



# HARTI

## FOOD INFORMATION BULLETIN

Vol. 10

January - 2017

No. 01

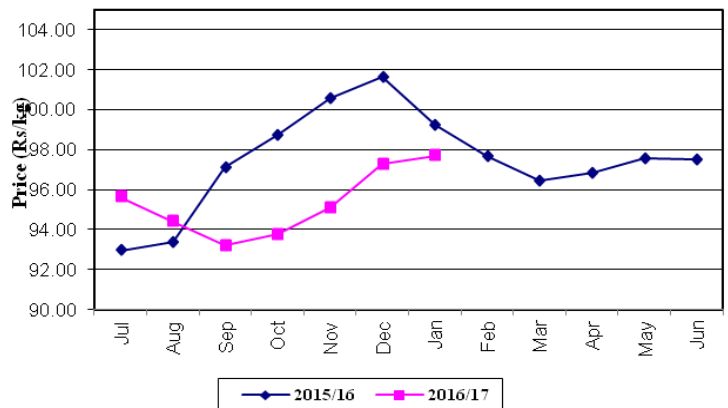
### RICE:

Despite of the reduction of rice import tax by the government imported rice stocks have still not reached the market. However, limited stocks of imported rice were available in the market by the end of month. Meanwhile, the local rice supply further declined. As a result of the above situation rice prices increased significantly. The price increases were recorded for Rs.9.00/kg for raw red, Rs.8.00/kg for raw white and Rs.5.00/kg for nadu. Prices of imported rice varieties have ranged between Rs.75.00-90.00/kg.

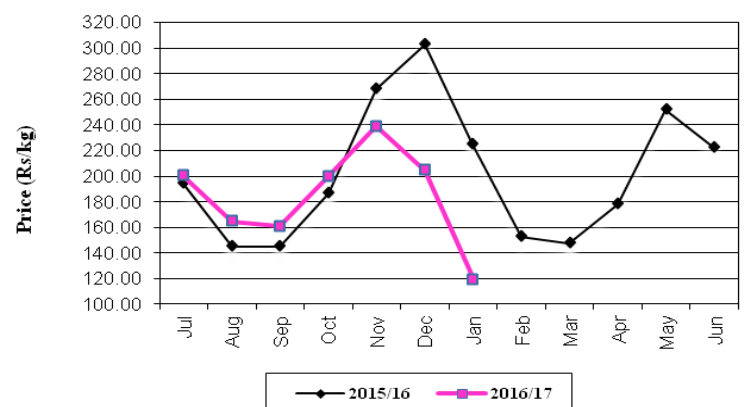
### VEGETABLES:

Supplies of both up and low country varieties of vegetables increased and thereby prices had dropped in most of the types due to reaching of the early phase of *Maha* peak harvesting period. Reported average price decreases were 32% and 24% respectively, for up and lowcountry varieties.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



Marketing , Food Policy and Agribusiness Division

Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute

No 114, Wijerama Mawatha , Colombo 07.

Ministry of Agriculture

Phone: 011-2696981

Fax: 011-2682283

E-mail: mfpaharti@yahoo.com

Web: www.harti.gov.lk

## EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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

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

### Co-ordinator / Head of the Division

Mr.W.H.Duminda Priyadarshana

### Research Team

W.A.N.Wijesooriya	- Paddy
I. Virajith Kuruppu	- Rice, Wheat flour and Sugar
R.N.K. Rambukwella	- Onion
R.H.A.W. Ruvini	- Dried chilies and Pulses
Ruvini Vidanapathirana	- Potato
I.K. Edirisinghe	- Fruits
Darshika Amarakoon	- Dried fish, Meat, Fish and Eggs
P.A.J. Champika	-Vegetables

### Compilation of Data and Information

P.G.A. Rathnasiri W.G.N Malkanthi

### Data Processing

K.A.R. Pathmasiri

### Word Processing

I.A. Surangani

### Editor

S. Perera

### Data Collection Areas:

#### Colombo and suburb Markets

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

#### Outstation Markets

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

## 1. Paddy

### Crop Situation

The production outlook of paddy crop in 2016/17 *Maha* season has downgraded mainly as a result of deteriorated prospects in major producing areas. A decline in area of paddy crop due to insufficient precipitation and prolonged drought conditions was experienced in the early stages of the season. Severe crop damages were reported from the Eastern and the Northern Provinces and Kurunegala district. By the end of month, rainy weather was experienced in most of the major producing areas. It is expected that the harvesting of paddy crop in 2016/17 *Maha* season will commence soon in producing areas like Kalmunai, Akkeripatthu and Samanthurai areas in Ampara district. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, due to the drought 137,017 Ha crop damage were recorded and is nearly a quarter of the sown extent. The cultivation progress up to end December is 535,192 ha and it is 66% of the target and it is already 26% lower compared to the average of last three *Maha* season. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *Maha* season varies from 1.328 to 1.438 million Mt, it is 50 percent lower compared to the average of last three *Maha* seasons.

**Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Maha* 2016/17 As at end of January 2017**

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total effected extent due to drought (ha)	Reversed production forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	95,748	29,429	31	103,714	912	90,526
Polonnaruwa	30,000	24,676	82	87,312	5	83,710
Ampara	75,168	74,836	100	286,121	18,267	176,950
Kurunegala	83,715	42,740	51	149,590	14,452	106,071
Hambantota	29,095	23,478	81	98,182	208	90,905
Colombo	3,608	2,432	67	7,172	45	6,716
Gampaha	11,500	8,045	70	23,250	1,505	20,104
Kalutara	13,500	8,701	64	25,686	250	24,110
Galle	15,382	8,357	54	22,563	-	21,122
Matara	16,414	13,096	80	35,154	-	32,928
Ratnapura	12,521	6,321	50	20,417	80	19,065
Kegalle	8,726	3,500	40	12,033	224	10,858
Puttalam	23,145	8,848	38	26,322	2,003	20,566
Kandy	13,728	8,976	65	26,484	71	24,694
Matale	20,710	12,308	59	48,038	27	45,343
N' Eliya	6,496	1,991	31	4,453		4,058
Badulla	23,246	8,406	36	31,152		29,320
Monaragala	33,606	19,533	58	67,000	2,065	61,084
Jaffna	11,550	10,419	90	20,433	10,340	-
Kilinochchi	23,532	23,438	100	82,605	8,470	64,914
Vavniya	19,810	13,143	66	43,403	2,254	36,901
Mullative	17,067	16,460	96	46,589	8,659	20,801
Mannar	21,000	14,220	68	66,936	5,735	46,000
Trincomalee	42,313	34,796	82	129,300	20,000	52,021
Batticaloa	63,526	64,416	101	165,444	41,446	29,983
Udawalawa	10,700	728	7	3,589	--	3,589
System H	22,300	4,754	21	22,059	-	20,680
System H1	9,350	3,481	37	16,152	-	15,142
System B	19,340	17,209	89	79,850	-	69,869
System C	23,306	22,418	96	104,020	-	91,017
System G	5,200	2,394	46	11,108	-	10,414
System D	500	40	8	5,842	-	5,830
Rambakanoya	1350	344	25	186	-	86
System L	1,425	1,259	88	1,596	-	1,231
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>808,577</b>	<b>535,192</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,873,755</b>	<b>137,018</b>	<b>1,336,608</b>

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

## Producer Prices

At the beginning of the month prices have increased in most of the major producing areas due to the limited supply as a result of the low progress of the paddy crop in ongoing *Maha* season. However, during the latter part, prices of short grain and long grain white paddy varieties tend to be stable in all major producing areas due to the announcement of rice imports by the government. The average prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red have increased by 2%-5%, 1%-20% and 12%-21% respectively. Prices of short grain ranged between Rs.46.00-58.00/kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Kalawewa. Prices of long grain white ranged between Rs.46.00-60.00/kg in major producing areas and the highest prices were recorded in Embilipitiya. However, the prices of long grain red paddy remained at higher level and ranged Rs.55.00-60.00/kg at the end of the month in the areas of the Southern Province. Prices of *Keeri* samba paddy ranged between Rs.55.00-60.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 33%-64% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 54%-61% in all major producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 7% -18% in most of the major producing areas.

**Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – January 2017**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	46.00-54.00	45.00-50.00	49.12	46.70	44.65	2.42	5.18	4.47	10.01
Polonnaruwa	49.00-52.00	47.50-51.50	50.92	49.58	47.63	1.34	2.70	3.29	6.91
Kalawewa	51.00-58.00	-	53.25	-	46.00	-	-	7.25	15.76
Kurunegala	-	-	-	-	40.80	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	48.00-52.00	47.50-51.00	50.34	49.21	-	1.13	2.29	-	-
Nikaweratiya	54.00-55.00	-	54.40	-	46.20	-	-	8.20	17.75
Ampara	50.00-52.00	47.00-52.00	51.24	49.63	47.45	1.61	3.24	3.79	7.99
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	45.00-50.00	45.00-50.00	51.24	47.15	34.05	4.09	8.67	17.19	50.48
Polonnaruwa	49.00-51.00	47.00-50.50	50.35	48.63	37.09	1.72	3.54	13.26	35.75
Kalawewa	51.00-58.00	-	54.90	-	36.00	-	-	18.90	52.50
Kurunegala	-	-	-	-	32.70	-	-	-32.70	-
Dehiattakandiya	46.00-52.50	47.50-51.00	49.91	49.44	30.50	0.47	0.96	19.41	63.65
Embilipitiya	50.00-60.00	46.00-50.00	54.16	48.55	35.60	5.61	11.56	18.56	52.13
Nikaweratiya	52.00-58.00	-	54.60	-	36.40	-	-	18.20	49.99
Matara	49.00-56.00	41.00-47.00	52.60	43.67	34.25	8.93	20.45	18.35	53.58
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	49.00-50.00	46.00-50.00	49.56	48.23	37.13	1.33	2.76	12.43	33.48
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	47.00-56.00	40.00-44.00	50.93	42.08	33.00	8.85	21.04	17.93	54.34
Hambantota	49.00-61.00	46.00-50.00	53.50	47.88	33.38	5.62	11.74	20.12	60.28
Embilipitiya	48.00-60.00	43.00-49.00	52.52	46.48	32.60	6.04	12.99	19.92	61.10

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Demand and Supply Situation

## Wholesale Prices

This month also prices of all the rice varieties have increased further significantly. A similar trend was observed since last November 2016, mainly due to the unsatisfactory progress of the paddy cultivation in 2016/17 *Maha* season as a result of scarcity of water in most of the major paddy producing areas. Except the prices of local samba varieties, all other local rice varieties have increased by more than 3%. Compared to last month, the highest price increment of 12% was observed for local raw red. Accordingly, price increments of 7% for raw white, 5% for nadu grade I and 4% for nadu grade II were reported during the month of January. However, the prices of samba varieties increased by less than 1%. During second and third week of the month imported rice stocks were available in small quantities in the market. Hence, imported samba, raw white and nadu was observed in the market and prices ranged between Rs.75.00-90.00/kg. Thus, it did not favour much the rice prices due to high demand. Average prices of all the rice varieties including imports this month ranged between Rs.78.90-95.01/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, except samba varieties wholesale prices of all other rice varieties have increased in the range of 28%-44%, whilst the prices of samba varieties have decreased by less than 2%.

## Retail Prices

In line with further price increments in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the rice varieties have also increased significantly. Compared to last month, the highest price increment of Rs.9.00/kg was reported for raw red. At the same time price of raw white has increased by Rs.8.00/kg. Further, prices of both nadu grade I and II have increased by Rs.5.00/kg. However, for samba varieties price did not change significantly. Since lesser quantities of imported rice stocks were available this month; for imported *ponni* samba prices ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg, for imported raw white Rs.85.00-92.00/kg and for imported nadu Rs.85.00-90.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices, ranged between Rs.98.00-115.00/kg and it was reported from Kegalle, Galle and Matara markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.90.00-93.00/kg from Mannar and Vavuniya markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.95.00-99.00/kg was reported from Mannar and Embilipitiya markets while the lowest price range of Rs.80.00-86.00/kg was reported from Puttalam market. Likewise, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw red was noted from Puttalam, Nikaweratiya and Dambulla markets and the lowest price of Rs.83.00/kg from Tissamaharama market. Meanwhile, for raw white the highest price of Rs.93.00/kg was reported from Kegalle market and the lowest price of Rs.82.00/kg from Vavuniya 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 23%-33%. However, the prices of samba varieties have decreased by less than 2%. Compared to low amount of rice imports, prices did not stabilize during the month of January.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – January 2017**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	90.00-100.00	95.01	94.36	96.12	0.64	0.68	-1.12	-1.16
Samba 2	84.00-95.00	88.93	88.15	89.67	0.78	0.88	-0.74	-0.83
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	93.00-95.00	94.06	89.93	73.53	4.14	4.60	20.54	27.93
Nadu 2	88.00-93.00	90.01	86.56	69.95	3.46	3.99	20.06	28.67
Raw red	80.00-100.00	86.13	77.21	60.61	8.92	11.55	25.51	42.09
Raw white	82.00-96.00	90.08	83.85	62.40	6.23	7.44	27.68	44.36
Ponni Samba (Imported)	75.00-90.00	85.21	-	103.96	-	-	-	-
Raw white (imported)	75.00-85.00	78.90	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	95.00-105.00	100.87	100.38	103.29	0.49	0.49	-2.42	-2.34
Samba 2	89.00-98.00	94.54	94.16	95.20	0.38	0.40	-0.66	-0.69
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	95.00-105.00	98.73	93.83	80.51	4.91	5.23	18.22	22.63
Nadu 2	90.00-98.00	93.45	88.74	75.39	4.71	5.31	18.06	23.96
Raw red	84.00-105.00	92.41	83.50	70.64	8.91	10.68	21.77	30.82
Raw white	88.00-105.00	95.27	87.71	71.61	7.56	8.62	23.66	33.04
Ponni Samba (Imported)	90.00-100.00	97.17	-	119.21	-	-	-	-
Raw white (imported)	85.00-92.00	89.63	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chillies

#### Crop Situation

According to the crop forecast by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent of chilli cultivation for 2016/17 *Maha* season is 11,253 mt. But, only 7,595 ha have been cultivated by the end of January because of the prevailing drought condition. As a result, the expected production has been revised to 29,264 mt. However, out of targeted land area, so far 67% has been cultivated, and it was a 92% progress when compared to the same period in *Maha* 2015/16. Despite the cultivated extent, the expected yield had declined by 41%, compared to the same period of last year.

Although the highest chilli cultivated land area was reported in Anuradhapura and 21% of the total production is expected from there, a quantity of 7,830 mt yield reduction is expected compared to last year. Furthermore, comparatively a higher chilli production could be expected from Puttalam (14%), Moneragala (13%) and Kurunegala (5%).

Moreover, with inadequate rainfall, the highest crop damage is reported in Batticaloa (125 ha) and other areas like Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Mannar and Trincomalee were also affected by drought. In spite of the drought condition, higher production will reach the market from Anuradhapura, Puttalam and Moneragala district in the upcoming months.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of January 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3,246	2,082	64	6,238
Moneragala	880	625	71	4,372
Puttalam	828	566	68	3,938
Jaffna	297	322	108	1,600
Ampara	725	303	42	1,141
Other areas	575	293	51	750
Total	11,015	7,300	66	11,225

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

According to producer prices in Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Hambantota, Embilipitiya and Puttalam, an upward trend of price fluctuation had change at the latter part of the month. However, average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.156.00/kg and Rs.306.00/kg respectively, and prices ranged between Rs.90.00-240.00/kg in wholesale and Rs.150.00-400.00/kg in retail markets. Compared to last month, both wholesale and retail prices had increased by Rs.66.00/kg and Rs.102.00/kg respectively.

In contrast, compared to the same period in 2015/16 *Maha* season, both wholesale and retail prices were significantly low by 50% for wholesale, while 13% for retail. According to market information, the major reason behind this was high supply of low price chilli varieties to the market instead of MI-1 variety, mainly from Puttalam district.

With regard to dry chillies, reduction of prices could be observed in the range of Rs.14.00-16.00/kg compared to the last month. In fact, the average wholesale price of dry chilli was Rs.219.00/kg and average retail price was Rs.311.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, prices have reduced by Rs.77.00/kg in wholesale market and Rs.48.00/kg in retail market due to downward trend in CIF prices. A quantity of 4,817 mt of dried chilli was imported from India in January and the CIF price was Rs.194.00/kg.

**Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chillies	90.00-230.00	156.00	89.58	310.65	66.42	74.15	-154.65	-49.78
Dried Chillies	190.00-240.00	218.82	233.00	295.82	-14.18	-6.09	-77.00	-26.03
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chillies	150.00-400.00	306.26	204.50	529.89	101.76	49.76	-223.63	-42.20
Dried Chillies	260.00-360.00	311.44	327.65	359.36	-16.21	-4.95	-47.92	-13.33

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies**

### August 2016 to January 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
January	4,817	934.31	193.95	311.44	117.49
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

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

**Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – January 2017**

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week	5 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	136.00	136.00	178.00	180.00	93.40
Hambantota	115.00	170.00	150.00	190.00	205.00
Embilipitiya	106.40	128.00	147.40	145.00	138.00
Puttalam	128.00	110.00	208.00	152.00	104.00
A'Pura	146.67	160.00	180.00	213.33	183.33

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

### Crop situation

The targeted extent of big onion in *maha* 2016/17 season was 428 ha in Sri Lanka and out of that only 72 ha have been cultivated at the end of January 2017 representing 17% of the target. Though the highest targeted extent (67 ha) was reported from Hambantota, the highest cultivated extent (25 ha) was reported from Mannar.

In the Jaffna district, the targeted extent of red onion for *maha* 2016/17 is 2,100 ha and about 621 ha of red onion have been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 30% of the target. The targeted extent of red onion for this *maha* season was 1,006 ha in Puttalam district and around 544 ha were cultivated by the end of January representing 54% of the targeted extent. The expected production of red onion for *maha* 2016/17 is 17,321 mt and out of that 85% of the production will arrive from Jaffna (39%), Puttalam (38%) and Trincomalee (8%) districts.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of January 2017		Drought affected area (ha)	Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target		
Jaffna	2,100	621	30	9	6,732
Puttalam	1,006	544	54	0	6,523
Trincomalee	718	134	19	0	1,425
Other areas	1,090	311	29	27	2,641
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,914</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>17,321</b>

Source: Crop Forecast No.4 Maha 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation



Only imported big onion was available at the wholesale market and a quantity of 20,268 mt of big onion was imported from India during this month. It was a decrease of 469 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.30.41/kg for imported big onion and it had decreased by Rs.2.62/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.11.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion had increased by about 35% and 19% respectively.

Supply of local red onion from major producing areas were still in a low level. However, wholesale price of sinnan red onion has decreased by about Rs.11.00/kg due to availability of low quality stocks at the market. Both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by about Rs.8.00/kg and Rs.2.00/kg respectively. About 2,701 mt of red onion was imported during January 2017. It was a decrease of 36 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.60.12/kg and it has increased by Rs.1.41/kg compared to that of the last month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has decreased by about Rs.4.00/kg while the retail price has increased by about Rs.8.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion has decreased by about 4% and 20% respectively.

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

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	50.00-60.00	52.50	63.06	-	-10.56	-16.75	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	75.00-140.00	103.06	95.47	-	7.59	7.95	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	80.00-110.00	89.69	93.73	93.50	-4.03	-4.30	-3.81	-4.07
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-80.00	70.70	81.82	52.30	-11.11	-13.58	18.40	35.19
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	92.04	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	140.00-180.00	156.25	153.77	-	2.48	1.61	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	100.00-180.00	135.29	127.51	168.42	7.79	6.11	-33.13	-19.67
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	100.02	106.54	84.20	-6.52	-6.12	15.82	18.79
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	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	Jan 2017	30.41	70.70	100.02	40.29	29.32
	Dec 2016	33.03	81.82	106.54	48.78	24.72
	Jan 2016	35.62	52.30	84.20	16.68	31.90
Red onion	Jan 2017	60.12	89.69	135.29	29.57	45.60
	Dec 2016	58.71	93.73	127.51	35.02	34.98
	Jan 2016	80.98	93.50	168.42	12.52	74.92

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)	
	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Dec 2016
Red Onion	2,701	2,737	162.38	160.68	60.12	58.71
Big Onion	20,268	20,737	616.39	685.03	30.41	33.03

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
January	20,268	30.41	70.70	100.02	69.61
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

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 2,216 ha had been cultivated by the end of this month achieving 70% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is slightly at a low level due to prevailed dry weather condition specially in the Badulla district at the beginning of this *maha* season. During this month about 872 ha of potato were 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 36,683 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,248 ha and about 722 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of this month (58% 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 1,355 ha have been cultivated by the end of January achieving 79% 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 prevailed drought condition.

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

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (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		
N'Eliya	1,200	1,248	337	722	58	14,446
Badulla	1,637	1,712	1,783	1,355	79	20,324
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>2,294</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>36,683</b>

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 33,163 mt of potato had been imported in January which was 17,083 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. About 75% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan this month, followed by India (24%). Compared to January, 2016 (20,053 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.30.00/kg in January which has decreased by Rs.15.00/kg compared to last month due to decrease of potato prices in the world market.

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. Due to availability of ample stocks of imported potatoes, the demand for Nuwara Eliya potato was low. Hence, the wholesale price of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 1%, while the retail price has increased by 10%. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.123.00/kg in January. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 14% and 3% due to availability of ample stocks in the market. During the month of January, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.120.00-180.00/kg and Rs.60.00-95.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of imported potato (36%) has increased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes  
August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
January	33,163	1,002.50	30.23	119.66	89.43
December	16,080	725.50	45.12	122.79	77.67
November	8,423	406.77	48.29	120.83	72.54
October	7,631	253.58	33.23	113.77	80.54
September	4,408	148.12	33.61	113.98	80.37
August	16,445	476.69	28.99	115.55	86.56

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	95.00-130.00	114.60	134.67	82.75	91.20	67.72	31.85	38.49
Nuwara Eliya	115.00-135.00	122.68	130.75	92.20	92.20	70.52	30.48	33.06
Imported – CIF	29.66-40.76	30.23	45.12	27.61	-14.89	-33.00	2.62	9.49
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-180.00	143.75	145.70	112.60	-1.95	-1.34	31.15	27.66
Imported	60.00-95.00	79.16	92.44	48.14	-13.29	-14.37	31.02	64.44
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	140.00	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-240.00	194.94	177.13	148.73	17.81	10.06	46.21	31.07
Imported	90.00-140.00	119.66	122.79	87.96	-3.13	-2.55	31.70	36.04
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	5.33	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	72.26	46.38	-	25.88	55.81	-	-
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	89.43	77.67	60.35	11.77	15.15	29.08	48.19
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	51.19	31.43	-	19.76	62.86	-	-
Imported	-	40.50	30.34	39.82	10.16	33.49	0.68	1.71

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

## Crop Situation and Progress

Due to the prevailing drought condition, the cultivated extent of green gram was 3,326ha by the end of January. Even though, 9,006ha had been targeted to be cultivated in 2016/2017 *Maha* season, only 51% of the targeted area was achieved. Hence, the revised expected production was 3058mt as stated in Crop Forecast by the Department of Agriculture. Compared to the same period of last year, 76% cultivation progress was achieved. The highest cultivation extent has been reported in Hambantota (1498ha) among green gram cultivated districts, while Monaragala, Anuradhapura, Ratnapura, Vavuniya and Batticaloa also accounted for around 200-425ha extent in each. Out of the targeted land area for green gram, the highest crop damage was revealed in Mullaitivu. In fact, it was 105ha and further 158ha of crop damage was reported in several districts including Kurunegala, Batticaloa, Vavuniya and Trincomalee.

It had been intended to cultivate cowpea in 10,549ha for 2016/2017 *maha* season. So far, 4,401ha had been cultivated by the end of January. An extent of 263ha had been affected owing to the dry weather condition, and as a consequence the expected production has been revised to 4,332ha. In comparison with the extent of 2015/2016 *maha* season, it was all 83% progress. Major cowpea growing areas of Sri Lanka are Ampara and Monaragala. However, 27% extent of crop damage was reported in Ampara due to the drought in this season. Nevertheless, still 39% from the total production is expected from Ampara, apart from Monaragala, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Hambantota which will contribute to 54% of the total production. In Mullaitivu and Batticaloa districts, respectively 55% and 37% crop damage was disclosed due to the unfavourable climatic condition. Compared to the same period last year, the cultivated extent of Monaragala had declined by 62%, while the cultivated extent was increased by 51% with regard to Anuradhapura.

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

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (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	1,971	1,498	74	1,198
	Kurunegala	862	605	449	394	65	267
	Moneragala	1,455	1,440	1,051	424	29	207
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>9,006</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>3,058</b>
Cowpea	Ampara	3,440	4,271	1,794	1,154	27	1,715
	Moneragala	1,650	1,356	1,280	482	36	464
	Anuradhapura	525	659	372	562	85	445
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>10,655</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>6,245</b>	<b>4,401</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4,332</b>

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

Wholesale and retail prices of green gram fluctuated within Rs.190.00-260.00/kg and the average prices were noted as Rs.203.00/kg for wholesale and Rs.229.00/kg for retail. Wholesale and retail prices increased by 12% and 6% respectively than last month. Compared to the same period last year, the wholesale price was increased by 3% and retail price was decreased by 5%.

A total amount of 411mt of green gram had been imported from Thailand (41%), Myanmar (27%), Australia (18%), Turkey (10%) and India (5%). Average CIF price of green gram was Rs.144.00/kg and it has not been changed significantly since last July. Furthermore, the imported quantity of green gram was increased by 45mt compared to last month. In line with that the retail price ranged between Rs.216.00- Rs.228.00/kg. According to market information, prices of green gram had increased in first quarter of January due to low stock availability in market.

With regard to white and red cowpea, wholesale prices were Rs.216.00/kg and Rs.222.00/kg respectively. In line with that, retail price of white cowpea was Rs.248.00/kg and Rs.252.00/kg for red cowpea. In comparison with last month, both white and red cowpea prices increased between Rs.12.00-Rs.13.00/kg while it was Rs.19.00-Rs.23.00 higher compared to the same period last year. According to wholesale market information, the major cause of rise in the price was inadequate availability of stocks in market. Furthermore, retail price of red cowpea had increased by 4% compared to last month. The price of white cowpea has been not significantly changed due to accessibility of low quality stocks in the market. Anyhow, price of white cowpea had decreased by 2% compared to January, 2016.

During this month, 282mt of white cowpea was imported and average CIF price was Rs.118.00/kg. It was received mainly from Brazil (49%), Madagascar (34%), Canada (9%) and Myanmar (8%).

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram  
August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
January	411	59.10	143.93	228.54	84.61
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

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea  
August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
January	282	33.13	117.53	247.88	130.35
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

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

**Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	190.00-220.00	203.48	182.15	198.15	21.33	11.71	5.33	2.69
Cowpea (White)	200.00-250.00	216.00	203.41	193.44	12.59	6.19	22.56	11.66
Cowpea (Red)	195.00-250.00	222.38	209.93	202.89	12.45	5.93	19.49	9.60
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	200.00-260.00	228.54	216.33	240.43	12.21	5.65	-11.89	-4.95
Cowpea (White)	220.00-280.00	247.88	246.82	253.69	1.06	0.43	-5.81	-2.29
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	251.51	242.69	252.68	8.82	3.64	-1.17	-0.46

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	Jan 2017	143.93	203.48	228.54	59.55	25.06
	Dec 2016	155.37	182.15	216.33	26.78	34.18
	Jan 2016	173.24	198.15	240.43	24.91	42.28
Cowpea (White)	Jan 2017	117.53	216.00	247.88	98.47	31.88
	Dec 2016	117.74	203.41	246.82	85.67	43.41
	Jan 2016	89.68	193.44	253.69	103.76	60.25
Cowpea (Red)	Jan 2017	-	222.38	251.51	-	29.14
	Dec 2016	-	209.93	242.69	-	32.76
	Jan 2016	-	202.89	252.68	-	49.79

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

## 2.5 Red dhal

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

By January this year, 24,582mt of red dhal had been imported and the average CIF price was Rs.115.00/kg. In line with that, wholesale and retail prices were Rs.151.00/kg and Rs.174.00/kg respectively. Compared to last month's figures, it was a 1,709mt increase. Therefore, CIF price declined by Rs.5.00/kg than last December and consequently, wholesale and retail prices declined by Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.2.00/kg respectively. Considering imported stocks, only 2,271mt was split type and out of that, 70% was from Canada, 25% was from Australia and 5% from India. The rest of the imported red dhal was whole type and they had been mainly imported from the Canada (52%) and Australia (46%). Other 3% had been received from the United States and United Arab Emirates. In the same period last year 20% split type dhal had been imported from India. However, it has been reduced to 5% this January.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	140.00-160.00	150.69	156.46	184.51	-5.77	-3.69	-33.81	-18.33
Retail Price	159.00-190.00	174.47	176.77	179.96	-2.29	-1.30	-5.49	-3.05

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal  
August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
January	24,582	114.53	150.69	174.47	36.16	23.78
December	22,873	120.28	156.46	176.77	36.18	20.30
November	17,597	118.91	160.71	173.53	41.80	12.82
October	9,475	127.21	162.59	173.66	35.38	11.07
September	9,862	142.26	163.06	174.72	20.80	11.66
August	3,736	150.57	161.19	172.34	10.62	11.15

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

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

As the onset of northeast monsoon delayed, commencement of the *Maha* season, particularly in the upcountry areas delayed accordingly. Yet, the season commenced with slow cultivation progress in all the major producing areas, using the water received by convective precipitation in November. Afterwards, crop establishment in *Maha* season was accelerated with the rains received during the mid-January in all the major producing areas hence, cultivation practices were more or less completed for the season with high cultivation progress by the end of January.

Regarding cultivation progress of the present *Maha* season, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts had reported about 82% and 99% cultivation progress respectively for the upcountry varieties at the end of January. Meanwhile, in both Kandy and Matale districts, *Maha* season commenced relatively slowly, with the reported cultivation progress of 87% for upcountry varieties at the end of January. Further, 88%, 74% and 90% cultivation progress were noted for upcountry varieties in Jaffna, Kurunegala and Puttalam districts, respectively.

Except for Monaragala Anuradhapura and Jaffna districts, all the other lowcountry areas reported a fairly high cultivation progress by the end of January. Anuradhapura, the most significant district for low country varieties, recorded only 63% cultivation progress at the end of January. Meantime, Monaragala, Jaffna and Kurunegala districts had recorded a 42%, 65% and 77% cultivation progress respectively, for low country varieties. However, cultivation progress for Hambantota and Puttalam districts noted as high as 131% and 112% 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 Matale district in the month of January recorded a 59% increase compared to last month, with the value of 4,956mt. However, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) remained more or less same as previous month (1,400mt), due to interrupted supply from lowcountry areas.

With the early phase of the *Maha* peak harvesting season is reached, supplies increased hence prices of all the up country vegetables had decreased with the highest value recorded for both beans and radish as 61%. As predicted during the previous month, bean prices had further decreased due to coinciding of the harvesting periods of both Balangoda and Badulla. The third highest price decrease was reported for carrot as 32% followed by cabbage as 26%. As high supplies from both up country areas and Jaffna reached the market, prices of carrot and cabbage

had dropped by a high margin. Prices of all the other up country varieties had decreased in a range of 6% - 23%, during the *Maha* peak harvesting period.

Due to gradual decrease in supply of lowcountry variety, prices of tomato had further increased by high margin, 117% in January.

Meantime, prices of most of the lowcountry vegetables also decreased, but in a low margin compared to that of upcountry varieties during the month of January. The highest price decrease was reported for long beans as 59%, followed by snakegourd as 38% and luffa as 14%, due to high supplies received from Hambantota, Puttalam and Jaffna during the early phase of *Maha* harvesting season. However, prices of cucumber and ladies fingers had increased by 76% and 33% respectively, due to low supply from Anuradhapura district. In addition, prices of pumpkin and brinjal also had increased in the range of 4%-23%. Further, harvesting season for drumsticks ended in December so that hardly any stocks were available at the market during January.

Meantime, price of green chilies had further increased by 74% due to low supply from Anuradhapura and Jaffna. However, price of lime started to show a decreasing trend in January with the increased supply from Ampara and Monaragala.

Retail prices of most of the vegetables also decreased during January with the highest price decrease reported for beans as 42%.

Price decreasing trend is expected to continue in the coming month due to approaching of *Maha* peak harvesting period.

**Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	20.00-80.00	57.19	146.25	152.81	-89.06	-60.90	-95.62	-62.57
Carrot	30.00-100.00	58.92	86.04	210.66	-27.12	-31.52	-151.74	-72.03
Leeks	30.00-60.00	42.50	55.21	83.15	-12.71	-23.02	-40.65	-48.89
Beetroot	20.00-60.00	44.43	52.56	178.76	-8.13	-15.46	-134.33	-75.15
Knolkhol	30.00-80.00	60.25	63.96	116.68	-3.71	-5.80	-56.43	-48.36
Radish	10.00-25.00	15.41	39.48	34.03	-24.07	-60.97	-18.62	-54.72
Cabbage	5.00-20.00	12.86	17.42	90.42	-4.56	-26.19	-77.56	-85.78
Tomato	40.00-160.00	88.50	40.83	42.19	47.67	116.74	46.31	109.77
Ladies Fingers	25.00-100.00	57.44	43.34	95.18	14.11	32.55	-37.74	-39.65
Brinjal	15.00-65.00	39.36	38.04	81.14	1.33	3.48	-41.78	-51.49
Capsicum	120.00-200.00	160.17	154.17	286.72	6.00	3.89	-126.55	-44.14
Pumpkin	30.00-60.00	45.93	37.13	53.51	8.80	23.69	-7.58	-14.17
Cucumber	50.00-120.00	90.33	51.31	26.04	39.02	76.06	64.29	246.89
Bittergourd	60.00-220.00	164.41	173.20	149.64	-8.79	-5.07	14.77	9.87
Snakegourd	25.00-60.00	43.42	70.12	70.92	-26.70	-38.08	-27.50	-38.78
Drumstick	-	-	137.71	400.00	-	-	-	-
Luffa	70.00-140.00	97.29	112.67	91.68	-15.38	-13.65	5.61	6.12
Long Beans	20.00-55.00	35.50	86.35	62.28	-50.85	-58.89	-26.78	-43.00
Ash Plantain	40.00-70.00	56.97	59.22	60.63	-2.25	-3.80	-3.66	-6.04
Green Chillies	90.00-230.00	156.00	89.58	310.65	66.42	74.15	-154.65	-49.78
Lime	100.00-350.00	204.40	296.25	50.08	-91.85	-31.00	154.32	308.15

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI



**Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-180.00	119.15	204.61	224.92	-85.46	-41.77	-105.77	-47.03
Carrot	80.00-200.00	122.51	161.72	282.16	-39.21	-24.25	-159.65	-56.58
Leeks	60.00-160.00	107.65	127.82	162.90	-20.17	-15.78	-55.25	-33.92
Beetroot	80.00-200.00	114.97	124.58	269.77	-9.61	-7.71	-154.80	-57.38
Knolkhol	80.00-200.00	141.02	152.72	217.01	-11.70	-7.66	-75.99	-35.02
Radish	50.00-160.00	87.31	109.34	110.59	-22.03	-20.15	-23.28	-21.05
Cabbage	40.00-120.00	74.53	86.89	165.40	-12.36	-14.22	-90.87	-54.94
Tomato	80.00-240.00	154.56	89.50	100.17	65.06	72.69	54.39	54.30
Ladies Fingers	50.00-160.00	114.55	107.16	161.88	7.39	6.90	-47.33	-29.24
Brinjal	40.00-160.00	92.60	93.87	153.75	-1.27	-1.35	-61.15	-39.77
Capsicum	160.00-320.00	245.05	220.55	430.95	24.50	11.11	-185.90	-43.14
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	107.81	90.74	99.53	17.08	18.82	8.28	8.32
Cucumber	80.00-200.00	155.77	117.63	95.03	38.14	32.42	60.74	63.92
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	257.15	249.73	226.07	7.42	2.97	31.08	13.75
Snakegourd	60.00-200.00	109.19	147.47	140.06	-38.28	-25.96	-30.87	-22.04
Drumstick	240.00-800.00	476.67	344.22	-	132.45	38.48	-	-
Luffa	120.00-240.00	184.61	193.39	194.46	-8.78	-4.54	-9.85	-5.07
Long Beans	60.00-200.00	108.14	158.33	151.40	-50.19	-31.70	-43.26	-28.57
Ash Plantain	70.00-160.00	119.29	130.43	137.56	-11.14	-8.54	-18.27	-13.28
Green Chillies	150.00-400.00	306.26	204.50	529.89	101.76	49.76	-223.63	-42.20
Lime	180.00-800.00	492.89	638.05	191.34	-145.16	-22.75	301.55	157.60

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

## 4. Fruits

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the previous month, prices of all the varieties of banana and all the sizes of pineapple had increased. Prices of banana varieties; Ambul, Kolikuttu, Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun, had increased in the range of 2%-26%. The highest prices recorded for Kolikuttu, Ambul and Seeni during the month were Rs.220.00/kg, Rs.130.00/kg and Rs.100.00/kg respectively. The highest prices recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.15.00/fruit and Rs.20.00/fruit respectively. Limited supplies to the market due to the dry weather condition had contributed to these price increases. However, at the latter part of the month, prices of banana had reduced due to low consumer demand and according to the data in previous years, banana prices could decrease in the coming month. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had increased in the range of 12%-17% and the prices ranged between Rs.80.00-300.00/fruit. Limited supply and high consumer demand had contributed to these price increases too. According to market information, prices of pineapple could further increase in the coming month. In addition, price of woodapple had increased by 26% and price of imported grapes had increased by 3%. End of the harvesting season of woodapple had created a price increase for woodapple and according to the data in previous years, woodapple prices could further increase in the coming month.

However, prices of all the mango varieties had decreased in the range of 22%-24% and the price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.25.00-45.00/fruit. High supplies and availability of small sized fruits had contributed to these price decreases and according to market information, mango prices could increase in the coming month. In addition, price of papaw had decreased by 18% and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-120.00/kg. However, according to the data in previous years, papaw prices could increase in the coming month. In addition, prices of passion fruit, slime apple and avocado had decreased by 40%, 30% and 23% respectively and according to market

information, it is expected to have increased prices for passion fruit while, decreased prices for slime apple and avocado in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for banana (Seeni) as 124%.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 5%-26%. The highest prices recorded for Kolikuttu, Ambul and Seeni during the month were Rs.280.00/kg, Rs.180.00/kg and Rs.160.00/kg respectively. The highest prices recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.30.00/fruit. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had increased in the range of 8%-15% and the price ranged between Rs.150.00-350.00/fruit. Further, price of woodapple had increased by 35% and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-100.00/fruit. Price range of imported grapes was Rs.700.00-1,000.00/kg. Meanwhile, prices of all the mango varieties, passion fruit, orange, avocado and slime apple had decreased. Compared to the previous month, there was not a significant price change in the retail price of papaw and consumers had to pay Rs.80.00-180.00/kg. Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for banana (Ambul) as 74%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received an increased price for Ambul, Kolikuttu and pineapple compared to the previous month. However, they had received a decreased price for papaw. At the same time, compared to the same month in the last year, producer prices had increased for Ambul, Kolikuttu and pineapple and had decreased for papaw (Table 4.3).

### **Exports/Imports of Fruits**

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka has exported 442mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.72mn. Of the export quantity, 68% were papaw and 28% and 4% were pineapple and mango respectively. In addition, a small quantity of oranges (0.04mt) also had been exported. In the month of December, 2016, the quantity exported was 409mt with a value of Rs.55mn. Therefore, compared to last month, export quantity had increased by 8%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka has imported 4,377mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.549mn. Of the import quantity, 44% were apple and 33%, 12% and 11% were mandarin, oranges and grapes respectively. The main importing countries of apple were China, United States and France. Pakistan and China were the main importing countries of mandarin. In addition, main importing countries of oranges were Egypt and Turkey and India and China were the main countries of grapes. In the month of December, 2016, the quantity imported was 5,418mt with a value of Rs.654mn. Therefore, compared to last month, import quantity had decreased by 19%.

**Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-130.00	94.67	74.93	44.15	19.74	26.34	50.52	114.43
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-220.00	191.09	160.75	128.16	30.34	18.87	62.93	49.10
Seeni (Kg)	70.00-100.00	85.49	76.60	38.21	8.89	11.61	47.28	123.74
Anamalu (Fruit)	8.00-15.00	10.72	10.53	8.39	0.19	1.78	2.33	27.77
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	16.58	15.44	10.68	1.14	7.37	5.90	55.24
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	180.00-300.00	257.30	228.73	141.26	28.57	12.49	116.04	82.15
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-250.00	209.05	178.53	119.75	30.53	17.10	89.30	74.57
Small (Fruit)	80.00-200.00	150.34	133.98	96.94	16.36	12.21	53.40	55.09
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	7.22-15.00	10.48	13.75	-	-3.27	-23.77	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	25.00-45.00	35.03	46.14	169.26	-11.11	-24.07	-134.23	-79.30
Vilad (Fruit)	13.33-16.66	14.54	18.67	57.00	-4.13	-22.12	-42.46	-74.49
Kohu (Fruit)		7.73	10.10	26.00	-2.37	-23.47	-18.27	-70.27
<b>Papaw (Rs/kg)</b>	50.00-120.00	81.40	99.25	100.40	-17.85	-17.98	-19.00	-18.92
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	8.33-12.50	9.33	15.54	12.17	-6.21	-39.94	-2.84	-23.34
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	20.00-50.00	30.99	24.64	23.06	6.35	25.77	7.93	34.39
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	30.00-50.00	37.95	38.09	25.48	-0.13	-0.35	12.47	48.94
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	50.00-100.00	69.03	90.13	84.25	-21.10	-23.41	-15.22	-18.07
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	20.00-50.00	31.35	45.10	28.62	-13.75	-30.49	2.73	9.54
<b>Grapes Imported (Kg)</b>	555.55-725.00	634.86	614.19	442.38	20.67	3.36	192.48	43.51

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	120.00-180.00	146.57	116.20	84.00	30.37	26.14	62.57	74.49
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	220.00-280.00	247.50	221.53	200.90	25.98	11.73	46.60	23.20
Seeni (Rs/kg)	100.00-160.00	120.39	109.48	81.92	10.92	9.97	38.47	46.96
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-30.00	23.66	20.43	17.52	3.24	15.84	6.14	35.05
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	23.89	22.68	17.95	1.22	5.36	5.94	33.09
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	280.00-350.00	312.84	288.98	187.83	23.86	8.26	125.01	66.55
Medium (Fruit)	230.00-280.00	253.73	221.76	150.82	31.97	14.42	102.91	68.23
Small (Fruit)	150.00-220.00	183.78	159.15	107.49	24.63	15.48	76.29	70.97
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	18.00-40.00	24.88	31.13	-	-6.25	-20.08	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	46.10	64.76	165.51	-18.66	-28.81	-119.41	-72.15
Vilad (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	30.12	39.68	83.33	-9.56	-24.08	-53.21	-63.85
Kohu (Fruit)	8.00-15.00	9.85	12.50	-	-2.65	-21.20	-	-
<b>Papaw (Rs/kg)</b>	80.00-180.00	131.60	132.13	137.39	-0.53	-0.40	-5.79	-4.21
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	11.66-26.66	18.84	29.11	21.77	-10.27	-35.28	-2.93	-13.46
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	40.00-100.00	61.77	45.67	40.73	16.11	35.27	21.04	51.66
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	40.00-80.00	64.39	66.92	64.00	-2.53	-3.78	0.39	0.61
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	100.00-200.00	158.01	203.63	142.01	-45.62	-22.40	16.00	11.27
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	40.00-80.00	55.97	62.67	54.85	-6.70	-10.70	1.12	2.04
<b>Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)</b>	700.00-1000.00	846.62	831.74	773.22	14.89	1.79	73.40	9.49

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	45.00-95.00	60.72	47.69	32.75	13.03	27.32	27.97	85.39
Kolikuttu	126.00-170.00	143.70	132.83	106.58	10.87	8.18	37.12	34.83
Papaw	37.50-60.00	51.18	60.11	52.40	-8.93	-14.86	-1.22	-2.33
Pineapple	86.00-130.00	107.75	98.50	61.67	9.25	9.39	46.08	74.72

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits  
November 2016 – January 2017**

Type of Fruit	January			December			November		
	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	125.17	31.99	255.54	111.69	24.73	221.46	105.80	21.50	203.18
Papaw	301.45	31.13	103.28	284.65	27.43	96.35	390.53	34.60	88.59
Fresh Mango	15.86	9.40	592.62	7.27	3.29	452.11	6.87	7.90	1150.26
Avocados, fresh	0.04	0.02	551.03	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits  
November 2016 – January 2017**

Type of Fruit	January			December			November		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,936	259.74	134.16	2,196	294.98	134.34	3,365	421.59	125.30
Grapes	502	178.28	354.79	477	180.42	378.23	414	141.29	341.56
Oranges	509	45.74	89.85	550	78.78	143.35	652	91.18	139.93
Mandarin	1,430	64.80	45.32	2,195	99.41	45.28	873	56.44	64.62

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

## 5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

### Fish

#### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Monthly average wholesale price of the selected fish types ranged between Rs.132.00/kg and Rs.1,121.00/kg in January 2017. The wholesale prices of all fish types, except Shrimp and Kelawalla, increased by of 2%-16% when compared to December 2016. Price of Shrimp decreased by 1%, and price of Kelawalla did not show any significant change.

Wholesale prices of most fish types had increased throughout the first four weeks of the month, followed by a price decrease in most fish types in the fifth week of the month. The highest price increase in January 2017 compared to December 2016 was observed in Hurulla (16%), followed by thora (13%). Prices of balaya, paraw, salaya, mora, and thalapath had increased by less than 10%. Price increase in these fish types was mainly due to limited fish supplies in the market. Coastal fishing operations were limited in January in districts such as Kalmunai, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, and Jaffna (i.e., Northern and Eastern Regions of Sri Lanka), because of the onset of the North-East monsoon; consequently, the marine fish production

has been reduced during this time. Similarly, fish supply in February may not vary significantly than that in January, as there would be limited coastal fishing in Northern and Eastern regions, because of the North-East monsoon. When compared with January 2016, prices of shrimp, hurulla, mora, thalpath, and salaya increased in January 2017 by 3% - 15%. In contrast, prices of balaya, thora, paraw, and kelawalla decreased by less than 10%.

Monthly average retail price of selected fish types varied between Rs.174.00/kg and Rs.1,373.00/kg. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all fish types, except Shrimp, kelawalla, and thalpath, increased in January 2017 when compared with the previous month. The highest price increase was observed in Hurulla (26%), followed by balaya (15%), salaya (10%) and thora (8%). Paraw and mora showed a price increase of 2%, whilst shrimp showed a price decrease of 2%. Meanwhile, retail prices of thalpath and kelawalla did not change significantly. Compared to January 2016, retail prices of all fish types, except Thora, had increased by 7%-19%. Retail price of thora in January 2017 reduced by 2% compared with that in January 2016.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	100.00-150.00	131.91	127.25	128.25	4.66	3.66	3.66	2.85
Hurulla	280.00-380.00	326.00	280.75	297.75	45.25	16.12	28.25	9.49
Balaya	280.00-380.00	314.66	291.88	350.00	22.79	7.81	-35.34	-10.10
Kelawalla	400.00-550.00	475.95	473.75	493.00	2.20	0.46	-17.05	-3.46
Thora	1,000.00-1200.00	1,120.61	990.00	1,212.50	130.61	13.19	-91.89	-7.58
Paraw	500.00-650.00	547.18	516.00	569.75	31.18	6.04	-22.57	-3.96
Mora	450.00-550.00	501.20	488.06	462.50	13.15	2.69	38.70	8.37
Shrimp (small)	700.00-800.00	733.20	739.50	637.00	-6.30	-0.85	96.20	15.10
Thalpath	600.00-700.00	641.80	631.36	592.25	10.44	1.65	49.55	8.37
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	120.00-300.00	173.65	158.51	155.40	15.15	9.55	18.25	11.74
Hurulla	330.00-600.00	416.75	331.58	350.04	85.18	25.69	66.71	19.06
Balaya	300.00-720.00	461.21	401.65	432.02	59.56	14.83	29.19	6.76
Kelawalla	450.00-1100.00	797.56	800.11	702.82	-2.55	-0.32	94.74	13.48
Thora	1,100.00-1900.00	1,373.08	1,276.68	1,398.81	96.40	7.55	-25.73	-1.84
Paraw	550.00-1100.00	811.64	792.41	739.88	19.24	2.43	71.76	9.70
Mora	500.00-960.00	642.70	630.63	583.69	12.07	1.91	59.01	10.11
Shrimp (small)	720.00-1300.00	869.57	883.49	803.60	-13.92	-1.58	65.97	8.21
Thalpath	650.00-1200.00	879.00	880.60	810.78	-1.60	-0.18	68.22	8.41

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Dried Fish

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Monthly average wholesale price of the selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.259/kg and Rs.1028/kg in January 2017. Local and imported dried fish supplies had been limited during January 2017; therefore, wholesale prices of most dried fish types increased by 1% - 20% compared to December 2016. In general, both local and imported types of Balaya showed sharp price upturns, which were recorded as 20% and 11%, respectively. Local types of Thora, Kattawa, Anguluwa, and Sprats and imported types of Kattawa and Anguluwa showed price upturns that ranged between 2% and 4%. Out of price decrease types, the highest price decrease in January 2017 compared to December 2016 was reported for local Salaya as 8%, followed by local

Maduwa (6%). Local and imported Mora, imported Maduwa, and imported sprats had decreased prices by 3% or less. Interestingly, there was no significant price change in imported Thora.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types had decreased by 1%-10% in January 2017. The highest price decrease was observed for local Thora and imported Maduwa (10%), followed by imported Sprats (9%), local Salaya (7%), and local Balaya (6%). Out of price increased dried fish types, the highest price increase was observed in local Anguluwa (17%), local Sprats (10%), and imported Anguluwa (9%). Local Mora and imported Kattawa did not show any significant price variation.

The total quantity of Sprats imported in January 2017 was 1,752 Mt, and it was a significant reduction (i.e., 379 Mt) from the quantity of Sprats imported in the previous month. Total value of the imported Sprats was approximately Rs.665 mn. Out of the total Sprat imports, approximately 92% was imported from Thailand, and the rest (8%) was imported from United Arab Emirates. Sprat quantities imported from Iran, India, and Vietnam were negligible (i.e., less than 6 Mt). The CIF price ranged between Rs.240/kg and Rs.455/kg, and the average CIF price was Rs.379/kg.

Monthly average retail price of dried fish varied between Rs.548/kg and Rs.1411/kg in January 2017. In accordance with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all selected dried fish types have increased by 1% - 13% compared to previous month. The highest price increase was observed in local Sprats (13%), followed by Salaya (11%), Mora (8%), Thora (6%), and Maduwa (5%). Retail prices of all other dried fish types had increased by less than 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fish types had increased by 4% - 18%, and the highest price increase was observed in Maduwa, followed by Mora (17%), and local Sprats (16%).

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale</b>								
Sprats	750.00-950.00	857.11	845.58	781.52	11.53	1.36	75.60	9.67
Sprats (imported)	400.00-540.00	454.33	458.22	497.77	-3.89	-0.85	-43.44	-8.73
Kattawa	740.00-820.00	797.11	774.95	780.61	22.16	2.86	16.50	2.11
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-800.00	735.75	724.73	736.61	11.03	1.52	-0.86	-0.12
Thora	900.00-1100.00	1028.40	985.62	1142.15	42.78	4.34	113.76	-9.96
Thora (imported)	900.00-1100.00	1009.40	1007.91	1036.24	1.49	0.15	-26.84	-2.59
Mora	700.00-850.00	806.72	815.83	803.83	-9.11	-1.12	2.89	0.36
Mora (imported)	600.00-820.00	731.35	752.78	738.65	-21.43	-2.85	-7.30	-0.99
Balaya	400.00-550.00	484.51	405.43	513.39	79.08	19.50	-28.88	-5.62
Balaya (imported)	380.00-600.00	467.33	422.43	475.62	44.90	10.63	-8.29	-1.74
Anguluwa	650.00-850.00	786.20	772.44	672.91	13.76	1.78	113.29	16.84
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-800.00	716.77	707.39	658.38	9.38	1.33	58.39	8.87
Maduwa	400.00-600.00	528.00	560.45	532.00	-32.45	-5.79	-4.00	-0.75
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-460.00	419.36	426.67	465.26	-7.31	-1.71	-45.91	-9.87
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-300.00	259.49	280.94	279.66	-21.45	-7.64	-20.17	-7.21
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail</b>								
Sprats(imported)	400.00-800.00	597.79	587.29	556.34	10.50	1.79	41.45	7.45
Sprats	800.00-1200.00	1021.83	906.64	883.28	115.19	12.71	138.55	15.69
Kattawa	900.00-1500.00	1160.32	1136.26	1061.71	24.06	2.12	98.61	9.29
Thora	1100.00-2000.00	1410.96	1325.43	1279.65	85.53	6.45	131.31	10.26
Mora	800.00-1500.00	1112.01	1030.83	951.55	81.18	7.88	160.46	16.86
Balaya	480.00-1000.00	852.66	840.88	822.91	11.78	1.40	29.75	3.62
Anguluwa	750.00-1200.00	995.09	966.25	891.90	28.85	2.99	103.19	11.57
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	770.67	736.96	655.85	33.71	4.57	114.82	17.51
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	300.00-820.00	548.22	494.17	529.15	54.05	10.94	19.07	3.60

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
January	1752	664.86	379.49	597.79	218.30
December	2131	798.09	374.57	587.29	212.72
November	1575	576.71	366.13	559.02	192.89
October	1835	686.09	373.91	535.18	161.27
September	1938	737.83	380.65	539.16	158.51
August	2017	732.78	363.30	534.75	171.44

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

## Eggs

Monthly average wholesale price of a brown egg was reported as Rs.12.90 and that of a white egg was reported as Rs.12.40 in January 2017. Compared to December 2016, which is a festival month, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 8% due to less demand in January 2017. Wholesale prices of both egg types had been stable until the third week of January; then, a slight price upturn was observed during the fourth week due to decreased egg supply from layer farms. However, prices remained unchanged during last week of the month.

Compared to the same period of the previous year, egg prices in January 2017 have reduced drastically. Price of a brown egg has decreased by 21%, and price of a white egg has decreased by 19%.

In accordance with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 8% and 9%, respectively compared with December 2016. Monthly average retail price of a brown egg was reported as Rs.14.59, and the average retail price of a white egg was reported as Rs.13.63. Compared with the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 15% and 16%, respectively.

**Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.50-13.50	12.90	14.04	16.35	-1.14	-8.10	-3.45	-21.10
White (each)	12.00-13.00	12.40	13.54	15.35	-1.14	-8.40	-2.95	-19.22
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	13.00-16.00	14.59	15.85	17.15	-1.26	-7.95	-2.56	-14.93
White (each)	12.50-15.00	13.63	14.97	16.17	-1.34	-8.94	-2.54	-15.71

*Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI*

## Meat

Retail prices of broiler chicken and curry chicken have decreased by 2% in January 2017 when compared with December 2016, whereas retail price of pork has increased by 3%. Average prices of broiler chicken, curry chicken, and pork were Rs.464/kg, Rs. 452/kg, and 574/kg. There was no significant price variation for beef and mutton over the past and present months. Compared to the same period of last year, during January 2017, prices of beef and mutton have increased by 14% and 9%, respectively, whereas prices of pork, broiler chicken, and curry chicken have decreased by less than 5%.

**Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – January 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	850.00-880.00	855.01	852.58	749.23	2.43	0.29	105.78	14.12
Chicken (Broiler)	400.00-540.00	464.16	474.02	484.21	-9.86	-2.08	-20.05	-4.14
Chicken (curry)	400.00-620.00	452.40	459.33	464.29	-6.93	-1.51	-11.89	-2.56
Mutton	1600.00-1700.00	1672.06	1664.72	1533.78	7.34	0.44	138.28	9.02
Pork	550.00-680.00	573.67	558.00	603.27	15.67	2.81	-29.60	-4.91

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

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Sudden increment in imports of wheat grains during the months of December and January can be clearly noticed. The import quantity for the month of January was 164269mt worth of nearly Rs.6100mn. Compared to last month it was an increment of 5433mt and, compared to the average imports of last three months it has been increased to 62%. This significant increment was caused due to limited imports to the country during the months of November and October.



Out of total imports for the month of January, majority (68%), 111303mt was imported from Canada. Accordingly, 12%, 10% and 7% was imported from Australia, Russia and the United States. In addition, 3% from Denmark and few quantities of 96mt. from India were also imported. The CIF price ranged between Rs.29.88-55.86/kg in January. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grains whilst the lowest was recorded for the Russian stocks. The CIF price of Rs.38.74/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks imported from Canada. The average CIF price of wheat grains was recorded as Rs.37.14/kg in January.

Meanwhile, the total imports of wheat flour had decreased drastically in January due to increased CIF price by Rs.5.15/kg compared to last month and also due to high imported stocks during December. Only 178mt of quantities, worth of nearly Rs.12mn were imported during January. With compared to the last month it was a decrease of 352mt. Monthly average CIF price was Rs.69.62/kg. Retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.89.20/kg. Compared to the same period of last year retail prices increased by 5%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2016		Jan 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	89.20	89.10	87.16	0.09	0.10	2.04	2.33
Sugar	94.00-110.00	102.20	97.68	97.05	4.51	4.62	5.15	5.30

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
January	178	12.37	69.62	89.20	19.57
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
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
January	164,269	6100.57	37.14	89.20	52.06
December	158,836	5798.21	36.50	89.10	52.60
November	53,288	1943.65	36.47	88.76	52.29
October	92,011	3404.27	37.00	88.54	51.54
September	283,151	9800.44	34.61	88.83	54.22
August	144,684	5323.20	36.79	88.36	51.57

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

## Sugar

Sugar imports have increased by 10,912mt in January compared to last month. Total imports this month was 40378mt worth of nearly 3588mn. However, a slight increment of world sugar prices was noticed during the month of January. The average CIF prices of sugar in January was Rs.88.87/kg. Since last August CIF prices of sugar imports have ranged between Rs.81.25-90.11/kg.

Out of the total imports 79%, which is about 31820mt, worth of Rs.2826mn was imported from Vietnam. The rest were imported from Brazil (14%), France (5%) and few quantities from both Denmark (575mt) and Egypt (500mt). The CIF prices ranged between Rs.86.55-97.07/kg. The highest CIF price of Rs.97.07/kg was applied to the imports of Denmark, while the lowest which

was Rs.86.55/kg was reported from Brazil. The CIF price of Rs.88.82/kg was reported for the highest quantity of imports to the country which was from Vietnam.

The retail prices of sugar remained in the range of Rs.94.00-110.00/kg in local markets and the average was Rs.102.20/kg. Compared to last month, retail prices of sugar have increased by Rs.4.52/kg during the month of January. This is due to the imposition of Special Commodity Levy in the month of November and at the same time increment of world sugar prices in January month.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- August 2016 to January 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
January	40,378	3588.22	88.87	102.20	13.33
December	29,466	2626.34	89.13	97.68	8.55
November	38,488	3468.25	90.11	97.57	7.46
October	81,791	7289.01	89.12	96.90	7.78
September	62,330	5240.26	84.07	95.23	11.15
August	75,713	6151.29	81.25	94.90	13.65

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
	Jan 2017	Dec 2016		Jan 2017	Dec 2016		Jan 2017	Dec 2016	
Rice	26,900	2,697	898	1,714.1	247.3	593	63.72	91.73	-31
Red Onion	2,701	2,737	-1	162.4	160.7	1	60.12	58.71	2
Big Onion	20,268	20,737	-2	616.4	685.0	-10	30.41	33.03	-8
Potato	16,440	16,080	2	468.6	725.5	-35	28.50	45.12	-37
Dried Chillies	4,817	3,928	23	934.3	800.1	17	193.95	203.68	-5
Masoor Dhal	24,582	22,873	7	2,815.5	2,751.3	2	114.53	120.28	-5
Green Gram	411	366	12	59.1	56.9	4	143.93	155.37	-7
Cowpea	282	332	-15	33.1	39.0	-15	117.53	117.74	0
Garlic	1,801	1,991	-10	581.1	610.7	-5	322.72	306.70	5
Wheat flour	178	530	-66	12.4	34.2	-64	69.63	64.47	8
Wheat grain	164,269	158,836	3	6,100.6	5,798.2	5	37.14	36.50	2
White crystalline cane sugar	23,837	29,466	-19	2,120.4	2,626.3	-19	88.95	89.13	0
Maize (Seed)	1	1	19	1.2	0.9	34	1,960.74	1,739.11	13
Maize (Other)	24,314	3,285	-	874.4	120.0	-	35.96	36.54	-
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,754	2,131	-18	665.0	798.1	-17	379.09	374.57	1

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

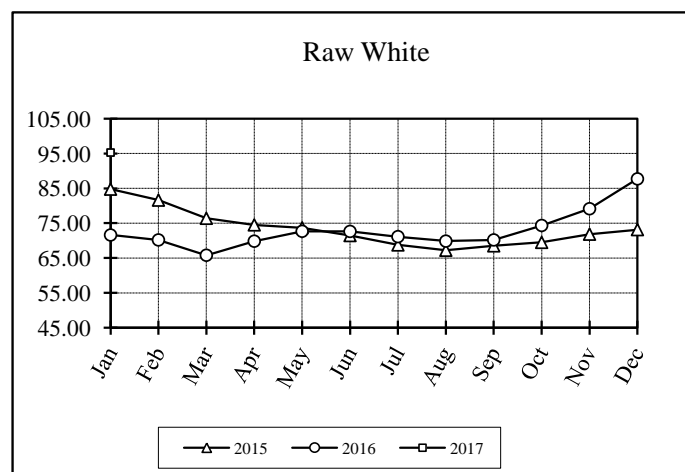
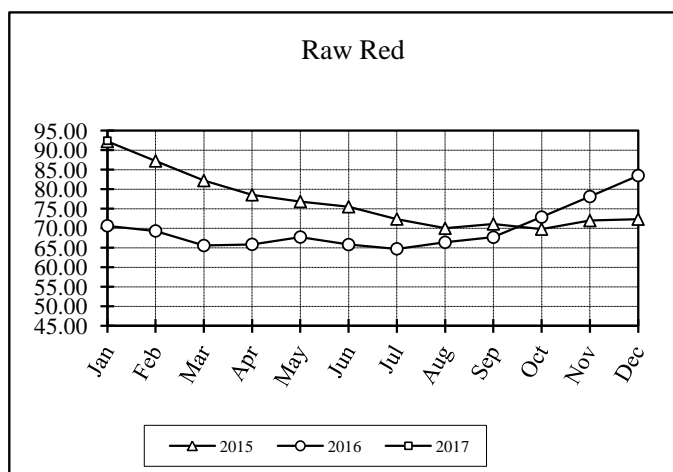
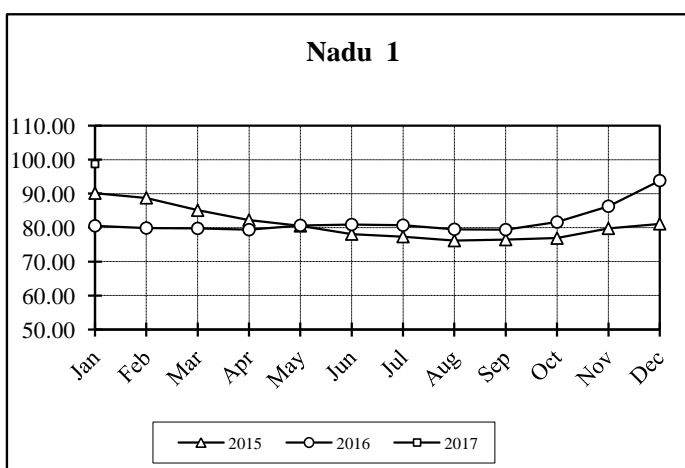
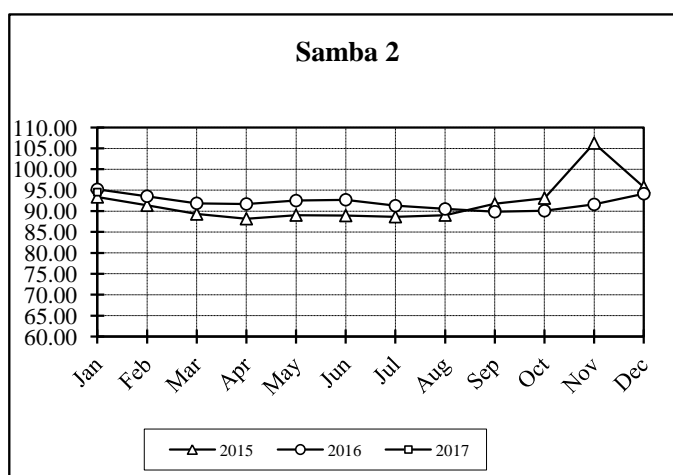
**Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – January 2017**

<b>Rainfall Station</b>	<b>Total Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>Total Rainy Days</b>	<b>30 Year Average Rainy Days</b>
Anuradhapura	108.7	76.6	8	6
Badulla	177.3	150.2	12	12
Bandarawela	131.9	99.1	10	10
Batticaloa	338.2	203.5	13	11
Colombo	82.7	56.3	3	5
Galle	225.1	82.4	8	8
Hambantota	157.5	53.3	7	5
Jaffna	86.7	67.1	7	4
Katugastota	105.4	76.8	10	6
Katunayaka	26.7	44.3	7	4
Kurunegala	76.1	54.6	8	4
Mahailuppallama	154.0	67.5	9	6
Mannar	126.4	37.5	7	4
Nuwara Eliya	143.6	97.4	12	8
Pottuvil	378.1	279.1	13	na
Puttalam	124.5	48.5	10	4
Ratmalana	120.0	67.1	6	5
Ratnapura	38.7	107.5	9	9
Trincomalee	179.7	112.0	9	7
Vavuniya	262.2	81.5	13	6
Polonnaruwa	302.3	na	12	na
Moneragala	168.7	na	11	na
Mattala	173.3	na	8	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		88.75	79.87		87.23	69.32		81.61	70.19	
Mar	89.30	91.87		85.09	79.76		82.21	65.58		76.40	65.80	
Apr	88.17	91.70		82.22	79.38		78.56	65.88		74.51	69.83	
May	89.04	92.51		80.50	80.65		76.85	67.75		73.70	72.67	
Jun	88.93	92.71		78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82		71.45	72.63	
Jul	88.66	91.28		77.33	80.69		72.36	64.74		68.75	71.13	
Aug	89.04	90.51		76.16	79.49		69.99	66.41		67.22	69.85	
Sep	91.75	89.85		76.46	79.40		71.10	67.70		68.49	70.19	
Oct	93.10	90.08		76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86		69.49	74.34	
Nov	106.27	91.60		79.77	86.28		71.96	78.12		71.84	79.14	
Dec	95.76	94.16		81.10	93.83		72.33	83.50		73.15	87.71	





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

**January 2017**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Paddy</b>						<b>Potato</b>						<b>Leeks</b>					
<b>Short grain</b>						N'Eliya	117.00	122.00	127.00	131.00	116.40	Welimada					
A'pura	49.00	48.60	48.20	49.20	50.60	Badulla	126.00	95.00	124.00	125.00	122.00	N'Eliya	37.00	31.40	29.00	26.40	19.60
P'narawa	51.60	51.60	51.40	49.50	50.50	Welimada	125.00	99.00	127.00	121.00	101.00	<b>Beetroot</b>					
Kalawewa		52.15	52.15	54.70	54.00	<b>Pulses</b>						Hanguranketha					
Kurunegala						<b>Green Gram</b>						N'Eliya	32.00	31.40	33.00	33.00	28.00
Dehiattakandiya	51.67	51.67		48.33	49.67	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	36.80	36.20	27.80	33.80	17.20
Ampara	51.50	51.50	51.60	50.80	50.80	Kalawewa						Kurunegala					
<b>Long grain (White)</b>						Embilipitiya	153.40	153.40	160.00	160.00	164.00	Welimada	40.00	33.00	39.00	35.00	35.00
A'pura	51.60	50.80	50.80	50.80	52.20	Kurunegala					162.50	<b>Knokhol</b>					
P'narawa	50.60	50.60	50.50	50.55	49.50	A'pura						Hanguranketha					
Kalawewa		55.00	54.35	56.25	54.00	<b>Cowpea</b>						N'Eliya	52.00	52.00	52.00	47.00	16.40
Kurunegala						A'pura		167.50	175.00	180.00		Welimada	64.00	59.00	69.00	51.00	46.00
Dehiattakandiya	52.16	52.16		46.33	49.00	Galgamuwa						<b>Radish</b>					
Embilipitiya	50.40	51.60	52.40	56.60	59.80	Nikaweratiya		156.67	156.67	156.67	156.00	Hanguranketha					
Ampara	49.70	49.70	49.80	49.30	49.30	Kalawewa						N'Eliya	13.20	8.20	11.80	9.80	8.40
Matara	49.67	50.00	52.33	55.67	55.33	Embilipitiya	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	209.00	Welimada	9.00	9.00	9.00	5.00	9.00
Hambantota						Kurunegala						<b>Cabbage</b>					
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>						<b>Maize</b>						Hanguranketha					
Matara	47.67	47.67	49.00	55.33	55.00	A'Pura						N'Eliya	8.40	7.80	12.40	9.00	7.80
Hambantota	49.50	49.50	51.00	57.00	60.50	Kalawewa						Welimada	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	5.00
Ampara	47.80	47.80	47.80	47.30	47.20	<b>Gingelly</b>						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	48.60	48.60	50.40	55.60	59.40	A'Pura						Badulla	9.60	9.00	9.00	11.60	11.60
<b>Other Food Crops</b>						Kalawewa						<b>Tomato</b>					
<b>Dried Chillies</b>						<b>Black Gram</b>						Hanguranketha					
A'Pura						Kalawewa						Welimada	76.00	109.00	57.00	40.00	31.00
Galgamuwa						A'Pura						Hambantota					
Kalawewa						<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>						Dambulla	100.00	97.00	74.20	31.40	43.80
<b>Red Onion</b>						<b>Beans</b>						<b>Low Country</b>					
Puttalam	114.00	104.00	104.00			Dambulla	62.20	66.20	69.80	25.40	52.60	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>					
<b>Big Onion</b>						Welimada	53.00	61.00	51.00	23.00	66.00	A'pura	25.00	25.00	53.33	53.33	65.00
Dambulla						Badulla						Dambulla	21.00	39.60	53.80	50.60	61.20
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha						Hambantota	32.50	25.00	50.00	35.00	55.00
A'Pura						<b>Carrot</b>						Embilipitiya	30.40	32.40	44.00	44.00	58.60
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	52.20	42.00	62.00	37.00	33.00	Matara	38.33	35.00	38.33	31.67	33.33
						Welimada	59.00	49.00	49.00	33.00	26.00						

**Appendix 03: contd.....**

Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	5 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Brinjals</b>						<b>Pumpkin</b>						<b>Lime</b>					
A'pura	25.00	15.00	35.00	45.00	55.00	Dambulla	33.80	47.20	37.40	38.00	37.60	Hambantota	190.00	190.00	140.00	145.00	145.00
Dambulla	10.50	19.20	21.00	40.60	31.60	Hambantota	30.00	52.50	50.00	50.00	50.00	Embilipitiya	328.00	217.00	202.00	155.00	124.00
Hambantota	22.50	12.50	27.50	25.00	25.00	Embilipitiya	46.00	47.00	42.40	43.40	45.40	Moneragala	206.67	138.75	183.75	103.00	101.00
Embilipitiya	17.00	29.40	35.40	32.40	21.00	Matara						<b>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</b>					
Matara	13.33	16.67	20.67	20.67	22.33	A'pura	28.33	30.00	40.00	45.00	51.67	<b>Banana</b>					
Welimada	15.00	15.00	19.00	28.00	33.00	Moneragala	65.00	38.75	40.00	49.00	49.00	Ambul					
						<b>Cucumber</b>						Moneragala	53.75	46.25	46.25	50.00	49.00
<b>Capsicum</b>						A'pura	55.00	70.00	116.67	80.00	60.00	Embilipitiya	49.00	49.00	59.00	73.00	73.00
Welimada	130.00	131.00	141.00	153.00	129.00	Dambulla	56.80	84.60	83.80	47.00	41.60	Hambantota	70.00	62.50	45.00	90.00	95.00
<b>Bitter Gourd</b>						Hambantota	27.50	45.00	85.00	70.00	60.00	<b>Kolikuttu</b>					
A'pura	130.00	126.67	130.00	130.00	73.33	Matara						Moneragala	143.75	150.00	148.75	151.00	150.00
Dambulla	158.00	139.00	138.00	121.00	65.20	<b>Long beans</b>						Embilipitiya	126.00	126.00	139.00	138.00	138.00
Hambantota	100.00	110.00	150.00	90.00	100.00	Dambulla	19.60	29.20	29.20	22.20	27.80	Hambantota	135.00	150.00	135.00	170.00	155.00
Embilipitiya	117.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	136.00	Hambantota	35.00	35.00	32.50	35.00	25.00	<b>Papaw</b>					
Matara	100.00	100.00	100.00	93.33	93.33	Embilipitiya	35.40	32.40	18.60	20.60	40.40	Moneragala					
<b>Snake Gourd</b>						Matara	41.67	41.67	41.67	41.67	38.33	Embilipitiya	58.00	53.00	51.40	51.40	48.00
Dambulla	32.60	33.20	33.60	32.40	30.60	A'Pura	21.67	23.33	35.00	35.00	35.00	Hambantota	37.50	45.00	65.00	55.00	47.50
Hambantota	25.00	25.00	27.50	25.00	25.00	<b>Ash Plantain</b>						<b>Pineapple</b>					
Embilipitiya	26.40	28.40	33.40	32.40	41.40	Hambantota	37.50	45.00	0.00	42.50	42.50	Divulapitiya	91.00	86.00	124.00	130.00	
Matara						Embilipitiya	48.60	42.40	47.00	47.00	47.00						
A'pura	25.00	25.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	Matara											
<b>Luffa</b>						<b>Green Chillies</b>											
Dambulla	66.60	64.60	68.20	78.80	78.80	Dambulla	136.00	136.00	178.00	180.00	93.40						
Hambantota	95.00	85.00	70.00	85.00	95.00	Hambantota	115.00	170.00	150.00	190.00	205.00						
Embilipitiya	103.00	103.00	113.40	106.60	106.60	Embilipitiya	106.40	128.00	147.40	145.00	138.00						
Matara	71.67	71.67	71.67	71.67	71.67	Puttalam	128.00	110.00	208.00	152.00	104.00						
A'pura	55.00	68.33	73.33	100.00	73.33	A'Pura	146.67	160.00	180.00	213.33	183.33						