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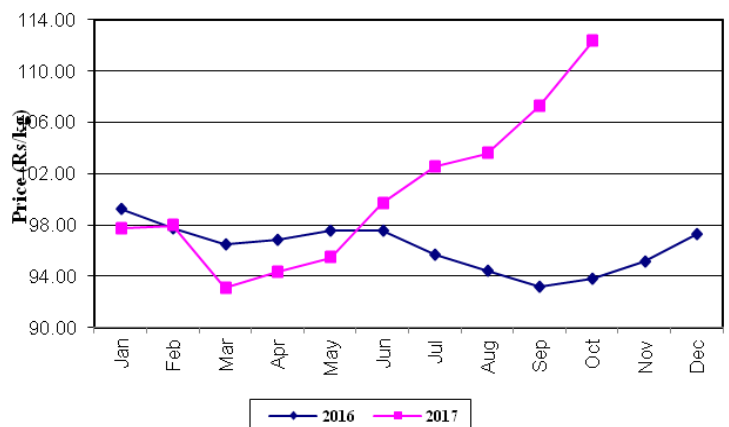
RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties have further increased. Accordingly, the highest price increment was noted for local samba grade II as Rs.7.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.95.00-112.00/kg. Further, price of local nadu grade II has increased by Rs.4.00/kg and the average price was 102.00/kg. However, prices of all the imported rice varieties have decreased as a result of increased imports. Hence, prices of imported *ponni* samba, imported raw white and imported nadu have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg.

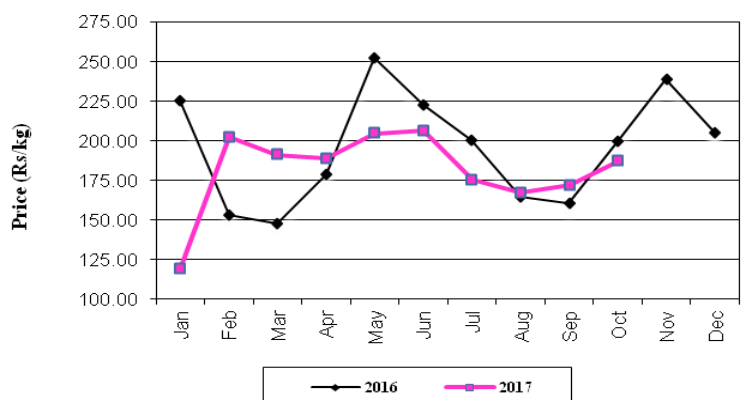
VEGETABLES:

As the last phase of the *Yala* harvesting season reached, supplies had dropped from both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas, whereby prices started to escalate, compared to last month for most varieties. Of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties, the highest price increases were reported for cabbage and drumsticks as 87% and 280% respectively, in the wholesale market. As the off season approaches, prices are expected to increase in the coming month.

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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| 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 prospects of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season was not satisfactory in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs and the drought situation prevailed throughout the season. The harvesting of *Yala* season ended by the end of month with low surplus of paddy releasing to the markets. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent downgraded and it was 400,020 ha. The cultivation progress up to end August is 266,027 ha and it is 67% of the target and is 33% lower compared to the average of last three year *Yala* seasons. The production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.025 million Mt, 33 percent lower than the previous *Yala* season. The land preparation activities were commenced by the farmers in major producing areas for the 2017/18 *Maha* season expecting monsoon rains.

Producer Prices

The rising trend of paddy prices continued throughout the month in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the harvesting of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season reaching the end in most of the major producing areas. The prices of long grain white, short grain and long grain red paddy varieties have increased by 2%-13%, 2%-12% and 2%-4% respectively. The highest increase was recorded for long grain white in Polonnaruwa and for short grain in Kurunegala. Prices ranged both long grain white and short grain between Rs.45.00-57.00/kg and Rs.45.00-59.00/kg respectively in all major producing areas. The highest and the lowest prices of long grain white paddy recorded in Kalawewa and Kurunegala respectively. The lowest prices recorded for newly harvested high moisture paddy. However, competitive buying of paddy by the millers is recorded in most of the major producing areas due to the limited harvest as a result of crop failure during the *Yala* season. Monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.43.00-48.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province. It is expected that the increasing trend of paddy prices will continue during next month due to the limited paddy supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of prices was recorded for all the paddy varieties. The prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have increased by 20%-37% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 24%-27% in major producing areas.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy – October 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	50.00-55.00	50.00-55.00	53.90	52.60	40.66	1.30	2.47	13.24	32.56
Polonnaruwa	54.50-56.00	48.00-54.00	55.51	51.06	41.66	4.45	8.71	13.85	33.25
Kalawewa	53.00-59.00	48.00-57.00	55.02	53.17	-	1.85	3.47	-	-
Kurunegala	45.00-55.00	43.00-48.00	50.15	44.88	38.50	5.28	11.75	11.65	30.26
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	41.66	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	55.00-60.00	-	56.88	40.47	-	-	-	-
Ampara	51.00-58.00	44.00-53.50	53.16	48.84	41.28	4.32	8.85	11.88	28.78
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	50.00-53.00	50.00-54.00	51.77	50.87	38.80	0.90	1.77	12.97	33.42
Polonnaruwa	53.50-55.00	44.00-53.00	54.50	48.34	39.79	6.16	12.75	14.71	36.97
Kalawewa	50.00-57.00	45.00-55.00	53.77	50.17	-	3.59	7.16	-	-
Kurunegala	45.00-55.00	45.00-52.00	50.83	46.75	37.40	4.08	8.74	13.43	35.92
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	39.90	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	39.04	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	50.00-58.00	-	54.19	39.40	-	-	-	-
Matara	45.00-50.00	45.00-46.00	46.40	45.33	38.73	1.07	2.35	7.67	19.81
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	48.00-51.00	-	49.10	47.00	39.28	-	-	9.82	25.00
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	45.00-50.00	45.00-46.00	46.40	45.33	-	1.07	2.35	-	-
Hambantota	43.00-50.00	42.00-50.00	46.99	44.98	37.93	2.02	4.49	9.06	23.89
Embilipitiya	46.00-48.00	44.00-47.00	47.33	45.66	37.22	1.67	3.66	10.11	27.17

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Prices of all the local rice varieties have increased considerably throughout the month as a result of limited market arrivals of rice stocks to the market. Consequently, the price of local raw red has increased by 6%. Further, price of local samba grade I and II has increased by 5%. Prices of local raw white and local nadu grade II have also increased by 4% and 3% respectively. Meanwhile, a total quantity of 88,289mt. worth of 5,602mn. rice had been imported during the month of October. When compared to the previous month, rice quantity has increased by 36,274mt. Purpose of achieving the stability in rice price caused this sudden increment in imports. Out of total imports for the month of October, 74,938mt. comprised raw white, nadu and *ponni* samba. The rest (13,351mt.) comprised of broken rice and basmati. The highest rice quantity of 35,464mt. was comprised of raw white and the second highest (21,347mt.) was nadu. Furthermore, respective quantities of *ponni* samba, broken rice and basmati were 18,127mt., 12,899mt. and 450mt.

Subsequently, as a result of increased imports of rice during the month, wholesale prices of all the imported rice varieties have decreased considerably. Accordingly, 9% price decrement was reported for imported raw white and the average wholesale price was Rs.68.00/kg. Further, 8% price decrement was reported for imported samba. Price of imported nadu has also decreased by 1%. The highest quantity (16,550mt.) of raw white was imported from Myanmar. The rest was imported from India, Pakistan, Singapore and Vietnam. All nadu quantities were imported from India. Myanmar and Pakistan have also contributed to few quantities. Likewise, majority of *ponni* samba had been imported from India. Average CIF prices of raw white, *ponni* samba and nadu were Rs.59.00/kg, Rs.72.00/kg and Rs.69.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile, basmati was mainly imported from Pakistan and Thailand and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.121.00/kg. Few quantities were also imported from Thailand, Japan and Italy. Further, broken rice had been mainly imported from India and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.52.00/kg. Few quantities were also imported from Myanmar, Pakistan and Thailand.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 20%-31%, whilst the price of raw red has decreased by 13%. In addition, price of imported samba has also decreased by 38%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties have also increased considerably with response to the increased wholesale prices. Accordingly, the highest price increment was noted for local samba grade II as Rs.7.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.95.00-112.00/kg. Further, price of local nadu grade II has increased by Rs.4.00/kg and the average price was 102.00/kg. Prices of local samba grade I and local raw red have also increased by Rs.3.00/kg and their average prices were Rs.117.00/kg and 92.00/kg respectively. In addition, price of local raw white has increased by Rs.2.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.88.00-110.00/kg. Meanwhile, prices of all the imported rice varieties have decreased due to increased stocks. Accordingly, prices of imported *ponni* samba, imported raw white and imported nadu have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. Respective average prices of those varieties were Rs.90.00/kg, Rs.78.00/kg and Rs.84.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.110.00-120.00/kg from Kandy market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Keppetipola market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.105.00-110.00/kg from Kandy, Trincomalee and Kegalle markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg from Ampara market. The highest price of Rs.98.00/kg for raw red was reported from Anuradhapura market, while the lowest price of Rs.85.00/kg was reported from Hambantota market. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kandy market, while the lowest price of Rs.85.00/kg was reported from Tissamaharama market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 20%-33%, while the price of imported samba has decreased by 31%.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – October 2017

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	105.00-110.00	106.41	101.86	88.82	4.54	4.46	17.59	19.80
Samba 2	95.00-104.00	102.04	96.78	82.63	5.26	5.44	19.41	23.49
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	77.31	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	90.00-96.00	92.83	90.03	73.37	2.80	3.11	19.46	26.53
Raw red	80.00-85.00	84.42	79.67	97.33	4.76	5.97	-12.91	-13.26
Raw white	85.00-94.00	89.04	85.62	67.82	3.41	3.99	21.22	31.28
Imported Samba	70.00-83.00	76.81	83.31	124.60	-6.50	-7.80	-47.79	-38.35
Imported Raw White	60.00-78.00	67.92	75.00	-	-7.08	-9.44	-	-
Imported Nadu	68.00-75.00	72.36	72.85	-	-0.49	-0.67	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	110.00-125.00	116.54	113.25	97.48	3.30	2.91	19.06	19.55
Samba 2	95.00-112.00	108.14	101.30	90.08	6.84	6.75	18.06	20.05
Samba 3	-	-	-	85.45	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	81.62	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	95.00-110.00	101.84	98.19	76.68	3.65	3.72	25.16	32.82
Raw red	85.00-110.00	92.38	89.11	72.86	3.27	3.67	19.52	26.79
Raw white	88.00-110.00	95.80	93.51	74.34	2.29	2.45	21.46	28.87
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	85.00-100.00	89.79	90.23	129.89	-0.44	-0.48	-40.10	-30.87
Imported Raw White	65.00-88.00	78.14	78.71	-	-0.57	-0.73	-	-
Imported Nadu	80.00-90.00	83.68	84.12	-	-0.44	-0.52	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chillies from all major producing areas has dropped significantly within the *Yala* harvesting season coming to an end. Further, compared to the last *Yala* season cultivated extent of green chillies has decreased by about 40% due to bad weather condition. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased significantly by about Rs.191.00/kg and Rs.178.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.399.15/kg and Rs.578.70/kg respectively and both prices are higher than that of the prices of dried chillies. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about 670% and 233% respectively.

Imported quantity of dried chillies was 4,686 mt and it was mainly imported from India during this month. It was an increase of 1,310 mt compared to that of the last month. The average CIF price was Rs.158.79/kg and it was an increase of Rs.5.00/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.10.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about 31% and 29% respectively.

**Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies
October 2017**

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	320.00-650.00	399.15	208.33	51.83	190.82	91.59	347.32	670.12
Dried Chillies	180.00-215.00	198.41	187.95	286.20	10.46	5.56	-87.79	-30.67
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	350.00-1000.00	578.70	400.74	173.99	177.95	44.41	404.71	232.60
Dried Chillies	220.00-300.00	256.20	249.10	362.69	7.09	2.85	-106.49	-29.36

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies
May to October 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October	4,686	744.14	158.79	256.20	97.41
September	3,376	517.91	153.42	249.10	95.69
August	5,183	755.45	145.75	238.44	92.68
July	4,004	509.13	127.15	232.12	104.97
June	3,181	393.87	123.83	230.27	106.44
May	4,321	526.72	121.88	241.70	119.81

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

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – October 2017

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	276.00	374.00	308.00	326.00	-
Hambantota	225.00	350.00	290.00	290.00	475.00
Embilipitiya	356.67	375.00	333.33	411.67	492.00
Puttalam	286.00	332.00	280.00	376.00	536.00
A'Pura	260.00	-	337.50	387.50	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both imported and local big onion varieties during this month too. Though the continued supply of local big onion from main producing areas has been reached during this month, the quantity had decreased due to crop damage caused by bad weather condition. Hence, the wholesale price of local big onion has increased by about Rs.9.00/kg, while the retail price has decreased by about Rs.7.00/kg due to availability of low quality stocks at most of the markets.

A quantity of 6,131 mt of big onion was imported in October 2017. This was about 7,989 mt less compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.90.13/kg for imported big onion and it was an increase of Rs.25.00/kg compared to the previous month. Around 97% imports were imported from India and 3% from China. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.11.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 64% and 74% respectively.

The supply of both sinnan and vedalan varieties had decreased from Puttalam and Jaffna areas as it was the latter part of the harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.18.00/kg and Rs.23.00/kg respectively. Retail price of vedalan has also increased by about Rs.29.00/kg, while sinnan stocks were not available at the market.

About 588 mt of red onion was imported from India (385 mt – 65%) and Egypt (203 mt – 35%) during this month and it was a decrease of 242 mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.129.44/kg and it was an increase of Rs.41.00/kg compared to last month. Hence, wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.165.00/kg, while the stocks were not available at the retail markets.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan has increased by about 172%.

**Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
October 2017**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	250.00-280.00	262.64	244.67	68.57	17.97	7.35	194.07	283.02
Red Onion (Vedalan)	240.00-360.00	306.39	283.73	88.25	22.65	7.98	218.14	247.18
Red Onion (Imported)	275.00-360.00	259.82	94.37	81.63	165.44	175.30	178.19	218.29
Big Onion (imported)	65.00-170.00	111.19	100.66	67.88	10.53	10.46	43.31	63.81
Big Onion (Local)	60.00-170.00	109.07	100.29	72.17	8.78	8.75	36.90	51.12
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	320.00-480.00	389.38	359.93	142.94	29.45	8.18	246.44	172.41
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	325.00	115.32	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-200.00	147.22	141.57	84.79	5.65	3.99	62.43	73.63
Big Onion (Local)	100.00-200.00	146.89	153.15	100.24	-6.27	-4.09	46.65	46.53

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.2: 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	Oct , 2017	90.13	111.19	147.22	21.07	36.03
	Sep , 2017	65.16	100.66	141.57	35.50	40.91
	Oct , 2016	35.88	67.88	84.79	32.00	16.91
Red onion	Oct , 2017	129.44	259.82	-	130.38	-
	Sep , 2017	88.10	94.37	325.00	6.28	230.63
	Oct , 2016	57.19	81.63	115.32	24.44	33.69

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

Table 2.2.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017
Red Onion	588	830	76.1	73.1	129.44	88.10
Big Onion	6,131	14,120	552.5	920.0	90.13	65.16

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
May to October 2017**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
October	6,131	90.13	111.19	147.22	57.10
September	14,120	65.16	100.66	141.57	76.42
August	18,172	56.60	101.17	132.19	75.59
July	20,552	31.88	71.97	96.33	64.46
June	22,746	30.41	74.08	97.25	66.84
May	21,555	28.69	67.35	96.33	67.64

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Maha cultivation of potatoes commenced in major potato growing districts and *yala* harvesting of potato is taking place with the availability of ample stocks in the market. A quantity of 6,753 mt of potato had been imported in October which was 2,569 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were received mainly from China (34%), Pakistan (33%) and India (23%) in October. Compared to October, 2016 (7,631 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.37.00/kg in October.

With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of the *yala* harvest were available in the market. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 6% and 8% respectively. Also, the retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 6% and 4% respectively. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and

Welimada potatoes were Rs.95.00/kg and Rs.83.50/kg in October. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato has decreased by 3% for each. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.85.00-110.00/kg, Rs.110.00-130.00/kg and Rs.78.00-105.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (6%), Nuwara Eliya (8%) and imported (1%) potatoes have increased. As the peak harvesting season for potato will be over in November, the prices of local potatoes are expected to increase in coming months.

**Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
May to October 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October	6,753	253.88	37.59	114.63	77.03
September	9,322	406.69	43.63	117.72	74.09
August	13,832	533.55	38.57	115.06	76.49
July	11,483	419.33	36.52	112.13	75.61
June	15,227	643.34	42.25	115.84	73.59
May	12,903	473.86	40.27	121.48	81.22

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

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	85.00-130.00	83.50	89.06	79.20	-5.56	-6.65	4.30	5.15
Nuwara Eliya	78.00-88.00	95.12	99.70	91.12	-4.58	-4.81	4.00	4.21
Imported – CIF	22.70-54.85	37.59	43.63	33.23	-6.04	-16.06	4.36	11.60
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	85.00-110.00	97.43	105.21	89.40	-7.78	-7.99	8.03	8.25
Nuwara Eliya	110.00-130.00	116.99	123.70	104.70	-6.71	-5.74	12.29	10.50
Imported	78.00-105.00	89.88	92.26	85.27	-2.38	-2.65	4.61	5.13
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	120.00-140.00	138.70	144.00	129.83	-5.30	-3.82	8.87	6.40
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-200.00	167.88	177.47	154.06	-9.59	-5.71	13.82	8.23
Imported	90.00-130.00	114.63	117.72	113.77	-3.09	-2.70	0.86	0.75
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		55.20	54.94	50.63	0.26	0.46	4.57	8.28
Nuwara Eliya		72.76	77.77	62.94	-5.01	-6.89	9.82	13.49
Imported (CIF-RP)		77.04	74.09	80.54	2.94	3.82	-3.50	-4.55
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		41.27	38.79	40.43	2.48	6.01	0.84	2.03
Nuwara Eliya		50.89	53.77	49.36	-2.88	-5.66	1.53	3.01
Imported		24.75	25.46	28.50	-0.71	-2.87	-3.75	-15.16

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

According to the Crop Forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture in mid-October, the targeted cultivation extent for green gram is 13762 ha in 2017 *Yala* season; however, the achieved extent of cultivation by mid-October has been recorded as 39% of the targeted extent of cultivation or 5383 ha. Compared to the cultivation extent in 2016 *Yala* season, which was 5267 ha, the current extent of cultivation is 116 ha higher. By the end of this month, the highest extent of cultivation is recorded from Hambantota as 2932 ha, (i.e., more than half of the total cultivation extent) despite the fact that the targeted cultivation extent for Hambantota was 7153 ha. The second and the third highest cultivation extents are noted in Kurunegala (402 ha) and Monaragala (320 ha). Cultivation extents of all other districts are lower than 250 ha. The expected production from the current extent of cultivation is 7578 MT, and it is an increase of 115% compared to the production in 2016 *Yala* season. Green gram production is estimated to be highest at Hambantota (4867 MT), followed by Ampara (372 MT), Monaragala (320 MT), and Kurunegala (302 MT).

The targeted cultivation extent for cowpea is 6759 ha in 2017 *Yala* season, and approximately, 56% of the target has been fulfilled by mid-October. Thus, the actual cultivation extent has been recorded as 3813 ha, which is around 878 ha higher than the cultivation extent in 2016 *Yala* season. The highest cowpea cultivation extent is recorded from Ampara (2210 ha), which contributes to around 58% of the actual cultivation extent, and is followed by Monaragala (534 ha) and Kurunegala (163 ha). The expected cowpea production from the actually cultivated extent is 5281 MT, which is 107% higher than the production obtained in 2016 *Yala* season. Cowpea production from Ampara is anticipated as 3314 MT, whilst, the production is lower than 700 MT each in the other districts.

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Wholesale and retail prices of green gram have decreased by 3% and 2%, respectively compared to the previous month. However, compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale and retail prices of green gram have increased by 20% and 11%, respectively. The monthly average wholesale price of green gram is Rs.199.00/kg, and the monthly average retail price is Rs.245.00/kg. The price reduction is mainly observed due to the decrement of the average CIF price, which is recorded as Rs.141.00/kg. The average CIF price in this month has been decreased by Rs.5.00/kg compared to the previous month. The total expenditure on green gram importation is recorded as Rs.131 million, which is a reduction of 40% of the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. The total quantity of green gram imported in this month (i.e., 931 MT) has been decreased by 578 MT (38%) than that in the previous month. The highest quantity of green gram has been imported from Australia (62%), followed by Argentina (31%), Myanmar (6%) and India (1%).

Wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 3% and 16%, respectively, compared to the previous month. The average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea are recorded as Rs.231.00/kg and Rs.243.00/kg, respectively. Retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 1% and 3%, respectively, and their average retail prices are recorded as

Rs.301.00/kg and Rs.331.00/kg, respectively. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have increased by 12% and 19%, respectively, whereas the retail prices of them have increased by 21% and 32%, respectively. The average CIF price of white cowpea, the only type that is imported, is recorded as Rs.132.00/kg, which is a slight decrease from that of the previous month. The total value spent on importation of white cowpea during this month is Rs.120 million, which is more or less the same as that during the previous month. Of the total quantity of imported white cowpea (i.e, 910 MT), the highest has been imported from Madagascar (84%) followed by Turkey (11%) and Myanmar (5%).

**Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Green gram
May to October 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October	931	131.17	140.93	245.00	104.07
September	1,509	219.74	145.64	248.72	103.08
August	2,205	323.08	146.52	248.47	101.95
July	1,031	160.57	155.76	249.56	93.80
June	1,694	267.98	158.19	249.99	91.79
May	1,183	177.68	150.17	250.02	99.85

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

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Cowpea
May to October 2017**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October	910	119.96	131.84	301.20	169.36
September	887	119.07	134.31	304.57	170.27
August	837	116.58	139.32	296.36	157.04
July	236	32.90	139.39	302.22	162.83
June	359	50.40	140.37	296.90	156.54
May	443	61.28	138.32	296.59	158.28

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green Gram and Cowpea – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	190.00-210.00	199.19	205.93	165.86	-6.75	-3.28	33.33	20.09	
Cowpea (White)	220.00-240.00	230.99	237.16	205.50	-6.17	-2.60	25.49	12.40	
Cowpea (Red)	190.00-290.00	242.52	287.19	203.87	-44.66	-15.55	38.65	18.96	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	205.00-280.00	245.00	248.72	220.61	-3.72	-1.50	24.39	11.06	
Cowpea (White)	240.00-380.00	301.20	304.57	249.59	-3.38	-1.11	51.61	20.68	
Cowpea (Red)	280.00-380.00	331.40	341.08	250.78	-9.68	-2.84	80.62	32.15	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.4: 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	Oct , 2017	140.93	199.19	245.00	58.26	45.81
	Sep , 2017	145.64	205.93	248.72	60.29	42.79
	Oct , 2016	143.67	165.86	220.61	22.19	54.75
Cowpea (White)	Oct , 2017	131.84	230.99	301.20	99.15	70.21
	Sep , 2017	134.31	237.16	304.57	102.85	67.42
	Oct , 2016	112.91	205.50	249.59	92.59	44.09
Cowpea (Red)	Oct , 2017	-	242.52	331.40	-	88.88
	Sep , 2017	-	287.19	341.08	-	53.90
	Oct , 2016	-	203.87	250.78	-	46.91

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

During October 2017, wholesale prices of red dhal ranged between Rs.128.00/kg and Rs.137.00/kg with an average of Rs.132.00/kg. In the meantime, retail prices of red dhal ranged between Rs.140.00/kg and Rs.180.00/kg with an average of Rs.156.00/kg. Compared to previous month, the wholesale price has decreased by 1%; however, the retail price change remains insignificant. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal has decreased by 19% and 10%, respectively.

Approximately, 12658 MT of red dhal have been imported during this month; of the total, around 10184 MT are whole type red dhal, whilst the rest is split type red dhal. The highest quantity of whole type red dhal has been imported from Australia (61%), followed by Canada (39%). Quantity imported from United Arab Emirates is less than 1%. The average CIF price of a kilogram of whole type red dhal is recorded as Rs.88.00, and the total value spent on importation is Rs.901 million. Of the total quantity of split type red dhal imported, around 71% is imported from Canada, followed by 19% from United Arab Emirates and 5% each from India and Australia. The average CIF price of one kilogram of split type red dhal is Rs.111.00, and the total value spent on importation is Rs.274 million.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Dhal – October 2017

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	128.00-137.00	132.17	132.93	162.59	-0.76	-0.58	-30.42	-18.71
Retail Price	140.00-180.00	156.42	156.79	173.66	-0.36	-0.23	-17.24	-9.93

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
October	12,658	92.79	132.17	156.42	39.38	24.25
September	12,562	101.54	132.93	156.79	31.39	23.85
August	11,970	105.12	131.30	156.96	26.17	25.66
July	12,016	106.83	137.59	159.18	30.75	21.59
June	9,967	102.53	140.47	159.55	37.94	19.08
May	8,832	103.93	140.26	161.52	36.33	21.27

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

3. Vegetables

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As the *Yala* harvesting season reaches its end phase, supplies have gradually decreased from both up and lowcountry districts. Compared to last month, the daily supply of vegetables recorded a 46% drop, at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre, with the value of 1550 mt/day.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties had increased by high margin, compared to previous month, due to decreasing trend in market supplies. The highest price increase was reported for cabbage as 87% and its price ranged between Rs.120.00-250.00/kg. Next, prices of both leeks and beetroot had increased by 60%, as a result of low supplies from major up and mid country producing districts, namely Nuwara Eliya and Badulla, respectively. At the same time, price of radish had increased by 58%, compared to last month, due to low stocks received at the market from all the up, mid and low country producing areas. Its wholesale price ranged between Rs.40.00-70.00/kg in October. In the meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties, had increased in the range of 9%-47%, compared to last month, due to low supplies received at the end phase of the *Yala* harvesting season. As the off season approaches, supplies are expected to drop further, thereby prices are expected to rise in the coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of tomato had increased marginally by 3% compared to last month due to receiving of small quantities of low quality stocks to the market from latter harvesting cycles. In contrast, prices of capsicum had increased significantly by 85% as a result of low supply from both up and low country areas. Its price ranged between Rs.120.00-250.00/kg in October.

Supply of most of the domestic vegetables had also decreased, with the reaching of the latter phase of the *Yala* harvesting season. As a result, a noticeable price increase was observed for most of the lowcountry varieties. The highest prices increase was recorded for drumsticks as 280%, compared to last month, due to reaching of the off season for drumsticks in major producing areas such as Mannar, Anuradhapura and Monaragala. Owing to its seasonal nature, drumsticks always showed a high fluctuation of prices between a peak season and the following off season. Next to drumsticks, price of bittergourd had increased by 52%, with the observed price range of Rs.160.00 – Rs.240.00. Meanwhile, prices of ladies fingers and pumpkin had increased by 40%

and 39%, respectively, compared to last month due to low supply from Anuradhapura and Hambantota. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties except luffa and cucumber had increased in the range of 1% - 20%. As the supplies of intermediated season's cultivation started to reach the market, prices of cucumber had started to show a decreasing trend in October with the value of 5%, compared to last month. With the off season reaching its peak, low supplies are expected to reach the market, hence considerable price increases are anticipated in coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chillies had further increased by 92% due to low stocks received to the market from Jaffna and Puttalam.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had increased in October. The highest price increase was reported for drumsticks as 117% followed by 54% for capsicum and 53% for leeks. Compared to last year, prices of most of the vegetables had increased in the retail market, with the highest value recorded for tomato as 103%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-150.00	118.83	115.10	148.00	3.73	3.24	-29.17	-19.71
Carrot	70.00-140.00	100.83	76.67	63.67	24.17	31.52	37.16	58.37
Leeks	120.00-170.00	141.67	88.33	84.83	53.33	60.38	56.84	67.00
Beetroot	45.00-90.00	70.43	44.01	50.07	26.42	60.04	20.36	40.66
Knolkhol	60.00-100.00	76.92	52.40	41.83	24.52	46.80	35.09	83.88
Radish	40.00-70.00	55.08	34.79	38.75	20.29	58.32	16.33	42.15
Cabbage	60.00-120.00	85.90	45.83	35.85	40.07	87.43	50.05	139.60
Tomato	100.00-160.00	131.47	127.29	43.83	4.18	3.29	87.64	199.96
Ladies Fingers	50.00-80.00	67.17	48.12	60.83	19.04	39.57	6.34	10.42
Brinjal	80.00-170.00	123.35	118.00	59.58	5.35	4.53	63.77	107.03
Capsicum	120.00-250.00	184.60	99.82	105.50	84.79	84.94	79.10	74.98
Pumpkin	30.00-60.00	40.67	29.24	28.19	11.42	39.07	12.48	44.26
Cucumber	20.00-60.00	40.08	41.67	44.91	-1.58	-3.80	-4.83	-10.75
Bittergourd	160.00-240.00	194.99	128.52	101.29	66.47	51.72	93.70	92.51
Snakegourd	80.00-120.00	96.96	81.04	80.52	15.92	19.64	16.44	20.41
Drumstick	70.00-200.00	140.83	37.08	55.22	103.75	279.78	85.61	155.04
Luffa	50.00-100.00	70.62	80.94	84.97	-10.32	-12.75	-14.35	-16.89
Long Beans	40.00-100.00	74.55	73.54	77.17	1.00	1.36	-2.62	-3.40
Ash Plantain	60.00-90.00	76.17	73.65	56.55	2.53	3.43	19.62	34.70
Green Chillies	320.00-650.00	399.15	208.33	51.83	190.82	91.59	347.32	670.12
Lime	160.00-260.00	216.83	176.25	594.50	40.58	23.03	-377.67	-63.53

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-280.00	187.08	171.99	199.77	15.08	8.77	-12.69	-6.35
Carrot	120.00-280.00	176.20	147.76	134.20	28.45	19.25	42.00	31.30
Leeks	120.00-320.00	231.59	150.90	149.06	80.69	53.47	82.53	55.36
Beetroot	80.00-240.00	143.08	117.06	115.76	26.02	22.23	27.32	23.60
Knolkhol	100.00-240.00	160.44	137.47	118.59	22.97	16.71	41.85	35.29
Radish	80.00-200.00	133.89	113.10	108.41	20.79	18.38	25.48	23.50
Cabbage	120.00-240.00	168.55	125.13	111.14	43.42	34.70	57.41	51.65
Tomato	140.00-240.00	204.31	208.45	100.69	-4.14	-1.99	103.62	102.91
Ladies Fingers	80.00-200.00	135.18	122.04	120.52	13.14	10.77	14.66	12.17
Brinjal	150.00-320.00	209.35	197.72	116.81	11.63	5.88	92.54	79.22
Capsicum	160.00-400.00	282.71	183.76	172.95	98.95	53.85	109.76	63.46
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	113.12	103.07	87.02	10.05	9.75	26.10	29.99
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	108.19	105.05	102.67	3.14	2.99	5.52	5.38
Bittergourd	180.00-320.00	275.02	208.23	157.35	66.79	32.08	117.67	74.78
Snakegourd	120.00-240.00	170.77	147.60	136.69	23.17	15.70	34.08	24.93
Drumstick	100.00-600.00	259.41	119.73	144.55	139.68	116.66	114.86	79.46
Luffa	80.00-240.00	157.82	159.75	153.29	-1.93	-1.21	4.53	2.96
Long Beans	90.00-240.00	154.18	150.09	135.60	4.09	2.72	18.58	13.70
Ash Plantain	100.00-200.00	138.52	132.94	121.44	5.58	4.20	17.08	14.07
Green Chillies	350.00-1000.00	578.70	400.74	173.99	177.95	44.41	404.71	232.60
Lime	250.00-600.00	428.02	375.26	889.85	52.76	14.06	-461.83	-51.90

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As observed in September, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in October as well compared to the previous month. Harvesting seasons for most of the fruit varieties were observed in the month of October and it had contributed to make the fruit prices decreased compared to the previous month. At the same time, in September the rainy weather condition prevailed in the country had resulted in a low demand for fruits and it also had contributed to these price decreases.

Prices of all the banana varieties except Anamalu had decreased in the range of 6%-12% with the harvesting season. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.60.00-110.00/kg, Rs.120.00-170.00/kg and Rs.60.00-100.00/kg respectively. Price of an Ambun was Rs.15.00-25.00/fruit. However, price of Anamalu had increased by 3% and the price range recorded was Rs.12.00-18.00/fruit. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 10%, 12% and 18% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.104.44/fruit, Rs.149.69/fruit and Rs.194.27/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-250.00/fruit.

In addition, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad also had decreased by 42% and 32% respectively with the increased supply. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was

Rs.35.00-85.00. Further, prices of papaw had decreased by 17% and the price ranged between Rs.45.00-100.00/kg. In addition, prices of slime apple and wood apple had decreased by 18% and 15% respectively.

However, increased prices were observed for avocado, orange and passion fruit and prices had increased by 38%, 30% and 2% respectively. Prices of imported grapes had not changed significantly and the price ranged between Rs.347.00-600.00/kg.

According to the data in previous years and market information, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of all the banana varieties could decrease in the coming month with the harvesting season. Prices of pineapple could also decrease in the coming month. Further, decreased prices could be expected for papaw, mango, passion fruit, slime apple and wood apple in the coming month with the increased supply. However, increased prices could be expected for avocado and orange.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for pineapple (small) as 48%.

In line with the wholesale prices, prices of all the fruit varieties except avocado and imported grapes had decreased at the retail level too. Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 3%-9%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.100.00-180.00/kg, Rs.80.00-250.00/kg and Rs.100.00-160.00/kg respectively. Prices of other banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.18.00-30.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-35.00/fruit respectively. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had decreased in the range of 13%-17% and the retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.90.00-350.00/fruit. In addition, price of papaw had decreased by 20% and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-170.00/kg. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad also had decreased by 50% and 31% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.20.00-150.00/fruit and Rs.25.00-70.00/fruit respectively.

In addition, prices of wood apple, passion fruit, orange and slime apple had decreased by 12%, 8%, 5% and 1% respectively. However, price of avocado had increased by 11% and the price range of a fruit was Rs.35.00-100.00. Prices of imported grapes had not changed and the price ranged between Rs.600.00-1,000.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of 2016, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for pineapple (small) as 46%.

With reference to producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the previous month. The prices had decreased by 18% for Ambul, 17% for papaw and 1% for Kolikuttu. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.27.50-85.00/kg, Rs.95.00-155.00/kg and Rs.27.50 - 57.50/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had increased for papaw by 28% and Ambul by 9% and had decreased for Kolikuttu by 22% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 922.4mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs.102.4mn. Of the exported quantity, 89% were papaw and 7%, 3% and 1% were fresh pineapple, fresh mangoes and fresh avocados respectively. In the month of September, 2017, the quantity exported was 612.7mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 50%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 4,868mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.670mn. Of the imported quantity, 60% were apple and 17%, 12% and 11% were oranges, mandarin and grapes respectively. The main importing countries of apple were China, France, South Africa and the United States. South Africa and Australia were the importing countries of oranges. In addition, mandarin had been imported from Australia and South Africa and grapes had been imported from Italy, China, United States, Israel and Turkey. In the month of September, 2017, the quantity imported was 5,049mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 4%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-110.00	83.23	93.90	78.50	-10.66	-11.36	4.73	6.03
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-170.00	142.66	162.89	190.99	-20.23	-12.42	-48.33	-25.31
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-100.00	81.21	89.92	65.45	-8.70	-9.68	15.76	24.08
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-18.00	14.96	14.52	10.93	0.44	3.02	4.03	36.90
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	19.78	20.98	15.33	-1.19	-5.69	4.45	29.06
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	150.00-250.00	194.27	236.84	320.18	-42.57	-17.98	-125.91	-39.33
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-180.00	149.69	169.86	262.93	-20.17	-11.87	-113.24	-43.07
Small (Fruit)	70.00-130.00	104.44	115.69	202.80	-11.25	-9.73	-98.36	-48.50
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	14.00	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	35.00-85.00	62.92	107.68	60.40	-44.77	-41.57	2.52	4.17
Vilad (Fruit)	20.00-38.00	28.94	42.57	32.08	-13.63	-32.02	-3.14	-9.79
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	45.00-100.00	70.95	85.66	61.41	-14.72	-17.18	9.54	15.53
Passionfruit (Fruit)	6.00-14.00	10.11	9.90	12.60	0.21	2.16	-2.49	-19.77
Woodapple (Fruit)	8.00-18.00	11.19	13.19	15.32	-2.00	-15.16	-4.13	-26.95
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	30.21	23.28	42.00	6.93	29.77	-11.79	-28.06
Avocado (Fruit)	15.00-50.00	29.50	21.43	38.97	8.07	37.63	-9.47	-24.30
Slime Apple (Fruit)	15.00-40.00	27.20	33.22	32.37	-6.02	-18.13	-5.17	-15.98
Grapes Imported (Kg)	347.00-600.00	485.66	487.41	508.96	-1.75	-0.36	-23.30	-4.58

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	100.00-180.00	140.34	145.16	132.65	-4.82	-3.32	7.69	5.80
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	80.00-250.00	206.61	220.04	251.60	-13.43	-6.10	-44.99	-17.88
Seeni (Rs/kg)	100.00-160.00	138.20	143.62	113.21	-5.42	-3.77	24.99	22.08
Anamalu	18.00-30.00	22.52	24.71	23.97	-2.19	-8.88	-1.45	-6.05
Ambun	20.00-35.00	25.44	27.97	24.40	-2.53	-9.03	1.04	4.26
Pineapple								
Large	230.00-350.00	277.59	320.09	413.38	-42.50	-13.28	-135.79	-32.85
Medium	160.00-260.00	205.24	245.37	323.41	-40.13	-16.36	-118.17	-36.54
Small	90.00-180.00	137.44	166.20	253.60	-28.76	-17.30	-116.16	-45.81
Mango								
Betti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	20.00-150.00	85.00	169.00	108.87	-84.00	-49.71	-23.87	-21.93
Vilad	25.00-70.00	43.36	62.62	60.52	-19.26	-30.76	-17.16	-28.35
Kohu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	60.00-170.00	109.76	138.03	114.25	-28.26	-20.48	-4.49	-3.93
Passionfruit	10.00-26.00	18.76	20.43	24.20	-1.67	-8.17	-5.44	-22.48
Woodapple	20.00-60.00	38.96	44.48	29.30	-5.52	-12.40	9.66	32.98
Orange	30.00-70.00	49.99	52.53	63.64	-2.54	-4.83	-13.65	-21.45
Avocado	35.00-100.00	64.50	58.20	76.17	6.30	10.83	-11.67	-15.32
Slime Apple	50.00-120.00	75.93	76.86	81.78	-0.93	-1.20	-5.85	-7.15
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-1000.00	799.80	799.80	765.17	0.00	0.00	34.63	4.53

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	27.50-85.00	63.90	78.06	58.60	-14.16	-18.14	5.30	9.04
Kolikuttu	95.00-155.00	123.00	124.24	156.93	-1.24	-1.00	-33.93	-21.62
Papaw	27.50-57.50	38.45	46.40	29.93	-7.95	-17.13	8.52	28.47
Pineapple	-	-	-	155.20	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

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

Type of Fruit	October			September			August		
	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	68.87	19.66	285.48	100.88	40.71	403.55	67.28	16.57	246.29
Papaw	819.87	70.27	85.71	480.16	47.25	98.40	607.30	80.11	131.92
Fresh Mango	28.36	10.84	382.31	23.31	7.53	323.19	22.78	16.32	716.59
Avocados, fresh	5.33	1.60	300.01	8.30	2.71	326.91	8.76	2.85	325.27

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

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

Type of Fruit	October			September			August		
	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	2,947	368.20	124.96	2,851	346.39	121.49	1,809	230.24	127.27
Grapes	523	149.37	285.55	652	176.84	271.37	904	250.44	277.16
Oranges	839	111.66	133.07	1,167	151.22	129.56	1,090	145.30	133.28
Mandarin	559	40.91	73.14	379	31.56	83.26	352	28.99	82.33

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

(CIF=Cost Insurance and Freight)

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Due to increased supply of fish, especially from Trincomalee, wholesale prices of all fish types except Salaya have decreased during October 2017 compared to last month. The availability of Hurulla, Balaya, Paraw, and Kelawalla has been high in the markets. Consequently, the highest price decrease was recorded as 11% in Hurulla, followed by 10% in Balaya. Prices of Paraw and Kelawalla have decreased by 9% and 8%, respectively. Other price decreased fish types showed price decrements of 5% or less. Especially, prices of Mora and Thora have decreased by 5% and 4%, respectively, whilst, prices of both Shrimp and Thalapath have decreased by 2%. Salaya – the only price increased fish type – showed a price increment of 1%. Average wholesale prices of the above fish types ranged between Rs.133.00/kg and Rs.1148.00/kg.

Fish prices showed repeated price increments and decrements in consecutive weeks of October. For example, price decrements were observed in first, third, and fifth weeks of the month, and price increments were observed in second and fourth weeks of the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most fish types have increased. The highest price increase was noted in Thalapath as 40%, followed by Kelawalla (20%) and Thora (18%). Prices of Shrimp and Mora have increased by 16% and 15%, respectively, and prices of Paraw and Salaya have increased by less than 10%. Only Balaya and Hurulla showed price decrements compared to the same period of last year. Price of Balaya has decreased by 26%, and that of Hurulla has decreased by 4%.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of all fish types except Mora have decreased during this month. Fish availability was recorded to be high in retail markets in Ampara, Matale, Kandy, Monaragala, Keppetipola, and Kurunegala. The highest price decrement was noted in Hurulla as 10%, followed by Balaya (7%) and Thora (6%). Prices of Salaya, Shrimp, Kelawalla, Paraw, and Thalapath have decreased by 5% or less. On the contrary, price of Mora has increased by 4%. In the meantime, average retail prices of above mentioned fish types ranged between Rs.199.00/kg and Rs.1481.00/kg. Consumers had to pay around Rs.120.00-2200.00 to purchase one kilogram of any type of fish. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail

prices of all fish types except Balaya and Hurulla have increased by 6%-34%, and the highest price increase was observed for Thalapath. Prices of Balaya and Hurulla have decreased by 13% and 7%, respectively.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-180.00	132.80	131.25	126.62	1.55	1.18	6.18	4.88
Hurulla	180.00-280.00	229.96	259.75	239.30	-29.79	-11.47	-9.34	-3.90
Balaya	150.00-300.00	219.29	243.97	295.23	-24.68	-10.12	-75.94	-25.72
Kelawalla	480.00-700.00	577.76	628.75	480.30	-50.99	-8.11	97.46	20.29
Thora	1000.00-1300.00	1148.00	1197.50	976.33	-49.50	-4.13	171.67	17.58
Paraw	450.00-680.00	574.60	627.97	528.59	-53.37	-8.50	46.01	8.70
Mora	500.00-600.00	542.04	572.75	469.71	-30.71	-5.36	72.33	15.40
Shrimp (small)	750.00-1000.00	907.30	928.25	784.16	-20.95	-2.26	123.14	15.70
Thalapath	600.00-950.00	830.00	848.02	592.79	-18.02	-2.13	237.21	40.02
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-320.00	198.78	209.22	188.05	-10.44	-4.99	10.73	5.70
Hurulla	200.00-680.00	330.65	369.31	356.59	-38.65	-10.47	-25.94	-7.27
Balaya	220.00-720.00	411.70	442.82	474.17	-31.12	-7.03	-62.47	-13.18
Kelawalla	480.00-1200.00	862.77	880.79	789.05	-18.02	-2.05	73.72	9.34
Thora	1200.00-2200.00	1481.32	1574.08	1266.23	-92.76	-5.89	215.09	16.99
Paraw	450.00-1300.00	901.35	911.84	783.80	-10.50	-1.15	117.55	15.00
Mora	550.00-1200.00	787.11	757.71	657.05	29.40	3.88	130.06	19.79
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1600.00	1124.09	1175.68	931.09	-51.59	-4.39	193.00	20.73
Thalapath	850.00-1800.00	1101.05	1111.80	820.80	-10.75	-0.97	280.25	34.14

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most dried fish types have decreased significantly in October 2017 compared to last month. The highest price decrement was noted as 18% in imported Balaya, followed by 12% in both local Sprats and Balaya and 11% in imported Sprats. Price of local Maduwa has decreased by 6%, whilst the lowest price decrement was shown in local Mora as 1%. Of price increased dried fish types, the highest price increment was noted as 2% in both local Anguluwa and imported Thora. Similarly, prices of local Thora, imported Kattawa and Maduwa have increased by 1%. Interestingly, prices in other dried fish types (e.g., local Kattawa and Salaya plus imported Mora and Anguluwa) have not changed significantly during this month. Average wholesale prices of the above mentioned dried fish types ranged between Rs.278.00/kg and Rs.1181.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased in the range of 2%-6%, and the highest price increase was noted in imported Thora and Anguluwa along with local Kattawa and Salaya.

Weekly price observations showed that price decrements of dried fish have been followed by price increments. For example, price decrements were observed in first and fourth weeks, and price increments were observed in second and fifth weeks of the month. Interestingly, prices have been stagnant during the third week. Due to rain, demand and supply of dried fish has been low, especially in regions such as Kurunegala. Thus, dried fish types have shown both price increments and decrements throughout the month. Moreover, the quantities of dried fish imports have been low during this month. For example, the quantity of Sprats imported this month was 1882 MT, and it is a reduction of 191 MT compared to last month, which is recorded as a 9% decrease. Of the total Sprats imports, the highest quantity has been imported from Thailand (82%), followed by United Arab Emirates (10%), and Vietnam (6%). Each quantity imported from Oman and Iran were either 1% or less of the total imports. The total expenditure on Sprats importation was approximately Rs.692 million a reduction of 17% compared to last month. Moreover, the CIF price of imported Sprats has been reduced by Rs.36.00/kg.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of most dried fish types have decreased. The highest price decrement was noted as 8% in Maduwa, followed by 5% in both local and imported Sprats. Prices of Mora, Balaya, and Kattawa have decreased by 3%, 2%, and 1%, respectively. In the meantime, prices of Thora and Anguluwa have increased by 3%. Interestingly, in line with the price behaviour of Salaya in the wholesale market, price of Salaya in the retail market has not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased in the range of 14%-115%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	500.00-1200.00	899.25	1025.94	877.80	-126.68	-12.35	21.45	2.44
Sprats (imported)	300.00-520.00	438.64	492.66	449.96	-54.01	-10.96	-11.32	-2.52
Kattawa	780.00-950.00	828.38	826.75	783.41	1.63	0.20	44.97	5.74
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-820.00	758.80	755.00	723.62	3.80	0.50	35.18	4.86
Thora	1100.00-1250.00	1181.07	1168.31	1124.56	12.77	1.09	56.52	5.03
Thora (imported)	1000.00-1250.00	1108.80	1091.75	1046.54	17.05	1.56	62.26	5.95
Mora	760.00-880.00	821.60	831.00	806.20	-9.40	-1.13	15.40	1.91
Mora (imported)	720.00-820.00	774.07	773.25	746.12	0.82	0.11	27.95	3.75
Balaya	250.00-420.00	323.13	366.75	492.60	-43.62	-11.89	-169.47	-34.40
Balaya (imported)	200.00-400.00	277.80	338.75	431.95	-60.95	-17.99	-154.15	-35.69
Anguluwa	750.00-850.00	802.51	786.25	800.40	16.26	2.07	2.11	0.26
Anguluwa (imported)	660.00-800.00	741.87	738.50	701.71	3.37	0.46	40.16	5.72
Maduwa	440.00-650.00	536.23	567.75	541.36	-31.52	-5.55	-5.13	-0.95
Maduwa (imported)	360.00-520.00	447.47	443.17	432.05	4.30	0.97	15.42	3.57
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	290.40	290.65	275.14	-0.25	-0.09	15.26	5.55
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	706.33	742.16	1120.38	-35.83	-4.83	-414.05	-36.96
Sprats	900.00-1800.00	1150.81	1212.48	535.18	-61.68	-5.09	615.63	115.03
Kattawa	900.00-1700.00	1180.92	1195.07	1366.92	-14.15	-1.18	-186.00	-13.61
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1551.72	1502.22	1009.53	49.50	3.29	542.19	53.71
Mora	800.00-1500.00	1089.20	1126.10	858.52	-36.90	-3.28	230.68	26.87
Balaya	420.00-1100.00	823.78	838.24	1028.46	-14.46	-1.73	-204.68	-19.90
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1080.15	1048.19	721.60	31.96	3.05	358.55	49.69
Maduwa	600.00-1200.00	825.57	900.69	-	-75.12	-8.34	-	-
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	622.74	623.95	545.69	-1.20	-0.19	77.05	14.12

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – May to October 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October	1,882	691.86	367.57	706.33	338.76
September	2,073	836.65	403.50	742.16	338.66
August	2,205	917.04	415.87	758.14	342.27
July	2,208	951.25	430.90	802.46	371.56
June	1,797	737.15	410.30	792.77	382.48
May	2,463	1032.57	419.24	778.68	359.44

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

Eggs

Compared to last month, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 19% and 20%, respectively during this month. The price range of a brown egg was Rs.10.50-11.50, with an average of Rs.10.75. Moreover, the price range of a white egg was Rs.9.00-10.50, with an average of Rs.9.50. Weekly observations showed that the prices have decreased during the first two weeks; during the third and fourth weeks prices have been stagnant, whereas during the fifth week prices have increased. Significant price reductions of egg throughout the month have been recorded due to high supply of eggs. However, egg prices are expected to increase in the following month due to high cost of poultry feed. Compared to same period of last year, wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 11% and 18%, respectively.

In line with decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 17% and 19%, respectively compared to last month. High supply of eggs has been recorded from retail markets in Keppetipola, Meegoda, Kandy, Matale, and Monaragala. Price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.11.00 and Rs.16.00, with an average of Rs.12.37, and the price of a white egg ranged between Rs.10.00 and Rs.15.00, with an average of Rs.11.10. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs have decreased by 13% and 16%, respectively.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	10.50-11.50	10.75	13.25	12.13	-2.50	-18.87	-1.38	-11.38
White (each)	9.00-10.50	9.50	11.88	11.63	-2.38	-20.00	-2.13	-18.31
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	11.00-16.00	12.37	14.96	14.29	-2.60	-17.35	-1.92	-13.46
White (each)	10.00-15.00	11.10	13.68	13.27	-2.58	-18.86	-2.17	-16.34

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Interestingly, retail prices of all selected meat types have either decreased or not changed significantly during this month compared to last month. Prices of Broiler and Curry Chicken have decreased by 4%, and their prices ranged between Rs.400.00/kg and Rs.580.00/kg in Broiler Chicken and Rs.380.00/kg and Rs.560.00/kg in Curry Chicken. Price of Pork has decreased by 3%, and the price ranged between Rs.450.00/kg and Rs.650.00/kg. In the meantime, prices of beef and mutton have not changed significantly. Apparently, meat types such as Pork and Mutton, were not available in markets in Vavuniya during this month, especially, due to religious activities. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of Broiler and Curry Chicken and Pork have decreased in the range of 12%-14%. On the contrary, prices of Beef and Mutton have increased by 13% and 10%, respectively.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – October 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (boneless)	900.00-1000.00	954.17	954.38	846.53	-0.21	-0.02	107.64	12.72
Chicken (broiler)	400.00-580.00	477.70	497.71	544.24	-20.01	-4.02	-66.54	-12.23
Chicken (curry)	380.00-560.00	466.61	484.83	529.90	-18.22	-3.76	-63.29	-11.94
Mutton	1700.00-1900.00	1789.56	1792.22	1623.76	-2.67	-0.15	165.80	10.21
Pork	450.00-650.00	516.67	533.33	597.37	-16.67	-3.12	-80.70	-13.51

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 172,448mt worth of Rs.6,539mn wheat grain had been imported during the month of October. Compared to the previous month, wheat grain quantity of October has decreased by 49,589mt. Referring to the world wheat prices, even though there was a 4% price increment in the month of September, price has again declined by 2% this month. As a result of recorded wheat production in Russia, further reduction in world wheat price could be expected. From the total imports the highest wheat grain quantity which was 75,836mt was imported from the United States. The CIF price of Rs.37.00/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks. Subsequently, the second highest contribution (51,407mt.) was reported from Canada. Furthermore, wheat grain had been imported from Russia, Australia and China. In addition, a few quantities were also imported from India and Ukraine. The CIF price ranged between Rs.33.00-53.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat grain was reported as Rs.38.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grains whilst the lowest was recorded for the Russian stocks.

Total imported quantity of wheat flour for the month of October was 236mt worth of Rs.17mn. Imported quantity has decreased by 87mt compared to the previous month. Wheat flour had been imported from India, Vietnam, Germany and China respectively. The CIF price ranged between Rs.67.00-98.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat flour was reported as Rs.71.00/kg. Further, the retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. Compared to previous month average retail price of wheat flour has increased by 1.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has increased by 2%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2017	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017		Oct 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	89.98	89.05	88.54	0.94	1.05	1.44	1.63
Sugar	104.00-120.00	111.37	110.35	96.90	1.02	0.92	14.47	14.93

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
October	236	16.77	71.18	89.98	18.80
September	323	21.16	65.49	89.05	23.55
August	361	25.89	71.63	88.68	17.04
July	652	43.33	66.41	89.20	22.79
June	88	6.34	72.25	89.24	16.99
May	603	41.05	68.07	88.90	20.83
Wheat Grain					
October	172,448	6539.09	37.92	89.98	52.06
September	222,037	8525.93	38.40	89.05	50.65
August	164,673	6350.05	38.56	88.68	50.12
July	165,737	6448.11	38.91	89.20	50.29
June	103,969	3819.93	36.74	89.24	52.50
May	197,026	7256.36	36.83	88.90	52.07

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 30,995mt. worth of Rs.2,163mn of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of October. Compared to the previous month quantity has increased by 5,791mt. Out of the total imports for the month of October, the highest quantity which was 13,430mt. worth of Rs.900mn had been imported from the United Arab Emirates. The second highest quantity (4,358mt.) was imported from Thailand. Further, sugar had been imported from India, Vietnam, Guatemala, Saudi Arabia and Brazil. In addition, few quantities were also imported from Poland, Egypt, Nicaragua and Korea. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.64.00-80.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.70.00/kg. Compared to the previous month the average CIF price for sugar remained unchanged. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Thailand, while the lowest for the Poland stocks. The CIF price of Rs.67.00/kg was reported for the highest quantity of imports to the country.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of October, the price ranged between Rs.104.00-120.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.111.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average retail price has increased by Rs.1.00/kg and compared to the same period of last year average retail price increased by 15%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- May to October 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October	30,995	2162.9	69.78	111.37	41.59
September	25,204	1768.6	70.17	110.35	40.18
August	42,264	3084.5	72.98	106.96	33.97
July	33,791	2560.1	75.76	106.05	30.28
June	44,132	3526.8	79.92	106.87	26.95
May	54,875	4649.9	84.74	106.95	22.21

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – October 2017

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Oct 2017	Sep 2017		Oct 2017	Sep 2017		Oct 2017	Sep 2017	
Rice	88,289	52,041	69.7	5602.1	3349.2	67.3	63.45	64.36	-1.4
Red Onion	588	830	-29.2	76.1	73.1	4.0	129.44	88.10	46.9
Big Onion	6,131	14,120	-56.6	552.5	920.0	-39.9	90.13	65.16	38.3
Potato	6,753	9,322	-27.6	253.9	406.7	-37.6	37.59	43.63	-13.8
Dried Chillies	4,686	3,376	38.8	744.1	517.9	43.7	158.79	153.42	3.5
Masoor Dhal	-	12,565	-	-	1276.2	-	-	101.56	-
Green Gram	931	1,506	-38.2	131.2	219.1	-40.1	140.93	145.55	-3.2
Cowpea	910	887	2.6	120.0	119.1	0.7	131.84	134.31	-1.8
Garlic	2,004	1,259	59.1	288.0	188.4	52.9	143.75	149.62	-3.9
Wheat flour	236	323	-27.0	16.8	21.2	-20.7	71.18	65.49	8.7
Wheat grain	172,448	222,037	-22.3	6539.1	8525.9	-23.3	37.92	38.40	-1.2
White crystalline cane sugar	30,995	25,204	23.0	2,162.9	1,768.6	22.3	69.78	70.17	-0.6
Maize (Seed)	45	32	40.4	22.1	19.7	12.6	491.84	613.31	-19.8
Maize (Other)	17,889	7,287	145.5	709.9	260.6	172.4	39.69	35.76	11.0
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,883	2,073	-9.2	692.0	836.6	-17.3	367.57	403.50	-8.9

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

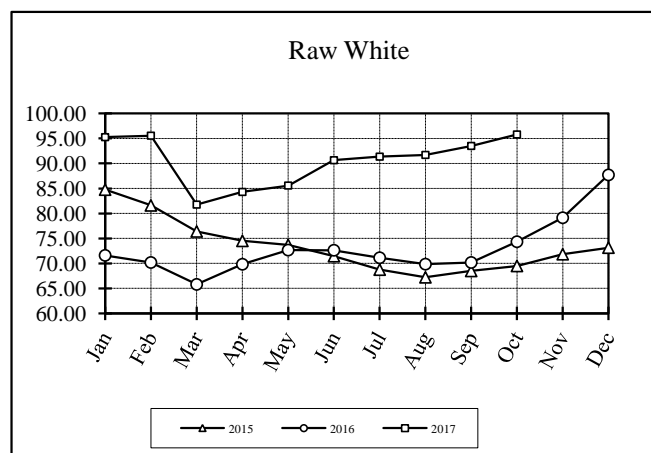
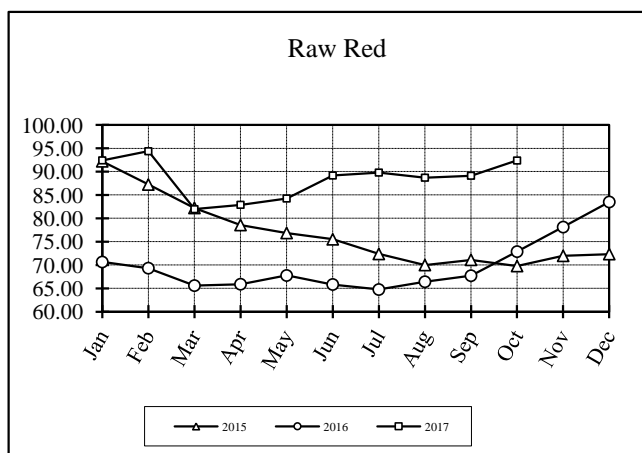
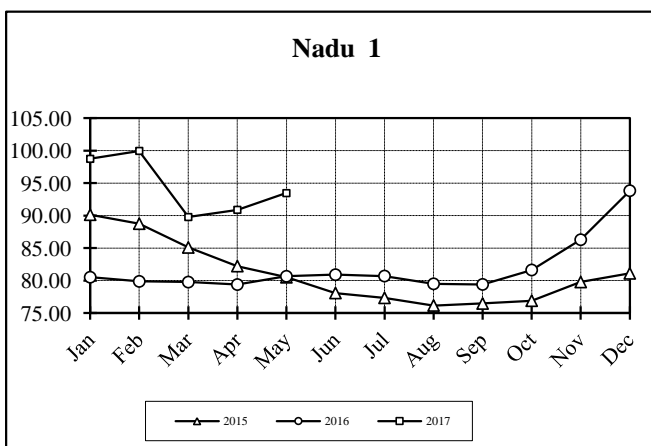
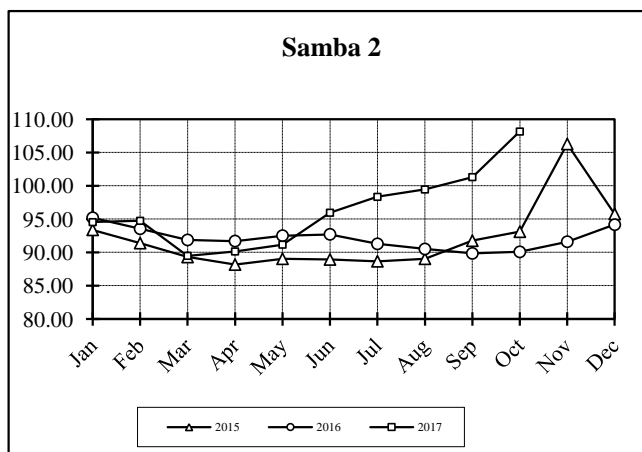
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – October 2017

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	224.1	254.5	10	14
Badulla	262.4	230.4	19	15
Bandarawela	356.2	247.3	21	17
Batticaloa	214.5	180.0	13	11
Colombo	467.1	365.4	25	17
Galle	285.7	322.7	21	18
Hambantota	76.3	152.2	10	10
Jaffna	184.0	242.8	13	12
Katugastota	288.1	263.7	16	17
Katunayaka	417.7	389.7	25	18
Kurunegala	367.3	354.4	24	17
Mahailuppallama	159.5	258.1	15	14
Mannar	126.3	166.2	9	10
Nuwara Eliya	207.5	226.8	25	18
Pottuvil	131.5	109.6	11	na
Puttalam	147.2	232.1	17	13
Ratmalana	538.0	371.4	25	18
Ratnapura	511.7	436.8	28	21
Trincomalee	277.4	222.1	13	12
Vavuniya	198.2	248.4	13	15
Polonnaruwa	283.0	na	12	na
Moneragala	262.8	na	18	na
Mattala	87.0	na	7	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

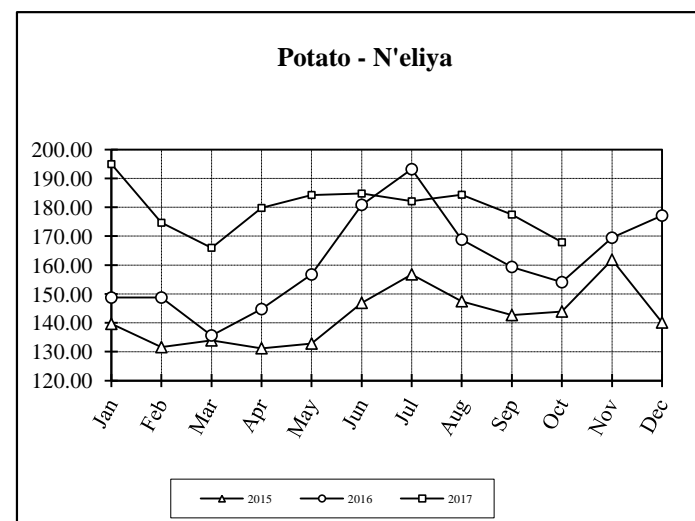
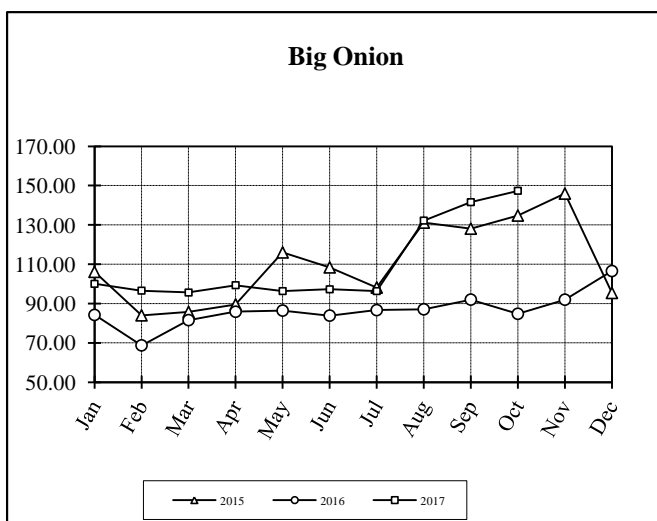
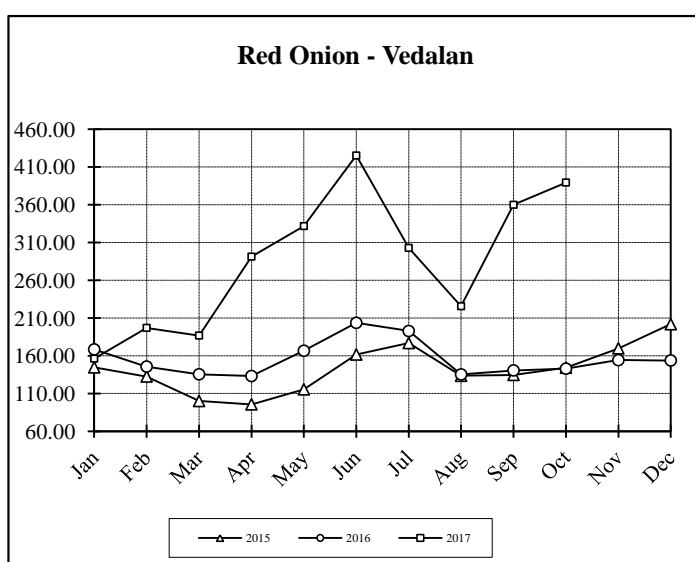
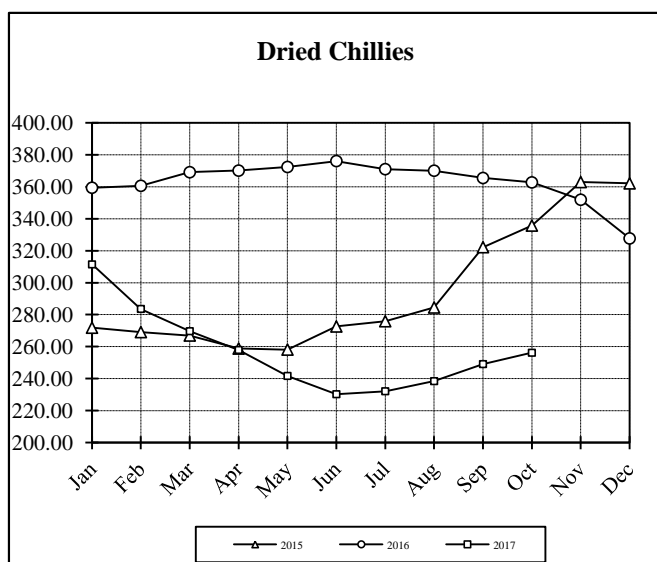
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	93.38	95.20	94.54	90.13	80.51	98.73	92.21	70.64	92.41	84.76	71.61	95.27
Feb	91.39	93.55	94.74	88.75	79.87	99.95	87.23	69.32	94.37	81.61	70.19	95.56
Mar	89.30	91.87	89.48	85.09	79.76	89.77	82.21	65.58	81.95	76.40	65.80	81.77
Apr	88.17	91.70	90.14	82.22	79.38	90.88	78.56	65.88	82.89	74.51	69.83	84.30
May	89.04	92.51	91.16	80.50	80.65	93.46	76.85	67.75	84.24	73.70	72.67	85.58
Jun	88.93	92.71	95.95	78.08	80.90		75.50	65.82	89.17	71.45	72.63	90.65
Jul	88.66	91.28	98.34	77.33	80.69		72.36	64.74	89.80	68.75	71.13	91.36
Aug	89.04	90.51	99.45	76.16	79.49		69.99	66.41	88.70	67.22	69.85	91.71
Sep	91.75	89.85	101.30	76.46	79.40		71.10	67.70	89.11	68.49	70.19	93.51
Oct	93.10	90.08	108.14	76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86	92.38	69.49	74.34	95.80
Nov	106.27	91.60		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 02: Retail Prices of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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



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

Oct-17

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	98.00	101.00	101.00	87.80	87.80	Welimada	121.67	111.67	110.00		110.00
A'pura	53.00		53.40	54.60	54.60	Badulla						N'Eliya	137.00	133.00	133.00	149.00	149.00
P'narawa	55.13	55.25	55.81	55.81	55.56	Welimada	85.25	81.25	85.75	79.50	85.75	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	54.50	54.25	53.67	56.33	56.33	Pulses						Hanguranketha	47.50				60.00
Kurunegala	45.00	49.25	51.00	54.00	51.50	Green Gram						N'Eliya	58.40	65.80	65.80	52.00	52.00
Dehiattakandiya						Galgamuwa						Dambulla	46.40	48.60	53.00	53.80	
Ampara	53.60	53.60	53.20	52.80	52.60	Kalawewa	165.00	156.67	175.00	175.00	163.33	Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	192.50	192.50	192.50	196.00	196.00	Welimada					
A'pura	51.67		51.00	52.20	52.20	Kurunegala						Knokhol					
P'narawa	53.88	54.50	54.75	54.81	54.56	A'pura	191.25		190.00	181.67	181.67	Hanguranketha					
Kalawewa	52.67	53.50	52.33	55.33	55.00	Cowpea						N'Eliya	47.80	73.20	73.20	52.00	52.00
Kurunegala	46.50	50.00	52.67	53.33	51.67	A'pura	185.00		186.67	171.67	171.67	Welimada					
Dehiattakandiya						Galgamuwa						Radish					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Hanguranketha	22.50	25.00	45.00	37.50	37.50
Ampara	49.20	49.20	49.90	48.60	48.60	Kalawewa	185.00	185.00	180.00	183.33	185.00	N'Eliya	28.40	38.00	38.00	42.00	42.00
Matara	46.67	49.00	45.67	45.33	45.33	Embilipitiya	217.50	217.50	217.50	217.50	217.50	Welimada					
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha	52.50	51.67	45.00	53.75	52.50
Matara	46.67	49.00	45.67	45.33	45.33	A'Pura	52.50		49.60	52.00	52.00	N'Eliya	72.00	78.00	78.00	79.00	79.00
Hambantota	46.50	47.25	46.00	47.50	47.71	Kalawewa						Welimada	65.25	54.33	56.00	67.00	55.33
Ampara						Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	47.33	46.83	47.17	47.67	47.67	A'Pura	162.00		157.00	166.25	166.25	Badulla	86.00	64.00	60.00		57.00
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa	156.67	146.67	148.75	135.00	135.00	Tomato					
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Hanguranketha	75.00	108.33	101.67	123.33	91.67
A'Pura						Kalawewa	140.00	135.00	130.00	126.67	123.33	Welimada					
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	160.00		153.33	152.00	152.00	Hambantota	75.00	85.00	105.00	115.00	115.00
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	102.00	104.00	105.00	117.00	
Red Onion						Beans						Low Country					
Puttalam	286.00	236.00	260.00	300.00	334.00	Dambulla	138.00	62.80	71.20	116.00		Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Welimada	103.25	73.25	97.67	94.00	105.25	A'pura	46.67		46.25	59.50	
Dambulla						Badulla	153.00	79.00	79.00		76.00	Dambulla	41.00	35.80	46.20	52.20	
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	75.00	76.67	77.00	88.33	82.50	Hambantota	52.50	62.50	55.00	55.00	85.00
A'Pura						N'Eliya	88.20	77.00	77.00	113.20	113.20	Embilipitiya	66.43	66.43	70.71	70.71	70.71
Kurunegala						Welimada	65.75	66.00	75.33	102.00	94.50	Matara	36.67	75.00	76.66	73.33	66.66

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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
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	110.00	-	75.00	106.25	-	Dambulla	31.20	32.20	28.20	34.60	-	Hambantota	190.00	225.00	225.00	200.00	225.00
Dambulla	101.00	98.00	77.20	82.80	-	Hambantota	40.00	40.00	35.00	47.50	46.50	Embilipitiya	275.00	233.00	231.67	266.67	261.67
Hambantota	110.00	130.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	Embilipitiya	51.17	46.17	44.25	50.40	64.00	Moneragala	163.33	225.00	235.00	223.33	241.67
Embilipitiya	111.17	115.00	109.50	99.17	99.17	Matara	65.00	-	-	-	-	Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	76.67	-	76.67	83.33	86.67	A'pura	40.00	-	43.75	56.25	-	Banana					
Welimada						Moneragala	36.67	41.67	44.50	26.00	26.00	Ambul					
						Cucumber						Moneragala	61.67	61.67	61.67	61.67	65.00
Capsicum						A'pura	40.00	-	31.75	36.25	-	Embilipitiya	80.00	71.67	71.67	63.33	63.33
Welimada						Dambulla	35.40	30.00	25.20	26.80	-	Hambantota	85.00	55.00	55.00	75.00	27.50
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	37.50	37.50	22.50	22.50	32.50	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	100.00	-	158.75	202.50	-	Matara	-	-	-	-	-	Moneragala	116.67	128.33	130.00	133.33	133.75
Dambulla	165.00	163.00	165.00	193.00	-	Long beans						Embilipitiya	130.00	117.50	114.17	114.17	114.17
Hambantota	130.00	140.00	130.00	130.00	145.00	Dambulla	71.40	51.60	61.20	80.80	-	Hambantota	155.00	135.00	105.00	95.00	
Embilipitiya	153.00	153.00	155.00	163.00	157.00	Hambantota	65.00	67.50	45.00	55.00	67.50	Papaw					
						Embilipitiya	65.00	65.00	70.00	76.67	71.67	Moneragala					
Snake Gourd						Matara	66.67	65.00	73.33	76.67	66.67	Embilipitiya	50.00	40.33	33.57	33.57	33.57
Dambulla	63.20	64.40	63.40	72.20	0.00	A'Pura	65.00	-	56.25	80.00	-	Hambantota	57.50	37.50	32.50	27.50	
Hambantota	62.50	67.50	67.50	65.00	65.00	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
Embilipitiya	56.67	45.00	-	-	63.33	Hambantota	52.50	52.50	47.50	47.50	52.50	Divulapitiya					
Matara	70.33	70.33	73.67	75.33	84.00	Embilipitiya	47.00	52.40	53.40	55.40	55.40						
A'pura	76.25	-	76.25	76.25	-	Matara	53.33	65.00	63.33	73.33	56.67						
Luffa						Green Chillies											
Dambulla	98.00	60.20	54.20	60.20	0.00	Dambulla	276.00	374.00	308.00	326.00	-						
Hambantota	75.00	62.50	62.50	62.50	72.50	Hambantota	225.00	350.00	290.00	290.00	475.00						
Embilipitiya					63.33	Embilipitiya	356.67	375.00	333.33	411.67	492.00						
Matara	89.17	55.71	62.14	60.83	62.14	Puttalam	286.00	332.00	280.00	376.00	536.00						
A'pura	112.50	0.00	78.75	76.67	-	A'Pura	260.00	-	337.50	387.50	-						