



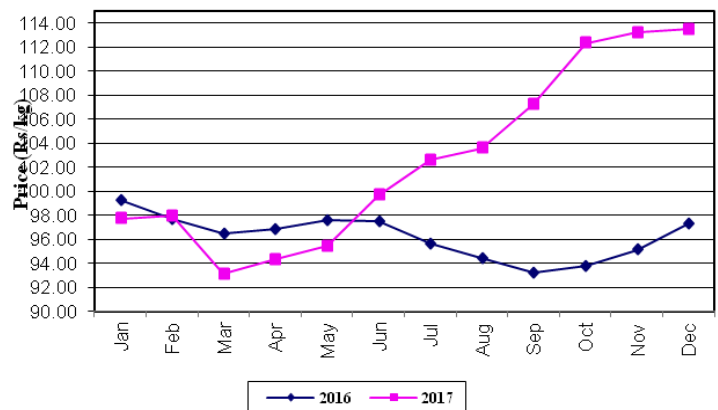
RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties except nadu grade II have increased slightly during the month. Respective average retail prices of samba grade II, nadu grade II, raw red and raw white were Rs.110.00/kg, Rs.100.00/kg, Rs.93.00/kg and Rs.97.00/kg. Prices of all the imported rice varieties except imported nadu have also increased. Hence, the price of imported raw white has increased by Rs.1.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.95.00-110.00/kg.

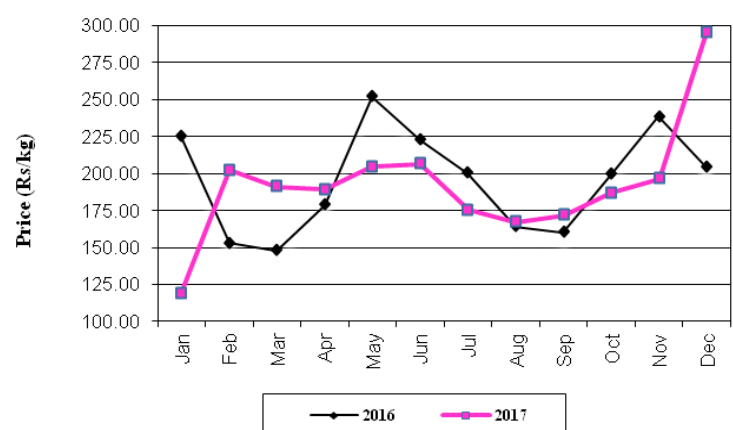
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As the off season continued, supplies had dropped from both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas, whereby prices continued to escalate, compared to last month for most of the varieties. Of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties, the highest price increases were reported for beans and for and luffa as 85% and 59% respectively, in the wholesale market. As the early phase of *Maha* harvesting season is due in January, a high margin price-drop for both up and lowcountry varieties could be expected in coming month.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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| 8. Kalutara | 19. Badulla | 30. Monaragala |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle | 31. Ratnapura |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 22. Trincomalee | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Rainy weather was experienced in the first part of the month in Polonnaruwa, Moneragala, Tissamaharama and Embilipitiya major producing areas. Crop establishment activities for paddy cultivation in 2017/18 *Maha* season were in progress in most of the major producing areas. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent was 814,311ha. The cultivation progress up to end of December is 601,302 ha and it is 74% of the target. Further the report reveals that the expected production is 2.316 Million tons and it is also a 16% drop compared to a regular *Maha* season. Among the major producing areas, cultivation progress reported from *Mahaweli* Zones, the Eastern and the Northern provinces is satisfactory. It is expected that harvesting of paddy crop will commence in mid-January from the producing areas in the Eastern province.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: Maha 2017/18 (As at End of December 2017)

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)
Anuradhapura	96,384	35,724	37	135,331
Polonnaruwa	34,420	22,150	64	100,854
Ampara	75,809	75,371	99	320,105
Kurunegala	84,180	42,039	50	172,079
Hambantota	28,550	23,138	81	112,992
Colombo	3,648	3,001	82	8,742
Gampaha	11,500	11,628	101	35,525
Kalutara	13,500	11,092	82	36,042
Galle	15,490	8,817	57	23,567
Matara	16,414	14,295	87	48,549
Ratnapura	12,556	10,043	80	32,718
Kegalle	9,397	7,208	77	26,529
Puttalam	23,318	5,336	23	17,613
Kandy	13,343	9,283	70	29,893
Matale	23,765	15,256	64	62,128
N' Eliya	6,501	1,338	21	2,863
Badulla	21,603	10,958	51	41,806
Monaragala	38,871	20,490	53	78,529
Jaffna	11,900	11,540	97	25,496
Kilinochchi	23,900	23,900	100	82,468
Vavuniya	19,810	15,544	78	66,040
Mullaitivu	17,067	16,626	97	51,813
Mannar	21,350	18,361	86	86,078
Trincomalee	42,360	37,736	89	156,573
Batticaloa	67,692	67,856	100	164,177
Udawalawa	11,075	10,468	95	51,658
System H	12,747	13,583	107	65,231
System H1	5,250	8,215	156	39,452
System B	19,817	20,460	103	98,257
System C	23,089	22,761	99	109,307
System G	4,818	2,959	61	14,210
System L	2,047	1,909	93	9,168
System D	1,263	1,340	106	6,435
Rambakenoya	878	878	100	4,217
Sri Lanka	814,312	601,303	74	2,316,445

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2017 Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Prices of all the paddy varieties further remained at higher level in all major producing areas mainly due to the failure of last *Maha* and *Yala* seasons. During the first part of the month prices of all the paddy varieties have further increased and prices shown stability during the latter part of the month. This was mainly due to the stable local rice prices as a result of high availability of imported rice varieties in markets and millers tend to release paddy stocks by expecting new harvest during next month from the producing areas in the Eastern province. The average prices of long grain white had declined by more than Rs.1.00/kg in Kalawewa and Nikaweratiya areas. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.50.00-60.00/kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white ranged between Rs.43.00-58.00/Kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Kalawewa. The price range of Rs.43.00-49.00/kg was recorded for the long grain red paddy in producing areas in the Southern province. It is expected that paddy prices will decline next month mainly due to the commencement of harvesting in Batticaloa district.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain have increased in the range of 12%-22% with the lowest increase from Polonnaruwa. Meanwhile the prices of long grain white have increased in the range of 2%-14% with the highest increase from Anuradhapura. Prices of raw red have increased in the 4% in Embilipitiya and 5% in Matara.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – December 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	55.00-60.00	53.00-60.00	57.00	55.25	46.70	1.75	3.17	10.30	22.06
Polonnaruwa	55.00-56.00	55.00-56.50	55.59	55.92	49.57	-0.33	-0.59	6.02	12.15
Kalawewa	55.00-62.50	55.00-64.00	58.41	57.71	-	0.70	1.20	-	-
Kurunegala	50.00-56.00	50.00-58.00	54.71	55.00	-	-0.29	-0.53	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	49.20	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	57.00-60.00	50.00-60.00	57.67	56.75	-	0.92	1.62	-	-
Ampara	56.00-58.00	55.00-58.00	56.63	56.50	49.62	0.13	0.22	7.01	14.12
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	50.00-58.00	50.00-58.00	54.00	53.00	47.45	1.00	1.89	6.55	13.80
Polonnaruwa	54.00-55.00	54.00-55.00	54.66	54.67	48.62	-0.02	-0.03	6.04	12.42
Kalawewa	52.00-58.60	52.00-60.15	54.41	56.06	-	-1.66	-2.96	-	-
Kurunegala	50.00-56.00	50.00-56.00	54.92	54.00	-	0.92	1.70	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	49.43	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	48.55	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	53.00-55.00	52.00-60.00	54.00	55.50	-	-1.50	-2.70	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	44.42	44.79	43.66	-0.37	-0.84	0.76	1.73
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	44.42	44.79	42.08	-0.37	-0.84	2.34	5.55
Hambantota	46.00-48.00	47.00-48.00	47.33	47.82	47.87	-0.50	-1.04	-0.54	-1.14
Embilipitiya	48.00-49.00	47.00-48.00	48.17	47.58	46.47	0.58	1.23	1.70	3.65

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all local rice varieties except raw red have increased during the month of December compared to the previous month. However, price increments of rice varieties have come to a peak in mid-December and thereafter increased at a decreasing rate, signaling prospects of much stable price conditions. Hence, price of local samba grade II has increased by 2%. Further, wholesale prices of local samba grade I, nadu grade II and raw white have increased by 1%. However, price of raw red has decreased by 2% during the month. A total quantity of 98,995mt. worth of Rs.6,242mn. rice had been imported during the month of December. Compared to the imported quantity of the previous month, December quantity has increased by 57%. Subsequently, total imported rice quantity was 752,157mt. during the year of 2017. However, wholesale prices of all the imported rice varieties have increased considerably during the month. Thus, prices of imported samba and imported raw white have increased by 4% and 3% respectively. Out of total imports for the month of December, 76,371mt. comprised nadu, raw white and *ponni* samba. The rest (22,625mt.) comprised broken rice and basmati.

Out of all imports the highest quantity (31,348mt.) comprised imported nadu and the second highest (24,752) was raw white. Furthermore, 22,138mt. of broken rice, 20,271mt. of *ponni* samba and 487mt. of basmati was also imported. All imported nadu and *ponni* samba was from India. Nadu was also imported from Myanmar and Pakistan and the average CIF price was Rs.68.00/kg. Likewise, *ponni* samba was also imported from Myanmar, Pakistan and China and the average CIF was Rs.70.00/kg. Further, raw white had been imported from Myanmar, India, Pakistan and Vietnam and the average CIF price was Rs.59.00/kg. Basmati was mainly imported from Pakistan and India and the average CIF price was Rs.151.00/kg. Broken rice was imported from India, Myanmar and Thailand and the average CIF price was Rs.52.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 6%-20%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties except nadu grade II have increased slightly during the month aligning with wholesale prices. Prices of both samba grade I & II, nadu grade I, raw red and raw white have increased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.117.00/kg, Rs.110.00/kg, Rs.107.00/kg, Rs.93.00/kg and Rs.97.00/kg. However, price of local nadu grade II has decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.70.00-85.00/kg. Prices of all the imported rice varieties except imported nadu have also increased during the month. Hence, the price of imported raw white has increased by Rs.1.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.95.00-110.00/kg. Average prices of imported *ponni* samba and nadu were reported as Rs.87.00/kg and 82.00/kg respectively.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg from Kandy, Hambantota and Matara markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Keppetipola market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Kegalle market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Hanguranketha market. The highest price of Rs.93.00/kg for raw red was reported from Nikaweratiya and Anuradhapura markets, while the lowest price of Rs.82.00/kg was reported from Hambantota market. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.100.00/kg for raw white was reported from Thabuttegama, Kalutara and Kegalle markets, while the lowest price of Rs.85.00/kg was reported from Keppetipola market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 11%-17% and the highest increment was noted for samba grade II.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – December 2017

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	107.00-112.00	110.13	108.54	94.36	1.59	1.46	15.77	16.71
Samba 2	102.00-107.00	105.24	103.44	88.15	1.81	1.75	17.10	19.40
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	89.93	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	90.00-96.00	93.39	92.06	86.56	1.33	1.44	6.83	7.90
Raw red	80.00-83.00	81.80	83.07	77.21	-1.27	-1.53	4.59	5.95
Raw white	88.00-93.00	90.62	90.12	83.85	0.50	0.55	6.77	8.08
Imported Samba	72.00-78.00	75.96	71.93	-	4.04	5.61	-	-
Imported Raw White	62.00-71.00	67.17	64.56	-	2.61	4.04	-	-
Imported Nadu	70.00-75.00	71.93	71.58	-	0.34	0.48	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	115.00-120.00	116.97	116.63	100.38	0.33	0.29	16.59	16.52
Samba 2	105.00-112.00	109.95	109.73	94.16	0.22	0.20	15.79	16.77
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	105.00-112.00	107.39	107.14	93.83	0.25	0.23	13.56	14.45
Nadu 2	95.00-105.00	99.83	102.42	88.74	-2.59	-2.53	11.09	12.49
Raw red	85.00-100.00	93.12	92.67	83.50	0.45	0.49	9.62	11.52
Raw white	90.00-105.00	97.20	96.81	87.71	0.40	0.41	9.49	10.83
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	80.00-90.00	87.16	87.07	-	0.09	0.10	-	-
Imported Raw White	70.00-85.00	77.75	77.10	-	0.65	0.84	-	-
Imported Nadu	75.00-90.00	82.41	82.86	-	-0.46	-0.55	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of chilli in *Maha* 2017/18 was about 11,803 ha and out of that 5,825 ha has been achieved by the end of December 2017, representing 49% of the target in Sri Lanka. Though the highest targeted extent (3,405 ha) was reported from Anuradhapura the highest cultivated extent (941 ha) was reported in Moneragala by the end of December 2017. Out of the total expected production of green chilli (32, 140 mt) 61% could be expected from Anuradhapura (14%), Moneragala (27%), Puttalam (17%) and Kurunegala (3%) districts.

Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2017/18

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of December 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3,405	828	24	4,596
Moneragala	1,013	941	93	8,523
Puttalam	895	600	67	5,459
Kurunegala	323	208	64	1,052
Ampara	567	316	56	844
Jaffna	560	245	44	1,027
Badulla	454	390	86	1,238
Hambantota	294	257	87	885
Other areas	4,292	2,040	48	8,516
Total	11,803	5,825	49	32,140

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chilli from Nochchiyagama area has increased significantly during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased significantly by about Rs.315.00/kg and Rs.244.00/kg respectively. Wholesale price of green chilli ranged between Rs.250.00-450.00/kg and Rs.300.00-1,000.00/kg at retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by 294% and 215% respectively.

A quantity of 4729 mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 644 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.177.40/kg and it was an increase of Rs.15.43/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail price of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about 10% and 19% respectively.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli
December 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	250.00-450.00	352.50	667.50	89.58	-315.00	-47.19	262.92	293.50
Dried Chilli	200.00-215.00	209.07	203.09	233.00	5.98	2.95	-23.93	-10.27
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-1000.00	644.85	889.18	204.50	-244.33	-27.48	440.35	215.33
Dried Chilli	220.00-300.00	264.58	259.31	327.65	5.27	2.03	-63.07	-19.25

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli
July to December 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	4,729	838.96	177.40	264.58	87.18
November	4,085	661.69	161.97	259.31	97.33
October	4,686	744.14	158.79	256.20	97.41
September	3,376	517.91	153.42	249.10	95.69
August	5,183	755.45	145.75	238.44	92.68
July	4,004	509.13	127.15	232.12	104.97

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) – December 2017

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	498.00	278.00	372.00	312.00
Hambantota	425.00	375.00	525.00	475.00
Embilipitiya	407.50	286.67	484.00	484.00
Puttalam	566.00	260.00	280.00	236.00
A'Pura	583.33	270.00	300.00	336.67

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

The targeted extent of red onion for *Maha* 2017/18 was 3,779 ha and out of that 1,181 ha has been achieved by the end of December 2017, representing 31% of the target in Sri Lanka. About 1,900 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Jaffna district and 545 ha have been grown at the end of December 2017 which was about 29% of the targeted extent. The targeted extent of red onion for *Maha* 2017/18 was, 410 ha in Puttalam district and 482 ha was cultivated by the end of December representing 118% and it exceeded the target. The total expected production of red onion is 18,083 mt and 90% of that production could be expected from Jaffna (34%) and Puttalam (56%) districts.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Maha* 2017/18

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of December 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Jaffna	1,900	545	29	6,243
Puttalam	410	482	118	10,076
Trincomalee	753	3	0.4	27
Other areas	716	151	21	1,737
Total	3,779	1,181	31	18,083

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion stocks were available at the market during this month. A quantity of 24,332 mt of big onion was imported during this month and it was an increase of 2006 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.122.56/kg for imported big onion and it had increased by Rs.24.69/kg compared to that of last month. About 82% of the big onion stocks were imported from India (19,926 mt), 10% from Pakistan (2,435 mt), 7% from Egypt (1,626 mt), 1% from Netherlands (203 mt) and 1% from China (142 mt) during this month. With

high imports from India, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.9.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 44% and 48% respectively.

Supply of local red onion from Puttalam and Jaffna districts have decreased during this month. Vedalan variety of red onion was only available at the market. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about Rs.36.00/kg and Rs.77.00/kg respectively. Wholesale price range for vedalan was Rs.330.00-500.00/kg and Rs.480.00-680.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about 346% and 274% respectively. A quantity of 1,020 mt of red onion was imported from India (980 mt - 96%), China (29 - mt 3%) and Indonesia (11 mt – 1%) during this month and it was an increase of 87 mt compared to last month. Average CIF price was Rs.181.75/kg for imported red onion and it has decreased by about Rs.32.89/kg compared to previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.11.00/kg and Rs.17.00/kg respectively due to limited availability of local red onion stocks at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about 328% and 294% respectively.

**Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
December 2017**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	63.06	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	330.00-500.00	425.71	389.86	95.47	35.85	9.20	330.25	345.92
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-450.00	401.02	389.95	93.73	11.06	2.84	307.29	327.85
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-135.00	117.60	126.35	81.82	-8.76	-6.93	35.78	43.73
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	188.57	92.04	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	480.00-680.00	575.43	498.85	153.77	76.58	15.35	421.66	274.22
Red Onion (Imported)	400.00-600.00	502.00	485.19	127.51	16.82	3.47	374.49	293.70
Big Onion (imported)	120.00-180.00	157.18	165.87	106.54	-8.69	-5.24	50.64	47.53
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	220.00	112.06	-	-	-	-

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 , 2017	122.56	117.60	157.18	-4.96	39.59
	Nov , 2017	97.87	126.35	165.87	28.48	39.52
	Dec , 2016	33.03	81.82	106.54	48.79	24.72
Red onion	Dec , 2017	181.75	401.02	502.00	219.27	100.99
	Nov , 2017	214.64	389.95	485.19	175.32	95.23
	Dec , 2016	58.71	93.73	127.51	35.02	33.78

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 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017
Red Onion	1,020	933	185.3	200.2	181.75	214.64
Big Onion	24,332	22,326	2,982.0	2,185.1	122.56	97.87

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion July to December 2017

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
December	24,332	122.56	117.60	157.18	34.63
November	22,326	97.87	126.35	165.87	68.00
October	6,131	90.13	111.19	147.22	57.10
September	14,120	65.16	100.66	141.57	76.42
August	18,172	56.60	101.17	132.19	75.59
July	20,552	31.88	71.97	96.33	64.46

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *Maha* 2017/18 is 3,343 ha and about 1,257 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 38% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *Maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *Maha* season is at a low level. During this month about 554 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 20,723 mt for this *Maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,296 ha and about 339 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (26% progress). Compared to the same period of last *Maha* season, the cultivated extent is at low level during this *Maha* season. The targeted extent for this *Maha* season is 1,846 ha in the Badulla district and 853 ha have been cultivated by the end of December achieving 46% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at a high level compared to the same period of last *Maha* season in the district. During this month about 405 ha of potato was cultivated in the district. As the *Yala* harvesting of potato was complete in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in December.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (Maha 2017/18)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18		
N'Eliya	1,248	1,296	466	339	26	6,854
Badulla	1,712	1,846	761	853	46	13,257
Sri Lanka	2,974	3,343	1,344	1,257	38	20,723

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

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

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

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 17,902 mt of potato had been imported in December, which was 4,572 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been reduced to Rs.1.00/kg with effect from 09/11/2017. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan and India. About 52% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month, followed by India (37%). Compared to December, 2016 (16,080 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.39.00/kg in December.

With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. Wholesale prices of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 10% for each due to low stock position. Also, the retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased by 2%. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.99.00/kg in December. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 8% and 11% respectively due to availability of high stocks. During the month of December, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.100.00-125.00/kg, Rs.80.00-105.00/kg and Rs.40.00-90.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (8%) and imported (29%) potatoes have decreased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
July to December 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	17,902	700.18	39.11	95.56	56.45
November	13,330	522.87	39.22	106.07	66.84
October	6,753	253.88	37.59	114.63	77.03
September	9,322	406.69	43.63	117.72	74.09
August	13,832	533.55	38.57	115.06	76.49
July	11,483	419.33	36.52	112.13	75.61

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	85.00-100.00	93.94	75.00	134.66	18.94	20.16	-40.72	-43.35
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-110.00	99.15	94.66	130.75	4.49	4.53	-31.60	-31.87
Imported – CIF	33.86-45.20	39.11	39.22	45.12	-0.11	-0.27	-6.01	-15.36
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	80.00-105.00	91.43	82.60	-	8.82	9.65	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-125.00	113.92	102.15	145.70	11.77	10.33	-31.77	-27.89
Imported	40.00-90.00	63.10	68.20	92.44	-5.09	-8.07	-29.34	-46.50
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	133.33	140.00	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-180.00	163.52	160.43	177.13	3.09	1.89	-13.61	-8.32
Imported	60.00-120.00	95.56	106.07	122.79	-10.51	-11.00	-27.23	-28.50
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	58.33	5.34	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	64.37	65.76	46.38	-1.39	-2.17	17.99	27.95
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	56.45	66.85	77.67	-10.40	-18.43	-21.22	-37.60
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	50.73	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	49.60	58.27	31.43	-8.68	-17.50	18.16	36.62
Imported	-	32.46	37.87	30.35	-5.41	-16.68	2.11	6.50

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

According to the latest Crop Forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture, the cultivation extent of green gram is recorded as 6115 ha by mid-January, and it is a 53% achievement from the targeted extent (which is 11450 ha) in *Maha* 2017/18. The current cultivation extent is 2054 ha higher, and is recorded as an extent of 151% compared to cultivation extent in last *Maha* season. Of the total cultivation extent, the highest is recorded from Hambantota as 2517 ha, which is an achievement of 62% compared to its target, which is 4041 ha. The second and the third highest cultivation extents of green gram were observed in Monaragala and Anuradhapura as 950 ha and 526 ha, respectively. The estimated green gram production from the present cultivation extent is 7689 MT, which is an increase of 2793 MT compared to the production in last *Maha* season. Moreover, the current estimated production can be recorded as 157% as a percentage of production in last *Maha* season. The highest production is estimated from Hambantota as 3789 MT, followed by Monaragala (985 MT) and Anuradhapura (555 MT).

Even though the targeted cultivation extent for cowpea is 10280 ha in 2017/18 *Maha* season, only 3361 ha have been cultivated as of mid-January. It is equivalent to 33% compared to the targeted cultivation extent. The cultivation extent of cowpea was 4001 ha in last *Maha* season, and compared to that, the current cultivation extent is 84%. Even though the highest cultivation extent expected from Ampara was 4306 ha, its actual cultivation extent was only 218 ha which was only 5% of the targeted extent. The highest cultivation extent was observed in Monaragala (805 ha), followed by Vavuniya (325 ha). In the meantime, the cowpea production is estimated as 3688 MT from the cultivation extent up to present. It is recorded as 75% compared to the cowpea production observed in last *Maha* season. Of the total estimated production, the highest is expected from Monaragala (796 MT), followed by Ampara (485 MT) and Vavuniya (407 MT).

**Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea
(*maha* 2017/18)**

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>maha</i> 2017/18	Expected production <i>maha</i> 2017/18
		* <i>maha</i> 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18	* <i>maha</i> 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18		
Green gram	Hambantota	2016	4041	1890	2517	62	3789
	Kurunegala	605	615	481	405	66	223
	Moneragala	1440	2061	463	950	46	985
	Sri Lanka	9006	11450	5538	6115	53	7689
Cowpea	Ampara	4271	4306	2270	218	5	485
	Moneragala	1356	1248	581	805	65	796
	Anuradhapura	659	716	564	268	37	277
	Sri Lanka	10549	10280	5842	3361	33	3688

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

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

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

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.195.00/kg and Rs.205.00/kg with an average of Rs.199.00/kg during December 2017. Interestingly, the average wholesale price the last month was Rs.199.00/kg; thus, wholesale price of green gram had not changed significantly compared to the month. The retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and

Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.243.00/kg, which was almost same as the average observed last month. Thus, there was no significant retail price variation. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of green gram has increased by 9%, and the retail price has increased by 12%.

The total quantity of green gram imported in December was recorded as 819 MT, a decrease of 552 MT from the quantity imported last month. The total expenditure on the importation was Rs.108 million, which was Rs.80 million lower compared to last month due to the decrease in the imported quantity and the average CIF price. The average CIF price was recorded as Rs.132.00/kg. The highest quantity of green gram was imported from Australia (62%), followed by Argentina (21%) and Uzbekistan (11%). Quantities imported from Myanmar and India were less than 8%.

The average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were Rs.221.00/kg and Rs.241.00/kg, respectively during December 2017. Wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.213.00/kg and Rs.230.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.190.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg. Compared to last month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 2%, whereas that of red cowpea has increased by 4%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 9% and 15%, respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.250.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg with an average of Rs.290.00/kg, and the retail price of red cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.360.00/kg, with an average of Rs.303.00/kg. Prices of both cowpea types had decreased; price of white cowpea by 2% and price of red cowpea by 4%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 18% and 25%, respectively.

Of the two cowpea types, only white cowpea is imported, and around 214 MT have been imported in December 2017. This amount was a significant decrease (>75%) from the total cowpea imports recorded last month. The total value of the cowpea imports was recorded as Rs.31 million, and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.143.00/kg, which was an increase of Rs.7.00/kg compared to last month. Of the total imports, around 98% have been imported from Madagascar, and only 2% has been imported from Myanmar. Quantity of white cowpea imported from China was less than 1%.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
July to December 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	819	108.05	132.01	243.19	111.18
November	1,371	188.04	137.16	243.26	106.10
October	931	131.17	140.93	245.00	104.07
September	1,509	219.74	145.64	248.72	103.08
August	2,205	323.08	146.52	248.47	101.95
July	1,031	160.57	155.76	249.56	93.80

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 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	214	30.61	143.33	290.26	146.93
November	901	123.12	136.63	297.63	161.00
October	910	119.96	131.84	301.20	169.36
September	887	119.07	134.31	304.57	170.27
August	837	116.58	139.32	296.36	157.04
July	236	32.90	139.39	302.22	162.83

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 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	195.00-205.00	198.73	199.13	182.15	-0.40	-0.20	16.58	9.10
Cowpea (White)	213.00-230.00	220.96	224.84	203.41	-3.88	-1.73	17.55	8.63
Cowpea (Red)	190.00-280.00	241.36	231.35	209.93	10.00	4.32	31.43	14.97
Retail Prices								
Green gram	210.00-280.00	243.19	243.26	216.33	-0.07	-0.03	26.86	12.42
Cowpea (White)	250.00-340.00	290.26	297.63	246.82	-7.36	-2.47	43.44	17.60
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-360.00	303.48	316.70	242.69	-13.21	-4.17	60.79	25.05

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 , 2017	132.01	198.73	243.19	66.72	44.46
	Nov , 2017	137.16	199.13	243.26	61.97	44.13
	Dec , 2016	155.37	182.15	216.33	26.78	34.18
Cowpea (White)	Dec , 2017	143.33	220.96	290.26	77.62	69.31
	Nov , 2017	136.63	224.84	297.63	88.20	72.79
	Dec , 2016	117.74	203.41	246.82	85.67	43.41
Cowpea (Red)	Dec , 2017	-	241.36	303.48	-	62.13
	Nov , 2017	-	231.35	316.70	-	85.34
	Dec , 2016	-	209.93	242.69	-	32.76

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A total quantity of 10080 MT of red dhal has been imported in December 2017, and this was a reduction of 6281 MT from the quantity imported last month. The average CIF price was recorded as Rs.90.00/kg, and it was approximately Rs.2.00/kg lower than that was observed last month. Of the total quantity of red dhal imported 84% (i.e., 8482 MT) consisted of whole type red dhal, and a total of Rs.737 million have been spent on its importation. The majority of whole type red dhal has been imported from Australia (56%), followed by Canada (43%). Quantities imported from the United States and United Arab Emirates were less than 2%. The average CIF price was reported as Rs.87.00/kg for whole type red dhal. In the meantime, the quantity of split type red dhal imported was 1597 MT, and was approximately five times lower than that of whole type red dhal. Of the split type red dhal, the majority was imported from Canada (94%), followed by Australia (3%) and India (3%). The total value of the importation was Rs.175 million and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.109.00/kg.

Wholesale price of red dhal ranged Rs.110.00/kg and Rs.116.00/kg with an average of Rs.113.00/kg. Compared to last month, price of red dhal has decreased by Rs.6.00/kg accounting for a decrease of 5%. In the meantime, retail price of red dhal ranged between Rs.130.00/kg and Rs.160.00/kg with an average of 137.00/kg. In line with the decreased wholesale price, retail price of red dhal has decreased by Rs.15.00/kg accounting for a decrease of 10% compared to last

month. However, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has decreased by 28%, and the retail price has increased by 11%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – December 2017

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	110.00-116.00	113.05	118.63	156.46	-5.58	-4.70	-43.41	-27.75
Retail Price	130.00-160.00	136.54	151.23	122.79	-14.69	-9.71	13.75	11.19

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
July to December 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
December	10,080	90.40	113.05	136.54	22.65	23.49
November	16,361	92.07	118.63	151.23	26.55	32.60
October	12,658	92.79	132.17	156.42	39.38	24.25
September	12,562	101.54	132.93	156.79	31.39	23.85
August	11,970	105.12	131.30	156.96	26.17	25.66
July	12,016	106.83	137.59	159.18	30.75	21.59

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

As the onset of northeast monsoon advanced by two weeks in wet zone of the country, commencement of the *Maha* season, particularly in the upcountry areas was more or less completed by the end of the December. Yet, the season commenced with slow progress in some of the lowcountry dry zone districts such as Anuradhapura and Jaffna, as the monsoonal rains delayed by a period of two to four weeks. In the meantime, continuation of the harvesting practices during the latter stage of the intermediate season was observed in both up and lowcountry areas.

Regarding cultivation progress of the present *Maha* season, the most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts had reported 47% and 67% cultivation progress, of its seasonal target, for upcountry varieties by the end of December. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress of upcountry varieties reported for Matale, Kandy and Puttlam districts were 30%, 30% and 16% respectively, by the end of December 2017. In addition, cultivation progress had improved for upcountry varieties in Jaffna and Kurunegala districts from its last month's figures, up to 39% and 34% respectively, by the end of December.

Meanwhile, as the season progressed, crop establishment in most of the lowcountry districts had improved from its last month's value. Monaragala and Hambantota districts reported 89% and 84% cultivation progress respectively by the end of December for lowcountry vegetables. However, Anuradhapura, the most significant district for lowcountry varieties, recorded only 58% cultivation progress at the end of December due to delay in onset of the north eastern monsoon. Meantime Puttalam, Matale and Kurunegala districts had recorded a 73%, 44% and 48% cultivation progress respectively for low country varieties from its corresponding seasonal targets. Yet, lowest cultivation progress for lowcountry vegetables was noted in Jaffna district, with the cultivation progress of 32% due to delay in onset of monsoonal rains.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Even though the off season for vegetable harvesting continued, supplies have marginally increased at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre owing to the supplies of the intermediate season. Compared to last month, the daily supply of vegetables recorded a 33% increase, at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre with the reported daily arrival of 1550 mt.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of most of the vegetable varieties had increased, compared to previous month, due to further decreasing trend in market supplies during the off season. The highest price increase was reported for beans as 85%, due to ending of harvesting season in both Balangoda as well as major upcountry areas such as Badulla and Nuwara Eliya. Its price ranged between Rs.150.00-300.00/kg in December. Next, price of beetroot had further increased by 55%, as a result of low supplies from major up, mid and low country producing districts, namely Nuwara Eliya, Badulla and Kurunegala respectively. Its price ranged between Rs.110.00-180.00/kg. At the same time, price of leeks and knolkhol had increased in the range of 11% - 18%, compared to last month, due to low stocks received at the market from all the up, mid and low country producing areas. However, prices of carrot, cabbage and radish has decreased in the range of 1% - 27%, compared to last month. The highest price decrease was reported for carrot as 27%, due to high supplies of intermediate seasons' cultivation from Nuwara Eliya.

Meanwhile, price of tomato had also increased by 14% compared to last month, due to decreasing supplies received at the Market from both up and low country areas. In contrast, price of capsicum had dropped marginally, by 9% as a result of slightly increasing trend in supplies from upcountry areas. Its price range continued to remain as high as Rs.180.00-300.00/kg in December.

Supply of all the domestic vegetables had also further decreased with the approaching of the off season in lowcountry areas and as a result, a noticeable price increase was observed for most of the lowcountry varieties. The highest prices increases were recorded for luffa as 59% followed by cucumber as 48% and drumsticks as 36%, compared to last month, due to continuation of off season for harvesting in major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Puttlam and Hambantota. As the supplies of intermediated season's cultivation ended in mid - December, prices of cucumber had also started to show an increasing trend, compared to last month. Next, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties had increased in the range of 3% - 36%.

As the early phase of *Maha* harvesting season is due in January, a high margin price drop for both up and lowcountry varieties could be expected in the coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chilli had started to show a decreasing trend by 47% due to reaching of the intermediate season's supplies to the market from Anuradhapura. Similarly, prices of lime had also decreased by 59% due to high supply from Monaragala and Ampara. Dry spell as a result of the delayed monsoonal rain in Monaragala was believed to boost the lime harvest.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also increased in December. The highest price increase was reported for drumsticks as 60%. Compared to last year, prices of most of the vegetables had increased in the retail market, with the highest value recorded for brinjal as 136%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00-300.00	223.95	120.87	146.25	103.08	85.28	77.70	53.13
Carrot	80.00-15.00	111.71	153.33	86.04	-41.62	-27.14	25.67	29.84
Leeks	160.00-220.00	190.11	161.67	55.21	28.45	17.60	134.90	244.35
Beetroot	110.00-180.00	149.43	96.53	52.56	52.90	54.81	96.87	184.30
Knolkhol	80.00-120.00	97.22	87.74	63.96	9.48	10.80	33.26	51.99
Radish	30.00-80.00	61.88	62.71	39.48	-0.83	-1.33	22.40	56.72
Cabbage	60.00-100.00	83.27	96.61	17.42	-13.34	-13.81	65.85	378.01
Tomato	50.00-130.00	81.04	71.04	40.83	10.00	14.08	40.21	98.49
Ladies Fingers	70.00-100.00	87.29	78.12	43.34	9.17	11.73	43.95	101.41
Brinjal	100.00-250.00	145.38	141.22	38.04	4.16	2.95	107.34	282.19
Capsicum	180.00-300.00	248.54	273.65	154.17	-25.11	-9.18	94.37	61.21
Pumpkin	30.00-60.00	49.27	62.29	37.13	-13.02	-20.90	12.14	32.70
Cucumber	40.00-70.00	55.80	37.71	51.31	18.10	47.99	4.49	8.76
Bittergourd	120.00-250.00	178.19	148.59	173.20	29.60	19.92	4.99	2.88
Snakegourd	100.00-140.00	131.25	114.97	70.12	16.28	14.16	61.13	87.18
Drumstick	200.00-250.00	231.83	169.17	137.71	62.67	37.04	94.12	68.35
Luffa	100.00-180.00	148.33	93.17	112.67	55.16	59.20	35.66	31.65
Long Beans	120.00-220.00	155.21	113.96	86.35	41.25	36.20	68.86	79.74
Ash Plantain	70.00-90.00	82.92	78.33	59.22	4.58	5.85	23.70	40.01
Green Chilli	250.00-450.00	352.50	667.50	89.58	-315.00	-47.19	262.92	293.50
Lime	25.00-60.00	39.96	97.92	296.25	-57.96	-59.19	-256.29	-86.51

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	240.00-400.00	295.58	196.56	204.61	99.03	50.38	90.97	44.46
Carrot	150.00-320.00	201.46	223.94	161.72	-22.48	-10.04	39.74	24.58
Leeks	200.00-320.00	284.39	253.35	127.82	31.03	12.25	156.57	122.49
Beetroot	160.00-320.00	232.03	169.44	124.58	62.59	36.94	107.45	86.25
Knolkhol	140.00-280.00	194.61	177.99	152.72	16.62	9.34	41.89	27.43
Radish	80.00-240.00	152.91	150.06	109.34	2.85	1.90	43.57	39.85
Cabbage	100.00-280.00	181.45	190.17	86.89	-8.72	-4.59	94.56	108.83
Tomato	80.00-240.00	144.78	153.64	89.50	-8.86	-5.77	55.28	61.77
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	165.89	155.81	107.16	10.08	6.47	58.73	54.81
Brinjal	150.00-320.00	221.06	218.98	93.87	2.09	0.95	127.19	135.50
Capsicum	280.00-500.00	394.43	386.28	220.55	8.15	2.11	173.88	78.84
Pumpkin	80.00-200.00	124.84	130.45	90.74	-5.60	-4.30	34.10	37.58
Cucumber	70.00-200.00	127.52	111.84	117.63	15.67	14.01	9.89	8.40
Bittergourd	180.00-320.00	276.74	250.70	249.73	26.04	10.39	27.01	10.82
Snakegourd	150.00-280.00	204.21	189.12	147.47	15.08	7.97	56.74	38.47
Drumstick	300.00-900.00	493.15	307.53	344.22	185.62	60.36	148.93	43.27
Luffa	160.00-320.00	239.68	189.14	193.39	50.54	26.72	46.29	23.94
Long Beans	170.00-320.00	222.61	185.56	158.33	37.05	19.97	64.28	40.60
Ash Plantain	100.00-200.00	156.04	145.51	130.43	10.53	7.24	25.61	19.63
Green Chilli	300.00-1000.00	644.85	889.18	204.50	-244.33	-27.48	440.35	215.33
Lime	70.00-300.00	185.05	318.89	638.05	-133.84	-41.97	-453.00	-71.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in December and the high consumer demand during the festive season had contributed to these price increases.

Prices of banana varieties Seeni and Ambul had increased by 20% and 6% respectively and the price ranges recorded for Seeni and Ambul during the month were Rs.70.00-100.00/kg and Rs.50.00-80.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 19%, 22% and 5% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.66.58/fruit, Rs.101.94/fruit and Rs.132.63/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-150.00/fruit.

In addition, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban, Vilad and Betti also had increased by 40% for Karthakolomban and Vilad and by 26% for Betti. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.40.00-80.00. Further, price of papaw had increased by 53% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.82.80/kg. In addition, prices of avocado and slime apple had increased by 65% and 11% respectively.

However, decreased prices were observed for banana varieties, Ambun, Anmalu and Kolikuttu and the prices had decreased by 4% for Ambun and by 1% for both Anmalu and Kolikuttu. Price ranges recorded were Rs.100.00-140.00/kg for Kolikuttu and an Ambun fruit and an Anmalu fruit were Rs.15.00-20.00 and Rs.12.00-18.00 respectively. In addition, decreased prices were observed for passion fruit, orange, wood apple and imported grapes and prices had decreased by 10%, 6%, 5% and 1% respectively.

According to the data in previous years, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of banana (Ambul), papaw, mango, wood apple and avocado could increase in the coming month. However, decreased prices could be expected for banana varieties, Kolikuttu, Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun and passion fruit, pineapple, orange and slime apple in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for wood apple as 62%.

In line with the wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased at the retail level too. Prices of banana varieties, Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun had increased in the range of 1%-8%. The price ranges recorded for Seeni during the month were Rs.100.00-150.00/kg and prices of Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.18.00-30.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small and medium sized pineapple had increased by 10% and 4% respectively. However, price of large sized pineapple has not changed significantly. The retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.60.00-250.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad also had increased by 25% and 18% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.40.00-130.00/fruit and Rs.30.00-60.00/fruit respectively. In addition, price of papaw had increased by 45% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-200.00/kg and price of passion fruit had also increased by 22%. Price of avocado and imported grapes had also increased by 35% and 4% respectively. However, prices of orange, slime apple, wood apple and banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu, had decreased by 9%, 7%, 2%, 5% and 2% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for avocado as 53%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu and an increased price for papaw compared to the previous month. The prices had decreased by 7% for Ambul, 4% for Kolikuttu and had increased by 62% for papaw. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.32.50-55.83/kg, Rs.75.00-112.50/kg and Rs.27.50 - 71.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had decreased for Kolikuttu by 27%, papaw by 12% and Ambul by 9% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 501.6mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs. 100.7mn. Of the exported quantity, 75% were papaw, 20% were fresh pineapple and 6% were fresh mangoes. In the month of November, 2017, the quantity exported was 673.7mt. Therefore, compared to last month the exported quantity had decreased by 25%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,327mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.564mn. Of the imported quantity, 73% were apple 18% were grapes and 8% were oranges. The importing countries of apple were China, the United States, South Africa, France and Italy. Grapes had been imported mainly from China, India and the United States. Egypt, Australia and China were the main importing countries of oranges. In the month of November, 2017, the quantity imported was 3,114mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 7%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-80.00	70.00	65.82	74.93	4.18	6.35	-4.93	-6.58
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-140.00	123.13	123.86	160.75	-0.73	-0.59	-37.62	-23.40
Seeni (Kg)	70.00-100.00	81.48	67.77	76.60	13.70	20.22	4.88	6.37
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-18.00	14.01	14.18	10.53	-0.17	-1.21	3.48	33.02
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	18.21	19.00	15.44	-0.79	-4.15	2.77	17.95
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	120.00-150.00	132.63	126.08	228.73	6.54	5.19	-96.11	-42.02
Medium (Fruit)	80.00-120.00	101.94	83.75	178.53	18.19	21.72	-76.59	-42.90
Small (Fruit)	40.00-90.00	66.58	56.07	133.98	10.51	18.74	-67.40	-50.31
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	23.46	18.63	13.75	4.84	25.97	9.71	70.64
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	53.97	38.42	46.14	15.55	40.46	7.83	16.97
Vilad (Fruit)	23.00-40.00	30.64	21.93	18.67	8.71	39.73	11.97	64.10
Kohu (Fruit)	12.00-14.00	13.00	-	10.10	-	-	2.90	28.71
Papaw (Kg)	60.00-100.00	82.80	54.25	99.25	28.55	52.62	-16.45	-16.57
Passionfruit (Fruit)	5.00-10.00	7.18	7.96	15.54	-0.79	-9.89	-8.37	-53.83
Woodapple (Fruit)	5.00-16.00	9.28	9.77	24.64	-0.49	-5.04	-15.36	-62.35
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	36.38	38.54	38.09	-2.16	-5.61	-1.71	-4.49
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	72.93	44.18	90.13	28.75	65.07	-17.20	-19.08
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	44.10	39.75	45.10	4.36	10.96	-1.00	-2.21
Grapes Imported (Kg)	422.00-778.00	567.78	570.68	614.19	-2.90	-0.51	-46.41	-7.56

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-150.00	114.78	120.82	116.20	-6.04	-5.00	-1.42	-1.22
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-230.00	188.00	191.83	221.50	-3.82	-1.99	-33.50	-15.12
Seeni (Kg)	100.00-150.00	124.61	123.60	109.48	1.01	0.82	15.13	13.82
Anamalu (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	23.44	21.65	20.43	1.79	8.26	3.01	14.73
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	24.66	24.14	22.68	0.52	2.15	1.98	8.74
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-250.00	217.59	217.96	288.98	-0.37	-0.17	-71.39	-24.71
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-180.00	160.52	154.10	221.76	6.42	4.16	-61.24	-27.62
Small (Fruit)	60.00-130.00	98.70	89.34	159.15	9.36	10.48	-60.45	-37.98
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	25.00-30.00	29.17	-	31.13	-	-	-1.96	-6.31
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-130.00	81.94	65.65	64.76	16.28	24.80	17.18	26.52
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	44.01	37.22	39.68	6.79	18.24	4.33	10.91
Kohu (Fruit)		-	-	12.50	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-200.00	134.98	92.81	132.13	42.17	45.44	2.85	2.16
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-35.00	19.32	15.88	29.11	3.44	21.68	-9.79	-33.62
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	40.82	41.67	45.67	-0.85	-2.04	-4.85	-10.62
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	58.35	64.48	66.92	-6.13	-9.51	-8.57	-12.81
Avocado (Fruit)	60.00-160.00	95.84	71.20	203.63	24.65	34.62	-107.79	-52.93
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	77.49	82.99	62.67	-5.51	-6.64	14.82	23.64
Grapes Imported (Kg)	700.00-1000.00	813.75	783.14	831.74	30.60	3.91	-17.99	-2.16

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	32.50-55.83	43.19	46.46	47.69	-3.27	-7.03	-4.50	-9.44
Kolikuttu	75.00-112.50	97.15	101.02	132.83	-3.87	-3.83	-35.68	-26.86
Papaw	27.50-71.00	52.79	32.50	60.11	20.29	62.45	-7.32	-12.18
Pineapple	-	-	-	98.50	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
October – December 2017**

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	99.29	51.64	520.06	92.23	65.58	711.08	68.87	19.66	285.48
Papaw	374.72	36.13	96.42	548.82	47.55	86.63	819.87	70.27	85.71
Fresh Mango	27.63	12.95	468.91	28.60	10.33	361.18	28.36	10.84	382.31
Avocados, fresh	-	-	-	4.07	0.88	217.25	5.33	1.60	300.01

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
October – December 2017**

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	2,443	313.09	128.14	1,928	254.09	131.81	2,947	368.20	124.96
Grapes	610	214.23	351.45	541	183.41	338.91	523	149.37	285.55
Oranges	274	36.58	133.44	374	50.62	135.47	839	111.66	133.07
Mandarin	-	-	-	271	17.42	64.19	559	40.91	73.14

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.145.00/kg and Rs.1283.00/kg during December 2017. Wholesale prices of all fish types except Shrimp and Thalapath have increased. Despite of the high demand for fish during the Christmas season, the fishing activities had been limited due to unfavorable windy conditions observed in coastal areas. The highest price increment was noted in Balaya, and it was a drastic increase of 42% compared to last month. The second highest price increase was noted in Hurulla as 29%, followed by Thora (20%) and Kelawalla (16%). In addition, prices of Paraw and Salaya have increased by 13% and 12%, respectively. Only Mora showed a price increment, which was less than 10%. In the meantime, the only price decrement was observed in Thalapath as 3%. Interestingly, price of Shrimp had not changed significantly.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all fish types except Hurulla have increased. The highest price increase was noted as 30% in Thora, followed by Shrimp (24%), Thalapath (20%), and Mora (15%). Moreover, prices of the following three fish types, Paraw, Kelawalla, and Salaya, have increased by 14%. The least price increment was observed in Balaya as 2%. The only price decrement was observed in Hurulla, and it was reported as 2%.

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.196.00/kg and Rs.1433.00/kg during December 2017. Consumers had to pay a price that ranged between Rs.130.00 and Rs.2200.00 to purchase a kilo of any of the selected fish types. Compared to last month, all fish types except Thalapath, Shrimp, and Paraw showed retail price increments. The highest price increment was noted as 20% in Balaya, followed by Hurulla (14%). Prices of Salaya and Mora have increased by 7% and 6%, respectively, while prices of both Kelawalla and Thora have increased by 5%. A slight price decrement was noted for both Thalapath and Shrimp that was recorded as 1%. In the meantime, paraw did not show a significant price variation.

Most of the fish types except Shrimp had been supplied from Southern coastal areas such as Kudawella, Nilwella, Dikwella, Gandara, Devinuwara, and Mirissa to markets in Southern areas as well as those in Colombo and Kandy. Shrimp had been supplied from Negombo, Chilaw, and Puttalam. Yet, the availability of most fish types were limited in local markets. With the prevailing North-East monsoon, fishing activities are limited in Eastern and Northern coastal areas; thus, fish prices may not fluctuate significantly in the upcoming month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fish types have increased by 1%-28%, and the highest

price increment was observed in Shrimp. Prices of all fish types except Kelawalla have increased by more than 10%, whereas price of Kelawalla has increased only by 1%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	120.00-180.00	145.00	130.00	127.25	15.00	11.54	17.75	13.95
Hurulla	220.00-320.00	274.41	212.34	280.75	62.07	29.23	-6.34	-2.26
Balaya	250.00-350.00	298.50	209.75	291.88	88.75	42.31	6.62	2.27
Kelawalla	450.00-700.00	540.08	467.61	473.75	72.47	15.50	66.33	14.00
Thora	1100.00-1400.00	1283.33	1067.22	990.00	216.11	20.25	293.33	29.63
Paraw	500.00-650.00	589.86	521.00	516.00	68.86	13.22	73.86	14.31
Mora	500.00-600.00	563.17	520.25	488.06	42.92	8.25	75.11	15.39
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1000.00	918.75	916.81	739.50	1.94	0.21	179.25	24.24
Thalapath	600.00-900.00	759.71	783.08	631.36	-23.38	-2.98	128.35	20.33
Retail Prices								
Salaya	1300.00-300.00	196.37	183.88	158.51	12.49	6.79	37.86	23.89
Hurulla	240.00-600.00	366.68	320.79	331.58	45.89	14.30	35.10	10.59
Balaya	300.00-800.00	483.29	404.13	401.65	79.16	19.59	81.64	20.33
Kelawalla	500.00-1100.00	811.92	773.70	800.11	38.23	4.94	11.81	1.48
Thora	1200.00-2200.00	1432.60	1370.21	1276.68	62.39	4.55	155.92	12.21
Paraw	600.00-1200.00	882.94	880.50	792.41	2.44	0.28	90.53	11.43
Mora	580.00-1200.00	799.64	757.78	630.63	41.87	5.52	169.01	26.80
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1400.00	1128.95	1136.00	883.49	-7.06	-0.62	245.46	27.78
Thalapath	750.00-1400.00	1076.88	1084.78	880.60	-7.90	-0.73	196.28	22.29

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.300.00/kg and Rs.1096.00/kg during December 2017. Compared to last month, prices of most dried fish have increased. The highest price increment was observed in imported Balaya as 38%. In all other dried fish types, prices have increased by less than 10%. Price of local Balaya has increased by 8%, followed by local Sprats (7%) and Anguluwa (4%). Moreover, prices of both imported Anguluwa and Sprats have increased by 3%. Price of imported Kattawa has increased by 2%, whilst that of local Kattawa has increased by 1%. Of price decreased dried fish types, price of local Thora has decreased by 7%, whereas that of imported Thora has decreased by 6%. In addition, price of imported Maduwa has decreased by 5%, and that of imported Mora and local Salaya has decreased by 1%. Interestingly, prices of local Mora and Maduwa have not changed significantly.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased in the range of 1%-11%, and the highest price increment was shown in Thora, followed by local Salaya (7%) and local Kattawa (6%). Prices of imported Thora, Sprats, and Anguluwa have increased by 5%. Prices of local Anguluwa, Sprats, Mora, and imported Kattawa have increased by less than 5%. Of price decreased dried fish types, local and imported Balaya showed the highest price decrement as 14% and 12%, respectively. The lowest price decrements were shown in local and imported Maduwa as 2% and 1%, respectively. Interestingly, price of imported Mora has not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.621.00/kg and Rs.1529.00/kg in December 2017. Consumers had to pay a price between Rs.400.00 and Rs.1800.00 to purchase one kilogram of the above dried fish types. Compared to last month, it was difficult to observe a specific trend in retail price behaviour, especially because of the controlled prices imposed by the government for dried fish types such as Kattawa. Retail vendors claim that it is hard for them to sell dried fish at controlled prices, since they have to pay a high price to the wholesale vendor when purchasing from him. As a result, there were low stocks of dried fish in some retail markets such as in Marassana; in the meantime, high prices were observed for some dried fish types amidst the controlled prices. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrement was noted as 6% in Maduwa, followed by 3% in Thora and 2% in imported Sprats. On the contrary, price of local Sprats has increased by 3%. In addition, prices of both Kattawa and Balaya have increased by 2%. Interestingly, prices of Salaya, Mora, and Anguluwa remained insignificant. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all dried fish types except Balaya have increased by 3%-32%, and the highest price increment was noted in local Sprats.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	750.00-1100.00	855.42	797.34	845.58	58.08	7.28	9.83	1.16
Sprats (imported)	350.00-560.00	482.25	470.14	458.22	12.11	2.58	24.03	5.24
Kattawa	780.00-850.00	824.22	814.91	774.95	9.31	1.14	49.27	6.36
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-820.00	754.33	741.94	724.73	12.40	1.67	29.61	4.09
Thora	950.00-1200.00	1096.39	1176.39	985.62	-80.00	-6.80	110.77	11.24
Thora (imported)	1000.00-1100.00	1062.14	1133.25	1007.91	-71.11	-6.27	54.24	5.38
Mora	750.00-850.00	821.38	818.53	815.83	2.85	0.35	5.54	0.68
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	750.69	760.50	752.78	-9.81	-1.29	-2.09	-0.28
Balaya	280.00-400.00	346.92	320.75	405.43	26.17	8.16	-58.52	-14.43
Balaya (imported)	280.00-550.00	370.95	268.99	422.43	101.97	37.91	-51.48	-12.19
Anguluwa	600.00-850.00	797.31	765.63	772.44	31.69	4.14	24.87	3.22
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-800.00	739.69	715.00	707.39	24.69	3.45	32.30	4.57
Maduwa	500.00-700.00	550.06	547.75	560.45	2.31	0.42	-10.40	-1.86
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	423.25	444.75	426.67	-21.50	-4.83	-3.42	-0.80
Koduwa		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa (imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-360.00	300.10	303.00	280.94	-2.90	-0.96	19.16	6.82
Salaya (imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	450.00-1000.00	710.60	722.40	587.29	-11.80	-1.63	123.31	21.00
Sprats	850.00-1800.00	1198.82	1164.90	906.64	33.92	2.91	292.18	32.23
Kattawa	800.00-1800.00	1166.06	1153.27	1136.26	12.79	1.11	29.80	2.62
Thora	1200.00-1800.00	1529.14	1569.66	1325.43	-40.52	-2.58	203.71	15.37
Mora	880.00-1400.00	1090.41	1090.59	1030.83	-0.18	-0.02	59.58	5.78
Balaya	450.00-1000.00	825.79	814.97	840.88	10.82	1.33	-15.09	-1.79
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1043.98	1040.78	966.25	3.20	0.31	77.73	8.04
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	759.74	812.50	736.96	-52.76	-6.49	22.78	3.09
Koduwa		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	621.45	624.42	494.17	-2.97	-0.47	127.28	25.76

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – July to December 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	-	-	-	710.60	-
November	423	139.67	329.85	722.40	499.13
October	1,882	691.86	367.57	706.33	338.76
September	2,073	836.65	403.50	742.16	338.66
August	2,205	917.04	415.87	758.14	342.27
July	2,208	951.25	430.90	802.46	371.56

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

Eggs

Wholesale price of brown eggs ranged between Rs.13.00 and Rs.14.00, and that of white eggs ranged between Rs.12.50 and Rs.13.00 during December 2017. The average price of a brown egg was recorded as Rs.13.88, and that of a white egg was recorded as Rs.12.88. On the one hand, price of brown eggs has decreased by 3% compared to the last month; on the other hand, price of white eggs has increased slightly (1%). Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 1% and 5%, respectively.

Retail price of brown eggs ranged between Rs.14.00 and Rs.16.50 with an average of Rs.15.40/egg, and the retail price of white eggs ranged between Rs.13.00 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.14.36/egg. Compared to last month, prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 1% and 3%, respectively. In retail markets such as in Polonnaruwa, egg stocks were recorded to be low. However, the egg supply is anticipated to increase by next month; thus, egg prices may get lower. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 3% and 4%, respectively.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.00-14.00	13.88	14.38	14.04	-0.50	-3.48	-0.16	-1.18
White (each)	12.00-13.00	12.88	12.73	13.54	0.15	1.15	-0.66	-4.91
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.00-16.50	15.40	15.22	15.85	0.18	1.20	-0.45	-2.82
White (each)	13.00-15.00	14.36	13.93	14.97	0.43	3.09	-0.61	-4.10

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of most meat types did not show a significant variation in December 2017 compared to last month. For example, prices of Pork, Mutton, and Beef did not change significantly. Only the Chicken prices had increased; price of Broiler Chicken had increased by 4%, and that of Curry Chicken has increased by 1%. The same price behaviour is anticipated for the next month; only Chicken prices are expected to rise. Amongst all meat types, mutton showed the highest price with an average of Rs.1796.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all meat types except Pork have increased. The highest price increment was noted as 12% in Beef. Prices of both Chicken types and Mutton have increased by 8%. Only Pork showed a decrease in price recorded as 7%.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	953.67	954.17	852.58	-0.50	-0.05	101.09	11.86
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-600.00	510.00	492.04	474.02	17.96	3.65	35.98	7.59
Chicken (curry)	400.00-600.00	496.89	490.22	459.33	6.68	1.36	37.56	8.18
Mutton	1700.00-1900.00	1796.24	1790.45	1664.72	5.78	0.32	131.52	7.90
Pork	450.00-500.00	516.67	516.67	558.00	0.00	0.00	-41.33	-7.41

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 64,673mt. worth of 2,453mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of December and the quantity has decreased by more than three times compared to the previous imported quantity. With that a total of 2,014,737mt. of wheat grain had been imported to the country during 2017. The average CIF price for wheat grain remained unchanged during the month and reported as Rs.38.00/kg. The highest wheat grain quantity (39,571mt.) for the month of December had been imported from Canada and the CIF price was recorded as Rs.41.00/kg. The second highest wheat quantity had been imported from Russia and the CIF price was recorded as Rs.32.00/kg. Further, wheat grain was also imported from the United States, Ukraine, Australia and India. The CIF price ranged between Rs.32.00-55.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst, the lowest recorded for the Russian stocks.

A total quantity of 765mt. of wheat flour worth of 52mn. had been imported during the month of December and the quantity has increased by more than ten times compared to the previous imported quantity. With that a total of 3,940mt. of wheat flour had been imported to the country during 2017. The average CIF price for wheat flour was recorded as Rs.68.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price of wheat flour for the month of December has decreased by Rs.11.00/kg. However, average local retail price of wheat flour has only decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. Wheat flour had been imported from India, Germany, China and Singapore. The CIF price ranged between Rs.66.00-94.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the German wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest was recorded for the China stocks. Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.80.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.89.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has decreased by 1%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – December 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2017	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017		Dec 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-95.00	88.50	89.96	89.10	-1.46	-1.62	-0.60	-0.67
Sugar	100.00-130.00	111.87	111.16	97.68	0.71	0.64	14.19	14.53

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – July to December 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
December	765	51.80	67.68	88.50	20.82
November	71	5.58	78.68	89.96	11.28
October	236	16.77	71.18	89.98	18.80
September	323	21.16	65.49	89.05	23.55
August	361	25.89	71.63	88.68	17.04
July	652	43.33	66.41	89.20	22.79
Wheat Grain					
December	64,673	2453.03	37.93	88.50	50.57
November	227,970	8636.28	37.88	89.96	52.08
October	172,448	6539.09	37.92	89.98	52.06
September	222,037	8525.93	38.40	89.05	50.65
August	164,673	6350.05	38.56	88.68	50.12
July	165,737	6448.11	38.91	89.20	50.29

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 21,347mt. worth of 1,435mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of December and the quantity has decreased by 23% compared to the previous imported quantity. With that a total of 391,822mt. of sugar had been imported to the country during 2017. Out of the total imports for the month of December, the highest quantity which was 9,060mt. worth of 570mn. had been imported from Pakistan. The CIF price of Rs.63.00/kg was applied for the highest quantity of imports to the country. The second highest quantity of 3,640mt. was imported from Ukraine. Further, sugar had been also imported from Thailand (16%), United Arab Emirates (6%), India (5%), Tunisia (4%), Belgium (3%), Netherland (2%), Poland (2%), Singapore (1%) and Germany (1%). In addition, a few quantities were also imported from Korea and United Kingdom. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.63.00-97.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.67.00/kg. The average CIF price for sugar for the month of December has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg. However, average local retail price has increased by Rs.1.00/kg compared to previous month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Korea, while the lowest for the Pakistan stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of December, price ranged between Rs.100.00-130.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.112.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year average retail price has increased by 15%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- July to December 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December	21,347	1434.8	67.22	111.87	44.65
November	27,840	1930.8	69.35	111.16	41.81
October	30,995	2162.9	69.78	111.37	41.59
September	25,204	1768.6	70.17	110.35	40.18
August	42,264	3084.5	72.98	106.96	33.97
July	33,791	2560.1	75.76	106.05	30.28

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items December 2017

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 2017	Nov 2017		Dec 2017	Nov 2017		Dec 2017	Nov 2017	
Rice	98,995	62,916	57.3	6242.4	3895.8	60.2	63.06	61.92	1.8
Red Onion	1,020	933	9.3	185.3	200.2	-7.4	181.75	214.64	-15.3
Big Onion	24,332	22,326	9.0	2982.0	2185.1	36.5	122.56	97.87	25.2
Potato	17,902	13,330	34.3	700.2	522.9	33.9	39.11	39.22	-0.3
Dried Chillies	4,729	4,085	15.8	839.0	661.7	26.8	177.40	161.98	9.5
Masoor Dhal	10,080	16,361	-	911.2	1506.4	-	90.40	92.07	-
Green Gram	819	1,371	-40.3	108.0	188.0	-42.5	132.01	137.16	-3.8
Cowpea	214	901	-76.3	30.6	123.1	-75.1	143.33	136.63	4.9
Garlic	2,500	1,264	97.8	324.5	172.4	88.2	129.82	136.44	-4.8
Wheat flour	765	71	979.8	51.8	5.6	828.9	67.68	78.68	-14.0
Wheat grain	64,673	227,970	-71.6	2453.0	8636.3	-71.6	37.93	37.88	0.1
White crystalline cane sugar	21,347	27,840	-23.3	1434.8	1930.8	-25.7	67.22	69.35	-3.1
Maize (Seed)	7	62	-88.7	4.2	37.5	-88.9	593.09	604.73	-1.9
Maize (Other)	8,656	78,918	-89.0	313.1	2888.4	-89.2	36.18	36.60	-1.2
Sprats, dried unsalted		423	-		139.7	-		329.85	-

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

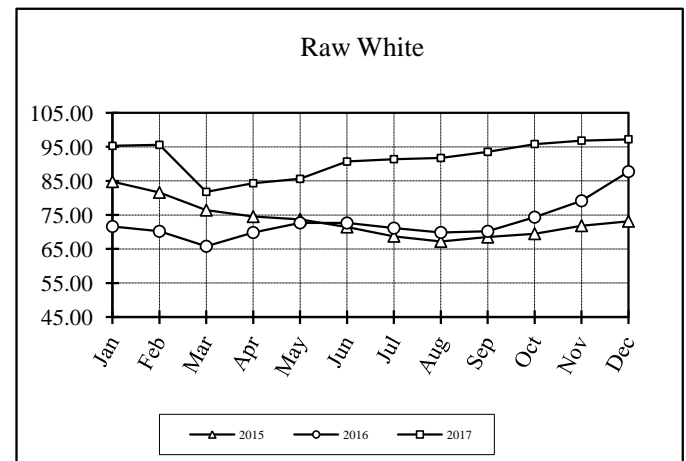
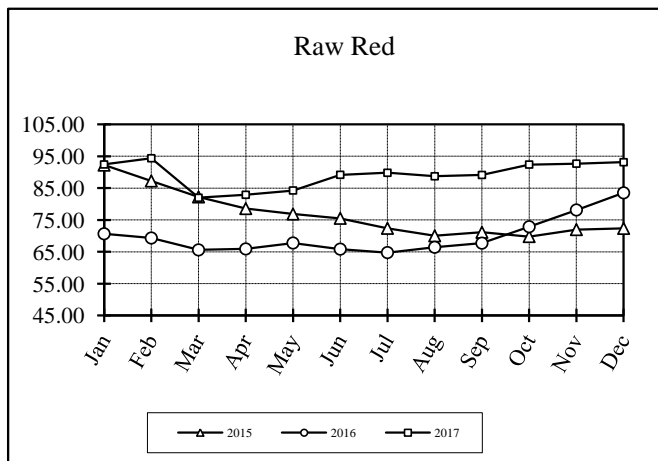
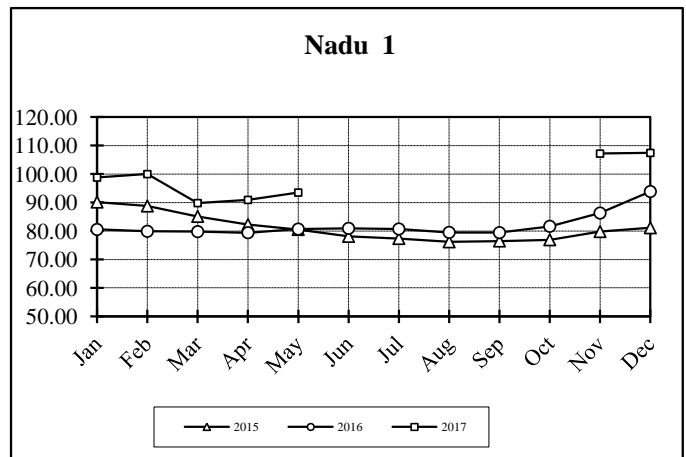
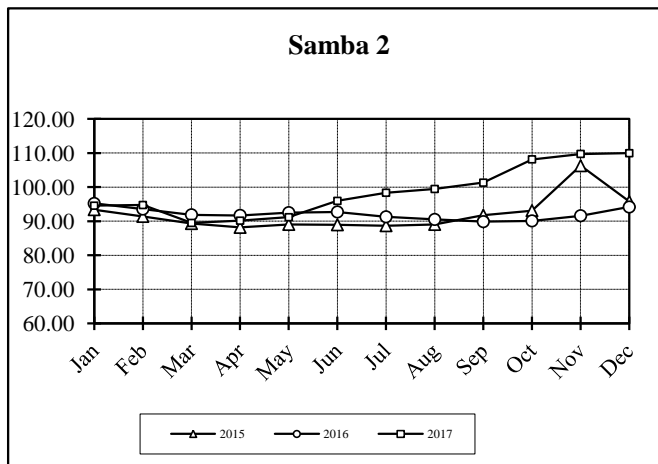
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) December 2017

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	74.0	76.6	7	6
Badulla	346.1	150.2	14	12
Bandarawela	273.2	99.1	19	10
Batticaloa	147.0	203.5	11	11
Colombo	172.3	56.3	9	5
Galle	75.0	82.4	13	8
Hambantota	160.5	53.3	13	5
Jaffna	100.6	67.1	8	4
Katugastota	106.1	76.8	12	6
Katunayaka	83.8	44.3	8	4
Kurunegala	156.0	54.6	11	4
Mahailuppallama	164.0	67.5	12	6
Mannar	28.7	37.5	8	4
Nuwara Eliya	156.3	97.4	13	8
Pottuvil	199.2	279.1	13	na
Puttalam	97.6	48.5	9	4
Ratmalana	133.7	67.1	8	5
Ratnapura	243.1	107.5	15	9
Trincomalee	142.6	112.0	12	7
Vavuniya	59.6	81.5	8	6
Polonnaruwa	150.7	na	13	na
Moneragala	239.6	na	13	na
Mattala	166.4	na	13	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

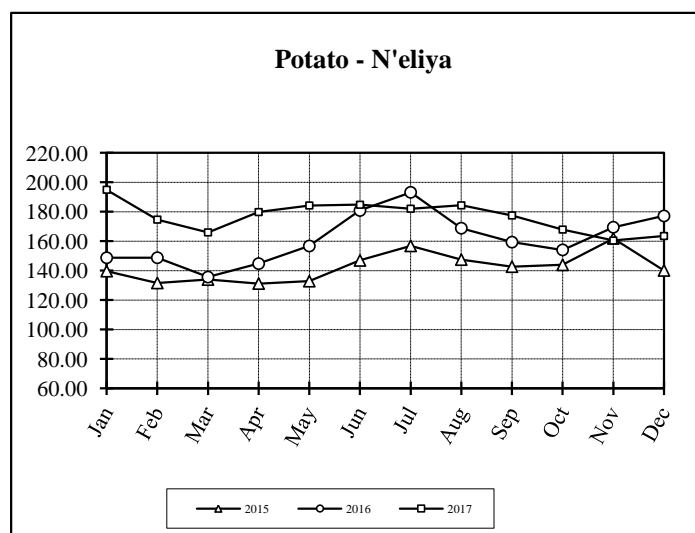
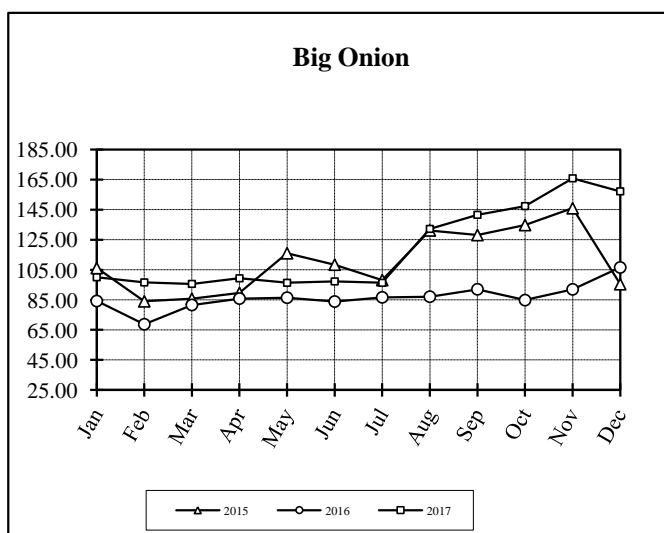
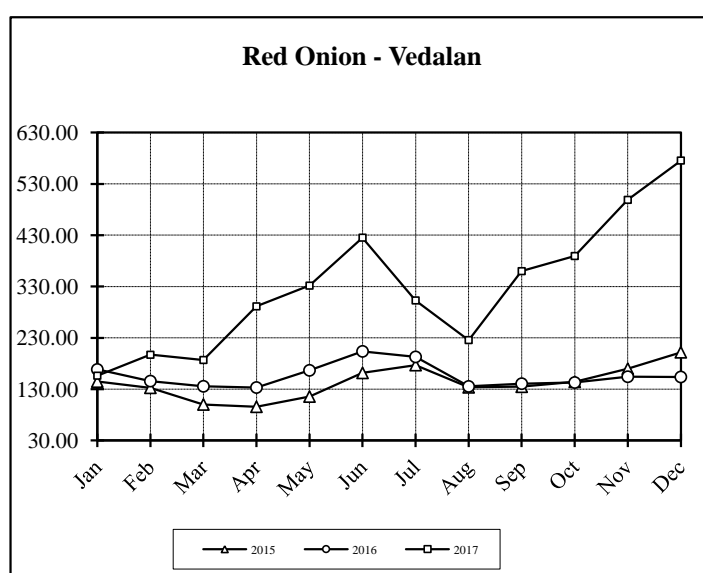
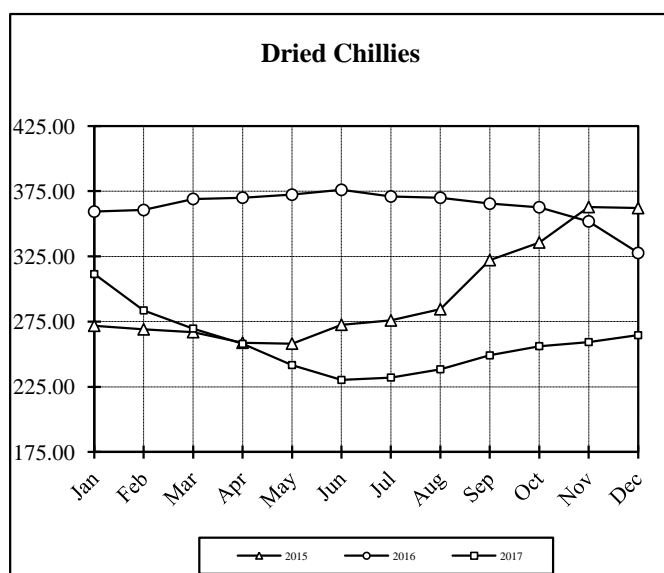
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	93.38	95.20	94.54	90.13	80.51	98.73	92.21	70.64	92.41	84.76	71.61	95.27
Feb	91.39	93.55	94.74	88.75	79.87	99.95	87.23	69.32	94.37	81.61	70.19	95.56
Mar	89.30	91.87	89.48	85.09	79.76	89.77	82.21	65.58	81.95	76.40	65.80	81.77
Apr	88.17	91.70	90.14	82.22	79.38	90.88	78.56	65.88	82.89	74.51	69.83	84.30
May	89.04	92.51	91.16	80.50	80.65	93.46	76.85	67.75	84.24	73.70	72.67	85.58
Jun	88.93	92.71	95.95	78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82	89.17	71.45	72.63	90.65
Jul	88.66	91.28	98.34	77.33	80.69		72.36	64.74	89.80	68.75	71.13	91.36
Aug	89.04	90.51	99.45	76.16	79.49		69.99	66.41	88.70	67.22	69.85	91.71
Sep	91.75	89.85	101.30	76.46	79.40		71.10	67.70	89.11	68.49	70.19	93.51
Oct	93.10	90.08	108.14	76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86	92.38	69.49	74.34	95.80
Nov	106.27	91.60	109.73	79.77	86.28	107.14	71.96	78.12	92.67	71.84	79.14	96.81
Dec	95.76	94.16	109.95	81.10	93.83	107.39	72.33	83.50	93.12	73.15	87.71	97.20



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	271.85	359.36	311.44	144.64	168.42	156.25	106.11	84.20	100.02	139.63	148.73	194.94
Feb	269.09	360.56	283.58	132.59	145.71	197.00	83.99	68.73	96.57	131.58	148.75	174.64
Mar	266.95	369.06	269.67	100.10	135.49	186.80	85.73	81.58	95.60	133.91	135.62	165.97
Apr	258.81	370.07	257.93	95.65	133.19	291.30	89.56	85.83	99.33	131.19	144.75	179.77
May	258.15	372.34	241.70	115.55	166.64	331.70	115.99	86.42	96.33	132.82	156.73	184.26
Jun	272.61	376.04	230.28	161.67	203.59	425.19	108.39	83.87	97.25	146.91	180.84	184.74
Jul	275.90	370.97	232.12	176.85	192.81	302.86	98.14	86.66	96.33	156.77	193.18	182.06
Aug	284.48	369.99	238.44	133.51	135.32	225.63	131.16	87.07	132.19	147.47	168.81	184.34
Sep	322.19	365.44	249.10	134.69	140.64	359.93	128.09	92.01	141.57	142.68	159.34	177.47
Oct	335.70	362.69	256.20	144.23	142.94	389.38	134.76	84.79	147.37	143.91	154.06	167.88
Nov	362.89	351.86	259.31	169.84	154.23	498.85	145.93	91.96	165.87	161.86	169.46	160.43
Dec	362.08	327.65	264.58	201.81	153.77	575.43	95.39	106.54	157.18	140.10	177.13	163.52



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

Dec-17

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	91.00	107.60	99.60	98.40	Welimada	166.00	190.33	174.33	164.33
A'pura	56.80	56.80	57.00	57.40	Badulla					N'Eliya	173.00	173.00	178.00	162.40
P'narawa	55.75	55.38	55.75	55.50	Welimada	95.25	85.75	99.00	95.75	<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kalawewa	59.12	57.35	57.00	60.17	<u>Pulses</u>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	55.50	55.50	55.33	52.50	<u>Green Gram</u>					N'Eliya	105.00	101.00	122.00	123.00
Dehiattakandiya					Galgamuwa					Dambulla	119.00	136.00	140.00	136.00
Ampara	56.50	56.50	57.00	56.50	Kalawewa		143.33			Kurunegala				
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	176.00	176.00	176.00	176.00	Welimada	106.00	103.67	104.00	107.67
A'pura	53.60	54.00	54.00	54.40	Kurunegala					<u>Knokhol</u>				
P'narawa	54.63	54.63	54.81	54.56	A'pura	183.75	185.00	187.50	187.50	Hanguranketha		65.00	60.00	
Kalawewa	54.86	56.53	53.00	53.23	<u>Cowpea</u>					N'Eliya	73.00	73.00	78.00	88.00
Kurunegala	55.33	55.67	55.33	53.33	A'pura	185.00	186.67	190.00	190.00	Welimada	76.00	83.67	102.00	104.33
Dehiattakandiya					Galgamuwa	106.00	103.67	104.00	107.67	<u>Radish</u>				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	176.67	190.00	203.33	203.33	Hanguranketha	30.00	30.00	27.50	22.50
Ampara					Kalawewa		186.67			N'Eliya	54.00	54.00	48.00	43.00
Matara	45.00	44.67	44.00	44.00	Embilipitiya	186.25	186.25	186.25	186.25	Welimada	44.33	36.00	36.00	24.33
Hambantota					Kurunegala					<u>Cabbage</u>				
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>					<u>Maize</u>					Hanguranketha	65.00	77.50	67.50	65.00
Matara	45.00	44.67	44.00	44.00	A'Pura	54.00	54.67	55.67	56.00	N'Eliya	89.80	112.00	77.00	63.00
Hambantota	48.00	46.50	47.40	47.40	Kalawewa					Welimada	77.00	61.00	61.00	43.67
Ampara			46.00		<u>Gingelly</u>					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	48.17	48.17	48.17	48.17	A'Pura	177.50	180.00	177.50	175.00	Badulla	86.00	80.00	59.00	71.00
<u>Other Food Crops</u>					Kalawewa		160.00			<u>Tomato</u>				
<u>Dried Chillies</u>					<u>Black Gram</u>					Hanguranketha	38.33	48.33	70.00	110.00
A'Pura					Kalawewa		87.50			Welimada	42.00	34.33	86.00	85.33
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	201.67	200.00	140.00	140.00	Hambantota	42.50	37.50	42.50	65.00
Kalawewa					<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Dambulla	40.00	57.40	91.40	94.00
<u>Red Onion</u>					<u>Beans</u>					<u>Low Country</u>				
Puttalam	340.00	404.00	436.00	452.00	Dambulla	142.00	243.00	171.00	202.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Welimada	105.75	206.50	186.00	192.67	A'pura	65.00	65.00	66.67	65.00
Dambulla					Badulla	114.00	176.00	169.00	169.00	Dambulla	26.00	68.20	54.80	55.20
Kalawewa					<u>Carrot</u>					Hambantota	72.50	77.50	82.50	90.00
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	140.00	110.00	97.50	71.67	Embilipitiya	94.17	102.50	102.50	102.50
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	132.00	149.00	87.60	78.40	Matara	56.67	56.67	66.67	76.67
					Welimada	114.33	94.33	84.33	87.00					

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	106.67	66.67	73.33	133.33	Dambulla	41.60	44.00	36.20	34.60	Hambantota	95.00	57.50	42.50	47.50
Dambulla	101.00	116.00	94.00	130.00	Hambantota	47.50	46.67	52.50	55.00	Embilipitiya	55.71	55.71	50.00	35.71
Hambantota	77.50	95.00	95.00	125.00	Embilipitiya	52.50	56.00	56.00	60.00	Moneragala	44.00	45.25	25.25	20.50
Embilipitiya	108.33	113.33	119.17	132.50	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	56.67	66.67			A'pura	58.33	56.67	53.33	46.67	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	86.00	86.00			Moneragala	35.33	43.67	53.75	40.67	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	48.33	48.33	51.25	53.75
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	40.00	51.67	48.33	48.33	Embilipitiya	33.33	33.33	39.17	55.83
Welimada	275.33	263.33	206.50	234.00	Dambulla	37.20	45.60	38.20	51.40	Hambantota	37.50	32.50	37.50	47.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	26.50	30.00	42.50	42.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	175.00	183.33	176.67	210.00	Matara					Moneragala	106.67	101.67	103.33	110.00
Dambulla	146.00	174.00	171.00	157.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	90.00	90.00	93.33	110.83
Hambantota	90.00	90.00	135.00	145.00	Dambulla	97.00	104.00	91.40	96.00	Hambantota	77.50	75.00	95.00	112.50
Embilipitiya	112.50	145.00	149.50	156.67	Hambantota	75.00	90.00	110.00	127.50	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	110.83	114.17	120.00	107.50	Moneragala				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	93.33	93.33	106.67	113.33	Embilipitiya	46.33	57.00	57.00	71.00
Dambulla	70.20	86.40	92.00	95.00	A'Pura	116.67	116.67	110.00	105.00	Hambantota	41.00	27.50	57.50	65.00
Hambantota	77.50	77.50	85.00	85.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	99.00	113.00	115.00	115.00	Hambantota	52.50	67.50	62.50	67.50	Divulapitiya				
Matara	76.67	76.67			Embilipitiya	49.17	49.17	59.17	59.17					
A'pura	93.33	93.33	78.33	73.33	Matara	63.33	76.67	83.33	86.67					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	96.00	130.00	89.40	112.00	Dambulla	498.00	278.00	372.00	312.00					
Hambantota	75.00	95.00	95.00	115.00	Hambantota	425.00	375.00	525.00	475.00					
Embilipitiya	115.83	126.67	145.83	145.83	Embilipitiya	407.50	286.67	484.00	484.00					
Matara	73.33	73.33			Puttalam	566.00	260.00	280.00	236.00					
A'pura	101.67	125.00	121.67	128.33	A'Pura	583.33	270.00	300.00	336.67					