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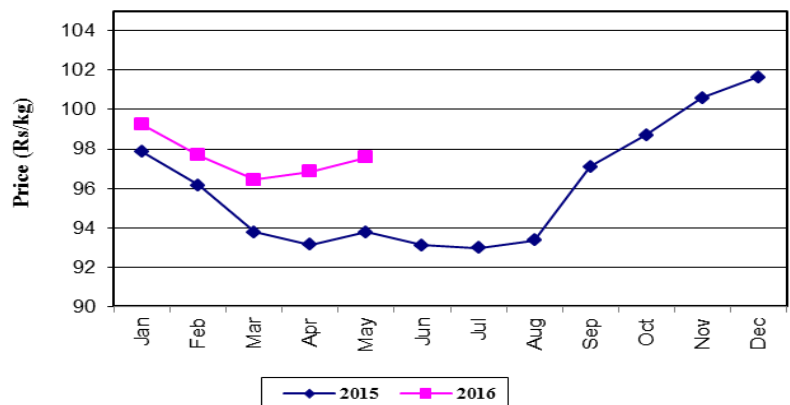
RICE:

As a result of increased paddy prices during the month, prices of all the local rice varieties have increased. Accordingly, the highest price increase of local rice varieties was reported for nadu grade II and it was 6%.

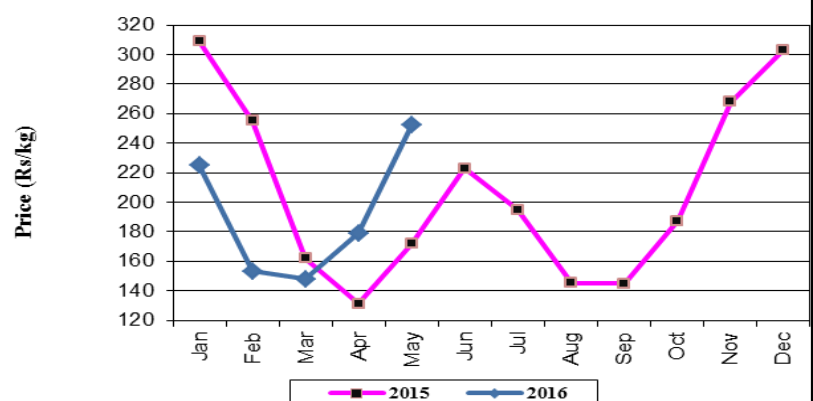
VEGETABLES:

Minimal cultivation during the intermediate season was observed due to four month long dry weather (From January to April) experienced, prior to the commencement of the *Yala* season. Hence, supply dropped by around 50%-60% and around 50% price increase was noticed for both up and lowcountry varieties. In addition, interruptions of supplies to Colombo and suburbs caused by heavy rain and flood in the last week of the month had further aggravated the level of price increase in vegetables.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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

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

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Outstation Markets

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| 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 early prospects of paddy crop in 2016 *Yala* season were somewhat satisfactory in most of the major producing areas. The monsoons were activated and heavy rainy weather was experienced and the land preparation activities and paddy crop establishment were in progress in all major producing areas. However, the prevailed adverse rainy weather in most of the major producing areas during the month obstructed the progress of paddy cultivation and due to the crop damage re-cultivation was recorded in many of the producing areas. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the target paddy extent is 502,653 ha and the cultivation progress up to end of May is 301,693 ha which is 60% of the target. Further, the report reveals that crop damage due to the flood situation was 22,429 ha. The highest crop damage was recorded from the Batticaloa district.

**Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2016 *yala* season
(Up to end of May 2016)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent (ha)	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)	Damaged extent (ha)			
					100%	75%	50%	25%
Anuradhapura	49,172	23,997	49	85,750	1,669	11	-	-
Polonnaruwa	30,000	27,128	90	118,055	691		-	40
Ampara	57,103	51,503	90	236,856	417	33	89	249
Kurunegala	60,783	28,985	48	102,744	-	3,786	-	-
Hambantota	26,999	17,777	66	76,840	-		-	1
Colombo	2,842	425	15	948	73	17	4	18
Gampaha	6,634	1,560	24	4,144	7	8	65	430
Kalutara	10,191	660	6	1,798	29	4	15	3
Galle	8,599	138	2	290	-	-	-	-
Matara	14,780	4,592	31	12,972	-	-	-	-
Ratnapura	11,256	3,019	27	9,539	12	-	4	-
Kegalle	6,055	1,580	26	4,430	426	-	-	-
Puttalam	18,100	5,935	33	19,507		538	-	-
Kandy	9,524	4,638	49	13,315	600	47	115	66
Matale	10,676	6,021	56	23,416		-	-	-
N' Eliya	3,049	50	2	98	60	-	-	60
Badulla	8,275	4,114	50	15,915	4	-	-	-
Monaragala	19,851	13,564	68	50,889	280	625	763	582
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,772	2,400	35	10,325	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	7,454	2,640	35	11,628	64	-	-	-
Mullaitivu	5,268	3,742	71	15,771	98	299	575	48
Mannar	2,762	830	30	3,862	91	40		
Trincomalee	24,256	18,997	78	82,057	620	47	115	550
Batticaloa	25,598	27,742	108	110,596	526	242	1,242	5,581
Udawalawa	11,000	8,885	81	46,881	-	-	-	-
System H	12,750	5,181	41	21,108	36	36	-	-
System H1	6,000	259	4	1,055	-	-	-	-
System B	1,930	14,772	77	60,184	302	-	-	-
System C	22,406	19,404	87	79,056	7	-	68	5
System G	3,800	192	5	782	-	-	-	-
System L	418	418	100	1,116	-	-	-	-
System D	600	270	45	1,703	-	-	-	-
Rambakanoya	550	274	50	1,100	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	502,653	301,693	60	1,224,732	6,012	5,733	3,055	7,633

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices has shown in almost all of the major producing areas throughout the month. Producer prices of all the paddy varieties have increased by nearly Rs2.00/kg in most of the major producing areas. Farmers have limited their issue of paddy to the market anticipating a higher price in the future and arrival of well dried paddy at the market caused the price increase. Adverse rainy weather was experienced in all of the major producing areas. The prices of short grain paddy remained in the range Rs.35.00-41.00/kg in most of the considered major producing areas throughout the month. The highest prices for short grain and long grain white were recorded in Ampara and Nikaweratiya areas. Open market prices of long grain white were in the range of Rs.32.00-37.50/kg in most of the major producing areas. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.30.00-33.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. The prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs.50.00-61.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya throughout the month. It is expected that the prices would be stable during the next month mainly as the millers may utilize their storage paddy by expecting *Yala* harvest from mid of July.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain varieties have decreased by less than 19% in most of the major producing areas. However the prices of long grain paddy varieties have increased in the range of 2%-11% with highest decrease in Dehiattakandiya. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have decreased in the range of 9%-12% in producing areas in the Southern Province.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – May 2016

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	35.00-38.00	30.00-35.00	36.56	33.65	37.63	2.91	8.65	-1.07	-2.84
Polonnaruwa	37.50-39.50	36.50-39.00	38.65	37.48	40.80	1.18	3.14	-2.15	-5.27
Kalawewa	35.00-40.00	34.00-36.00	37.27	34.96	37.17	2.31	6.60	0.10	0.26
Kurunegala	35.00-39.00	34.00-36.00	37.16	35.15	45.45	2.01	5.72	-8.29	-18.24
Dehiattakandiya	36.00-39.00	35.00-41.00	37.52	36.26	40.85	1.26	3.47	-3.33	-8.15
Nikaweratiya	36.00-39.00	34.00-36.00	37.47	35.25	46.30	2.22	6.30	-8.83	-19.08
Ampara	37.00-41.00	36.00-38.00	38.96	36.98	-	1.99	5.37	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	33.00-36.00	29.00-33.00	33.84	32.15	31.50	1.69	5.26	2.34	7.43
Polonnaruwa	34.50-36.50	30.00-35.00	35.67	33.38	32.39	2.30	6.88	3.28	10.13
Kalawewa	33.00-37.00	32.00-36.00	34.18	34.38	32.33	-0.19	-0.56	1.85	5.73
Kurunegala	34.00-37.00	30.00-35.00	35.52	33.10	34.90	2.42	7.31	0.62	1.78
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-36.00	29.00-38.00	34.26	32.16	30.73	2.10	6.52	3.53	11.49
Embilipitiya	33.00-34.00	30.00-34.00	33.58	31.18	36.43	2.41	7.71	-2.85	-7.82
Nikaweratiya	35.00-37.50	31.00-35.00	36.04	33.84	34.93	2.20	6.51	1.11	3.17
Matara	28.00-35.00	28.00-29.00	33.20	28.50	35.00	4.70	16.50	-1.80	-5.14
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	33.00-36.00	31.00-34.00	34.78	32.25	-	2.53	7.84	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	26.00-32.00	27.00-28.00	30.27	27.50	34.50	2.77	10.06	-4.23	-12.27
Hambantota	30.00-33.00	30.00-30.00	30.95	30.00	34.00	0.95	3.17	-3.05	-8.97
Embilipitiya	30.00-32.00	27.00-32.00	30.96	28.40	34.10	2.56	9.01	-3.14	-9.21

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Due to the decrease of paddy stocks with the completion of harvesting in *maha* season and also crop damages being reported as a result of unfavorable weather condition during the month, the paddy prices have increased. It was seen that the increase of paddy prices has directly impacted on the increase of rice prices during this month. Accordingly, the highest price increase of local rice varieties was reported for nadu grade II and it was 6%. Furthermore, the prices have increased by 5% for both nadu grade I and raw red, by 3% for both samba grade II and raw white and by 2% for samba grade I. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month has slightly increased and the imported amount was 3,626 mt. However, the price of imported *ponni* samba has increased by 12% due to the unavailability of sufficient stocks in the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have decreased by 3%-4%, followed by raw red as 21%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased by 5%-7%.

Retail Prices

In line with the increased wholesale prices of this month, the retail prices of all the rice varieties have also increased. Accordingly, the prices have increased by Rs.3.00/kg for both raw white and imported *ponni* samba, by Rs.2.00/kg for both raw red and nadu grade II and by Rs.1.00/kg for all the other local rice varieties. The highest local rice price of Rs.110.00/kg was reported for samba grade I and the lowest price of Rs.55.00/kg was reported for raw red.

Referring to the retail prices of the outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price range of Rs.91.00-114.00/kg was reported in Kegalle market, while the lowest samba price range of Rs.79.00-85.00/kg was reported in Jaffna, Vavuniya and Thambuttegama markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.72.00-79.00/kg was noted in Kandy and Badulla markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.58.00-66.00/kg was noted in Killinochchi market. Furthermore, the highest prices of raw red and raw white were reported as Rs.71.00/kg and Rs.73.00/kg respectively in Kurunegala market. The lowest price of raw red was observed as Rs.51.00/kg in Mullativu market, while that of raw white was observed as Rs.57.00/kg in Dehiattakandiya market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of local samba varieties have increased by 4%, while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 1%-12%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	83.00-90.00	86.33	84.61	89.71	1.72	2.03	-3.38	-3.77
Samba 2	75.00-84.00	79.13	77.14	81.39	1.98	2.57	-2.26	-2.78
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	73.00-78.00	74.58	70.81	69.46	3.76	5.32	5.11	7.36
Nadu 2	60.00-73.00	69.95	65.76	66.46	4.19	6.37	3.50	5.26
Raw red	50.00-56.00	54.76	52.39	69.61	2.38	4.54	-14.85	-21.33
Raw white	60.00-68.00	65.26	63.62	61.72	1.63	2.57	3.53	5.72
Ponni Samba (Imported)	100.00-120.00	111.33	99.24	91.38	12.09	12.18	19.94	21.82
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	44.62	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	98.00-110.00	102.63	101.98	98.53	0.65	0.64	4.10	4.16
Samba 2	88.00-97.00	92.51	91.70	89.04	0.81	0.88	3.47	3.90
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	77.00-85.00	80.65	79.38	80.58	1.27	1.60	0.07	0.09
Nadu 2	70.00-76.00	75.04	72.94	76.39	2.10	2.88	-1.35	-1.77
Raw red	55.00-78.00	67.75	65.88	76.85	1.87	2.84	-9.10	-11.84
Raw white	65.00-85.00	72.67	69.83	73.70	2.84	4.07	-1.03	-1.40
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-125.00	118.17	114.97	97.38	3.20	2.78	20.79	21.35
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	63.00	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

The targeted extent of green chillies of *yala* 2016 was 699 ha in Anuradhapura, 617 ha in Puttlam, 425 ha in Moneragala and 346 ha in Kurunegala. By the end of May 2016, around 408 ha, 306 ha, 551 ha and 179 ha have been cultivated respectively in those areas with the highest cultivated extent reported from Moneragala district. Crops are in different stages in main producing areas. The total targeted extent of green chillies in Sri Lanka was 5,101 ha and at the end of May 2016 around 3,146 ha (62%) have been cultivated. However, out of the total targeted areas around 422 ha (8%) have been affected by floods with the highest flood affected area being reported from Mannar (95 ha), followed by Polonnaruwa (63 ha), Killinochchi (58 ha) and Anuradhapura (51 ha).

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation and Progress of Green Chillies for *yala* 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2016		Flood affected areas (ha)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	699	408	58	51
Puttlam	617	306	50	18
Moneragala	425	551	130	0
Kurunegala	346	179	52	6
Polonnaruwa	300	236	79	63
Kandy	230	103	45	0
Matale	81	112	138	0
Badulla	254	130	51	2
Mannar	130	49	38	95
Other areas	2,019	1,072	53	187
Total	5,101	3,146	62	422

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of green chillies from main producing areas have decreased further during this month and both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about Rs.125.00/kg and Rs.158.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.236.00/kg and Rs.443.00/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 336% and 154% respectively when compared to the same period of last year. Further, average retail price of green chillies is higher than that of the average retail price of imported dried chillies during this month.

The market consisted only of imported dried chillies. A quantity of 4,226 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month and it was an increase of 609 mt compared to that of the last month. The CIF price was Rs.274.32/kg and it was an increase of Rs.2.24/kg compared to the previous month. Out of the total imported stocks, 97% of the dried chillies stock was imported from India, 2% from China and around 1% from Bangladesh. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.4.00/kg and Rs.2.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about 45% and 44% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies - May 2016

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	70.00-650.00	236.02	110.55	54.11	125.47	113.50	181.91	336.19
Dried Chillies	290.00-320.00	306.80	302.75	211.53	214.44	70.83	95.28	45.04
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	120.00-900.00	443.00	285.22	174.36	157.78	55.32	268.64	154.07
Dried Chillies	330.00-400.00	372.34	370.07	258.15	2.27	0.61	114.19	44.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies December 2015 to May 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May 2016	4,225.50	1,159.15	274.32	372.34	98.02
Apr 2016	3,617.43	984.24	272.08	370.07	97.99
Mar 2016	5,678.82	1,608.61	283.26	369.06	85.80
Feb 2016	3,764.25	1,029.70	273.55	360.56	87.01
Jan 2016	3,851.00	1,021.86	265.35	359.36	94.01
Dec 2015	4,793.83	1,284.23	267.89	362.08	94.19

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

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	71.00	90.40	180.00	312.00	316.00
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	280.00
Embilipitiya	199.00	176.00	384.00	506.00	479.00
Puttalam	86.00	103.00	176.00	-	-
A'Pura	72.00	76.00	-	360.00	330.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

Around 90% of big onion nurseries have been damaged in Matale district due to unfavorable weather condition and nursery preparation could be expected to finish next month (June), while the cultivation could be expected to finish in July. Compared to the previous year, the cultivation of big onion has commenced by about 1-1 ½ month later during this season in Matale due to unfavorable weather condition and this situation will cause a decrease of total cultivated extent of big onion during this *yala* season. The targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 3,060 ha and at the end of May 2016, only 7% (210 ha) had been cultivated. In Anuradhapura district, the targeted extent of big onion for *yala* 2016 was 1,773 ha and 162 ha of cultivation had been completed by the end of May representing only about 9% of the targeted extent.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for *Yala* 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2016		Flood affected areas (ha)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Matale	3,060	210	7	0
Anuradhapura	1,773	162	9	33
System H ₁	1,800	33	2	0
System H	650	34	5	0
Other areas	977	160	16	61
Total	8,260	599	7	94

The targeted extent of red onion for this *yala* was 5,109 ha in Sri Lanka out of which 837 ha were cultivated by the end of May. It represented 16% of the total targeted extent. The highest cultivated extent of red onion was reported from Puttlam at the end of May 2016 and 284 ha was cultivated representing 22% of the total targeted extent of Puttlam.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Yala* 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2016		Flood affected areas (ha)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,200	110	5	31
Puttlam	1,263	284	22	3
Mullaitive	416	62	15	0
Vavuniya	350	162	46	0
Trincomalee	248	50	20	0
Other areas	632	169	27	5
Total	5,109	837	16	39

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The imported quantity of big onion during the month was about 22,266 mt and this was about 5,219 mt higher than the imported amount last month. Average CIF price was Rs.29.65/kg and it is a decrease of Rs.1.62/kg compared to that of the previous month. Out of the total imported stocks of big onion 98% was imported from India, while the rest of 2% was imported from Pakistan. Wholesale price of imported big onion has decreased by about Rs.1.00/kg due to increased imports, while the retail price has increased slightly by about Rs.1.00/kg. The gross margin between the CIF and wholesale price of big onion was higher than that of the previous month's margin and the margin between wholesale and retail prices during this month. Compared

to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about 32% and 25% respectively.

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan from Jaffna, Puttlam and Trincomalee areas had decreased throughout this month as it was the end of the *maha* harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.31.00/kg and Rs.40.00/kg respectively. Retail price of vedalan has also increased by about Rs.33.00/kg due to increased wholesale prices, while the sinnan stocks were not available at the market as most of the retailers mix the both sinnan and vedalan varieties and sell them as a vedalan at a higher prices.

About 1,807 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 585 mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.72.31/kg and it has an increase of Rs.14.70/kg compared to April. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.38.00/kg and Rs.17.00/kg respectively due to increased imported prices.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about by about 31% and 3% respectively.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - May 2016

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	60.00-140.00	90.10	59.03	69.95	31.07	52.63	20.15	28.81
Red Onion (Vedalan)	80.00-190.00	124.67	84.95	95.84	39.72	46.75	28.83	30.08
Red Onion (Imported)	80.00-160.00	108.80	70.60	92.28	38.20	54.12	16.52	17.90
Big Onion (imported)	50.00-75.00	62.04	63.02	91.21	-0.98	-1.55	-29.17	-31.98
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	96.66	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	120.00-260.00	166.64	133.19	127.50	33.45	25.11	39.14	30.70
Red Onion (Imported)	80.00-200.00	125.88	108.88	122.50	17.00	15.61	3.38	2.76
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-120.00	86.42	85.83	115.99	0.59	0.69	-29.57	-25.49
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	May 2016	29.65	62.04	86.42	32.39	24.38
	Apr 2016	31.27	63.02	85.83	31.75	22.81
	May 2015	45.53	91.21	115.99	45.68	24.78
Red onion	May 2016	72.31	108.80	125.88	36.49	17.08
	Apr 2016	57.61	70.60	108.88	12.99	38.28
	May 2015	81.14	92.28	122.50	11.14	30.22

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)	
	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016
Red Onion	1807	1222	130.69	70.42	72.31	57.61
Big Onion	22266	17047	660.15	533.03	29.65	31.27

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion December 2015 to May 2016

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
May 2016	22265.73	29.65	62.04	86.42	56.77
Apr 2016	17047.33	31.27	63.02	85.83	54.56
Mar 2016	22592.47	28.61	57.70	81.58	52.97
Feb 2016	21268.34	30.43	43.70	68.73	38.30
Jan 2016	27930.69	35.62	52.30	84.20	48.58
Dec 2015	23618.75	81.56	58.39	95.39	13.83

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2016 is 3,330 ha, which is slightly higher than the targeted extent in *yala* 2015. About 507 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of May achieving 15% of the targeted extent. In Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,285 ha for this *yala* season and in Badulla district, it was reported as 2,045 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 338 ha and 169 ha were cultivated by the end of this month. In both districts, the cultivated extents were at a high level during this *yala* season compared to the same period of last *yala* season. In the Badulla district, new cultivation will take place largely in June and July months.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (Yala 2016)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)
	<i>Yala</i> 2015*	<i>Yala</i> 2016	<i>Yala</i> 2015*	<i>Yala</i> 2016	
N'Eliya	860	1,285	161	338	26
Badulla	2,214	2,045	61	169	8
Sri Lanka	3,076	3,330	222	507	15

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 8,452 mt of potato had been imported in May which was 200 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. About 95% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month. Compared to May, 2015 (5,966 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.23.00/kg in May.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Also, the supply of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased due to prevailed high rainy weather condition. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 16% and 8% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.95.00/kg in May. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 12% and 15% respectively due to low stock position of imported stocks. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.90.00-150.00/kg and Rs.55.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato (18%) has increased, while the price of imported potato has decreased (7%). Prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in June.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
December 2015 to May 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May 2016	8452.06	192.86	22.82	100.38	77.56
Apr 2016	8252.14	180.19	21.84	87.63	65.79
Mar 2016	11871.70	264.18	22.25	85.70	63.45
Feb 2016	17227.96	422.10	24.50	74.14	49.64
Jan 2016	20052.65	553.62	27.61	87.96	60.35
Dec 2015	17712.09	625.85	35.33	94.48	59.15

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	77.00-130.00	103.40	86.80	79.80	16.60	19.12	23.60	29.57
Nuwara Eliya	80.00-115.00	95.08	82.93	85.20	12.15	14.65	9.88	11.60
Imported – CIF	22.11-38.11	22.82	21.84	22.22	0.98	4.49	0.60	2.70
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	88.06	91.88	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-150.00	116.55	100.38	98.98	16.17	16.11	17.57	17.75
Imported	55.00-110.00	78.74	70.50	85.10	8.24	11.69	-6.36	-7.48
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	117.25	135.00	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-200.00	156.73	144.75	132.82	11.98	8.28	23.91	18.00
Imported	75.00-140.00	100.38	87.63	108.23	12.75	14.55	-7.85	-7.25
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	30.45	55.20	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	61.65	61.82	47.62	-0.17	-0.27	14.03	29.46
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	77.56	65.79	86.01	11.77	17.89	-8.45	-9.82
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	29.19	43.13	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	40.19	44.38	33.85	-4.19	-9.44	6.34	18.73
Imported	-	21.64	17.13	23.13	4.51	26.31	-1.49	-6.43

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green gram for *yala* 2016 is 8,679 ha and out of which about 4,624 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of May representing 53% of the total targeted extent. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent is high in *yala* 2016. However, crop damages were reported for green gram at the beginning of the season due to heavy rains and according to the DOA, it was reported as 644 ha. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 8,679 ha for this *yala* season and about 657 ha was cultivated by the end of this month. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 833 ha and 1,845 ha respectively and about 554 ha and 1,763 ha were cultivated by the end of May achieving 67% and 96% of the targeted extents. However, about 105 ha and 26 ha of extents were reported to be damaged in the respective districts due to bad weather condition.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 6,897 ha for *yala* 2016 and about 1,775 ha were cultivated by the end of May achieving 26% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent was low during this *yala* season. About 270 ha of cowpea extents were reported damaged due to bad weather condition. The highest targeted extent of 3,954 ha was recorded in the Ampara district for this *yala* season and only 177 ha were cultivated by the end of this month. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 416 ha and 817 ha respectively and about 118 ha and 817 ha were cultivated in the respective districts by the end of May. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extents of cowpea in Ampara and Moneragala districts were at a low level, while it was high in Kurunegala district during this *yala* season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress of Green gram and Cowpea (Yala 2016)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Flood affected Area (ha)	Progress (%) Yala 2016
		Yala 2015*	Yala 2016	Yala 2015*	Yala 2016		
Green	Hambantota	3,537	1,832	250	657	-	36
	Kurunegala	1,276	833	503	554	105	67
	Moneragala	880	1,845	266	1,763	26	96
	Sri Lanka	10,729	8,679	2,286	4,624	644	53
Cowpea	Ampara	3,584	3,954	1,198	177	67	4
	Moneragala	584	817	387	817	3	100
	Kurunegala	1,255	416	309	118	60	28
	Sri Lanka	8,414	6,897	2,716	1,775	270	26

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,751 mt of green gram was imported in May and it was 346 mt higher than the quantity imported in April. The average CIF price was Rs.166.00/kg in May. Compared to May, 2015 (697 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was higher in May, 2015. Out of the total imports, about 70% of the stocks were received from Australia, followed by Thailand (15%) and Myanmar (11%). Wholesale price of green gram has decreased by 5% due to availability of sufficient local stocks. Harvesting of green gram cultivated in mid-season was taken place and

hence, the supply was at a high level. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.170.00-210.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 4%.

A quantity of 295 mt of cowpea was imported in May, which was 30 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. Out of the total imports, about 49% of the stocks were received from Madagascar, followed by Myanmar (26%) and Turkey (25%). The average CIF price was Rs.103.00/kg in May. Wholesale and retail prices of white cowpea have not changed significantly. However, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have decreased by 1% due to availability of sufficient local stocks. During the month, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00-210.00/kg and Rs.190.00-220.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 3% and 2% respectively.

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
December 2015 to May 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May 2016	1,751	291.42	166.44	248.05	81.61
Apr 2016	1,405	229.68	163.52	248.41	84.89
Mar 2016	2,497	422.19	169.08	246.73	77.65
Feb 2016	805	140.96	175.17	243.85	68.68
Jan 2016	768	133.05	173.24	240.43	67.19
Dec 2015	146	27.95	191.45	243.05	51.60

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
December 2015 to May 2016**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May 2016	294.50	30.38	103.14	250.79	147.65
Apr 2016	325.45	32.21	98.98	251.89	152.91
Mar 2016	685.81	71.16	103.76	254.12	150.36
Feb 2016	382.56	36.78	96.14	251.48	155.34
Jan 2016	362.52	32.51	89.68	253.69	164.01
Dec 2015	502.85	47.12	93.71	257.34	163.63

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	170.00-210.00	191.51	202.52	206.49	-11.01	-5.44	-14.98	-7.25
Cowpea (White)	200.00-210.00	204.90	205.03	201.62	-0.13	-0.07	3.28	1.63
Cowpea (Red)	190.00-220.00	202.28	204.19	217.00	-1.92	-0.94	-14.73	-6.79
Retail Prices								
Green gram	200.00-280.00	248.05	248.41	258.41	-0.36	-0.14	-10.36	-4.01
Cowpea (White)	200.00-280.00	250.79	251.89	257.69	-1.10	-0.44	-6.90	-2.68
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	250.35	252.44	256.65	-2.09	-0.83	-6.30	-2.45

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	May 2016	166.44	191.51	248.05	25.07	56.54
	Apr 2016	163.52	202.52	248.41	39.00	45.89
	May 2015	175.04	206.49	258.41	31.45	51.92
Cowpea (White)	May 2016	103.14	204.90	250.79	101.76	45.89
	Apr 2016	98.98	205.03	251.89	106.05	46.86
	May 2015	-	201.62	257.69	-	56.07
Cowpea (Red)	May 2016	-	202.28	250.35	-	48.08
	Apr 2016	-	204.19	252.44	-	48.25
	May 2015	-	217.00	256.65	-	39.65

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 9,980 mt (9,537 mt of whole type and 444 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in May and it was 5,705 mt higher than the quantity imported in April. About 81% and 18% of the stocks of whole type were received from Canada and Australia respectively. Compared to May, 2015 (10,190 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.134.00/kg in May.

Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have increased by 1% and 6% respectively. The average wholesale price was Rs.187.00/kg in May. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal has not changed significantly.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	168.00-270.00	197.20	185.58	184.48	11.63	6.26	12.73	6.90
Retail Price	176.00-260.00	196.58	185.54	196.02	11.04	5.95	0.56	0.29

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal December 2015 to May 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
May 2016	9980.58	134.39	197.20	196.58	62.81	-0.62
Apr 2016	4274.96	140.12	185.58	185.54	45.46	-0.04
Mar 2016	17192.10	139.14	173.98	180.90	34.84	6.92
Feb 2016	19944.88	129.33	176.08	182.75	46.75	6.67

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

According to the Department of Meteorology data, during the month of May, an above average rainfall received in all the major producing areas. Further, tropical storm struck the country on 15th of May 2016, causing severe flooding and landslides, particularly in the mid and western part of the country, in the third week of the month. Meanwhile, land preparation for *Yala* season commenced in both up and mid country areas with the received rainfall in the second week of May. The set target for upcountry varieties in the *Yala* season in Nuwara Eliya district is 4,711ha of which about 54% was achieved at the end of May. Generally, crop establishment for *Yala* season had been affected by the severe rain in mid - May so that re-establishment of the cultivation was observed in Kandy, Matale and Badulla districts. Therefore, cultivation progress for upcountry varieties were quite low as 37% in Badulla district and 23% each for Kandy and Matale districts at the end of May. In Jaffna district also delayed commencement of the season was noticed with the reported cultivation progress was 20% at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, land preparation and crop establishment for *Yala* season successfully commenced in lowcountry districts in May. In Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, early establishment of 2016 *Yala* cultivation had been observed, compared to other lowcountry major producing areas. In Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, set targets for lowcountry varieties were 2,357 ha and 2,301ha respectively. The reported cultivation progresses for above mentioned districts were about 62% and 72% respectively, of the seasonal target, at the end of May. Further, Kurunegala, Moneragala and Matale districts had reported 49%, 52% and 48% cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties at the end of May. In addition, observed cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties in Jaffna and Puttlam district were low, compared to other districts, as 19% and 45% respectively at the end of May.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Generally, the prices of vegetables show a declining trend from mid-January to March with the commencement of major harvesting period and then start to show an increasing trend from May. Meanwhile, Inter-seasonal cultivation of vegetables is practiced in March in the fields where *Maha* harvest had been reaped. However this year, minimal cultivation during the intermediate season (March-April) was observed due to four month long dry weather (From January to April),experienced prior to the commencement of the *Yala* season. Hence, supply dropped by around 50%-60% at the beginning of the month and high price increases were noticed for both up and low country varieties. In addition, interruptions of supplies to the Colombo and suburbs caused by heavy rain and flood in the last week of the month had further aggravated the level of price increase in vegetables.

Even though the expected vegetable production of the Matale district for the month of May was 4,723 mt, the actual production dropped up to 2,830mt, due to damage to harvested and standing crops, as a result of the heavy rain. Further, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) was around 750 mt, recording a 45% decrease compared to last month. Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased in May, compared to previous month. The highest price increase was reported for beans as 67% followed by knokhol as 65%. Prices of all the other upcountry varieties had increased in the range of 26% - 51% due to low supply.

As a result of the prevailed dry weather condition throughout the month of April, harvesting interval of tomato was shortened to 3 - 4 days and thereby high supplies had reached the market in

previous month. With the ending of supply from all the producing areas, prices increased significantly, by 90% in May. Along with tomato, prices of capsicum also increased by 11%.

Except for drumsticks, supplies of all the domestic vegetables also decreased and thereby prices increased, with the reaching of *Yala* planting season. The highest price increase was reported for long beans as 109%, followed by bittergourd as 90%. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties increased in the range of 23%-66%. As prolonged dry weather created a favorable condition for extended drumsticks harvest, prices had decreased slightly, by 2% in May, compared to previous year.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the vegetables, except for drumsticks, had increased in May. The highest price increase was reported for tomato as 56% followed by bittergourd as 42%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – May 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-250.00	172.34	103.01	111.24	69.33	67.30	61.10	54.93
Carrot	60.00-180.00	96.00	76.34	108.37	19.66	25.75	-12.37	-11.41
Leeks	60.00-180.00	102.50	68.98	125.10	33.52	48.59	-22.60	-18.07
Beetroot	60.00-140.00	105.52	69.75	75.67	35.77	51.28	29.85	39.45
Knokhol	40.00-100.00	68.83	41.65	45.71	27.18	65.26	23.12	50.58
Radish	40.00-80.00	58.50	43.62	39.46	14.88	34.11	19.04	48.25
Cabbage	40.00-120.00	66.90	45.79	35.54	21.11	46.10	31.36	88.24
Tomato	70.00-180.00	139.34	73.41	32.54	65.93	89.81	106.80	328.21
Ladies Fingers	60.00-100.00	78.50	53.69	52.64	24.81	46.21	25.86	49.13
Brinjal	30.00-140.00	76.44	46.16	42.58	30.28	65.60	33.86	79.52
Capsicum	80.00-180.00	115.50	104.13	117.53	11.37	10.92	-2.03	-1.73
Pumpkin	20.00-160.00	38.10	24.59	19.24	13.51	54.94	18.86	98.02
Cucumber	40.00-100.00	70.50	42.74	24.88	27.76	64.95	45.62	183.36
Bittergourd	80.00-220.00	141.47	74.48	87.00	66.99	89.94	54.47	62.61
Snakegourd	80.00-140.00	106.00	64.99	65.00	41.01	63.10	41.00	63.08
Drumstick	140.00-200.00	172.97	177.00	171.19	-4.03	-2.28	1.78	1.04
Luffa	80.00-140.00	102.53	75.66	50.46	26.87	35.51	52.07	103.19
Long Beans	60.00-170.00	103.17	49.38	61.96	53.79	108.93	41.21	66.51
Ash Plantain	20.00-60.00	44.30	36.13	46.30	8.17	22.61	-2.00	-4.32
Green Chillies	70.00-650.00	236.02	110.55	54.11	125.47	113.50	181.91	336.19
Lime	200.00-600.00	381.00	310.65	149.73	70.35	22.65	231.27	154.46

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – May 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	140.00-400.00	252.11	178.82	171.76	73.29	40.99	80.35	46.78
Carrot	100.00-320.00	195.26	155.37	171.49	39.89	25.67	23.77	13.86
Leeks	90.00-300.00	182.85	142.95	190.41	39.90	27.91	-7.56	-3.97
Beetroot	100.00-320.00	199.41	147.86	152.16	51.55	34.86	47.25	31.05
Knokhol	100.00-320.00	187.41	135.65	127.53	51.76	38.16	59.88	46.95
Radish	80.00-240.00	150.61	115.49	103.46	35.12	30.41	47.15	45.57
Cabbage	70.00-240.00	153.63	121.10	98.29	32.53	26.86	55.34	56.30
Tomato	140.00-400.00	226.48	144.96	89.16	81.52	56.24	137.32	154.02
Ladies Fingers	80.00-240.00	154.60	123.53	111.08	31.07	25.15	43.52	39.18
Brinjal	70.00-320.00	147.40	119.80	93.80	27.60	23.04	53.60	57.14
Capsicum	120.00-400.00	218.96	201.45	195.78	17.51	8.69	23.18	11.84
Pumpkin	50.00-160.00	100.68	82.69	71.45	17.99	21.76	29.23	40.91
Cucumber	80.00-200.00	139.24	112.55	78.13	26.69	23.71	61.11	78.22
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	209.46	147.10	155.66	62.36	42.39	53.80	34.56
Snakegourd	120.00-260.00	175.82	128.25	122.75	47.57	37.09	53.07	43.23
Drumstick	200.00-600.00	345.62	355.42	555.40	-9.80	-2.76	-209.78	-37.77
Luffa	100.00-280.00	181.97	151.32	121.36	30.65	20.26	60.61	49.94
Long Beans	120.00-320.00	168.18	132.09	131.01	36.09	27.32	37.17	28.37
Ash Plantain	60.00-200.00	123.00	109.19	111.74	13.81	12.65	11.26	10.08
Green Chillies	120.00-900.00	443.00	285.22	174.36	157.78	55.32	268.64	154.07
Lime	400.00-800.00	674.13	533.13	320.57	141.00	26.45	353.56	110.29

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to last month, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased. The highest price decrease was reported for mango (betti) as 46% and prices of all the other varieties of mango have decreased in the range of 35%-40% due to low demand and low quality stocks received the market with unfavorable rainy weather condition. Correspondingly, prices of all the varieties of banana have decreased in the range of 28%-37%. Meanwhile, prices of all the sizes of pineapple also have decreased in the range of 10%-12% due to low quality stocks received from Gampaha, Giriulla, Kuliyaipitiya and Pannala areas.

In addition, of price increased fruit varieties a 53% price increase was noted for orange due to limited stocks received from Bibila and Moneragala areas.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased and the highest price decrease was reported for papaw as 12%.

Consider about retail market price fluctuations, prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased compared to last month. Due to low quality stocks, the highest price decrease was reported as 47% for mango (kohu) and prices of all the other mango varieties have decreased in the range of 11%-27%. Meanwhile, prices of the varieties of banana have decreased in the range of 8%-19%. Furthermore, prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 8%-12% due to

low quality stocks received to the market. In addition, prices of orange and woodapple have increased by 35% and 28% respectively due to limited supply.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties can be expected to increase in the coming month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for passionfruit as 82%.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Compared to last month (Table 4.3) producer prices for all the selected fruit varieties have decreased. The highest price decrease was reported as 43% for papaw and prices of banana (ambul and kolikuttu) have decreased by 23% and 10% respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased except for papaw. According to market information, producer prices for selected fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month.

According to (Table 4.4), Rs.36.22mn worth of fruits have been exported and the highest individual export value of Rs.18.09mn has been earned from papaw. Compared to last month, the export value has decreased by Rs.28.42mn for selected fruit items in this month.

Considering fruit imports, (Table 4.5) as usual apple was the most imported type of fruit and it was 2,604.15 mt and 43% of them has been imported from China. Rs.393.01mn worth of apple has been imported this month. The total import expenditure was Rs.664.45mn for selected fruit varieties and it has decreased by Rs.45.73mn compared to last month.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – May 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	25.00-50.00	36.32	57.34	35.31	-21.02	-36.66	1.01	2.86
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	100.00-160.00	138.70	191.46	109.91	-52.76	-27.56	28.79	26.19
Seeni (Rs/kg)	25.00-55.00	36.50	50.83	41.15	-14.33	-28.19	-4.65	-11.30
Anamalu	5.00-10.00	7.36	11.39	7.46	-4.03	-35.38	-0.10	-1.34
Ambun	8.00-12.00	9.76	14.17	11.03	-4.41	-31.12	-1.27	-11.51
Pineapple								
Large	130.00-180.00	150.42	167.76	106.21	-17.34	-10.34	44.21	41.63
Medium	100.00-150.00	122.99	138.40	82.66	-15.41	-11.13	40.33	48.79
Small	80.00-120.00	95.63	108.76	64.13	-13.13	-12.07	31.50	49.12
Mango								
Betti	7.50-15.00	10.76	19.80	13.71	-9.04	-45.66	-2.95	-21.52
Karthakolomban	30.00-45.00	37.65	57.82	49.09	-20.17	-34.88	-11.44	-23.30
Vilad	12.50-20.00	15.73	25.93	18.84	-10.20	-39.34	-3.11	-16.51
Kohu	5.00-10.00	7.91	13.13	10.04	-5.22	-39.76	-2.13	-21.22
Papaw (Rs/kg)	30.00-80.00	51.36	65.86	63.15	-14.50	-22.02	-11.79	-18.67
Passionfruit	11.66-18.33	15.02	12.93	7.01	2.09	16.16	8.01	114.27
Woodapple	25.00-50.00	36.66	32.27	42.71	4.39	13.60	-6.05	-14.17
Orange	20.00-50.00	36.07	23.52	24.48	12.55	53.36	11.59	47.34
Avocado	18.00-60.00	38.50	48.50	45.61	-10.00	-20.62	-7.11	-15.59
Slime Apple	20.00-30.00	24.13	26.10	35.86	-1.97	-7.55	-11.73	-32.71
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	533.00-610.00	565.96	532.32	543.36	33.64	6.32	22.60	4.16

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – May 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	79.79	98.80	73.43	-19.01	-19.24	6.36	8.66
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	170.00-260.00	204.20	238.40	168.90	-34.20	-14.35	35.30	20.90
Seeni (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	79.45	90.80	75.92	-11.35	-12.50	3.53	4.65
Anamalu	15.00-25.00	17.77	19.66	13.58	-1.89	-9.61	4.19	30.85
Ambun	12.00-25.00	18.54	20.11	15.29	-1.57	-7.81	3.25	21.26
Pineapple								
Large	170.00-250.00	198.89	222.78	147.56	-23.89	-10.72	51.33	34.79
Medium	130.00-170.00	151.36	165.19	102.66	-13.83	-8.37	48.70	47.44
Small	90.00-130.00	101.85	115.33	72.78	-13.48	-11.69	29.07	39.94
Mango								
Betti	15.00-50.00	24.34	27.30	28.78	-2.96	-10.84	-4.44	-15.43
Karthakolomban	40.00-90.00	53.74	73.71	62.98	-19.97	-27.09	-9.24	-14.67
Vilad	20.00-50.00	34.06	38.90	36.50	-4.84	-12.44	-2.44	-6.68
Kohu	10.00-20.00	12.58	23.93	16.44	-11.35	-47.43	-3.86	-23.48
Papaw (Rs/kg)	60.00-160.00	104.98	127.58	102.91	-22.60	-17.71	2.07	2.01
Passionfruit	18.00-33.33	27.42	25.94	15.03	1.48	5.71	12.39	82.44
Woodapple	40.00-100.00	70.91	55.53	58.99	15.38	27.70	11.92	20.21
Orange	40.00-90.00	63.38	47.00	45.80	16.38	34.85	17.58	38.38
Avocado	40.00-120.00	64.38	62.58	60.62	1.80	2.88	3.76	6.20
Slime Apple	30.00-100.00	56.55	56.14	57.20	0.41	0.73	-0.65	-1.14
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	788.15	768.91	801.92	19.24	2.50	-13.77	-1.72

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – May 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	13.00-37.50	27.66	36.00	23.63	-8.34	-23.16	4.03	17.06
Kolikuttu	94.00-145.00	111.48	124.25	83.88	-12.77	-10.27	27.60	32.91
Papaw	18.60-30.00	22.54	39.68	28.85	-17.14	-43.20	-6.31	-21.88
Pineapple	52.50-61.67	59.00	61.67	45.00	-	-	14.00	31.11

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
March– May 2016**

Type of Fruit	May			April			March		
	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	67.94	13.11	192.93	116.08	31.79	273.88	138.22	36.02	260.60
Papaw	165.10	18.09	109.56	232.64	32.33	138.98	189.82	21.38	112.65
Fresh Mango	7.57	4.99	658.43	1.69	0.46	273.74	0.64	0.32	502.28
Avocados, fresh	0.08	0.03	420.13	0.16	0.06	379.79	0.03	0.01	393.82
Oranges, fresh	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.80	0.06	73.01

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
March – May 2016**

Type of Fruit	May			April			March		
	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	2,604.15	393.01	150.92	3,234.46	481.64	148.91	1,788.47	237.02	132.53
Grapes	486	183.54	377.84	430.85	155.82	361.66	687.01	220.06	320.31
Oranges	852.12	82.06	96.30	652.20	53.40	81.88	465.50	36.02	77.37
Mandarin	81.99	5.84	71.21	477.11	19.32	40.48	1,458.54	56.70	38.87

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased at the wholesale level due to the mid season for coastal fisheries prevailed in both Eastern and Southern coastal belts. In addition, during the third week of the month, there was a severe flood situation in the country and that disaster situation also affected the normal activities of the fresh fish market. The highest price increase of 24% was reported for thora followed by salaya (12%). A price increase of 9% was observed for hurulla. In addition, prices of kelawalla and paraw had also increased. However, the level of price increase was not significant. Meanwhile, prices of balaya and shrimp had decreased by 2% and prices of mora and thalapath had decreased by 1%. In the month of May, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.143.60– 1,250.08/kg. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that fish prices could further increase in the coming month due to the mid season for coastal fisheries. Compared to the same month of 2015, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 3%-49% with the highest price increase noted for salaya.

Prices of all the fresh fish varieties except mora, shrimp and thalapath had increased at the retail level with the increased wholesale prices. The highest price increase of 15% was reported for salaya followed by thora (7%). In addition, prices of hurulla, balaya and kelawalla had increased in the range of 1%-4%. Price of paraw had also increased. However, the level of increase was not significant. Meanwhile, prices of mora and shrimp had decreased by 2%. Price of thalapath had also decreased. However, the level of decrease was not significant. In the month of May, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.206.99– 1,405.82/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, consumers had to pay Rs.120.00– 2,000.00/kg when buying fresh fish during the month. Compared to the same month of 2015, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except shrimp had increased in the range of 2%-50% with the highest price increase noted for salaya.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-180.00	143.60	127.75	96.21	15.85	12.41	47.39	49.26
Hurulla	280.00-400.00	363.73	332.50	310.14	31.23	9.39	53.59	17.28
Balaya	300.00-400.00	354.00	362.77	391.05	-8.77	-2.42	-37.05	-9.47
Kelawalla	450.00-630.00	543.38	542.75	573.55	0.63	0.12	-30.17	-5.26
Thora	1000.00-1800.00	1250.08	1009.77	928.52	240.31	23.80	321.56	34.63
Paraw	500.00-650.00	575.35	575.30	540.93	0.05	0.01	34.42	6.36
Mora	440.00-560.00	510.90	518.13	525.94	-7.23	-1.40	-15.04	-2.86
Shrimp (small)	750.00-950.00	892.75	913.25	958.10	-20.50	-2.24	-65.35	-6.82
Thalapath	520.00-700.00	627.00	630.25	608.29	-3.25	-0.52	18.71	3.08
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-360.00	206.99	180.33	138.02	26.66	14.78	68.97	49.97
Hurulla	340.00-520.00	406.95	395.94	378.21	11.01	2.78	28.74	7.60
Balaya	330.00-720.00	498.20	480.41	471.30	17.79	3.70	26.90	5.71
Kelawalla	550.00-1040.00	774.67	764.18	751.67	10.49	1.37	23.00	3.06
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1405.82	1307.78	1124.10	98.04	7.50	281.72	25.06
Paraw	550.00-1000.00	766.85	764.08	709.98	2.77	0.36	56.87	8.01
Mora	480.00-1200.00	658.85	675.00	642.76	-16.15	-2.39	16.09	2.50
Shrimp (small)	650.00-1300.00	1029.48	1050.80	1097.37	-21.32	-2.03	-67.89	-6.19
Thalapath	600.00-1120.00	839.08	841.71	786.06	-2.63	-0.31	53.02	6.75

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of local dried fish slightly improved than the previous month. But the availability of imported stocks were satisfactory. The wholesale prices of all the dried fish except kattawa of imported varieties and the prices of thora, balaya and salya of local dried fish have decreased. However the highest decrease was 9% for imported maduwa. Prices of imported balaya and anguluwa have decreased by 7% while the prices of imported thora and local salaya have decreased by 6% and 4% respectively. Meanwhile the price of local sprats has increased by 6% while the prices of both local and imported kattawa have increased by nearly 5%. Stocks of local and imported stocks of koduwa and imported salaya were not available in the market. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the dried fish varieties except imported balaya had increased in the range of 1% - 55% with the highest increase recorded for imported sprats.

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

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs, a quantity of 2743 mt of dried sprats was imported in May. The total value of the imports was Rs.953mn. The quantity has increased by 1131 mt against the previous month as it was an increase of 70%. Out of the total imports 68% was imported from Thailand while 26% from the United Arab Emirates and 4% from India. Rest of the stocks were imported from Vietnam and Oman in limited quantities. The CIF price ranged between Rs.318.81–417.32/kg and the average price was Rs.347.30/kg.

Considering retail market the price of local sprats has increased by nearly 8% while the price of kattawa has increased by 4% against the previous month. Prices of most of the other dried fish have increased by less than 2%. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the other dried fish varieties except thora had increased. The increase was significant for anguluwa, local sprats, kattawa, mora and salaya.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	700.00-850.00	814.11	767.83	612.26	46.28	6.03	201.85	32.97
Sprats (imported)	400.00-580.00	487.25	492.75	313.60	-5.50	-1.12	173.66	55.38
Kattawa	800.00-900.00	853.40	815.97	798.06	37.43	4.59	55.34	6.93
Kattawa (imported)	740.00-880.00	808.80	773.50	744.25	35.30	4.56	64.55	8.67
Thora	1100.00-1200.00	1169.10	1180.95	984.38	-11.85	-1.00	184.72	18.77
Thora (imported)	980.00-1200.00	1063.35	1135.63	968.47	-72.28	-6.36	94.88	9.80
Mora	800.00-900.00	823.10	815.61	816.13	7.49	0.92	6.98	0.85
Mora (imported)	680.00-850.00	777.00	794.98	748.25	-17.98	-2.26	28.75	3.84
Balaya	480.00-650.00	549.43	571.59	500.42	-22.16	-3.88	49.01	9.79
Balaya (imported)	380.00-550.00	470.38	503.75	487.07	-33.37	-6.62	-16.69	-3.43
Anguluwa	550.00-820.00	762.27	745.00	566.00	17.27	2.32	196.27	34.68
Anguluwa (imported)	500.00-750.00	656.40	708.79	531.25	-52.39	-7.39	125.15	23.56
Maduwa	400.00-680.00	587.76	576.25	519.55	11.51	2.00	68.22	13.13
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	419.20	461.75	386.46	-42.55	-9.21	32.74	8.47
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	650.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	190.00-360.00	276.44	286.94	229.00	-10.50	-3.66	47.44	20.72
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	220.00	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats	500.00-800.00	656.47	645.30	-	11.17	1.73	-	-
Sprats (imported)	800.00-1200.00	1052.40	977.61	627.67	74.79	7.65	424.73	67.67
Kattawa	900.00-1400.00	1166.86	1127.31	1064.35	39.55	3.51	102.51	9.63
Thora	1100.00-1500.00	1336.51	1334.09	1364.52	2.42	0.18	-28.01	-2.05
Mora	800.00-1200.00	1008.63	998.79	945.26	9.84	0.99	63.37	6.70
Balaya	600.00-1100.00	848.07	850.51	784.01	-2.44	-0.29	64.06	8.17
Anguluwa	600.00-1200.00	992.94	995.01	866.78	-2.07	-0.21	126.16	14.56
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	744.04	733.74	710.35	10.30	1.40	33.69	4.74
Koduwa	-	-	-	620.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-700.00	568.22	564.76	530.11	3.46	0.61	38.11	7.19

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – December 2015 to May 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mm)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May 2016	2742.90	952.61	347.30	656.47	309.17
Apr 2016	1612.39	573.49	355.68	645.30	289.62
Mar 2016	3151.52	1252.33	397.37	655.26	257.89
Feb 2016	2134.70	877.98	411.29	627.91	216.62
Jan 2016	1622.88	544.77	335.68	556.34	220.66
Dec 2015	1962.87	684.65	348.80	511.60	162.80

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

Eggs

As predicted in the previous month, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased significantly by 20% and 23% respectively. Further, a declining trend in prices was observed during the first two weeks of the month and thereafter, prices remained unchanged. The monthly average wholesale price of a brown egg was Rs.13.60 and the price range was Rs.13.50-14.50/egg. The monthly average wholesale price and the price range for a white egg was Rs.12.60 and Rs.12.50-13.50 respectively. High consumer demand prevailed in the month of April had declined in the month of May and it had contributed to these price decreases. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that egg prices could increase in the coming month. Compared to the same month of last year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 2% and 1% respectively.

Prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 20% and 22% respectively at the retail level with the decreased wholesale prices. A declined consumer demand in the *Vesak* month was also noted. The monthly average retail prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.15.38/egg and Rs.14.16/egg respectively. Further, a consumer had to pay Rs.13.00–18.00 per egg during the month. Compared to the same month of the last year, a price increase of 5% was noted for brown eggs while, a price increase of 4% was noted for white eggs.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Price									
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.50-14.50	13.60	16.96	13.38	-3.36	-19.81	0.22	1.64	
White (each)	12.50-13.50	12.60	16.48	12.50	-3.88	-23.54	0.10	0.80	
Retail Price									
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.00-18.00	15.38	19.25	14.60	-3.87	-20.10	0.78	5.34	
White (each)	13.00-16.00	14.16	18.24	13.62	-4.08	-22.37	0.54	3.96	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The price of curry chicken has decreased slightly while the prices of other meats have increased slightly. But the increase was less than 4%. Price of curry chicken has decreased by 2%. Compared to the same period of the last year prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest increase of 22% was reported for beef.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – May 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	600.00-800.00	777.47	756.66	636.37	20.81	2.75	141.10	22.17	
Chicken (Broiler)	500.00-610.00	570.51	549.13	505.65	21.38	3.89	64.86	12.83	
Chicken (curry)	450.00-610.00	524.92	536.82	485.13	-11.90	-2.22	39.79	8.20	
Mutton	1500.00-1800.00	1551.39	1545.84	1335.45	5.55	0.36	215.94	16.17	
Pork	550.00-650.00	599.00	593.33	586.00	5.67	0.96	13.00	2.22	

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The total imports of wheat grain was 149471mt recording a decrease of 137760mt against the previous month. The value of the imports was Rs.5534mn and the average CIF price was Rs.37.02/kg recording a decrease of Rs.2.92/kg. Out of the total imports 78% was imported from Canada and another 15% from Russia with 4% from Denmark. Rest of the stocks are from Australia, America and India. The CIF price ranged between Rs.29.81 – 49.99/kg with the highest price Canadian wheat grains while the lowest for Denmark wheat.

The quantity of 511 mt valued nearly at Rs.35mn was imported as wheat flour. The average CIF price was Rs.67.73/kg recording a decrease of Rs.13.14/kg against the previous month.

The retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00 – 100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.92.74/kg. Compared to the same period of last year the retail price of wheat flour had increased by about 8%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016		May 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-100.00	92.74	92.23	85.98	0.51	0.55	6.76	7.86
Sugar	87.00-110.00	106.34	103.78	84.37	2.56	2.47	21.97	26.04

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – December 2015 to May 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
May 2016	511.41	34.64	67.73	92.74	25.01
Apr 2016	65.20	5.27	80.87	92.23	11.36
Mar 2016	304.75	20.67	67.82	88.81	20.99
Feb 2016	246.06	16.59	67.42	86.72	19.30
Jan 2016	201.10	14.43	71.76	87.16	15.40
Dec 2015	272.70	0.54	66.96	86.43	19.47
Wheat Grain					
May 2016	149471.37	5533.95	37.02	92.74	55.72
Apr 2016	287231.31	9793.99	34.10	92.23	58.13
Mar 2016	93955.21	3431.82	36.53	88.81	52.28
Feb 2016	74376.48	2556.86	34.38	86.72	52.34
Jan 2016	241020.14	9172.08	38.06	87.16	49.10
Dec 2015	158661.24	5648.59	35.60	86.43	50.83

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

Sugar

The imported quantity of sugar was very high in previous two months hence it showed a considerable decrease. The total quantity of 34659mt was imported in May and the value of that was Rs. 2350 mn.

The world sugar prices has shown a gradual increase with the beginning of this year and that trend continued this month too. In line with that the average CIF price has increased further by

Rs.3.23/kg against the previous month. Compared to the price of January 2016 the increase was over Rs.7.00/kg. The average CIF price of sugar in May was Rs.67.81/kg.

Among the total quantity of imported 43% from India, 30% from Brazil while 16% and 9% from Thailand and United Arab Emirates respectively. Another few stocks from France, Korea and Pakistan also consisted. The CIF price was ranged between Rs. 65.15 – 88.07/kg. The majority among the imports were from India which fetched the price of Rs.67.26/kg. The lowest CIF price of Rs.65.15/kg was reported for France sugar. The Korean sugar fetched the highest price which imported only 269mt.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- December 2015 to May 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May 2016	34659	2350.37	67.81	106.34	38.53
Apr 2016	62589	4042.27	64.58	103.78	39.20
Mar 2016	80915	5083.00	62.82	99.52	36.70
Feb 2016	38492	2430.31	63.14	97.88	34.74
Jan 2016	22394	1363.45	60.88	97.05	36.17
Dec 2015	38591	2273.33	58.91	90.86	31.95

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items - May 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
	May 2016	Apr 2016		May 2016	Apr 2016		May 2016	Apr 2016	
Rice	3626	3257	11	185.45	172.06	8	51.15	52.83	-3
Red Onion	1807	1222	48	130.69	70.42	86	72.31	57.61	26
Big Onion	22266	17047	31	660.15	533.03	24	29.65	31.27	-5
Potato	8452	8252	2	192.86	180.19	7	22.82	21.84	4
Dried Chillies	4225	3617	17	1159.15	984.24	18	274.32	272.08	1
Masoor Dhal	9981	4275	133	1341.33	599.00	124	134.39	140.12	-4
Green Gram	1751	1405	25	291.42	229.68	27	166.44	163.52	2
Cowpea	295	325	-10	30.38	32.21	-6	103.14	98.98	4
Garlic	2230	1201	86	552.20	272.02	103	247.65	226.52	9
Wheat flour	511	65	684	34.64	5.27	557	67.73	80.87	-16
Wheat grain	149471	287231	-48	5533.95	9793.99	-43	37.02	34.10	9
White crystalline cane sugar	34659	62589	-45	2350.37	4042.27	-42	67.81	64.58	5
Maize (Seed)	15	2	-	8.47	1.01	-	555.43	504.06	-
Maize (Other)	75	100	-25	6.66	8.54	-22	88.79	85.37	4
Sprats, dried unsalted	2743	1612	70	952.61	573.49	66	347.30	355.68	-2

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

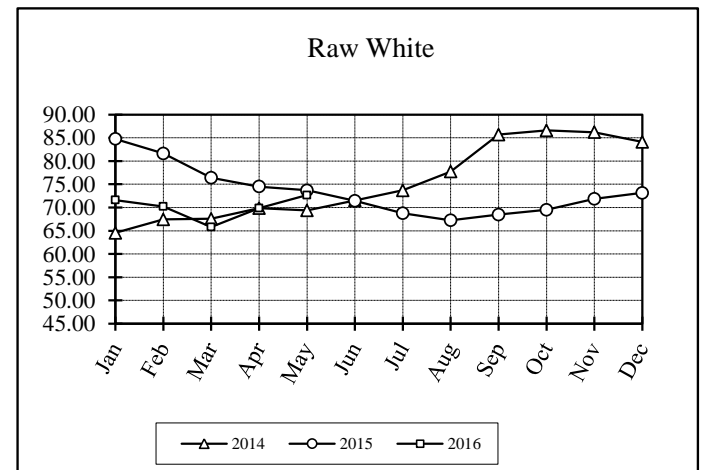
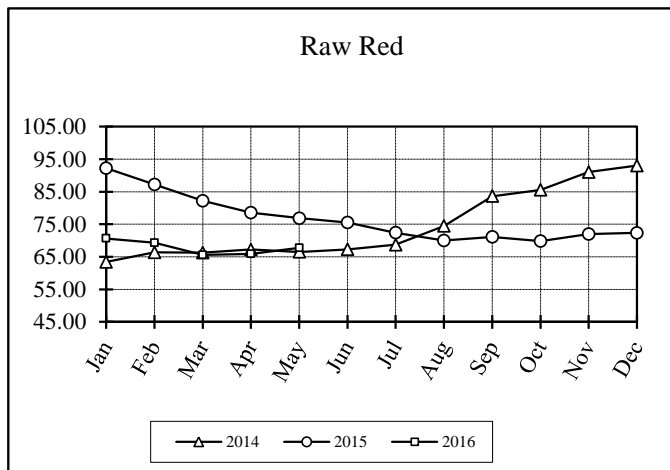
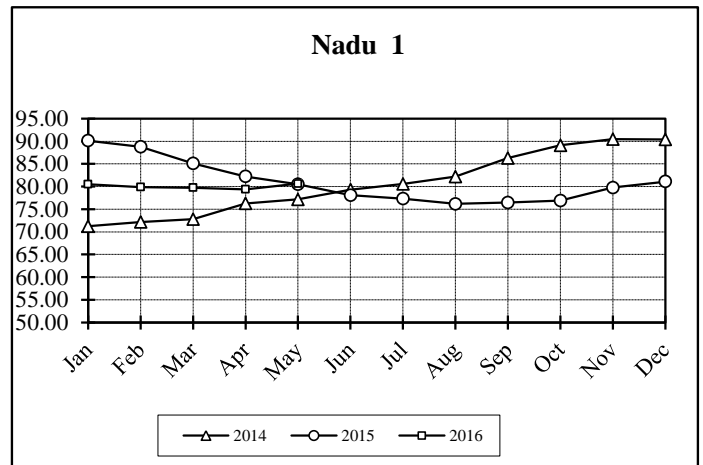
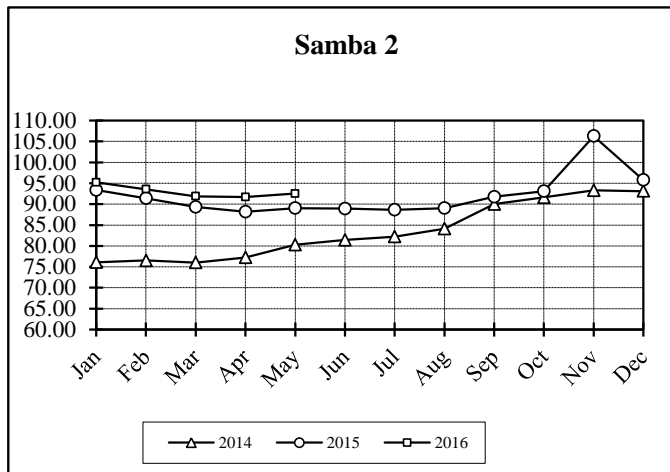
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – May 2016

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	463.1	84.3	15	6
Badulla	276.7	104.0	18	10
Bandarawela	183.2	104.2	28	9
Batticaloa	287.4	39.3	10	3
Colombo	752.4	392.4	29	16
Galle	440.8	290.4	24	16
Hambantota	178.3	85.1	15	7
Jaffna	286.0	46.7	10	3
Katugastota	518.5	144.0	26	11
Katunayaka	652.7	317.6	26	16
Kurunegala	737.6	188.3	25	12
Mahailuppallama	564.5	93.0	18	6
Mannar	399.3	44.7	7	3
Nuwara Eliya	385.8	175.9	23	13
Pottuvil	272.9	35.1	10	na
Puttalam	398.9	84.3	16	7
Ratmalana	676.4	360.6	28	17
Ratnapura	806.9	475.9	30	20
Trincomalee	331.6	50.2	6	4
Vavuniya	477.4	74.8	12	6
Polonnaruwa	254.6	na	10	na
Moneragala	238.8	na	12	na
Mattala	243.8	na	19	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

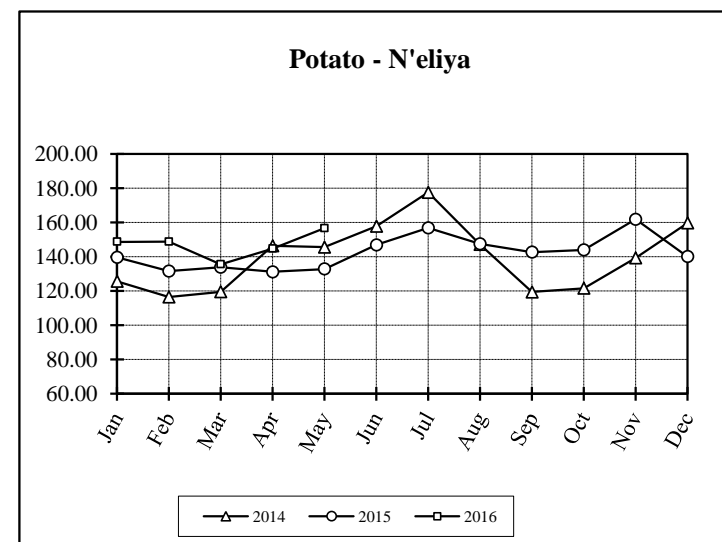
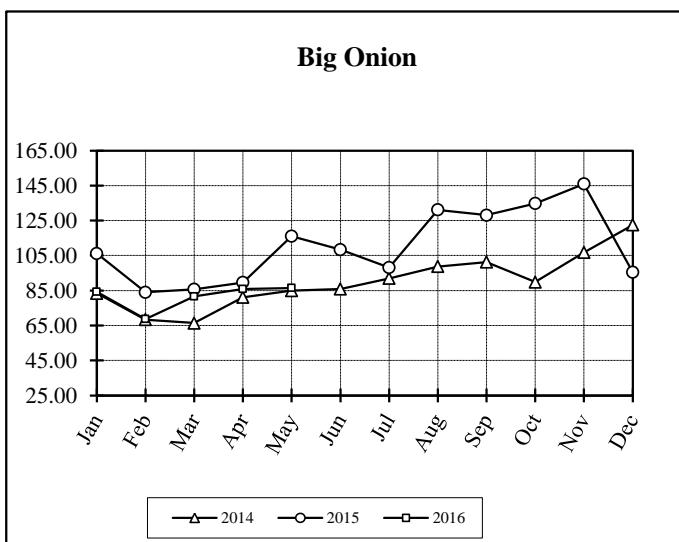
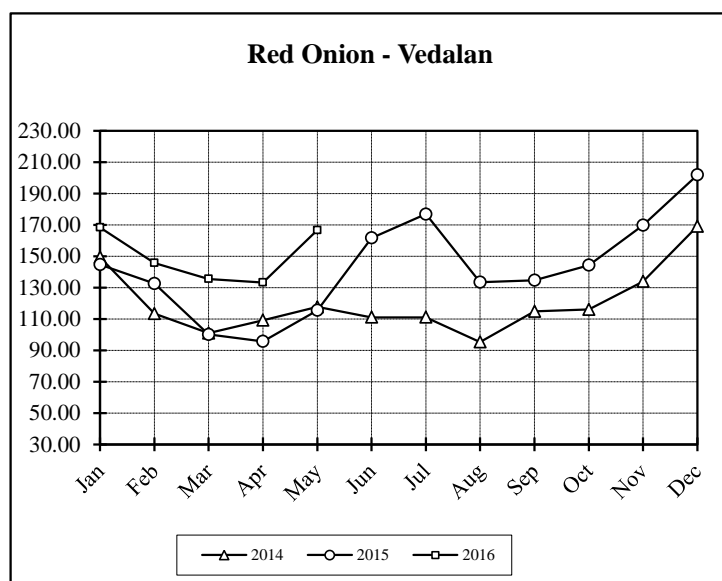
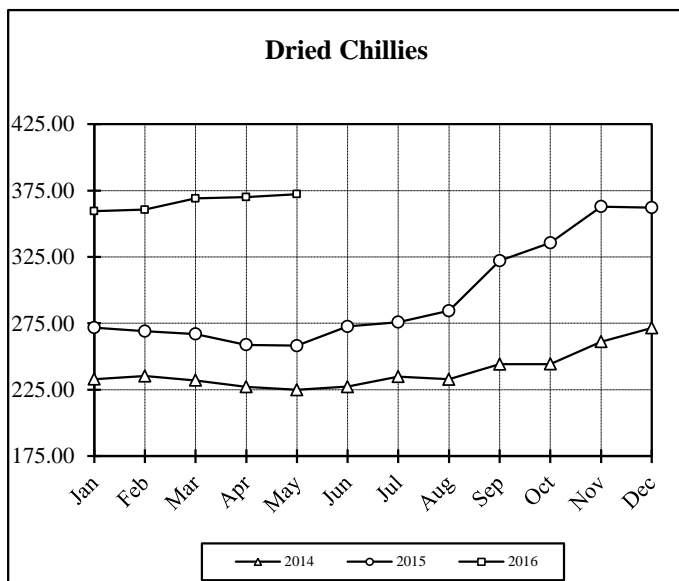
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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



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

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



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

May 2016

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	81.60	84.20	112.00	98.80	98.80	Welimada					
A'pura	35.70	35.60	36.00	37.50	38.00	Badulla	72.00	78.00	110.00	94.00	84.40	N'Eliya	63.00	72.40	78.00	106.80	138.00
P'naruwa	37.75	38.25	38.75	39.25	39.25	Welimada	81.00	83.00	121.00	107.00	125.00	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	35.83	37.50	36.00	38.50	38.50	Pulses						Hanguranketha					
Kurunegala	36.20	36.40	36.40	38.40	38.40	Green Gram						N'Eliya	62.20	68.20	67.20	77.00	103.00
Dehiattakandiya	36.40	36.80	37.20	38.60	38.60	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	89.80	79.20	90.00	95.00	119.00
Ampara	37.80	37.80	38.60	40.40	40.40	Kalawewa	193.33	173.75	176.67	166.67	160.00	Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	174.00	174.00	174.00	171.00	171.00	Welimada	56.00	74.00	80.00	87.60	88.60
A'pura	33.40	33.40	33.00	34.60	34.80	Kurunegala						Knokhol					
P'naruwa	34.80	35.30	35.75	36.25	36.25	A'pura	188.00	188.00	188.00	172.00	175.00	Hanguranketha					
Kalawewa	35.25	36.00	33.00	30.33	30.33	Cowpea						N'Eliya	33.00		42.40	77.00	77.00
Kurunegala	34.80	34.80	34.80	36.60	36.60	A'pura	160.00	160.00	162.00	166.00	175.00	Welimada	55.00	72.00	45.00	76.00	88.60
Dehiattakandiya	32.70	33.50	33.90	35.60	35.60	Galgamuwa	160.00	153.33	146.67	140.00	140.00	Radish					
Embilipitiya	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.70	33.70	Nikaweratiya	160.00	153.33	146.67	140.00	140.00	Hanguranketha					
Ampara	33.60	34.30	34.80	35.60	35.60	Kalawewa	165.00	160.00	160.00	163.33	160.00	N'Eliya	30.60	30.60	37.00	37.00	42.00
Matara	28.67	33.67	34.33	34.67	34.67	Embilipitiya	182.00	182.00	182.00	182.00	182.00	Welimada	25.33	33.67	45.00	40.00	41.00
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha					
Matara	27.00	30.67	31.00	31.33	31.33	A'Pura	47.60	45.60	46.40	49.20	46.00	N'Eliya	42.80	52.20	58.00	58.60	105.00
Hambantota	30.00	30.00	31.00	31.00	32.75	Kalawewa	47.50	50.00	52.50	52.50	52.50	Welimada	40.00	37.00	44.00	69.00	93.40
Ampara	30.40	30.50	30.80	31.20	31.30	Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	30.80	30.80	30.40	31.30	31.50	A'Pura	112.00	108.00	110.00	118.60	116.00	Badulla	32.00	31.00	31.00	63.00	74.00
Other Food Crop						Kalawewa	105.00	115.00	113.33	113.33	118.75	Tomato					
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Hanguranketha					
A'Pura						Kalawewa	260.00	270.00	270.00	270.00	295.00	Welimada	117.00	121.00	121.00	76.00	107.00
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	272.00	272.00	269.00	278.00	278.00	Hambantota					
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	108.00	122.00	143.00	72.20	112.00
Red Onion						Beans						Low Country					
Puttalam	76.00	77.00	104.00	107.00	142.00	Dambulla	128.00	104.00	158.00	164.00	180.00	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Welimada	118.00	94.00	129.00	179.00	161.00	A'pura	65.00	63.00		83.33	104.00
Dambulla						Badulla						Dambulla	62.20	62.20	58.20	56.40	81.00
Kalawewa						Carrot						Hambantota	51.00	52.50	65.00	50.00	87.50
A'Pura						Hanguranketha						Embilipitiya	72.40	84.00	72.40	72.40	103.00
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	72.00	68.60	82.00	111.00	137.00	Matara		69.00	68.33	90.00	73.33
						Welimada	56.00	66.00	88.80	97.00	141.00						

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>						<u>Pumpkin</u>						<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura	48.00	55.00	-	105.00	126.00	Dambulla	20.40	24.80	37.00	49.00	44.80	Hambantota	-	-	-	-	200.00
Dambulla	33.60	46.80	56.80	102.00	121.00	Hambantota	17.50	22.50	32.50	30.00	61.20	Embilipitiya	354.00	384.00	442.00	270.00	272.00
Hambantota	31.67	36.25	67.50	65.00	85.00	Embilipitiya	25.20	40.40	45.40	54.00	54.00	Moneragala	283.75	336.00	330.00	-	189.75
Embilipitiya	30.00	44.40	44.40	51.40	113.40	Matara	-	-	-	-	-	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara	25.00	40.00	41.67	66.67	63.33	A'pura	31.00	31.40	-	46.67	66.00	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada	44.00	39.00	60.00	94.00	105.00	Moneragala	15.40	17.60	17.60	-	36.50	<u>Ambul</u>					
						<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	36.00	36.00	31.75	-	31.25
<u>Capsicum</u>						A'pura	42.00	55.00	-	65.00	78.00	Embilipitiya	26.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	13.00
Welimada	81.00	93.00	119.00	129.00	161.00	Dambulla	59.20	49.40	25.40	57.40	59.80	Hambantota	36.67	37.50	25.00	22.50	22.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>						Hambantota	43.33	46.67	67.50	53.33	60.00	<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
A'pura	80.00	90.00	-	123.33	168.00	Matara	-	-	-	-	-	Moneragala	94.75	138.75	108.75	-	108.75
Dambulla	87.40	86.20	90.40	94.40	158.00	<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	108.00	102.00	105.00	102.00	94.00
Hambantota	93.33	95.00	110.00	130.00	150.00	Dambulla	73.80	73.80	69.80	91.00	124.00	Hambantota	145.00	112.50	115.00	115.00	110.00
Embilipitiya	110.00	136.00	136.00	128.00	140.40	Hambantota	70.00	77.50	73.75	72.50	92.50	<u>Papaw</u>					
Matara	103.33	88.33	91.67	91.67	116.67	Embilipitiya	82.00	88.00	92.00	101.60	124.00	Moneragala	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Snake Gourd</u>						Matara	-	70.00	68.33	68.33	75.00	Embilipitiya	18.60	18.60	19.00	19.00	21.00
Dambulla	62.20	60.60	69.80	77.40	112.00	A'Pura	78.00	78.00	-	93.33	123.00	Hambantota	30.00	-	-	22.50	25.00
Hambantota	-	-	70.00	72.50	95.00	<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>					
Embilipitiya	61.40	82.40	53.40	69.40	97.00	Hambantota	-	-	-	-	30.00	Divulapitiya	61.67	61.67	61.67	57.50	52.50
Matara	-	48.33	48.33	48.33	50.00	Embilipitiya	23.40	29.40	31.40	31.40	38.00						
A'pura	56.00	53.00	-	85.00	97.00	Matara	38.33	41.67	38.33	38.33	38.33						
<u>Luffa</u>						<u>Green Chillies</u>											
Dambulla	84.60	110.00	90.40	85.20	114.00	Dambulla	71.00	90.40	180.00	312.00	316.00						
Hambantota	66.67	67.50	67.50	75.00	90.00	Hambantota	-	-	-	-	280.00						
Embilipitiya	78.40	94.00	94.00	91.00	144.00	Embilipitiya	199.00	176.00	384.00	506.00	479.00						
Matara	-	61.67	56.67	56.67	70.00	Puttalam	86.00	103.00	176.00	-	-						
A'pura	116.00	96.00	-	90.00	136.00	A'Pura	72.00	76.00	-	360.00	330.00						