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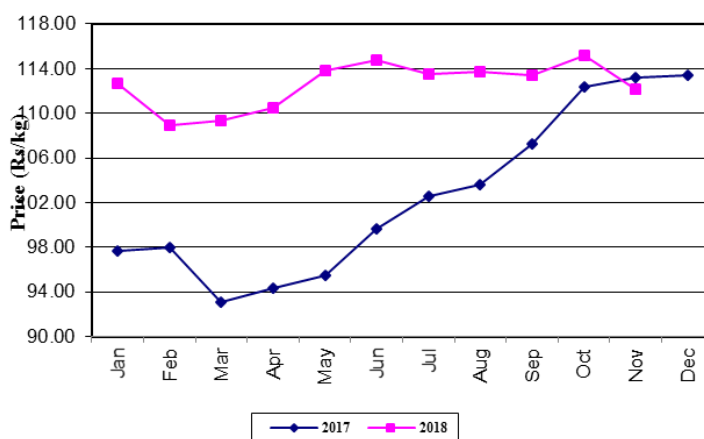
RICE:

Significant price changes were not recorded for most of the rice varieties during this month. Continuous increases in wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties were recorded. Further, price increase could be expected during next month too due to the offseason.

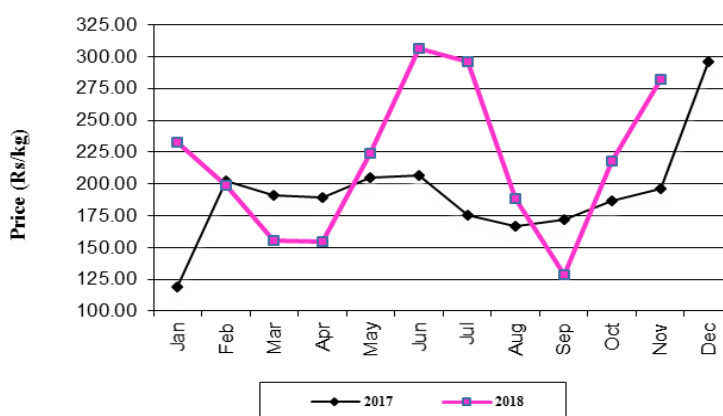
VEGETABLES:

Supplies of both up country and low country vegetables were further limited in most of the markets because of the offseason for vegetables. The highest price increase of Rs.231.00/kg was recorded for drumsticks followed by tomato (Rs.206.00/kg). The price of vegetables will come down in December as the *Maha* harvest is expected to reach to the market.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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

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

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Colombo and suburb Markets

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| 1. Pettah | 5. Peliyagoda | 9. Kirulapone |
| 2. Narahenpita | 6. Kadawatha | 10. Nugegoda |
| 3. Dematagoda | 7. Kiribathgoda | |
| 4. Thotalanga | 8. Wellawatta | |

Outstation Markets

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|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 12. Puttalam | 23. Batticaloa |
| 2. Dambulla | 13. Hambantota | 24. Jaffna |
| 3. Matara | 14. Divulapitiya | 25. Mullaitivu |
| 4. Kurunegala | 15. Dehiattakandiya | 26. Kilinochchi |
| 5. Embilipitiya | 16. Keppetipola | 27. Vavuniya |
| 6. Kandy | 17. Thambutthegama | 28. Kegalle |
| 7. Meegoda | 18. Anuradhapura | 29. Ampara |
| 8. Kalutara | 19. Badulla | 30. Moneragala |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle | 31. Ratnapura |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 22. Trincomalee | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The prospects of the paddy crop in 2018/19 *Maha* season have been satisfactory in most of the major producing areas. Rainy weather was experienced in all major producing areas from the beginning of the season. Prevailing favorable weather condition and better water availability in irrigation tanks contributed to the success of the paddy crop. According to the field information on cultivation, paddy has been cultivated in almost all major producing areas. According to the latest crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent of lands cultivated with paddy in 2018/19 *Maha* season was 828,455 ha. The cultivation progress by the end of November has been 79% of the target and is 653,441 ha. The cultivation progress is higher than 42% of the progress of the average extent of land cultivated with paddy in the last three *Maha* seasons. The expected production based on the reported extent of land cultivated with paddy by the end of November is 2.55 Million Mt, considering the crop damages. The first harvest can be expected from Batticaloa and Ampara districts in the late January, 2019.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *maha* 2018/19 As at end of November 2018

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Effectuated Extent (ha)	Expected Production loss for Effectuated Area (mt)	Reversed Production forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	98,031	71,488	73	271,321			271,321
Polonnaruwa	34,600	19,635	57	89,453			89,453
Ampara	76,019	76,560	101	325,009			325,009
Kurunegala	92,598	80,619	87	380,522			380,522
Hambantota	28,448	20,634	73	100,987			100,987
Colombo	3,800	-	-	-			-
Gampaha	12,356	-	-	-			-
Kalutara	13,325	-	-	-			-
Galle	12,300	5,521	45	14,757			14,757
Matara	16,414	12,017	73	40,812			40,812
Ratnapura	12,672	6,490	51	21,142			21,142
Kegalle	9,380	6,374	68	23,459			23,459
Puttalam	22,516	16,143	72	52,552			52,552
Kandy	13,610	4,307	32	13,869			13,869
Matale	16,325	11,933	73	48,595			48,595
N ^o Eliya	6,129	158	3	337			337
Badulla	22,194	7,939	36	30,287			30,287
Monaragala	36,111	28,250	78	105,205			105,205
Jaffna	12,390	11,649	94	25,736			25,736
Kilinochchi	24,690	24,495	99	84,521			84,521
Vavuniya	19,901	19,840	100	84,236			84,236
Mullaitivu	17,537	15,757	90	49,105			49,105
Mannar	21,425	19,465	91	91,253			91,253
Trincomalee	42,348	33,393	79	138,553	1,103	1,563	136,990
Batticaloa	70,912	72,509	102	175,436	19,597	29,219	146,217
Udawalawa	10,516	10,596	101	52,328			52,328
System H	22,000	21,506	98	103,229			103,229
System H1	8,190	7,708	94	36,997			36,997
System B	19,870	18,646	94	85,026			85,026
System C	22,931	22,637	99	103,225			103,225
System G	5,140	3,037	59	13,849			13,849
System D	1,301	1,423	109	6,489			6,489
Rambakanoya	917	831	91	3,789			3,789
System L	1,562	1,882	120	8,582			8,582
Sri Lanka	828,455	653,441	79	2,580,660	20,700		2,549,878

Source: Crop Forecast, *maha* 2018/19, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

The farm gate prices of all the paddy varieties had shown an increasing trend during November mainly due to the limited supply of paddy to the markets. The monthly average prices of short grain white paddy had increased by less than 11%, compared to price of the previous month, in all major producing areas with the highest increase reported from Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white paddy had increased by 4% -10%, compared to price of the previous month, in most of the major producing areas with the highest increase reported from Kalawewa. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red paddy had increased by less than 4% compared to price of the previous month, in Embilipitiya and 8% compared to price of the previous month, in Hambanthota and Mathara producing areas in Southern Province.

The prices of long grain white and short grain were in the range of Rs.40.00-47.00/kg and Rs.48.00-55.00/kg respectively in most of the major producing areas in November 2018. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.33.00-41.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province in this month. Paddy price was expected to be in the increasing trend during the next month as paddy would be in short supply. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all paddy varieties showed a declining trend in all considered producing areas. The prices of short grain had decreased by less than 12% with the highest decline reported from Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white had decreased in the range of 18%-24% with the highest decline from reported Kurunegala. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red had decreased in the range of 8%-24% with the highest decline reported from Embilipitiya.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – November 2018

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	50.00-52.00	46.00-55.00	50.56	50.38	55.25	0.18	0.36	-4.69	-8.49
Polonnaruwa	51.00-55.00	45.00-54.00	53.20	49.97	55.92	3.23	6.47	-2.72	-4.86
Kalawewa	48.00-53.00	40.00-55.00	51.00	46.03	57.71	4.97	10.79	-6.71	-11.63
Kurunegala	50.00-52.00	45.00-52.00	51.13	49.47	55.00	1.66	3.36	-3.87	-7.03
Dehiattakandiya	52.00-55.00	-	54.50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	55.50	-	-	-	-
Ampara	53.00-55.00	46.00-51.00	53.10	49.72	56.50	3.38	6.80	-3.40	-6.02
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	40.00-46.50	38.00-44.00	43.51	41.54	53.00	1.97	4.73	-9.49	-17.91
Polonnaruwa	43.00-46.00	39.00-46.00	44.27	42.47	54.67	1.80	4.24	-10.40	-19.03
Kalawewa	42.00-47.00	36.00-46.00	43.87	39.77	56.06	4.10	10.31	-12.19	-21.75
Kurunegala	40.00-44.00	32.00-42.00	41.17	37.91	54.00	3.26	8.60	-12.83	-23.77
Dehiattakandiya	40.00-47.00	-	43.44	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	55.50	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	35.19	33.06	44.79	2.13	6.45	-9.60	-21.42
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	46.00-47.00	40.00-43.00	45.60	42.12	-	3.48	8.26	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	33.00-38.00	30.00-35.00	41.33	38.29	44.79	3.04	7.94	-3.46	-7.72
Hambantota	34.00-41.00	34.00-37.00	38.25	35.32	47.82	2.93	8.31	-9.57	-20.01
Embilipitiya	35.00-39.00	34.00-36.00	36.36	34.99	47.58	1.37	3.93	-11.22	-23.58

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supplies of most of the rice varieties had decreased during November 2018. Therefore, the wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 5% for raw white. Average prices of samba grade I and II were Rs.107.60/kg and Rs.99.58/kg respectively and significant changes in prices were not recorded during this month.

Average wholesale prices of raw red and raw white rice were Rs.70.33/kg and Rs.79.04/kg and prices had increased by Rs.1.76/kg and Rs.3.46/kg respectively.

Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported samba rice ranged between Rs.135.00/kg and Rs.145.00/kg and price had increased by 6% compared to the previous month. According to the Department of Custom of Sri Lanka, the imported quantity of rice had further increased up to 1,741mt in November. The total expenditure on imported rice was Rs.244.1 million in this month.

A quantity of 54mt of raw white rice had been imported from Pakistan, Vietnam and China in November. Further, quantities of *Nadu* and *Ponni* samba imported in November were 19mt and 27mt respectively. Out of these imported rice, 95% of *Nadu* was from India while 96% of *Ponni Samba* was from Vietnam.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 15% for raw red. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of *Ponni Samba* had increased by 90% compared to the same period of last year.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of *Samba* and *Nadu* rice varieties had decreased by the range of 1%-4% compared to the previous month. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of raw red and raw white rice varieties had increased by 3% and 4% respectively. Retail price of imported *Ponni Samba* ranged between Rs.140.00/kg and Rs.150.00/kg and the average price of *Ponni Samba* has increased by 6% due to increase in wholesale prices.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all the local rice varieties had decreased with the highest price decrease of 16% for *Nadu* grade II. Retail price of imported *Ponni Samba* had increased significantly by 67% compared to the same period of last year.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	106.00-110.00	107.60	108.29	108.54	-0.69	-0.64	-0.94	-0.87
Samba 2	98.00-102.00	99.58	98.48	103.44	1.10	1.11	-3.86	-3.73
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	86.00-88.00	86.63	88.00	-	-1.38	-1.56	-	-
Nadu 2	78.00-85.00	81.30	79.54	92.06	1.76	2.21	-10.76	-11.69
Raw red	68.00-72.00	70.33	68.61	83.07	1.72	2.50	-12.75	-15.34
Raw white	77.00-83.00	79.04	75.58	90.12	3.46	4.58	-11.08	-12.29
Imported Samba	135.00-145.00	136.77	128.95	71.93	7.82	6.06	64.84	90.15
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	64.56	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	71.58	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	108.00-120.00	115.02	119.98	116.63	-4.96	-4.14	-1.62	-1.39
Samba 2	107.00-110.00	109.30	110.47	109.73	-1.17	-1.06	-0.43	-0.39
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	88.00-95.00	92.27	94.97	107.14	-2.70	-2.84	-14.87	-
Nadu 2	85.00-88.00	86.28	88.98	102.42	-2.70	-3.04	-16.14	-15.76
Raw red	75.00-90.00	82.65	80.08	92.67	2.56	3.20	-10.02	-10.81
Raw white	80.00-90.00	87.55	84.54	96.81	3.01	3.55	-9.26	-9.57
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	140.00-150.00	145.85	138.08	87.07	7.77	5.63	58.78	67.50
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	77.10	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	82.86	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

Targeted extent of land cultivated with chilli was 10,703 ha in Maha 2018/2019. The cultivated extent of land, about only 42% of the targeted extent, was 4,460 ha by the end of November 2018. The highest cultivated extent of land, 1,133 ha, was reported from Anuradhapura district followed by the cultivated extent of land, 624 ha, in Moneragala district and, 387 ha, in Puttalam. Compared to the same period of previous season, the cultivated extent of green chilli had increased by about 24% at the end of November. The total expected production of green chilli is 21,919 mt of which 65% of production was expected from Anuradhapura (26%), Moneragala (22%) and Puttalam (17%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Yala 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of November 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3114	1133	36	5687
Puttalam	740	387	52	3675
Moneragala	806	624	77	4914
Ampara	490	130	27	251
Badulla	448	247	55	728
Kurunegala	330	176	53	837
Hambantota	314	214	68	844
Jaffna	569	141	25	616
Mannar	310	154	50	608
Other areas	3582	1254	35	3759
Total	10703	4460	42	21919

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas had decreased further during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli had increased by about Rs.125.00/kg and Rs.163.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.220.08/kg and Rs.418.23/kg respectively and average retail price of green chilli was higher than that of the average retail price of imported dried chilli. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillie had increased by about 67% and 53% respectively.

A quantity of 4020 mt of dried chilli was imported from India and it was 1014 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.225.29/kg that was Rs.16.21/kg higher than CIF price of last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli had also increased by Rs.19.00/kg and Rs.8.00/kg respectively as imported quantities were low. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli had increased by about 29% and 24% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	110.00-420.00	220.08	95.33	667.50	124.74	130.85	-447.42	-67.03
Dried Chilli	245.00-285.00	261.25	242.02	203.09	19.23	7.94	58.16	28.64
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	180.00-700.00	418.23	255.71	889.18	162.52	63.56	-470.95	-52.96
Dried Chilli	280.00-360.00	322.74	315.11	259.31	7.63	2.42	63.43	24.46

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli June to Nov 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	4,020	905.77	225.29	322.74	97.45
Oct	5,034	1,052.59	209.08	315.11	106.03
Sep	3,516	737.02	209.60	311.60	102.00
Aug	5,448	1,129.65	207.37	323.56	116.20
July	5,292	1,161.19	219.40	325.59	106.18
June					

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) – November 2018

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	138.00	95.00	152.00	412.00
Hambantota	200.00	200.00	203.33	425.00
Embilipitiya	193.33	220.00	-	462.00
Puttalam	128.00	104.00	140.00	310.00
A'Pura	195.00	182.50	250.00	307.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

Harvesting of big onion in Matale district in *Yala* season was almost finished by the end of November 2018. The extent of lands targeted for cultivating big onion was around 185 ha in *Maha* season of 2018/19 in Sri Lanka and only 10 ha was cultivated by the end of November 2018.

The targeted extent of lands for cultivating red onion in *Maha* 2018/19 was 3,906 ha in Sri Lanka and the extent of 507 ha, 13% of the target, was cultivated by the end of November 2018. Cultivation progress of red onion in Puttalam district was comparatively higher than that of the other districts and the cultivated extent of land was about 334 ha, 52% of the target, by the end of November. The targeted extent of lands for cultivating red onion in Jaffna district in this *Maha* season was 1,900 ha of which 3% or 48 ha were cultivated by the end of November. The total expected production of red onion is 8,886 mt at the end of November 2018 and 86% of that production could be expected from Puttalam (80% of production) and Jaffna (6% of production).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *maha* 2018/19

Areas	Trageted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of November 2018		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	1900	48	3	576
Puttalam	640	334	52	7081
Trincomalee	753	0	-	-
Monaragala	42	10	24	99
Mullaitivu	83	18	22	170
Batticaloa	54	35	65	413
Other areas	434	62	14	547
Total	3906	507	13	8886

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Stocks of local big onion were not available at the market due to the end of the harvesting season. Quantity of big onion imported in this month was about 18,659 mt of which 15,277 mt (82%) was from India and 3,382 mt (18%) from Pakistan. Total imported quantity was 4,067 mt higher than that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 47.64/kg and it was Rs.1.70/kg higher than CIF price of last month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion had increased by about Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.9.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion had decreased by about 28%.

Supply of local red onion from main producing areas had decreased further as it was the end of the harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan had increased by about Rs.30.00/kg. Retail prices of sinnan and vedalan had increased by about Rs.46.00/kg and Rs.1.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan had decreased by about 66%.

Quantity of red onion imported in this month was about 1,334 mt from India. Total imported quantity was 1069 mt higher than that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.113.46/kg and it had not changed significantly compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported red onion had decreased by about Rs.21.00/kg and prices ranged between Rs.200.00-280.00/kg at the retail markets.

Table 2.2.5: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion November 2018

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	100.00-140.00	127.12	96.61	-	30.52	31.59	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	130.00-150.00	136.67	106.41	389.86	30.26	28.43	-253.19	-64.94
Red Onion (Imported)	145.00-165.00	156.06	177.00	389.95	-20.94	-11.83	-233.90	-59.98
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-105.00	90.69	84.86	126.35	5.83	6.87	-35.67	-28.23
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	73.33	188.57	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	160.00-180.00	174.00	128.50	-	45.50	35.41	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	140.00-200.00	169.23	168.06	498.85	1.17	0.70	-329.62	-66.08
Red Onion (Imported)	200.00-280.00	226.92	0.00	485.19	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-140.00	120.24	111.28	165.87	8.96	8.05	-45.63	-27.51
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	220.00	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Nov,2018	47.64	90.69	120.24	43.05	29.56
	Oct,2018	45.94	84.86	111.28	38.92	26.42
	Nov,2017	97.87	126.35	165.87	28.48	39.52
Red onion	Nov,2018	113.46	156.06	226.92	42.59	70.86
	Oct,2018	113.44	177.00	-	63.56	-
	Nov,2017	214.64	389.95	485.19	175.31	95.23

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

Table 2.2.7: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018
Red Onion	1,344	275	152.5	31.2	113.46	113.44
Big Onion	18,659	14,592	888.9	670.4	47.64	45.94

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.8: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion June to Nov 2018

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Nov	18,659	47.64	90.69	120.24	72.60
Oct	14,592	45.94	84.86	111.28	63.76
Sep	11,648	46.80	79.43	109.70	62.90
Aug	21,741	49.21	86.70	115.74	66.52
July	18,938	49.05	86.44	115.02	65.96
June	20,070	39.88	82.56	108.62	68.74

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for cultivating potato in *Maha* season, 2018/19 was 2,964 ha which was lower than the targeted extent of land for cultivating potato in *Maha* season 2017/18. The extent of land cultivated with potato by the end of November 2019 was about 511 ha and was 17% achievement of the target. The cultivated extent of land by the end of November, 2019 was lower than that of the same period of last *Maha* season due to the prevailed bad weather condition. According to the cultivated extent of land by the end of this month, the expected production of potato was 8,907 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent was 1,323 ha of which about 221 ha of potato was cultivated by the end of this month (17% progress). The cultivated extent of land in this *Maha* season was lower than that of the same period of last *Maha* season as bad weather condition prevented farmers from new cultivation. The targeted extent of land in this *Maha* season was 1,502 ha in Badulla district and 286 ha (19% of the target) was cultivated by the end of November. The cultivated extent of land in Badulla district in this season was lower than that of the same period of last *Maha* season. As the *Yala* harvesting of potato was finished in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in November.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (*Maha* 2018/19)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Maha</i> 2018/19	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18*	<i>Maha</i> 2018/19	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18*	<i>Maha</i> 2018/19		
N'Eliya	1,296	1,323	254	221	17	4,469
Badulla	1,846	1,502	448	286	19	4,439
Sri Lanka	3,343	2,964	703	511	17	8,907

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2018/19, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

**Crop Forecast, Maha 2017/18, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 10,681 mt of potato had been imported in November which was 4,352 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were mainly from Pakistan (78%) and India (15%). Quantity of potato imported in this month was lower than that of November, 2017. The quantity of potato imported in November, 2017 was 13,330 mt. Average CIF price was Rs.41.00/kg in November.

With regard to local potato, the supply had dropped due to the end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. Stocks of Welimada potato were not available in the market. Therefore, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potatoes had increased by 30% and 19% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.125.00/kg in November. Wholesale and retail prices of imported potato had increased by 18% and 12% respectively due to low availability of potato stocks. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.110.00-170.00/kg and Rs.75.00-130.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (16%) and imported (13%) potatoes had increased. Prices of potatoes were expected to be increased further in December due to end of major harvesting period.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes June to Nov 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	10,681	440.08	41.20	121.79	80.59
Oct	6,329	200.26	31.64	107.24	75.60
Sep	5,643	173.85	30.81	106.06	75.25
Aug	15,771	583.58	37.00	112.16	75.16
July	17,703	614.68	34.72	119.70	84.97
June	7,378	199.52	27.04	120.53	93.49

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – November 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	75.00	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-145.00	125.44	87.40	94.66	38.04	30.33	30.78	24.54
Imported – CIF	32.38-76.68	41.20	31.64	39.22	9.56	23.20	1.98	4.81
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	87.06	82.60	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	110.00-170.00	142.48	100.12	102.15	42.37	29.73	40.33	28.31
Imported	75.00-130.00	93.76	77.23	68.20	16.52	17.62	25.56	27.26
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	127.91	133.33	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-240.00	192.07	155.45	160.43	36.61	19.06	31.64	16.47
Imported	100.00-140.00	121.79	107.24	106.07	14.55	11.95	15.72	12.91
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	58.33	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		66.63	68.05	65.77	-1.43	-2.14	0.86	1.29
Imported (CIF-RP)		80.59	75.60	66.85	4.99	6.20	13.74	17.05
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	40.85	50.73	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		49.58	55.34	58.27	-5.75	-11.60	-8.69	-17.53
Imported		28.03	30.00	37.87	-1.97	-7.02	-9.84	-35.08

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation extent had been achieved around 35% of its targeted extent in *Maha* season, 2018/2019. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of land cultivated with green gram had declined by 3175 ha (52% compared to *Maha* season 2017/2018) in Sri Lanka compared with last year. Extents of lands cultivated with green gram were less more than 46% in Hambantota, 14% in Monaragala and 4% in Kurunegala compared to the previous year. Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation in this year was 3,942 mt which was half of the production of the previous year.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (Maha/18)

crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Maha 2018/19	Expected Production (mt)
		Maha 2017/18	Maha 2018/19	Maha 2017/18	Maha 2018/19		
Green gram	Hambantota	4041	2078	2517	1065	51	1554
	Monaragala	2061	1308	950	503	38	643
	Kurunegala	615	779	405	262	34	316
	Other districts	4733	4282	2243	1110	26	1429
	Sri Lanka	11450	8447	6115	2940	35	3942
Cowpea	Ampara	4306	4284	218	179	4	218
	Monaragala	1248	933	805	551	59	567
	Anuradhapura	716	722	268	285	39	661
	Other districts	4010	3664	2070	1521	42	1687
	Sri Lanka	10280	9603	3361	2536	26	3133

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, maha, 2017/18, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, maha, 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning

**Not available

It was able to achieve 26% of the targeted extent of land cultivated with cowpea and the expected production was around 3,133 mt. Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura are major cowpea-producing districts in 2018/19 Maha season and are expected to contribute to 46% of the total cowpea production in the country. Compared to the cowpea cultivation extent of land in the previous Maha season, the extent of land in this season had decreased by 25%. However, Monaragala district was highlighted a better progress than other districts. The cultivation progress of green gram and cowpea were one fourth and one third of their targets respectively.

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.190.00/kg and Rs.230.00/kg with an average of Rs.209.75/kg in November 2018. The average price had increased by 4% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price had increased by 5%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.215.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg with an average of Rs.249.66/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price had increased by Rs. 5/kg. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month had increased by 3%.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram June to Nov 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	808	120.29	148.80	249.66	100.85
Oct	1,044	147.26	141.05	244.45	103.41
Sep	701	92.51	131.93	244.26	112.33
Aug	2,418	329.79	136.41	246.54	110.13
July	1,576	213.54	135.52	246.15	110.63
June	1,832	258.48	141.08	240.06	98.98

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

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.214.98/kg and Rs.203.64/kg respectively in November 2018. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.210/kg and Rs.230/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.155/kg and Rs.220/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea had increased by 3% while the price of red cowpea had increased by 11%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea had decreased by 4% and 12% respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.279.38/kg and Rs.284.52/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240/kg and Rs.320/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.240/kg and Rs.320/kg. Compared to the previous month, the price of white cowpea had increased by 1.5% and the price of red cowpea had increased by 6%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea had decreased by 6% and 10%, respectively.

Quantity of 808 mt of green gram had been imported in this month and was 23% lower than that of the green gram imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.148.80/kg while the retail price had increased by 5% compared to the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.120.29 million which had reduced by 18% of the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Green gram had been imported from several countries which were South Africa (28%), Uzbekistan (28%), Argentina (24%), Australia (9%), Kenya (6%) and Myanmar (5%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea June to Nov 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	740	83.30	112.56	279.38	166.82
Oct	1,095	122.99	112.27	275.27	163.00
Sep	399	45.03	112.80	277.82	165.02
Aug	307	36.37	118.53	280.45	161.92
July	628	82.07	130.71	283.08	152.37
June	557	74.00	132.89	279.87	146.98

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

According to the table 2.4.4, quantity of 740 mt of white cowpea had been imported in this month. The imported quantity of the cowpea had decreased by 32% compared to the previous month. The average CIF price of kilograms of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.112.56/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imported had decreased by 32% compared to the previous month expenditure. The total value of the cowpea imported was noted as approximately Rs.83 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (57%) and the rest was imported from India (20%), Myanmar (13%) and Brazil (10%).

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	190.00-230.00	209.75	200.80	199.13	8.95	4.46	10.63	5.34
Cowpea (White)	210.00-230.00	214.98	207.93	224.84	7.05	3.39	-9.85	-4.38
Cowpea (Red)	155.00-220.00	203.64	184.20	231.35	19.44	10.56	-27.71	-11.98
Retail Prices								
Green gram	215.00-320.00	249.66	244.45	243.26	5.20	2.13	6.40	2.63
Cowpea (White)	240.00-320.00	279.38	275.27	297.63	4.11	1.49	-18.25	-6.13
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-320.00	284.52	267.60	316.70	16.92	6.32	-32.18	-10.16

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.5: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	Nov,2018	148.80	209.75	249.66	60.95	39.90
	Oct,2018	141.05	200.80	244.45	59.75	43.65
	Nov,2017	137.16	199.13	243.26	61.97	44.13
Cowpea (White)	Nov,2018	112.56	214.98	279.38	102.42	64.40
	Oct,2018	112.27	207.93	275.27	95.67	67.34
	Nov,2017	136.63	224.84	297.63	88.21	72.79
Cowpea (Red)	Nov,2018	-	203.64	284.52	-	80.88
	Oct,2018	-	184.20	267.60	-	83.40
	Nov,2017	-	231.35	316.70	-	85.34

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.100.00/kg and Rs.110.00/kg with an average of Rs.103.16/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.110.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.124.13/kg. Moreover, a difference between the two prices is Rs.21/kg during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices had decreased by 13% and 18%, respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – November 2018

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	100.00-110.00	103.16	102.88	118.63	0.28	0.28	-15.46	-13.03
Retail Price	110.00-140.00	124.13	125.61	151.23	-1.48	-1.18	-27.10	-17.92

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, quantity of 14,866 mt of red dhal had been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.76.60/kg and CIF price had not changed significantly. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 14,731 mt) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 135 MT) was of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, 56% from Australia and 44% from Canada had been imported. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs. 1,126 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.76.44 per kilo and the split type red dhal, had been imported from India (42%), Australia (40%) and United Arab Emirate (19%). The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.93.87 per kilo and the total value of the imported split type was Rs.12.7 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
June to Nov 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
Nov	14,866	76.60	103.16	124.13	26.57	20.96
Oct	12,403	76.33	102.88	125.61	26.55	22.73
Sep	8,311	81.97	97.40	124.08	15.43	26.68
Aug	10,097	76.24	97.58	125.77	21.33	28.19
July	9,720	78.20	102.41	127.97	24.21	25.56
June	24,244	75.78	107.78	131.55	31.99	23.78

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Rainy weather condition further prevailed in Badulla and Kandy districts during November 2019. The cultivation in 2018/19 *Maha* season was in progress as usual in major upcountry vegetable producing areas that are Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, and Ratnapura districts. By the end of November, the mostly cultivated vegetables in Nuwara Eliya district were carrot, beetroot, leeks and beans. In Badulla district, 16%-30% of the target had been achieved and the mostly cultivated vegetables were cabbage, carrot, and tomato. The cultivation progress of Kandy district was recorded as 39% of the target and beans and tomato were mostly cultivated vegetables. The harvest of 2018/19 *Maha* season is expected to reach to the market from December 2018 and January 2019.

Concerning the crop situation of low country vegetables, a rainy weather condition continued in major producing areas. Nevertheless, the cultivation in 2018/19 *Maha* season was in progress as usual in most of the producing areas except Dambulla. As at the end of November, 45% of the target had been achieved in Anuradhapura district, and pumpkin and green chilli were the mostly cultivate vegetables. According to the HARTI field information, pumpkin was the mostly cultivated vegetable in Monaragala district too. With regard to the cultivation progress in Kurunegala district, about 31% of the target was achieved by the end of November. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress in Dambulla was delayed because of unfavorable rainy weather condition. The unfavorable rainy weather condition caused delay land preparation and crop establishment in Dambulla. The decrease of vegetable cultivation was about 40% compared to the previous *Maha* season. Tomato and beans were the mostly cultivated vegetables in Dambulla.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of both upcountry and low country vegetables to most of the major markets were further limited because of the offseason for vegetables. Supply to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center and Nuwara Eliya markets decreased by 50% and 40%-60% respectively. Hence, the wholesale prices of both upcountry and low country vegetables remarkably increased in November. With regards to upcountry vegetables, the highest price increase of 205% was recorded for leeks, followed by tomato (177%) and knolkhol (124%). Further, the price of beans increased by 34% while price of other upcountry vegetables increased by a range of 50%-95%. The wholesale prices of low country vegetables also increased during this month and the highest price increase of 104% was recorded for capsicum. Meanwhile, the price of ladies-fingers and drumsticks had increased by 57% and 69% respectively. Further, the prices of brinjal, pumpkin bitter guard and long beans increased by percentages between 18%-40% while that of cucumber, snake guard, luffa and ash plantain increased by less than 10%. Prices will come down in December as the *Maha* harvest was expected to reach to the market. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of most of vegetables had increased during this month and the highest price was reported (216%) for tomato.

A notable price increase in retail prices observed for both upcountry and low country vegetables. With regard to upcountry vegetable, the highest price increase of Rs.206.00/kg was recorded for tomato, followed by carrot (Rs.122.000/kg). With reference to low country vegetables, the highest price increase of Rs.231.00/kg was recorded for drumsticks, followed by capsicum (Rs.151.00/kg). The price behavior of vegetables in November was matched with usual price pattern. According to the seasonal price index, higher prices prevailed in November. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of vegetables had increased and the highest price increase of 119% was for tomato.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	130.00-270.00	201.02	149.83	120.87	51.19	34.16	80.15	66.31
Carrot	160.00-310.00	232.92	119.33	153.33	113.58	95.18	79.58	51.90
Leeks	80.00-200.00	148.13	48.52	161.67	99.61	205.31	-13.54	-8.38
Beetroot	80.00-190.00	140.71	76.23	96.53	64.48	84.60	44.18	45.77
Knolkhol	80.00-150.00	109.43	48.83	87.74	60.60	124.09	21.69	24.72
Radish	70.00-130.00	94.58	50.00	62.71	44.58	89.17	31.88	50.83
Cabbage	70.00-140.00	110.60	61.62	96.61	48.98	79.48	13.98	14.47
Tomato	150.00-290.00	224.58	81.08	71.04	143.50	176.98	153.54	216.13
Ladies Fingers	80.00-140.00	101.04	64.17	78.12	36.88	57.47	22.92	29.33
Brinjal	80.00-160.00	116.04	97.70	141.22	18.35	18.78	-25.18	-17.83
Capsicum	200.00-320.00	270.63	132.50	273.65	138.13	104.25	-3.03	-1.11
Pumpkin	40.00-60.00	49.69	39.83	62.29	9.85	24.74	-12.60	-20.23
Cucumber	10.00-80.00	51.98	48.00	37.71	3.98	8.29	14.27	37.85
Bittergourd	180.00-250.00	212.84	156.47	148.59	56.36	36.02	64.25	43.24
Snakegourd	80.00-150.00	114.97	106.67	114.97	8.30	7.78	0.00	0.00
Drumstick	160.00-220.00	184.17	109.17	169.17	75.00	68.70	15.00	8.87
Luffa	80.00-120.00	99.38	97.67	93.17	1.71	1.75	6.20	6.66
Long Beans	70.00-180.00	122.52	94.17	113.96	28.35	30.11	8.56	7.51
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	72.47	71.87	78.33	0.60	0.83	-5.86	-7.48
Green Chilli	110.00-420.00	220.08	95.33	667.50	124.74	130.85	-447.42	-67.03
Lime	450.00-600.00	522.29	386.50	97.92	135.79	35.13	424.38	433.40

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-400.00	282.16	217.49	196.56	64.67	29.73	85.61	43.55
Carrot	200.00-460.00	323.85	201.68	223.94	122.18	60.58	99.91	44.61
Leeks	150.00-320.00	231.47	131.62	253.35	99.85	75.86	-21.88	-8.64
Beetroot	120.00-320.00	212.77	132.25	169.44	80.52	60.88	43.33	25.57
Knolkhol	150.00-320.00	227.36	150.40	177.99	76.96	51.17	49.37	27.74
Radish	100.00-300.00	190.21	134.26	150.06	55.95	41.67	40.14	26.75
Cabbage	100.00-280.00	201.82	144.88	190.17	56.94	39.30	11.64	6.12
Tomato	200.00-400.00	335.91	130.30	153.64	205.61	157.79	182.27	118.63
Ladies Fingers	140.00-320.00	197.07	140.96	155.81	56.10	39.80	41.25	26.48
Brinjal	140.00-320.00	202.79	165.79	218.98	37.00	22.31	-16.19	-7.39
Capsicum	250.00-540.00	368.05	216.85	386.28	151.20	69.72	-18.22	-4.72
Pumpkin	80.00-160.00	119.90	115.71	130.45	4.19	3.62	-10.55	-8.09
Cucumber	60.00-240.00	135.49	113.93	111.84	21.55	18.92	23.64	21.14
Bittergourd	200.00-400.00	286.56	226.71	250.70	59.86	26.40	35.86	14.30
Snakegourd	120.00-280.00	191.11	170.51	189.12	20.61	12.09	1.99	1.05
Drumstick	200.00-800.00	432.69	201.87	307.53	230.82	114.34	125.17	40.70
Luffa	120.00-340.00	201.88	179.88	189.14	22.00	12.23	12.74	6.74
Long Beans	160.00-320.00	213.52	170.69	185.56	42.82	25.09	27.96	15.07
Ash Plantain	100.00-200.00	147.68	141.11	145.51	6.57	4.66	2.17	1.49
Green Chilli	180.00-700.00	418.23	255.71	889.18	162.52	63.56	-470.95	-52.96
Lime	550.00-1000.00	824.61	592.17	318.89	232.44	39.25	505.72	158.59

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in October, wholesale prices of banana and mango varieties and pineapple had decreased in November. Prices of banana varieties had decreased in the range of 4%-19% and prices of Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni had decreased by 19%, 16% and 4% respectively and price ranges recorded during this month were Rs.40.00-60.00/kg, Rs.100.00-140.00/kg and Rs.50.00-70.00/kg respectively. In addition, price decreases of 14% and 11% were noted for banana varieties, Ambun and Anmalu and price ranges recorded were Rs.15.00-18.00/fruit and Rs.10.00-15.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased in the range of 44%-46% and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.76.88/fruit, Rs.110.31/fruit and Rs.143.25/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-180.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Betti, Karthakolomban and Vilad had decreased by 45%, 36% and 12% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.35.00-60.00.

However, price of papaw had increased by 3% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.72.50/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-120.00/kg. In addition, 39% and 32% price increases were noted for orange and passion fruit respectively. Further, prices of avocado, wood apple and slime apple had increased by 28%, 14% and 10% respectively. Prices of imported grapes had not changed significantly.

According to the data in previous years, prices of fruit varieties, papaw, passion fruit, wood apple, avocado, orange and all the banana varieties except Kolikuttu are expected to be increased in the coming month while, prices of pineapple, mango and slime apple are expected to be decreased.

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the banana varieties, wood apple, orange, slime apple and imported grapes had decreased with the highest price decrease of 31% for banana variety, Ambul. Prices of pineapple, most of the mango varieties, papaw, passion fruit and avocado had increased with the highest price increase of 109% for passion fruit.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, prices of banana and mango varieties and pineapple had decreased at the retail level too. Prices of banana varieties had decreased in the range of 1%-9% and prices of Ambul and Kolikuttu had decreased by 9%. A price decrease of 6% was noted for banana variety, Seeni. Price ranges of Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni were noted as Rs.60.00-120.00/kg, Rs.160.00-220.00/kg and Rs.80.00-130.00/kg respectively. Further, price of banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun had decreased by 1% and price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.15.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 34%, 32% and 30% respectively. Further, price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.80.00-350.00/fruit. In addition, price of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had decreased by 43% and 27% respectively and price of a Karthakolomban fruit was noted as Rs.50.00-150.00.

However, prices of avocado, passion fruit and orange had increased by 34%, 24% and 23% respectively. In addition, prices of slime apple, wood apple and imported grapes had increased by 11%, 10% and 3% respectively. Price of papaw had not changed significantly compared to the previous month and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-180.00/kg. Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for passion fruit as 89%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu and for papaw compared to the prices in October, 2018. The prices had increased by 10% for papaw and by 5% for both Ambul and Kolikuttu. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.27.50-47.86/kg, Rs.100.00-170.00/kg and Rs.27.50 - 80.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to November, 2017, producer prices had increased for papaw significantly by 65% and for Kolikuttu by 26% and it was a price decrease for Ambul by 15% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 895 mt of fresh fruits, worth Rs. 97 mn, in November, 2018. Of the exported quantity, 91% was papaw, 4% was fresh pineapple and another 4% was fresh mangoes. Further, two metric tons of fresh avocados also had been exported. However, it was less than 1% of the total quantity exported in this month. In October, 2018, the quantity exported was 802 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 12%.

If fruit imports in November 2018 are considered, Sri Lanka had imported 4,001 mt of fresh fruits, worth Rs. 714 mn, during this month. Of the imported quantity, 72% were apple, 15% were oranges and 13% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were China, the United States, Italy, France and South Africa. South Africa and Australia were the importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported from the United States, China, Italy and India. In October, 2018, the quantity imported was 5,235mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 24%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	40.00-60.00	45.63	56.14	65.82	-10.51	-18.72	-20.19	-30.67
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-140.00	125.87	149.21	123.86	-23.34	-15.64	2.01	1.62
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-70.00	60.74	63.05	67.77	-2.31	-3.66	-7.04	-10.38
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-15.00	12.61	14.13	14.18	-1.52	-10.79	-1.57	-11.08
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-18.00	16.68	19.46	19.00	-2.78	-14.26	-2.32	-12.19
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	120.00-180.00	143.25	265.75	126.08	-122.50	-46.10	17.17	13.62
Medium (Fruit)	80.00-140.00	110.31	205.10	83.75	-94.79	-46.22	26.56	31.71
Small (Fruit)	60.00-100.00	76.88	137.81	56.07	-60.93	-44.21	20.81	37.11
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	15.00-18.00	16.00	29.00	18.63	-13.00	-44.83	-2.63	-14.09
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	35.00-60.00	43.35	68.00	38.42	-24.65	-36.25	4.93	12.82
Vilad (Fruit)	23.00-40.00	31.58	35.83	21.93	-4.26	-11.88	9.65	44.01
Kohu (Fruit)	6.00-11.00	8.10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-120.00	72.50	70.33	54.25	2.17	3.09	18.25	33.63
Passionfruit (Fruit)	12.00-22.00	16.65	12.60	7.96	4.05	32.14	8.69	109.11
Woodapple (Fruit)	6.00-14.00	9.25	8.09	9.77	1.16	14.38	-0.52	-5.31
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	28.84	20.73	38.54	8.12	39.16	-9.70	-25.16
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	59.00	46.02	44.18	12.98	28.20	14.82	33.54
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	37.17	33.78	39.75	3.39	10.03	-2.58	-6.50
Grapes Imported (Kg)	400.00-788.00	536.20	538.22	570.68	-2.02	-0.38	-34.48	-6.04

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-120.00	96.82	106.04	120.82	-9.22	-8.70	-24.00	-19.87
Kolikuttu (Kg)	160.00-220.00	189.19	207.20	191.83	-18.01	-8.69	-2.63	-1.37
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-130.00	108.05	114.89	123.60	-6.85	-5.96	-15.55	-12.58
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	17.55	17.75	21.65	-0.20	-1.12	-4.10	-18.95
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	21.87	22.15	24.14	-0.28	-1.27	-2.27	-9.40
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	160.00-350.00	225.75	321.23	217.96	-95.48	-29.72	7.79	3.57
Medium (Fruit)	130.00-200.00	160.93	236.01	154.10	-75.08	-31.81	6.83	4.43
Small (Fruit)	80.00-150.00	107.00	161.72	89.34	-54.72	-33.84	17.66	19.76
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	50.00-150.00	74.96	130.89	65.65	-55.93	-42.73	9.31	14.18
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-70.00	40.73	55.57	37.22	-14.84	-26.71	3.51	9.42
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	70.00-180.00	123.69	123.60	92.81	0.09	0.08	30.88	33.27
Passionfruit (Fruit)	16.00-38.00	29.97	24.18	15.88	5.79	23.96	14.09	88.76
Woodapple (Fruit)	25.00-60.00	38.72	35.30	41.67	3.42	9.70	-2.95	-7.07
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	54.22	44.20	64.48	10.02	22.66	-10.26	-15.92
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-130.00	84.75	63.34	71.20	21.41	33.79	13.55	19.04
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-150.00	92.14	83.18	82.99	8.95	10.76	9.14	11.02
Grapes Imported (Kg)	600.00-1000.00	772.80	747.72	783.14	25.08	3.35	-10.34	-1.32

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	27.50-47.86	39.31	37.50	46.46	1.80	4.81	-7.15	-15.40
Kolikuttu	100.00-170.00	127.21	121.12	101.02	6.09	5.02	26.19	25.92
Papaw	27.50-80.00	53.56	48.60	32.50	4.96	10.21	21.06	64.81

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
Sep to Nov 2018**

Type of Fruit	Nov			Oct			Sep		
	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 Pineapple	39.52	12.25	309.90	42.88	24.31	566.95	37.54	14.75	392.77
Papaw	813.27	64.99	79.91	725.08	81.42	112.29	637.83	56.43	88.47
Fresh Mango	39.64	18.48	466.34	23.32	8.39	359.63	19.57	6.56	334.99
Avocado, fresh	2.12	1.00	469.43	10.72	4.45	415.38	9.24	3.89	420.82

Source: Sri Lanka Customs (FOB=Free On Board)

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
Sep to Nov 2018**

Type of Fruit	Nov			Oct			Sep		
	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	2,902	451.37	155.52	2,967	487.57	164.34	1,860	275.75	148.23
Grapes	513	192.18	374.52	954	293.59	307.64	680	186.65	274.52
Oranges	586	70.98	121.19	1,314	163.84	124.69	1,043	131.21	125.79

Source: Sri Lanka Customs
(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish ranged between Rs.118.00/kg and Rs.1154.00/kg during November. Weekly market observations indicated that the supply of fresh fish had decreased during this month and the market prices increased. Therefore, when we compared the prices with last month wholesale market prices all the fresh fish prices had been increased except for small Shrimps. The highest price increase was observed in Balaya as 40% and the lowest price increase was observed in Thalapath as 4%. The only price decrease was observed as 1.23% for small Shrimps.

At the same time, average retail prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.201.00/kg and Rs.1507.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay between Rs.120.00 and Rs.2200.00 to purchase a kilo of any types of fresh fish. Retail prices of most fresh fish types showed increase (except for small shrimps and Thora) compared to last month fish prices. Therefore, the highest price increase was observed in Balaya (25%) and the lowest increase was observed in Thalapata (3%). However, prices for Thora and small shrimps declined by 0.52% and 0.29% respectively.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	100.00-150.00	117.78	110.80	130.00	6.98	6.30	-12.22	-9.40	
Hurulla	180.00-250.00	212.23	187.38	212.34	24.85	13.26	-0.11	-0.05	
Balaya	200.00-350.00	289.13	206.80	209.75	82.33	39.81	79.38	37.85	
Kelawalla	400.00-500.00	461.67	423.56	467.61	38.11	9.00	-5.94	-1.27	
Thora	1000.00-1300.00	1153.79	1084.44	1067.22	69.35	6.39	86.57	8.11	
Paraw	400.00-550.00	487.72	434.67	521.00	53.06	12.21	-33.28	-6.39	
Mora	450.00-550.00	514.48	474.73	520.25	39.75	8.37	-5.77	-1.11	
Shrimp (small)	700.00-800.00	746.39	755.67	916.81	-9.28	-1.23	-170.42	-18.59	
Thalapath	650.00-750.00	724.67	697.03	783.08	27.64	3.97	-58.41	-7.46	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	120.00-300.00	200.69	186.61	183.88	14.08	7.55	16.81	9.14	
Hurulla	200.00-500.00	326.29	295.24	320.79	31.06	10.52	5.50	1.72	
Balaya	250.00-800.00	510.58	409.94	404.13	100.64	24.55	106.45	26.34	
Kelawalla	500.00-1300.00	841.80	801.43	773.70	40.36	5.04	68.10	8.80	
Thora	1200.00-2200.00	1506.50	1514.44	1370.21	-7.94	-0.52	136.30	9.95	
Paraw	500.00-1300.00	903.25	870.48	880.50	32.76	3.76	22.75	2.58	
Mora	550.00-1200.00	844.26	790.67	757.78	53.60	6.78	86.49	11.41	
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1600.00	998.75	1001.68	1136.00	-2.93	-0.29	-137.25	-12.08	
Thalapath	750.00-1400.00	1104.41	1078.60	1084.78	25.81	2.39	19.63	1.81	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.201.00 /kg and Rs.1188.00 /kg during November. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types had fluctuated. The highest price increase was observed in local Balaya as 62%, and the lowest price increase was observed in imported Mora as 1%. At the same time prices of Sprats, local and imported Kattawa, local Mora, imported Balaya, imported Anguluwa, and imported Maduwa were increased. In the meantime, significant price declines were reported with regard to local Thora by 106%, local Anguluwa by 31%, local Salaya by 17%, imported Sprats by 11%, local Maduwa by 7% and imported Thora by 6%.

At the same time, average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between 697.00/kg and Rs.1620.00 /kg during this month. However, compared to the previous month, retail prices of most dried fish types had increased slightly by 2% to 41%, except imported Sprats, local Thora, local Maduwa, and local Salaya. The highest price increase was observed with regard to local Balaya as 41%, and the lowest price increase was observed with regard to local Kattawa as 2%. The highest retail price decrease of local Maduwa was reported as 81 % and the lowest price decrease of imported Sprats was observed as 9%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	800.00-950.00	898.50	871.80	797.34	26.70	3.06	101.16	12.69
Sprats (imported)	450.00-550.00	509.25	520.40	470.14	-11.15	-2.14	39.11	8.32
Kattawa	840.00-920.00	884.02	859.20	814.91	24.82	2.89	69.11	8.48
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-850.00	783.50	773.09	741.94	10.41	1.35	41.56	5.60
Thora	1150.00-1250.00	1187.50	1293.75	1176.39	-106.25	-8.21	11.11	0.94
Thora (imported)	1200.00-1300.00	1250.00	1256.25	1133.25	-6.25	-0.50	116.75	10.30
Mora	780.00-900.00	831.75	824.60	818.53	7.15	0.87	13.22	1.62
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	756.44	755.40	760.50	1.04	0.14	-4.06	-0.53
Balaya	350.00-520.00	424.00	361.60	320.75	62.40	17.26	103.25	32.19
Balaya (imported)	350.00-400.00	375.00	333.33	268.99	41.67	12.50	106.01	39.41
Anguluwa	700.00-900.00	793.73	824.50	765.63	-30.77	-3.73	28.11	3.67
Anguluwa (imported)	650.00-800.00	766.22	746.47	715.00	19.74	2.64	51.22	7.16
Maduwa	490.00-650.00	535.42	542.17	547.75	-6.75	-1.25	-12.33	-2.25
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-450.00	391.25	369.58	444.75	21.67	5.86	-53.50	-12.03
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	150.00-300.00	200.63	217.40	303.00	-16.78	-7.72	102.38	-33.79
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-800.00	697.18	706.06	722.40	-8.88	-1.26	-25.22	-3.49
Sprats	900.00-1800.00	1205.88	1200.99	1164.90	4.89	0.41	40.98	3.52
Kattawa	900.00-1600.00	1244.70	1242.81	1153.27	1.90	0.15	91.43	7.93
Thora	1300.00-2200.00	1619.48	1639.88	1569.66	-20.40	-1.24	49.82	3.17
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1141.96	1138.97	1090.59	2.99	0.26	51.36	4.71
Balaya	580.00-1000.00	857.12	816.27	814.97	40.85	5.00	42.15	5.17
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1088.68	1075.56	1040.78	13.13	1.22	47.91	4.60
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	730.67	811.25	812.50	-80.58	-9.93	-81.83	-10.07
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	566.69	604.39	624.42	-37.70	-6.24	-57.72	-9.24

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale prices of brown and white eggs had increased by 19% to 20%, respectively. Upcoming festive season can be one of the reasons for this price increase. Price of a brown egg ranged between Rs. 13.50 and Rs. 17.50, whilst that of a white egg ranged between Rs. 12.50 and Rs. 16.50. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of brown and white eggs had increased by 11% and 18% respectively.

At the same time, retail prices of both egg types had decreased in this month. The average prices of brown and white eggs were reported as Rs. 17.29 and Rs.16.25 respectively. Compared to previous month, prices of brown and white eggs had increased by 15% and 16%, respectively. Moreover, compared to the previous year, prices of both eggs had increased by 14% and 17%, respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.50-17.50	15.99	13.50	14.38	2.49	18.45	1.61	11.21
White (each)	12.50-16.50	14.99	12.50	12.73	2.49	19.93	2.26	17.73
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.00-20.00	17.29	14.99	15.22	2.30	15.34	2.07	13.57
White (each)	13.00-19.00	16.25	13.99	13.93	2.27	16.21	2.33	16.71

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of most meat types had changed significantly during November. The highest meat price observed of mutton and it was Rs.1847.00, and the lowest price observed of pork (it was Rs.711.00). Furthermore, compared to the previous month, prices of curry chicken and pork had increased by 8% and 2 % respectively. However, compared to the previous year prices of all types of meat had increased significantly. The highest price increased was observed of pork as 38%.

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	963.67	966.95	954.17	-3.28	-0.34	9.50	1.00
Chicken (Broiler)	390.00-670.00	507.86	518.52	492.04	-10.66	-2.06	15.82	3.22
Chicken (curry)	500.00-750.00	620.72	575.43	490.22	45.29	7.87	130.50	26.62
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1846.97	1849.09	1790.45	-2.12	-0.11	56.52	3.16
Pork	650.00-760.00	710.50	695.43	516.67	15.07	2.17	193.83	37.52

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Total quantity of wheat grain imported during November, 2018 was 94,907 mt and was worth Rs. 4,414 mn. The quantity of wheat grain imported in this month had drastically decreased and it was about a half of the quantity imported in the previous month. Wheat grain for November, 2018 had been mainly imported from Canada (34%) and the CIF price was Rs.48.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Russia (29,222 mt) and Pakistan (16,000 mt) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from United States (15%) and Australia (4%). Few quantities were also imported from India. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.42.00-66.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.47.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain had increased by Rs.2.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst the lowest recorded for Pakistan stocks.

Total quantity of wheat flour imported during November, 2018 was 537 mt and was worth 38 mn. Quantity imported in this month was nearly a half of the quantity imported in the previous month. The highest quantity of wheat flour for November had been imported from India (77%) and the CIF price was Rs.74.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been imported from Pakistan (15%) as well. In addition, few quantities were also imported from Hong Kong, China and Italy. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of November ranged between Rs.38.00-189.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.71.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour had increased by Rs.2.00/kg. The highest CIF price was for the Italian wheat flour stock whilst the lowest was for the Hong Kong stocks.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.87.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.94.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour had decreased by Rs.2.00/kg during this month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour had increased by 4%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – November 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018		Nov 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	87.00-100.00	93.68	95.42	89.95	-1.74	-1.82	3.73	4.15
Sugar	100.00-120.00	107.84	110.63	111.16	-2.79	-2.52	-3.32	-2.99

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain June to Nov 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Nov	537	38.33	71.44	93.68	22.24
Oct	1,083	74.54	68.84	95.42	26.58
Sep	395	25.78	65.21	95.51	30.30
Aug	218	15.75	72.16	90.32	18.16
July	252	16.40	64.98	89.58	24.60
June	657	43.83	66.71	90.04	23.33
Wheat Grain					
Nov	94,907	4,414	46.51	93.68	47.17
Oct	234,819	10,667	45.43	95.42	49.99
Sep	216,611	8,846	40.84	95.51	54.67
Aug	155,322	6,280	40.43	90.32	49.89
July	115,494	4,953	42.88	89.58	46.70
June	123,380	4,958	40.18	90.04	49.86

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

Sugar

Total quantity of sugar imported in this month was 35,396 mt and was worth Rs. 2,095 mn. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month had increased by 9%. Sugar for this month had been mainly imported from India (92%) and CIF price was Rs.58.00/kg. The second highest quantity of sugar was imported from Thailand (7%). Furthermore, sugar had been also imported from United Arab Emirates (1%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Korea and Malaysia. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.58.00-108.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.59.00/kg. The average CIF price had increased only by Rs.1.00/kg during this month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports from Malaysia while the lowest for the Indian stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for November, 2018, price ranged between Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.108.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar had decreased by Rs.3.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has decreased by 3%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- June to Nov 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Nov	35,396	2094.5	59.17	107.84	48.67
Oct	32,335	1860.0	57.52	110.63	53.11
Sep	42,366	2393.0	56.48	107.97	51.49
Aug	23,482	1391.7	59.27	104.36	45.09
July	42,781	2514.6	58.78	105.01	46.23
June	40,450	2281.7	56.41	105.38	48.97

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – November 2018

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018		Nov 2018	Oct 2018		Nov 2018	Oct 2018	
Rice	1,741	1,421	22.6	244.1	166.5	46.5	140.14	117.21	19.6
Red Onion	1,344	275	388.8	152.5	31.2	388.9	113.46	113.44	0.0
Big Onion	18,659	14,592	27.9	888.9	670.4	32.6	47.64	45.94	3.7
Potato	10,681	6,329	68.8	440.1	200.3	119.8	41.20	31.64	30.2
Dried Chillies	4,020	5,034	-20.1	905.8	1052.6	-13.9	225.29	209.08	7.8
Masoor Dhal	14,866	12,403	19.9	1138.7	946.7	20.3	76.60	76.33	0.3
Green Gram	808	1,044	-22.6	120.3	147.3	-18.3	148.80	141.05	5.5
Cowpea	740	1,095	-32.5	83.3	123.0	-32.3	112.56	112.27	0.3
Garlic	2,284	3,108	-26.5	243.7	311.9	-21.9	106.72	100.37	6.3
Wheat flour	537	1,083	-50.4	38.3	74.5	-48.6	71.44	68.84	3.8
Wheat grain	94,907	234,819	-59.6	4414.0	10667.3	-58.6	46.51	45.43	2.4
White crystalline cane sugar	35,396	32,335	9.5	2094.5	1860.0	12.6	59.17	57.52	2.9
Maize	55,966	41,551	-79.7	2322.6	1673.8	-76.1	41.50	40.28	17.8

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

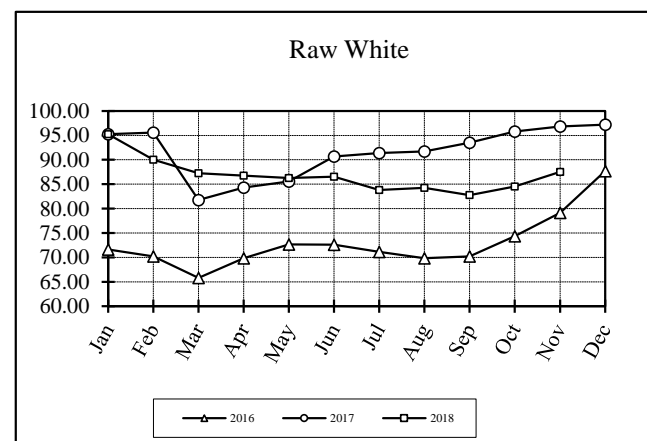
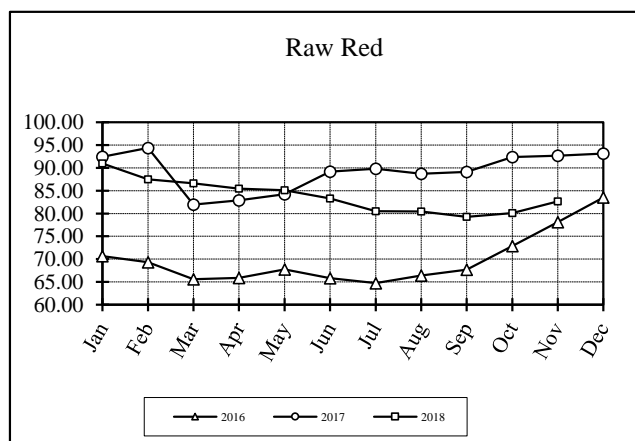
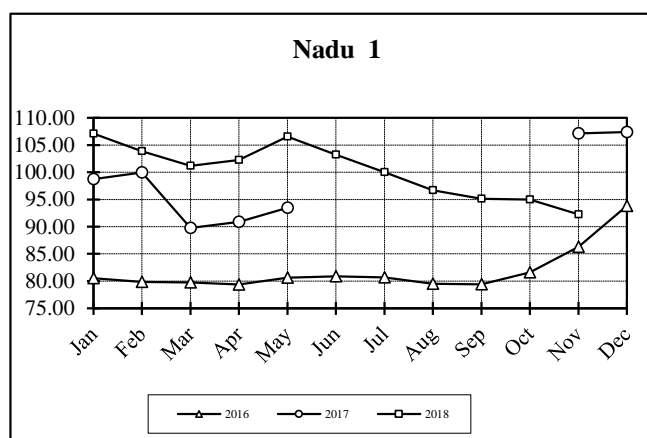
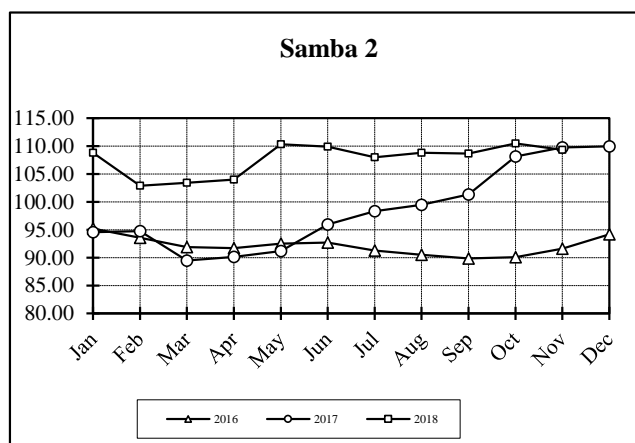
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – November 2018

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	193.2	229.7	17	16
Badulla	238.2	253.0	21	18
Bandarawela	220.4	224.3	19	18
Batticaloa	600.1	349.6	21	16
Colombo	420.7	314.4	17	15
Galle	243.0	321.0	16	16
Hambantota	96.4	187.5	10	13
Jaffna	373.3	336.1	18	14
Katugastota	291.6	295.6	20	16
Katunayaka	498.3	313.7	18	14
Kurunegala	350.4	318.6	17	15
Mahailuppallama	185.0	250.4	16	16
Mannar	282.9	235.0	18	14
Nuwara Eliya	179.2	221.7	16	17
Pottuvil	336.3	232.0	17	na
Puttalam	205.5	250.3	18	14
Ratmalana	310.4	314.7	18	16
Ratnapura	394.4	371.4	19	18
Trincomalee	473.8	342.9	20	16
Vavuniya	244.2	278.2	17	16
Polonnaruwa	336.2	na	18	na
Moneragala	238.1	na	22	na
Mattala	330.8	na	14	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

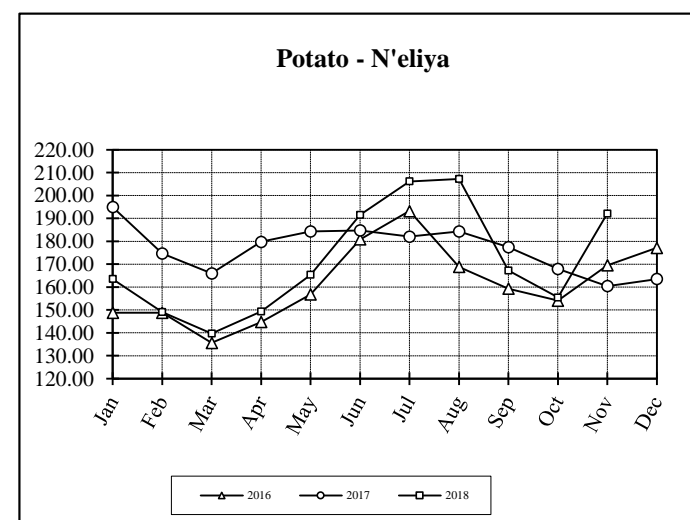
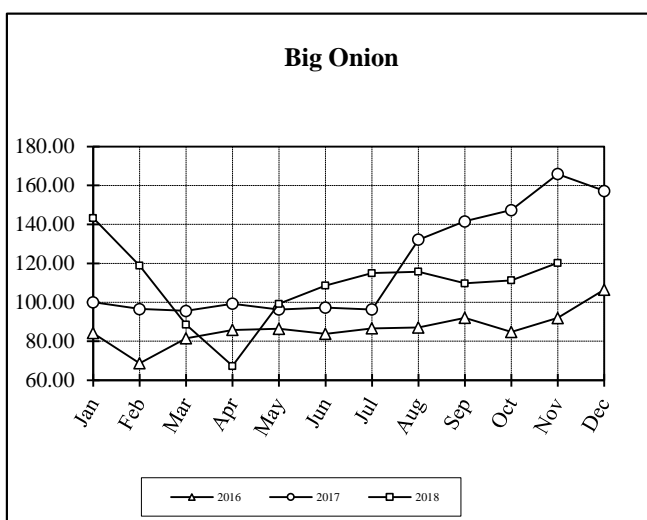
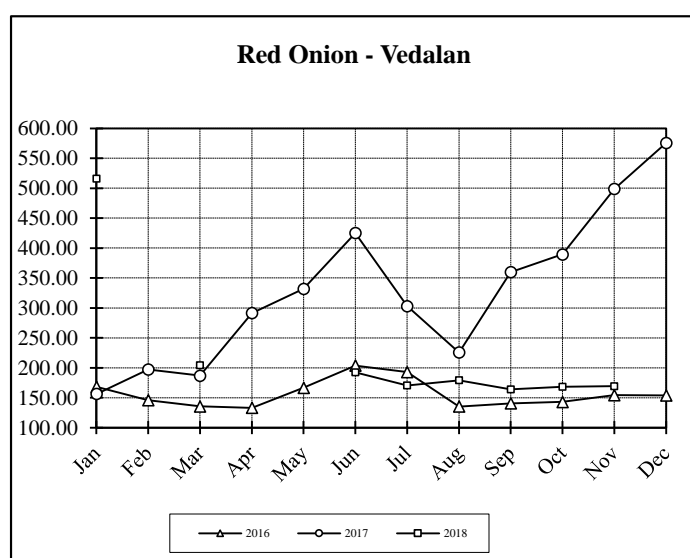
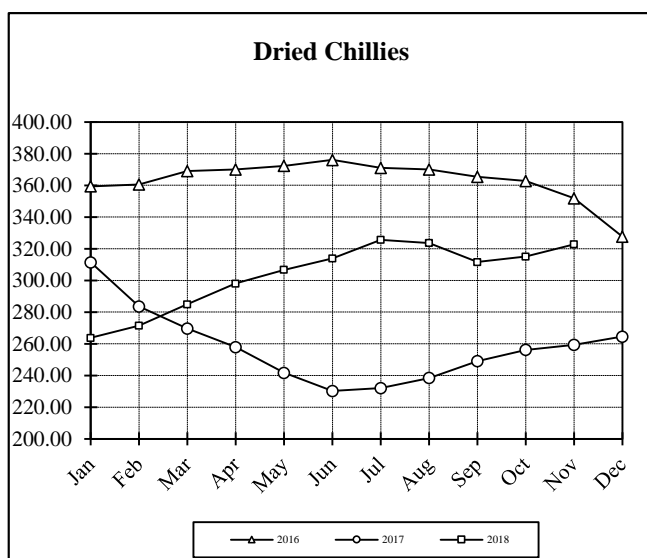
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	95.20	94.54	108.80	80.51	98.73	107.10	70.64	92.41	90.96	71.61	95.27	95.24
Feb	93.55	94.74	102.88	79.87	99.95	103.88	69.32	94.37	87.49	70.19	95.56	90.00
Mar	91.87	89.48	103.40	79.76	89.77	101.20	65.58	81.95	86.63	65.80	81.77	87.25
Apr	91.70	90.14	104.00	79.38	90.88	102.24	65.88	82.89	85.43	69.83	84.30	86.74
May	92.51	91.16	110.30	80.65	93.46	106.56	67.75	84.24	85.08	72.67	85.58	86.25
Jun	92.71	95.95	109.91	80.90		103.22	65.82	89.17	83.32	72.63	90.65	86.52
Jul	91.28	98.34	108.00	80.69		99.99	64.74	89.80	80.52	71.13	91.36	83.80
Aug	90.51	99.45	108.80	79.49		96.68	66.41	88.70	80.42	69.85	91.71	84.25
Sep	89.85	101.30	108.67	79.40		95.11	67.70	89.11	79.26	70.19	93.51	82.76
Oct	90.08	108.14	110.47	81.62		94.97	72.86	92.38	80.08	74.34	95.80	84.54
Nov	91.60	109.73	109.30	86.28	107.14	92.27	78.12	92.67	82.65	79.14	96.81	87.55
Dec	94.16	109.95		93.83	107.39		83.50	93.12		87.71	97.20	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	359.36	311.44	263.76	168.42	156.25	515.82	84.20	100.02	143.32	148.73	194.94	163.50
Feb	360.56	283.58	271.41	145.71	197.00		68.73	96.57	118.86	148.75	174.64	149.12
Mar	369.06	269.67	284.90	135.49	186.80	204.17	81.58	95.60	88.58	135.62	165.97	139.65
Apr	370.07	257.93	298.03	133.19	291.30		85.83	99.33	67.31	144.75	179.77	149.37
May	372.34	241.70	306.67	166.64	331.70		86.42	96.33	99.21	156.73	184.26	165.33
Jun	376.04	230.28	313.87	203.59	425.19	192.53	83.87	97.25	108.62	180.84	184.74	191.52
Jul	370.97	232.12	325.59	192.81	302.86	170.61	86.66	96.33	115.02	193.18	182.06	206.17
Aug	369.99	238.44	323.56	135.32	225.63	179.06	87.07	132.19	115.74	168.81	184.34	207.29
Sep	365.44	249.10	311.60	140.64	359.93	164.11	92.01	141.57	109.70	159.34	177.47	167.27
Oct	362.69	256.20	315.11	142.94	389.38	168.06	84.79	147.37	111.28	154.06	167.88	155.45
Nov	351.86	259.31	322.74	154.23	498.85	169.23	91.96	165.87	120.24	169.46	160.43	192.07
Dec	327.65	264.58		153.77	575.43		106.54	157.18		177.13	163.52	



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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
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	118.33	91.25	95.00	100.00	Dambulla	39.60	41.20	38.20	33.60	Hambantota	475.00	475.00	425.00	500.00
Dambulla	131.00	105.00	102.00	100.00	Hambantota	50.00	50.00	47.50	47.50	Embilipitiya	510.00	588.00	506.00	506.00
Hambantota	90.00	90.00	90.00	82.50	Embilipitiya	47.33	41.75	38.00	38.00	Moneragala	460.00	466.67	335.00	388.33
Embilipitiya	105.00	97.17	76.67	82.50	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara		85.00	82.50		A'pura	50.00	45.00	50.00	34.33	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada					Moneragala	46.67	38.33	41.67	38.33	<u>Ambul</u>				
										Moneragala	25.00	33.33	33.33	35.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					<u>Cucumber</u>					Embilipitiya	27.86	27.86	27.86	27.86
Welimada					A'pura	50.00	56.67	35.00	16.67	Hambantota	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Dambulla	47.60	57.40	41.60	22.80	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	230.00	256.67	220.00	220.00	Hambantota	45.00	45.00	37.50	20.00	Moneragala	118.33	118.33	123.33	110.00
Dambulla	204.00	190.00	225.00	233.00	Matara					Embilipitiya	118.00	97.86	97.86	97.86
Hambantota	155.00	180.00	196.67	170.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Hambantota	75.00	85.00	85.00	95.00
Embilipitiya	196.00	222.50	166.25	166.25	Dambulla	108.00	134.00	118.00	78.40	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Hambantota	125.00	125.00	135.00	75.00	Moneragala				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Embilipitiya	119.17	126.67	76.67	68.57	Embilipitiya	38.00	44.40	50.00	73.40
Dambulla	100.00	104.00	100.00	97.00	Matara			77.50	46.67	Hambantota	27.50	35.00	27.50	37.50
Hambantota	95.00	95.00	95.00	105.00	A'Pura	127.50	160.00	90.00	75.00	<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	104.60	105.40	95.00	90.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					Divulapitiya				
Matara	53.33	55.00	55.00	53.33	Hambantota	55.00	55.00	52.50	47.50					
A'pura	126.67	130.00	117.50	110.00	Embilipitiya	59.17	59.17	52.83	45.00					
					Matara	48.33	45.00	46.67	46.67					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	97.00	99.00	100.00	78.40	Dambulla	138.00	95.00	152.00	412.00					
Hambantota	90.00	95.00	95.00	85.00	Hambantota	200.00	200.00	203.33	425.00					
Embilipitiya	90.00	99.60	73.67	80.83	Embilipitiya	193.33	220.00		462.00					
Matara	76.67	65.00	65.00	70.00	Puttalam	128.00	104.00	140.00	310.00					
A'pura	120.00	112.50	88.75	66.67	A'Pura	195.00	182.50	250.00	307.50					