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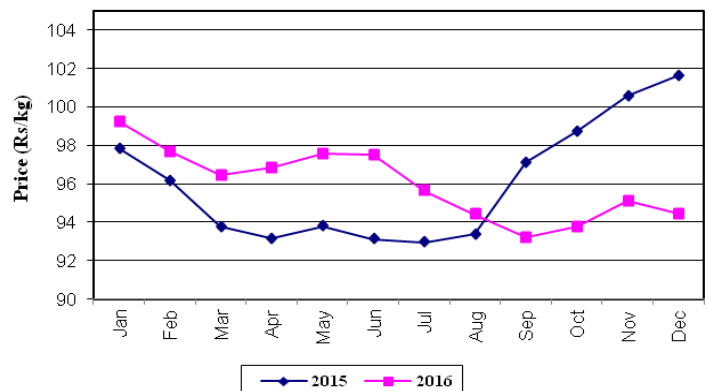
RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties have increased. The highest price increase was noted for raw white by 12%. Accordingly, price increments of 10% for nadu grade II and 9% for both nadu I and red raw were reported during the month of December. Due to prolonged drought condition and crop damages being reported, the paddy prices have further increased also, limited stocks in the market adversely affected the rice prices.

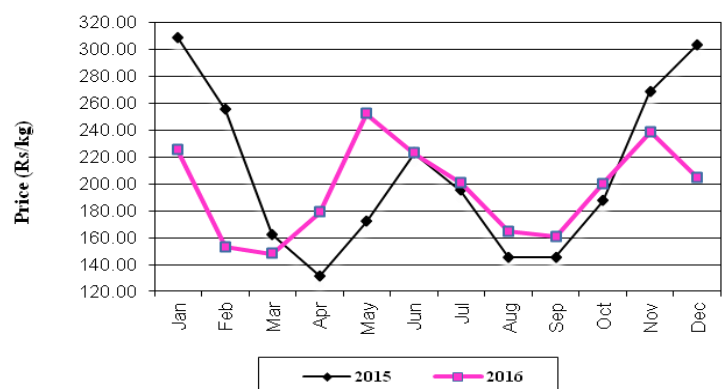
VEGETABLES:

Supplies of both up and low country varieties of vegetables further dropped and thereby prices had increased in most of the types due to slow cultivation progress in the *Maha* season. Reported average price increases were 39% and 44% respectively, for up and lowcountry varieties.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The onset of North East monsoons was not satisfactory in most of the major producing areas at the beginning of the season and it badly affected the paddy cultivation. Also the rainfall received during the months November and December was below its historical mean values in most of the major producing areas. Therefore, the prospects of the paddy crop in 2016/17 *Maha* season were not satisfactory due to the prevailing drought situation and the low water capacities in major reservoirs. Somewhat satisfactory progress was recorded only in producing areas especially in the Eastern province followed by the Northern Province. According to crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, due to the drought 114,728 ha crop damage were recorded and is 23% of the sown extent. The cultivation progress up to end December is 491,167 ha and it is 61% of the target and it is already 32% lower compared to the average of last three *Maha* seasons. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *Maha* season is 1.355 million mt, 51 percent lower with compared to average of last three *Maha* seasons.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation : Maha 2016/17 As at end of December 2016

| District/Area | Targeted Extent (ha) | Achievement (ha) | Achievement as a % of the targeted Extent (ha) | Production forecast based on the progress (mt) | Total effected extent (ha) | Reversed production forecast (mt) | Production loss as a % |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Anuradhapura | 95,748 | 27,786 | 29 | 97,915 | 563 | 97,137 | 0.79 |
| Polonnaruwa | 30,000 | 22,918 | 76 | 81,093 | - | 81,093 | - |
| Ampara | 75,168 | 73,206 | 97 | 279,876 | 15,112 | 210,569 | 24.76 |
| Kurunegala | 83,715 | 42,740 | 51 | 149,590 | 10,890 | 121,004 | 19.11 |
| Hambantota | 29,095 | 22,569 | 78 | 94,373 | - | 94,373 | - |
| Colombo | 3,608 | 2,432 | 67 | 7,172 | 45 | 7,136 | 0.50 |
| Gampaha | 11,500 | 8,044 | 70 | 23,247 | 1,505 | 21,358 | 8.13 |
| Kalutara | 13,500 | 8,690 | 64 | 25,652 | 38 | 25,617 | 0.14 |
| Galle | 15,382 | 8,195 | 53 | 22,125 | - | 22,125 | - |
| Matara | 16,414 | 12,855 | 78 | 34,506 | - | 34,506 | - |
| Ratnapura | 12,521 | 5,496 | 44 | 17,753 | 28 | 17,675 | 0.44 |
| Kegalle | 8,726 | 3,500 | 40 | 12,033 | 224 | 11,465 | 4.72 |
| Puttalam | 23,145 | 9,814 | 42 | 29,196 | 41 | 29,105 | 0.31 |
| Kandy | 13,728 | 5,175 | 38 | 15,269 | 71 | 15,164 | 0.69 |
| Matale | 20,710 | 9,041 | 44 | 35,285 | - | 35,285 | - |
| N' Eliya | 6,496 | 687 | 11 | 1,537 | - | 1,537 | - |
| Badulla | 23,246 | 6,814 | 29 | 25,254 | - | 25,254 | - |
| Monaragala | 33,606 | 15,107 | 45 | 51,815 | 104 | 51,737 | 0.15 |
| Jaffna | 11,550 | 10,419 | 90 | 20,433 | 10,340 | 8,107 | 60.32 |
| Kilinochchi | 23,532 | 23,438 | 100 | 82,605 | 8,470 | 67,586 | 18.18 |
| Vavuniya | 19,810 | 13,143 | 66 | 43,403 | 2,254 | 38,619 | 11.02 |
| Mullaitivu | 17,067 | 15,880 | 93 | 44,949 | 8,659 | 22,002 | 51.05 |
| Mannar | 21,000 | 14,220 | 68 | 66,936 | 5,735 | 48,137 | 28.09 |
| Trincomalee | 42,313 | 28,550 | 67 | 106,093 | 9,386 | 79,472 | 25.09 |
| Batticaloa | 63,526 | 64,416 | 101 | 165,444 | 41,265 | 38,812 | 76.54 |
| Udawalawa | 10,700 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| System H | 22,300 | 3,071 | 14 | 14,249 | - | 14,249 | - |
| System H1 | 9,350 | 3,012 | 32 | 13,976 | - | 13,976 | - |
| System B | 19,340 | 12,970 | 67 | 60,181 | - | 60,181 | - |
| System C | 23,306 | 15,570 | 67 | 72,245 | - | 72,245 | - |
| System G | 5,200 | 645 | 12 | 2,993 | - | 2,993 | - |
| System D | 500 | 40 | 8 | 1,763 | - | 1,763 | - |
| Rambakenoya | 1350 | 344 | 25 | 186 | - | 186 | - |
| System L | 1,425 | 380 | 27 | 1,596 | - | 1,596 | - |
| Sri Lanka | 808,579 | 491,167 | 61 | 1,700,744 | 114,729 | 1,355,850 | 20.28 |

Source: Crop Forecast, maha 2016/17, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices has continued in all of the major producing areas during the month especially for long grain white varieties. Prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red have increased by 5-12%, 13-24% and 5-12% respectively. The prices of all the paddy varieties further remained at higher level in all major producing areas mainly due to the limited supply of paddy to the markets and the low progress of ongoing *Maha* season as a result of the emerging drought situation. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.45.00-52.00/kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Ampara. Prices of long grain white ranged between Rs.41.00-51.00/Kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Dehiattakandiya. The prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.40.00-50.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province. Prices of *keeri* samba paddy ranged between Rs.57.00-59.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya producing areas. According to the field information it is expected that increasing trend of paddy prices would continue next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 25%-35% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 24%-34% in all major producing areas. The prices of short grain white paddy have increased by less than 4% in most of the major producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – December 2016

| Commodity | Price Range | | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Short Grain | | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 45.00-50.00 | 42.00-47.00 | 46.70 | 44.65 | 45.10 | 2.05 | 4.59 | 1.60 | 3.55 |
| Polonnaruwa | 47.50-51.50 | 43.00-46.50 | 49.58 | 44.47 | 49.18 | 5.11 | 11.50 | 0.40 | 0.81 |
| Kalawewa | - | - | - | - | 45.25 | - | - | - | - |
| Kurunegala | - | - | - | - | 41.20 | - | - | - | - |
| Dehiattakandiya | 47.50-51.00 | 43.00-47.50 | 49.21 | 45.04 | - | 4.17 | 9.25 | - | - |
| Nikaweratiya | - | 45.00-47.00 | - | 45.58 | 45.80 | - | - | - | - |
| Ampara | 47.00-52.00 | - | 49.88 | 44.43 | 48.08 | 5.46 | 12.28 | 1.80 | 3.74 |
| Long Grain White | | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | 45.00-50.00 | 40.00-46.00 | 47.45 | 38.80 | 35.10 | 8.65 | 22.29 | 12.35 | 35.19 |
| Polonnaruwa | 47.00-50.50 | 41.50-47.00 | 48.63 | 39.79 | 38.21 | 8.84 | 22.22 | 10.42 | 27.27 |
| Kalawewa | - | - | - | - | 36.00 | - | - | - | - |
| Kurunegala | - | - | - | 37.40 | 33.55 | - | - | - | - |
| Dehiattakandiya | 47.50-51.00 | 41.00-47.00 | 49.44 | 39.90 | - | 9.54 | 23.91 | - | - |
| Embilipitiya | 46.00-50.00 | 41.00-46.00 | 48.55 | 39.04 | 37.40 | 9.51 | 24.36 | 11.15 | 29.81 |
| Nikaweratiya | - | 42.00-46.00 | - | 39.40 | 36.40 | - | - | - | - |
| Matara | 41.00-47.00 | 39.00-42.00 | 43.67 | 38.73 | 34.83 | 4.94 | 12.75 | 8.84 | 25.38 |
| Hambantota | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ampara | 46.00-50.00 | 40.50-46.00 | 48.18 | 39.28 | 38.18 | 8.90 | 22.66 | 10.00 | 26.19 |
| Long Grain Red | | | | | | | | | |
| Anuradhapura | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Matara | 40.00-44.00 | 38.00-41.00 | 42.08 | 40.25 | 33.84 | 1.83 | 4.55 | 8.24 | 24.35 |
| Hambantota | 46.00-50.00 | 41.00-46.00 | 47.88 | 42.63 | 35.60 | 5.26 | 12.33 | 12.28 | 34.49 |
| Embilipitiya | 43.00-49.00 | 40.00-43.00 | 46.48 | 41.53 | 34.88 | 4.96 | 11.93 | 11.60 | 33.26 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Increasing trend of rice prices was observed throughout the month of December. However, at the inception it was a slight increase. Nevertheless, in latter stages of the month a significant increment was noted. Prices of all the local rice varieties have increased. The highest price increase was noted for raw white by 12%. Accordingly, price increments of 10% for nadu grade II and 9% for both nadu I and red raw were reported during the month of December. Further, prices of samba grade I and samba grade II have increased by 2% and 1% respectively. The paddy cultivation in 2016/17 *Maha* season has been started in almost all the major producing areas at the end of December. Particularly, due to prolonged drought condition and crop damages being reported, the paddy prices have further increased. Furthermore, limited stocks in the market adversely affected the rice prices. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, the total rice imports for the month of December was 2,697 mt., and compared to last month it has increased up to 43%. Among the total imports, majority (83%) which was 2231 mt. consisted of Pakistan rice. The rest were imported from India (410 mt.), Vietnam (48 mt.), and China (7 mt.). However, imported *ponni* samba was not available in the market due to being out of stock.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of all rice varieties, except samba varieties have increased in the range of 21%-28%.

Retail Prices

In line with the increased prices in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the varieties have increased. Prices of samba grade I and samba grade II have increased by Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively. The highest price increase was noted for raw white as Rs.9.00/kg. Furthermore, price increments of Rs.8.00/kg for nadu grade I, Rs.7.00/kg for nadu grade II and Rs.5.00/kg for raw red were reported.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices were reported in Kegalle and the price ranged between Rs.96.00-115.00/kg, while the lowest samba price range of Rs.80.00-95.00/kg was reported in Puttalam, Jaffna and Kilinochchi markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.88.00-95.00/kg was noted in Kegalle and Jaffna markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.75.00-80.00/kg was noted in Puttalam market. The highest price for raw red was reported as Rs.90.00/kg from Dambulla and Anuradhapura markets and the lowest price for raw red was reported as Rs.70.00/kg from Kilinochchi and Tissamaharama markets. Meanwhile, the highest price of Rs.88.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price of Rs.72.00/kg was reported from Jaffna market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of local rice varieties except samba varieties, have increased in the range of 15%-20% while, the price of samba grade I and grade II has decreased by 2% and 7% respectively. With the limited rice stocks and less availability in the market; prices of all the local rice varieties are expected to increase further in the coming month.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – December 2016

| Item | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 93.00-96.00 | 94.36 | 92.18 | 97.00 | 2.19 | 2.37 | -2.64 | -2.72 |
| Samba 2 | 86.00-90.00 | 88.15 | 86.86 | 91.42 | 1.28 | 1.48 | -3.28 | -3.58 |
| Samba 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nadu 1 | 86.00-95.00 | 89.93 | 82.47 | 74.53 | 7.46 | 9.04 | 15.40 | 20.66 |
| Nadu 2 | 83.00-91.00 | 86.56 | 78.76 | 71.13 | 7.80 | 9.90 | 15.42 | 21.68 |
| Raw red | 71.00-82.00 | 77.21 | 70.69 | 63.01 | 6.52 | 9.23 | 14.20 | 22.55 |
| Raw white | 80.00-90.00 | 83.85 | 75.09 | 65.36 | 8.75 | 11.66 | 18.48 | 28.28 |
| Ponni Samba (Imported) | - | - | 130.00 | 106.55 | - | - | - | - |
| Raw white (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Samba 1 | 97.00-105.00 | 100.38 | 98.64 | 107.54 | 1.74 | 1.76 | -7.16 | -6.66 |
| Samba 2 | 88.00-95.00 | 94.16 | 91.60 | 95.76 | 2.56 | 2.79 | -1.60 | -1.67 |
| Samba 3 | - | - | 85.55 | 92.33 | - | - | - | - |
| Nadu 1 | 88.00-100.00 | 93.83 | 86.28 | 81.10 | 7.55 | 8.75 | 12.73 | 15.69 |
| Nadu 2 | 85.00-95.00 | 88.74 | 81.56 | 75.90 | 7.18 | 8.80 | 12.84 | 16.91 |
| Raw red | 78.00-95.00 | 83.50 | 78.12 | 72.33 | 5.37 | 6.88 | 11.17 | 15.44 |
| Raw white | 80.00-100.00 | 87.71 | 79.14 | 73.15 | 8.57 | 10.82 | 14.56 | 19.90 |
| Ponni Samba (Imported) | - | - | 140.00 | 118.86 | - | - | - | - |
| Raw white (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of chillies in *Maha* 2016/17 was about 11,253 ha and out of that 8,239 ha has been achieved by the end of December 2016, representing 73% of the target in Sri Lanka. However, a small extent of green chilli cultivated land was damaged by drought weather condition in some producing areas. It was only 2% out of the total cultivated lands. The highest targeted extent (3,246 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (3,997 ha) was reported in Anuradhapura district and cultivation was prominent in Ranorawa, Nochchiyagama, and Thirappane areas. Out of the total expected production of green chillies (30,035 mt) 70% could be expected from Anuradhapura (40%), Moneragala (13%), Puttalam (12%) and Kurunegala (5%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for Maha 2016/17

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of December 2016 | | Drought affected area (ha) (above 80%) | Expected Production (Mt) |
|--------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | | Extent (ha) | % of the Targeted Extent | | |
| Anuradhapura | 3,246 | 3,997 | 123 | - | 11,991 |
| Moneragala | 828 | 553 | 67 | - | 3,871 |
| Puttalam | 880 | 528 | 60 | - | 3,693 |
| Kurunegala | 297 | 292 | 98 | 6 | 1,451 |
| Ampara | 575 | 279 | 49 | 12 | 715 |
| Jaffna | 725 | 212 | 29 | 31 | 757 |
| Badulla | 445 | 368 | 83 | - | 1,166 |
| Hambantota | 273 | 258 | 95 | - | 887 |
| Other areas | 3,984 | 1,752 | 44 | 141 | 6,504 |
| Total | 11,253 | 8,239 | 73 | 190 | 30,035 |

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chillies from main producing areas has decreased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about Rs.37.00/kg and Rs.35.00/kg respectively. Wholesale price of green chillies ranged between Rs.40.00-150.00/kg and Rs.80.00-300.00/kg at retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by about 87% and 79% respectively.

A quantity of 3,928 mt of dried chillies was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 436 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.203.68/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.34.35/kg compared to last month.

Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.14.00/kg and Rs.24.00/kg respectively due to decreased imported prices. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about 24% and 10% respectively.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies
December 2016**

| Items | Price Range | Average Price | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chillies | 40.00-150.00 | 89.58 | 52.90 | 692.45 | 36.68 | 69.34 | -602.87 | -87.06 |
| Dried Chillies | 220.00-240.00 | 233.00 | 247.54 | 304.83 | -14.54 | -5.87 | -71.83 | -23.56 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Green Chillies | 80.00-300.00 | 204.50 | 169.59 | 984.54 | 34.91 | 20.59 | -780.04 | -79.23 |
| Dried Chillies | 290.00-380.00 | 327.65 | 351.86 | 362.08 | -24.21 | -6.88 | -34.43 | -9.51 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies
July to December 2016**

| Month | Quantity (mt) | Value (Rs.mn.) | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| December | 3,928 | 800.10 | 203.68 | 327.65 | 123.97 |
| November | 4,364 | 1,038.75 | 238.03 | 351.86 | 113.83 |
| October | 4,250 | 1,112.64 | 261.80 | 362.69 | 100.89 |
| September | 4,545 | 1,205.05 | 265.15 | 365.44 | 100.29 |
| August | 5,034 | 1,352.24 | 268.61 | 369.99 | 101.37 |
| July | 4,032 | 1,101.64 | 273.23 | 370.97 | 97.74 |

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – December 2016

| Location | 1 st week | 2 nd week | 3 rd week | 4 th week |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dambulla | 48.40 | 100.40 | 93.00 | 115.00 |
| Hambantota | 50.00 | 70.00 | 90.00 | 105.00 |
| Embilipitiya | 60.00 | 60.00 | 130.00 | 123.00 |
| Puttalam | 32.00 | 86.00 | 88.00 | 115.00 |
| A'Pura | 55.00 | 90.00 | 130.00 | - |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

The Department of Agriculture has planned to cultivate around 428 ha of big onion for this *maha* season. According to that, about 67 ha in Hambantota, 62 ha in Mannar, 54 ha in Mullaitivu have been targeted for big onion. But the highest cultivated extent of big onion at the end of this month was reported from Mannar (24 ha) followed by Hambantota (9 ha). In Mannar district about 19 ha of big onion cultivation was damaged by drought.

The targeted extent of red onion for *maha* 2016/17 was 2,100 ha in Jaffna district and 314 ha were cultivated by the end of December representing 15% of the targeted extent. About 1,006 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Puttalam and around 432 ha have been grown at the end of December 2016 which was about 43% of the targeted extent. The total expected production of red onion is 10,525 mt and 81% of that production could be expected from Jaffna (32%) and Puttalam (49%) districts.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2016/17

| Areas | Targeted Extent (ha) | Cultivation Progress at the end of December 2016 | | Drought affected area (ha) | Expected Production (Mt) |
|--------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Extent (ha) | % of the Targeted Extent | | |
| Jaffna | 2,100 | 314 | 15 | 9 | 3,350 |
| Puttalam | 1,006 | 432 | 43 | - | 5,185 |
| Batticaloa | 125 | 40 | 32 | - | 396 |
| Kilinochchi | 130 | 30 | 23 | - | 219 |
| Trincomalee | 718 | 7 | 1 | - | 77 |
| Other areas | 835 | 138 | 17 | 5 | 1,298 |
| Total | 4,914 | 961 | 20 | 14 | 10,525 |

Source: Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Both imported and local big onion varieties were available at the market during this month. A quantity of 20,737 mt was imported from India (20134 mt – 97%) and Pakistan (603 mt – 3%) during this month and it was an increase of 12,995 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.33.03/kg for imported big onion and it has decreased by Rs.5.32/kg compared to that of last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.9.00/kg and Rs.15.00/kg respectively. Limited stocks of local big onion were available at the market as end of the harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of local big onion have increased by about Rs.15.00/kg and Rs.8.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 40% and 12% respectively.

Though the supply of red onion from Puttalam and Jaffna districts have decreased, the quality of the sinnan stocks were in a poor condition. Hence, the wholesale price of sinnan has decreased by about Rs.10.00/kg, while the wholesale price of vedalan has increased by about Rs.1.00/kg. However, sinnan stocks were not available at the retail markets and the retail price of vedalan has not changed significantly. About 2,737 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and compared to previous month it was an increase of 501 mt. Average CIF price was Rs.58.71/kg for imported red onion and it has decreased by about Rs.5.55/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively due to limited availability of local red onions at the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have decreased by about 24% and 41% respectively.

**Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
December 2016**

| Crop | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | 50.00-80.00 | 63.06 | 72.92 | 83.00 | -9.86 | -13.52 | -19.94 | -24.02 |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | 75.00-120.00 | 95.47 | 94.28 | 117.50 | 1.19 | 1.26 | -22.03 | -18.75 |
| Red Onion (Imported) | 70.00-115.00 | 93.73 | 87.85 | 164.36 | 5.88 | 6.70 | -70.63 | -42.97 |
| Big Onion (imported) | 70.00-100.00 | 81.82 | 73.18 | 58.39 | 8.64 | 11.81 | 23.43 | 40.13 |
| Big Onion (Local) | 75.00-110.00 | 92.04 | 76.55 | - | 15.49 | 20.23 | - | - |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Red Onion (Sinnan) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Red Onion (Vedalan) | 140.00-180.00 | 153.77 | 154.23 | 201.81 | -0.46 | -0.30 | -48.04 | -23.80 |
| Red Onion (Imported) | 100.00-160.00 | 127.51 | 122.83 | 215.49 | 4.69 | 3.81 | -87.98 | -40.83 |
| Big Onion (imported) | 80.00-120.00 | 106.54 | 91.96 | 95.39 | 14.58 | 15.86 | 11.15 | 11.69 |
| Big Onion (Local) | 100.00-140.00 | 112.10 | 104.56 | - | 7.54 | 7.21 | - | - |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: 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 | Dec 2016 | 33.03 | 81.82 | 106.54 | 48.78 | 24.72 |
| | Nov2016 | 38.35 | 73.18 | 91.96 | 34.82 | 18.78 |
| | Dec 2015 | 81.56 | 58.39 | 95.39 | -23.17 | 37.00 |
| Red onion | Dec 2016 | 58.71 | 93.73 | 127.51 | 35.02 | 33.78 |
| | Nov 2016 | 64.26 | 87.85 | 122.83 | 23.59 | 34.98 |
| | Dec 2015 | 109.09 | 164.36 | 215.49 | 55.27 | 51.13 |

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

Table 2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

| Crop | Quantity (mt.) | | Value (Rs. mn) | | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 |
| Red Onion | 2,737 | 22,36 | 160.68 | 143.66 | 58.71 | 64.26 |
| Big Onion | 20,737 | 7,742 | 685.03 | 296.93 | 33.03 | 38.35 |

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
July to December 2016**

| Month | Quantity Imported (mt) | CIF Price (Rs/kg) | Wholesale Price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg) |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| December | 20,737 | 33.03 | 81.82 | 106.54 | 73.51 |
| November | 7,742 | 38.35 | 73.18 | 91.96 | 53.60 |
| October | 4,193 | 35.88 | 67.89 | 84.79 | 48.91 |
| September | 8,889 | 28.69 | 64.14 | 92.01 | 63.32 |
| August | 20,830 | 29.35 | 62.47 | 87.07 | 57.72 |
| July | 19, 880 | 31.20 | 60.22 | 86.66 | 55.46 |

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2016/17 is 3,174 ha and about 1,344 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 42% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is low due to prevailed dry weather condition specially in the Badulla district. During this month about 614 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. According to the Department of Agriculture, compared to other OFCs, crop damages were not reported for potato due to drought. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 22,359 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,248 ha and about 466 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (37% progress). Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent is at high level during this *maha* season. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,712 ha in the Badulla district and about 761 ha have been cultivated by the end of December achieving 44% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at low level compared to the same period of last *maha* season due to drought condition. As the *yala* harvesting of potato was over in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in December.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (*Maha* 2016/17)

| District | Targeted Extent (ha) | | Achievement (ha) | | Progress (%) <i>Maha</i> 2016/17 | Expected Production (mt) |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | <i>Maha</i> 2015/16 | <i>Maha</i> 2016/17 | <i>Maha</i> 2015/16 | <i>Maha</i> 2016/17 | | |
| N'Eliya | 1,200 | 1,248 | 226 | 466 | 37 | 9,313 |
| Badulla | 1,637 | 1,712 | 1,257 | 761 | 44 | 11,412 |
| Sri Lanka | 2,993 | 3,174 | 1,620 | 1,344 | 42 | 22,359 |

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, *Maha* 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, *Maha* 2015/16, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 16,080 mt of potato had been imported in December which was 7,657 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been reduced up to Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 10/11/2016. Imported stocks were received from India, Pakistan and China. About 51% of the imported stocks were received from India during this month, followed by Pakistan (29%) and China (20%). Compared to December, 2015 (17,712 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.45.00/kg in December.

With regard to local potato, the stocks of Welimada potato were not available in the market due to end of the harvesting period and only stocks from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market. However, the supply of Nuwara Eliya potato was also at a low level. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 15% and 5% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.135.00/kg in December. The wholesale price of imported potato has decreased by 9% due to availability of ample stocks in the market, while the retail price has increased by 2%. During the month of December, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.120.00-160.00/kg and Rs.75.00-115.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of imported potato (30%) has increased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
July to December 2016**

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| December | 16080 | 725.50 | 45.12 | 122.79 | 77.67 |
| November | 8423 | 406.77 | 48.29 | 120.83 | 72.54 |
| October | 7631 | 253.58 | 33.23 | 113.77 | 80.54 |
| September | 4408 | 148.12 | 33.61 | 113.98 | 80.37 |
| August | 16445 | 476.69 | 28.99 | 115.55 | 86.56 |
| July | 14863 | 491.10 | 33.04 | 114.10 | 81.06 |

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Producer Prices (PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 125.00-145.00 | 134.67 | - | 92.75 | - | - | 41.92 | 45.20 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 125.00-140.00 | 130.75 | 110.90 | 105.70 | 19.85 | 17.90 | 25.05 | 23.70 |
| Imported – CIF | 28.20-67.14 | 45.12 | 48.29 | 35.33 | -3.17 | -6.57 | 9.79 | 27.71 |
| Wholesale Prices (WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | - | - | 107.78 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | 120.00-160.00 | 145.70 | 126.33 | 115.50 | 19.37 | 15.33 | 30.20 | 26.15 |
| Imported | 75.00-115.00 | 92.44 | 101.07 | 63.42 | -8.63 | -8.54 | 29.02 | 45.76 |
| Retail Prices (RP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | 140.00-160.00 | 140.00 | 138.82 | - | 1.19 | 0.85 | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | 160.00-220.00 | 177.13 | 169.46 | . | 7.67 | 4.53 | - | - |
| Imported | 110.00-160.00 | 122.79 | 120.83 | 94.48 | 1.96 | 1.62 | 28.31 | 29.96 |
| Gross Margin (RP-PP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | | 5.33 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | | 46.38 | 58.56 | - | -12.18 | -20.79 | - | - |
| Imported (CIF-RP) | | 77.67 | 72.54 | 59.15 | 5.13 | 7.08 | 18.52 | 31.31 |
| Gross Margin (RP -WP) | | | | | | | | |
| Welimada | | - | 31.04 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nuwara Eliya | | 31.43 | 43.13 | - | -11.69 | -27.11 | - | - |
| Imported | | 30.35 | 19.76 | 31.06 | 10.59 | 53.60 | -0.71 | -2.30 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of green gram for *maha* 2016/17 is 9,006 ha and out of which about 4,333 ha were cultivated by the end of December representing 48% of the total targeted extent. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is low due to prevailed drought weather condition. According to the Department of Agriculture, a total of 237 ha of green gram extents were damaged due to drought and high damages were reported in Mullaitivu (105 ha) and Kurunegala (60 ha) districts. During this month, new cultivation was at minimum level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of green gram is 2,948 mt for 2016/17 *maha* season. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 2,016 ha for *maha* 2016/17 and about 1,462 ha was cultivated by the end of December achieving higher progress (73%). In the Moneragala district, the targeted extent is 1,440 ha for this *maha* season and about 440 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving 31% of the targeted extent. In all three districts, the cultivated extents for this *maha* season were lower than that of last *maha* season.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 10,549 ha for *maha* 2016/17 and about 3,843 ha had been cultivated by the end of the month achieving 36% of the total targeted extent. Compared to *maha* 2015/16 season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is low. According to the Department of Agriculture, a total of 299 ha of cowpea extents were damaged due to drought and high damages were reported in Mullaitivu (88 ha), Batticaloa (85 ha) and Kurunegala (66 ha) districts. In December, about 1,212 ha of cowpea had been cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of cowpea for this *maha* season is 3,583 mt. The highest targeted extent for cowpea was recorded in the Ampara district as 4,271 ha for this *maha* season and about 648 ha was cultivated by the end of December. In the Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents were 1,356 ha and 459 ha for this *maha* season. By the end of December, about 756 ha and 301 ha were cultivated in the respective districts.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (Maha 2016/17)

| Crop | District | Targeted Ext. (ha) | | Achievement (ha) | | Crop Damages due to Drought (ha) | Progress (%) | Expected Production (mt) |
|------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | | <i>Maha</i> 2015/16 | <i>Maha</i> 2016/17 | <i>Maha</i> 2015/16 | <i>Maha</i> 2016/17 | | | |
| Green gram | Hambantota | 860 | 2,016 | 1,938 | 1,462 | - | 73 | 1,169 |
| | Kurunegala | 862 | 605 | 445 | 382 | 60 | 63 | 257 |
| | Moneragala | 1,455 | 1,440 | 873 | 440 | - | 31 | 220 |
| | Sri Lanka | 7,648 | 9,006 | 5,053 | 4,333 | 237 | 48 | 2,948 |
| Cowpea | Ampara | 1,690 | 4,271 | 427 | 648 | 7 | 15 | 961 |
| | Moneragala | 1,650 | 1,356 | 371 | 756 | - | 56 | 748 |
| | Kurunegala | 942 | 459 | 985 | 301 | 66 | 66 | 103 |
| | Sri Lanka | 8,905 | 10,549 | 4,140 | 3,843 | 299 | 36 | 3,583 |

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, Maha 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, Maha 2015/16, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 366 mt of green gram was imported in December and it was 333 mt decrease compared to that of November. The average CIF price was Rs.155.00/kg during this month. About 73% and 25% of the imports were received from Australia and Myanmar. Compared to December, 2015 (146 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was high during this month. The wholesale price of green gram has increased by 2% due to low stock position for local varieties, while the retail price has decreased by 2% during this month. In December, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.165.00-200.00/kg. The local stocks fetched low price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 11%.

A quantity of 332 mt of cowpea was imported in December, which was 197 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. About 78% of the imports were received from Madagascar and the rest was imported from Myanmar. The average CIF price was Rs.118.00/kg in December. Compared to December, 2015 (503 mt), the imported quantity of cowpea was lower during this month. With regard to cowpea, the wholesale price of white cowpea has not changed significantly while the retail price has decreased by 3%. Also, the wholesale price of red cowpea has not changed significantly, while the retail price has decreased by 3%. During the month of December, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00-210.00/kg and Rs.195.00-220.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea had decreased by 4% and 6% respectively.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
July to December 2016**

| Month | Quantity (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| December | 366 | 56.91 | 155.37 | 216.33 | 60.96 |
| November | 699 | 101.91 | 145.88 | 221.28 | 75.40 |
| October | 745 | 106.96 | 143.67 | 220.61 | 76.94 |
| September | 1,556 | 240.64 | 154.69 | 219.40 | 64.71 |
| August | 1,017 | 162.02 | 159.34 | 223.71 | 64.36 |
| July | 804 | 133.52 | 166.03 | 236.61 | 70.58 |

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
July to December 2016**

| Month | Quantity (mt) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| December | 332 | 39.03 | 117.74 | 246.82 | 129.08 |
| November | 529 | 62.11 | 117.42 | 254.48 | 137.06 |
| October | 491 | 55.48 | 112.91 | 249.59 | 136.68 |
| September | 982 | 105.56 | 107.47 | 249.48 | 142.01 |
| August | 709 | 81.26 | 114.65 | 253.77 | 139.12 |
| July | 683 | 75.82 | 111.08 | 255.50 | 144.42 |

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea - December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 165.00-200.00 | 182.15 | 178.29 | 183.58 | 3.85 | 2.16 | -1.43 | -0.78 |
| Cowpea (White) | 200.00-210.00 | 203.41 | 203.18 | 176.04 | 0.23 | 0.11 | 27.36 | 15.54 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 195.00-220.00 | 209.93 | 209.20 | 208.61 | 0.72 | 0.35 | 1.31 | 0.63 |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Green gram | 200.00-260.00 | 216.33 | 221.28 | 243.05 | -4.95 | -2.24 | -26.72 | -10.99 |
| Cowpea (White) | 220.00-280.00 | 246.82 | 254.48 | 257.34 | -7.66 | -3.01 | -10.52 | -4.09 |
| Cowpea (Red) | 220.00-280.00 | 242.69 | 250.21 | 258.84 | -7.53 | -3.01 | -16.16 | -6.24 |

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 | Dec 2016 | 155.37 | 182.15 | 216.33 | 26.78 | 34.18 |
| | Nov 2016 | 145.88 | 178.29 | 221.28 | 32.41 | 42.98 |
| | Dec 2015 | 191.45 | 183.58 | 243.05 | -7.88 | 59.48 |
| Cowpea (White) | Dec 2016 | 117.74 | 203.41 | 246.82 | 85.67 | 43.41 |
| | Nov 2016 | 117.42 | 203.18 | 254.48 | 85.76 | 51.30 |
| | Dec 2015 | 93.71 | 176.04 | 257.34 | 82.33 | 81.30 |
| Cowpea (Red) | Dec 2016 | - | 209.93 | 216.33 | - | 6.40 |
| | Nov 2016 | - | 209.20 | 221.28 | - | 12.07 |
| | Dec 2015 | - | 208.61 | 243.05 | - | 34.44 |

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 22,873 mt (18,147 mt of whole type and 4,726 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in December and it was 5,276 mt higher than the quantity imported in November. About 73% and 20% of the stocks of whole type had been received from Canada and Australia, while 99% of split type had been received from Canada. Compared to December, 2015 (21,861 mt), the imports of red dhal were high during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.120.00/kg in December.

During this month the wholesale price of red dhal has decreased by 3%, while the retail price has increased by 2%. The average wholesale price was Rs.156.00/kg in December. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal had increased slightly.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – December 2016

| Red Dhal | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Price | 150.00-168.00 | 156.46 | 160.71 | 164.73 | -4.25 | -2.64 | -8.26 | -5.02 |
| Retail Price | 160.00-190.00 | 176.77 | 173.53 | 175.96 | 3.23 | 1.86 | 0.80 | 0.46 |

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
July to December 2016**

| Month | Quantity (mt) | CIF Price Rs/kg | Wholesale price Rs/kg | Retail price Rs/kg | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | | | | | CIF-WP | WP-RP |
| December | 22873 | 120.28 | 156.46 | 176.77 | 36.18 | 20.30 |
| November | 17597 | 118.91 | 160.71 | 173.53 | 41.80 | 12.82 |
| October | 9475 | 127.21 | 162.59 | 173.66 | 35.38 | 11.07 |
| September | 9862 | 142.26 | 163.06 | 174.72 | 20.80 | 11.66 |
| August | 3736 | 150.57 | 161.19 | 172.34 | 10.62 | 11.15 |
| July | 9549 | 146.05 | 176.80 | 189.76 | 30.75 | 12.96 |

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

As the onset of northeast monsoon further delayed, commencement of the *Maha* season, particularly in the upcountry areas were affected. Yet, the season commenced with slow cultivation progress in all the major producing areas, using the water received by convective precipitation. In the meantime, continuation of the harvesting practices during the latter stage of the intermediate season was observed in both up and low country areas.

Regarding cultivation progress of the present *Maha* season, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts had reported about 59% and 69% crop progress for upcountry varieties at the end of December. Meanwhile in both Kandy and Matale districts, *Maha* season commenced relatively slowly, with the reported cultivation progress of 45% for upcountry varieties at the end of December. Further, 42%, 59% and 72% cultivation progress were noted for upcountry varieties in Jaffna, Kurunegala and Puttalam districts.

Except in Hambantota and Puttalam districts, all the other lowcountry areas reported low cultivation progress at the early stage of the *Maha* season, due to prolonged dry spell.

Anuradhapura, the most significant district for low country varieties, recorded only 51% cultivation progress at the end of December. Meantime, Monaragala, Jaffna and Kurunegala districts had recorded a 40%, 40% and 65% cultivation progress respectively, for low country varieties. However, cultivation progress in Hambantota and Puttalam districts noted as high as 100% and 84% respectively, due to high water availability at the onset of the season as a result of continuous convective precipitation.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

The total vegetable production of the Matale district in the month of December recorded a 18% decrease compared to last month, with the value of 3,108 mt. Further, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) also decreased by 13% compared last month, with the recorded value of 1,350 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of knolkhol, beetroot and carrot have increased, while prices of beans, leeks, and radish have decreased, compared to last month. The highest price increase was noted for knolkhol as 53%, followed by beetroot as 32% and carrot as 23%. As supplies from lowcountry areas such as Kurunegala and Puttalam decreased due to dry weather, prices of knolkhol and beetroot increased by a high margin. However, prices of beans, leeks and cabbage had decreased by 18%, 2% and 2% respectively, compared to last month. Dry weather induced the early maturity of bean pods, harvesting interval was shortened accordingly. As a result, bean supply dropped, so that prices had increased to Rs.177/kg during the last two weeks of the November. With the high supply from Badulla and Kandy districts, bean prices dropped slightly in December. Bean prices are expected to decrease further, with the commencement of early phase of the *Maha* harvesting season in Balangoda in January.

Due to gradual decrease in supply of lowcountry variety, prices of both tomato and capsicum had increased by 27% and 48% respectively, in December.

Meantime, prices of pumpkin, bittergourd, drumsticks, luffa and ash plantain had increased compared to last month due to slow progress in cultivation in lowcountry areas. The highest price increase was reported for drumsticks as 190%, followed by bitter gourd as 23% and pumpkin as 17%. Dry weather had improved the drumsticks harvest during last month, hence prices dropped to Rs.47.50/kg in November. With the ending of peak harvesting season for drumsticks, prices had increased by a significant margin, in December. In addition, prices of luffa and ash plantain had increased in the range of 6%-7%, compared to last month. However, prices of ladies' fingers, brinjal, cucumber, snake gourd and long beans had decreased due to commencement of the early phase of the *Maha* harvesting season in low country areas. The highest price decrease was noted for brinjal as 29% followed by both long beans and ladies fingers as 19%. Prices of cucumber and snakegourd had decreased in the range of 9%-16%.

Price of green chilies had increased by 70% due to low supply from Anuradhapura, Puttalam and Jaffna. However, price of lime had further decreased by 32% compared to last month, with the increased supply as a result of the prolonged dry period in Monaragala.

Retail prices of most of the vegetables also increased during December with the highest price increase reported for drumsticks as 148%.

Prices of both upcountry and lowcountry varieties of vegetables are expected to show a decreasing trend in the coming month with the commencement of the early phase of the *Maha* harvesting season.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 70.00-220.00 | 146.25 | 177.41 | 228.13 | -31.15 | -17.56 | -81.88 | -35.89 |
| Carrot | 70.00-130.0 | 86.04 | 69.90 | 221.00 | 16.15 | 23.10 | -134.96 | -61.07 |
| Leeks | 40.00-70.00 | 55.21 | 56.15 | 105.82 | -0.94 | -1.67 | -50.61 | -47.83 |
| Beetroot | 40.00-70.00 | 52.56 | 39.86 | 164.40 | 12.70 | 31.86 | -111.84 | -68.03 |
| Knolkhol | 50.00-90.00 | 63.96 | 41.81 | 127.81 | 22.16 | 53.00 | -63.85 | -49.96 |
| Radish | 20.00-50.00 | 39.48 | 39.48 | 62.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -23.26 | -37.07 |
| Cabbage | 10.00-25.00 | 17.42 | 17.86 | 118.17 | -0.43 | -2.42 | -100.75 | -85.26 |
| Tomato | 15.00-120.00 | 40.83 | 32.23 | 132.92 | 8.61 | 26.71 | -92.09 | -69.28 |
| Ladies Fingers | 25.00-60.00 | 43.34 | 53.68 | 106.73 | -10.35 | -19.28 | -63.40 | -59.40 |
| Brinjal | 20.00-70.00 | 38.04 | 53.21 | 118.54 | -15.18 | -28.52 | -80.51 | -67.91 |
| Capsicum | 100.00-180.00 | 154.17 | 103.96 | 335.13 | 50.21 | 48.30 | -180.96 | -54.00 |
| Pumpkin | 25.00-45.00 | 37.13 | 31.60 | 36.39 | 5.53 | 17.50 | 0.74 | 2.04 |
| Cucumber | 30.00-80.00 | 51.31 | 56.52 | 63.91 | -5.21 | -9.21 | -12.60 | -19.72 |
| Bittergourd | 140.00-200.00 | 173.20 | 140.72 | 150.56 | 32.48 | 23.08 | 22.64 | 15.04 |
| Snakegourd | 30.00-100.00 | 70.12 | 83.07 | 85.67 | -12.94 | -15.58 | -15.55 | -18.15 |
| Drumstick | 40.00-350.00 | 137.71 | 47.50 | 327.86 | 90.21 | 189.91 | -190.15 | -58.00 |
| Luffa | 70.00-150.00 | 112.67 | 106.67 | 94.86 | 6.00 | 5.63 | 17.81 | 18.77 |
| Long Beans | 30.00-140.00 | 86.35 | 106.04 | 125.55 | -19.69 | -18.57 | -39.20 | -31.22 |
| Ash Plantain | 50.00-70.00 | 59.22 | 55.59 | 68.29 | 3.63 | 6.53 | -9.07 | -13.29 |
| Green Chillies | 40.00-150.00 | 89.58 | 52.90 | 692.45 | 36.68 | 69.34 | -602.87 | -87.06 |
| Lime | 200.00-400.00 | 296.25 | 434.38 | 100.89 | -138.13 | -31.80 | 195.36 | 193.64 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Beans (green) | 120.00-320.00 | 204.61 | 238.66 | 303.08 | -34.05 | -14.27 | -98.48 | -32.49 |
| Carrot | 120.00-200.00 | 161.72 | 139.03 | 321.72 | 22.69 | 16.32 | -160.00 | -49.73 |
| Leeks | 80.00-200.00 | 127.82 | 131.60 | 196.72 | -3.78 | -2.87 | -68.90 | -35.02 |
| Beetroot | 70.00-200.00 | 124.58 | 114.71 | 263.88 | 9.87 | 8.60 | -139.31 | -52.79 |
| Knolkhol | 100.00-200.00 | 152.72 | 123.06 | 250.42 | 29.66 | 24.10 | -97.71 | -39.02 |
| Radish | 60.00-160.00 | 109.34 | 108.15 | 149.99 | 1.20 | 1.11 | -40.65 | -27.10 |
| Cabbage | 40.00-160.00 | 86.89 | 91.80 | 216.45 | -4.91 | -5.35 | -129.56 | -59.86 |
| Tomato | 40.00-200.00 | 89.50 | 82.69 | 212.07 | 6.81 | 8.23 | -122.57 | -57.80 |
| Ladies Fingers | 60.00-160.00 | 107.16 | 117.79 | 184.97 | -10.63 | -9.02 | -77.81 | -42.07 |
| Brinjal | 60.00-160.00 | 93.87 | 110.80 | 185.32 | -16.94 | -15.29 | -91.46 | -49.35 |
| Capsicum | 150.00-320.00 | 220.55 | 185.65 | 493.33 | 34.90 | 18.80 | -272.78 | -55.29 |
| Pumpkin | 50.00-120.00 | 90.74 | 89.48 | 94.48 | 1.25 | 1.40 | -3.75 | -3.96 |
| Cucumber | 60.00-160.00 | 117.63 | 114.19 | 129.11 | 3.44 | 3.01 | -11.48 | -8.89 |
| Bittergourd | 160.00-320.00 | 249.73 | 207.86 | 236.26 | 41.87 | 20.14 | 13.47 | 5.70 |
| Snakegourd | 80.00-240.00 | 147.47 | 150.44 | 162.44 | -2.97 | -1.97 | -14.97 | -9.21 |
| Drumstick | 120.00-800.00 | 344.22 | 138.76 | - | 205.46 | 148.07 | - | - |
| Luffa | 100.00-280.00 | 193.39 | 181.04 | 187.68 | 12.36 | 6.82 | 5.71 | 3.04 |
| Long Beans | 80.00-240.00 | 158.33 | 171.98 | 213.50 | -13.64 | -7.93 | -55.17 | -25.84 |
| Ash Plantain | 80.00-160.00 | 130.43 | 122.80 | 147.32 | 7.63 | 6.22 | -16.89 | -11.46 |
| Green Chillies | 80.00-300.00 | 204.50 | 169.59 | 984.54 | 34.92 | 20.59 | -780.04 | -79.23 |
| Lime | 400.00-800.00 | 638.05 | 858.18 | 350.07 | -220.13 | -25.65 | 287.98 | 82.26 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased due to increased demand with Christmas festival season. In order, the highest price increase was reported for papaw as 90% due to decrease in the supplies from Vavuniya, Anuradhapura and Thalawa areas. Secondly, a 51% price increase was reported for avocado with declined supplies due to end of the harvesting season. And, limited woodapple supplies received from Panamure, Beliatta and other producing areas. The price of woodapple also increased by 48%. Meanwhile, prices of all the varieties of banana have increased in the range of 4%-18% due to low supplies received from Embilipitiya, Godakawela and Jaffna areas and increase in the demand. With increase the supplies from Kurunegala, Puttalam, Embilipitiya price of mango (betti) has decreased by 30% and prices of all the other mango varieties have decreased in the range of 13%-18%. Further, price of orange has decreased by 16% because of low quality stocks reaching the market with end of the harvesting season. Further, prices of all the varieties of pineapple have decreased in the range of 3%-6% due to declined demand.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties expected to increase due to dry weather condition. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was noted for banana (seeni) as 92%. Of price increased fruit varieties in the retail market, the highest price increase was reported for avocado as 82% with declined supplies due to end of the harvesting season. Meanwhile, prices of papaw and woodapple have increased by 48% and 21% respectively.

Of price decreased fruit varieties in the retail market, the highest price decrease was reported for slimeapple as 18% due to increased supplies with harvesting season. And prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 11%-14%. Meanwhile, price of mango (vilad) has also decreased by 8%. Prices of all the varieties of banana have increased in the wholesale market whilst, at the retail level the prices of banana (ambul, kolikuttu and anamalu) have decreased due to low quality stocks reaching the market. In order, price of banana (kolikuttu and ambul) have decreased by 4% and 1% respectively.

According to market information, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties could be expected to increase in the coming month due to dry weather condition. Compared to same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for passionfruit as 87%.

According to table 4.3, all the prices have decreased for selected fruit varieties except papaw. In order, the highest price decrease was reported for pineapple as 15% and prices of banana (kolikuttu and ambul) have decreased by 5% and 4% respectively. However, price of papaw has increased by 85%.

Compared to the same period of last year, producer prices for all the selected fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for pineapple as 83%. According to market information, producer prices for selected fruit varieties could be expected to increase in the coming month.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to table 4.4, Rs.55.45mn worth of fruits (403.61 mt) have been exported in December. The highest export value has been earned from papaw (Rs.27.43mn). Compared to last month, the export value has decreased by Rs.8.55mn for this month.

Considering imports (table 4.5), Rs.653.59mn worth of fruits (apple, grapes, orange and mandarin) have been imported. As usual, the highest import expenditure has been reported for apple as Rs.294.98mn and 70% of them has been imported from China. Compared to the same period of last month, the import expenditure has decreased by Rs.56.91mn of this month.

Considering export and import values of selected fruit varieties, there was a negative trade balance (Rs.598mn) and this situation is expected to continue.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Rs/kg) | 50.00-120.00 | 74.93 | 63.61 | 39.75 | 11.32 | 17.79 | 35.18 | 88.50 |
| Kolikuttu (Rs/kg) | 140.00-200.00 | 160.75 | 156.21 | 141.81 | 4.54 | 2.91 | 18.94 | 13.36 |
| Seeni (Rs/kg) | 60.00-90.00 | 76.60 | 67.50 | 39.92 | 9.10 | 13.48 | 36.68 | 91.88 |
| Anamalu | 8.00-12.00 | 10.53 | 9.81 | 8.12 | 0.73 | 7.42 | 2.41 | 29.71 |
| Ambun | 13.00-18.00 | 15.44 | 14.79 | 10.72 | 0.65 | 4.41 | 4.72 | 44.05 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large | 200.00-260.00 | 228.73 | 235.24 | 125.93 | -6.51 | -2.77 | 102.80 | 81.63 |
| Medium | 150.00-200.00 | 178.53 | 188.76 | 105.98 | -10.24 | -5.42 | 72.55 | 68.45 |
| Small | 100.00-160.00 | 133.98 | 142.21 | 78.11 | -8.23 | -5.79 | 55.87 | 71.53 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti | 9.44-19.44 | 13.75 | 19.53 | 21.74 | -5.78 | -29.60 | -7.99 | -36.76 |
| Karthakolomban | 30.00-60.00 | 46.14 | 55.73 | 48.01 | -9.60 | -17.22 | -1.87 | -3.90 |
| Vilad | 13.88-23.00 | 18.67 | 21.48 | 23.48 | -2.81 | -13.08 | -4.81 | -20.49 |
| Kohu | 6.66-13.88 | 10.10 | 12.28 | - | -2.18 | -17.75 | - | - |
| Papaw (Rs/kg) | 70.00-120.00 | 99.25 | 52.29 | 67.78 | 46.96 | 89.82 | 31.47 | 46.43 |
| Passionfruit | 12.50-20.83 | 15.54 | 13.66 | 9.33 | 1.88 | 13.73 | 6.21 | 66.51 |
| Woodapple | 15.00-35.00 | 24.64 | 16.66 | 15.86 | 7.99 | 47.94 | 8.78 | 55.36 |
| Orange | 35.00-45.00 | 38.09 | 45.48 | 46.56 | -7.39 | -16.25 | -8.48 | -18.20 |
| Avocado | 75.00-112.50 | 90.13 | 59.74 | 58.63 | 30.39 | 50.87 | 31.50 | 53.73 |
| Slime Apple | 30.00-80.00 | 45.10 | 39.79 | 27.13 | 5.31 | 13.34 | 17.97 | 66.24 |
| Grapes Imported (Rs/kg) | 442.85-750.00 | 614.19 | 542.11 | 488.84 | 72.09 | 13.30 | 125.35 | 25.64 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Plantain | | | | | | | | |
| Ambul (Rs/kg) | 90.00-150.00 | 116.20 | 117.12 | 78.52 | -0.92 | -0.78 | 37.68 | 47.99 |
| Kolikuttu (Rs/kg) | 180.00-250.00 | 221.53 | 230.20 | 195.80 | -8.67 | -3.77 | 25.73 | 13.14 |
| Seeni (Rs/kg) | 90.00-130.00 | 109.48 | 104.61 | 79.33 | 4.86 | 4.65 | 30.15 | 38.00 |
| Anamalu | 15.00-30.00 | 20.43 | 20.45 | 17.42 | -0.03 | -0.13 | 3.01 | 17.25 |
| Ambun | 18.00-30.00 | 22.68 | 21.95 | 18.04 | 0.72 | 3.29 | 4.64 | 25.69 |
| Pineapple | | | | | | | | |
| Large | 250.00-320.00 | 288.98 | 327.57 | 174.52 | -38.59 | -11.78 | 114.46 | 65.59 |
| Medium | 200.00-260.00 | 221.76 | 249.50 | 129.78 | -27.75 | -11.12 | 91.98 | 70.87 |
| Small | 130.00-180.00 | 159.15 | 185.12 | 92.46 | -25.97 | -14.03 | 66.69 | 72.13 |
| Mango | | | | | | | | |
| Betti | 20.00-40.00 | 31.13 | 31.02 | 25.00 | 0.11 | 0.35 | 6.13 | 24.53 |
| Karthakolomban | 40.00-100.00 | 64.76 | 64.79 | 53.86 | -0.03 | -0.05 | 10.90 | 20.23 |
| Vilad | 20.00-60.00 | 39.68 | 42.94 | 51.89 | -3.27 | -7.60 | -12.22 | -23.54 |
| Kohu | 10.00-20.00 | 12.50 | - | 12.50 | - | - | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Papaw (Rs/kg) | 100.00-180.00 | 132.13 | 89.33 | 111.10 | 42.80 | 47.91 | 21.03 | 18.93 |
| Passionfruit | 20.00-37.50 | 29.11 | 24.09 | 15.54 | 5.02 | 20.84 | 13.57 | 87.32 |
| Woodapple | 30.00-80.00 | 45.67 | 30.95 | 34.20 | 14.72 | 47.54 | 11.47 | 33.52 |
| Orange | 50.00-90.00 | 66.92 | 73.50 | 74.19 | -6.58 | -8.95 | -7.27 | -9.80 |
| Avocado | 120.00-280.00 | 203.63 | 111.78 | 118.57 | 91.85 | 82.17 | 85.06 | 71.73 |
| Slime Apple | 40.00-100.00 | 62.67 | 76.17 | 72.06 | -13.49 | -17.72 | -9.39 | -13.03 |
| Grapes Imported (Rs/kg) | 650.00-1000 | 831.74 | 784.95 | 760.71 | 46.79 | 5.96 | 71.03 | 9.34 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Ambul | 40.00-62.50 | 47.69 | 49.81 | 28.74 | -2.13 | -4.27 | 18.95 | 65.93 |
| Kolikuttu | 125.00-147.50 | 132.83 | 139.73 | 103.50 | -6.90 | -4.94 | 29.33 | 28.34 |
| Papaw | 50.00-67.50 | 60.11 | 32.45 | 34.00 | 27.66 | 85.25 | 26.11 | 76.80 |
| Pineapple | 93.00-104.00 | 98.50 | 116.00 | 53.88 | -17.50 | -15.09 | 44.62 | 82.81 |

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits October– December 2016

| Type of Fruit | December | | | November | | | October | | |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | 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 | 111.69 | 24.73 | 221.46 | 105.80 | 21.50 | 203.18 | 99.94 | 25.55 | 255.65 |
| Papaw | 284.65 | 27.43 | 96.35 | 390.53 | 34.60 | 88.59 | 380.86 | 40.50 | 106.33 |
| Fresh Mango | 7.27 | 3.29 | 452.11 | 6.87 | 7.90 | 1150.26 | 10.15 | 2.71 | 266.94 |
| Avocado, fresh | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.04 | 0.02 | 427.45 |

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
October– December 2016**

| Type of Fruit | December | | | November | | | October | | |
|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | 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 | 2,196 | 294.98 | 134.34 | 3,365 | 421.59 | 125.30 | 3,433 | 415.21 | 120.94 |
| Grapes | 477 | 180.42 | 378.23 | 414 | 141.29 | 341.56 | 572 | 180.62 | 315.49 |
| Oranges | 550 | 78.78 | 143.35 | 652 | 91.18 | 139.93 | 524 | 67.89 | 129.54 |
| Mandarin | 2,195 | 99.41 | 45.28 | 873 | 56.44 | 64.62 | 631 | 41.19 | 65.31 |

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, fish supply had increased from the districts of Puttalam, Chillaw and Negambo and from the Southern coastal belt with the onset of the fishing season for coastal fisheries. However, off season for coastal fisheries in the Eastern coastal belt had resulted in limited stocks reaching the market from the Eastern coastal belt. Therefore, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased slightly at the wholesale level. The highest price decrease of 5% was noted for shrimp. Price decrease of 2% was observed for thalapath. Prices of mora and salaya had decreased by 1%. Further, price of balaya had also decreased. However, it was not a significant change. Meanwhile, prices of hurulla, thora, paraw and kelawalla had increased by 10%, 9%, 7% and 1% respectively. In the month of December, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.127.25–990.00/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, prices ranged between Rs.100.00–1,200.00/kg during the month. According to the data in previous years, fish prices could increase in the coming month due to the off season for coastal fisheries in the Eastern coastal belt. Compared to the same period of 2015, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased in the range of 2%-10% with the highest price decrease noted for both salaya and thora.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased in the range of 1%-12%. The highest price decrease was reported for salaya and the lowest price decrease was noted for mora. Price of balaya had decreased by 7% while, the price of hurulla had decreased by 5%. Further, price of shrimp had decreased by 2%. Meanwhile, prices of paraw and kelawalla had increased by 15% and 8% respectively while, the prices of thora and thalapath had increased by 5%. In the month of December, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.158.51–1,276.68/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, consumers had to pay Rs.120.00–1,900.00/kg when buying fresh fish during the month. Compared to the same period of 2015, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 5%-12% with the highest price increase noted for kelawalla.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wholesale Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 100.00-160.00 | 127.25 | 128.88 | 141.33 | -1.63 | -1.26 | -14.08 | -9.96 |
| Hurulla | 250.00-330.00 | 280.75 | 255.81 | 273.06 | 24.94 | 9.75 | 7.69 | 2.82 |
| Balaya | 250.00-350.00 | 291.88 | 292.75 | 313.41 | -0.88 | -0.30 | -21.54 | -6.87 |
| Kelawalla | 400.00-550.00 | 473.75 | 466.75 | 484.75 | 7.00 | 1.50 | -11.00 | -2.27 |
| Thora | 800.00-1200.00 | 990.00 | 907.79 | 1094.88 | 82.21 | 9.06 | -104.88 | -9.58 |
| Paraw | 450.00-600.00 | 516.00 | 480.20 | 526.00 | 35.81 | 7.46 | -10.00 | -1.90 |
| Mora | 450.00-550.00 | 488.06 | 494.57 | 482.86 | -6.52 | -1.32 | 5.19 | 1.08 |
| Shrimp (small) | 700.00-800.00 | 739.50 | 778.50 | 676.37 | -39.00 | -5.01 | 63.13 | 9.33 |
| Thalapath | 550.00-700.00 | 631.36 | 644.00 | 625.09 | -12.64 | -1.96 | 6.27 | 1.00 |
| Retail Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Salaya | 120.00-300.00 | 158.51 | 180.05 | 171.65 | -21.55 | -11.97 | -13.15 | -7.66 |
| Hurulla | 280.00-560.00 | 331.58 | 350.32 | 314.13 | -18.74 | -5.35 | 17.45 | 5.55 |
| Balaya | 280.00-800.00 | 401.65 | 432.83 | 402.01 | -31.18 | -7.20 | -0.36 | -0.09 |
| Kelawalla | 500.00-1080.00 | 800.11 | 741.10 | 714.13 | 59.01 | 7.96 | 85.98 | 12.04 |
| Thora | 1000.00-1900.00 | 1276.68 | 1219.78 | 1323.31 | 56.90 | 4.66 | -46.63 | -3.52 |
| Paraw | 500.00-1000.00 | 792.41 | 688.83 | 756.45 | 103.58 | 15.04 | 35.95 | 4.75 |
| Mora | 500.00-1000.00 | 630.63 | 635.56 | 597.95 | -4.93 | -0.78 | 32.68 | 5.47 |
| Shrimp (small) | 750.00-1300.00 | 883.49 | 906.00 | 797.44 | -22.51 | -2.48 | 86.05 | 10.79 |
| Thalapath | 600.00-1100.00 | 880.60 | 841.14 | 808.60 | 39.46 | 4.69 | 72.00 | 8.90 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of local dried fish were slightly improved than the previous month. The availability of imported stocks is also satisfactory. The wholesale prices of most of the dried fish have not shown a significant change against the previous month. However, the highest price increase of 7% was reported for local maduwa while the highest price decrease of 5% was reported for local balaya. Price of imported sprats has increased by 4% while the increase or decrease in the prices of other dried fish was insignificant. Stocks of koduwa and imported salaya were not available in the market. Compared to the same period of last year except for few varieties prices of most of the dried fish had increased in the range of 3% - 18% with the highest increase recorded for imported sprats.

Supplies local stocks were mainly from Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Puttalam, Kalpitiya, Mannar, Jaffna and Negambo areas. The main importing countries were India, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates and Thailand.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs a quantity of 2131mt of dried sprats was imported in December 2016. The total value of the imports was Rs.798mn. The quantity has increased by 35% against the previous month as it was an increase of 556mt. The imports in the previous month was the second lowest in last six months' period and it also caused a considerable increase. Out of the total imports about 98% was imported from Thailand while 1% from United Arab Emirates and rest of the stocks from Iran and India in few quantities. The CIF price ranged between Rs.112.90 – 377.75/kg and the average price was Rs.374.57/kg. The majority among the imports of 98%, that is 2094mt imported from Thailand fetched the highest CIF price of Rs.377.75/kg.

Considering retail market, the prices of all the other dried fish varieties except local sprats, thora and salaya have increased. The increase was 13% for maduwa and it was 5% for imported sprats.

Meanwhile, the prices of salaya, thora and local sprats have decreased. Prices of other dried fish remained more or less same as the previous month. Compared to the same period of the last year prices of all the other dried fish varieties except salaya had increased. The increase was significant for imported sprats, mora and kattawa.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| | Dec 016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Dried fish – Wholesale | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats | 800.00-1000.00 | 845.58 | 875.23 | 723.74 | -29.64 | -3.39 | 121.84 | 16.84 |
| Sprats (imported) | 400.00-500.00 | 458.22 | 440.11 | 386.80 | 18.10 | 4.11 | 71.42 | 18.46 |
| Kattawa | 700.00-820.00 | 774.95 | 773.92 | 767.92 | 1.04 | 0.13 | 7.03 | 0.92 |
| Kattawa (imported) | 680.00-800.00 | 724.73 | 738.25 | 756.25 | -13.53 | -1.83 | -31.53 | -4.17 |
| Thora | 850.00-1100.00 | 985.62 | 991.25 | 1,038.96 | -5.63 | -0.57 | -53.34 | -5.13 |
| Thora (imported) | 900.00-1100.00 | 1,007.91 | 1,028.25 | 1,006.80 | -20.34 | -1.98 | 1.10 | 0.11 |
| Mora | 750.00-850.00 | 815.83 | 817.05 | 820.43 | -1.21 | -0.15 | -4.60 | -0.56 |
| Mora (imported) | 600.00-820.00 | 752.78 | 747.00 | 732.55 | 5.78 | 0.77 | 20.24 | 2.76 |
| Balaya | 350.00-480.00 | 405.43 | 426.50 | 481.00 | -21.07 | -4.94 | -75.57 | -15.71 |
| Balaya (imported) | 300.00-550.00 | 422.43 | 410.75 | 457.00 | 11.68 | 2.84 | -34.57 | -7.56 |
| Anguluwa | 650.00-850.00 | 772.44 | 755.59 | 671.14 | 16.85 | 2.23 | 101.30 | 15.09 |
| Anguluwa (imported) | 600.00-800.00 | 707.39 | 717.44 | 666.50 | -10.06 | -1.40 | 40.89 | 6.13 |
| Maduwa | 450.00-640.00 | 560.45 | 523.14 | 516.71 | 37.32 | 7.13 | 43.75 | 8.47 |
| Maduwa (imported) | 380.00-460.00 | 426.67 | 440.75 | 445.31 | -14.08 | -3.20 | -18.65 | -4.19 |
| Koduwa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Koduwa(imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Salaya | 200.00-450.00 | 280.94 | 275.00 | 266.68 | 5.94 | 2.16 | 14.26 | 5.35 |
| Salaya (imported) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dried fish – Retail | | | | | | | | |
| Sprats(imported) | 410.00-800.00 | 587.29 | 559.02 | 511.60 | 28.27 | 5.06 | 75.69 | 14.80 |
| Sprats | 700.00-1200.00 | 906.64 | 946.76 | 867.94 | -40.13 | -4.24 | 38.70 | 4.46 |
| Kattawa | 980.00-1500.00 | 1,136.26 | 1,118.29 | 1,036.92 | 17.97 | 1.61 | 99.34 | 9.58 |
| Thora | 950.00-2000.00 | 1,325.43 | 1,373.56 | 1,294.33 | -48.13 | -3.50 | 31.10 | 2.40 |
| Mora | 800.00-1300.00 | 1,030.83 | 1,024.10 | 931.97 | 6.73 | 0.66 | 98.86 | 10.61 |
| Balaya | 480.00-1000.00 | 840.88 | 822.63 | 823.77 | 18.25 | 2.22 | 17.11 | 2.08 |
| Anguluwa | 650.00-1200.00 | 966.25 | 954.44 | 909.39 | 11.81 | 1.24 | 56.86 | 6.25 |
| Maduwa | 480.00-900.00 | 736.96 | 652.90 | 690.91 | 84.06 | 12.87 | 46.05 | 6.66 |
| Koduwa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Salaya | 340.00-600.00 | 494.17 | 544.87 | 521.97 | -50.70 | -9.30 | -27.80 | -5.33 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – July to December 2016

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| December | 2,131 | 798.09 | 374.57 | 587.29 | 212.72 |
| November | 1,575 | 576.71 | 366.13 | 559.02 | 192.89 |
| October | 1,835 | 686.09 | 373.91 | 535.18 | 161.27 |
| September | 1,938 | 737.83 | 380.65 | 539.16 | 158.51 |
| August | 2,017 | 732.78 | 363.30 | 534.75 | 171.44 |
| July | 1,450 | 532.11 | 367.05 | 622.10 | 255.05 |

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

Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 4% at the wholesale level due to the high demand for eggs during the festive season. However, a declining trend in prices was observed at the latter part of the month. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were

Rs.14.04/egg and Rs.13.54/egg respectively. In addition, the wholesale price range of a brown egg was Rs.12.50 – 14.70 and it was Rs.12.00 – 14.20 per white egg. The high demand prevailed in the festive season will go down in the coming weeks and therefore, it can be expected that egg prices could decrease in the coming month. Compared to the same period of 2015, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 8% and 5% respectively.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, price of both brown and white eggs had increased by 6% and 7% respectively at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg were Rs.15.85 and Rs.14.97 respectively. Further, price ranges at the retail market were observed as Rs.13.00–17.00/brown egg and Rs.12.50–16.00/white egg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased slightly by less than 1%.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | Rs | % | Rs | % |
| Wholesale Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs – Brown (each) | 12.50-14.70 | 14.04 | 13.53 | 15.20 | 0.51 | 3.75 | -1.16 | -7.65 |
| White (each) | 12.00-14.2 | 13.54 | 13.03 | 14.20 | 0.51 | 3.89 | -0.66 | -4.67 |
| Retail Price | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs- Brown (each) | 13.00-17.00 | 15.85 | 14.93 | 15.94 | 0.92 | 6.18 | -0.09 | -0.56 |
| White (each) | 12.50-16.00 | 14.97 | 14.00 | 15.01 | 0.97 | 6.93 | -0.04 | -0.28 |

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The price of chicken has decreased significantly due to high supplies. Price of broiler chicken has decreased by Rs.30.00/kg while curry chicken has decreased by Rs.27.00/kg. Meanwhile the price of mutton has increased by Rs.37.58/kg. Prices of beef and pork have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year prices of chicken and pork had decreased while the prices of beef and mutton had increased.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Meat | | | | | | | | |
| Beef (without bones) | 850.00-860.00 | 852.58 | 845.44 | 737.25 | 7.14 | 0.84 | 115.33 | 15.64 |
| Chicken (Broiler) | 400.00-540.00 | 474.02 | 503.98 | 506.49 | -29.96 | -5.94 | -32.47 | -6.41 |
| Chicken (curry) | 400.00-540.00 | 459.33 | 486.79 | 475.84 | -27.46 | -5.64 | -16.51 | -3.47 |
| Mutton | 1,600.00-1,800.00 | 1,664.72 | 1,627.15 | 1,533.26 | 37.58 | 2.31 | 131.46 | 8.57 |
| Pork | 550.00-680.00 | 558.00 | 560.00 | 609.13 | -2.00 | -0.36 | -51.13 | -8.39 |

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantity of wheat grain has shown an increase because it was low in the previous month. A quantity of 158,836mt of wheat grain was imported in December and the total value of the imports was Rs.5,798mn. The average CIF price was Rs.36.50/kg and has not changed against the previous month.

Among the imported stocks 70%, that is 111,162mt consisted of Canadian wheat grains. Another 21% from Russia, 6% from the United States of America and the rest were imported from Denmark, Australia and India. The CIF price remained in the range of Rs.30.34-54.64/kg. The lowest price was recorded for Russian wheat grains while the highest price was recorded for Indian wheat grains which was imported only a few quantities. The majority imported from Canada fetched the price of Rs.38.39/kg.

The imported quantity of wheat flour has shown a significant increase in December. A quantity of 530mt valued at Rs.34.2mn was imported. The average CIF price was Rs.64.47/kg recording an increase of Rs.2.38/kg against the previous month.

The retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-96.00/kg in December and the average price was Rs.89.10/kg. The retail price has increased by 1% against the previous month and it had increased by 3% when compared to the same period of last year.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – December 2016

| Items | Price Range | Average | | | Change Compared to | | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|------|----------|------|
| | Dec 2016 | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | Dec 2015 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2015 | |
| | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | Rs/kg | % | Rs/kg | % |
| Wheat Flour | 85.00-96.00 | 89.10 | 88.54 | 86.43 | 0.56 | 0.63 | 2.67 | 3.09 |
| Sugar | 92.00-100.00 | 97.68 | 96.90 | 90.86 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 6.82 | 7.51 |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – July to December 2016

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wheat Flour | | | | | |
| December | 530 | 34.16 | 64.47 | 89.10 | 24.63 |
| November | 303 | 18.78 | 62.09 | 88.76 | 26.68 |
| October | 415 | 28.18 | 67.89 | 88.54 | 20.65 |
| September | 343 | 23.20 | 67.58 | 88.83 | 21.25 |
| August | 466 | 31.91 | 68.47 | 88.36 | 19.89 |
| July | | | | | |
| Wheat Grain | | | | | |
| December | 158,836 | 5,798.21 | 36.50 | 89.10 | 52.60 |
| November | 53,288 | 1,943.65 | 36.47 | 88.76 | 52.29 |
| October | 92,011 | 3,404.27 | 37.00 | 88.54 | 51.54 |
| September | 283,151 | 9,800.44 | 34.61 | 88.83 | 54.22 |
| August | 144,684 | 5,323.20 | 36.79 | 88.36 | 51.57 |
| July | 83,907 | 2,960.61 | 35.28 | 91.44 | 56.16 |

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

Sugar

The lowest imports in year 2016 was recorded in January that is 22394mt and after that the second lowest of the year reported in December. Total quantity of 22394mt valued at Rs.2,626mn of sugar was imported. Considering CIF prices of sugar, it remained in the range of Rs.88.07-110.23/kg and the average CIF price was Rs.89.13/kg. The highest quantity was imported from Brazil fetched the lowest CIF price while a small quantity of only 134mt imported from Korea fetched the highest CIF price.

The government imposed the special commodity levy of Rs.7.00/kg for sugar with the effect from 15th November 2016 and the continual increase of world sugar prices led to a significant decrease of imported quantity in November and December. In line with that the retail price of sugar in local market began to increase. Price has increased by cents 80/kg against the previous month and it is

expected to further increase the next month. Compared to same period of last year the retail price had increased by 8%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- July to December 2016

| Month | Quantity (mt.) | Value (Rs.mn) | CIF price (Rs/kg) | Retail Price (Rs/kg) | Gross Margin (Rs/kg) |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| December | 29,466 | 2,626.34 | 89.13 | 97.68 | 8.55 |
| November | 38,488 | 3,468.25 | 90.11 | 97.57 | 7.46 |
| October | 81,791 | 7,289.01 | 89.12 | 96.90 | 7.78 |
| September | 62,330 | 5,240.26 | 84.07 | 95.23 | 11.15 |
| August | 75,713 | 6,151.29 | 81.25 | 94.90 | 13.65 |
| July | 46,482 | 3,602.80 | 77.51 | 95.54 | 18.03 |

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items - December 2016

| Items | Quantity (mt) | | % Change Compared to last month | Value (Rs. mn) | | % Change Compared to last month | CIF (Rs/kg) | | % Change Compared to last month |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | | Dec 2016 | Nov 2016 | |
| Rice | 2,697 | 1,887 | 43 | 247.3 | 143.3 | 73 | 91.73 | 75.97 | 21 |
| Red Onion | 2,737 | 2,236 | 22 | 160.7 | 143.7 | 12 | 58.71 | 64.26 | -9 |
| Big Onion | 20,737 | 7,742 | 168 | 685.0 | 296.9 | 131 | 33.03 | 38.35 | -14 |
| Potato | 16,080 | 8,423 | 91 | 725.5 | 406.8 | 78 | 45.12 | 48.29 | -7 |
| Dried Chillies | 3,928 | 4,364 | -10 | 800.1 | 1,038.8 | -23 | 203.68 | 238.03 | -14 |
| Masoor Dhal | 22,873 | 17,597 | 30 | 2,751.3 | 2,092.5 | 31 | 120.28 | 118.91 | 1 |
| Green Gram | 366 | 699 | -48 | 56.9 | 101.9 | -44 | 155.37 | 145.88 | 7 |
| Cowpea | 332 | 529 | -37 | 39.0 | 62.1 | -37 | 117.74 | 117.42 | 0 |
| Garlic | 1,991 | 1,814 | 10 | 610.7 | 544.6 | 12 | 306.70 | 300.24 | 2 |
| Wheat flour | 530 | 303 | 75 | 34.2 | 18.8 | 82 | 64.47 | 62.09 | 4 |
| Wheat grain | 158,836 | 53,288 | 198 | 5,798.2 | 1,943.7 | 198 | 36.50 | 36.47 | 0 |
| White crystalline cane sugar | 29,466 | 38,488 | -23 | 2,626.3 | 3,468.2 | -24 | 89.13 | 90.11 | -1 |
| Maize (Seed) | 1 | 51 | -99 | 0.9 | 31.8 | -97 | 1,739.11 | 623.56 | 179 |
| Maize (Other) | 3,285 | 50 | - | 120.0 | 5.3 | - | 36.54 | 105.20 | - |
| Sprats, dried unsalted | 2,131 | 1,575 | 35 | 798.1 | 576.7 | 38 | 374.57 | 366.13 | 2 |

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

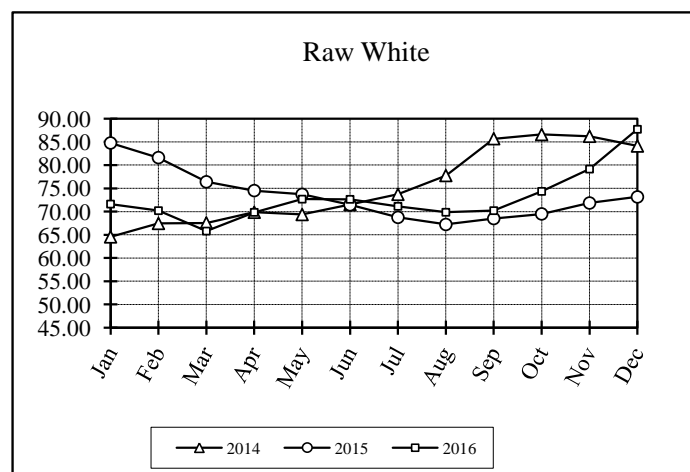
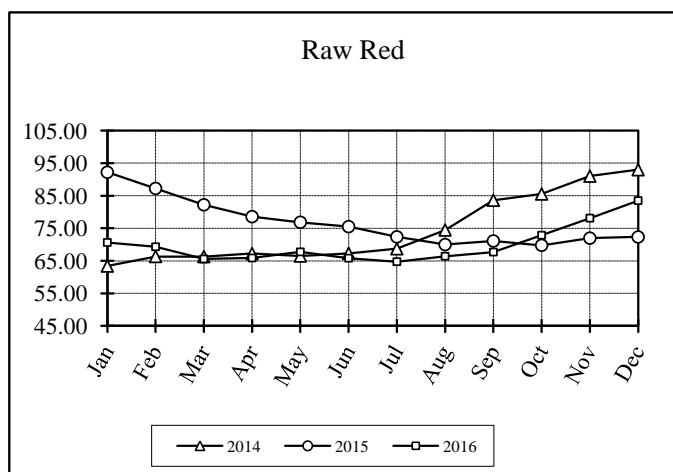
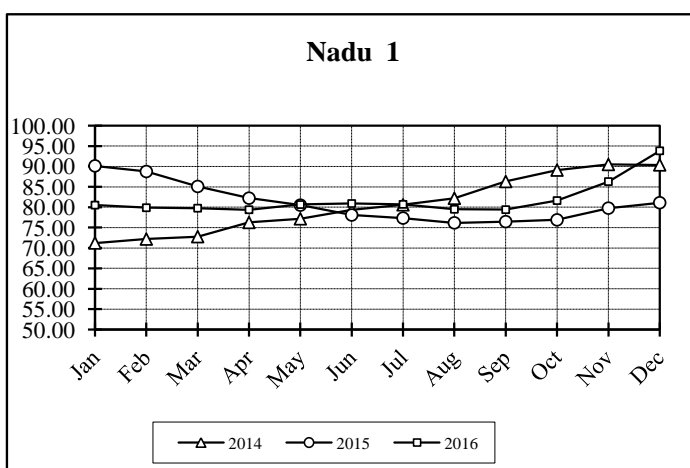
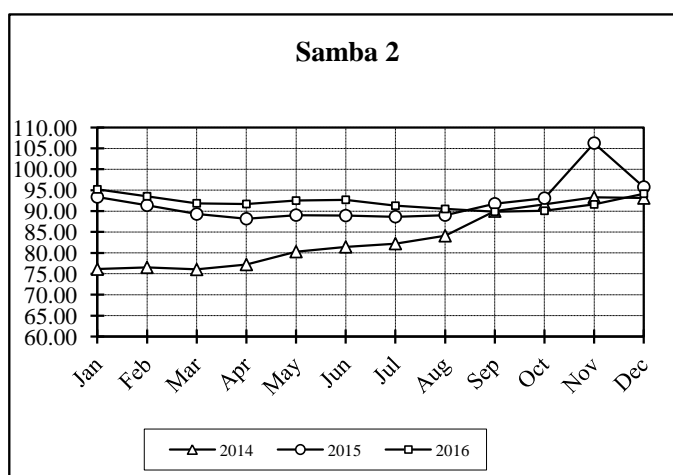
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – December 2016

| Rainfall Station | Total Rainfall (mm) | 30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm) | Total Rainy Days | 30 Year Average Rainy Days |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Anuradhapura | 66.1 | 76.6 | 7 | 6 |
| Badulla | 104.6 | 150.2 | 12 | 12 |
| Bandarawela | 41.4 | 99.1 | 11 | 10 |
| Batticaloa | 130.2 | 203.5 | 10 | 11 |
| Colombo | 165.1 | 56.3 | 6 | 5 |
| Galle | 63.4 | 82.4 | 12 | 8 |
| Hambantota | 103.5 | 53.3 | 8 | 5 |
| Jaffna | 121.2 | 67.1 | 5 | 4 |
| Katugastota | 60.5 | 76.8 | 9 | 6 |
| Katunayaka | 34.6 | 44.3 | 3 | 4 |
| Kurunegala | 26.9 | 54.6 | 7 | 4 |
| Mahailuppallama | 43.4 | 67.5 | 8 | 6 |
| Mannar | 59.8 | 37.5 | 6 | 4 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 52.7 | 97.4 | 12 | 8 |
| Pottuvil | 39.4 | 279.1 | 9 | na |
| Puttalam | 12.2 | 48.5 | 7 | 4 |
| Ratmalana | 167.2 | 67.1 | 8 | 5 |
| Ratnapura | 163.9 | 107.5 | 8 | 9 |
| Trincomalee | 81.1 | 112.0 | 11 | 7 |
| Vavuniya | 89.2 | 81.5 | 8 | 6 |
| Polonnaruwa | 144.7 | na | 11 | na |
| Moneragala | 99.0 | na | 8 | na |
| Mattala | 103.2 | na | 11 | na |

Source: Department of Meteorology

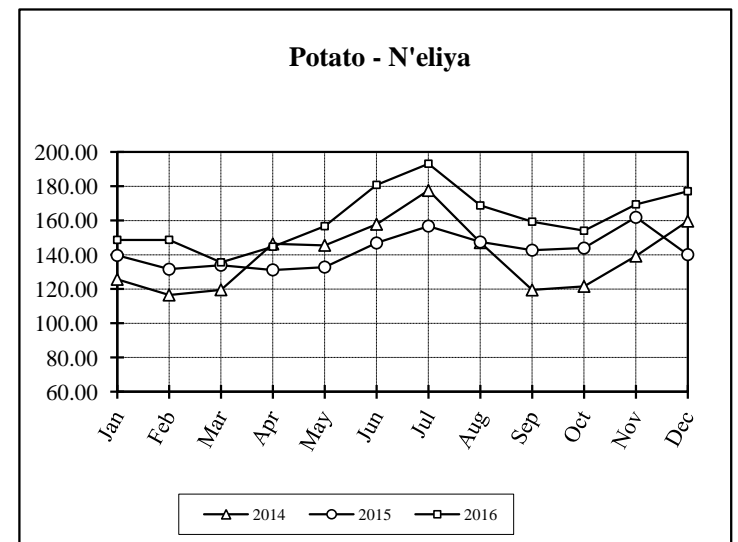
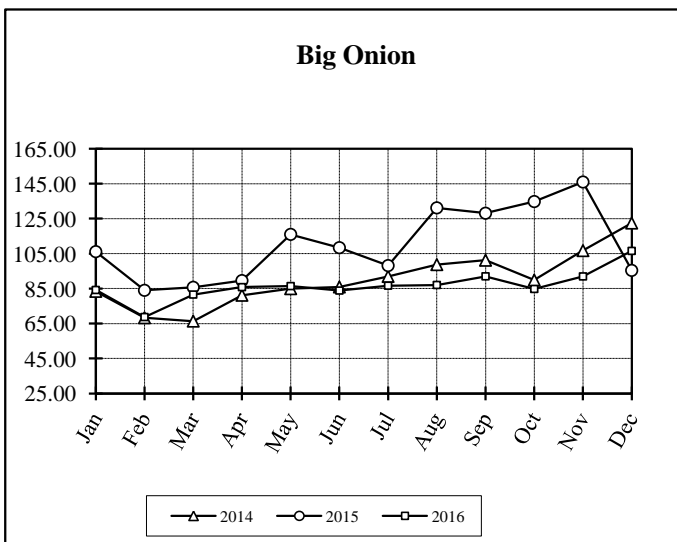
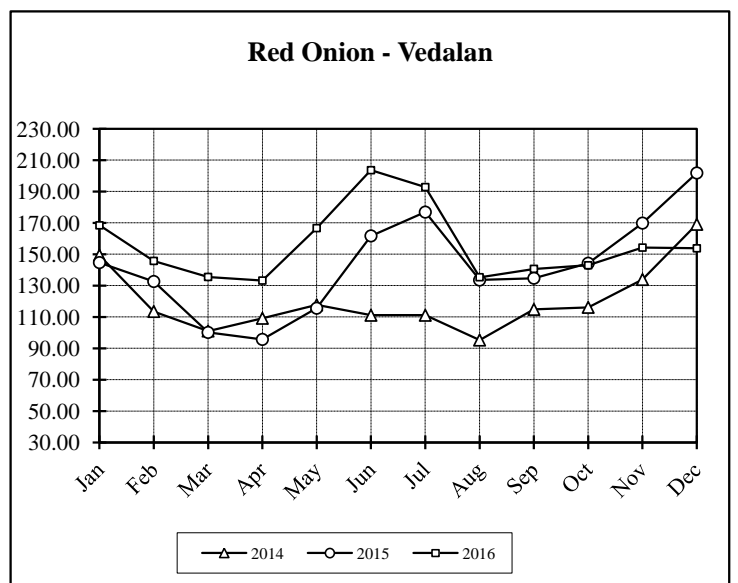
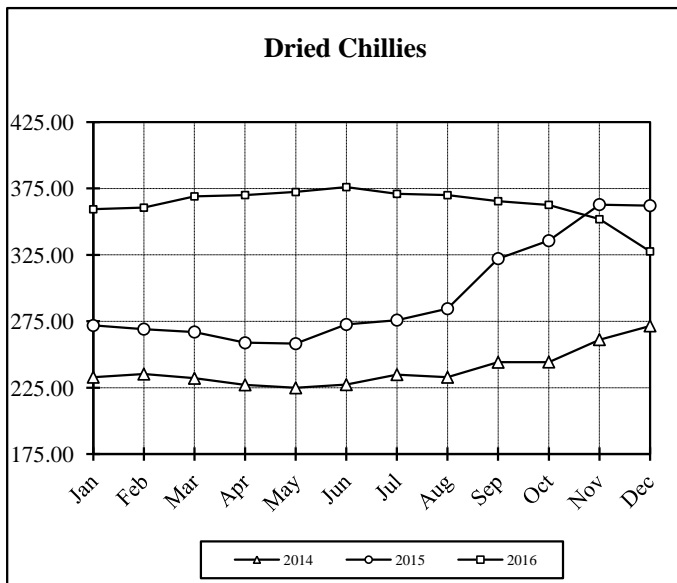
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

| Month | Samba 2 | | | Nadu 1 | | | Raw Red | | | Raw White | | |
|-------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Jan | 76.11 | 93.38 | 95.20 | 71.22 | 90.13 | 80.51 | 63.39 | 92.21 | 70.64 | 64.54 | 84.76 | 71.61 |
| Feb | 76.54 | 91.39 | 93.55 | 72.18 | 88.75 | 79.87 | 66.32 | 87.23 | 69.32 | 67.44 | 81.61 | 70.19 |
| Mar | 76.04 | 89.30 | 91.87 | 72.77 | 85.09 | 79.76 | 66.29 | 82.21 | 65.58 | 67.56 | 76.40 | 65.80 |
| Apr | 77.22 | 88.17 | 91.70 | 76.26 | 82.22 | 79.38 | 67.23 | 78.56 | 65.88 | 69.84 | 74.51 | 69.83 |
| May | 80.30 | 89.04 | 92.51 | 77.15 | 80.50 | 80.65 | 66.48 | 76.85 | 67.75 | 69.36 | 73.70 | 72.67 |
| Jun | 81.44 | 88.93 | 92.71 | 79.33 | 78.08 | 80.90 | 67.30 | 75.50 | 65.82 | 71.50 | 71.45 | 72.63 |
| Jul | 82.22 | 88.66 | 91.28 | 80.59 | 77.33 | 80.69 | 68.70 | 72.36 | 64.74 | 73.70 | 68.75 | 71.13 |
| Aug | 84.09 | 89.04 | 90.51 | 82.18 | 76.16 | 79.49 | 74.47 | 69.99 | 66.41 | 77.75 | 67.22 | 69.85 |
| Sep | 89.99 | 91.75 | 89.85 | 86.30 | 76.46 | 79.40 | 83.61 | 71.10 | 67.70 | 85.68 | 68.49 | 70.19 |
| Oct | 91.63 | 93.10 | 90.08 | 89.10 | 76.89 | 81.62 | 85.52 | 69.77 | 72.86 | 86.58 | 69.49 | 74.34 |
| Nov | 93.32 | 106.27 | 91.60 | 90.47 | 79.77 | 86.28 | 91.02 | 71.96 | 78.12 | 86.20 | 71.84 | 79.14 |
| Dec | 93.12 | 95.76 | 94.16 | 90.37 | 81.10 | 93.83 | 92.98 | 72.33 | 83.50 | 84.10 | 73.15 | 87.71 |



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

| Month | Dried Chillies | | | Red Onion | | | Big Onion | | | Potato - N'eliya | | |
|-------|----------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Jan | 232.90 | 271.85 | 359.36 | 149.35 | 144.64 | 168.42 | 83.40 | 106.11 | 84.20 | 125.68 | 139.63 | 148.73 |
| Feb | 235.25 | 269.09 | 360.56 | 113.49 | 132.59 | 145.71 | 68.30 | 83.99 | 68.73 | 116.52 | 131.58 | 148.75 |
| Mar | 232.07 | 266.95 | 369.06 | 101.03 | 100.10 | 135.49 | 66.39 | 85.73 | 81.58 | 119.57 | 133.91 | 135.62 |
| Apr | 227.14 | 258.81 | 370.07 | 109.14 | 95.65 | 133.19 | 81.18 | 89.56 | 85.83 | 146.34 | 131.19 | 144.75 |
| May | 224.87 | 258.15 | 372.34 | 117.65 | 115.55 | 166.64 | 84.92 | 115.99 | 86.42 | 145.56 | 132.82 | 156.73 |
| Jun | 227.29 | 272.61 | 376.04 | 111.07 | 161.67 | 203.59 | 85.92 | 108.39 | 83.87 | 157.84 | 146.91 | 180.84 |
| Jul | 234.85 | 275.90 | 370.97 | 111.07 | 176.85 | 192.81 | 91.93 | 98.14 | 86.66 | 177.57 | 156.77 | 193.18 |
| Aug | 232.85 | 284.48 | 369.99 | 95.25 | 133.51 | 135.32 | 98.70 | 131.16 | 87.07 | 147.11 | 147.47 | 168.81 |
| Sep | 244.16 | 322.19 | 365.44 | 114.80 | 134.69 | 140.64 | 101.20 | 128.09 | 92.01 | 119.46 | 142.68 | 159.34 |
| Oct | 244.33 | 335.70 | 362.69 | 116.12 | 144.23 | 142.94 | 89.85 | 134.76 | 84.79 | 121.58 | 143.91 | 154.06 |
| Nov | 261.19 | 362.89 | 351.86 | 133.87 | 169.84 | 154.23 | 106.71 | 145.93 | 91.96 | 139.24 | 161.86 | 169.46 |
| Dec | 271.53 | 362.08 | 327.65 | 169.07 | 201.81 | 153.77 | 122.46 | 95.39 | 106.54 | 159.65 | 140.10 | 177.13 |



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

December 2016

| 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>Paddy</u> | | | | | <u>Potato</u> | | | | | <u>Leeks</u> | | | | |
| <u>Short grain</u> | | | | | N'Eliya | 128.00 | 132.00 | 136.00 | 127.00 | Welimada | | | | |
| A'pura | 45.60 | 46.20 | 47.60 | 47.40 | Badulla | 135.00 | 94.00 | 142.00 | 126.00 | N'Eliya | 52.00 | 43.00 | 43.00 | 43.00 |
| P'naruwa | 47.95 | 48.60 | 50.75 | 51.00 | Welimada | 129.00 | 137.00 | | 138.00 | | | | | |
| Kalawewa | | | | | <u>Pulses</u> | | | | | <u>Beetroot</u> | | | | |
| Kurunegala | | | | | <u>Green Gram</u> | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | | |
| Dehiattakandiya | 47.83 | 48.33 | 49.83 | 50.83 | Galgamuwa | | | | | N'Eliya | 52.00 | 42.00 | 42.00 | 37.00 |
| Ampara | 48.80 | 48.80 | 50.80 | 51.10 | Kalawewa | | | | | Dambulla | 41.60 | 42.20 | 37.00 | 39.60 |
| <u>Long grain (White)</u> | | | | | Embilipitiya | 142.40 | 146.40 | 153.40 | 153.40 | Kurunegala | | | | |
| A'pura | 46.20 | 47.20 | 48.20 | 48.20 | Kurunegala | | | | | Welimada | 50.00 | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| P'naruwa | 47.50 | 47.95 | 49.35 | 49.70 | A'pura | | | | | <u>Knokhol</u> | | | | |
| Kalawewa | | | | | <u>Cowpea</u> | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | | |
| Kurunegala | | | | | A'pura | | | | | N'Eliya | 62.00 | 62.00 | 52.00 | 52.00 |
| Dehiattakandiya | 47.75 | 49.00 | 50.16 | 50.83 | Galgamuwa | | | | | Welimada | 79.00 | 78.00 | | 70.00 |
| Embilipitiya | 46.60 | 48.40 | 49.60 | 49.60 | Nikaweratiya | | | | | <u>Radish</u> | | | | |
| Ampara | 46.70 | 47.80 | 48.80 | 49.40 | Kalawewa | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | | |
| Matara | 41.33 | 41.33 | 45.67 | 46.33 | Embilipitiya | 177.00 | 180.00 | 180.00 | 180.00 | N'Eliya | 27.00 | 27.00 | 14.20 | 14.20 |
| Hambantota | | | | | Kurunegala | | | | | Welimada | 27.00 | 18.00 | | 9.00 |
| <u>Long grain (Red)</u> | | | | | <u>Maize</u> | | | | | <u>Cabbage</u> | | | | |
| Matara | 40.67 | 40.67 | 43.33 | 43.67 | A'Pura | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | | |
| Hambantota | 46.50 | 47.50 | 49.50 | 48.00 | Kalawewa | | | | | N'Eliya | 14.20 | 19.60 | 15.20 | 8.40 |
| Ampara | 44.40 | 46.10 | 47.00 | 47.40 | <u>Gingelly</u> | | | | | Welimada | 9.00 | 9.00 | | 9.00 |
| Embilipitiya | 43.30 | 46.60 | 47.60 | 48.40 | A'Pura | | | | | Hambantota | | | | |
| <u>Other Food Crop</u> | | | | | Kalawewa | | | | | Badulla | 16.00 | 13.60 | 12.00 | 13.00 |
| <u>Dried Chillies</u> | | | | | <u>Black Gram</u> | | | | | <u>Tomato</u> | | | | |
| A'Pura | | | | | Kalawewa | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | | |
| Galgamuwa | | | | | A'Pura | | | | | Welimada | 20.00 | 20.00 | | 73.00 |
| Kalawewa | | | | | <u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u> | | | | | Hambantota | | | | |
| <u>Red Onion</u> | | | | | <u>Beans</u> | | | | | Dambulla | 22.80 | 20.00 | 27.60 | 55.00 |
| Puttalam | 86.00 | 93.00 | 100.00 | 105.00 | Dambulla | 186.00 | 114.00 | 52.40 | 86.40 | <u>Low Country</u> | | | | |
| <u>Big Onion</u> | | | | | Welimada | 176.00 | 161.00 | | 119.00 | <u>Ladies Fingers</u> | | | | |
| Dambulla | 68.90 | 75.40 | 81.20 | 71.80 | Badulla | | | | | A'pura | 40.00 | 35.00 | 28.33 | 28.33 |
| Kalawewa | | | | | <u>Carrot</u> | | | | | Dambulla | 34.80 | 20.60 | 21.00 | 28.80 |
| A'Pura | | | | | Hanguranketha | | | | | Hambantota | 35.00 | 27.50 | 27.50 | 32.50 |
| Kurunegala | | | | | N'Eliya | 77.00 | 93.40 | 72.00 | 72.00 | Embilipitiya | 38.40 | 34.00 | 24.40 | 24.40 |
| | | | | | Welimada | 63.00 | 60.00 | | 66.00 | Matara | | 49.33 | 38.33 | 35.00 |

Appendix 03: contd.....

| Commodity | 1st Week | 2nd Week | 3rd Week | 4th Week | Commodity | 1st Week | 2nd Week | 3rd Week | 4th Week | Commodity | 1st Week | 2nd Week | 3rd Week | 4th Week | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| <u>Brinjals</u> | | | | | <u>Pumpkin</u> | | | | | <u>Lime</u> | | | | | |
| A'pura | 41.67 | 31.67 | 25.00 | 35.00 | Dambulla | 28.80 | 25.60 | 31.20 | 33.00 | Hambantota | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 | 175.00 | |
| Dambulla | 29.60 | 22.00 | 14.60 | 22.20 | Hambantota | 35.00 | 32.50 | 22.50 | 27.50 | Embilipitiya | 320.00 | 338.00 | 338.00 | | |
| Hambantota | 22.50 | 16.50 | 17.50 | 22.50 | Embilipitiya | 45.40 | 36.40 | 36.00 | 36.00 | Moneragala | 269.00 | 277.00 | 262.00 | 156.00 | |
| Embilipitiya | 25.40 | 23.40 | 17.00 | 17.00 | Matara | | | | | <u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u> | | | | | |
| Matara | | 44.33 | 23.33 | 30.00 | A'pura | 45.00 | 31.67 | 33.33 | 35.00 | <u>Banana</u> | | | | | |
| Welimada | 19.00 | 15.00 | | 15.00 | Moneragala | 29.80 | 31.60 | 33.60 | 27.60 | <u>Ambul</u> | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>Cucumber</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Capsicum</u> | | | | | A'pura | 45.00 | 35.00 | 28.33 | 55.00 | Moneragala | 48.75 | 48.75 | 45.00 | 46.25 | |
| Welimada | 127.00 | 138.00 | | 169.00 | Dambulla | 63.20 | 26.60 | 24.20 | 50.20 | Embilipitiya | 49.00 | 49.00 | 49.00 | 49.00 | |
| <u>Bitter Gourd</u> | | | | | Hambantota | 40.00 | 27.50 | 22.50 | 22.50 | Hambantota | 40.00 | 40.00 | 45.00 | 62.50 | |
| A'pura | 160.00 | 160.00 | 186.67 | 136.67 | Matara | | | | | <u>Kolikuttu</u> | | | | | |
| Dambulla | 138.00 | 148.00 | 144.00 | 170.00 | <u>Long beans</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hambantota | 105.00 | 95.00 | 110.00 | 105.00 | Dambulla | 92.40 | 60.80 | 28.60 | 26.80 | Moneragala | 147.50 | 145.00 | 143.75 | 143.75 | |
| Embilipitiya | 125.00 | 125.00 | 174.00 | 123.00 | Hambantota | 105.00 | 95.00 | 65.00 | 35.00 | Embilipitiya | 126.00 | 126.00 | 126.00 | 126.00 | |
| Matara | | 50.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | Embilipitiya | 108.00 | 108.00 | 68.00 | 68.00 | Hambantota | 125.00 | 135.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | |
| <u>Snake Gourd</u> | | | | | Matara | | 48.33 | 41.67 | 38.33 | <u>Papaw</u> | | | | | |
| Dambulla | 62.60 | 63.20 | 40.20 | 44.00 | A'Pura | 103.33 | 93.33 | 51.67 | 35.00 | Moneragala | | | | | |
| Hambantota | 70.00 | 65.00 | 45.00 | 25.00 | <u>Ash Plantain</u> | | | | | | Embilipitiya | 50.40 | 66.00 | 66.00 | 66.00 |
| Embilipitiya | 66.00 | 66.00 | 56.00 | 26.40 | Hambantota | 37.50 | 37.50 | 45.00 | 37.50 | Hambantota | 50.00 | 50.00 | 65.00 | 67.50 | |
| Matara | | | | | Embilipitiya | 34.40 | 34.40 | 36.40 | 36.40 | <u>Pineapple</u> | | | | | |
| A'pura | 53.33 | 56.67 | 65.00 | 53.33 | Matara | | | | | Divulapitiya | 104.00 | 102.00 | 95.00 | 93.00 | |
| <u>Luffa</u> | | | | | <u>Green Chillies</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dambulla | 155.00 | 110.00 | 59.20 | 75.80 | Dambulla | 48.40 | 100.40 | 93.00 | 115.00 | | | | | | |
| Hambantota | 90.00 | 85.00 | 85.00 | 100.00 | Hambantota | 50.00 | 70.00 | 90.00 | 105.00 | | | | | | |
| Embilipitiya | 116.00 | 116.00 | 78.00 | 94.00 | Embilipitiya | 60.00 | 60.00 | 130.00 | 123.00 | | | | | | |
| Matara | | 75.00 | 71.67 | 73.33 | Puttalam | 32.00 | 86.00 | 88.00 | 115.00 | | | | | | |
| A'pura | 130.00 | 93.33 | 76.67 | 76.67 | A'Pura | 55.00 | 90.00 | 130.00 | | | | | | | |