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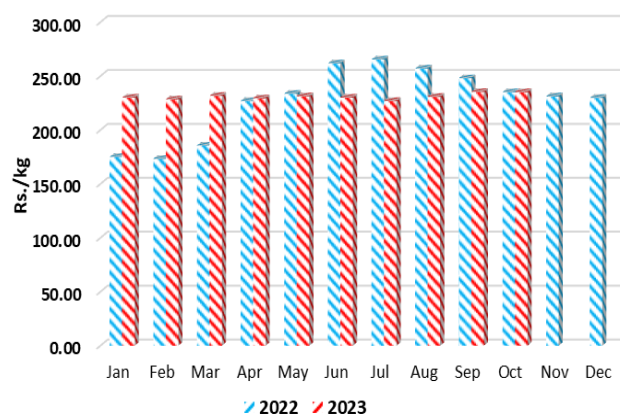
Paddy/Rice

Producer prices for short grain, long grain white, and keeri samba paddy varieties have increased in nearly all major producing areas this month. The highest price increase, recorded at 11%, was for short grain paddy from the Polonnaruwa and Kalawewa regions. Meanwhile, wholesale and retail prices for all rice varieties have not changed significantly.

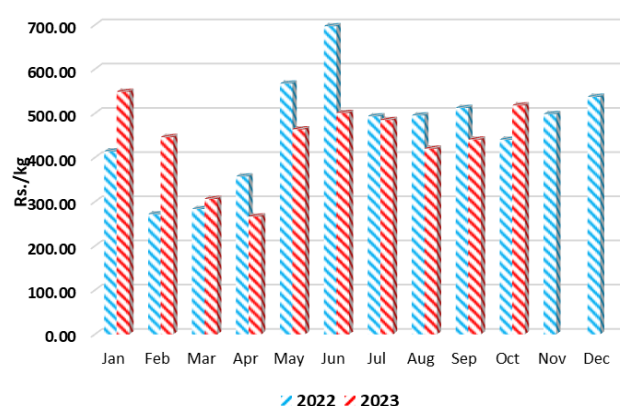
Vegetables

Prices for most vegetables have increased due to a decrease in supply, as heavy rains have disrupted both crop cultivation and harvesting in many major producing areas. Retail prices for vegetables have risen by 3% to 30%, with the highest increase of 30% reported for snake gourd. Beans recorded the highest price at Rs. 518.00/kg. It is anticipated that vegetable prices will continue to rise in the upcoming months.

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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| 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

Producer Prices

Producer prices for short grain, long grain white, and keeri samba paddy varieties have increased in nearly all major producing areas this month. The highest price increase, 11%, was recorded for short grain paddy in Polonnaruwa and Kalawewa. The average price of short grain paddy ranged between Rs. 113.00-123.00/kg across major producing areas, with the lowest price recorded in Ampara at Rs.113.00/kg. Producer prices for keeri samba ranged from Rs. 130.00-150.00/kg, with Polonnaruwa recording the highest average price. Meanwhile, producer prices for long grain red paddy decreased in all producing areas, with prices ranging from Rs. 88.00-105.00/kg.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for short grain and keeri samba have increased in all price-collecting areas, while producer prices for long grain red have decreased by 19-24% across all producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy –October 2023

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	112.00-125.00	117.20	111.10	105.48	6.10	5.49	11.72	11.11
Polonnaruwa	119.00-128.00	123.05	111.13	113.77	11.93	10.73	9.29	8.16
Kalawewa	110.00-125.00	116.64	105.21	109.79	11.43	10.87	6.85	6.24
Kurunegala	112.00-125.00	117.90	113.44	107.01	4.46	3.93	10.89	10.18
Dehiattakandiya	115.00-117.00	116.00	113.40	107.80	2.60	2.30	8.20	7.61
Nikaweratiya	112.00-125.00	117.86	110.86	110.42	6.99	6.31	7.44	6.74
Ampara	105.00-125.00	113.17	110.00	105.87	3.17	2.88	7.30	6.90
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	105.00-116.00	109.40	103.55	104.60	5.85	5.65	4.80	4.59
Polonnaruwa	106.00-128.00	108.05	99.79	109.50	8.26	8.28	-1.45	-1.32
Kalawewa	105.00-116.00	109.00	98.44	106.91	10.56	10.73	2.09	1.96
Kurunegala	108.00-116.00	111.45	108.00	106.74	3.45	3.19	4.71	4.41
Dehiattakandiya	102.00-107.00	104.67	104.75	105.20	-0.08	-0.08	-0.53	-0.51
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	108.00-118.00	112.41	106.10	110.42	6.32	5.96	2.00	1.81
Ampara	100.00-117.00	106.83	102.25	-	4.58	4.48	-	-
Long Grain Red								
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	88.00-105.00	95.60	102.38	121.67	-6.78	-6.62	-26.07	-21.42
Hambantota	95.00-105.00	98.98	100.17	122.02	-1.18	-1.18	-23.03	-18.88
Embilipitiya	90.00-102.00	95.06	101.20	125.44	-6.14	-6.07	-30.38	-24.22
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	130.00-150.00	138.90	135.00	112.76	3.90	2.89	26.14	23.18
Polonnaruwa	143.00-148.00	145.28	136.10	111.48	9.18	6.75	33.80	30.32
Kalawewa	130.00-150.00	139.24	136.88	112.20	2.37	1.73	27.04	24.10
Kurunegala	135.00-145.00	140.50	136.75	116.20	3.75	2.74	24.30	20.91
Dehiattakandiya	140.00-145.00	143.33	140.50	108.60	2.83	2.02	34.73	31.98

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

No significant changes were observed in the rice market this month, with supply and demand remaining stable compared to the previous month. As a result, wholesale prices of all rice varieties experienced a slight change. Samba, keeri samba, and nadu 2 saw slight price increases of around 1%. The shortage of keeri samba persisted, with prices ranging between Rs. 280.00-310.00/kg, the highest on record. Wholesale prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs. 220.00-230.00/kg and Rs. 215.00-220.00/kg, respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most rice varieties have decreased by 4%-18%, with the largest price drop of 18% observed for raw red rice. In contrast, the wholesale price of keeri samba increased by 22% compared to the same period last year.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail prices of Rice –October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	220.00-230.00	224.04	222.50	222.14	1.54	0.69	1.90	0.86
Samba 2	215.00-220.00	217.00	215.00	216.36	2.00	0.93	0.64	0.30
Keeri Samba	280.00-310.00	289.52	285.63	238.52	3.89	1.36	51.00	21.38
Nadu 1	200.00-210.00	201.20	201.63	213.22	-0.43	-0.21	-12.02	-5.64
Nadu 2	195.00-200.00	195.88	194.63	207.92	1.26	0.64	-12.04	-5.79
Raw red	165.00-180.00	174.10	176.38	211.24	-2.28	-1.29	-37.14	-17.58
Raw white	185.00-205.00	195.10	198.28	203.26	-3.18	-1.61	-8.16	-4.01
Imported Samba	-	-	-	181.62	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	153.62	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	169.64	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	230.00-240.00	235.20	235.32	235.20	-0.12	-0.05	0.00	0.00
Samba 2	220.00-230.00	229.65	229.85	226.48	-0.20	-0.09	3.17	1.40
Keeri Samba	300.00-330.00	320.36	316.88	262.23	3.48	1.10	58.12	22.16
Nadu 1	220.00-230.00	222.17	222.08	228.88	0.09	0.04	-6.71	-2.93
Nadu 2	200.00-220.00	218.33	212.81	220.67	5.51	2.59	-2.34	-1.06
Raw red	180.00-210.00	197.09	193.71	226.55	3.37	1.74	-29.46	-13.00
Raw white	190.00-220.00	207.77	208.29	224.71	-0.52	-0.25	-16.94	-7.54
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	296.36	203.90	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	182.59	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	198.10	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

In line with wholesale prices, retail prices of all local rice varieties showed little change compared to the previous month. The shortage of keeri samba persisted, with prices remaining at the highest level, ranging from Rs. 300.00-330.00/kg. Additionally, retail prices of samba grade 1, keeri samba, and nadu grade 1 exceeded the government-regulated Maximum Retail Price (MRP). Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for most rice varieties decreased by 1-13%, with the largest reduction recorded for raw red rice. However, the retail price of keeri samba increased by Rs. 50.00/kg year-on-year.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chillies from major producing areas increased this month. Producer prices for green chillies showed a declining trend in the third and fourth weeks, with the highest price (Rs. 572.00/kg) recorded in Embilipitiya during the first week. However, wholesale and retail prices of green chillies decreased by approximately Rs. 72.00/kg. The average wholesale and retail prices were Rs. 365.38/kg and Rs. 637.22/kg, respectively. Prices are expected to rise in the coming months as the harvesting season ends. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chillies increased by approximately 65% and 41%, respectively.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-450.00	365.38	437.84	222.00	-72.46	-16.55	143.38	64.59
Dried Chilli	1000.00-1100.00	1032.64	1022.50	1455.80	10.14	0.99	-423.16	-29.07
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	400.00-900.00	637.22	709.19	452.74	-71.97	-10.15	184.48	40.75
Dried Chilli	1100.00-1500.00	1331.20	1319.49	1815.12	11.70	0.89	-483.93	-26.66

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) October 2023

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	402.00	304.00	266.00	236.00	324.00
Embilipitiya	572.00	428.00	416.00	372.00	512.00
Puttalam	306.67	305.00	293.33	240.00	315.00
A'Pura	370.00	370.00	396.00	316.00	376.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (May– Oct 2023)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct-2023	4651.15	3640.91	782.80	1331.20	548.40
Sept-2023	2347.54	1748.34	744.75	1319.49	574.74
Aug-2023	3057.48	2379.93	778.40	1295.06	516.66
July-2023	4583.72	3677.25	802.24	1307.02	504.78
June-2023	1741.63	1329.97	763.64	1303.59	539.95
May-2023	4026.94	3075.28	763.68	1361.98	598.30

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

In October 2023, a total of 4,651 metric tons of dried chillies were imported, an increase of 2,303 metric tons from the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 782.80/kg, up by Rs. 38.05/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies increased by approximately Rs. 10.00/kg and Rs. 12.00/kg, respectively. Prices ranged from Rs. 1,000.00-1,100.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs. 1,100.00-1,500.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the

same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies decreased by about 29% and 27%, respectively.

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions this month consisted of both imported and local varieties. Despite October being the peak harvesting month for local big onions, the wholesale price increased by approximately Rs. 35.00/kg due to a comparatively lower harvest this season. The average wholesale and retail prices of local big onions were Rs. 208.83/kg and Rs. 270.48/kg, respectively, with both increasing by about 4% and 13% compared to the same period last year. In October 2023, 20,521 metric tons of big onions were imported, a decrease of 789 metric tons from the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 104.85/kg, up by Rs. 15.93/kg from the previous month. Consequently, wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions rose by approximately Rs. 55.00/kg and Rs. 37.00/kg, respectively, with average wholesale and retail prices recorded at Rs. 190.61/kg and Rs. 259.39/kg.

The supply of local red onions decreased from the main producing areas this month. As a result, the wholesale prices of both *sinnan* and *vedalan* varieties increased by about Rs. 20.00/kg and Rs. 86.00/kg, respectively. However, due to the availability of lower-quality stocks, the retail price of *sinnan* decreased by approximately Rs. 88.00/kg. Meanwhile, the retail price of *vedalan* increased by about Rs. 45.00/kg. The average retail prices for *sinnan* and *vedalan* were Rs. 290.00/kg and Rs. 480.85/kg, respectively. A total of 42 metric tons of red onions were imported from India this month, a reduction of 45 metric tons compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 178.95/kg, up by Rs. 3.72/kg from the previous month. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for *sinnan* and *vedalan* decreased by about 22% and 15%, respectively.

Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion – October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-270.00	241.50	221.50	290.00	20.00	9.03	-48.50	-16.72
Red Onion (Vedalan)	280.00-500.00	369.70	283.78	494.66	85.92	30.28	-124.96	-25.26
Red Onion (Imported)	480.00-550.00	506.22	-	429.76	-	-	76.46	17.79
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-270.00	190.61	135.98	202.30	54.64	40.18	-11.69	-5.78
Big Onion (Local)	170.00-240.00	208.83	173.75	200.30	35.08	20.19	8.53	4.26
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	280.00-300.00	290.00	378.13	373.70	-88.13	-23.31	-83.70	-22.40
Red Onion (Vedalan)	350.00-720.00	480.95	435.98	564.78	44.96	10.31	-83.83	-14.84
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	434.53	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	150.00-360.00	259.39	222.62	233.69	36.77	16.52	25.69	10.99
Big Onion (Local)	240.00-300.00	270.48	-	238.89	-	-	31.60	13.23

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.2: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, October 2023

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF
Big onion	October,2023	104.85	190.61	259.39	85.76	68.78
	September,2023	88.92	135.98	222.62	47.05	86.65
	October,2022	83.42	202.30	233.69	118.88	31.39
Red onion	October,2023	178.95	506.22	-	-	-
	September,2023	175.23	-	-	-	-
	October,2022	125.38	381.23	414.79	255.86	33.56

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: 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)
Oct-2023	20,520.86	104.85	190.61	259.39	154.53
Sept-2023	21,310.34	88.92	135.98	222.62	133.70
Aug-2023	26,951.49	75.91	145.00	183.45	107.53
July-2023	30,815.34	67.66	111.62	146.26	78.60
June-2023	28,435.13	57.41	93.43	131.09	73.68
May-2023	27,523.01	57.64	96.66	127.64	69.99

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Oct,2023	Sept,2023	Oct,2023	Sept,2023	Oct,2023	Sept,2023
Red Onion	41.70	87.00	7.46	15.25	178.95	175.23
Big Onion	20520.86	21310.34	2151.69	1894.93	104.85	88.92

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

At the end of the Yala 2023 cultivation season, the cultivated extent was recorded at 1,889 hectares, which was lower than the targeted extent of 3,040 hectares for the season. As a result, only 62% of the target was achieved by the end of the season. In October, 8,280 metric tons of potatoes were imported, which is 4,508 metric tons less than the amount imported during the same period last year. Compared to September 2023, potato imports remained unchanged. The average CIF price in October was Rs. 62.00/kg.

In October, the average producer prices for Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs. 199.00/kg and Rs. 172.00/kg, respectively. Wholesale prices for Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes decreased by 9% and 3%, while the wholesale price of imported potatoes fell by 4%. Retail prices for Nuwara Eliya potatoes decreased by 7%, whereas retail prices for Welimada potatoes increased by 6%. The retail price of imported potatoes also rose by 4%. During the month, wholesale prices ranged from Rs. 170.00-220.00/kg for Welimada potatoes, Rs. 200.00-240.00/kg for Nuwara Eliya potatoes, and Rs. 150.00-200.00/kg for imported potatoes. As the potato harvesting season ends in November, local potato prices are expected to rise in the coming months.

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct-2023	8,280	513.21	61.98	222.31	160.33
Sept-2023	9,903	692.93	69.97	212.75	142.78
Aug-2023	15,890	1196.68	75.31	222.73	147.42
July-2023	18,162	1289.19	70.98	239.80	168.82
June-2023	12,052	716.85	59.48	200.57	141.09
May-2023	12,983	801.12	61.71	202.36	140.66

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	160.00-190.00	171.88	157.50	247.00	14.38	9.13	-75.12	-30.41
Nuwara Eliya	185.00-210.00	199.00	188.00	272.16	11.00	5.85	-73.16	-26.88
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	170.00-220.00	193.32	199.88	279.50	-6.55	-3.28	-86.18	-30.83
Nuwara Eliya	200.00-240.00	223.34	246.00	310.00	-22.66	-9.21	-86.66	-27.95
Imported	150.00-200.00	173.43	179.75	172.12	-6.32	-3.51	1.31	0.76
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	260.00-320.00	300.20	284.17	340.42	16.04	5.64	-40.22	-11.81
Nuwara Eliya	300.00-400.00	356.19	383.36	424.58	-27.17	-7.09	-68.39	-16.11
Imported	180.00-260.00	222.31	212.75	233.55	9.56	4.49	-11.24	-4.81
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		128.32	126.67	93.42	1.66	1.31	34.90	37.36
Nuwara Eliya		157.19	195.36	152.42	-38.17	-19.54	4.77	3.13
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		106.88	-	60.92	-	-	45.96	75.45
Nuwara Eliya		132.85	137.36	114.58	-4.51	-3.28	18.27	15.94
Imported		48.88	33.00	61.43	15.87	48.10	-12.55	-20.43

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

Wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged from Rs. 750.00-850.00/kg and Rs. 900.00-1,300.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the previous month, both wholesale and retail prices of green gram decreased by 10% and 6%, respectively. Meanwhile, retail prices for both white and red cowpea ranged from Rs. 900.00-1,000.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices of green gram, white, and red cowpea saw a slight decrease.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	750.00-850.00	774.52	862.88	1072.69	-88.35	-10.24	-298.17	-27.80
Cowpea (White)	900.00-960.00	943.84	903.50	868.74	40.34	4.47	75.10	8.65
Cowpea (Red)	890.00-1000.00	970.64	933.50	909.81	37.14	3.98	60.83	6.69
Retail Price								
Green gram	900.00-1300.00	1102.27	1169.66	1206.32	-67.38	-5.76	-104.05	-8.63
Cowpea (White)	1000.00-1350.00	1139.11	1140.70	1074.08	-1.59	-0.14	65.03	6.05
Cowpea (Red)	1000.00-1300.00	1157.80	1164.71	1029.63	-6.91	-0.59	128.17	12.45

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged from Rs. 280.00-300.00/kg, with an average of Rs. 292/kg, while the retail price ranged from Rs. 300.00-380.00/kg, with an average of Rs. 337/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices saw a slight decrease, with the wholesale price dropping by 4%. Compared to the same period in 2022, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 19% and 22%, respectively.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	280.00-300.00	292.43	305.88	377.10	-13.44	-4.40	-84.67	-22.45
Retail Price	300.00-380.00	336.88	337.62	416.08	-0.74	-0.22	-79.20	-19.03

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Harvesting for the Yala 2023 season has commenced, while the cultivation of up-country and low-country vegetables is progressing for the Maha 2023/2024 season. The targeted extent and production for up-country vegetables this season were 18,388 hectares and 252,657 metric tons, respectively. For low-country vegetables, the expected cultivation extent was 22,664 hectares, with a projected production of 258,462 metric tons. However, prolonged rains have caused challenges for both harvesting and crop cultivation, which may negatively impact vegetable production in the upcoming season.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most vegetables have increased due to a decrease in supply, primarily caused by rainy weather conditions in many major producing areas. Wholesale prices for up-country vegetables have risen by 3% to 78%, with the highest increase reported for radish at 78%. The highest price recorded was Rs. 416.00/kg for beans, while the lowest was Rs. 72.00/kg for leeks. For low-country vegetables, wholesale prices increased by 9% to 111%, with the highest increase observed for drumsticks. Capsicum reached a peak price of Rs. 334.00/kg, while pumpkin had the lowest price

at Rs. 56.00/kg. Notably, prices for pumpkin and cucumber have decreased by 1% to 5%. Due to limited supply from producing areas, the price of lime has surged by 40%.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for most vegetable varieties have decreased by 14% to 68%, with the highest decrease of 68% recorded for pumpkin. Additionally, lime prices have significantly increased by 184% compared to last year's prices.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	300.00-600.00	415.60	299.91	303.40	115.69	38.58	112.20	36.98
Carrot	120.00-230.00	163.00	157.25	280.80	5.75	3.66	-117.80	-41.95
Leeks	50.00-120.00	71.60	68.75	183.40	2.85	4.15	-111.80	-60.96
Beetroot	80.00-160.00	116.00	114.07	239.47	1.93	1.69	-123.47	-51.56
Knolkhol	60.00-180.00	100.80	68.00	184.40	32.80	48.24	-83.60	-45.34
Radish	60.00-130.00	87.40	49.00	117.78	38.40	78.37	-30.38	-25.79
Cabbage	50.00-180.00	93.58	64.19	210.00	29.40	45.80	-116.42	-55.44
Tomato	80.00-180.00	120.60	108.52	229.00	12.08	11.13	-108.40	-47.34
Ladies Fingers	80.00-220.00	136.40	83.75	105.20	52.65	62.87	31.20	29.66
Brinjal	200.00-380.00	262.60	241.39	264.40	21.21	8.79	-1.80	-0.68
Capsicum	200.00-550.00	334.20	209.33	620.60	124.87	59.65	-286.40	-46.15
Pumpkin	40.00-70.00	56.40	59.77	177.00	-3.37	-5.64	-120.60	-68.14
Cucumber	50.00-100.00	80.80	81.66	78.40	-0.86	-1.05	2.40	3.06
Bittergourd	300.00-400.00	332.00	234.21	349.80	97.79	41.75	-17.80	-5.09
Snakegourd	130.00-320.00	215.60	148.50	252.80	67.10	45.19	-37.20	-14.72
Drumstick	80.00-300.00	164.89	78.13	287.40	86.76	111.06	-122.51	-42.63
Luffa	150.00-300.00	205.00	128.18	190.80	76.82	59.93	14.20	7.44
Long Beans	150.00-350.00	235.96	157.25	171.40	78.71	50.06	64.56	37.67
Ash Plantain	150.00-250.00	199.40	181.09	165.40	18.31	10.11	34.00	20.56
Green Chillies	300.00-450.00	365.38	437.84	222.00	-72.46	-16.55	143.38	64.59
Lime	1200.00-1600.00	1396.00	998.75	491.80	397.25	39.77	904.20	183.86

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with wholesale prices, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have increased. The retail prices of only carrots, pumpkins, and cucumbers have decreased by 1% to 4%, while prices for all other vegetable varieties rose by 3% to 30%. Among up-country vegetables, the highest price increase was reported for beans at 18%. For low-country vegetables, snake gourd saw the highest price increase at 30%. The highest retail price recorded was Rs. 518.00/kg for beans, while the lowest price was Rs. 159.00/kg for pumpkin. Additionally, the price of green chillies decreased by 10%, while the price of lime increased by 34%. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have decreased by 3% to 38%.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of Vegetables – October 2023

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	320.00-800.00	518.06	440.82	440.64	77.24	17.52	77.42	17.57
Carrot	140.00-460.00	303.51	315.88	410.92	-12.37	-3.92	-107.41	-26.14
Leeks	100.00-360.00	218.23	214.18	326.69	4.05	1.89	-108.46	-33.20
Beetroot	140.00-360.00	237.99	229.47	352.02	8.52	3.71	-114.04	-32.39
Knolkhol	110.00-420.00	245.00	222.30	344.19	22.70	10.21	-99.18	-28.82
Radish	110.00-360.00	217.52	186.26	231.79	31.26	16.78	-14.27	-6.16
Cabbage	110.00-400.00	238.82	226.31	387.48	12.51	5.53	-148.66	-38.37
Tomato	140.00-400.00	264.34	233.15	361.14	31.19	13.38	-96.79	-26.80
Ladies Fingers	120.00-400.00	263.40	237.64	245.19	25.76	10.84	18.21	7.43
Brinjal	240.00-600.00	432.84	380.39	407.36	52.46	13.79	25.48	6.26
Capsicum	240.00-800.00	498.40	393.82	853.46	104.58	26.56	-355.06	-41.60
Pumpkin	80.00-260.00	158.74	165.93	269.33	-7.19	-4.33	-110.59	-41.06
Cucumber	80.00-260.00	184.25	185.30	189.74	-1.05	-0.57	-5.49	-2.89
Bittergourd	300.00-660.00	485.80	391.59	505.30	94.21	24.06	-19.50	-3.86
Snakegourd	200.00-520.00	354.86	272.44	381.49	82.42	30.25	-26.63	-6.98
Drumstick	120.00-600.00	310.75	264.93	505.32	45.82	17.29	-194.57	-38.50
Luffa	180.00-560.00	346.12	275.08	342.13	71.04	25.83	3.99	1.17
Long Beans	200.00-560.00	362.48	313.30	322.37	49.18	15.70	40.10	12.44
Ash Plantain	220.00-480.00	318.09	305.01	271.70	13.08	4.29	46.39	17.08
Green Chilli	400.00-900.00	637.22	709.19	452.74	-71.97	-10.15	184.48	40.75
Lime	1400.00-2400.00	1914.80	1429.61	714.01	485.19	33.94	1200.79	168.18

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In October, the wholesale prices of most major fruit types, including bananas, pineapples, and mangoes, have decreased. With the arrival of new mango stocks in the market, wholesale prices for karthakolomban mangoes dropped by 51%, while vilad mangoes decreased by 36%. Additionally, the prices for all sizes of pineapples fell by 27% to 34% due to the ongoing harvesting season in the Gampaha district. The monthly average wholesale prices were Rs. 603.00 for large fruits, Rs. 500.00 for medium fruits, and Rs. 369.00 for small fruits.

Regarding banana varieties, prices for most types have decreased, with the highest drop of 28% recorded for ambul bananas, followed by a 15% decrease for kolikuttu bananas.

In contrast, prices for many other fruit varieties have increased due to low stock levels. The highest price increase was reported for passion fruit at 84%, followed by slime apples at 28%, oranges at 12%, and wood apples at 10%. Meanwhile, the prices of papaw and imported grapes decreased by 33% and 12%, respectively, due to the availability of ample stocks in the market.

Compared to the same period last year, current wholesale prices for most fruit varieties have risen, with the highest increase of 71% reported for slime apples.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	100.00-180.00	137.33	190.45	158.32	-53.12	-27.89	-20.99	-13.26
Kolikuttu (Kg)	400.00-550.00	461.08	542.18	337.83	-81.10	-14.96	123.24	36.48
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-150.00	134.65	131.44	112.33	3.21	2.44	22.32	19.87
Anamalu (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	25.70	25.51	17.00	0.19	0.74	8.70	51.18
Ambun (Fruit)	27.00-34.00	30.38	31.77	19.99	-1.38	-4.35	10.39	51.97
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	500.00-750.00	603.64	824.79	620.58	-221.15	-26.81	-16.94	-2.73
Medium (Fruit)	400.00-650.00	500.84	724.17	526.81	-223.33	-30.84	-25.96	-4.93
Small (Fruit)	280.00-500.00	369.44	562.36	436.25	-192.92	-34.30	-66.81	-15.31
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	32.29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	70.00-280.00	150.06	305.00	154.83	-154.94	-50.80	-4.77	-3.08
Vilad (Fruit)	36.00-80.00	55.04	85.73	60.15	-30.69	-35.80	-5.11	-8.50
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-140.00	91.64	137.67	167.24	-46.03	-33.44	-75.61	-45.21
Passionfruit (Fruit)	40.00-65.00	55.59	30.14	33.77	25.45	84.45	21.82	64.64
Woodapple (Fruit)	16.00-24.00	20.24	18.33	18.30	1.90	10.38	1.94	10.60
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	69.03	61.85	59.34	7.18	11.62	9.69	16.33
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-140.00	78.89	72.58	65.76	6.31	8.69	13.14	19.98
Slime Apple (Fruit)	60.00-90.00	74.37	58.05	43.45	16.32	28.11	30.91	71.14
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1000.00-1350.00	1203.57	1368.75	1208.53	-165.18	-12.07	-4.96	-0.41

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to price behavior in the wholesale market, retail prices for all major fruit varieties have decreased. For banana varieties, prices have fallen by 3% to 9%, with the highest decrease recorded for ambul bananas, attributed to lower wholesale prices. During the month, prices in the Colombo and suburban markets ranged from Rs. 450.00 to 700.00/kg for kolikuttu bananas, Rs. 150.00 to 300.00/kg for ambul bananas, and Rs. 150.00 to 260.00/kg for seeni bananas. Among mango varieties, the price of karthakolomban decreased by 39%, while vilad mangoes saw a 13% decline. In terms of pineapple varieties, prices for all sizes decreased by 27% to 29% due to reduced wholesale prices, with retail prices ranging from Rs. 300.00 to 900.00/fruit in the Colombo suburban markets.

For other fruit varieties, retail prices for most have increased due to rising wholesale prices. The highest price increase was reported for passion fruit at 49%, followed by increases of 3% to 7% for slime apples, avocados, and oranges. However, prices for papaw and wood apple decreased by 26% and 8%, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, current retail prices for most fruit varieties have risen, with the highest increase of 60% reported for passion fruit.

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	150.00-300.00	226.50	249.09	193.12	-22.59	-9.07	33.38	17.29
Kolikuttu (Kg)	450.00-700.00	594.44	637.90	413.04	-43.46	-6.81	181.40	43.92
Seeni (Kg)	150.00-260.00	210.65	218.72	177.43	-8.07	-3.69	33.22	18.72
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00-47.00	36.43	37.46	24.46	-1.03	-2.75	11.97	48.96
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	47.28	49.95	30.30	-2.67	-5.34	16.98	56.05
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	520.00-900.00	674.77	929.84	852.33	-255.07	-27.43	-177.56	-20.83
Medium (Fruit)	420.00-700.00	567.48	787.00	675.18	-219.52	-27.89	-107.70	-15.95
Small (Fruit)	300.00-600.00	474.31	666.45	542.69	-192.14	-28.83	-68.37	-12.60
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	90.00-400.00	219.21	359.07	194.10	-139.86	-38.95	25.11	12.94
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	97.67	112.65	85.81	-14.97	-13.29	11.87	13.83
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-300.00	170.87	232.28	258.76	-61.41	-26.44	-87.89	-33.96
Passionfruit (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	78.79	52.96	49.20	25.83	48.78	29.59	60.14
Woodapple (Fruit)	25.00-80.00	46.25	50.239	47.59	-3.99	-7.94	-1.34	-2.81
Orange (Fruit)	60.00-170.00	110.37	107.14	102.18	3.23	3.02	8.19	8.01
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-160.00	94.71	88.716	105.93	6.00	6.76	-11.22	-10.59
Slime Apple (Fruit)	65.00-160.00	115.05	107.42	116.15	7.62	7.10	-1.11	-0.95
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1300.00-3500.00	2095.89	2239.4	2135.47	-143.55	-6.41	-39.58	-1.85

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits –October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	75.00-125.00	101.71	111.99	92.40	-10.28	-9.18	9.31	10.08
Kolikuttu	268.00-346.67	306.57	356.50	207.90	-49.93	-14.01	98.67	47.46
Papaw	45.00-112.50	63.27	83.88	100.48	-20.61	-24.57	-37.21	-37.03

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, the country exported 4,485 mt of fresh fruits in October 2023, valued at Rs. 596 million. Of the exported quantity, 98% consisted of papaw. This represents an increase compared to October 2022, when 1,778 mt were exported (Table 4.3).

Regarding imports, Sri Lanka imported 949 metric tons of fresh fruits during the month, with a total value of Rs. 367 million. Apples were the most imported fruit, accounting for 483 mt, followed by grapes at 265 mt. Compared to the same period last year, the imported quantity has decreased this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – August to October 2023

Type of Fruit	October- 2023			September- 2023			August- 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	4376.69	486.31	111.11	1880.28	216.47	115.13	1823.14	197.00	108.05
Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	88.44	99.37	1123.59	17.85	25.51	1429.00	24.97	28.41	1137.64
Fresh Avocado	7.54	6.47	858.29	13.17	10.26	779.06	4.27	3.24	758.32
Pineapple, fresh	11.71	3.89	331.96	1.74	1.94	1110.36	4.96	2.98	601.06

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – August to October 2023

Type of Fruit	Oct- 2023			Sept- 2023			Aug- 2023		
	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	483.68	181.31	374.85	535.90	193.59	361.23	145.36	57.55	395.92
Grapes	265.45	121.01	455.86	287.86	152.07	528.26	240.46	157.95	656.87
Oranges	199.63	65.29	327.06	144.42	42.55	294.64	86.97	27.79	319.57

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average				Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	150.00-450.00	256.29	377.75	472.05	-121.46	-32.15	-215.76	-45.71	
Hurulla	280.00-750.00	458.20	622.00	609.20	-163.80	-26.33	-151.00	-24.79	
Balaya	450.00-860.00	663.00	903.25	738.75	-240.25	-26.60	-75.75	-10.25	
Kelawalla	800.00-1550.00	1129.60	1328.75	1220.04	-199.15	-14.99	-90.44	-7.41	
Thora	1250.00-2900.00	1951.00	2192.50	2315.00	-241.50	-11.01	-364.00	-15.72	
Paraw	950.00-1650.00	1264.20	1464.00	1185.60	-199.80	-13.65	78.60	6.63	
Mora	600.00-1100.00	913.22	1097.38	967.77	-184.16	-16.78	-54.55	-5.64	
Shrimp (small)	1350.00-2150.00	1724.60	1753.00	1497.80	-28.40	-1.62	226.80	15.14	
Thalapath	1300.00-2350.00	1821.82	2023.75	1990.27	-201.93	-9.98	-168.45	-8.46	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	300.00-720.00	491.33	719.35	658.02	-228.03	-31.70	-166.70	-25.33	
Hurulla	500.00-900.00	668.66	865.18	846.76	-196.52	-22.71	-178.11	-21.03	
Balaya	800.00-1800.00	1360.96	1312.15	1253.39	48.81	3.72	107.57	8.58	
Kelawalla	1150.00-2800.00	2104.88	2399.47	2205.88	-294.60	-12.28	-101.01	-4.58	
Thora	1800.00-3200.00	2683.06	3193.44	3023.12	-510.38	-15.98	-340.07	-11.25	
Paraw	1200.00-2800.00	1946.67	2175.16	2080.15	-228.50	-10.50	-133.48	-6.42	
Mora	900.00-2000.00	1474.67	1668.06	1519.64	-193.39	-11.59	-44.98	-2.96	
Shrimp (small)	1800.00-2600.00	2046.49	1951.93	1851.62	94.56	4.84	194.87	10.52	
Thalapath	1700.00-3200.00	2850.68	3071.20	2743.78	-220.52	-7.18	106.90	3.90	

Source: Data Management Division/HART

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	950.00-1200.00	1098.31	1483.25	1948.40	-384.94	-25.95	-850.09	-43.63
Sprats (imported)	800.00-1100.00	911.83	922.29	1369.39	-10.46	-1.13	-457.56	-33.41
Kattawa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1200.00-1450.00	1340.20	1445.50	1683.98	-105.30	-7.28	-343.78	-20.41
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1680.00-1900.00	1794.60	1797.50	2009.98	-2.90	-0.16	-215.38	-10.72
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balaya	800.00-1250.00	983.20	928.46	874.60	54.74	5.90	108.60	12.42
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1550.00-1720.00	1607.63	1544.93	1830.56	62.70	4.06	-222.92	-12.18
Maduwa	1300.00-1500.00	1399.24	1388.00	1224.44	11.24	0.81	174.79	14.28
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	280.00-450.00	351.51	413.50	749.80	-61.99	-14.99	-398.29	-53.12
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	1000.00-1400.00	1244.99	1192.70	1797.63	52.29	4.38	-552.64	-30.74
Sprats	1800.00-2400.00	2002.30	2162.09	2275.72	-159.79	-7.39	-273.43	-12.02
Kattawa	1700.00-2800.00	2282.04	2381.90	2621.99	-99.85	-4.19	-339.95	-12.97
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	2000.00-2800.00	2406.51	2429.11	2756.61	-22.60	-0.93	-350.10	-12.70
Balaya	1600.00-2300.00	1913.46	1949.63	1790.28	-36.17	-1.86	123.18	6.88
Anguluwa	1800.00-2800.00	2358.67	2340.20	2665.16	18.47	0.79	-306.49	-11.50
Maduwa	1600.00-1800.00	1685.71	1803.33	2191.43	-117.62	-6.52	-505.71	-23.08
Salaya	900.00-1200.00	1048.49	1096.83	1272.61	-48.35	-4.41	-224.12	-17.61

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	46.00-49.00	47.83	45.97	49.65	1.86	4.04	-1.83	-3.68
White (each)	44.00-47.50	46.28	44.28	48.03	1.99	4.50	-1.75	-3.64
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	48.00-50.00	49.03	47.34	50.86	1.69	3.58	-1.82	-3.59
White (each)	47.00-49.00	47.86	45.83	49.51	2.03	4.43	-1.65	-3.33

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat –October 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2200.00-2500.00	2,357.50	2,333.33	2098.67	24.17	1.04	258.83	12.33
Chicken (Broiler)	950.00-1320.00	1,168.19	1,310.32	1335.62	-142.13	-10.85	-167.43	-12.54
Chicken (curry)	1150.00-1450.00	1,303.85	1,350.22	1495.96	-46.37	-3.43	-192.11	-12.84
Mutton	3100.00-3500.00	3,224.29	3,243.06	2943.68	-18.77	-0.58	280.60	9.53
Pork	1300.00-1600.00	1,418.00	1,552.86	1792.86	-134.86	-8.68	-374.86	-20.91

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total of 54,264 metric tons of wheat grain, valued at Rs. 4,945 million, was imported in October. This represents a decrease of approximately 114,342 metric tons compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. Wheat grain was primarily sourced from Romania (99.5%) and Australia (0.5%), with a CIF price of Rs. 90.86/kg for Romanian wheat and Rs. 152.57/kg for Australian wheat. The average CIF price decreased by Rs. 12.06/kg compared to the previous month, with the highest CIF price for wheat grain imported from Australia and the lowest for wheat grain imported from Romania.

In October, a total of 8,732 metric tons of wheat flour was imported, valued at Rs. 1,125 million. This represents an increase of approximately 3,572 metric tons compared to the previous month. The majority of wheat flour, accounting for 90% of the total imports, was sourced from Turkey at a CIF price of Rs. 120.96/kg. The remaining quantity was imported from the UAE (9%), with smaller amounts from Oman and India. The average CIF price of wheat flour for this month was Rs. 128.82/kg, which is an increase of Rs. 1.00/kg compared to the previous month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs. 206.64 to Rs. 212.21/kg, with an average price of Rs. 208.27/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 2%, and compared to the same period last year, the price has decreased by 44%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2023	Oct 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2022	Sept 2023		Oct 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	206.64-212.21	208.27	212.09	374.18	-3.82	-1.80	-165.91	-44.34
Sugar	269.17-275.38	271.99	270.59	274.64	1.40	0.52	-2.65	-0.96

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Oct-2023	8,732.46	1124.95	128.82	208.27	79.45
Sept-2023	5,160.26	658.67	127.64	212.09	84.45
Aug-2023	10,835.24	1380.44	127.40	211.74	84.34
July-2023	34,161.94	4350.81	127.36	219.75	92.39
June-2023	24,772.10	3192.05	128.86	220.70	91.84
May-2023	11,560.79	1682.65	145.55	233.40	87.85
Wheat Grain					
Oct-2023	4,264.31	4,944.54	91.12	208.27	117.15
Sept-2023	68,606.01	17,396.28	103.18	212.09	108.91
Aug-2023	909.33	447.93	153.96	211.74	57.78
July-2023	2,535.40	2,545.55	112.96	219.75	106.79
June-2023	18,337.76	11,717.06	99.01	220.70	121.69
May-2023	0,346.56	9,998.07	110.66	233.40	122.74

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Sugar

In October, a total of 49,628 metric tons of sugar was imported, valued at Rs. 12,367 million. This marks an increase of approximately 16,793 metric tons compared to the quantity imported in September. The largest share of sugar was sourced from India, accounting for 63% of the total imports, while the remainder was imported from Cambodia (16%), the UAE (10%), Brazil (1%), Malaysia (4%), Thailand (5%), and Saudi Arabia (1%). The average CIF price was Rs. 249.19/kg, which represents an increase of Rs. 10.78/kg compared to the previous month. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from the UAE at Rs. 255.98/kg, while the lowest was for sugar from Brazil at Rs. 225.41/kg.

Regarding local retail prices, sugar prices ranged from Rs. 269.17 to Rs. 275.38/kg, with an average retail price of Rs. 271.99/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price has increased by 1%, while it has decreased by 1% compared to the same period last year.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- May to October 2023

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
Oct-2023	49,627.96	12366.69	249.19	271.99	22.80
Sept-2023	32,835.10	7828.25	238.41	270.59	32.18
Aug-2023	20,756.83	4942.24	238.10	256.11	18.01
July-2023	12,902.65	3014.96	233.67	239.15	5.48
June-2023	22,357.89	4894.08	218.90	237.66	18.76
May-2023	24,697.70	5366.94	217.31	257.45	40.14

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

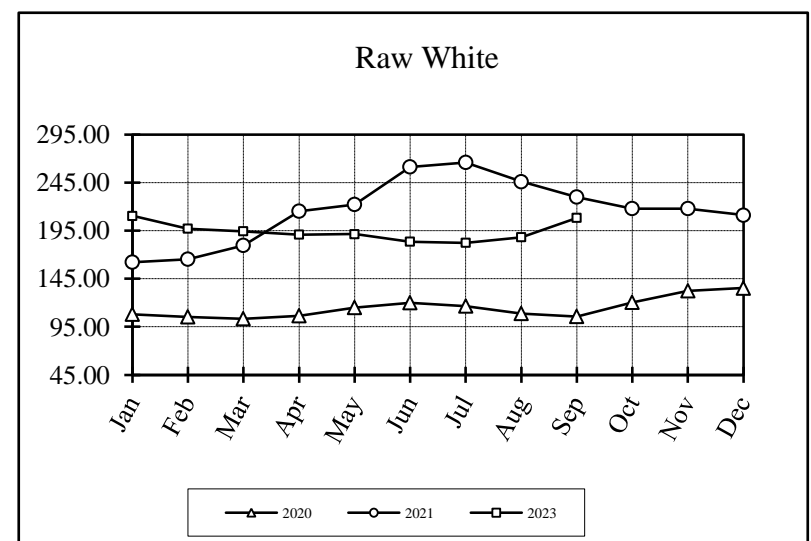
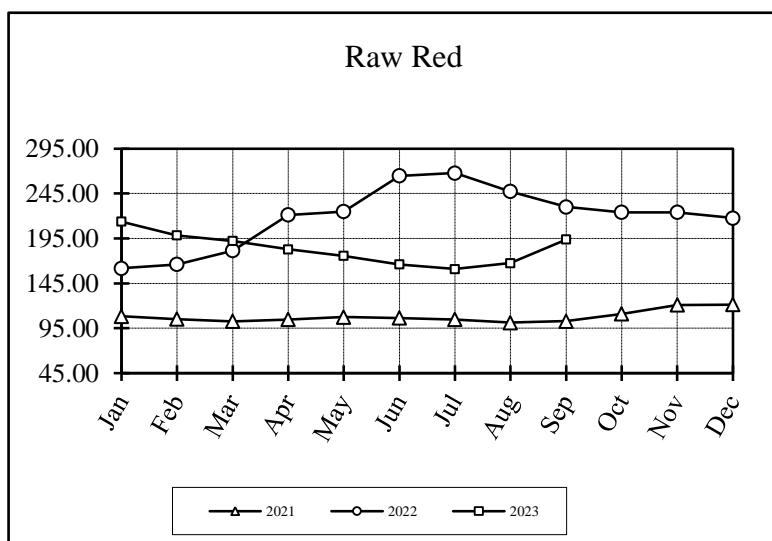
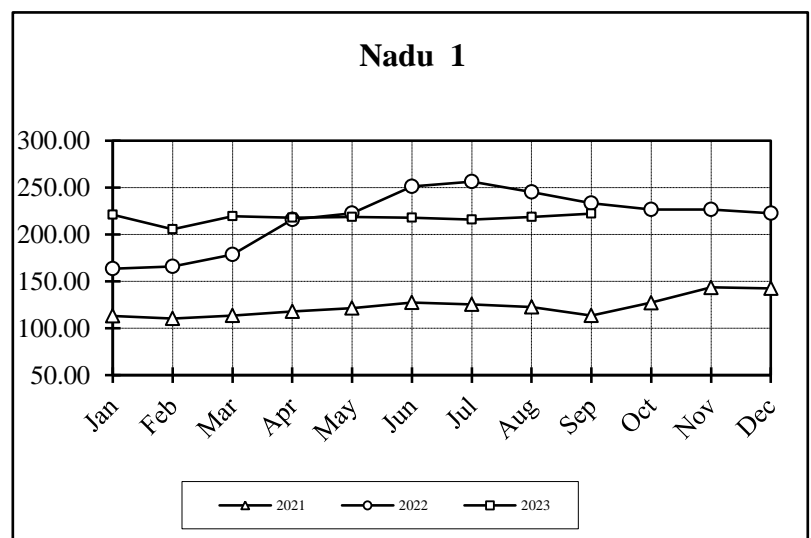
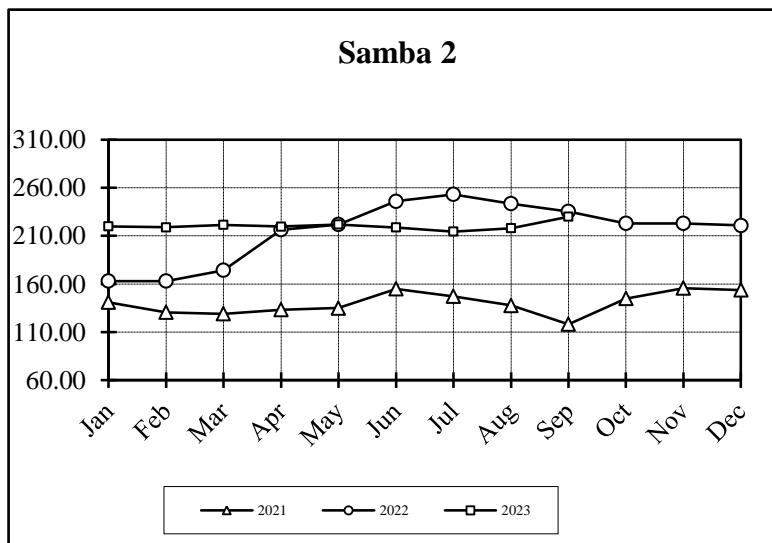
Table 7: Import of selected food items -October 2023

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Oct 2023	Sept 2023		Oct 2023	Sept 2023		Oct 2023	Sept 2023	
Rice	567.6	940.1	(40)	217.8	330.4	(34)	383.8	351.5	9
Red Onion	41.7	87.0	(52)	7.5	15.2	(51)	179.0	175.2	2
Big Onion	20520.9	21310.3	(4)	2151.7	1894.9	14	104.9	88.9	18
Potato	8280.4	9902.6	(16)	513.2	692.9	(26)	62.0	70.0	(11)
Maysoor Dhal	13732.7	11691.5	17	3190.7	2710.5	18	232.3	231.8	0
Garlic	1389.6	2864.0	(51)	542.3	1143.7	(53)	390.3	399.3	(2)
Wheat flour	8732.5	5160.3	69	1124.9	658.7	71	128.8	127.6	1
Wheat grain	54264.3	168606.0	(68)	4944.5	17396.3	(72)	91.1	103.2	(12)
Sugar & sugar confectionery	49628.0	32835.1	51	12366.7	7828.2	58	249.2	238.4	5
Maize (Other)	65492.7	28434.8	130	5531.2	2478.6	123	84.5	87.2	(3)

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

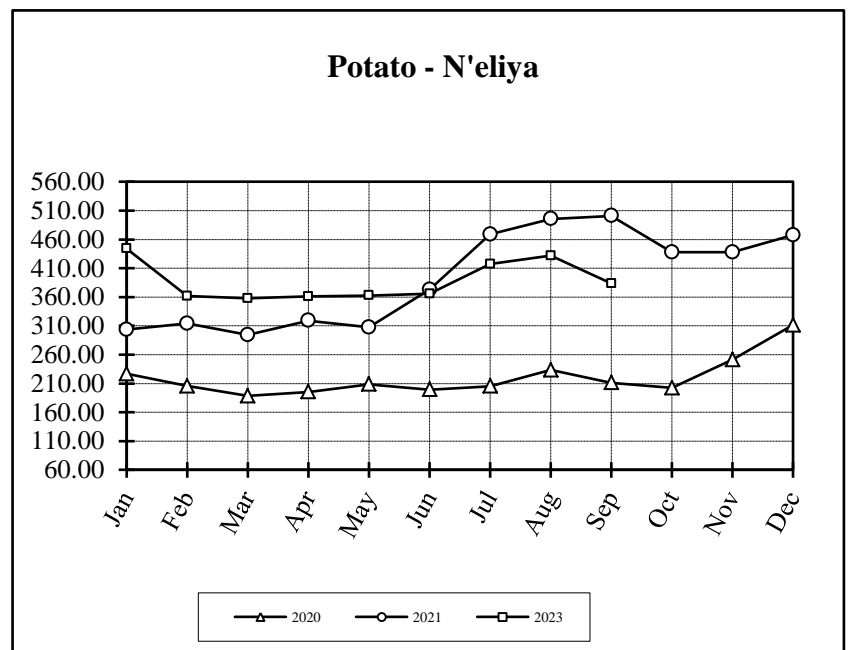
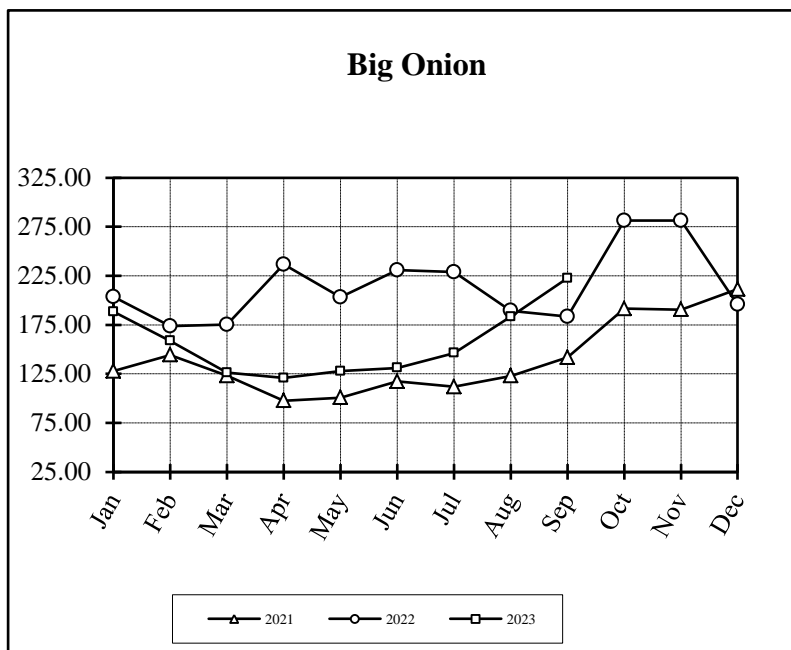
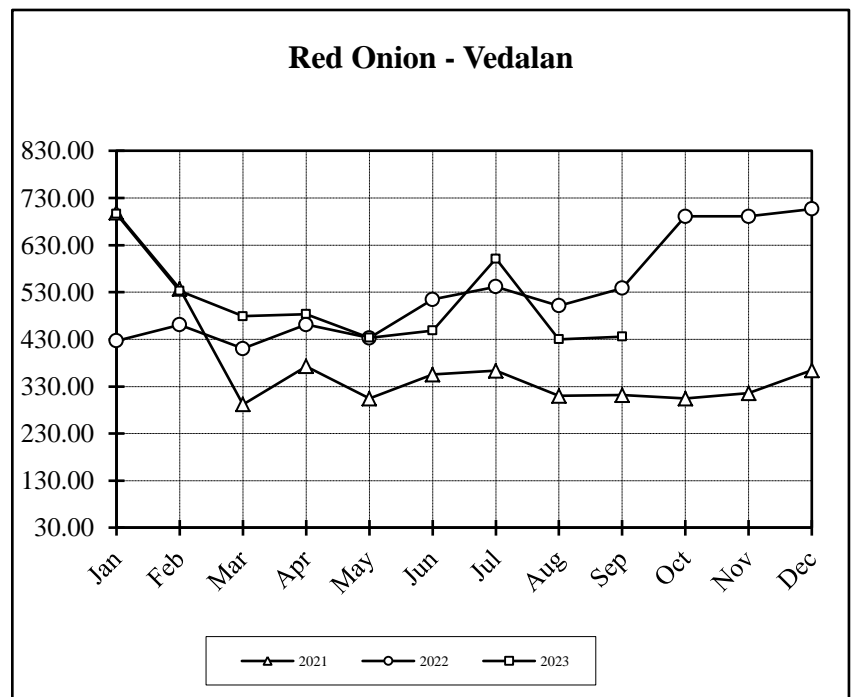
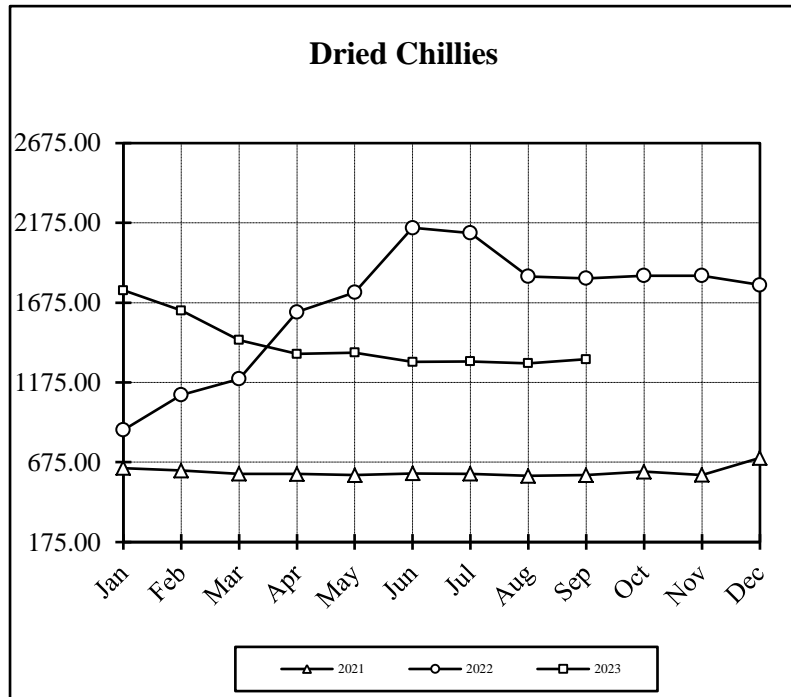
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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	219.71	118.02	216.03	217.91	104.80	221.05	182.80	106.46	215.19	191.02
May	135.00	221.87	221.71	121.48	222.47	218.80	107.41	224.78	175.69	115.04	222.45	191.48
Jun	155.00	246.00	218.83	127.50	251.20	217.79	106.45	264.53	166.19	120.00	261.37	183.70
Jul	147.27	253.30	214.56	125.36	256.35	215.78	104.83	267.75	160.92	116.53	266.15	182.31
Aug	137.66	243.37	218.05	122.81	245.23	218.62	101.28	247.19	167.50	108.81	246.15	188.16
Sep	118.18	235.46	229.85	113.72	233.33	222.08	102.87	230.02	193.71	105.80	229.95	208.29
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	1352.77	372.89	461.12	483.63	97.65	236.52	120.91	195.46	319.03	361.12
May	594.37	1739.46	1361.98	304.18	433.13	433.52	100.75	203.29	127.64	208.71	307.54	362.70
Jun	605.00	2143.50	1303.59	355.40	514.80	448.76	117.42	230.89	131.09	199.41	373.16	365.72
Jul	602.48	2110.93	1307.02	363.39	541.94	601.36	111.94	228.96	146.26	205.29	468.93	417.37
Aug	589.40	1838.64	1295.06	309.97	501.24	430.04	122.89	189.33	183.45	233.39	495.71	431.92
Sep	593.55	1827.19	1319.49	311.79	538.53	435.98	141.61	183.42	222.62	211.28	500.91	383.36
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)**

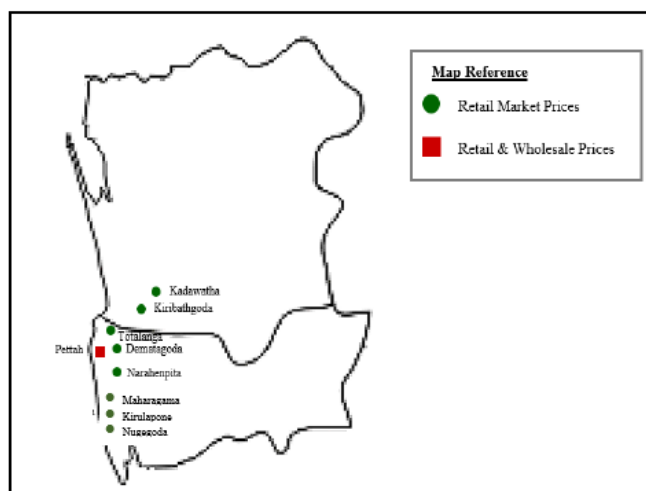
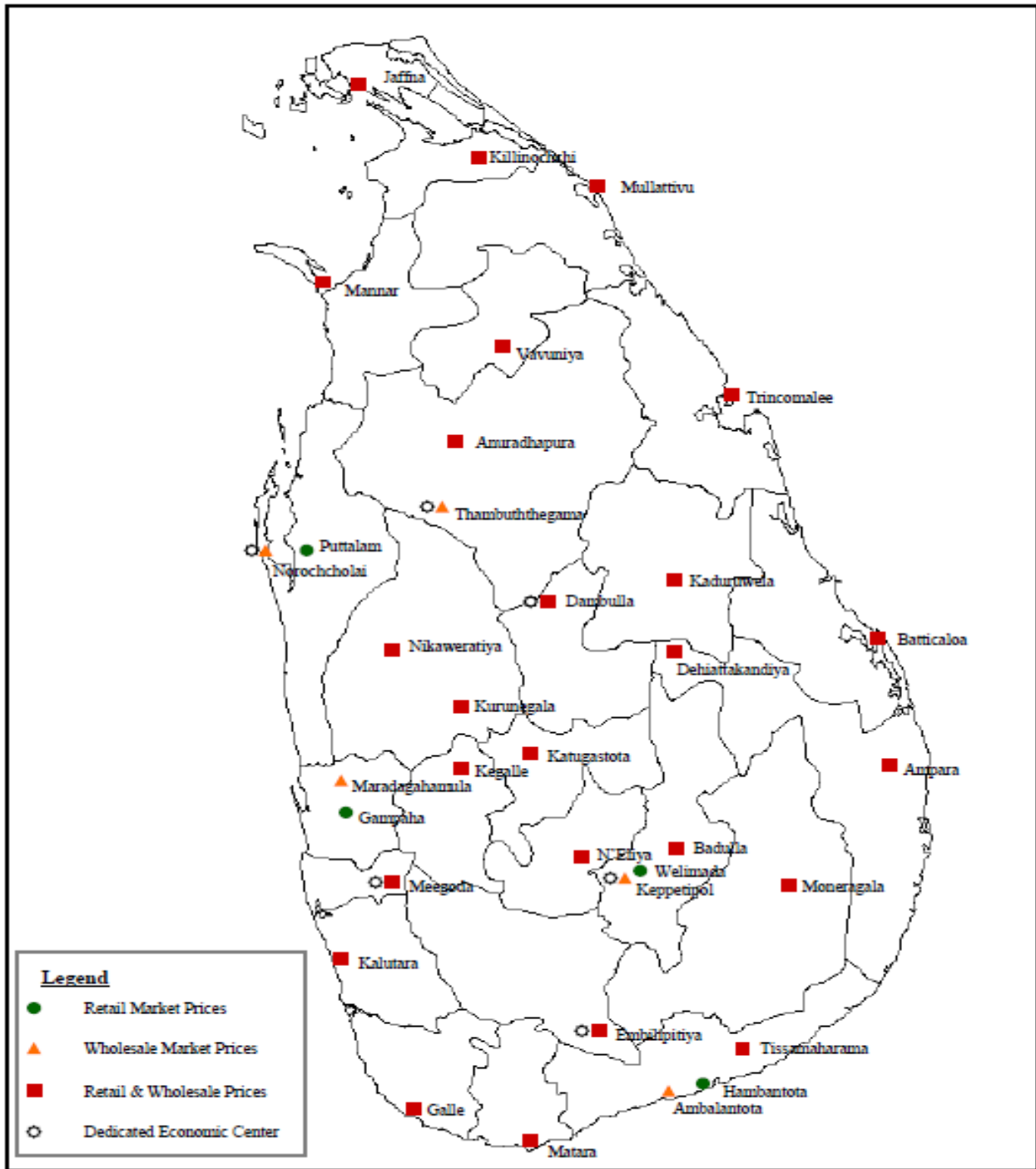
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	194.00	196.00	198.00	206.00	201.00	Welimada	39.00	37.80	34.40	42.00	79.00
A'pura	113.20	116.20	117.00	117.60	122.00	Badulla				170.00	174.00	N'Eliya	49.00	40.00	37.00	43.00	84.00
P'naruwa	119.50	120.60	121.83	125.83	127.50	Welimada	166.00	167.40	169.00	171.00	186.00						
Kalawewa	111.60	115.60	117.20	116.80	122.00	Pulses						Beetroot					
Kurunegala	114.25	114.50	117.25	120.50	123.00	Green Gram						Hanguranketha	55.60	56.40	61.60	50.60	56.40
Dehiattakandiya	116.00	116.00	116.00	116.00	116.00	Galgamuwa						N'Eliya	73.20	74.00	72.00	79.00	82.00
Ampara	106.67	110.00	113.33	113.33	122.50	Kalawewa	676.00	676.00	676.00			Dambulla	94.00	82.40	84.80	70.80	120.00
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	710.00	710.00	710.00	655.00	655.00	Kurunegala					
A'pura	106.20	107.00	109.60	110.60	113.60	Kurunegala						Welimada	61.00	65.00	65.00	75.00	100.00
P'naruwa	106.67	107.58	108.33	108.83	108.83	A'pura	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	Knokhol					
Kalawewa	106.20	107.40	107.80	109.40	114.20	Cowpea						Hanguranketha	46.25	48.00	53.00	51.60	74.00
Kurunegala	110.50	109.00	112.00	110.50	115.25	A'pura						N'Eliya	71.00	60.00	59.00	62.00	104.00
Dehiattakandiya	104.67	104.67	104.67	104.67	104.67	Galgamuwa	712.50	725.00	725.00	750.00	700.00	Welimada	71.00	55.80	36.00	66.00	163.00
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Radish					
Ampara	100.00	103.25	108.25	109.00	113.67	Kalawewa	766.67					Hanguranketha	31.25	34.40	33.60	28.60	45.60
Matara						Embilipitiya	940.00	940.00	940.00	940.00	940.00	N'Eliya	41.00	40.00	41.00	51.00	61.00
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Welimada	34.00	38.00	32.20	42.00	60.00
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Cabbage					
Matara	94.00	90.75	93.75	97.50	102.00	A'Pura	132.50	135.00	132.50	132.50	132.50	Hanguranketha	39.60	37.00	37.60	50.00	60.60
Hambantota	98.67	97.75	97.75	97.75	103.00	Kalawewa	126.00	130.00	130.00	128.00	128.00	N'Eliya	61.00	61.00	67.00	119.00	188.00
Ampara	100.67	99.00	108.40	107.40	110.75	Gingelly						Welimada	41.00	36.60	43.00	71.00	130.00
Embilipitiya	90.60	90.60	94.20	99.40	100.50	A'Pura	675.00	675.00	725.00	575.00	725.00	Hambantota					
Keeri Samba						Kalawewa						Badulla	55.60	50.00	55.60	76.00	135.00
A'pura	135.00	137.50	139.00	139.00	144.00	Black Gram						Tomato					
Polonnaruwa	143.50	144.58	147.17	147.17	144.00	Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	65.00	55.00	75.00	76.00	47.60
Kalawewa	136.00	138.00	139.60	139.60	143.00	A'Pura	925.00	925.00	925.00	925.00	925.00	Welimada	41.00	56.20	111.00	51.00	59.00
Kurunegala	137.50	138.75	141.25	142.50	142.50	Vegetables (Up Country)						Hambantota					
Dehiattakandiya	143.33	143.33	143.33	143.33	143.33	Beans						Dambulla	52.80	109.00	124.00	98.00	66.80
						Dambulla	216.00	300.00	348.00	452.00	294.00	Low Country					
Red Onion						Welimada	275.00	296.00	332.00	428.00	277.00	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Badulla	278.00	281.00	341.00	444.00	351.00	A'pura	64.00	69.00	74.00	108.00	138.00
Dambulla	204.17	185.00	196.00	224.00	276.00	Carrot						Dambulla	71.80	62.00	85.60	126.00	132.00
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	105.00	118.00	100.00	106.40	145.00	Hambantota	78.00	100.00	100.00	118.00	170.00
A'Pura						N'Eliya	194.00	140.00	139.00	199.00	259.00	Embilipitiya	77.00	108.00	131.00	155.00	176.00
Kurunegala						Welimada	139.00	87.00	99.00	148.00	175.00	Matara	67.50	67.50	81.25		153.75

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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	216.00	192.00	168.00	198.00	216.00	Dambulla	31.20	32.20	31.60	34.80	49.60	Hambantota					
Dambulla	216.00	212.00	150.50	212.00	250.00	Hambantota	55.00	55.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	Embilipitiya	982.50	1150.00	1200.00	1257.50	1381.25
Hambantota						Embilipitiya	55.00	55.00	60.00	60.00	70.00	Moneragala	1140.00	1020.00	1220.00	1220.00	1220.00
Embilipitiya	335.00	208.00	190.00	271.67	318.33	Matara	43.75	40.00	37.50	37.50	37.50	Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	235.00	235.00	150.00	180.00	202.50	A'pura	39.00	39.00	39.00	44.00	44.00	Banana					
Welimada	134.00	131.00	101.00	101.67	127.00	Moneragala	34.00	32.00	54.00	44.00	44.00	Ambul					
						Cucumber						Moneragala	88.00	84.00	94.00	112.00	108.00
Capsicum						A'pura	49.00	49.00	49.00	64.00	64.00	Embilipitiya	81.67	75.00	84.00	100.00	104.00
Welimada	236.00	279.00	280.00	351.00	424.00	Dambulla	51.80	55.80	61.60	63.80	71.40	Hambantota	125.00	125.00	95.00	125.00	125.00
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	60.00	72.50	60.00	62.50	67.50	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	256.00	216.00	268.00	268.00	308.00	Matara	57.50	55.75	55.75	55.75	56.25	Moneragala	296.00	282.00	268.00	320.00	308.00
Dambulla	216.00	222.00	248.00	234.00	302.00	Long beans						Embilipitiya	346.67	320.00	308.33	301.67	315.00
Hambantota						Dambulla	100.00	139.00	150.50	230.00	220.00	Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	341.00	360.00	372.50	392.50	375.00	Hambantota						Papaw					
						Embilipitiya	167.00	228.00	246.00	284.00	304.00	Moneragala	54.00	54.00	54.00	64.00	74.00
Snake Gourd						Matara	146.25	151.25	163.33	180.00	210.00	Embilipitiya	54.00	54.00	56.00	71.00	89.00
Dambulla	91.60	101.00	135.00	159.00	230.00	A'Pura	128.00	168.00	148.00	208.00	228.00	Hambantota	45.00	45.00	55.00	67.50	112.50
Hambantota	135.00	135.00	135.00	175.00	280.00	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
Embilipitiya	179.00	166.00	236.00	228.00	288.75	Hambantota	98.00	98.00	100.00	100.00	155.00	Divulapitiya					
Matara	131.25	130.00	150.00	150.00	158.75	Embilipitiya	150.00	150.00	161.00	152.50	168.00						
A'pura	118.00	138.00	124.00	148.00	198.00	Matara	118.75	113.75	113.75	113.75	126.25						
Luffa						Green Chillies											
Dambulla	86.80	100.00	167.50	232.00	255.00	Dambulla	402.00	304.00	266.00	236.00	324.00						
Hambantota	128.00	122.00	122.00	170.00	350.00	Hambantota											
Embilipitiya	180.00	173.00	200.00	266.00	287.50	Embilipitiya	572.00	428.00	416.00	372.00	512.00						
Matara	136.25	131.25	150.00	150.00	172.50	Puttalam	306.67	305.00	293.33	240.00	315.00						
A'pura	108.00	138.00	124.00	138.00	222.00	A'Pura	370.00	370.00	396.00	316.00	376.00						

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