

Following the wholesale price movements, prices of all dried fish varieties had dropped, during November. The highest price drop was reported for sprats (imported) and balaya as 14%. Prices of maduwa and sprats (local) had dropped in the range of 11%-10%. In addition, prices of all the remaining dried fish varieties had decreased by less than 8%. 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 maduwa as 123%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	850.00-1520.00	1101.77	1948.40	1153.17	-846.63	-43.45	-51.39	-4.46
Sprats (imported)	800.00-1200.00	979.34	1369.39	551.78	-390.05	-28.48	427.56	77.49
Kattawa	-	-	-	1220.10	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1600.00-1800.00	1695.25	1683.98	-	11.27	0.67	-	-
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1450.00-1960.00	1796.75	2009.98	1289.90	-213.23	-10.61	506.85	39.29
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balaya	700.00-900.00	800.25	874.60	662.33	-74.35	-8.50	137.92	20.82
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	1273.88	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1600.00-1900.00	1736.98	1830.56	-	-93.58	-5.11	-	-
Maduwa	1100.00-1280.00	1193.11	1224.44	733.67	-31.33	-2.56	459.44	62.62
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	600.00-920.00	762.27	749.80	321.42	12.47	1.66	440.85	137.16
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	1100.00-1900.00	1549.42	1797.63	694.31	-248.22	-13.81	855.10	123.16
Sprats	1200.00-2600.00	2058.98	2275.72	1306.95	-216.74	-9.52	752.03	57.54
Kattawa	2000.00-3000.00	2581.20	2621.99	1568.34	-40.79	-1.56	1012.86	64.58
Thora	3300.00-3800.00	3540.00	-	2091.41	-	-	1448.59	69.26
Mora	2200.00-3000.00	2608.39	2756.61	1561.29	-148.22	-5.38	1047.10	67.07
Balaya	1100.00-2100.00	1545.95	1790.28	957.79	-244.33	-13.65	588.16	61.41
Anguluwa	2200.00-2800.00	2589.48	2665.16	1434.96	-75.67	-2.84	1154.52	80.46
Maduwa	1800.00-2100.00	1940.28	2191.43	991.51	-251.15	-11.46	948.77	95.69
Salaya	900.00-1500.00	1185.09	1272.61	590.74	-87.52	-6.88	594.35	100.61

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Increasing cost of production and demand substitution effect had led to price surges in eggs in June-August period. To control the increasing prices, a gazette notification followed by a verbal agreement was made between egg producers and the Consumer Affairs Authority to sell both types of eggs at maximum retail price of Rs.50.00. Following the agreement, egg prices seemed to stabilize around Rs. 50.00 at wholesale level. However, the retail price range shows that both brown and white eggs were available at the market at a price just above Rs. 50.00. Furthermore, it was observed that the wholesalers' margin for eggs was becoming extremely small; to the point where no significant price change is observed between wholesale and retail levels. It is predicted that the above trends could negatively affect the supply chain stability and might possibly lead to supply shortage in near future.

At the wholesale market 1% increase in prices for brown eggs and 3% increase in prices of white eggs was observed in November, compared to last month. Average prices remained Rs 50.00 for both brown and a white egg at the wholesale level. At the retail level, 2% price increase for both brown and white egg as observed, compared to last month. Average prices remained Rs 52.00 for a brown egg and Rs.50.00 for a white egg at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of an egg had increased by more than 130%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	50.00-50.00	50.00	49.65	21.59	0.35	0.70	28.41	131.59
White (each)	49.00-50.00	49.56	48.03	19.73	1.54	3.20	29.84	151.27
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	50.00-55.00	51.89	50.86	22.01	1.03	2.02	29.88	135.76
White (each)	49.00-53.00	50.46	49.51	20.71	0.95	1.93	29.76	143.73

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Compared to last month, prices of most of the meat varieties, except for chicken (curry), and mutton had dropped at the retail market. The highest price drop was reported for chicken (broiler) by 13%, compared to last month. Further, prices of pork and beef (without bones) had dropped slightly; by 4% and 1% respectively. However, prices of chicken (curry), and mutton had increased slightly; by 4% and 1% respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest was reported for chicken (curry) as 112%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat – November 2022

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2000.00-2200.00	2,087.50	2,098.67	1206.67	-11.17	-0.53	880.83	73.00
Chicken (Broiler)	1080.00-1280.00	1,159.68	1,335.62	761.27	-175.94	-13.17	398.41	52.33
Chicken (curry)	1500.00-1600.00	1,551.98	1,495.96	732.09	56.03	3.75	819.90	111.99
Mutton	2700.00-3300.00	2,982.08	2,943.68	2025.83	38.40	1.30	956.25	47.20
Pork	1450.00-2000.00	1,720.83	1,792.86	843.67	-72.02	-4.02	877.17	103.97

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

Total quantity of wheat grain imported November was around 99,237mt worth 15,482mn. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported in this month had increased by around 62,237mt. Wheat grain mainly imported from Ukraine at a CIF price of Rs.152.43/kg and the quantity was 70.1% of the total imported quantity of this month. The remain quantity has imported from Romania (29.8%) and Australia (0.1%). CIF price of wheat grain ranged from Rs.152.42 to Rs.170.21/kg and average CIF price was Rs.156.01/kg this month. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price has decreased by Rs.31.13/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Australia whilst the lowest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Ukraine.

Total Quantity of wheat flour imported this month was 62,366mt worth 12,184mn. Compared to the previous month, this month quantity has increased by around 26,494mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour has imported from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs.193.88/kg and that was 89% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in November. The remain quantity has imported from UAE (8%), India(1%) and small quantities from Singapore, Egypt, Russia, China and Taiwan. Average CIF price of wheat flour imported this month was Rs.195.36/kg and compared to the previous month it has increased by Rs.0.98/kg.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.273.37-289.29/kg and the average price was Rs.280.84/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 25% and compared to the same period of last year, price has increased by 130%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022		Nov 2021	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	273.37-289.29	280.84	374.18	122.28	-93.34	-24.95	158.56	129.67
Sugar	242.44-252.16	247.28	274.64	151.01	-27.36	-9.96	96.27	63.75

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
November-2022	62,365.07	12183.59	195.36	280.84	85.48
October-2022	35,870.81	6972.66	194.38	374.18	179.80
September-2022	9,442.75	1462.50	154.88	431.79	276.91
August-2022	16,508.94	2,421.32	146.67	304.11	157.44
July-2022	15,742.06	2,369.22	150.50	292.64	142.14
June-2022	12,116.39	1,845.98	152.35	284.18	131.82
Wheat Grain					
November-2022	99,236.54	15,482.21	156.01	280.84	124.83
October-2022	36,999.93	6,923.99	187.14	374.18	187.04
September-2022	20,993.62	3,073.22	146.39	431.79	285.40
August-2022	53,384.73	8,325.34	155.95	304.11	148.16
July-2022	5,318.24	743.84	139.87	292.64	152.77
June-2022	25,141.10	3,521.10	140.05	284.18	144.12

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Sugar

Total quantity of sugar imported this month was 8,158mt worth 1,726mn and it has decreased by around 3,212mt when compared to the previous month. The largest quantity of sugar mainly imported from India and that was 89% of the total quantity. The rest of quantity has imported from Thailand (5%), UAE (3%), South Korea (2%) and small quantity from Malaysia and China. The average CIF price was Rs.211.55/kg and compared to the previous month it has decreased by Rs.11.97/kg. The highest CIF price paid for sugar imported from Malaysia (Rs.461.95/kg) while the lowest paid for sugar imported from China (Rs.191.15/kg).

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month, price ranged from Rs.242.44-252.16/kg and the average retail price was Rs.247.28/kg. Compared to last month average retail price has decreased by 10% and compared to the same period of last year price has increased by 64%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- June 2022 to November 2022

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
November-2022	8,157.59	1725.73	211.55	247.28	35.73
October-2022	11,369.84	2541.37	223.52	274.64	51.12
September-2022	28,072.12	5908.40	210.47	287.58	77.11
August-2022	36,120.67	7,501.31	207.67	314.99	107.32
July-2022	15,863.62	3,072.55	193.69	339.65	145.96
June-2022	9,270.63	1,847.44	199.28	319.54	120.26

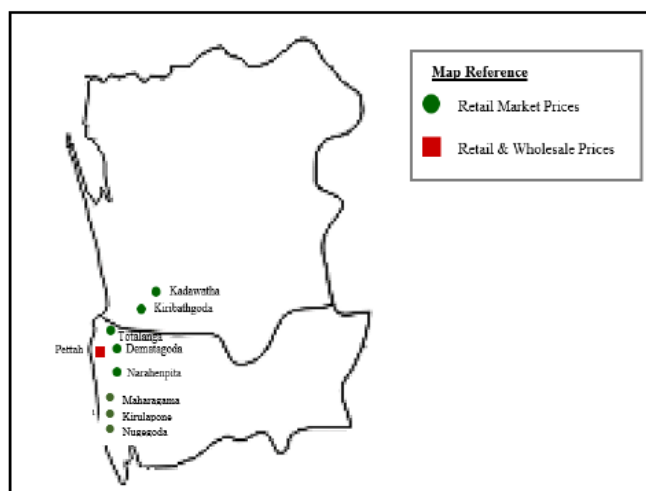
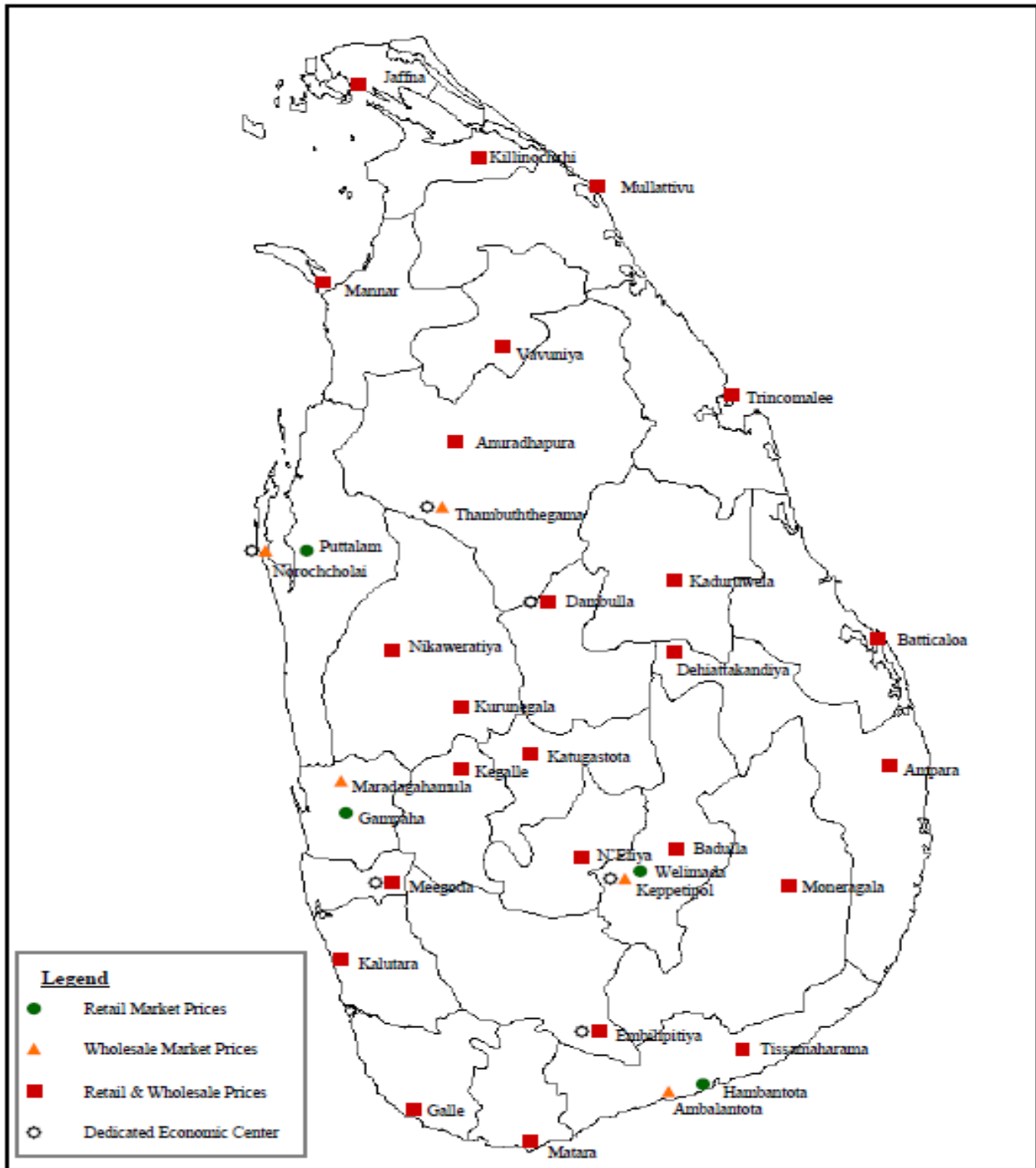
Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 7: Import of selected food items – November 2022

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Nov 2022	Oct 2022		Nov 2022	Oct 2022		Nov 2022	Oct 2022	
Rice	30506.5	54605.7	(44)	3874.5	6902.4	(44)	127.0	126.4	0
Red Onion	1347.1	696.0	94	192.9	89.6	115	143.2	128.7	11
Big Onion	19712.2	12950.8	52	1814.0	1080.3	68	92.0	83.4	10
Potato	12035.3	12788.0	(6)	883.0	965.1	(9)	73.4	75.5	(3)
Maysoor Dhal	13381.7	10642.1	26	3669.2	3183.9	15	274.2	299.2	(8)
Garlic	2127.0	1780.0	19	522.1	440.8	18	245.5	247.7	(1)
Wheat flour	62365.1	35870.8	74	12183.6	6972.7	75	195.4	194.4	1
Wheat grain	99236.5	36999.9	168	15482.2	6924.0	124	156.0	187.1	(17)
Sugar & sugar confectionery	8157.6	11369.8	(28)	1725.7	2541.4	(32)	211.5	223.5	(5)
Maize (Other)	24715.3	17952.4	38	3205.1	2408.5	33	129.7	134.2	(3)

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

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