



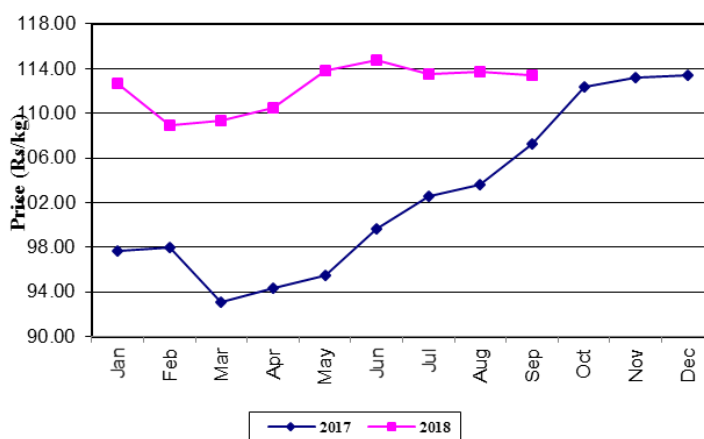
RICE:

Prices of all rice varieties had decreased by 2% compared to the last month. White raw rice showed the maximum decline of price. As a consequence of arrival of paddy harvest in this *Yala* season to the market, price of paddy decreased and supply of rice increased resulting in decrease of overall price of rice.

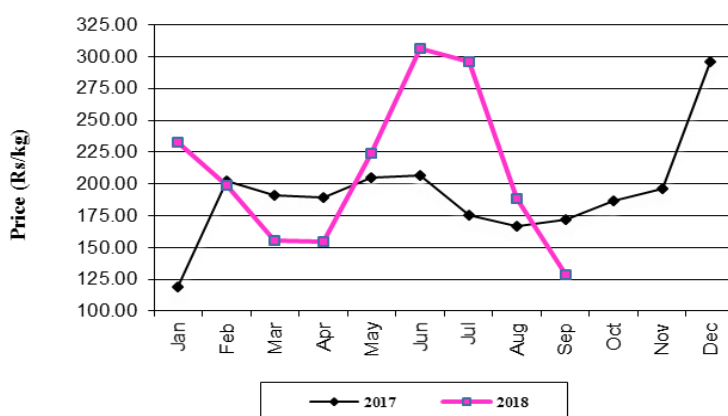
VEGETABLES:

Continued high supplies in the peak harvesting period of the *Yala* season caused price decrease in both upcountry and low country vegetables, compared to the last month. Of the upcountry vegetables, the highest price decrease was reported for beans as 41% whereas the highest price decrease in domestic vegetables was reported for pumpkin as 43% in the wholesale market.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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| 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 harvesting of paddy crop in all major producing areas of the country for *Yala* season of 2018, was ended by the last week of September. The dry weather condition that prevailed in most of major paddy producing areas during this month was conducive for harvesting paddy. Therefore, harvested paddy reached continuously to the market. Paddy production was successful in Mahaweli Zones, Eastern Province, Polonnaruwa and Hambantota Districts. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent of paddy lands was 415,842 ha. The progress of paddy cultivation was 92% of the target that was 384,431 ha by the end of September. The extent of lands cultivated with paddy in this *Yala* season was approximately equal to the average of extents of lands cultivated with paddy in the last three *Yala* seasons. Paddy production in this month was lower than the average of the productions of the previous three *Yala* seasons by 3%. Pests damaged paddy cultivation in Kurunegala, Ampara and Polonnaruwa districts. As per the crop forecast report for this month, the production forecast for this *Yala* season was 1.41 million Mt.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Yala* 2018 as at end of September 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)	Revised Production forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	27,036	13,217	49	48,886	-	-	48,886
Polonnaruwa	31,242	31,243	100	127,131	25,100	71,668	55,463
Ampara	34,329	35,030	102	148,709	6,958	25,841	122,868
Kurunegala	65,611	46,740	71	186,958	647	2,588	184,370
Hambantota	26,567	25,590	96	125,240	-	-	125,240
Colombo	1,905	1,100	58	3,205	-	-	3,205
Gampaha	4,908	6,267	128	19,145	-	-	19,145
Kalutara	7,500	6,254	83	20,321	222	567	19,754
Galle	8,828	3,413	39	9,122	-	-	9,122
Matara	14,780	12,302	83	41,781	33	93	41,687
Ratnapura	8,450	7,097	84	23,120	-	-	23,120
Kegalle	9,268	5,925	64	21,806	195	239	21,567
Puttalam	18,305	12,622	69	37,550	556	1,240	36,310
Kandy	6,884	6,409	93	20,637	14	23	20,615
Matale	10,343	9,111	88	37,104	-	-	37,104
N ^o Eliya	3,029	2,341	77	5,010	-	-	5,010
Badulla	7,101	8,827	124	33,675	-	-	33,675
Monaragala	17,161	24,065	140	89,619	-	-	89,619
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	7,175	754	11	2,602	-	-	2,602
Vavuniya	7,454	780	10	2,943	-	-	2,943
Mullaitivu	5,268	1,638	31	5,103	-	-	5,103
Mannar	2,930	600	20	2,693	-	-	2,693
Trincomalee	16,646	16,341	98	67,802	-	-	67,802
Batticaloa	25,814	25,806	100	62,437	-	-	62,437
Udawalawa	10,415	10,487	101	50,810	-	-	50,810
System H	5,100	15,590	306	71,090	-	-	71,090
System H1	1,600	7,415	463	33,812	-	-	33,812
System B	14,320	19,606	137	89,403	-	-	89,403
System C	11,203	21,693	194	98,920	-	-	98,920
System G	3,240	4,754	147	21,678	-	-	21,678
System D	477	487	102	2,221	-	-	2,221
Rambakanoya	878	798	91	3,639	-	-	3,639
System L	75	132	176	602	-	-	602
Sri Lanka	415,842	384,434	92	1,514,774	33,725	102,259	1,412,515

Source: Crop Forecast, *yala* 2018, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

A decreasing trend of prices for all paddy varieties prevailed in most of paddy producing areas in this month due to the arrival of paddy, harvested in this *Yala* season, to the markets. The prices of short grain white paddy had declined by less than 17% in major paddy producing areas and the highest price decline was in Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white paddy had declined by less than 6% in Kurunegala and Kalawewa while the prices had increased by 1% in Anuradhapura and 2% in Ampara. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red paddy had decreased by less than 3% in paddy producing areas in Southern Province. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged from Rs.37.00/kg to Rs. 52.00/Kg and from Rs.32.00/kg to Rs. 46.00/Kg respectively in major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged from Rs30.00/kg to Rs. 35.00/kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to information, increase of paddy price was expected during October due to the end of paddy harvesting in *Yala* season, which caused reduction of paddy supply to market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of all paddy varieties had decreased in most of the major paddy producing areas. The prices of long grain white, short grain and long grain red paddy had decreased by 9%-25%, 17%-28%, and 16%-26% respectively in most of the considered major producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – September 2018

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	38.00-52.00	40.00-57.00	45.43	50.22	52.60	-4.79	-9.54	-7.17	-13.64
Polonnaruwa	43.00-48.00	-	45.17	-	51.06	-	-	-5.89	-11.54
Kalawewa	37.00-42.00	37.00-58.00	40.04	48.42	53.17	-8.37	-17.30	-13.13	-24.69
Kurunegala	40.00-52.00	46.00-50.00	46.84	48.00	44.87	-1.16	-2.41	1.97	4.40
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	54.18	-	-	-	-
Ampara	41.00-47.00	47.00-56.00	44.65	51.50	48.87	-6.85	-13.30	-4.22	-8.64
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	32.00-42.00	32.00-41.00	37.94	37.60	50.86	0.34	0.89	-12.92	-25.40
Polonnaruwa	39.00-41.00	-	40.00	-	48.33	-	-	-8.33	-17.24
Kalawewa	33.00-38.00	34.00-41.00	35.17	37.02	50.17	-1.85	-5.01	-15.00	-29.90
Kurunegala	30.00-37.00	34.00-38.00	33.47	35.67	46.75	-2.20	-6.17	-13.28	-28.41
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	54.18	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	33.56	34.67	45.33	-1.10	-3.19	-11.77	-25.96
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	36.00-41.00	36.00-40.00	38.60	37.90	-	0.70	1.85	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-35.00	34.00-36.00	38.08	39.11	45.33	-1.03	-2.63	-7.25	-15.99
Hambantota	32.00-35.00	30.00-36.00	33.58	33.65	44.97	-0.07	-0.22	-11.40	-25.34
Embilipitiya	32.00-35.00	31.00-36.00	33.66	34.70	45.66	-1.04	-2.99	-12.00	-26.28

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties, except raw red rice, had decreased slightly during this month and the highest price decrease was Rs 2.28/kg for Samba grade II. Wholesale prices of Samba grade I and grade II ranged from Rs.106.00/kg to Rs.110.00/kg and Rs.95.00/kg to Rs.105.00/kg respectively. Further, the wholesale prices of all the Nadu varieties had also decreased by less than 1% compared to that of the previous month. Among all the local rice varieties, only raw red rice showed an increase in wholesale price compared to the last month and was trivial. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported Samba had increased significantly by Rs. 14.33/kg due to the increase in import tax. The quantity of rice imported in this month was bigger than that of the previous month. The quantity imported in this month was 854 mt and that in the previous month was 543 mt. According to the Department of Customs of Sri Lanka, different rice varieties such as Raw white, Nadu, *Ponni* samba and Basmathi had been imported during September. Raw white rice had been imported from Pakistan and Vietnam. The quantity of Samba imported during this month was 76 mt of which the biggest quantity, 64%, was imported from India. Basmati rice had been mainly imported from Pakistan and the total quantity imported was 545 mt in September. The total quantity of rice imported in this month was 102 mt.

Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale price of Samba grade I and grade II had increased by 6.11% and 2.83% respectively. Wholesale price of Nadu II, Raw red and raw white had decreased by 14.36%, 15.68% and 16.03%. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported samba had increased significantly by 45% compared to the same period of last year.

Retail Prices

Changes in retail prices of all the local rice varieties were less than 2% compared to the last month. Retail prices of Samba grade I, Samba grade II and Nadu 2 in this month had trivially changed compared to those in the last month. Average retail prices of Samba grade I, Samba grade II and Nadu 2 were Rs.118.15/kg, Rs.108.67/kg and Rs.87.82/kg respectively, and they were in ranges of Rs.115.00-120.00/kg, Rs.100.00-112.00/kg and Rs.75.00-80.00/kg respectively. The highest retail price decrease was Rs.1.49/kg for Raw white compared to the prices in the last month, of local rice varieties. Retail price of imported *Ponni* samba ranged from Rs.115.00/kg to Rs.135.00/kg and price had increased significantly by 14.63/kg compared to the previous month.

Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of most of the local rice varieties had decreased and the highest percentage of price decrease was 11.5 % for raw red. Meanwhile, the retail price of imported *Ponni* samba had increased significantly by 41% compared to the same period of the last year.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	106.00-110.00	108.09	108.33	101.86	-0.24	-0.22	6.22	6.11
Samba 2	95.00-105.00	99.52	101.80	96.78	-2.28	-2.24	2.74	2.83
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-90.00	90.00	90.75	-	-0.75	-0.83	-	-
Nadu 2	75.00-80.00	77.10	77.24	90.03	-0.14	-0.18	-12.93	-14.36
Raw red	65.00-68.00	67.18	67.05	79.67	0.13	0.19	-12.49	-15.68
Raw white	70.00-77.00	71.90	73.15	85.62	-1.25	-1.71	-13.72	-16.03
Imported Samba	110.00-125.00	120.72	106.39	83.31	14.33	13.47	37.41	44.90
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	115.00-120.00	118.15	118.72	113.18	-0.56	-0.47	4.97	4.39
Samba 2	100.00-112.00	108.67	108.80	101.30	-0.13	-0.12	7.37	7.28
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	95.00-98.00	95.11	96.68	-	-1.57	-1.63	-	-
Nadu 2	80.00-90.00	87.82	87.50	98.19	0.32	0.36	-10.38	-10.57
Raw red	72.00-90.00	79.26	80.42	89.11	-1.16	-1.44	-9.85	-11.06
Raw white	75.00-90.00	82.76	84.25	93.51	-1.49	-1.77	-10.75	-11.50
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	115.00-135.00	126.98	112.35	90.23	14.63	13.02	36.76	40.74
Imported Raw White	-	-	83.50	78.71	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	83.57	84.12	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of land of green chillie cultivation in *Yala* 2018 was 5,084 ha. Extent of lands cultivated with green chillie was 4,545 ha by the end of September and was 89% of the target. However, chillie was not largely cultivated in major producing areas during this month due to the end of the *Yala* season. Though the largest extent of land targeted to be cultivated with chillie was 652 ha in Anuradhapura district in this *Yala* season, the largest extent of land cultivated with chillie was 542 ha in Puttalam district. The second largest extent of land cultivated with chillie in this *Yala* season was 530 ha in Moneragala district. Nirmalapura, Daluwa, Manpuri, Thihaliya, and Norochcholai were the main green chillie cultivated areas in Puttalam district. The biggest quantity of green chillie was produced in most of the producing areas by the end of September and this was more than 80% of total green chillie production. According to the cultivated extent in this month, the expected production of green chilli was 21,135 mt of which 53% was expected from Puttalam (22%), Moneragala (16%), Anuradhapura (8%) and Matale (7%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillie for Yala 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Puttalam	625	542	87	4,665
Moneragala	290	530	183	3,483
Anuradhapura	652	308	47	1,619
Matale	165	266	161	1,385
Kandy	262	215	82	1,034
Hambantota	148	226	153	1,023
Mullaitivu	200	155	78	964
Batticaloa	263	271	103	1,009
Kurunegala	413	213	52	743
Other areas	2,066	1,819	88	5,210
Total	5,084	4,545	89	21,135

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from major producing areas had increased during this month too. Both wholesale and retail prices in this month had decreased relative to that in the last month by about Rs.74.00/kg and Rs.108.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.51.04/kg and Rs.181.43/kg respectively and both prices had decreased by about 76% and 55% respectively compared to the same period of the last year.

A quantity of 3,516 mt of dried chillie was imported from India during this month and was lower than that of dried chillie imported in the previous month by 1,932 mt. Average CIF price was Rs.209.60/kg that had increased by Rs.2.23/kg compared to the CIF price of the previous month. However, with availability of sufficient stocks at the market, both wholesale price and retail price of imported dried chillie had decreased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.12.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, current wholesale price and retail price of imported dried chillie had increased by about 28% and 25% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	40.00-80.00	51.04	125.42	208.33	-74.38	-59.30	-157.29	-75.50
Dried Chilli	235.00-245.00	239.88	244.75	187.95	-4.88	-1.99	51.92	27.62
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	80.00-300.00	181.43	289.77	400.74	-108.35	-37.39	-219.32	-54.73
Dried Chilli	280.00-350.00	311.60	323.56	249.10	-11.96	-3.70	62.50	25.09

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli April to Sep 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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	2,618	592.23	226.18	313.87	87.70
May	4,968	1,065.91	214.54	306.67	92.13
April	3,021	669.21	221.56	298.03	76.47

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

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	80.40	62.20	64.00	57.40
Hambantota	165.00	105.00	105.00	130.00
Embilipitiya	104.29	117.86	97.00	106.43
Puttalam	50.00	37.00	37.00	37.00
A'Pura	72.50	72.50	76.67	107.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

Total extent of land targeted for cultivating big onion in this *Yala* season was 5,249 ha that comprised 2,092 ha in Matale district, 1,141 ha in Anuradhapura district (non Mahaweli), 914 ha in System H₁, 250 ha in System H and 852 ha in other areas. Total extent of lands cultivated with big onion in this *Yala* season was 1,746 ha that comprised 817 ha in Matale district, 243 ha in Anuradhapura district (non-Mahaweli areas), 355 ha in System H₁, 44 ha in System H and 287 ha in other areas. Progress of cultivation of big onion was 33% of the total target. Big onion was not cultivated in any district during this month due to the end of the season. Of total harvest (estimated based on the forecast of the Department of Agriculture) from Matale district, about 32% was harvested by the end of September (Table 2.2.1).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Matale	2,092	817	39	18,271
Anuradhapura	1,141	243	21	3,640
System H ₁	914	355	39	4,608
System H	250	44	18	571
Other areas	852	287	34	3,675
Total	5,249	1,746	33	30,765

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

As per table 2.2.2, main red onion producing districts were Jaffna, Puttalam, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Moneragala and Trincomalee. Total extent of lands cultivated with red onion in *Yala* season, 2018 by the end of this month was 2,684 ha in the country and was 65% of the target. As per field information provided by HARTI field officer, the government had provided seeds of *sinnan* red onion variety for tobacco farmers in Kalpitiya areas in Puttalam district. However, those seeds were not quality and their rate of germination was at a low level. Cultivation of red onion in 2018/19 *Maha* season had commenced in major producing districts and 80% of total harvest of the cultivated areas of those districts (estimated based on the forecast of the Department of Agriculture) in the *Yala* season was reaped. Jaffna and Puttalam districts had produced 79% of the national red onion production. Jaffna district and Puttalam district had contributed to 43% and 36% of the national red onion production.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Jaffna	2005	1332	66	14359
Puttalam	500	653	131	11765
Vavuniya	400	234	58	2631
Mullaitivu	456	120	26	1357
Moneragala	87	64	74	521
Trincomalee	249	47	19	365
Other areas	422	234	55	2046
Total	4119	2684	65	33044

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Arrival of local big onion to the market had started by the end of September in small quantity. Though the peak harvest was expected in the next month, a significant price drop was not expected during this month due to the decreased production during this season. Wholesale price of local big onion ranged between Rs.70.00-75.00/kg.

Total quantity of big onion imported from India was 11,648mt during this month. It was a decrease of 10,093mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.46.80/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.2.41/kg compared to the last month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion had decreased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively with availability of sufficient stocks at the market.

Supply of both sinnan and vedalan had increased from main producing areas. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan had decreased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.10.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale prices retail prices of both sinnan and vedalan had decreased by about Rs.4.00/kg and Rs.15.00/kg respectively.

A quantity of 50mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 8mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.48.13/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.4.64.kg compared to the last month.

Compared to the same period of the last year, retail price of vedalan had decreased by about 54%.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion September 2018

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	70.00-95.00	82.30	87.67	244.00	-5.37	-6.13	-161.70	-66.27
Red Onion (Vedalan)	95.00-110.00	100.62	110.42	283.73	-9.80	-8.88	-183.12	-64.54
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	94.37	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	68.00-95.00	79.43	86.70	100.66	-7.28	-8.39	-21.24	-21.10
Big Onion (Local)	70.00-75.00	73.50	-	100.29	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	120.00-160.00	136.51	141.00	-	-4.49	-3.19	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	140.00-200.00	164.11	179.06	359.93	-14.95	-8.35	-195.82	-54.41
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	325.00	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-140.00	109.70	115.74	141.57	-6.04	-5.21	-31.87	-22.51
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	153.15	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: 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	Sep,2018	46.80	79.43	109.70	32.63	30.28
	Aug,2018	49.21	86.70	115.74	37.49	29.04
	Sep,2017	65.16	100.66	141.57	35.50	40.91
Red onion	Sep,2018	48.13	-	-	-	-
	Aug,2018	52.77	-	-	-	-
	Sep,2017	88.10	94.37	325.00	-	230.63

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018
Red Onion	50	58	2.4	3.1	48.13	52.77
Big Onion	11,648	21,741	545.1	1,070.0	46.80	49.21

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion April to Sep 2018

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
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
May	15,702	36.10	73.88	99.21	63.11
April	26,044	36.23	39.82	67.31	31.08

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of lands cultivated with potato in *Yala* 2018 was 3,062 ha and about 2,539 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of the season achieving 83% of the target. Compared to the last month, the extent of land cultivated with potato in September decreased by 267 ha. Compared to *Yala* 2017, the extent of land cultivated with this crop in *Yala* 2018 was slightly larger. According to the total extent of land cultivated, the expected production of potato for this *Yala* season was 41,705 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent of land for potato cultivation in this *Yala* season was 915 ha of which 777 ha were cultivated by the end of the season. Therefore, the achieved progress of cultivation was 85% of the target. Compared to the *Yala* season in 2017, the extent of land cultivated with potato in Nuwara Eliya in this *Yala* season was lower. The extent of land cultivated with potato within September in Nuwara Eliya district was 155 ha.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent of land for potato cultivation in this *Yala* season was 2,145 ha of which about 1,762 ha were cultivated by the end of the season. Therefore, the progress of cultivation was 82% of the target. The extent of land cultivated with potato in the

Badulla district in September was about 112 ha which was lower than that of the previous months of this *Yala* season. Compared to the last *Yala* season, the extent of land cultivated with potato in the Badulla district in this *Yala* season was larger. The harvesting of potato cultivated in the *Yala* season had been commenced in the later part of August and the harvesting was expected to continue till November.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (*Yala* 2018)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i> 2,018	Expected Production Mt
	<i>Yala</i> 2017*	<i>Yala</i> 2018	<i>Yala</i> 2017*	<i>Yala</i> 2018		
N'Eliya	865	915	842	777	85	14,207
Badulla	2,145	2,145	1,557	1,762	82	27,498
Sri Lanka	3,013	3,062	2,404	2,539	83	41,705

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.5, Yala 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

**Crop Forecast No.5, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The quantity of potato imported in September was 5,643 mt less than that of the previous month by 10,128 mt. Special Commodity Levy for imported potato remained at Rs.40.00/kg. The biggest portion of the imported stocks was from Pakistan and was 92% of the total imported stocks in this month. The quantity of potato imported in this September was low relatively the imported quantity of potato (9,322 mt) in September, 2017. Average CIF price was Rs.30.00/kg in September.

Both local and imported potatoes were available in the market. Local potato productions were from Wlimada and Nuwara Eliya areas. Harvesting of Welimada potato was commenced by the end of August. Stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market in September. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes had decreased by 49% and 48% respectively in September and the retail prices of them had also decreased by 17% and 24% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.84.00/kg in September. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato had decreased by 7% and 6% respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks purchased during the last two months. During this month, wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya potatoes, Welimada potatoes and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.95.00-120.00/kg, Rs.75.00-100.00/kg and Rs.65.00-85.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potatoes had increased by 6% and imported potatoes had increased by 11%, while the price of Welimada potato had increased by 19%. Price decrease of local potatoes was expected further in October with the arrival of *Yala* harvest of potato.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes April to Sep 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
May	10,508	283.44	26.97	106.55	79.57
April	11,645	298.16	25.60	91.33	65.73

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	89.06	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	80.00-90.00	83.70	127.46	99.70	-43.76	-52.29	-16.00	-19.12
Imported – CIF	29.58-68.16	30.81	37.00	43.63	-6.19	-20.10	-12.82	-41.62
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	75.00-100.00	89.04	132.94	105.21	-43.90	-49.30	-16.17	-18.16
Nuwara Eliya	95.00-12.00	103.80	154.00	123.70	-50.20	-48.36	-19.90	-19.17
Imported	65.00-85.00	72.33	77.15	92.26	-4.81	-6.65	-19.93	-27.55
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	120.00-140.00	133.43	156.67	108.00	-23.24	-17.42	25.43	19.06
Nuwara Eliya	150.00-200.00	167.27	207.29	177.47	-40.02	-23.93	-10.20	-6.10
Imported	90.00-120.00	106.06	112.16	117.72	-6.10	-5.76	-11.66	-11.00
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		83.57	79.82	77.77	3.74	4.48	5.80	6.94
Imported (CIF-RP)		75.25	75.16	74.09	0.09	0.12	1.16	1.54
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		44.39	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		63.46	53.29	53.77	10.18	16.04	9.70	15.28
Imported		33.72	35.01	25.46	-1.29	-3.83	8.26	24.50

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

Progress of green gram cultivation was 38% of its targeted extent of land in *Yala* 2018. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of land cultivated with green gram in the last *Yala* season had declined by 1,830 ha (34%), compared to *Yala* season in 2017. The extent of land cultivated in Hambantota district in September, 2018 was less than 36% of the extent of land cultivated in September, 2017. Similarly, the extent of land cultivated in Kurunegala district in September, 2018 was less than 44% of the extent of land cultivated in September, 2017. However, there was a significant contribution of Monaragala district to the green gram production in the country and the extent of land cultivated with green gram was 59% of the target in this month. The expected production of total green gram cultivation in Sri Lanka was 4,846 MT due to crop damages. This was 64% of the production during the previous *Yala* season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea

crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2018	Expected Production (mt)
		Yala 2017	Yala 2018	Yala 2017	Yala 2018		
Green gram	Hambantota	7153	3457	2932	1053	30	1588
	Monaragala	1891	1459	320	864	59	1030
	Kurunegala	644	743	402	227	31	237
	Other districts	4074	3758	1729	1409	37	1991
	Sri Lanka	13762	9417	5383	3553	38	4846
Cowpea	Ampara	3805	4656	2210	1268	27	1844
	Monaragala	762	766	534	807	105	1304
	Kurunegala	160	410	163	153	37	226
	Other districts	2032	2751	906	974	35	1372
	Sri Lanka	6759	8583	3813	3202	37	4746

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast Yala 2018 & Yala 2017, Volume 05, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It was able to achieve 37% of the targeted extent of land cultivated with cowpea in this season. The expected production was around 4746 Mt. When considered the extent of cowpea cultivation in this *Yala* season, Ampara and Monaragala were the major producing districts that were expected 66% of the total production in the country. Compared to the extent of land cultivated with cowpea in the previous *Yala* season, the extent of land cultivated with cowpea in this season had decreased by 16%. However, Monaragala district was highlighted a better progress rather than the target with regard to cowpea. According to the progress, Extent of lands cultivated with green gram and cowpea in this month was larger than one-third of the total target in the country.

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.185.00/kg and Rs.210.00/kg with an average of Rs.199.75/kg in September 2018. The average price has reduced by 1% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 3%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.244.26/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has decreased by Rs. 2.27/kg. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been reduced to around 2%.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram April to Sep 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
May	928	126.21	135.94	242.43	106.49
April	898	121.47	135.32	241.44	106.12

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

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were as Rs.203.82/kg and Rs.193.16/kg, respectively in September 2018. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.195.00/kg and Rs.210.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.145.00/kg and Rs.250.00/kg. Compared to previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 2.48% while the price of red cowpea has not changed by a considerable amount. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 14% and 33%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were as Rs.277.82/kg and Rs.272.42/kg, respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the price of white cowpea has decreased by 1% and the price of red cowpea has decreased by 4%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 9% and 20%, respectively.

Quantity of 701 MT of green gram that was imported during this month and was a decrease of 71% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.131.93/kg while the retail price had reduced compared to the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was Rs.92.51 million and this value decreased by 72% of the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Green gram was imported from several countries and they were Argentina (41%), Kenya (27%), Myanmar (13%), Turkey (7%), Brazil (4%), Australia (3%), Uzbekistan (3%) and India (1%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea April to Sep 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
May	977	121.91	124.77	284.58	159.80
April	980	122.48	125.01	293.30	168.29

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

According to the table 2.4.4, total quantity of 399 MT of white cowpea had been imported during this month. The imported quantity of the cowpea had increased by 30% compared to the previous month. The average CIF price of kilograms of white cowpea was Rs.112.80/kg and was lower than that of the previous month by Rs.5.73/kg. The total expenditure on importation of cowpea increased by 24% compared to the previous month expenditure. The total value of the cowpea imported was approximately Rs.45.00 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (65%) and the rest was imported from Brazil (24%) and Myanmar (12%).

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	185.00-210.00	199.75	202.09	205.93	-2.34	-1.16	-6.18	-3.00
Cowpea (White)	195.00-210.00	203.82	198.89	237.16	4.93	2.48	-33.34	-14.06
Cowpea (Red)	145.00-250.00	193.16	192.50	287.19	0.66	0.34	-94.03	-32.74
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	244.26	246.54	248.72	-2.27	-0.92	-4.46	-1.79
Cowpea (White)	240.00-320.00	277.82	280.45	304.57	-2.63	-0.94	-26.75	-8.78
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-320.00	272.44	282.60	341.08	-10.16	-3.59	-68.65	-20.13

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	Sep,2018	131.93	199.75	244.26	67.82	44.51
	Aug,2018	136.41	202.09	246.54	65.69	44.45
	Sep,2017	145.64	205.93	248.72	60.29	42.79
Cowpea (White)	Sep,2018	112.80	203.82	277.82	91.01	74.00
	Aug,2018	118.53	198.89	280.45	80.35	81.57
	Sep,2017	134.31	237.16	304.57	102.85	67.42
Cowpea (Red)	Sep,2018	-	193.16	272.44	-	79.28
	Aug,2018	-	192.50	282.60	-	90.10
	Sep,2017	-	287.19	341.08	-	53.90

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.95.00/kg and Rs.105.00/kg with an average of Rs.97.40/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.110.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.124.08/kg. Moreover, a difference between the two prices was Rs.27/kg during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices had decreased by 27% and 21%, respectively.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	85.00-105.00	97.40	97.58	132.93	-0.17	-0.18	-35.53	-26.73
Retail Price	110.00-140.00	124.08	125.77	156.79	-1.69	-1.34	-32.71	-20.86

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, total quantity of 8,311 MT of red dhal had been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.81.97/kg. Difference between average CIF prices of this month and that of the previous month was about Rs. 6.00. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity was 6,443 MT of the whole type while the rest was 1,868 MT of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, 75% was imported from Australia and 25% was imported from Canada. The total value of the imported quantity of the whole type red dhal was Rs. 680.95 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.81.97 per kilo and the split type red dhal, had been imported from India. The average CIF price of split type was Rs.108.09 per kilo and the total value of the imported quantity of split type was Rs.201.95 million.

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
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
May	18,284	75.06	111.13	131.05	36.06	19.92
April	7,308	75.19	105.53	127.25	30.34	21.72

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Among the districts where upcountry vegetables grow, Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala and Jaffna districts showed higher cultivation progresses in 2018 *Yala* season compared to other districts where upcountry vegetables are grown. Cultivation progress of Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala and Jaffna districts in this *Yala* season were 101%, 88% and 73% of the targets respectively. Cultivation progress of other districts, Matale, Kandy and Puttalam in the same season were 60%, 60% and 24% of the targets respectively.

With regard to low country vegetables, most of the low country districts showed higher cultivation progress compared to upcountry districts. The highest cultivation progress was 127% of the target reported in Hambantota district in this *Yala* season. Cultivation progress of Puttalam and Kurunegala districts were 112% and 74% of the target in this season respectively. However, low water availability hampered vegetable cultivation in this season in Anuradhapura and Monaragala districts important in low country vegetable cultivation. The cultivation progress of Anuradhapura and Monaragala districts were 53% and 72% of the targets respectively. Meantime, Matale and Jaffna districts had recorded 85% and 65% cultivation progress of the targets respectively with regard to low country vegetable cultivation in this *Yala* season.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As peak harvesting of the *Yala* season prevailed by September. Supply of vegetable to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre had increased by 25%, compared to the last month. The reported average quantity of vegetables daily arrived to the Dambulla Economic Centre in this month was 2,550 mt.

As the peak harvesting month of this *Yala* season was September, the increased supply of vegetables in this month resulted in decrease in price of all the upcountry vegetables compared to the last month. Among the upcountry vegetables, bean price decreased by 41% from Rs.115.00/kg in the last month to Rs.68.00/kg in September. Next, prices of knolkhol and carrot had decreased by 33% and 28% respectively compared to wholesale prices in August.

Prices of all the other upcountry vegetables decreased by a range of 5% - 22% compared the last month. According to the market information, price decreases in this month were attributed to the continuous increased supplies of upcountry vegetables from Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Kandy and Jaffna districts. Further, high supply of low country beetroot and cabbage from Puttalam district also contributed to decrease in prices of upcountry vegetables in the market.

In the meantime, prices of tomato had further decreased by 52% with the increased supplies from major producing areas such as Nuwara Eliya and Badulla and Sooriyawewa, in the peak harvesting month of this *Yala* season. A similar trend prevailed related to capsicum prices whereby decrease in price by 51% in this month compared to the last month due to the supplies of vegetables.

The end of harvesting vegetables of this *Yala* season occurred in October and prices were expected to increase with regard to the most of the vegetables in the next month.

As predicted, supply of the most of the domestic vegetables had considerably increased in this month of this *Yala* season. As a result, prices of vegetables had further decreased relative to prices in the last month. Price of pumpkin decreased sharply by 43% from Rs.72.00/kg in the last month to Rs.41.00/kg in September as harvest of pumpkin cultivated in Anuradhapura and Monaragala districts in this *Yala* season arrived to market in this month. Next, prices of long beans, ladies fingers, snake gourd, ash plantain and luffa had fallen by a range of 1% - 29%.

However, cucumber prices in this month had increased by over 100% compared to that of August due to gradual decrease in supply. Prevailed glut period of cucumber supply in August resulted in substantial decrease in price of cucumber to Rs.12.00/kg that increased by 124% to Rs.27.00/kg in September. In addition, prices of brinjal, bittergourd and drumsticks had also increased in a range of 6% - 19% compared to the last month.

Harvesting of vegetables grown in this *Yala* season reaching to the end by October, prices of vegetables were expected to increase in the next month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chilies had further decreased by 59% due to continuation harvesting period of this *Yala* season in Anuradhapura and Jaffna districts. However, prices of lime had recorded a drastic increase of 139% due to ending of harvesting season in Ampara and Monaragala district.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also decreased in September. The highest price decrease by 38% was reported for capsicum. Alongside, prices of

most of the vegetables had also decreased compared to the same period of the last year, in the retail market, with the highest price decrease by 64% reported for tomato.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – September 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	50.00-80.00	67.71	114.90	115.10	-47.19	-41.07	-47.40	-41.18
Carrot	100.00-300.00	185.25	256.25	76.67	-71.00	-27.71	108.58	141.63
Leeks	35.00-60.00	45.21	52.60	88.33	-7.40	-14.06	-43.12	-48.82
Beetroot	30.00-90.00	63.39	81.37	44.01	-17.98	-22.09	19.39	44.05
Knolkhol	20.00-40.00	26.88	40.00	52.40	-13.13	-32.81	-25.52	-48.71
Radish	20.00-50.00	27.19	31.55	34.79	-4.37	-13.84	-7.60	-21.86
Cabbage	50.00-140.00	89.12	93.49	45.83	-4.38	-4.68	43.29	94.47
Tomato	15.00-30.00	21.04	43.96	127.29	-22.92	-52.13	-106.25	-83.47
Ladies Fingers	25.00-50.00	33.85	42.41	48.12	-8.55	-20.17	-14.27	-29.65
Brinjal	70.00-110.00	91.35	86.35	118.00	5.00	5.79	-26.65	-22.59
Capsicum	50.00-100.00	62.50	128.75	99.82	-66.25	-51.46	-37.32	-37.38
Pumpkin	30.00-60.00	40.62	71.67	29.24	-31.04	-43.31	11.38	38.92
Cucumber	15.00-40.00	27.29	12.15	41.67	15.14	124.55	-14.38	-34.50
Bittergourd	50.00-100.00	75.58	63.32	128.52	12.26	19.36	-52.95	-41.20
Snakegourd	40.00-70.00	53.51	66.19	81.04	-12.68	-19.15	-27.53	-33.97
Drumstick	40.00-80.00	62.92	54.58	37.08	8.33	15.27	25.83	69.66
Luffa	40.00-70.00	49.23	49.57	80.94	-0.35	-0.70	-31.71	-39.18
Long Beans	30.00-70.00	42.50	60.15	73.54	-17.65	-29.35	-31.04	-42.21
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	62.29	73.54	73.65	-11.25	-15.30	-11.35	-15.42
Green Chilli	40.00-80.00	51.04	125.42	208.33	-74.38	-59.30	-157.29	-75.50
Lime	40.00-220.00	97.50	40.83	176.25	56.67	138.78	-78.75	-44.68

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – September 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-180.00	128.71	188.80	171.99	-60.09	-31.83	-43.28	-25.16
Carrot	150.00-400.00	279.60	332.07	147.76	-52.47	-15.80	131.85	89.23
Leeks	70.00-160.00	123.29	138.90	150.90	-15.61	-11.24	-27.61	-18.29
Beetroot	80.00-200.00	121.40	152.29	117.06	-30.89	-20.28	4.35	3.71
Knolkhol	60.00-160.00	114.61	129.43	137.47	-14.82	-11.45	-22.86	-16.63
Radish	50.00-160.00	98.68	111.28	113.10	-12.61	-11.33	-14.43	-12.75
Cabbage	120.00-260.00	183.54	196.67	125.13	-13.12	-6.67	58.41	46.68
Tomato	40.00-120.00	74.38	113.60	208.45	-39.22	-34.53	-134.08	-64.32
Ladies Fingers	60.00-200.00	114.32	124.59	122.04	-10.27	-8.24	-7.72	-6.33
Brinjal	100.00-240.00	162.84	160.62	197.72	2.22	1.38	-34.88	-17.64
Capsicum	100.00-280.00	147.08	239.00	183.76	-91.92	-38.46	-36.67	-19.96
Pumpkin	60.00-200.00	115.06	134.79	103.07	-19.73	-14.64	11.99	11.63
Cucumber	50.00-120.00	92.49	83.26	105.05	9.23	11.09	-12.55	-11.95
Bittergourd	80.00-240.00	141.59	138.97	208.23	2.62	1.88	-66.64	-32.00
Snakegourd	80.00-200.00	125.13	151.15	147.60	-26.02	-17.22	-22.47	-15.22
Drumstick	80.00-240.00	144.00	143.30	119.73	0.70	0.49	24.28	20.28
Luffa	80.00-240.00	135.84	144.88	159.75	-9.04	-6.24	-23.91	-14.97
Long Beans	60.00-200.00	120.59	146.12	150.09	-25.53	-17.47	-29.50	-19.66
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	131.75	137.02	132.94	-5.27	-3.85	-1.19	-0.89
Green Chilli	80.00-300.00	181.43	289.77	400.74	-108.35	-37.39	-219.32	-54.73
Lime	120.00-500.00	249.17	150.39	375.26	98.78	65.68	-126.09	-33.60

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of fruit varieties had increased in September compared to prices in August. Prices of banana varieties had increased by a range of 12%-38%. Price of Ambul and Kolikuttu banana had increased by 38% compared to the last month and price ranges recorded during this month were Rs.50.00-80.00/kg and Rs.130.00-180.00/kg respectively. Price of Seeni banana had increased by 12% relative to the last month and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-80.00/kg. Price of Anamalu had increased by 21% and its price ranged Rs.12.00-20.00/fruit. Price of Ambun had increased by 21% and its price ranged Rs.12.00-20.00/fruit. Price of Anamalu had increased by 16% and its price ranged Rs.15.00-25.00/fruit. Price of small size, medium size and large size pineapple had increased and their price increase ranged between 5% -10% compared to the last month. Monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large size pineapples were Rs.111.47/fruit, Rs.148.00/fruit and Rs.182.31/fruit respectively and their price ranged between Rs.100.00-250.00/fruit.

Further, prices of mango varieties, Betti, Karthakolomban and Vilad had increased by 32%, 14% and 11% respectively. Price range for Karthakolomban was Rs.60.00-150.00 per fruit. Price of papaw had increased by 15%. Average wholesale price of a papaw was Rs.125.43/kg and its price range was between Rs.100.00-140.00/kg. In addition, price increase of slime apple and passion fruit were 23% and 1% compared to the last month respectively.

Thus, prices of wood apple, orange, avocado and imported grapes had decreased by 47%, 13%, 11% and 3% compared to the last month respectively.

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

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noticed for banana variety, Ambul as 32%.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased. Prices of banana varieties had increased in the range of 2%-12%. Prices of banana varieties, Kolikuttu, Ambul and Seeni had increased by 12%, 8% and 2% respectively and their prices ranged within Rs.150.00-250.00/kg, Rs.70.00-130.00/kg and Rs.100.00-140.00/kg respectively compared to the last month. Further, price of banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun had increased by 12% and 11% respectively compared to the last month and price ranges for Anamalu and Ambun during this month were Rs.16.00-25.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-28.00/fruit respectively. Price of small sized pineapple had increased by 9% while, prices of medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 5%. Further, price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.100.00-300.00/fruit.

In addition, price of mango varieties, Vilad and Karthakolomban had increased by 17% and 15% respectively and price ranges recorded for a fruit were Rs.50.00-120.00 and Rs.120.00-300.00 respectively. Price of papaw had increased by 7% and the price ranged between Rs.130.00-200.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit and slime apple had increased by 12% and 10% respectively.

However, price of wood apple had decreased by 27% and prices of orange and avocado had decreased by 13%. Price of imported grapes had not changed significantly compared to the previous month.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noticed for banana variety Ambul as 27%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu and for papaw compared to the last month. The prices had increased by 37% for Kolikuttu, by 23% for Ambul and by 12% for papaw. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.30.71-46.43/kg, Rs.76.67-170.00/kg and Rs.75.00 - 94.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to September, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Ambul by 49% and for Kolikuttu by 3% and it was a price increase for papaw by 86% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 704mt of fresh fruits in September, 2018 to the value of Rs. 82mn. Of the exported quantity, 91% were papaw, 5% were fresh pineapple, 3% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. In the last month, the quantity exported was 716mt. Therefore, compared to the last month, the exported quantity had decreased slightly by 2%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,583mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs. 594mn. Of the imported quantity, 52% were apple, 29% were oranges and 19% were grapes. Our country had imported apple mainly from China, South Africa and the United States. Oranges had been imported from South Africa, Australia and Saudi Arabia. Grapes had been imported from China, Italy, Egypt and the United States. In the last month, the quantity imported was 2,307mt. Therefore, compared to the last month, the imported quantity had increased significantly by 55%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – September 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-80.00	63.71	46.06	93.90	17.65	38.33	-30.19	-32.15
Kolikuttu (Kg)	130.00-180.00	156.89	113.47	162.89	43.43	38.27	-5.99	-3.68
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	67.54	60.40	89.92	7.14	11.82	-22.38	-24.89
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-20.00	17.17	14.14	14.52	3.03	21.44	2.64	18.21
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	21.28	18.33	20.98	2.95	16.08	0.30	1.45
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	160.00-250.00	182.31	173.38	236.84	8.93	5.15	-54.53	-23.03
Medium (Fruit)	130.00-170.00	148.00	140.50	169.86	7.50	5.34	-21.86	-12.87
Small (Fruit)	100.00-140.00	111.47	100.96	115.69	10.51	10.41	-4.22	-3.65
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	40.00-50.00	44.00	33.40	-	10.60	31.73	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00-150.00	106.18	93.13	107.68	13.05	14.01	-1.50	-1.40
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-55.00	44.19	39.75	42.57	4.44	11.16	1.62	3.81
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	100.00-140.00	125.43	108.91	85.66	16.52	15.17	39.77	46.42
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-15.00	12.25	12.09	9.90	0.16	1.29	2.35	23.79
Woodapple (Fruit)	8.00-12.00	9.32	17.77	13.19	-8.45	-47.54	-3.87	-29.34
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	18.28	21.11	23.28	-2.83	-13.43	-5.01	-21.50
Avocado (Fruit)	25.00-70.00	40.21	45.39	21.43	-5.17	-11.40	18.78	87.62
Slime Apple (Fruit)	25.00-40.00	31.59	25.62	33.22	5.97	23.31	-1.63	-4.92
Grapes Imported (Kg)	400.00-660.00	501.07	517.01	487.41	-15.94	-3.08	13.66	2.80

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - September 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	70.00-130.00	105.36	97.19	145.16	8.17	8.41	-39.80	-27.42
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-250.00	195.76	174.16	220.04	21.60	12.40	-24.28	-11.04
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-140.00	118.01	116.16	143.62	1.84	1.59	-25.62	-17.84
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-25.00	18.75	16.71	24.71	2.03	12.17	-5.97	-24.14
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-28.00	23.26	20.96	27.97	2.30	10.97	-4.70	-16.82
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	220.00-300.00	254.26	241.70	320.09	12.56	5.20	-65.83	-20.57
Medium (Fruit)	160.00-200.00	181.66	172.97	245.37	8.70	5.03	-63.71	-25.96
Small (Fruit)	100.00-160.00	132.13	120.76	166.20	11.37	9.41	-34.07	-20.50
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	120.00-300.00	216.23	188.08	169.00	28.16	14.97	47.23	27.95
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	77.94	66.78	62.62	11.15	16.70	15.32	24.46
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	130.00-200.00	170.97	159.59	138.03	11.38	7.13	32.94	23.87
Passionfruit (Fruit)	13.00-35.00	21.39	19.02	20.43	2.37	12.46	0.96	4.71
Woodapple (Fruit)	15.00-60.00	36.78	50.12	44.48	-13.34	-26.62	-7.70	-17.30
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	43.77	50.17	52.53	-6.40	-12.76	-8.76	-16.68
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	55.51	63.69	58.20	-8.18	-12.85	-2.69	-4.63
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	66.35	60.42	76.86	5.93	9.81	-10.51	-13.68
Grapes Imported (Kg)	600.00-1000.00	789.66	790.11	799.80	-0.45	-0.06	-10.14	-1.27

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – September 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	30.71-46.43	39.67	32.15	78.06	7.52	23.39	-38.39	-49.18
Kolikuttu	76.67-170.00	120.00	87.64	124.24	32.36	36.93	-4.24	-3.41
Papaw	75.00-84.00	86.50	77.44	46.40	9.06	11.70	40.10	86.42
Pineapple	30.71-46.43	39.67	32.15	78.06	7.52	23.39	-38.39	-49.18

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

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

Type of Fruit	Sep			Aug			July		
	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	37.54	14.75	392.77	63.53	16.35	257.31	52.55	18.16	345.48
Papaw	637.83	56.43	88.47	625.85	64.12	102.45	570.23	55.51	97.35
Fresh Mango	19.57	6.56	334.99	19.93	7.51	376.68	39.74	17.54	441.33
Avocado, fresh	9.24	3.89	420.82	7.04	2.86	406.19	5.33	2.15	403.50

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

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

Type of Fruit	Sep			Aug			July		
	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	1,860	275.75	148.23	1,019	154.92	152.06	1,497	274.72	183.46
Grapes	680	186.65	274.52	701	201.59	287.60	571	169.71	296.98
Oranges	1,043	131.21	125.79	587	72.87	124.04	671	82.44	122.92

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 fish types ranged between Rs.161.00/kg and Rs.1,261.00/kg in September. Compared to the previous month, prices of all selected fish types had decreased. The highest price decrease was 31% for Salaya, followed by 25% for both Hurulla and Balaya. Due to lower prices, higher sales of small fish types were observed in areas such as Puttalam. In addition, price of Shrimp decreased by 20%, and all other fish types showed price decrease of 15% or less. For example, price of Kelawalla decreased by 15%, followed by 13% in Paraw and 9% in Thora. The least price decrease were observed as 3% in Thalapath and 2% in Mora. Fish prices did not change drastically during the following month. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of most fish types had decreased. The highest price decrease was noticed as 15% in Paraw, followed by 14% in Shrimp. Prices of Thalapath, Kelawalla and Hurulla had decreased by 9%, 7% and 6% respectively. Of price increased fish types, the highest price increase was observed as 23% in Salaya, followed by Thora (5%), Balaya (4%) and Mora (2%).

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.275.00/kg and Rs.1,707.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to spend a price ranging between Rs.180.00 and Rs.2,300.00 to purchase one kilo of any fish type. In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of all fish types had decreased by less than 20%. The highest price decrease was noticed as 17% in Hurulla, followed by 14% in Shrimp and 11% in Balaya. Moreover, prices of Salaya and Paraw had decreased by 10% and 8% respectively. Prices of Kelawalla, Mora and Thora had decreased by 4%, whilst that of Thalapath had decreased by 1%. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of most fish types had increased by 7%-32%, and the highest price increase was observed in Balaya, followed by Salaya (31%). Price of Mora had increased by 13%, whilst prices of Paraw, Thora, Kelawalla and Hurulla had increased by less than 10%. In the meantime, only Shrimp and Thalapath showed price decrease, and they were recorded as 8% and 1%, respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	120.00-200.00	161.31	232.56	131.25	-71.26	-30.64	30.06	22.90
Hurulla	200.00-300.00	244.20	326.32	259.75	-82.13	-25.17	-15.55	-5.99
Balaya	200.00-300.00	253.86	337.69	243.97	-83.83	-24.82	9.89	4.05
Kelawalla	400.00-700.00	582.46	682.50	628.75	-100.04	-14.66	-46.29	-7.36
Thora	1000.00-1400.00	1260.97	1385.31	1197.50	-124.34	-8.98	63.47	5.30
Paraw	450.00-600.00	531.32	613.69	627.97	-82.38	-13.42	-96.65	-15.39
Mora	500.00-650.00	585.71	595.14	572.75	-9.42	-1.58	12.96	2.26
Shrimp (small)	700.00-900.00	795.83	997.50	928.25	-201.67	-20.22	-132.42	-14.27
Thalapath	650.00-900.00	769.97	794.50	848.02	-24.53	-3.09	-78.06	-9.20
Retail Prices								
Salaya	180.00-400.00	274.98	306.99	209.22	-32.01	-10.43	65.77	31.43
Hurulla	250.00-650.00	394.48	475.44	369.31	-80.97	-17.03	25.17	6.82
Balaya	280.00-1000.00	582.74	655.56	442.82	-72.82	-11.11	139.93	31.60
Kelawalla	500.00-1400.00	959.77	998.37	880.79	-38.60	-3.87	78.98	8.97
Thora	1300.00-2300.00	1707.04	1770.11	1574.08	-63.07	-3.56	132.95	8.45
Paraw	600.00-1300.00	996.45	1086.59	911.84	-90.14	-8.30	84.61	9.28
Mora	600.00-1200.00	852.98	891.59	757.71	-38.61	-4.33	95.27	12.57
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1500.00	1080.75	1252.13	1175.68	-171.38	-13.69	-94.93	-8.07
Thalapath	800.00-1400.00	1098.29	1112.17	1111.80	-13.88	-1.25	-13.51	-1.21

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.271.00/kg and Rs.1,350.00/kg during September. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types had decreased by 1%-16%, and the highest price decrement was observed in local Salaya, followed by 15% in both local and imported Balaya. Price of imported Sprats had decreased by 13%, whereas that of local Sprats had decreased by 7%. In addition, prices of local Maduwa, local and imported Kattawa and imported Mora had decreased by 6%, 2%, 2% and 1%, respectively. Prices of a few dried fish types had increased; prices of local Anguluwa, imported Anguluwa, and imported Maduwa had increased by 5%, 3% and 3%, respectively.

Interestingly, price of local Mora had not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Moreover, significant changes in prices of dried fish were not anticipated for the following month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increment was noticed as 25% in local Balaya, followed by 16% in local Thora. Price of imported Balaya has increased by 12%, followed by 6% in local Anguluwa and local Maduwa. In the meantime, least price increments were observed in local Mora (2%), local Kattawa (2%), and imported Kattawa (1%). Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrement was observed as 11% in local Sprats and imported Maduwa. Meanwhile, prices of local Salaya, imported Sprats, imported Anguluwa and imported Mora had decreased by 7%, 4%, 4%, and 1%, respectively.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.636.00/kg and Rs.1,624/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.400.00 and Rs.2,000.00 to purchase one kilo of any dried fish type. Compared to the previous month, retail prices of most dried fish types had decreased by 2%-9%, and the highest price decrement was observed in Salaya. Prices of all other price decreased dried fish types showed price decrements of 5% or less. For example, prices of imported Sprats, Balaya and Anguluwa had decreased by 5%, 4%, and 3%, respectively. Moreover, prices of local Sprats and Maduwa had decreased by 2%. On the contrary, prices of Mora and Kattawa had increased by 1%, whilst Thora had not shown any significant price change. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most dried fish types had increased by 1%-8%. The highest price increase was observed in Thora, followed by Mora (4%) and Balaya (4%). Moreover, prices of Anguluwa and Salaya had increased by 2%, whilst that of local Sprats and Kattawa had increased by 1%. Only imported Sprats and Maduwa showed price decrease of 6% and 4%, respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	850.00-1000.00	910.39	983.25	1025.94	-72.86	-7.41	-115.55	-11.26
Sprats (imported)	420.00-550.00	471.58	544.36	492.66	-72.79	-13.37	-21.08	-4.28
Kattawa	750.00-900.00	842.39	858.00	826.75	-15.61	-1.82	15.64	1.89
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-800.00	759.56	774.11	755.00	-14.56	-1.88	4.56	0.60
Thora	1300.00-1400.00	1350.00	-	1168.31	-	-	181.69	15.55
Thora (imported)	-	-	1250.00	1091.75	-	-	-	-
Mora	800.00-920.00	849.98	853.75	831.00	-3.77	-0.44	18.98	2.28
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	762.69	769.31	773.25	-6.62	-0.86	-10.56	-1.37
Balaya	350.00-560.00	458.87	539.25	366.75	-80.38	-14.91	92.12	25.12
Balaya (imported)	300.00-500.00	380.83	447.61	338.75	-66.78	-14.92	42.08	12.42
Anguluwa	750.00-900.00	830.67	790.00	786.25	40.67	5.15	44.42	5.65
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-750.00	709.55	691.79	738.50	17.76	2.57	-28.95	-3.92
Maduwa	540.00-700.00	599.58	634.90	567.75	-35.31	-5.56	31.83	5.61
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-450.00	395.89	386.11	443.17	9.78	2.53	-47.28	-10.67
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	270.93	323.42	290.65	-52.49	-16.23	-19.73	-6.79
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	550.00-900.00	695.97	732.64	742.16	-36.67	-5.00	-46.19	-6.22
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1227.30	1252.69	1212.48	-25.39	-2.03	14.81	1.22
Kattawa	1000.00-1600.00	1209.24	1199.23	1194.05	10.01	0.83	15.19	1.27
Thora	1400.00-2000.00	1623.81	1628.35	1502.22	-4.55	-0.28	121.58	8.09
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1166.04	1153.21	1126.10	12.83	1.11	39.94	3.55
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	871.89	909.72	838.24	-37.83	-4.16	33.65	4.01
Anguluwa	800.00-1200.00	1064.15	1098.49	1048.19	-34.34	-3.13	15.96	1.52
Maduwa	700.00-1000.00	861.46	881.25	900.69	-19.79	-2.25	-39.24	-4.36
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	635.60	695.65	623.95	-60.05	-8.63	11.65	1.87

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.15.20 and Rs.17.50 with an average of Rs.16.61, whilst that of a white egg ranged between Rs.14.20 and Rs.16.50 with an average of 15.62. Compared to the previous month, prices of both egg types had decreased by 9%. Prices of eggs decreased in the following month with the high supply of eggs. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of brown eggs and white eggs had increased by 25% and 32%, respectively.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.17.00 and Rs.20.00/kg with an average of Rs.18.02. Similarly, the retail price of a white egg ranged between Rs.15.00 and Rs.19.00 with an average of Rs.16.96. Compared to the previous month, prices of both egg types had decreased by 6%. Moreover, brown eggs showed a retail price increase of 20%, and white eggs showed a retail price increase of 24% compared to the same period of the last year.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	15.20-17.50	16.61	18.16	13.25	-1.55	-8.56	3.36	25.34
White (each)	14.20-16.50	15.62	17.16	11.88	-1.55	-9.02	3.74	31.50
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	17.00-20.00	18.02	19.13	14.96	-1.11	-5.80	3.06	20.44
White (each)	15.00-19.00	16.96	18.04	13.68	-1.08	-6.01	3.27	23.92

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of most types of meats had decreased during September. The highest price decrement was observed in Curry Chicken as 7%, and its price ranged between Rs.600.00/kg and Rs.800.00/kg. Prices of Broiler Chicken and Mutton had decreased barely by 1%. The only price increment was observed in Pork as 3%. Interestingly, price of Beef had not changed compared to the previous month. However, compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of all above meat types had increased by 1%-38%, and the highest price increment was observed in Curry Chicken followed by Pork (26%).

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – September 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	965.31	961.16	954.38	4.15	0.43	10.94	1.15
Chicken (Broiler)	500.00-690.00	588.57	593.57	497.71	-5.00	-0.84	90.86	18.26
Chicken (curry)	600.00-800.00	669.38	722.93	484.83	-53.55	-7.41	184.55	38.07
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1852.08	1864.02	1792.22	-11.93	-0.64	59.86	3.34
Pork	620.00-700.00	673.25	654.50	533.33	18.75	2.86	139.92	26.23

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 in September was 216,611mt that was worth 8,846mn. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported in this month had increased by 39%. Wheat grain was mainly imported from Pakistan at a (CIF) price of Rs.38.00/kg and the quantity was 42% of the total imported quantity in this month. The quantity of wheat grains imported from Canada was 55,014mt and that from Russia was 54,482mt in this month. In addition, wheat grain were imported from Australia, United States and United Arab Emirates in this month, and the quantities imported were 4%, 3% and 1% of the total quantity imported respectively. Trivial quantities were also imported from India as well. CIF price of wheat grain ranged from Rs.38.00 to 61.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.41.00/kg in this month. Compared to the previous month, increase of average CIF price of wheat grain was by Rs.1.00/kg. The highest CIF price was for wheat grain imported from India whilst the lowest CIF price for wheat grain imported from Pakistan.

Total quantity of wheat flour imported in this month was 395mt and was worth 26mn. Compared to the previous month, this quantity was higher by 177mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour was imported from India at a (CIF) price of Rs.63.00/kg and that was 56% of the total quantity of wheat flour imported in September. Further, of the total quantity of wheat flour imported, 23% was imported from Malaysia as well. In addition, trivial quantities were also imported from China, Spain and Germany. CIF price of wheat flour imported in this month ranged from Rs.63.00 to 185.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.65.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour had decreased by Rs.7.00/kg. The highest CIF price was for the wheat flour imported from German while the lowest CIF price was for wheat flour imported from India.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.90.00 to 100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.96.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour had increased by 6%. Further, compared to the same period of the last year, retail price of wheat flour had increased by 7%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018		Sep 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	90.00-100.00	95.51	90.32	89.05	5.19	5.75	6.46	7.25
Sugar	95.00-125.00	107.97	104.36	110.35	3.61	3.46	-2.38	-2.16

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Sep	395	25.8	65.21	95.51	30.30
Aug	218	15.7	72.16	90.32	18.16
July	252	16.4	64.98	89.58	24.60
June	657	43.8	66.71	90.04	23.33
May	341	24.9	73.09	89.78	16.69
April	316	16.4	51.77	90.33	38.55
Wheat Grain					
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
May	250,272	10,105	40.38	89.78	49.40
April	131,280	5,401	41.14	90.33	49.19

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

Sugar

Total quantity of sugar imported in this month was 42,366mt and worth of 2,393mn. Quantity of sugar imported in this month was two times of that of the previous month. The largest quantity of sugar was mainly imported from India in this month and that was 86% of the total quantity imported in this month at a price (CIF) of Rs.55.00/kg. The second highest quantity of sugar was imported from Thailand and that was 11% of the total imported quantity. Furthermore, sugar had been also imported from United Arab Emirates and Pakistan, and was 1% of total imported quantity from each country. In addition, small quantities were also imported from Korea and Australia. CIF price ranged from Rs.55.00 to 28.00/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.56.00/kg. The average CIF price had increased by Rs.3.00/kg in this month. The highest CIF price was paid for sugar imported from Australia while the lowest was paid for sugar imported from India. The prevailed special commodity levy for sugar was lifted and a new tax was imposed with the effect of 19th of September. Accordingly, a surcharge of Rs.12.00/kg was paid for sugar.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for this month, price ranged from Rs.95.00 to 125.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.107.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar had increased by Rs.4.00/kg. Furthermore, compared to the same period of the last year average retail price of sugar had decreased by 2%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- April to Sep 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
May	32,623	1987.4	60.92	107.95	47.03
April	22,092	1375.3	62.26	108.62	46.36

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – September 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
	Sep 2018	Aug 2018		Sep 2018	Aug 2018		Sep 2018	Aug 2018	
Rice	854	543	57.3	112.8	60.0	88.0	132.00	110.52	19.4
Red Onion	50	58	-13.8	2.4	3.1	-21.6	48.13	52.77	-8.8
Big Onion	11,648	21,741	-46.4	545.1	1070.0	-49.1	46.80	49.21	-4.9
Potato	5,643	15,771	-64.2	173.9	583.6	-70.2	30.81	37.00	-16.7
Dried Chillies	3,516	5,448	-35.5	737.0	1129.6	-34.8	209.60	207.37	1.1
Masoor Dhal	8,311	10,097	-17.7	681.2	769.8	-11.5	81.97	76.24	7.5
Green Gram	701	2,418	-71.0	92.5	329.8	-72.0	131.93	136.41	-3.3
Cowpea	399	307	30.0	45.0	36.4	23.7	112.80	118.53	-4.8
Garlic	1,853	3,965	-53.3	142.3	258.0	-44.8	76.78	65.07	18.0
Wheat flour	395	218	81.0	25.8	15.7	63.8	65.21	72.16	-9.6
Wheat grain	216,611	155,322	39.5	8845.6	6279.9	40.9	40.84	40.43	1.0
White crystalline cane sugar	42,366	23,482	80.4	2393.0	1391.7	71.9	56.48	59.27	-4.7
Maize (Seed)	1,002	100	-79.7	40.3	9.8	-76.1	40.20	97.34	17.8
Maize (Other)	854	543	57.3	112.8	60.0	88.0	132.00	110.52	19.4
Sprats, dried unsalted	50	58	-13.8	2.4	3.1	-21.6	48.13	52.77	-8.8

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

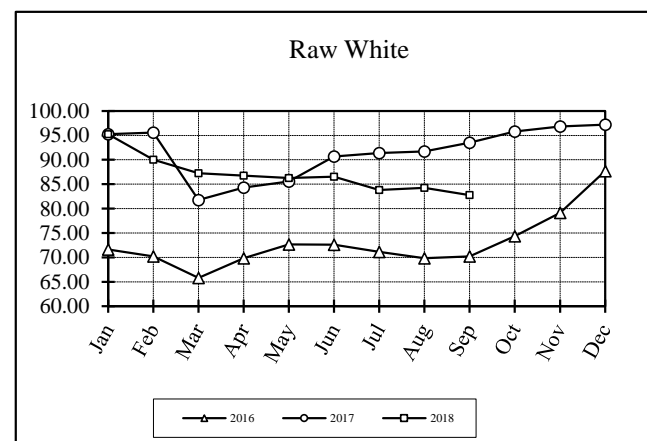
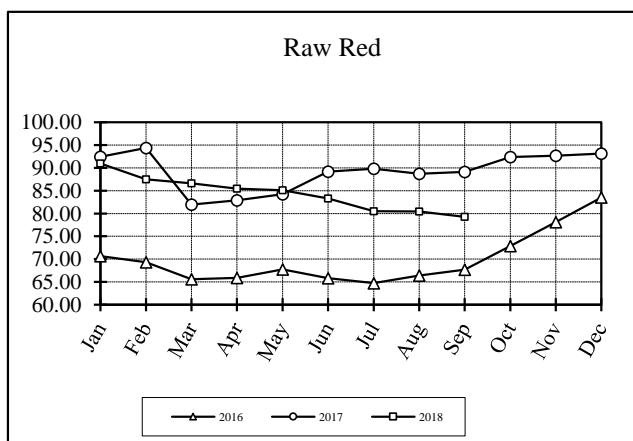
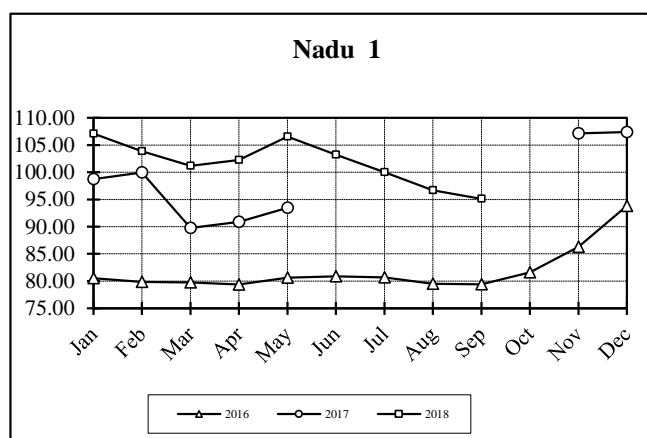
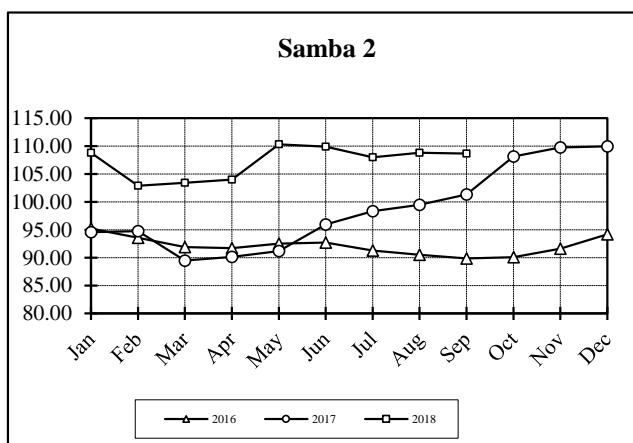
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – September 2018

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	89.3	74.0	7	6
Badulla	137.4	119.8	14	9
Bandarawela	262.1	121.8	14	10
Batticaloa	8.6	67.0	3	5
Colombo	263.7	245.4	12	15
Galle	230.1	255.8	13	18
Hambantota	54.0	75.2	7	8
Jaffna	62.5	63.3	5	4
Katugastota	157.8	155.2	15	13
Katunayaka	43.4	224.1	10	14
Kurunegala	121.0	165.3	12	13
Mahailuppallama	128.9	90.7	9	6
Mannar	21.3	40.6	3	2
Nuwara Eliya	157.3	178.8	18	15
Pottuvil	40.7	44.8	4	na
Puttalam	17.6	67.8	4	5
Ratmalana	198.9	254.9	11	16
Ratnapura	284.7	421.4	15	20
Trincomalee	26.2	99.6	3	6
Vavuniya	123.5	107.3	8	6
Polonnaruwa	105.3	-	8	-
Moneragala	127.3	-	10	-
Mattala	164.5	-	8	-

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		81.62			72.86	92.38		74.34	95.80	
Nov	91.60	109.73		86.28	107.14		78.12	92.67		79.14	96.81	
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		142.94	389.38		84.79	147.37		154.06	167.88	
Nov	351.86	259.31		154.23	498.85		91.96	165.87		169.46	160.43	
Dec	327.65	264.58		153.77	575.43		106.54	157.18		177.13	163.52	

