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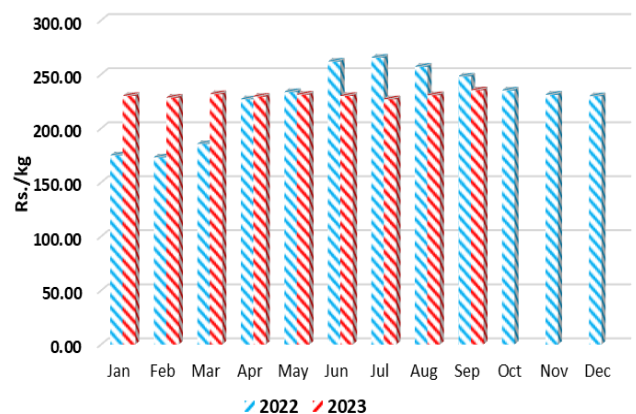
Paddy/Rice

Producer prices for all paddy varieties have increased in nearly all major producing areas this month, following the completion of the harvesting season for Yala 2023. As a result of decreased supplies, wholesale prices for all local rice varieties have also risen. Notably, Keeri samba has experienced the highest retail price increase due to the ongoing shortage.

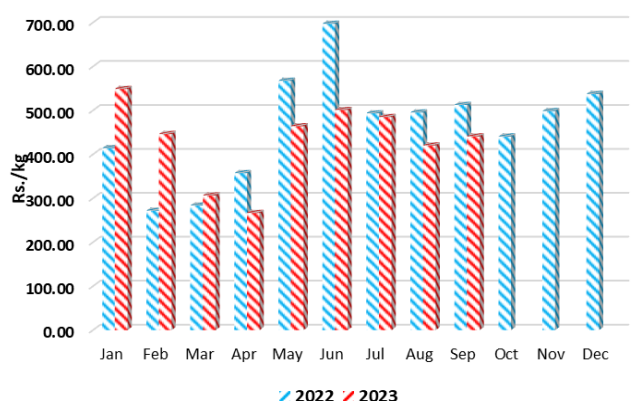
Vegetables

Prices for most vegetables have decreased due to increased supply. However, some vegetable prices have experienced slight increases due to rainy weather conditions in major producing areas. Retail prices for vegetables fell by 7% to 30%, with the highest decrease reported for carrots at 30%. Conversely, the highest price increase was observed for bitter gourds. Additionally, prices for green chilies and lime rose by 10% and 55%, respectively.

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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Outstation Markets

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

1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

According to the Crop Forecast from the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy area for the 2023 Yala season is 542,994 hectares. As of the end of September 2023, the sown extent reported is 497,113 hectares, achieving 92% of the target. The forecast for paddy production, based on this sown extent, is 1.83 million metric tons, accounting for anticipated crop losses. The available paddy stock in the country is sufficient to sustain the nation's needs until mid-January 2024.

Table 1.1 Target and Sown Extent as at End September 2023 and production forecast of Yala

District/Area	Area target for the season (ha)	Sown area as at end September 2023 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as a % from target	**Production forecast based on progress (Mt)	Total affected extent (ha)	Revised production forecast (Mt)
Provincial area						
Colombo	3,059	2,571	84	5,769	-	5,769
Gampaha	10616	8,265	78	20,936	-	20,936
Kalutara	8,508	8,923	105	24,036	-	24,036
Galle	11,589	5,741	50	11,862	517	11,061
Matara	14,972	12,303	82	32,344	1,350	31,125
Ratnapura	9,940	8,052	81	27,102	746	24,592
Kegalle	7,875	6,797	86	19,676	324	19,203
Kurunagala	75,796	54,501	72	203,289	11,293	172,173
Puttalam	19,108	17,280	90	54,052	572	52,466
Kandy	6,837	6,063	89	16,226	205	15,927
Matale	9,535	8,281	87	30,905	434	29,782
N eliya	2,869	2,587	90	5,889	-	5,889
Badulla	5,319	4,986	94	18,945	-	18,945
Monaragala	14,821	11,364	77	49,670	40	49,497
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,865	7,102	103	26,988	-	26,988
Vavuniya	5,810	5,796	100	28,329	-	28,329
Mullativu	6,937	6,747	97	29,665	-	29,665
Mannar	2,684	2,722	101	11,903	-	11,903
Anuradhapura	44,277	30,477	69	105,134	96	104,804
Trincomalee	25,896	25,139	97	113,267	100	113,154
Batticaloa	34,808	34,823	100	125,089	-	125,089
Ampara	1,706	1,692	99	7,551	-	7,551
Hambantota	12,096	11,270	93	53,861	752	50,265
Inter Province Areas						
Polonnaruwa IP	28,160	27,546	98	121,592	-	121,592
Ampara IP	54,000	51,898	96	230,563	-	230,563
Monaragala IP	3,189	3,187	100	13,930	-	13,930
Hambantota IP	14,755	14,902	101	70,917	-	70,917
Hasalaka IP	8,860	9,867	111	26,409	-	26,409
Anuradhapura IP	22,238	20,559	92	70,558	-	70,558
Mahaweli Systems						
Udawalawa	8,611	12,647	147	58,802	3,664	41,766
System H	10,573	14,456	137	49,613	-	49,613
System H1	3,126	7,023	225	24,103	-	24,103
System B	19,688	20,200	103	80,638	-	80,638
System C	20,500	22,172	108	88,511	-	88,511
System G	4,052	5,886	145	19,542	-	19,542
System D	1,637	1,637	100	6,535	-	6,535
Rambakanoya	980	819	84	3,047	-	3,047
System L	703	833	118	3,105	-	3,105
Sri Lanka	542,994	497,113	92	1,890,354	20,093	1,829,979

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 06, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices for all paddy varieties have increased in nearly all major producing areas during the month, coinciding with the completion of the Yala 2023 harvest. Prices for short grain paddy have risen across most major areas, except in Kalawewa, where the lowest price recorded was Rs. 98.00/kg, with an average price of Rs. 105.00/kg.

For long grain white and red paddy, producer prices have also increased in all producing regions, ranging from Rs. 90.00 to 120.00/kg for white and Rs. 94.00 to 110.00/kg for red. The producer prices for keeri samba vary between Rs. 123.00 and 150.00/kg, with the highest prices observed in Polonnaruwa and Kalawewa.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for short grain, long grain white, and long grain red paddy have decreased in most areas, while the price of keeri samba has increased across all major producing regions.

Table1.2: Producer prices of Paddy –September 2023

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain								
Anuradhapura	110.00-114.00	111.10	108.45	110.05	2.65	2.44	1.05	0.95
Polonnaruwa	103.00-120.00	111.13	99.78	120.23	11.35	11.38	-9.10	-7.57
Kalawewa	98.00-114.00	105.21	109.45	110.11	-4.24	-3.88	-4.91	-4.46
Kurunegala	110.00-115.00	113.44	106.34	108.01	7.10	6.68	5.43	5.03
Dehiattakandiya	104.00-119.00	113.40	108.17	115.25	5.22	4.83	-1.85	-1.61
Nikaweratiya	100.00-115.00	110.86	102.96	109.30	7.90	7.67	1.56	1.43
Ampara	110.00-110.00	110.00	101.92	118.17	8.08	7.93	-8.17	-6.91
Long Grain White								
Anuradhapura	100.00-108.00	103.55	96.35	110.50	7.20	7.47	-6.95	-6.29
Polonnaruwa	92.00-120.00	99.79	87.25	117.00	12.54	14.37	-17.21	-14.71
Kalawewa	90.00-105.00	98.44	97.26	111.10	1.18	1.21	-12.66	-11.40
Kurunegala	-	108.00	98.38	108.01	9.63	9.78	-0.01	-0.01
Dehiattakandiya	-	104.75	97.65	114.33	7.10	7.28	-9.58	-8.38
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	106.10	96.39	109.30	9.70	10.07	-3.21	-2.94
Ampara	-	102.25	92.24	-	10.01	10.86	-	-
Long Grain Red								
A'pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	95.00-110.00	102.38	90.06	123.25	12.31	13.67	-20.88	-16.94
Hambantota	95.00-105.00	100.17	92.75	126.67	7.42	8.00	-26.50	-20.92
Embilipitiya	94.00-105.00	101.20	91.45	-	9.75	10.66	-	-
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	130.00-140.00	135.00	136.25	115.75	-1.25	-0.92	19.25	16.63
Polonnaruwa	123.00-150.00	136.10	125.25	120.94	10.85	8.66	15.16	12.54
Kalawewa	130.00-150.00	136.88	135.63	114.50	1.25	0.92	22.38	19.54
Kurunegala	135.00-140.00	136.75	136.38	117.98	0.38	0.27	18.77	15.91
Dehiattakandiya	128.00-148.00	140.50	136.24	118.42	4.26	3.13	22.08	18.65

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Prices for all local rice varieties increased during the month due to limited supplies. The highest price increase of 17% was recorded for raw red rice, followed closely by raw white rice. The supply of keeri samba was particularly constrained, with prices ranging between Rs. 280.00 and 290.00/kg, marking the highest level. Wholesale prices for samba grade I and II ranged from Rs. 220.00 to

255.00/kg and Rs. 215.00 to 215.00/kg, respectively, reflecting a 6% increase. Additionally, wholesale prices for Nadu rice varieties 1 and 2 rose by 10% and 11%, respectively.

In comparison to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties, except keeri samba, decreased by 1% to 16%, with the most significant increase of 16% noted for raw red rice. The wholesale price of keeri samba increased by 16% compared to the same period last year.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	220.00-225.00	222.50	210.50	225.88	12.00	5.70	-3.38	-1.49
Samba 2	215.00-215.00	215.00	202.00	219.43	13.00	6.44	-4.43	-2.02
Keeri Samba	280.00-290.00	285.63	261.75	244.79	23.88	9.12	40.84	16.68
Nadu 1	195.00-210.00	201.63	183.75	215.59	17.88	9.73	-13.96	-6.48
Nadu 2	190.00-195.00	194.63	175.25	209.03	19.38	11.06	-14.40	-6.89
Raw red	170.00-185.00	176.38	150.75	209.45	25.63	17.00	-33.08	-15.79
Raw white	190.00-205.00	198.28	176.90	205.55	21.38	12.09	-7.27	-3.53
Imported Samba	-	-	225.00	185.96	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	189.00	169.33	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	180.70	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	230.00-240.00	235.32	230.90	248.19	4.42	1.91	-12.87	-5.19
Samba 2	225.00-230.00	229.85	218.05	235.46	11.80	5.41	-5.61	-2.38
Keeri Samba	290.00-360.00	316.88	272.85	266.57	44.03	16.14	50.31	18.87
Nadu 1	210.00-230.00	222.08	218.62	233.33	3.46	1.58	-11.26	-4.82
Nadu 2	200.00-220.00	212.81	198.70	223.55	14.11	7.10	-10.74	-4.80
Raw red	175.00-210.00	193.71	167.50	230.02	26.22	15.65	-36.31	-15.78
Raw white	200.00-220.00	208.29	188.16	229.95	20.13	10.70	-21.66	-9.42
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	270.00-320.00	296.36	244.71	210.95	51.65	21.11	85.41	40.49
Imported Raw White	-	-	106.65	196.48	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	208.37	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices for all rice varieties have increased, with the highest price increase recorded for keeri samba, followed by raw red rice. A shortage of keeri samba has been observed in all markets reporting prices. Retail prices for raw red and raw white rice have risen by 16% and 11%, respectively, due to limited supplies at the retail level.

Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for all local rice varieties, except for keeri samba, have decreased by 2% to 16%, with the most significant decrease seen in raw red rice. In contrast, the price of keeri samba has increased by Rs. 50.00/kg compared to the same period last year.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

As of the end of September 2023, the cultivation progress of green chili was satisfactory in most producing areas compared to the previous Yala season. The targeted land extent for green chili cultivation in Yala 2023 was 9,773 ha, and by the end of September, 5,050 ha had been cultivated, achieving 52% of the target.

In the Puttalam district, approximately 407 ha were cultivated by the end of August, representing 30% of the targeted extent. Based on the cultivated area, the expected production of green chili for this Yala season is projected at 28,898 metric tons. The supply distribution is expected to come primarily from Puttalam (38%), with contributions from Anuradhapura (8%), Mahaweli areas (9%), interprovincial DDA areas (4%), and Vavuniya (8%).

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Yala 2023 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end September 2023		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Puttalam	1370	407	30	3755
Anuradhapura	632	384	61	2307
Kurunegala	540	272	50	1291
Batticaloa	363	353	97	1876
Vavuniya	300	386	129	2220
Matale	434	228	52	1151
Monaragala	281	301	107	1407
Badulla	419	255	61	1221
Kandy	278	207	74	1213
Rathnapura	172	158	92	665
InterprovincialDDA areas	382	266	70	1148
Mahaweli areas	2450	418	17	2548
Other areas	2152	1415	66	8096
Total	9773	5050	52	28898

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 06, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In September 2023, the supply of green chili from major producing areas decreased, leading to an increase in both wholesale and retail prices. Wholesale prices rose by approximately Rs. 8.00/kg, while retail prices increased by Rs. 67.00/kg. The wholesale price range for green chili was between Rs. 300.00 and Rs. 600.00/kg, while retail prices ranged from Rs. 450.00 to Rs. 1,000.00/kg. The highest producer prices were recorded in the Embilipitiya area, with prices ranging from Rs. 447.00 to Rs. 598.00/kg during September. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chili have surged by 74% and 48%, respectively.

In the same month, Sri Lanka imported 2,348 metric tons of dried chili, which is 710 metric tons less than the previous month. The average CIF price for imported dried chili was Rs. 744.75/kg, reflecting a decrease of Rs. 33.64/kg from the previous month. The wholesale price of imported dried chili decreased by about Rs. 18.00/kg, while the retail price rose by Rs. 24.00/kg. Prices for imported dried chili ranged between Rs. 950.00 and Rs. 1,050.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.

1,100.00 to Rs. 1,500.00/kg at the retail level. In comparison to the same period last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chili decreased by approximately 34% and 28%, respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-600.00	437.84	429.44	252.25	8.40	1.96	185.59	73.57
Dried Chilli	950.00-1050	1022.50	1040.19	1551.13	-17.69	-1.70	-528.63	-34.08
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	450.00-1000.00	709.19	642.09	477.69	67.10	10.45	231.51	48.46
Dried Chilli	1100.00-1500.00	1319.49	1295.06	1827.19	24.43	1.89	-507.69	-27.79

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	456.00	414.00	384.00	400.00
Embilipitiya	598.00	578.00	446.67	472.00
Puttalam	375.00	388.33	331.67	346.67
A'Pura	470.00	420.00	420.00	420.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (April– Sept 2023)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
April-2023	2183.46	1825.31	835.97	1352.77	516.80

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation and Progress

The targeted extent for big onion cultivation in the 2023 Yala season was approximately 6,466 hectares; however, by the end of September 2023, only 463 hectares had been cultivated, representing just 7% of the target. This marks a significant decline compared to the previous Yala season, with both the cultivated area and production decreasing by about 81% and 73%, respectively. Notably, there was no cultivation recorded in major producing areas during this month. In the Matale district, the cultivated extent of big onions decreased by approximately 91% compared to the previous Yala season, as many farmers have shifted to growing mangoes, papaws, and vegetables instead of big onions.

For red onion cultivation, the targeted extent was set at 3,911 hectares, with around 2,511 hectares cultivated by the end of September 2023, representing 64% of the target. The Jaffna district recorded both the highest targeted extent (2,000 hectares) and the highest cultivated extent (1,817 hectares),

accounting for 91% of the target. The estimated production for this Yala season is 26,332 metric tons, with 84% of that supply coming from Jaffna (64%) and Puttalam (20%) districts.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2023 Season

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of September, 2023		Expected production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,000	1,817	91	16,735
Puttalam	785	272	35	5,207
Vavuniya	280	54	19	642
Mulativu	100	100	100	1,196
Other area	746	262	35	2,495
Total	3,911	2,511	64	26,332

Source: Crop forecast, Yala 2023, Volume 06, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onions this month primarily consisted of imports due to the low supply of local big onions from major producing areas. Very limited stocks of local big onions were available in the wholesale market, with prices ranging from Rs. 170.00 to Rs. 180.00/kg. In September 2023, a total of 21,310 mt of big onions was imported, a decrease of 5,641 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 88.92/kg, reflecting an increase of Rs. 13.01/kg from the previous month. However, the wholesale price of imported big onions decreased by Rs. 9.00/kg, while the retail price increased by Rs. 39.00/kg. The wholesale price of imported big onions ranged between Rs. 65.00 and Rs. 185.00/kg, while retail prices were recorded at Rs. 180.00 to Rs. 240.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, the retail price of imported big onions decreased by about 21%.

The supply of local red onions from major producing areas also decreased this month. Consequently, wholesale prices for both sinnan and vedalan increased by approximately Rs. 26.00/kg and Rs. 3.00/kg, respectively. Prices for sinnan ranged between Rs. 200.00 and Rs. 240.00/kg, while vedalan prices ranged from Rs. 250.00 to Rs. 320.00/kg. In line with the wholesale price changes, the retail price of vedalan also increased by about Rs. 6.00/kg. Retail prices ranged between Rs. 350.00 and Rs. 420.00/kg for sinnan and Rs. 350.00 and Rs. 600.00/kg for vedalan. No imported red onion stocks were available in the market. Compared to the same period last year, the retail price of vedalan decreased by about 19%, while the retail price of sinnan increased by 3%.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion – Sept 2023

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-240.00	221.50	195.15	318.61	26.35	13.50	-97.11	-30.48
Red Onion (Vedalan)	250.00-320.00	283.78	280.75	444.43	3.03	1.08	-160.65	-36.15
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	381.23	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	65.00-185.00	135.98	145.00	136.48	-9.03	-6.22	-0.50	-0.37
Big Onion (Local)	170.00-180.00	173.75	-	128.60	-	-	45.15	35.11
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	350.00-420.00	378.13	-	365.75	-	-	12.37	3.38
Red Onion (Vedalan)	350.00-600.00	435.98	430.04	538.53	5.95	1.38	-102.55	-19.04
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	414.79	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	180.00-240.00	222.62	183.45	183.42	39.17	21.35	39.20	21.37
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	185.82	-	-	-	-

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onions, September 2023

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	September,2023	88.92	135.98	222.62	47.05	86.65
	August,2023	75.91	145.00	183.45	69.09	38.45
	September,2022	80.70	136.48	183.42	55.78	46.94
Red onion	September,2023	175.23	-	-	-	-
	August,2023	162.80	-	-	-	-
	September,2022	125.38	381.23	414.79	255.86	33.56

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.5: 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)
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
April-2023	23,253.37	60.57	91.35	120.91	60.34

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Sept,2023	Aug,2023	Sept,2023	Aug,2023	Sept,2023	Aug,2023
Red Onion	87.00	7.65	15.25	1.25	175.23	162.80
Big Onion	21310.34	26951.49	1894.93	2045.95	88.92	75.91

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent for potato cultivation in the Yala 2023 season is 3,040 ha, and approximately 1,899 ha were cultivated by the end of September, achieving 62% of the target. Compared to the same period in Yala 2022, the cultivated extent this season has achieved 105%.

Based on the cultivated area as of the end of September, the expected production of potatoes is 34,784 mt, representing a 125% increase compared to Yala 2022.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,016 ha, with about 615 ha cultivated by the end of September, achieving 61% of the target. However, compared to Yala 2022, the cultivated extent this season is lower in Nuwara Eliya. In the Badulla district, the targeted extent was 2,022 ha, but the cultivation progress (1,284 ha) is below target by 36%. Potato harvesting has commenced in the Welimada area this month and is expected to continue.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A total of 9,903 mt of potatoes was imported in September, which is 1,198 mt lower than the amount imported in September 2022. The value of imports was Rs. 692.93 million, with a CIF price of Rs. 70.00/kg. Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. Local potato harvesting in Welimada began at the end of August. On average, the producer prices for Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were Rs. 158.00/kg and Rs. 188.00/kg, respectively, in September. Stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market during this period. Wholesale prices for Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes decreased significantly by 75% and 15%, respectively. Furthermore, the retail price of Nuwara Eliya potatoes dropped significantly, following the same trend as the wholesale price, with a decrease of 49%. Meanwhile, wholesale and retail prices of imported potatoes also reduced significantly, by 15% and 10%, respectively.

Compared to the same period last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, and imported potatoes have decreased by 23%, 25%, and 29%, respectively. However, prices for local potatoes are expected to decrease further in October with the ongoing Yala harvest.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes –April to Sept 2023

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Sept-2023	9,903	692.93	69.97	212.75	142.78
Aug-2023	5,890	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
April-2023	9,545	562.88	58.97	178.51	119.54

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	125.00-210.00	157.50	255.50	256.00	-98.00	-38.36	-98.50	-38.48
Nuwara Eliya	145.00-240.00	188.00	295.75	298.40	-107.75	-36.43	-110.40	-37.00
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	150.00-260.00	199.88	263.65	319.02	-63.78	-24.19	-119.14	-37.35
Nuwara Eliya	200.00-300.00	246.00	320.50	351.61	-74.50	-23.24	-105.61	-30.04
Imported	140.00-260.00	179.75	194.87	246.50	-15.12	-7.76	-66.75	-27.08
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	240.00-320.00	284.17	-	380.33	-	-	-96.16	-25.28
Nuwara Eliya	300.00-460.00	383.36	431.92	500.91	-48.57	-11.24	-117.56	-23.47
Imported	180.00-280.00	212.75	222.73	300.32	-9.97	-4.48	-87.56	-29.16
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		195.36	136.17	202.51	59.18	43.46	-7.16	-3.53
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		84.29	-	61.31	-	-	22.98	37.48
Nuwara Eliya		137.36	111.42	149.31	25.93	23.28	-11.95	-8.00
Imported		33.00	27.85	53.82	5.15	18.49	-20.81	-38.67

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The cultivation progress for finger millets and big onions is lower compared to the total cultivated extent of the 2022 Yala season, while green gram and cowpea show higher cultivation progress. Cowpea has reported 93% progress toward its target, with a targeted extent of 11,565 ha for Yala 2023. By the end of the month, approximately 6,451 ha were cultivated in the country.

The forecasted local green gram production has increased by nearly 159% compared to last year, with an expected yield of 10,773 mt in Yala 2023. The major producing areas for green gram cultivation include Kurunegala, Mannar, Moneragala, and Hambantota, while Ampara and Moneragala are key areas for cowpea cultivation.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged from Rs. 750.00 to Rs. 980.00/kg and Rs. 1,000.00 to Rs. 1,300.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for green gram have decreased by 11%, while retail prices have increased by 8%. Meanwhile, retail prices for both white and red cowpeas ranged from Rs. 980.00 to Rs. 1,300.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, a price increase of approximately 21% to 33% was recorded for both white and red cowpeas.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	750.00-980.00	862.88	930.25	966.72	-67.38	-7.24	-103.85	-10.74
Cowpea (White)	870.00-950.00	903.50	883.86	790.69	19.64	2.22	112.81	14.27
Cowpea (Red)	900.00-1000.00	933.50	936.25	810.42	-2.75	-0.29	123.08	15.19
Retail Price								
Green gram	1000.00-1300.00	1169.66	1163.14	1081.30	6.52	0.56	88.36	8.17
Cowpea (White)	980.00-1300.00	1140.70	1121.11	938.98	19.59	1.75	201.72	21.48
Cowpea (Red)	1000.00-1300.00	1164.71	1133.09	876.52	31.62	2.79	288.19	32.88

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs. 290.00/kg and Rs. 320.00/kg, with an average price of Rs. 306.00/kg. The retail price ranged from Rs. 300.00/kg to Rs. 380.00/kg, with an average of Rs. 338.00/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 25% compared to September 2022. Compared to the previous month, wholesale prices fell by 10%, while retail prices decreased by 4%.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	290.00-320.00	305.88	279.13	407.48	26.75	9.58	-101.60	-24.93
Retail Price	300.00-380.00	337.62	325.71	451.90	11.91	3.66	-114.28	-25.29

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Harvesting for Yala 2023 has commenced, with cultivation progress recorded at 87% (16,058 ha) for up-country vegetables and 95% (21,609 ha) for low-country vegetables. The targeted extent and production for up-country vegetables this season are 18,388 ha and 252,657 mt, respectively. For low-country vegetables, the targeted cultivation extent is 22,664 ha, with an expected production of 258,462 mt. Notably, carrot, knol-khol, leeks, tomato, pumpkin, brinjal, ash plantain, winged bean, and kekiri have all exceeded their respective targets (Crop Forecast, Vol. 06, Yala 2023, Socio-Economics & Planning Center/Department of Agriculture).

Table 3.1 :Cultivation Progress of Vegetables for Yala 2023 Season

Crops	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2023		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Up-Country Vegetables				
Bean	3,989	3,291	82	31,089
Beet	1,709	1,100	64	17,318
Cabbage	2,724	2,044	75	53,926
Capsicum	1,966	1,581	80	12,407
Carrot	1,815	1,924	106	42,537
Knol-khol	542	586	108	7,133
Leeks	1,286	1,315	102	22,283
Tomato	2,852	2,930	103	43,845
Radish	1,506	1,288	86	22,120
Total	18,388	16,058	87	252,657
Low – country Vegetables				
Pumpkin	3,524	3,550	101	53,742
Snake gourd	1,610	1,249	78	14,915
Cucumber	1,533	1,274	83	16,859
Bitter gourd	1,836	1,645	90	18,771
Okra	3,461	3,148	91	32,408
Brinjal	4,326	4,381	101	59,686
Ash plantain	136	517	379	7,292
Luffa	1,489	1,287	86	14,006
Long Bean	3,955	3,481	88	30,195
Winged bean	557	593	106	6,057
Kekiri	238	483	203	5,529
Total	22,664	21,609	95	258,462
Grand Total	41,052	37,667	92	511,119

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2023, volume 06, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices for most vegetables have decreased due to increased supply; however, some prices have seen slight increases due to rainy weather conditions in major producing areas. The wholesale prices of up-country vegetables have fallen by 5% to 53%, with no significant price changes observed for beans and radish. The highest price decrease of 53% was reported for carrots. The highest price recorded for beans was Rs. 300.00/kg, while radishes had the lowest price at Rs. 49.00/kg.

In the case of low-country vegetables, wholesale prices have decreased by 9% to 60% for tomatoes, capsicum, pumpkin, and drumsticks. The highest price of Rs. 241.00/kg was recorded for brinjal, while pumpkin had the lowest price at Rs. 60.00/kg. A notable increase of 26% was reported for bitter gourd, while lime prices surged by 55% due to limited supply from producing areas.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all vegetable varieties have decreased by 11% to 78%, except for ash plantain. The highest price decrease of 78% was recorded for drumsticks. Additionally, lime prices have significantly increased by 335% compared to last year's prices.

Table 3.2: Wholesale prices of Vegetables – September 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00-400.00	299.91	299.75	338.50	0.16	0.05	-38.59	-11.40
Carrot	100.00-250.00	157.25	332.00	281.45	-174.75	-52.64	-124.20	-44.13
Leeks	40.00-120.00	68.75	104.75	193.25	-36.00	-34.37	-124.50	-64.42
Beetroot	80.00-150.00	114.07	129.41	191.76	-15.34	-11.85	-77.69	-40.51
Knolkhol	50.00-80.00	68.00	71.75	191.25	-3.75	-5.23	-123.25	-64.44
Radish	30.00-70.00	49.00	48.75	110.25	0.25	0.51	-61.25	-55.56
Cabbage	30.00-100.00	64.19	133.00	311.25	-68.81	-51.74	-247.06	-79.38
Tomato	80.00-150.00	108.52	129.25	172.50	-20.73	-16.04	-63.98	-37.09
Ladies Fingers	40.00-120.00	83.75	79.50	118.00	4.25	5.35	-34.25	-29.03
Brinjal	180.00-350.00	241.39	216.00	289.00	25.39	11.75	-47.61	-16.48
Capsicum	150.00-300.00	209.33	231.00	623.50	-21.67	-9.38	-414.17	-66.43
Pumpkin	40.00-100.00	59.77	92.00	151.75	-32.23	-35.03	-91.98	-60.61
Cucumber	60.00-100.00	81.66	72.00	117.00	9.66	13.42	-35.34	-30.21
Bittergourd	180.00-320.00	234.21	186.25	269.00	47.96	25.75	-34.79	-12.93
Snakegourd	100.00-200.00	148.50	132.75	243.00	15.75	11.86	-94.50	-38.89
Drumstick	30.00-180.00	78.13	194.17	361.25	-116.05	-59.77	-283.13	-78.37
Luffa	80.00-180.00	128.18	109.75	219.25	18.43	16.79	-91.07	-41.54
Long Beans	80.00-200.00	157.25	133.25	214.25	24.00	18.01	-57.00	-26.60
Ash Plantain	150.00-200.00	181.09	160.25	150.75	20.84	13.01	30.34	20.13
Green Chillies	300.00-600.00	437.84	429.44	252.25	8.40	1.96	185.59	73.57
Lime	800.00-1300.00	998.75	644.25	229.50	354.50	55.03	769.25	335.19

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with wholesale prices, retail prices for most vegetable varieties have seen slight increases. Retail prices for carrots, leeks, cabbage, and beetroot have decreased by 7% to 30%, while prices for beans, knolkhol, and radishes have risen slightly by 3% to 5%. Among low-country vegetables, the highest price decrease was reported for drumsticks at 26%. Beans had the highest price at Rs. 441.00/kg, while pumpkins had the lowest price at Rs. 166.00/kg. Additionally, prices for green chillies and lime have increased by 10% and 55%, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices for all vegetables have decreased by 2% to 56%, with the exception of ash plantain.

Table 3.3: Retail prices of Vegetables – September 2023

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	260.00-600.00	440.82	420.30	512.30	20.52	4.88	-71.48	-13.95
Carrot	160.00-480.00	315.88	448.36	402.99	-132.49	-29.55	-87.11	-21.62
Leeks	100.00-320.00	214.18	241.90	318.52	-27.73	-11.46	-104.34	-32.76
Beetroot	140.00-360.00	229.47	246.52	298.02	-17.05	-6.92	-68.55	-23.00
Knolkhol	120.00-320.00	222.30	213.12	314.95	9.18	4.31	-92.65	-29.42
Radish	100.00-320.00	186.26	181.67	224.98	4.59	2.53	-38.72	-17.21
Cabbage	120.00-340.00	226.31	263.95	457.79	-37.64	-14.26	-231.48	-50.56
Tomato	120.00-360.00	233.15	271.22	303.16	-38.07	-14.04	-70.01	-23.09
Ladies Fingers	120.00-320.00	237.64	226.77	248.46	10.87	4.80	-10.81	-4.35
Brinjal	240.00-480.00	380.39	352.45	390.96	27.93	7.93	-10.58	-2.71
Capsicum	240.00-600.00	393.82	432.32	831.16	-38.50	-8.90	-437.34	-52.62
Pumpkin	100.00-240.00	165.93	188.33	245.27	-22.41	-11.90	-79.34	-32.35
Cucumber	120.00-240.00	185.30	165.83	207.50	19.47	11.74	-22.20	-10.70
Bittergourd	240.00-480.00	391.59	350.58	443.98	41.02	11.70	-52.39	-11.80
Snakegourd	160.00-360.00	272.44	270.11	374.48	2.33	0.86	-102.05	-27.25
Drumstick	140.00-480.00	264.93	359.18	599.73	-94.25	-26.24	-334.80	-55.82
Luffa	160.00-400.00	275.08	270.79	357.58	4.28	1.58	-82.50	-23.07
Long Beans	200.00-480.00	313.30	270.24	368.61	43.06	15.93	-55.32	-15.01
Ash Plantain	180.00-400.00	305.01	283.89	243.88	21.12	7.44	61.13	25.07
Green Chilli	450.00-1000.00	709.19	642.09	477.69	67.10	10.45	231.51	48.46
Lime	1000.00-2000.00	1429.61	920.10	435.61	509.51	55.38	994.00	228.18

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In September, the wholesale prices of most major fruit types have decreased. For bananas, the prices of anamalu, ambun, and seeni varieties have dropped by 11%, 7%, and 5%, respectively. However, the price of kolikuttu bananas has increased by 15% due to low stock levels. The prices of all sizes of pineapples have also decreased, ranging from 8% to 15%, owing to sufficient stock availability compared to last month. The average monthly wholesale prices are Rs. 825.00 for large fruits, Rs. 724.00 for medium fruits, and Rs. 562.00 for small fruits.

Regarding mango varieties, only the karthakolomban and vilad types are available in the market. The price of vilad mango has decreased by 23% due to lower-quality stocks, while the price of karthakolomban has increased by 7% due to limited availability.

For other fruit varieties, most prices have decreased due to the seasonal harvesting period. The price of wood apple has plummeted by 53% due to high supply from major producing areas. Additionally, prices for passion fruit (31%), papaw (30%), and avocado (8%) have decreased as a result of ongoing harvests. Conversely, prices for slime apple and orange have risen by 51% and 25%, respectively, due to limited stocks in the market.

Compared to the same period last year, current wholesale prices for most fruit varieties have increased, with the highest price increase of 64% reported for ambul bananas.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – September 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	140.00-230.00	190.45	189.21	152.71	1.24	0.65	37.74	24.72
Kolikuttu (Kg)	480.00-600.00	542.18	474.38	353.75	67.80	14.29	188.43	53.27
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-160.00	131.44	138.33	106.68	-6.89	-4.98	24.76	23.21
Anamalu (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	25.51	28.52	16.31	-3.01	-10.54	9.20	56.39
Ambun (Fruit)	25.00-38.00	31.77	34.02	19.31	-2.25	-6.63	12.45	64.48
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	700.00-900.00	824.79	968.13	670.31	-143.33	-14.81	154.48	23.05
Medium (Fruit)	600.00-800.00	724.17	791.42	560.31	-67.26	-8.50	163.85	29.24
Small (Fruit)	450.00-650.00	562.36	613.54	461.40	-51.18	-8.34	100.97	21.88
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	260.00-400.00	305.00	285.03	195.42	19.97	7.01	109.58	56.08
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00-120.00	85.73	110.97	76.09	-25.24	-22.74	9.64	12.66
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-260.00	137.67	196.38	143.99	-58.71	-29.90	-6.32	-4.39
Passionfruit (Fruit)	22.00-50.00	30.14	43.92	41.46	-13.78	-31.38	-11.32	-27.30
Woodapple (Fruit)	12.00-30.00	18.33	39.03	18.66	-20.69	-53.02	-0.32	-1.74
Orange (Fruit)	50.00-80.00	61.85	49.40	54.76	12.45	25.21	7.09	12.94
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-110.00	72.58	78.74	65.93	-6.16	-7.82	6.65	10.09
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	58.05	38.35	38.81	19.70	51.38	19.24	49.57
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1300.00-1450.00	1368.75	1238.75	1586.11	130.00	10.49	-217.36	-13.70

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behavior in the wholesale market, the retail prices of most fruit varieties have decreased in September. However, prices for all banana varieties have increased, with the highest price increase of 15% recorded for kolikuttu bananas, followed by ambun (8%) and anamalu (7%). Among mango varieties, the price of vilad has decreased by 11%, while the price of karthakolomban has increased by 11%.

For pineapples, the retail prices for all sizes have decreased by 7% to 23% due to lower wholesale prices, with prices ranging from Rs. 550.00 to Rs. 1,300.00 per fruit in Colombo's suburban markets. Regarding other fruit varieties, retail prices have generally decreased in line with the drop in wholesale prices. Specifically, prices for wood apple (36%), passion fruit (21%), and papaw (11%) have all declined. In comparison to the same period last year, current retail prices for most fruit varieties have increased, with the highest price increase of 66% reported for ambun bananas.

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – September 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	200.00-300.00	249.09	247.85	193.96	1.24	0.50	55.13	28.42
Kolikuttu (Kg)	500.00-800.00	637.90	556.88	403.49	81.02	14.55	234.41	58.10
Seeni (Kg)	130.00-280.00	218.72	216.38	173.09	2.35	1.09	45.63	26.36
Anamalu (Fruit)	24.00-56.00	37.46	35.17	24.55	2.29	6.50	12.91	52.60
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00-66.00	49.95	46.21	29.93	3.74	8.09	20.01	66.87
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	720.00-1300.00	929.84	1211.54	700.32	-281.70	-23.25	229.53	32.77
Medium (Fruit)	630.00-975.00	787.00	941.42	595.00	-154.41	-16.40	192.00	32.27
Small (Fruit)	550.00-800.00	666.45	719.00	492.12	-52.55	-7.31	174.33	35.42
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	280.00-500.00	359.07	322.83	287.41	36.24	11.23	71.66	24.93
Vilad (Fruit)	80.00-160.00	112.65	126.57	103.59	-13.92	-11.00	9.06	8.75
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	140.00-350.00	232.28	260.98	247.58	-28.70	-11.00	-15.29	-6.18
Passionfruit (Fruit)	30.00-90.00	52.96	66.91	51.05	-13.96	-20.86	1.91	3.74
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-80.00	50.24	78.147	47.24	-27.91	-35.71	3.00	6.36
Orange (Fruit)	60.00-160.00	107.14	91.37	92.41	15.77	17.25	14.73	15.94
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-130.00	88.72	94.795	98.74	-6.08	-6.41	-10.03	-10.16
Slime Apple (Fruit)	60.00-160.00	107.42	87.3	93.25	20.12	23.05	14.17	15.20
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1600.00-3250.00	2239.44	2210.2	3260.00	29.25	1.32	-1020.56	-31.31

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – September 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	74.00-166.25	111.99	103.04	82.14	8.95	8.69	29.85	36.34
Kolikuttu	288.00-420.00	356.50	312.00	175.25	44.50	14.26	181.25	103.42
Papaw	45.00-162.50	83.88	111.88	95.22	-28.00	-25.03	-11.34	-11.91

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, the country exported 1,913 mt of fresh fruits in September 2023, valued at Rs. 254 million. Of this exported quantity, 98% comprised papaw. This represents an increase compared to September 2022, when 1,615 mt were exported (Table 4.3).

In terms of imports, Sri Lanka imported 968 mt of fresh fruits during the month, totaling Rs. 389 million in value. Apples were the most imported fruit, with a quantity of 536 mt, followed by grapes at 288 mt. This marks an increase in the imported quantity compared to the same period last year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – July to September 2023

Type of Fruit	July- 2023			August- 2023			September- 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	1880.28	216.47	115.13	1823.14	197.00	108.05	1617.08	188.78	116.74
Fresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	17.85	25.51	1429.00	24.97	28.41	1137.64	17.42	20.70	1188.39
Fresh Avocado	13.17	10.26	779.06	4.27	3.24	758.32	1.63	1.34	824.04
Pineapple, fresh	1.74	1.94	1110.36	4.96	2.98	601.06	24.76	21.23	857.41

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – July to September 2023

Type of Fruit	Sept- 2023			Aug- 2023			July- 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	535.90	193.59	361.23	145.36	57.55	395.92	306.22	123.93	404.71
Grapes	287.86	152.07	528.26	240.46	157.95	656.87	172.37	105.85	614.10
Oranges	144.42	42.55	294.64	86.97	27.79	319.57	128.51	35.16	273.56

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

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

Item	Price Range	Average				Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	150.00-600.00	377.75	443.00	594.32	-65.25	-14.73	-216.57	-36.44	
Hurulla	450.00-780.00	622.00	710.75	832.26	-88.75	-12.49	-210.26	-25.26	
Balaya	750.00-1100.00	903.25	829.86	794.89	73.39	8.84	108.36	13.63	
Kelawalla	1100.00-1650.00	1328.75	1380.50	1366.34	-51.75	-3.75	-37.59	-2.75	
Thora	1600.00-2800.00	2192.50	2396.25	2499.46	-203.75	-8.50	-306.96	-12.28	
Paraw	1300.00-1740.00	1464.00	1364.25	1453.50	99.75	7.31	10.50	0.72	
Mora	750.00-1260.00	1097.38	1054.00	-	43.38	4.12	-	-	
Shrimp (small)	1550.00-2100.00	1753.00	1763.50	1608.22	-10.50	-0.60	144.78	9.00	
Thalapath	1700.00-2400.00	2023.75	2007.50	2225.25	16.25	0.81	-201.50	-9.06	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	520.00-900.00	719.35	699.37	769.78	19.98	2.86	-50.43	-6.55	
Hurulla	680.00-1300.00	865.18	924.43	1085.33	-59.25	-6.41	-220.15	-20.28	
Balaya	1000.00-1600.00	1312.15	1268.80	1564.88	43.35	3.42	-252.73	-16.15	
Kelawalla	1800.00-3200.00	2399.47	2363.95	2380.84	35.53	1.50	18.63	0.78	
Thora	2200.00-4200.00	3193.44	3501.58	3327.89	-308.14	-8.80	-134.45	-4.04	
Paraw	1700.00-2800.00	2175.16	2361.48	2494.16	-186.32	-7.89	-318.99	-12.79	
Mora	1300.00-2000.00	1668.06	1666.31	1878.00	1.75	0.10	-209.94	-11.18	
Shrimp (small)	1800.00-2200.00	1951.93	1999.28	1930.61	-47.35	-2.37	21.33	1.10	
Thalapath	2300.00-3600.00	3071.20	3017.46	2941.34	53.74	1.78	129.86	4.42	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	1100.00-1900.00	1483.25	2132.25	2279.25	-649.00	-30.44	-796.00	-34.92
Sprats (imported)	800.00-1050.00	922.29	965.91	1568.39	-43.62	-4.52	-646.10	-41.20
Kattawa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	1300.00-1600.00	1445.50	1563.50	1748.12	-118.00	-7.55	-302.62	-17.31
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1700.00-1860.00	1797.50	1779.00	2339.48	18.50	1.04	-541.98	-23.17
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balaya	800.00-1100.00	928.46	1297.75	1360.81	-369.29	-28.46	-432.35	-31.77
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	1480.00-1600.00	1544.93	1485.68	1885.60	59.25	3.99	-340.66	-18.07
Maduwa	1300.00-1450.00	1388.00	1524.50	-	-136.50	-8.95	-	-
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	350.00-540.00	413.50	648.50	998.50	-235.00	-36.24	-585.00	-58.59
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	950.00-1400.00	1192.70	1216.29	1989.41	-23.59	-1.94	-796.71	-40.05
Sprats	1800.00-2600.00	2162.09	2310.65	2599.79	-148.56	-6.43	-437.70	-16.84
Kattawa	2000.00-3000.00	2381.90	2414.64	2920.66	-32.74	-1.36	-538.76	-18.45
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	2000.00-2800.00	2429.11	2370.56	2968.90	58.56	2.47	-539.79	-18.18
Balaya	1400.00-2300.00	1949.63	1972.46	2239.02	-22.83	-1.16	-289.40	-12.93
Anguluwa	1800.00-2800.00	2340.20	2253.90	2758.75	86.30	3.83	-418.55	-15.17
Maduwa	1300.00-2400.00	1803.33	1527.08	-	276.25	18.09	-	-
Salaya	900.00-1300.00	1096.83	1075.18	1367.90	21.66	2.01	-271.07	-19.82

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Eggs

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	45.00-47.50	45.97	43.96	49.63	2.01	4.57	-3.66	-7.37
White (each)	43.00-46.00	44.28	44.63	47.66	-0.34	-0.77	-3.38	-7.08
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	46.00-50.00	47.34	47.80	50.69	-0.46	-0.95	-3.36	-6.62
White (each)	44.00-48.00	45.83	45.84	49.28	0.00	-0.01	-3.45	-7.00

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Meat

Table 5.4: Retail prices of Meat –September 2023

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2200.00-2500.00	2,333.33	2,337.86	2080.36	-4.52	-0.19	252.98	12.16
Chicken (Broiler)	1150.00-1490.00	1,310.32	1,418.16	1470.81	-107.84	-7.60	-160.49	-10.91
Chicken (curry)	1200.00-1600.00	1,350.22	1,437.54	1530.06	-87.32	-6.07	-179.84	-11.75
Mutton	3000.00-3500.00	3,243.06	3,227.21	2832.22	15.84	0.49	410.83	14.51
Pork	1400.00-1800.00	1,552.86	1,576.43	1680.83	-23.57	-1.50	-127.98	-7.61

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total of 168,606 mt of wheat grain, valued at Rs. 17,396 million, was imported in September. This quantity represents an increase of approximately 165,697 mt compared to the previous month. The majority of the wheat grain was imported from Romania (53%) and Canada (47%), with CIF prices of Rs. 93.85/kg and Rs. 113.63/kg, respectively. The average CIF price has decreased by Rs. 50.00/kg compared to the previous month. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from Australia, while the lowest was for that imported from Romania.

In addition, a total of 5,160 mt of wheat flour was imported this month, worth Rs. 659 million. This quantity reflects a decrease of approximately 5,675 mt compared to the previous month. The highest volume of wheat flour was imported from Turkey, accounting for 86% of the total imports, with a CIF price of Rs. 114.38/kg. The remaining quantity was imported from the UAE (13%) and smaller amounts from India and China. The average CIF price of wheat flour imported this month was Rs. 127.64/kg, which has not changed significantly compared to the previous month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs. 210.04 to Rs. 215.04/kg, with an average price of Rs. 212.09/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price has remained stable, while it has decreased by 51% compared to the same period last year.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2022	Aug 2023		Sept 2022	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	210.04-215.04	212.09	211.74	431.79	0.35	0.17	-219.70	-50.88
Sugar	269.48-271.30	270.59	256.11	287.58	14.48	5.65	-16.99	-5.91

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
April-2023	9,100.79	1431.77	157.32	228.32	71.00
Wheat Grain					
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
April-2023	7,656.08	10,273.24	132.29	228.32	96.03

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Sugar

The total quantity of sugar imported this month was 32,835 mt, valued at Rs. 7,828 million, representing an increase of approximately 12,078 mt compared to the quantity imported in August. The majority of the sugar, 91% of the total, was imported from India, with the remainder coming from Thailand (4%), Malaysia (3%), and South Korea (1%). The average CIF price was Rs. 238.41/kg, which has not changed significantly compared to the previous month. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from South Korea at Rs. 269.80/kg, while the lowest was for sugar imported from Thailand at Rs. 221.39/kg.

In terms of local retail prices, sugar ranged from Rs. 269.48 to Rs. 271.30/kg, with an average retail price of Rs. 270.59/kg. Compared to last month, the average retail price has increased by 6%, but it has decreased by 6% compared to the same period last year.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- April to September 2023

Month	Quantity (Mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs./kg)	Retail Price (Rs./kg)	Gross Margin (Rs./kg)
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
April-2023	10,507.42	2085.56	198.48	233.53	35.05

Source: Department of Customs; Data Management Division/HARTI

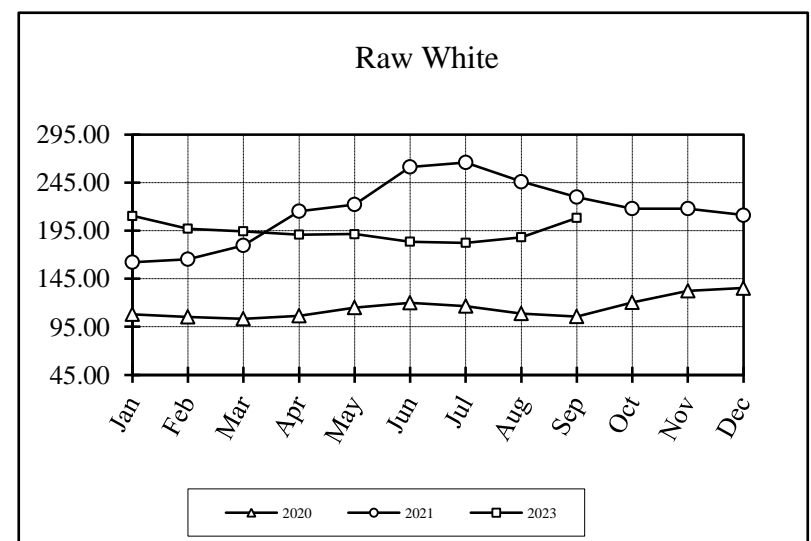
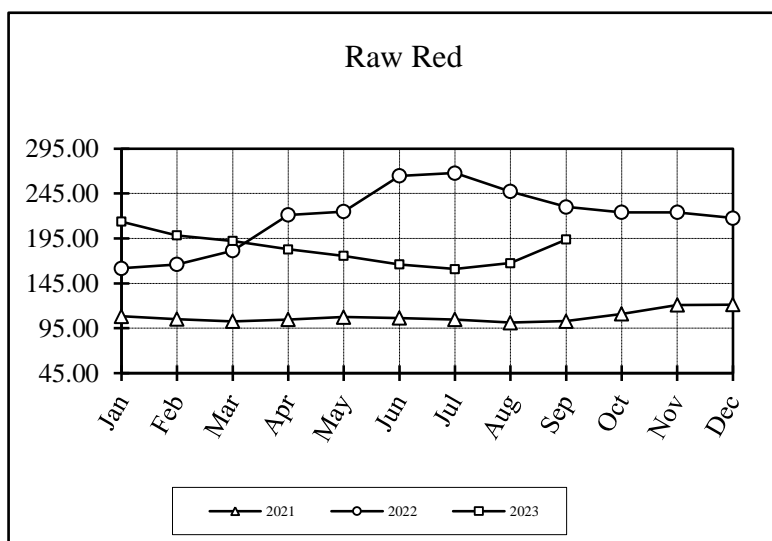
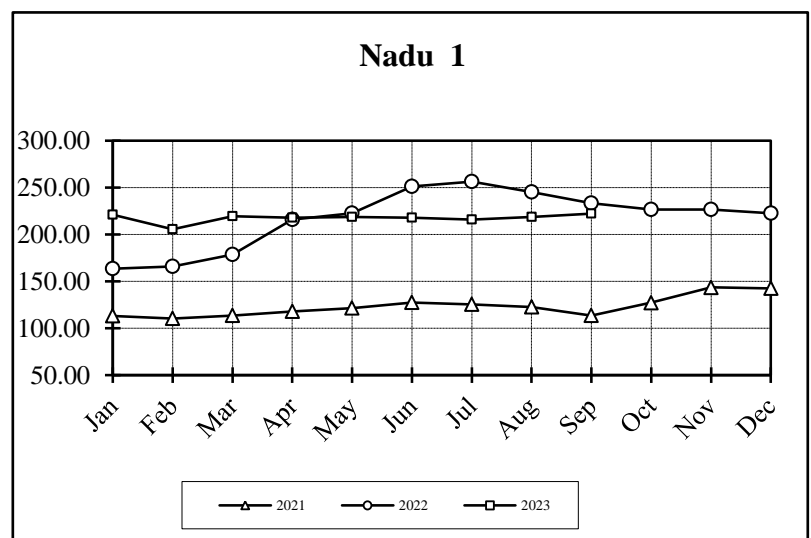
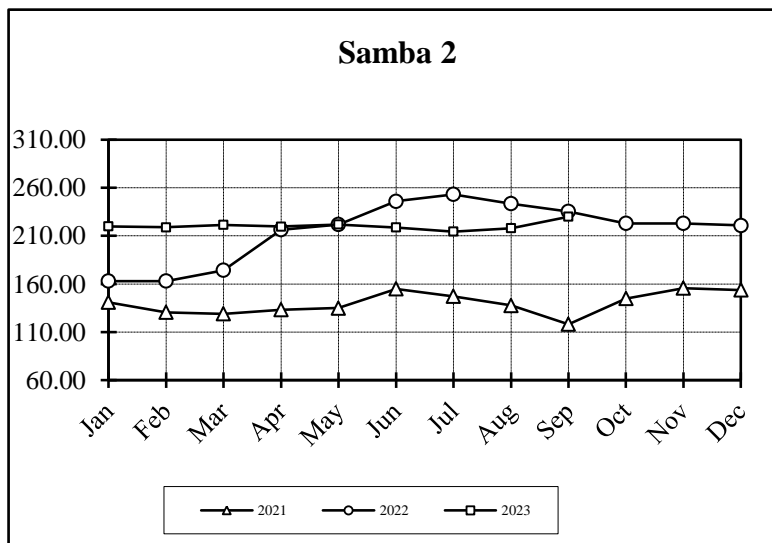
Table 7: Import of selected food items -September 2023

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Sept 2023	Aug 2023		Sept 2023	Aug 2023		Sept 2023	Aug 2023	
Rice	940.1	2183.1	(57)	330.4	644.4	(49)	351.5	295.2	19
Red Onion	87.0	7.7	1,037	15.2	1.2	1,124	175.2	162.8	8
Big Onion	21310.3	26951.5	(21)	1894.9	2045.9	(7)	88.9	75.9	17
Potato	9902.6	15890.0	(38)	692.9	1196.7	(42)	70.0	75.3	(7)
Maysoor Dhal	11691.5	21057.0	(44)	2710.5	5116.6	(47)	231.8	243.0	(5)
Garlic	2864.0	4311.1	(34)	1143.7	1747.5	(35)	399.3	405.3	(1)
Wheat flour	5160.3	10835.2	(52)	658.7	1380.4	(52)	127.6	127.4	0
Wheat grain	168606.0	2909.3	5,695	17396.3	447.9	3,784	103.2	154.0	(33)
Sugar & sugar confectionery	32835.1	20756.8	58	7828.2	4942.2	58	238.4	238.1	0
Maize (Other)	28434.8	1354.0	2,000	2478.6	164.6	1,405	87.2	121.6	(28)

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

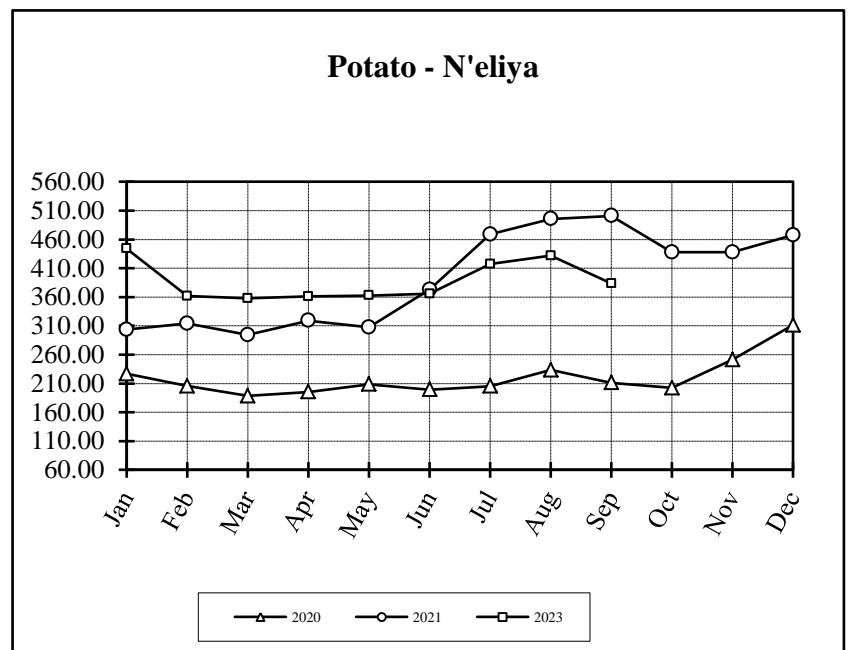
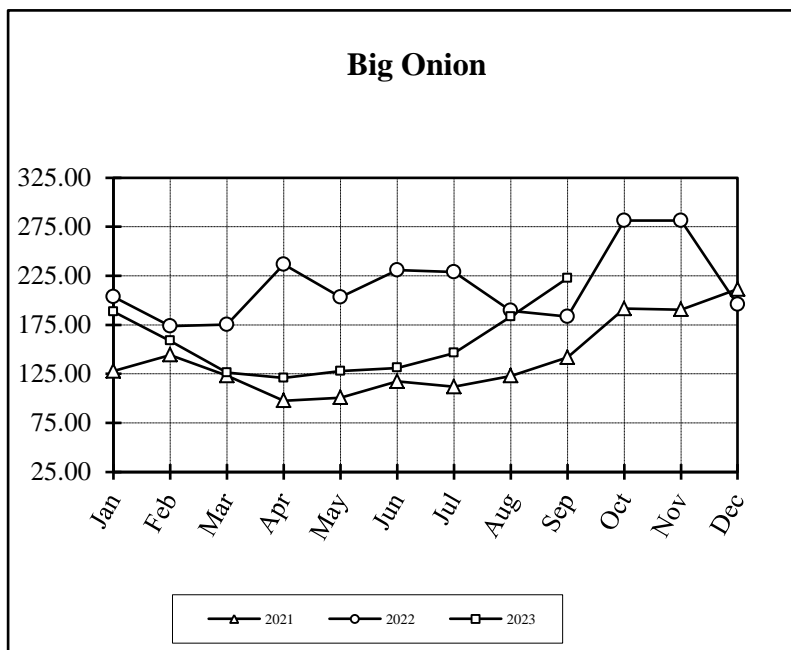
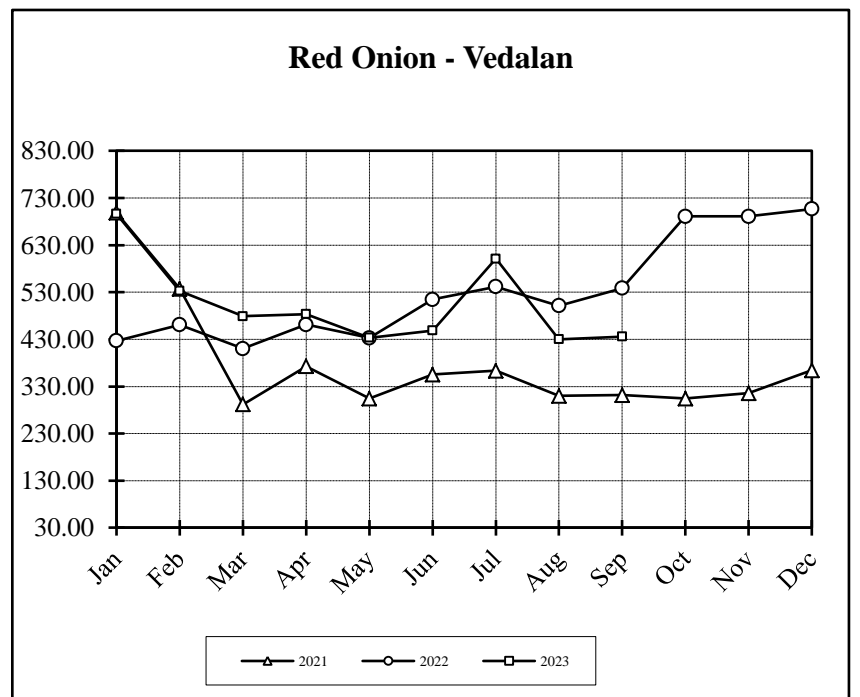
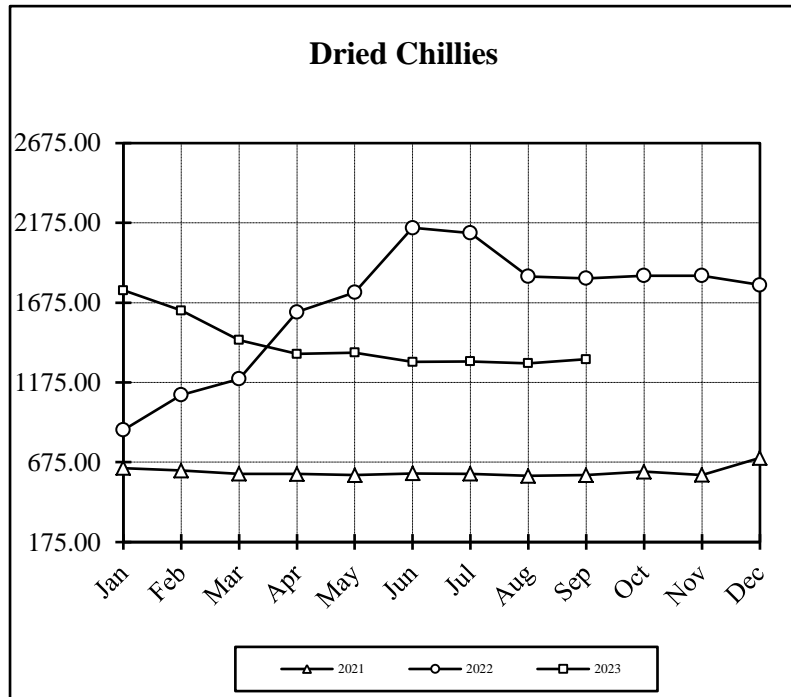
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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	



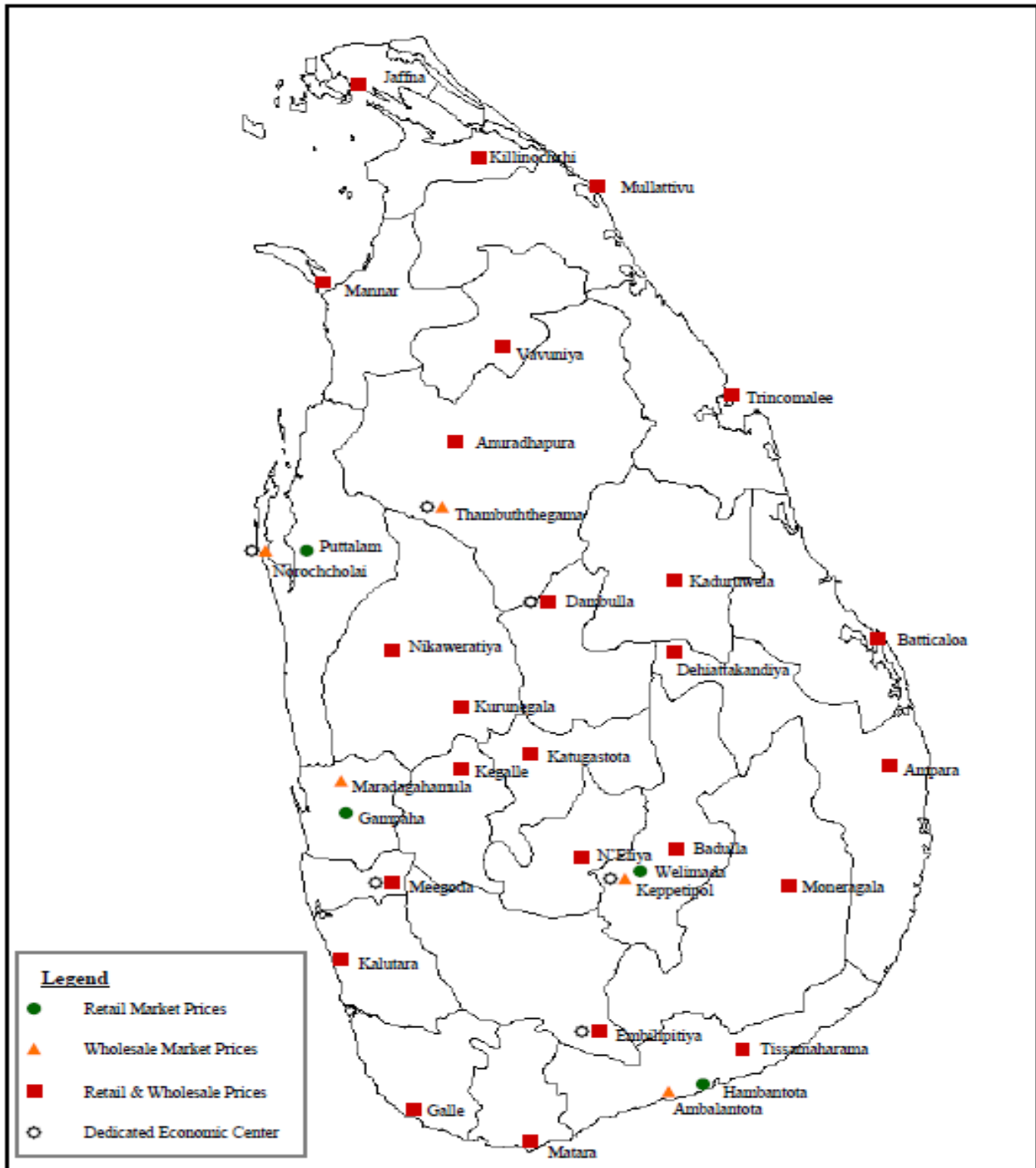
**Appendix 03: Farmgate/Producer Prices of Food Commodities
in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg)
Sep-23**

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	232.00	209.00	163.00	148.00	Welimada	31.00	33.00	27.40	30.60
A'pura	110.80	111.20	110.80	111.60	Badulla					N'Eliya	36.80	34.00	30.20	26.40
P'naruwa	103.50	103.50	118.75	118.75	Welimada	206.00	156.00	138.00	130.00					
Kalawewa	102.67	103.29	107.13	107.75	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	114.75	114.75	111.75	112.50	Green Gram					Hanguranketha	55.20	52.00	50.00	46.40
Dehiattakandiya	112.33	110.92	114.33	116.00	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	64.00	57.00	69.00	66.40
Ampara	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	Kalawewa	637.50	637.50	640.00	700.00	Dambulla	84.00	63.20	63.60	84.40
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	790.00	790.00	710.00	710.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	102.00	102.40	103.60	106.20	Kurunegala					Welimada	41.00	51.00	64.00	57.00
P'naruwa	92.50	92.50	107.50	106.67	A'pura	675.00	675.00	675.00	625.00	Knokhol				
Kalawewa	97.17	96.33	100.00	100.25	Cowpea					Hanguranketha	33.00	26.60	32.00	36.00
Kurunegala	109.50	108.25	105.75	108.50	A'pura					N'Eliya	54.00	47.00	55.00	42.40
Dehiattakandiya	106.67	103.00	104.67	104.67	Galgamuwa					Welimada	39.00	42.00	43.00	34.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	750.00	712.50	712.50	712.50	Radish				
Ampara	104.00	102.00	102.00	101.00	Kalawewa	737.50	737.50	800.00	775.00	Hanguranketha	17.80	20.00	22.00	26.60
Matara					Embilipitiya	795.00	795.00	940.00	940.00	N'Eliya	33.00	33.00	39.00	32.20
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	31.00	19.60	26.00	25.80
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Cabbage				
Matara	104.00	106.50	102.00	97.00	A'Pura	135.00	132.50	132.50	132.50	Hanguranketha	76.40	34.00	30.40	28.60
Hambantota	102.33	102.33	100.67	95.33	Kalawewa	127.50	116.00	122.50	116.00	N'Eliya	71.00	51.00	32.60	43.20
Ampara	102.00	101.25	102.00	101.33	Gingelly					Welimada	34.00	27.20	27.00	26.80
Embilipitiya	104.60	104.60	100.60	95.00	A'Pura	525.00	775.00	575.00	525.00	Hambantota				
Keeri Samba					Kalawewa					Badulla	64.00	42.00	42.00	39.40
A'pura	137.50	135.00	135.00	132.50	Black Gram					Tomato				
Polonnaruwa	128.30	123.90	148.70	143.50	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	38.00	36.60	47.00	69.00
Kalawewa	138.75	136.25	136.25	136.25	A'Pura	850.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	Welimada	51.00	61.00	72.00	88.00
Kurunegala	138.75	135.00	137.50	135.75	Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota				
Dehiattakandiya	140.33	131.00	146.33	144.33	Beans					Dambulla	70.60	107.00	85.00	95.20
					Dambulla	185.00	306.00	296.00	258.00	Low Country				
Red Onion					Welimada	204.00	358.00	286.00	250.00	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Badulla	185.00	355.00	300.00	269.00	A'pura	57.00	59.00	59.00	59.00
Dambulla				166.43	Carrot					Dambulla	58.20	60.60	74.60	58.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	210.00	179.00	143.00	100.40	Hambantota	41.00	41.00	72.50	75.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	177.00	156.00	123.00	91.00	Embilipitiya	55.00	61.00	75.00	88.33
Kurunegala					Welimada	134.00	131.00	124.00	85.00	Matara	56.25	50.00	58.75	67.50

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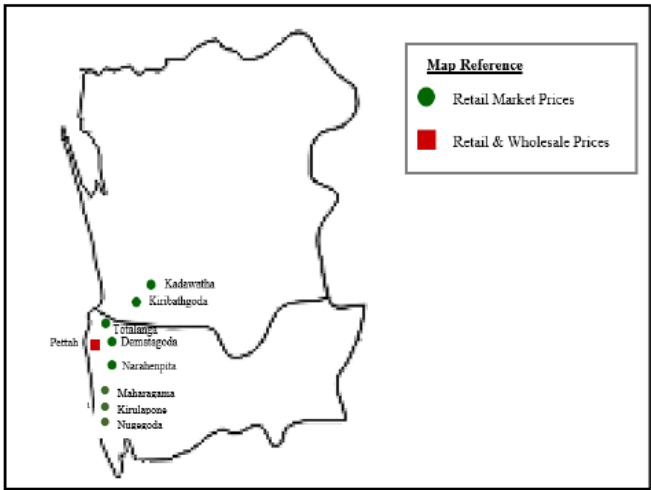
Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Brinjals					Pumpkin					Lime				
A'pura	168.00	154.00	188.00	178.00	Dambulla	39.00	54.20	41.00	36.60	Hambantota				
Dambulla	160.00	213.00	208.00	216.00	Hambantota	43.75	43.75	60.00	55.00	Embilipitiya	872.00	832.00	766.00	835.00
Hambantota					Embilipitiya	64.00	67.50	65.00	58.33	Moneragala	770.00	870.00	1020.00	1040.00
Embilipitiya	160.00	176.00	264.00	335.00	Matara	38.75	38.75	43.75	43.75	Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Matara	145.00	140.00	200.00	207.50	A'pura	44.00	44.00	42.00	42.00	Banana				
Welimada	117.00	160.00	151.00	156.00	Moneragala		62.00	62.00	44.00	Ambul				
					Cucumber					Moneragala	74.00	128.00	124.00	108.00
Capsicum					A'pura	57.00	44.00	44.00	54.00	Embilipitiya	98.00	84.00	103.33	103.33
Welimada	228.00	271.00	226.00	252.00	Dambulla	64.00	52.40	70.80	70.20	Hambantota	166.25	105.00	125.00	125.00
Bitter Gourd					Hambantota	32.50	32.50	55.00	55.00	Kolikuttu				
A'pura	198.00	198.00	208.00	276.00	Matara	46.25	46.25	57.50	57.50	Moneragala	288.00	332.00	320.00	308.00
Dambulla	183.50	206.00	226.00	278.00	Long beans					Embilipitiya	420.00	404.00	390.00	390.00
Hambantota					Dambulla	128.00	132.00	138.50	128.00	Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	272.00	268.00	291.25	348.75	Hambantota					Papaw				
					Embilipitiya	139.00	146.00	140.00	160.00	Moneragala	108.00	128.00	72.00	72.00
Snake Gourd					Matara	107.50	138.75	147.50	147.50	Embilipitiya	125.00	58.00	54.00	62.00
Dambulla	78.20	101.00	101.00	120.00	A'Pura	144.00	148.00	148.00	124.00	Hambantota	162.50	60.00	60.00	45.00
Hambantota	95.00	105.00	145.00	135.00	Ash Plantain					Pineapple				
Embilipitiya	129.00	138.00	156.25	167.50	Hambantota	44.00		104.00	98.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara	116.25	131.25	128.75	136.25	Embilipitiya	100.00	108.00	136.00	150.00					
A'pura	104.00	108.00	118.00	114.00	Matara	101.67	111.25	111.25	118.75					
Luffa					Green Chillies									
Dambulla	79.80	101.00	90.40	97.00	Dambulla	456.00	414.00	384.00	400.00					
Hambantota	120.00	120.00	128.00	128.00	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	132.00	138.00	140.00	140.00	Embilipitiya	598.00	578.00	446.67	472.00					
Matara	113.75	130.00	128.75	136.25	Puttalam	375.00	388.33	331.67	346.67					
A'pura	104.00	108.00	108.00	124.00	A'Pura	470.00	420.00	420.00	420.00					

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