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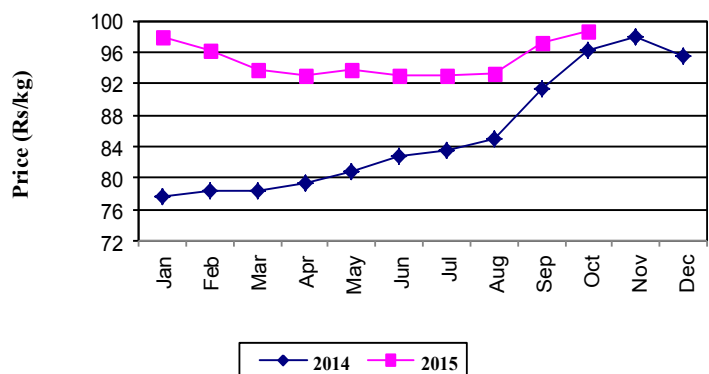
RICE:

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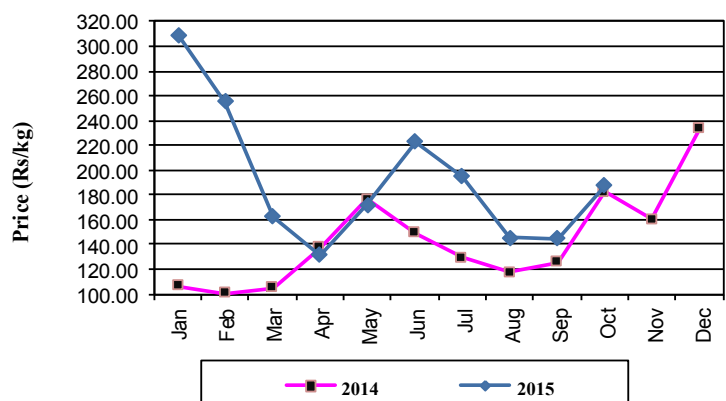
VEGETABLES:

As the *Yala* harvesting season approaches its end phase, supplies have gradually reduced from both up and lowcountry major producing areas. As a result, the prices of most of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties have increased by 35% compared to last month. As off season has approached, a considerable price increase is anticipated in coming month.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Rainy weather was experienced in all major producing areas throughout the month due to the onset of North West monsoons. Land preparation activities for paddy cultivation in 2015/16 *Maha* season were commenced in most of the producing areas with the beginning of the rains. According to the rainfall data October rainfall was higher than their 30 year mean values in most of the major producing areas. However land preparation activities were delayed in some areas due to the flood situation as a result of the heavy rains. Peak crop establishment activities can be expected during the end of next month. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Agriculture Department, the targeted extents of paddy in this *Maha* season are 835,786ha and the highest targets were recorded from Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Ampara and Batticaloa. The prospects of the paddy harvest of last *Yala* season were satisfactory in all major producing districts. Prevailed favorable weather condition, better water availability in irrigation tanks and low pest and deceases caused the progress of paddy cultivation.

**Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2015 yala season
(Up to end of October - 2015)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	District	Targeted Extent (ha)
Anuradhapura	96,379	Jaffna	11,460
Polonnaruwa	34,421	Kilinochchi	23,000
Ampara	75,622	Vavniya	19,810
Kurunegala	83,543	Mullative	17,067
Hambantota	29,114	Mannar	20,774
Colombo	4,933	Trincomalee	42,244
Gampaha	13,583	Batticaloa	63,526
Kalutara	15,703	Udawalawa	11,600
Galle	15,082	System H	22,500
Matara	16,900	System H ₁	9,800
Ratnapura	14,689	System B	19,200
Kegalle	8,715	System C	22,406
Puttalam	22,951	System G	5,000
Kandy	16,496	System L	900
Matale	20,665	System D	472
N' Eliya	6,800	Rambakanoya	500
Badulla	24,185	Sri Lanka	835,786
Monaragala	45,745		

Source: Crop Forecast No.1, Maha 2015/16, Socio Economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – October 2015

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	40.00-45.00	40.00-43.00	41.85	40.80	43.88	1.05	2.57	-2.03	-4.62
Polonnaruwa	38.00-40.00	38.00-41.00	38.59	39.88	-	-1.29	-3.23	-	-
Kalawewa	39.00-43.00	39.00-42.00	41.25	40.50	46.00	0.75	1.85	-4.75	-10.33
Kurunegala	38.00-42.00	38.00-42.00	39.65	39.75	44.60	-0.10	-0.25	-4.95	-11.10
Dehiattakandiya	39.00-44.00	38.00-42.00	41.40	40.00	39.16	1.40	3.50	2.24	5.73
Nikaweratiya	42.00-45.00	42.00-43.00	42.80	42.40	47.00	0.40	0.94	-4.20	-8.94
Ampara	38.00-42.50	39.00-41.50	39.75	40.40	-	-0.65	-1.61	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	29.00-35.00	29.00-32.00	31.45	30.05	42.00	1.40	4.66	-10.55	-25.12
Polonnaruwa	28.00-31.50	26.00-29.00	30.38	28.06	-	2.31	8.24	-	-
Kalawewa	28.00-33.00	28.00-31.00	30.92	29.67	44.00	1.25	4.20	-13.08	-29.73
Kurunegala	27.00-35.00	30.00-40.00	30.50	31.60	42.59	-1.10	-3.48	-12.09	-28.38
Dehiattakandiya	28.00-34.00	27.00-32.00	31.05	29.55	40.54	1.50	5.08	-9.49	-23.41
Embilipitiya	32.00-35.00	34.00-35.00	33.15	34.80	42.75	-1.65	-4.74	-9.60	-22.46
Nikaweratiya	32.00-36.00	32.00-33.00	33.20	32.40	41.56	0.80	2.47	-8.36	-20.11
Matara	30.00-31.00	30.00-31.00	30.67	30.67	44.29	0.00	0.00	-13.62	-30.76
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	32.00-34.00	31.50-33.00	32.58	32.23	-	0.35	1.09	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-31.00	30.00-31.00	30.33	30.25	44.67	0.08	0.26	-14.34	-32.10
Hambantota	30.00-33.00	28.00-32.00	31.13	30.00	46.63	1.13	3.75	-15.50	-33.24
Embilipitiya	30.00-32.00	30.00-33.00	31.20	31.85	46.58	-0.65	-2.04	-15.38	-33.01

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

During last 2015 Yala season a bumper harvest reached to the market from most of the major producing areas until the end of September. The open market prices of all the paddy varieties have shown an increasing trend during the month in most of the major producing areas due to the impact of the government paddy purchasing programme. In order to stabilize the prices of long grain red paddy the government paddy purchasing programme continuously progress in Hambantota, Tissamaharama and Embilipitiya areas during the month. The open market prices of long grain white and short grain were in the range of Rs.28.00-36.00/kg and Rs.38.00-45.00/kg respectively in most of the major producing areas. The lowest prices for long grain white were recorded in Polonnaruwa, Kalawewa, Kurunegala and Dehiattakandiya. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.30.00-33.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. It is expected to that the increasing trend of paddy prices will be continue during the next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, all the paddy varieties have shown a declining trend in most of the producing areas. The prices of short grain have decreased in the range of 4%-11% with the highest decline from Kurunegala. Prices of long grain white have decreased in the range of 20%-31% with the highest decline from Kalawewa. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red have decreased in the range of 32%-33%.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale prices

It was reported that the paddy cultivation of 2015/16 *maha* season has been started in most of the rice producing areas during this month. Also, the paddy purchasing in 2015 *yala* season has been completely ended by this month.

Paddy prices have increased in every rice producing areas due to the availability of high quality stocks in the market and high demand for the prevailed paddy stocks in the market. As a result of that, the prices of all the local rice varieties have increased during this month. The highest price increase was reported for raw white and it was 5%. Furthermore, the prices have increased by 4% for nadu grade I, by 2% for nadu grade II, samba grade I and II, by 1% for raw red and samba grade III. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports have decreased by 50% compared to the last month and it was reported as 2,288mt. But, the price of imported *ponni* samba has slightly decreased due to the low demand in this month.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices have increased by 2% for samba grade I and by 56% for imported *ponni* samba. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 1%-25%.

Retail

Prices of most of the rice varieties have increased in the retail market too. The price of samba grade I has increased by Rs.2.00/kg while the prices of nadu, raw white, samba grade II and III have increased by less than Rs.1.00/kg. Price of raw red has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. Also, the price of imported *ponni* samba has increased by Rs.3.00/kg. The highest price of Rs.125.00/kg was reported for imported *ponni* samba and the lowest price of Rs.60.00/kg was reported for both raw red and raw white.

Referring to the retail prices of the outstation markets except Colombo, the highest price range of Rs.91.00-109.00/kg for samba varieties was reported in Kegalle and Rathnapura markets while the lowest price range of Rs.78.00-85.00/kg was reported in Killinochchi and Dehiattakandiya markets. The highest price range of Rs.72.00-79.00/kg for nadu rice was noted in Gampaha market and the lowest price range of Rs.59.00-61.00/kg was noted in Polonnaruwa and Puttalam markets. Also, the highest price of Rs.78.00/kg for raw red and that of Rs.70.00/kg for raw white were reported in Kegalle market. The lowest price of Rs.55.00/kg for raw red was noted in Matara market while that of Rs.58.00/kg for raw white was noted in Dehiattakandiya market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of local samba varieties have increased by 2%-3%, followed by imported *ponni* samba as 50%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have decreased by 14%-20%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – October 2015

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	88.00-98.00	93.73	92.22	92.29	1.51	1.64	1.44	1.56
Samba 2	83.00-90.00	85.84	84.53	86.58	1.32	1.56	-0.73	-0.85
Samba 3	80.00-85.00	82.33	81.57	-	0.76	0.93	-	-
Nadu 1	65.00-75.00	70.34	67.61	81.58	2.73	4.04	-11.25	-13.79
Nadu 2	62.00-70.00	65.22	63.64	79.33	1.57	2.47	-14.12	-17.79
Raw red	57.00-63.00	59.67	59.35	79.54	0.33	0.55	-19.86	-24.97
Raw white	55.00-66.00	60.82	57.97	79.13	2.85	4.92	-18.31	-23.14
Ponni Samba (Imported)	98.00-115.00	107.90	108.13	69.32	-0.23	-0.21	38.58	55.66
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	46.10	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	100.00-110.00	104.34	102.45	101.01	1.89	1.84	3.33	3.30
Samba 2	88.00-98.00	93.10	91.75	91.63	1.35	1.47	1.47	1.60
Samba 3	85.00-99.00	87.83	87.67	-	0.16	0.18	-	-
Nadu 1	73.00-85.00	76.89	76.46	89.10	0.43	0.56	-12.21	-13.70
Nadu 2	65.00-75.00	70.88	70.16	84.38	0.72	1.03	-13.50	-16.00
Raw red	60.00-75.00	69.77	71.10	85.52	-1.33	-1.87	-15.75	-18.42
Raw white	60.00-78.00	69.49	68.49	86.58	1.00	1.46	-17.09	-19.74
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-125.00	118.79	115.58	79.29	3.21	2.78	39.50	49.82
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	75.23	-	-	-	-

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 Anuradhapura, Monaragala, Puttalam, Matale and Embilipitiya areas had decreased as it was the tail end of the harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had increased by about Rs.86.00/kg and Rs.78.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.184.62/kg and Rs.317.28/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale price and retail price of green chillies had increased by about 148% and 64% respectively.

About 3564mt of dried chillies was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 1027mt compared to that of the last month. The average CIF price was Rs.246.91/kg and it was an increase by Rs.27.63/kg.

Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.13.00/kg and Rs.14.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies had increased by about 45% and 37% respectively.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	80.00-350.00	184.62	98.16	74.53	86.46	88.08	110.09	147.71
Dried chillies	280.00-300.00	290.50	278.00	200.08	12.50	4.50	90.43	45.20
Retail Price								
Green chillies	120.00-600.00	317.28	238.89	193.35	78.39	32.81	123.93	64.10
Dried chillies	300.00-400.00	335.70	322.19	244.33	13.51	4.19	91.37	37.40

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies May to October 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	3,564.26	880.04	246.91	335.70	88.79
Sep	4,590.57	1,006.62	219.28	322.19	102.91
Aug	3,900.58	806.71	206.82	284.48	77.66
July	3,986.71	819.85	205.64	275.90	70.26
June	2,923.47	593.87	203.14	272.61	69.47
May	4,082.94	754.08	184.69	258.15	73.46

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

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – October 2015

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	89.40	109.00	199.00	292.00
Hambantota	95.00	95.00	147.50	177.50
Embilipitiya	138.00	140.00	160.00	394.00
Puttalam	96.00	102.00	493.00	278.00
A'Pura	89.40	109.00	199.00	292.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both imported and local big onion varieties during this month also. A quantity of 2780mt of big onion was imported in October 2015 (India -1,882 mt (68%), Pakistan -726mt (26%), China – 172 mt (6%). This was about 1,342 mt less compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.84.78/kg for imported big onion and it was an increase of Rs.38.97/kg compared to the previous month. Though the continued supply of local big onion from Matale district has been recorded during this month also, the quantity had decreased compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of local big onion had increased by about Rs.16.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. If the government will not reduce the special commodity levy for imported big onion during the next month, the prices of big onion will be increased significantly. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion had also increased by about Rs.26.00/kg and Rs.10.00/kg respectively due to limited imports.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of local big onion had increased by about 50%. The supply of both sinnan and vedalan varieties had decreased from Puttalam and Jaffna areas as it was the tail end of the harvesting season. About 904mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 583mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.106.73/kg and it was an increase of Rs.5.07/kg compared to the last month. Wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan had increased by about Rs.47.00/kg and Rs.32.00/kg respectively due to limited supply from main producing areas. The retail price of vedalan has also increased by Rs.7.00/kg while the sinnan stocks were not available at the retail market. Wholesale price and retail price of imported red onion had increased by about Rs.42.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively due to low availability of local red onion at the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, current retail price of vedalan had increased by about 24%.

Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion October 2015

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	70.00-110.00	92.00	62.74	50.47	29.26	46.64	41.53	82.27
Red Onion (Vedalan)	95.00-140.00	114.02	86.06	77.43	27.95	32.48	36.59	47.26
Red Onion (Imported)	100.00-120.00	111.04	77.98	-	33.07	42.40	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-130.00	89.27	70.64	-	18.63	26.37	-	-
Big Onion (Local)	80.00-140.00	105.83	91.32	70.32	14.51	15.89	35.51	50.50
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.00-160.00	144.23	134.69	116.12	9.54	7.08	28.11	24.21
Red Onion (Imported)	120.00-160.00	119.81	113.52	-	6.29	5.54	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-160.00	117.29	106.67	-	10.62	9.96	-	-
Big Onion (Local)	100.00-180.00	134.76	128.09	89.85	6.67	5.21	44.91	49.98

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,2015	84.78	89.27	117.29	4.49	28.02
	Sep,2015	45.81	70.64	106.67	24.83	36.03
	Oct,2014	-	-	-	-	-
Red onion	Oct,2015	106.73	111.04	119.81	4.31	8.77
	Sep,2015	101.66	77.98	113.52	-23.68	35.54
	Oct,2014	-	-	-	-	-

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 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015
Red Onion	904.28	321.39	96.52	32.67	106.73	101.66
Big Onion	2780.47	4122.62	235.72	188.87	84.78	45.81

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
May to October 2015**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Oct	2780.47	84.78	89.27	117.29	32.51
Sep	4122.62	45.81	70.64	106.67	60.86
Aug	11726.68	48.58	95.57	120.90	72.32
July	19530.12	56.09	70.99	98.64	42.55
June	22393.78	52.59	82.29	108.39	55.80
May	22288.23	45.53	91.21	115.99	70.46

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 3,575 mt of potato had been imported in October which was 1,513 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been increased up to Rs.40.00/kg with effect from 08/09/2015. Imported stocks were received from Pakistan, India, China and Bangladesh. About 74% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month. Compared to October, 2014 (2,931 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.32.00/kg in October.

With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season and also the harvesting of potatoes was interrupted due to bad weather condition in major producing areas. Hence, the wholesale prices of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 3% and 6% respectively. Also, the retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased by 1%, while the retail price of Welimada potato has decreased by 4%. On average, the producer prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were Rs.82.00/kg and Rs.95.00/kg respectively in October. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 16% and 1% respectively due to decreased imports with increased tax. During the month of October, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.80.00-150.00/kg, Rs.75.00-130.00/kg and Rs.75.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of imported (19%) and Nuwara Eliya (18%) potatoes have increased, while the price of Welimada potato (8%) has decreased.

**Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
May to October 2015**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	3574.86	115.10	32.20	104.57	72.37
Sep	5087.67	156.36	30.73	103.24	72.51
Aug	11141.20	410.81	36.87	103.14	66.27
July	17005.16	628.57	36.96	100.13	63.17
June	11972.16	369.73	30.88	110.13	79.25
May	5965.66	132.55	22.22	108.23	86.01

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

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	67.00-105.00	81.65	-	70.35	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	79.00-118.00	94.76	83.60	79.60	11.16	13.35	15.16	19.05
Imported – CIF	25.11-59.70	32.20	30.73	17.00	1.46	4.76	15.20	89.39
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	75.00-130.00	87.65	85.42	79.98	2.23	2.61	7.68	9.60
Nuwara Eliya	80.00-150.00	104.77	98.89	88.84	5.88	5.95	15.93	17.93
Imported	75.00-110.00	85.73	73.98	69.34	11.75	15.88	16.38	23.63
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	100.00-110.00	104.17	108.06	113.47	-3.89	-3.60	-9.30	-8.20
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-200.00	143.91	142.68	121.58	1.23	0.86	22.33	18.37
Imported	100.00-140.00	104.57	103.24	87.77	1.33	1.29	16.80	19.14
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		22.52	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		49.15	59.08	41.98	-9.93	-16.81	7.17	17.07
Imported (CIF-RP)		72.37	72.51	70.77	-0.13	-0.18	1.60	2.27
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		16.52	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		39.14	43.79	32.74	-4.65	-10.63	6.40	19.54
Imported		18.84	29.26	18.43	-10.42	-35.60	0.42	2.26

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 802 mt of green gram was imported in October and it was 230 mt increase compared to that of September. The average CIF price was Rs.179.00/kg during this month. About 71% of the imports were received from Australia and the rest was imported from Myanmar and Indonesia. Compared to October, 2014 (110 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was higher during this month. The wholesale and retail prices of green gram have not changed significantly during this month. In October, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.175.00-210.00/kg. With the arrival of harvest of mid-season cultivation of green gram, the local stocks fetched low price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 23%.

A quantity of 1,140 mt of cowpea was imported in October, which was 425 mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. About 57% of the imports were received from Brazil and the rest was imported from Madagascar, Myanmar and India. The average CIF price was Rs.127.00/kg in October. With regard to cowpea, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 15% and 11% respectively due to availability of ample stocks of local and imported varieties. Also, the retail prices of white cowpea and red cowpea have decreased by 2% and 1% respectively. During the month of October, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.80.00-150.00/kg and Rs.75.00-110.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea had increased by 6% and 21% respectively.

**Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
May to October 2015**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	802	143.76	179.14	244.34	65.20
Sep	572	100.62	175.91	246.54	70.63
Aug	777	132.59	170.54	239.69	69.15
July	1,506	266.09	176.63	239.67	63.04
June	1,551	264.00	170.21	249.99	79.78
May	697	122.00	175.04	258.41	83.37

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

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
July to October 2015**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
October	1140.62	120.04	105.24	264.23	158.99
September	714.77	81.95	114.65	268.49	153.84
August	262.74	26.58	101.15	255.63	154.48
July	214.00	25.36	118.52	245.32	126.80

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- September 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	175.00-210.00	194.60	193.51	258.63	1.09	0.57	-64.03	-24.76	
Cowpea (White)	80.00-150.00	185.26	218.93	191.38	-33.68	-15.38	-6.12	-3.20	
Cowpea (Red)	75.00-110.00	227.54	254.83	163.05	-27.29	-10.71	64.49	39.55	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	210.00-280.00	244.34	246.54	319.49	-2.20	-0.89	-75.15	-23.52	
Cowpea (White)	220.00-290.00	264.23	268.49	248.80	-4.26	-1.59	15.43	6.20	
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-300.00	271.31	273.67	223.58	-2.36	-0.86	47.73	21.35	

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,2015	179.14	194.60	244.34	15.46	49.74
	Sep,2015	175.91	193.51	246.54	17.60	53.03
	Oct,2014	165.71	258.63	319.49	92.92	60.86
Cowpea (White)	Oct,2015	105.24	185.26	264.23	80.02	78.97
	Sep,2015	114.65	218.93	268.49	104.28	49.56
	Oct,2014	-	191.38	248.80	-	57.43
Cowpea (Red)	Oct,2015	-	227.54	271.31	-	43.77
	Sep,2015	-	254.83	273.67	-	18.84
	Oct,2014	-	163.05	223.58	-	60.53

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 7,822 mt (6,876 mt of whole type and 946 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in October and it was 2,484 mt lower than the quantity imported in September. About 56% and 35% of the stocks of whole type had been received from Canada and Australia, while 58% and 42% of split type had been received from Canada and Turkey. Compared to October, 2014 (12,913 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.127.00/kg in October.

Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by 3% and 1% respectively. The average wholesale price was Rs.172.00/kg in October. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal had increased by 10%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – October 2015

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	158.00-187.00	171.78	178.06	158.63	-6.27	-3.52	13.15	8.29
Retail Price	180.00-220.00	192.21	194.74	174.33	-2.53	-1.30	17.88	10.26

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
October	7822.15	126.86	171.78	192.21	44.92	20.43
September	10306.06	141.90	178.06	194.74	36.16	16.68
August	15090.58	133.07	174.73	190.96	41.66	16.23
July	10858.38	131.45	169.28	188.24	37.83	18.96
June	13169.48	129.29	177.47	193.97	48.18	16.50
May	10190.51	120.63	184.48	196.02	63.85	11.55

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

In October above average rainfall has received in most of the up and mid country districts. Therefore, early commencement of the *Maha* season was evident in most of the up and mid country districts. In Matale district, the targeted extent for *Maha* season is 2,768 ha of which 101 ha was completed by the end of October. In Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent for upcountry varieties in the *Maha* season is 5,044 ha of which 741 ha was completed by the end of October, recording an achievement of 15% of the seasonal target. Generally, crop establishment for *Maha* season has progressed well in Kandy districts with the rainy weather experienced in the beginning of the cultivation season. The reported cultivation progress for major vegetables in the district was 15% at the end of October. In Ratnapura district, beans cultivation has recorded 20% progress of the seasonal target, by the end of October.

Crop establishment commenced well in all the lowcountry major producing areas of low country districts with the received rainfall at the beginning of the cultivation season. As almost all irrigation tanks had fairly good storage, water availability for agriculture was at satisfactory level

in October. In Ratnapura district, the targeted extent for lowcountry varieties in the *Maha* season is 1,601 ha and the extent cultivated by the end of October was 331ha, recording a 20% progress. In the meantime, 2015/16 *Maha* season has been advanced by about two weeks in Puttlam district reporting the highest cultivation extent for long beans as 158 ha. In Hambantota district, early establishment of 2015/16 *Maha* cultivation was observed with an extent of 1,554 ha completed by the end of October reporting a 63% increase compared to the same period of the last year. In Anuradhapura district, land preparation for upcoming *Maha* season has been in progress from the second week of September, with the achievement of 1,917 ha.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the *Yala* harvesting season has come to an end, the supplies have gradually declined from up and mid country districts. During October, upcountry vegetables were received mainly from Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy, Matale and Ratnapura. The total supply of vegetables in the Matale district was around 4,146 mt in October, recorded a 47% increase compared to previous month. The highest supply was recorded for long beans and radish as 100 mt for each, during this month. The daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre was around 1,200 -1,500 mt in October, recoding a 42% increase compared to last month.

Considering upcountry vegetables, the prices of all the vegetable varieties, except leeks have increased in October, due to decreasing trend in market supplies. The highest price increase was reported for radish as 74%, followed by cabbage as 54% and beans as 44%. Prices of all the other upcountry varieties, except leeks have increased in the range of 9% - 13%, due to low supplies. However, as the rainy weather intensified, *Yala* harvesting season was shortened than expected and it intensified the price increase in October. As off season has approached, low supplies are expected to reach the market and hence a considerable price increase is anticipated in coming month.

With the shortening of *Yala* harvesting season due to rain, supply of tomato has decreased considerably during the latter stage of the season and hence the prices have increased considerably, by 45%. The price of capsicum has also increased by 51% in October.

The supply of most of the lowcountry vegetables has also decreased with the off season for vegetable harvesting and thereby the prices have increased for most of the low country varieties. The highest price increase was recorded for bitter gourd as 56%, followed by long beans as 40%. Prices of other varieties except cucumber and brinjal have increased in a range of 1% - 25%, due to low supplies. With the crop damage occurred due to high intensity of rainfall, farmers have uprooted the existing crops and started land preparation for *Maha* season. As off season has approached, low supplies are expected to reach the market and hence a considerable price increase is anticipated in coming month.

Regarding lime, a price increase of 98% was experienced in October, compared to previous month, due to decreased supply from Ampara and Moneragala. Meanwhile, the prices of green chilies have also started to show an increasing trend in October by 86% due to decreased supply from Puttalam.

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of most of the vegetables have increased in October. The highest price increase was reported for capsicum as 33% followed by 29% for beans.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables –October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-180.00	141.03	97.83	141.25	43.20	44.16	-0.22	-0.16
Carrot	40.00-150.00	69.74	61.61	79.72	8.13	13.20	-9.98	-12.52
Leeks	20.00-70.00	32.19	32.55	96.48	-0.36	-1.11	-64.29	-66.64
Beetroot	20.00-90.00	41.88	38.48	56.38	3.40	8.84	-14.50	-25.72
Knokhol	30.00-100.00	53.81	39.13	39.97	14.68	37.52	13.84	34.63
Radish	20.00-60.00	36.09	20.76	36.34	15.33	73.84	-0.25	-0.69
Cabbage	25.00-100.00	43.88	28.49	34.50	15.39	54.02	9.38	27.19
Tomato	50.00-100.00	71.76	49.43	77.05	22.33	45.17	-5.29	-6.87
Ladies Fingers	40.00-70.00	49.99	41.47	62.50	8.52	20.54	-12.51	-20.02
Brinjal	30.00-50.00	41.00	53.79	62.42	-12.79	-23.78	-21.42	-34.32
Capsicum	60.00-200.00	125.63	83.26	116.25	42.37	50.89	9.38	8.07
Pumpkin	35.00-50.00	41.43	39.58	28.63	1.85	4.67	12.80	44.71
Cucumber	20.00-40.00	29.33	31.56	42.13	-2.23	-7.07	-12.80	-30.38
Bittergourd	70.00-180.00	119.40	76.62	68.75	42.78	55.83	50.65	73.67
Snakegourd	50.00-90.00	68.91	55.17	61.75	13.74	24.90	7.16	11.60
Drumstick	60.00-140.00	95.41	95.15	93.75	0.26	0.27	1.66	1.77
Luffa	50.00-110.00	81.44	79.74	72.75	1.70	2.13	8.69	11.95
Long Beans	50.00-100.00	72.46	52.06	89.56	20.40	39.19	-17.10	-19.09
Ash Plantain	40.00-60.00	54.86	54.53	71.63	0.33	0.61	-16.77	-23.41
Green Chillies	80.00-350.00	184.62	98.16	74.53	86.46	88.08	110.09	147.71
Lime	250.00-450.00	358.86	181.13	112.25	177.73	98.12	246.61	219.70

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-280.00	187.19	145.02	182.02	42.17	29.08	5.17	2.84
Carrot	80.00-280.00	142.28	126.24	131.40	16.04	12.71	10.88	8.28
Leeks	50.00-200.00	100.57	96.63	153.60	3.94	4.08	-53.03	-34.52
Beetroot	50.00-200.00	107.28	99.06	125.52	8.22	8.30	-18.24	-14.53
Knokhol	70.00-240.00	126.54	115.22	133.32	11.32	9.82	-6.78	-5.09
Radish	50.00-160.00	102.55	89.22	107.79	13.33	14.94	-5.24	-4.86
Cabbage	60.00-160.00	105.76	94.49	103.08	11.27	11.93	2.68	2.60
Tomato	80.00-180.00	119.90	102.57	131.96	17.33	16.90	-12.06	-9.14
Ladies Fingers	70.00-160.00	109.65	103.02	126.88	6.63	6.44	-17.23	-13.58
Brinjal	70.00-200.00	119.85	109.07	124.09	10.78	9.88	-4.24	-3.42
Capsicum	100.00-320.00	187.14	140.39	171.08	46.75	33.30	16.06	9.39
Pumpkin	50.00-120.00	83.84	83.99	73.91	-0.15	-0.18	9.93	13.44
Cucumber	50.00-160.00	87.02	83.20	93.24	3.82	4.59	-6.22	-6.67
Bittergourd	100.00-280.00	145.92	127.11	153.89	18.81	14.80	-7.97	-5.18
Snakegourd	80.00-160.00	108.43	110.41	138.08	-1.98	-1.79	-29.65	-21.47
Drumstick	100.00-400.00	183.96	172.33	173.07	11.63	6.75	10.89	6.29
Luffa	70.00-240.00	143.54	138.72	145.80	4.82	3.47	-2.26	-1.55
Long Beans	80.00-240.00	141.17	119.10	152.03	22.07	18.53	-10.86	-7.14
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	127.76	122.46	134.35	5.30	4.33	-6.59	-4.91
Green Chillies	120.00-600.00	317.28	238.89	193.35	78.39	32.81	123.93	64.10
Lime	300.00-800.00	541.43	332.66	253.13	208.77	62.76	288.30	113.89

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Demand for most of the fruits have decreased during the month compared to the previous month due to rainy weather condition. Hence, the wholesale prices of most of the fruits have decreased with the highest price decrease of 57% for slimeapple due to availability of low quality stocks at the market. The wholesale prices of mango (karthakolomban, vilad) have decreased by 51% and 27% respectively, due to availability of low quality stocks at the market. Further, the wholesale prices of all the sizes of pineapple had decreased in the range of 7%-16% due to low demand with rainy weather conditions. Price decrease for pineapple could be expected by the next month too at the unfavorable weather condition.

Meanwhile, the highest wholesale price increase of 20% was reported for orange due to low supplies from major producing areas. The price of banana (anamalu) has increased by 4% due to low supplies from Balangoda and Embilipitiya areas.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of most of the fruits have increased with the highest price increase of 131% for mango (vilad).

According to the table 4.2, retail prices of most of the fruits have decreased with the highest price decrease of 36% for mango (karthakolomban). The retail prices of mango (vilad) have decreased by 17% due to availability of low quality stocks at the retail level. The retail price of woodapple has decreased by 18% due to increased supplies with commencement of the harvesting season. Price of woodapple has decreased due to increased supply from Beliatta, Wellawaya, Ambalantota and Buttala areas. The retail prices of papaw and slimeapple have decreased by 19% and 17% respectively.

Meanwhile, the retail price of orange has increased by 13% due to low supplies with the off season. Further, the retail prices of pineapple (medium size), passionfruit and avocado have increased in the range of 2%-6%.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of most of the fruits have increased with the highest price increase of 47% for mango (karthakolomban).

According to the table 4.3, the producer price of papaw has decreased significantly by 49% compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, the producer prices of all the selected fruits except pineapple and banana (kolikuttu) have decreased with the highest price decrease of 39% for papaw.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Papaw was the most exported type of fruit in October with the quantity of 393 mt. The total income of exporting pineapple, papaw, mango, orange and avocado was Rs.75.30mn in October.

Apple was the most imported type of fruit in October as usual. The total quantity of 2,485 mt of apple was imported. The value of imports was Rs.319.99mn. The total import expenditure of importing apple, grapes, orange and mandarin was Rs.561.90mn in October.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	20.00-50.00	34.28	50.47	52.26	-16.19	-32.08	-17.98	-34.40
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	130.00-170.00	146.85	162.50	124.03	-15.65	-9.63	22.82	18.40
Seeni (Rs/kg)	30.00-55.00	38.85	44.91	44.23	-6.06	-13.49	-5.38	-12.16
Anamalu	6.00-12.00	8.84	8.49	9.10	0.35	4.12	-0.26	-2.86
Ambun	8.00-15.00	10.83	12.13	12.42	-1.30	-10.72	-1.59	-12.80
Pineapple								
Large	120.00-160.00	140.15	151.33	112.71	-11.18	-7.39	27.44	24.35
Medium	90.00-130.00	117.88	127.16	93.14	-9.28	-7.30	24.74	26.56
Small	60.00-110.00	85.44	101.21	74.84	-15.77	-15.58	10.60	14.16
Mango								
Betti	23.00-26.00	24.50	-	11.75	-	-	12.75	108.51
Karthakolomban	50.00-120.00	74.54	152.40	56.66	-77.86	-51.09	17.88	31.56
Vilad	25.00-69.00	44.67	61.59	19.31	-16.92	-27.47	25.36	131.33
Kohu	-	-	-	9.18	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	35.00-60.00	42.48	56.73	40.47	-14.25	-25.12	2.01	4.97
Passionfruit	6.00-10.00	8.46	8.59	7.63	-0.13	-1.51	0.83	10.88
Woodapple	6.00-15.00	9.30	15.04	8.30	-5.74	-38.16	1.00	12.05
Orange	20.00-30.00	24.59	20.56	19.24	4.03	19.60	5.35	27.81
Avocado	12.00-40.00	22.54	22.37	20.73	0.17	0.76	1.81	8.73
Slime Apple	20.00-50.00	31.09	71.68	44.06	-40.59	-56.63	-12.97	-29.44
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	360.00-555.00	478.75	496.94	417.64	-18.19	-3.66	61.11	14.63

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – September 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	79.98	85.43	81.37	-5.45	-6.38	-1.39	-1.71
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	150.00-250.00	202.90	203.50	160.90	-0.60	-0.29	42.00	26.10
Seeni (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	80.05	80.89	77.46	-0.84	-1.04	2.59	3.34
Anamalu	12.00-25.00	17.48	17.39	14.78	0.09	0.52	2.70	18.27
Ambun	12.00-25.00	18.66	18.89	16.40	-0.23	-1.22	2.26	13.78
Pineapple								
Large	170.00-250.00	197.23	199.66	165.92	-2.43	-1.22	31.31	18.87
Medium	130.00-170.00	158.70	157.07	136.56	1.63	1.04	22.14	16.21
Small	80.00-130.00	112.21	112.11	101.32	0.10	0.09	10.89	10.75
Mango								
Betti	-	-	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	60.00-200.00	142.17	221.50	96.71	-79.33	-35.81	45.46	47.01
Vilad	40.00-100.00	69.42	83.87	49.74	-14.45	-17.23	19.68	39.57
Kohu	-	-	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	60.00-140.00	93.90	115.71	78.91	-21.81	-18.85	14.99	19.00
Passionfruit	10.00-21.00	14.42	14.20	14.58	0.22	1.55	-0.16	-1.10
Woodapple	20.00-60.00	31.99	39.13	22.57	-7.14	-18.25	9.42	41.74
Orange	30.00-60.00	48.79	43.25	38.75	5.54	12.81	10.04	25.91
Avocado	25.00-100.00	50.99	48.01	43.21	2.98	6.21	7.78	18.01
Slime Apple	40.00-150.00	86.88	105.27	80.27	-18.39	-17.47	6.61	8.23
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	765.94	768.90	731.65	-2.96	-0.38	34.29	4.69

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	24.00-30.00	27.97	33.66	38.44	-5.69	-16.90	-10.47	-27.24
Kolikuttu	80.00-127.00	103.96	108.11	89.11	-4.15	-3.84	14.85	16.66
Papaw	11.00-27.60	19.19	37.65	31.53	-18.46	-49.03	-12.34	-39.14
Pineapple	60.30-68.67	64.49	66.87	51.02	-2.38	-3.57	13.47	26.40

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits August – October 2015

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	136.23	26.76	196.45	111.61	0.11	176.29	89.26	14.90	166.96
Papaw	393.03	47.65	121.24	262.43	0.26	90.97	350.44	29.38	83.84
Fresh Mango	1.81	0.52	286.91	-	-	-	2.15	1.30	602.54
Fresh Oranges	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.16	0.50	81.70
Avocados, fresh	6.00	0.37	61.59	8.80	0.01	56.81	6.40	0.41	63.51

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits August – October 2015

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	2,485.32	319.99	128.75	1,191.40	151.77	127.39	786.95	98.95	125.74
Grapes	397.75	134.52	338.21	523.89	170.39	325.24	457.04	140.15	306.66
Oranges	667.07	66.44	99.59	665.96	59.56	89.44	726.53	67.77	93.27
Mandarin	687.35	40.95	59.57	328.03	22.11	67.40	72.34	4.80	66.38

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, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except mora, shrimp and thalpath had further decreased. Fishing season in the Eastern coastal belt had resulted in sufficient stocks reaching the market. However, increased prices were observed during the first week of the month due to the rainy weather condition prevailed in most of the areas in the country. Thereafter, a declining trend in prices was observed. The highest price decrease of 28% was noted for hurulla. Prices of salaya and thora had decreased by 16% and 12% respectively. Further, prices of paraw, balaya and kelawalla had decreased in the range of 2% - 9%. However, prices of shrimp, thalpath and mora had increased by 6%, 3% and 1% respectively. In the month of October, the average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.117.73 – 870.16/kg. According to the data in previous years, fish prices could increase in the coming month due to the end of the fishing season in the Eastern coastal belt. Compared to the same period of 2014, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except balaya, mora and shrimp had increased in the range of 6%- 37% with the highest price increase noted for salaya.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except shrimp had decreased. The highest price decreases were reported for thora (10%) and balaya (9%). Prices of kelawalla and salaya had decreased by 7% while, prices of hurulla and paraw had decreased by 5%. Further, a price decrease of 3% was noted for mora. Meanwhile, prices of shrimp and thalpath had also changed. However, the level of change was not significant. In the month of October, the average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.158.06 – 1,162.24/kg. Compared to the same period of 2014, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 2%-16% with the highest price increase noted for hurulla.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-180.00	117.73	140.33	85.70	-22.60	-16.10	32.03	37.37
Hurulla	130.00-220.00	163.50	226.31	154.32	-62.81	-27.75	9.18	5.95
Balaya	200.00-300.00	246.50	252.75	253.99	-6.25	-2.47	-7.49	-2.95
Kelawalla	360.00-480.00	415.75	452.83	387.05	-37.08	-8.19	28.70	7.42
Thora	700.00-1050.00	870.16	991.25	821.11	-121.09	-12.22	49.05	5.97
Paraw	380.00-550.00	463.58	511.75	391.56	-48.17	-9.41	72.02	18.39
Mora	350.00-450.00	417.97	414.75	420.51	3.22	0.78	-2.54	-0.60
Shrimp (small)	700.00-900.00	777.11	735.25	988.73	41.86	5.69	-211.62	-21.40
Thalpath	500.00-650.00	581.50	562.75	547.31	18.75	3.33	34.19	6.25
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-200.00	158.06	170.89	149.81	-12.83	-7.51	8.25	5.51
Hurulla	180.00-400.00	284.75	300.38	245.61	-15.63	-5.20	39.14	15.94
Balaya	250.00-540.00	327.71	359.69	411.06	-31.98	-8.89	-83.35	-20.28
Kelawalla	350.00-860.00	625.79	670.14	646.17	-44.35	-6.62	-20.38	-3.15
Thora	950.00-1500.00	1162.24	1292.85	1130.16	-130.61	-10.10	32.08	2.84
Paraw	460.00-900.00	674.08	711.79	649.77	-37.71	-5.30	24.31	3.74
Mora	420.00-780.00	520.73	536.58	600.30	-15.85	-2.95	-79.57	-13.26
Shrimp (small)	720.00-1000.00	853.30	849.90	1114.36	3.40	0.40	-261.06	-23.43
Thalpath	550.00-920.00	784.78	785.57	766.56	-0.79	-0.10	18.22	2.38

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of both local and imported stocks were at a satisfactory level. Hence, the prices of some dried fish varieties had decreased. Among them, local and imported sprats, local balaya, imported mora and local salaya had shown significant price decreases. Prices of imported thora and balaya have also decreased. However, the level of decrease was not significant. Among the price increased varieties, local and imported anguluwa had shown significant price increases. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased and the highest price increase of 33% was reported for imported maduwa.

Stocks of local dried fish varieties were mainly supplied from Kalpitiya, Mannar, Kalmunai, Negombo, Valachchena, Jaffna and Trincomalee areas. Main imported countries were Pakistan, India, Thailand, Dubai, Oman, Vietnam and Indonesia.

According to market information, there was a high demand for sprats, Keeramin, balaya, kattawa and anguluwa varieties. Among imported stocks, some varieties which were imported from Maldives had a higher demand.

Reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs revealed that a quantity of 1,701 mt of dried sprats was imported in October. Imported quantity has decreased by 563 mt against the previous month. The main reason for the decrease was high supplies of local stocks. The value of the imports was Rs.624mn and the average CIF price was Rs.366.60/kg. Of the total imports, 97% was imported from Thailand and the balance was from Vietnam, United Arab Emirates and India.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties have decreased. However, the level of decrease was less than 6% against the previous month. Meanwhile, the prices of anguluwa and maduwa have increased slightly. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	400.00-800.00	586.09	664.36	612.69	-78.28	-11.78	-26.60	-4.34
Sprats (imported)	300.00-500.00	424.56	483.68	334.89	-59.12	-12.22	89.68	26.78
Kattawa	650.00-780.00	723.28	712.22	685.51	11.06	1.55	37.77	5.51
Kattawa (imported)	650.00-750.00	692.77	689.72	653.93	3.06	0.44	38.85	5.94
Thora	1000.00-1050.00	1028.33	-	816.25	-	-	212.08	25.98
Thora (imported)	940.00-1000.00	953.33	971.96	929.31	-18.63	-1.92	24.02	2.58
Mora	750.00-880.00	823.00	814.42	739.03	8.58	1.05	83.97	11.36
Mora (imported)	680.00-780.00	721.18	764.00	698.81	-42.82	-5.60	22.37	3.20
Balaya	350.00-500.00	429.18	474.82	478.28	-45.63	-9.61	-49.10	-10.27
Balaya (imported)	320.00-680.00	472.52	474.25	471.11	-1.73	-0.36	1.41	0.30
Anguluwa	550.00-780.00	679.81	642.03	647.45	37.78	5.88	32.36	5.00
Anguluwa (imported)	550.00-750.00	677.67	615.50	584.40	62.17	10.10	93.26	15.96
Maduwa	400.00-600.00	496.78	493.69	430.23	3.08	0.62	66.55	15.47
Maduwa (imported)	400.00-520.00	448.67	431.25	338.54	17.42	4.04	110.13	32.53
Koduwa	-	-	-	501.00	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	120.00-280.00	207.86	221.30	214.26	-13.43	-6.07	-6.39	-2.98
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	230.00	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats	800.00-1200.00	905.04	942.45	-	-39.64	-5.99	-	-
Sprats (imported)	550.00-1200.00	622.31	661.95	694.92	-60.95	-5.55	43.34	4.36
Kattawa	780.00-1200.00	1036.76	1097.71	993.42	-30.95	-2.39	-35.16	-2.71
Thora	900.00-1400.00	1262.07	1293.02	1297.23	-30.95	-2.39	-35.16	-2.71
Mora	750.00-1120.00	948.05	964.32	940.39	-16.27	-1.69	7.66	0.81
Balaya	520.00-1100.00	829.58	838.23	787.28	-8.65	-1.03	42.30	5.37
Anguluwa	700.00-1100.00	904.16	897.75	799.65	6.41	0.71	104.51	13.07
Maduwa	480.00-800.00	723.13	714.91	649.41	8.22	1.15	73.72	11.35
Koduwa	-	-	875.00	874.91	-	-	-	-
Salaya	320.00-700.00	532.49	535.53	516.54	-3.04	-0.57	15.95	3.09

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats - May to October 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	1701.40	623.74	366.60	622.31	255.71
Sep	2264.85	904.30	399.28	661.95	262.67
Aug	1649.94	540.63	327.66	617.66	290.00
July	1736.68	453.48	261.12	521.88	260.76
June	2469.09	616.35	249.62	424.61	174.99
May	1928.86	465.93	241.56	627.67	386.11

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

Eggs

Compared to September, prices of both brown and white eggs had further decreased by 2% at the wholesale level. At the same time, egg prices remained unchanged throughout the month. The monthly average wholesale price of a brown egg was Rs.14.00 and it was Rs.13.00 per white egg. According to the price behaviour in previous years, egg prices could further decrease in the coming month with the increased supply. Compared to the same period of the last year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 38% and 35% respectively.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had also decreased by 2% at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg were Rs.15.25 and Rs.14.29 respectively. Further, the price range of an egg for the month was Rs.13.50 – 16.00. Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 27% and 28% respectively.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	14.00-14.00	14.00	14.25	10.16	-0.25	-1.75	3.84	37.80
White (each)	13.00-13.00	13.00	13.25	9.63	-0.25	-1.89	3.37	34.99
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.50-16.00	15.25	15.49	12.03	-0.24	-1.55	3.22	26.77
White (each)	13.50-15.00	14.29	14.57	11.17	-0.28	-1.92	3.12	27.93

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

Meat

Prices of all the meat varieties except mutton have decreased. Price decreases were mainly due to the low demand. The highest price decrease of 6% was reported for curry chicken. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased in the range of 13% to 25% with highest price increase for curry chicken.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	700.00-760.00	734.41	742.73	598.94	-8.32	-1.12	135.47	22.62
Chicken (Broiler)	460.00-580.00	538.61	549.02	435.00	-10.41	-1.90	103.61	23.82
Chicken (curry)	440.00-580.00	505.27	539.62	405.11	-34.35	-6.37	100.16	24.72
Mutton	1400.00-1650.00	1506.67	1484.85	1301.92	21.82	1.47	204.75	15.73
Pork	550.00-700.00	610.42	611.33	540.36	-0.91	-0.15	70.06	12.97

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantity of wheat grain has shown a significant decrease because the imports in previous month were high and recorded quantity. Total quantity of 105,781 mt valued at Rs.4,023mn was imported in October. Meanwhile, the world prices of wheat grain are in a gradual increasing trend since August 2015. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.32.17-54.02/kg and the average was Rs.38.00/kg. Out of the total imports 53% was imported from Canada and the price of that was Rs.40.56/kg. Rest of the stocks were imported from Russia, U.S.A., Australia and India. The lowest quantity of only 50 mt was imported from India which fetched the highest CIF price of Rs.54.02/kg.

The wheat flour imports are always low in quantity and it was limited to only 96 mt in October. The total value of the imports was Rs.6.64mn and the average CIF price was Rs.68.75/kg. Out of that quantity about 98% imported from India, while the rest from Singapore.

Retail price of wheat flour was in the range of Rs.75.00-90.00/kg. The average price was Rs.86.90/kg. Retail price has increased by cents 41/kg against the previous month, while it had decreased about 11% when compared to the same period of last year.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar– October 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2015	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Oct 2014	Sep 2015		Oct 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	75.00-90.00	86.90	86.49	97.59	0.41	0.48	-10.69	-10.95
Sugar	82.00-100.00	92.76	86.67	99.61	6.09	7.02	-6.85	-6.88

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain - May to October 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
Oct	96.51	6.64	68.75	86.90	18.15
Sep	125.81	8.74	69.45	86.49	17.04
Aug	550.80	38.21	69.37	85.99	16.62
July	60.29	4.09	67.83	86.27	18.44
June	470.63	33.51	71.20	86.29	15.09
May	26.00	1.40	53.80	85.98	32.18
Wheat Grain					
Oct	105781.50	4023.19	38.03	86.90	48.87
Sep	326790.16	12266.01	37.53	86.49	48.95
Aug	90739.07	3329.48	36.69	85.99	49.30
July	149628.02	5936.53	39.68	86.27	46.59
June	255707.48	9517.17	37.22	86.29	49.07
May	188998.88	7444.26	39.39	85.98	46.59

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

Sugar

Total quantity of 55,301 mt was imported and the value of the imports was Rs.2,862mn. A significant increase in the imported quantity was recorded and it was 17,741 mt against the previous month. Among the imports 83% from Brazil, 10% from Thailand, 6% from India and the rest was from Belize, Korea and Myanmar. The CIF price ranged between Rs.49.93-86.66/kg and the average price was Rs.51.75/kg. The highest quantity which imported from Brazil fetched the lowest CIF price of Rs.49.93/kg, while the highest CIF price of Rs.86.66/kg was reported for the stocks which imported from Myanmar.

With the increase of imports duty of sugar up to Rs.30.00/kg in October, retail price also has increased by Rs.6.00/kg against the previous month. Retail price remained in the range of Rs.82.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.92.76/kg. Compared to the same period of last year retail price of sugar had decreased by 7%.

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Oct	55301.09	2862.08	51.75	92.76	41.01
Sep	37559.18	2000.12	53.25	86.67	33.42
Aug	64088.25	3153.43	49.20	81.17	31.97
July	62900.75	3202.16	50.91	82.47	31.56
June	47223.46	2541.97	53.83	83.61	29.78
May	34063.19	1886.09	55.37	84.37	29.00

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - October 2015

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 2015	Sep 2015		Oct 2015	Sep 2015		Oct 2015	Sep 2015	
Rice	2287.64	4119.69	-44.47	187.92	358.69	-47.61	82.15	87.07	-5.65
Red Onion	904.28	321.39	181.37	96.52	32.67	195.42	106.73	101.66	4.99
Big Onion	2780.47	4122.62	-32.56	235.72	188.87	24.80	84.78	45.81	85.05
Potato	3574.86	5087.67	-29.73	115.10	156.36	-26.39	32.20	30.73	4.76
Dried Chillies	3564.26	4590.57	-22.36	880.04	1006.62	-12.57	246.91	219.28	12.60
Masoor Dhal	7822.15	10306.06	-24.10	992.35	1462.40	-32.14	126.86	141.90	-10.59
Green Gram	802.49	572.00	40.30	143.76	100.62	42.88	179.14	175.91	1.84
Cowpea	1140.62	714.77	59.58	120.04	81.95	46.47	105.24	114.65	-8.21
Garlic	1562.60	3108.80	-49.74	255.63	439.58	-41.85	163.59	141.40	15.70
Wheat flour	96.51	125.81	-23.29	6.64	8.74	-24.05	68.75	69.45	-1.00
Wheat grain	105781.50	326790.16	-67.63	4023.19	12266.01	-67.20	38.03	37.53	1.33
White crystalline cane sugar	55301.09	37559.18	47.24	2862.08	2000.12	43.10	51.75	53.25	-2.81
Maize (Seed)	272.00	110.40	146.38	126.47	53.28	137.35	464.96	482.65	-3.66
Maize (Other)	16659.88	19998.17	-16.69	576.45	683.38	-15.65	34.60	34.17	1.25

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

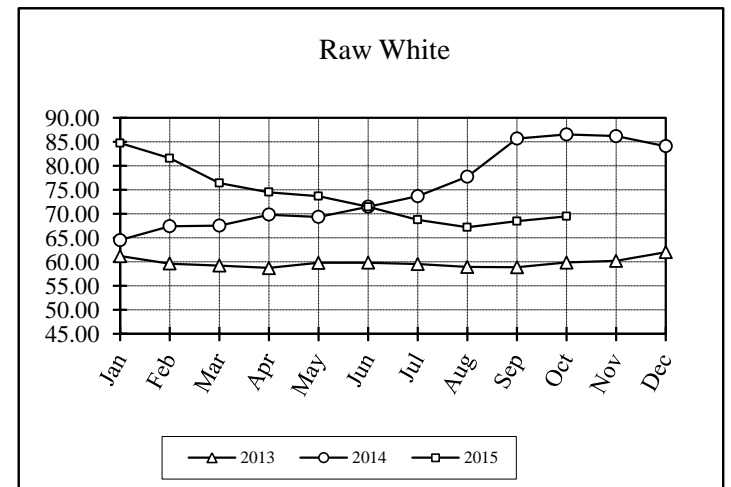
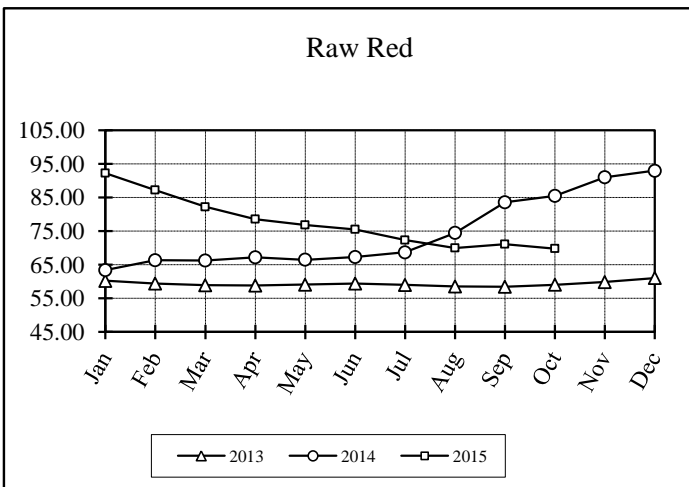
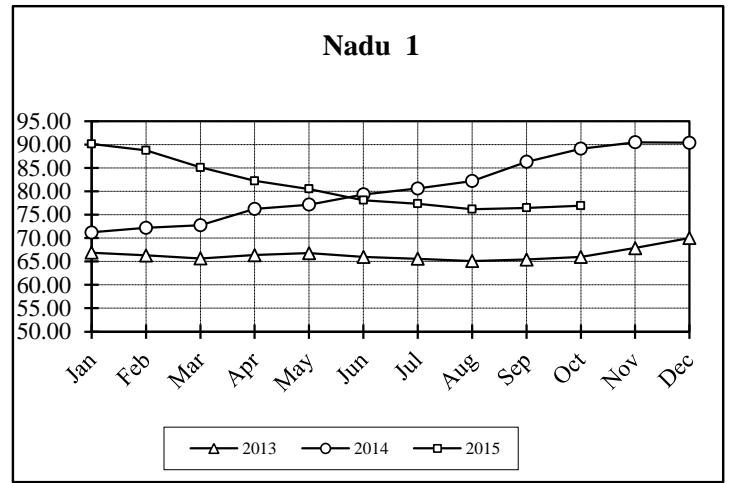
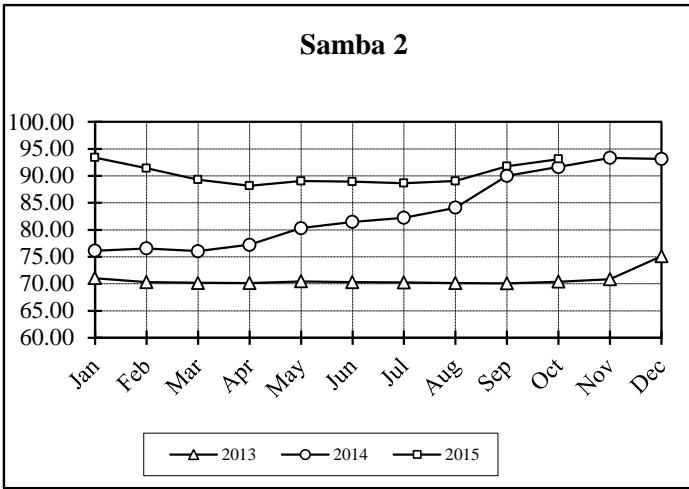
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – October 2015

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	388.6	254.5	17	14
Badulla	390.0	230.4	26	15
Bandarawela	473.9	247.3	28	17
Batticaloa	622.2	180.0	19	11
Colombo	235.4	365.4	26	17
Galle	316.1	322.7	22	18
Hambantota	163.8	152.2	11	10
Jaffna	254.7	242.8	17	12
Katugastota	413.6	263.7	24	17
Katunayaka	275.6	389.7	26	18
Kurunegala	282.5	354.4	19	17
MahaLuppallama	302.2	258.1	19	14
Mannar	103.3	166.2	11	10
Nuwara Eliya	318.4	226.8	25	18
Pottuvil	249.5	109.6	13	na
Puttalam	300.0	232.1	23	13
Ratmalana	305.7	371.4	25	18
Ratnapura	525.1	436.8	25	21
Trincomalee	393.8	222.1	17	12
Vavuniya	191.3	248.4	16	15
Polonnaruwa	458.9	na	19	na
Moneragala	411.0	na	24	na
Mattala	372.5	na	16	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

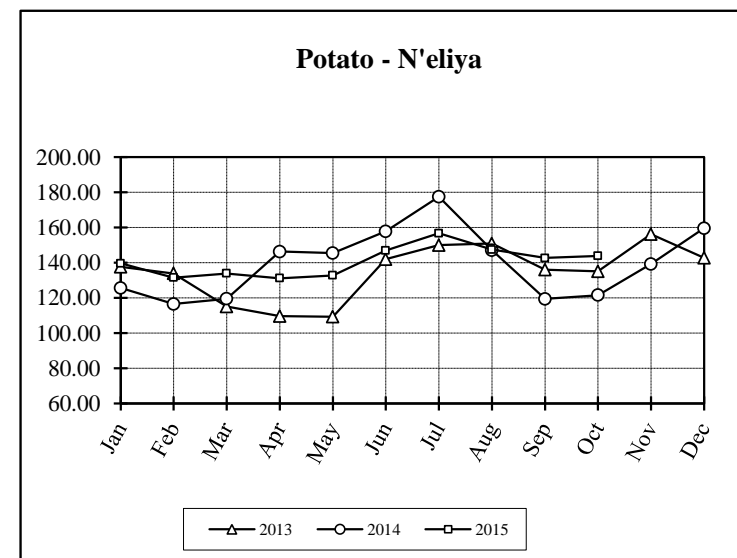
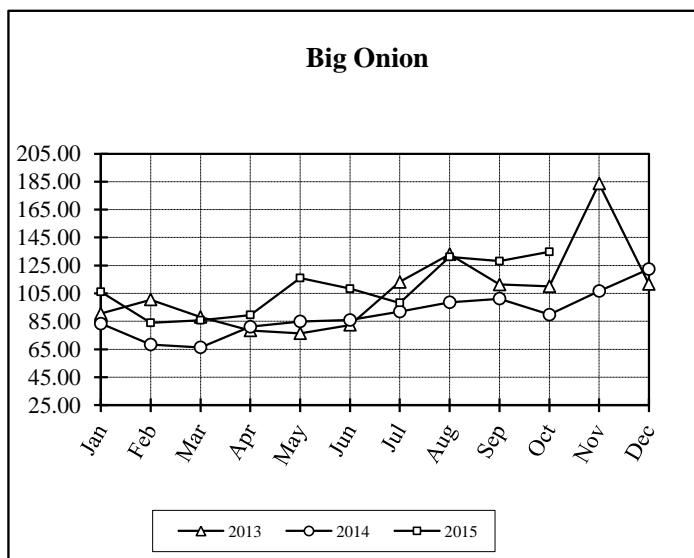
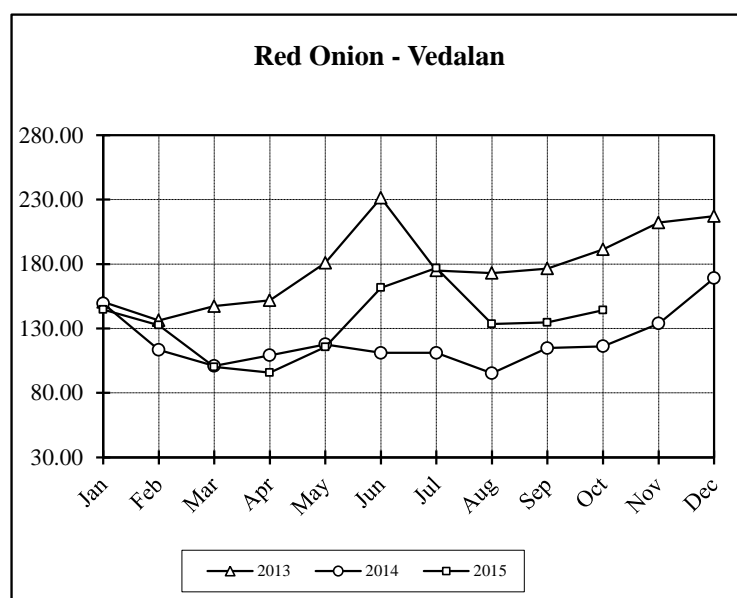
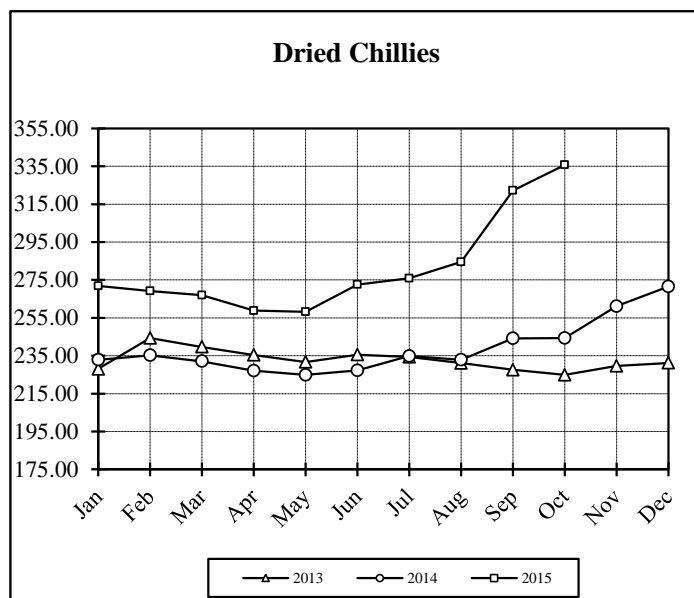
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Jan	71.03	76.11	93.38	66.88	71.22	90.13	60.24	63.39	92.21	61.18	64.54	84.76
Feb	70.28	76.54	91.39	66.29	72.18	88.75	59.44	66.32	87.23	59.64	67.44	81.61
Mar	70.16	76.04	89.30	65.64	72.77	85.09	58.90	66.29	82.21	59.24	67.56	76.40
Apr	70.13	77.22	88.17	66.36	76.26	82.22	58.84	67.23	78.56	58.71	69.84	74.51
May	70.44	80.30	89.04	66.78	77.15	80.50	59.11	66.48	76.85	59.82	69.36	73.70
Jun	70.29	81.44	88.93	65.97	79.33	78.08	59.39	67.30	75.50	59.84	71.50	71.45
Jul	70.23	82.22	88.66	65.59	80.59	77.33	58.99	68.70	72.36	59.55	73.70	68.75
Aug	70.14	84.09	89.04	65.11	82.18	76.16	58.58	74.47	69.99	58.95	77.75	67.22
Sep	70.08	89.99	91.75	65.40	86.30	76.46	58.45	83.61	71.10	58.85	85.68	68.49
Oct	70.39	91.63	93.10	65.97	89.10	76.89	59.04	85.52	69.77	59.87	86.58	69.49
Nov	70.82	93.32		67.86	90.47		59.88	91.02		60.24	86.20	
Dec	75.11	93.12		70.03	90.37		61.05	92.98		62.04	84.10	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Jan	228.04	232.90	271.85	150.60	149.35	144.64	90.65	83.40	106.11	137.65	125.68	139.63
Feb	244.26	235.25	269.09	136.24	113.49	132.59	100.56	68.30	83.99	133.91	116.52	131.58
Mar	239.65	232.07	266.95	147.29	101.03	100.10	88.13	66.39	85.73	115.11	119.57	133.91
Apr	235.40	227.14	258.81	151.79	109.14	95.65	78.47	81.18	89.56	109.71	146.34	131.19
May	231.62	224.87	258.15	180.84	117.65	115.55	76.42	84.92	115.99	109.34	145.56	132.82
Jun	235.55	227.29	272.61	231.36	111.07	161.67	82.42	85.92	108.39	142.04	157.84	146.91
Jul	234.40	234.85	275.90	175.04	111.07	176.85	113.22	91.93	98.14	150.04	177.57	156.77
Aug	231.08	232.85	284.48	173.07	95.25	133.51	133.08	98.70	131.16	150.88	147.11	147.47
Sep	227.54	244.16	322.19	176.52	114.80	134.69	111.40	101.20	128.09	136.13	119.46	142.68
Oct	224.92	244.33	335.70	191.41	116.12	144.23	110.02	89.85	134.76	135.05	121.58	143.91
Nov	229.60	261.19		212.12	133.87		183.65	106.71		156.16	139.24	
Dec	231.20	271.53		217.29	169.07		111.63	122.46		142.76	159.65	



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

October 2015

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	80.80	91.40	91.25	115.60	Welimada				
A'pura	40.40	41.80	43.40	44.20	Badulla					N'Eliya	19.00	19.00	16.00	31.60
P'naruwa	39.00	38.45	38.45		Welimada	72.00	79.60	75.00	100.00	Beetroot				
Kalawewa	40.50	41.50	41.50	43.33	Pulses					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	39.40	39.00	41.20	43.60	Green Gram					N'Eliya	21.00	27.40	31.25	39.80
Dehiattakandiya	40.40	41.60	42.00	43.20	Galgamuwa					Dambulla	23.80	23.60	24.40	30.60
Ampara	39.20	39.30	41.20	42.30	Kalawewa	150.00	150.00	150.00	140.00	Kurunegala				
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	163.00	163.00	162.00	162.00	Welimada	27.00	33.25	42.20	64.00
A'pura	30.20	31.00	33.60	34.60	Kurunegala					Knokhol				
P'naruwa	28.50	31.00	31.00		A'pura	160.00	160.00	154.00	156.00	Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa	29.67	31.00	32.00	33.33	Cowpea					N'Eliya	19.00	21.60	28.00	30.00
Kurunegala	29.60	29.00	34.40	34.60	A'pura	160.00	180.00	182.50	170.00	Welimada	44.50	47.00	47.00	49.00
Dehiattakandiya	30.20	31.00	32.00	33.20	Galgamuwa					Radish				
Embilipitiya	34.80	32.60	32.60	32.60	Nikaweratiya	154.00	154.00	154.00	164.00	Hanguranketha				
Ampara	32.50	32.40	33.00	33.50	Kalawewa	155.00	161.67	161.67	165.00	N'Eliya	35.20	16.00	24.00	28.80
Matara	30.67	30.67	30.67	31.33	Embilipitiya	190.40	190.40	186.40	186.40	Welimada	15.00	19.50	18.00	
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Cabbage				
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Hanguranketha				
Matara	30.33	30.33	30.33	30.33	A'Pura	39.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	N'Eliya	19.60	24.00	26.00	56.20
Hambantota	31.00	31.00	31.50	33.50	Kalawewa	33.50	37.50	37.50		Welimada	44.50	27.00	24.60	51.00
Ampara	30.70	30.70	30.80	32.50	Gingelly					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	31.00	31.20	31.40	31.40	A'Pura					Badulla				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa					Tomato				
Dried Chillies					Black Gram					Hanguranketha				
A'Pura					Kalawewa					Welimada	57.00	60.00	57.00	81.00
Galgamuwa					A'Pura					Hambantota				
Kalawewa					Vegetables (Up Country)					Dambulla	58.40	51.80	46.60	60.20
Red Onion					Beans					Low Country				
Puttalam	77.00	102.00	102.00	101.00	Dambulla	95.00	98.00	80.80	118.00	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Welimada	100.00	128.00	96.40	139.00	A'pura			35.00	37.50
Dambulla	63.70	70.87	82.00	80.80	Badulla					Dambulla	23.80	30.00	27.80	27.20
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha					Hambantota	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	38.00	48.20	47.75	109.80	Embilipitiya	41.40	47.60	47.60	54.00
Kurunegala					Welimada	39.50	53.00	45.00	95.40	Matara		32.33	32.33	46.67

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	0.00	0.00	32.50	32.50	Dambulla	28.20	27.20	30.20	39.60	Hambantota	165.00	185.00	185.00	215.00
Dambulla	40.80	33.60	42.60	55.40	Hambantota	22.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	Embilipitiya	197.00	294.00	294.00	388.00
Hambantota	22.50	17.00	22.00	22.00	Embilipitiya	40.40	38.40	38.40	46.00	Moneragala	140.00	140.00	140.00	0.00
Embilipitiya	26.60	28.60	31.00	52.20	Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	0.00	28.25	28.25	31.25	A'pura	0.00	0.00	22.50	0.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	32.00	34.50	35.00	47.00	Moneragala	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Embilipitiya	28.40	24.00	26.00	26.00
Welimada	62.00	120.00	127.00	172.50	Dambulla	24.80	19.80	9.10	16.00	Hambantota	27.50	27.50	27.50	28.75
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	0.00	0.00	85.00	0.00	Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Moneragala	80.00	80.00	80.00	0.00
Dambulla	70.20	87.40	91.60	112.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	124.00	127.00	122.00	122.00
Hambantota	50.00	50.00	75.00	75.00	Dambulla	45.20	43.80	51.00	61.60	Hambantota	105.00	105.00	105.00	117.50
Embilipitiya	83.00	106.00	122.00	126.00	Hambantota	34.20	35.00	35.00	35.00	<u>Papaw</u>				
Matara	0.00	70.00	70.00	86.67	Embilipitiya	47.00	54.00	52.40	81.00	Moneragala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	0.00	43.33	43.33	68.33	Embilipitiya	13.40	22.40	22.40	27.60
Dambulla	39.20	39.60	35.00	40.00	A'Pura	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	Hambantota	11.00	11.75	22.50	22.50
Hambantota	25.00	25.00	25.00	22.50	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	51.80	48.60	43.40	57.60	Hambantota	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	Divulapitiya	65.33	68.67	63.67	60.30
Matara	0.00	46.67	46.67	43.33	Embilipitiya	47.60	38.00	38.00	51.20					
A'pura	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	Matara	0.00	35.00	35.00	35.00					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	53.80	60.20	60.40	58.20	Dambulla	89.40	109.00	199.00	292.00					
Hambantota	35.00	32.50	32.50	18.50	Hambantota	95.00	95.00	147.50	177.50					
Embilipitiya	67.00	74.00	60.00	60.00	Embilipitiya	138.00	140.00	160.00	394.00					
Matara	0.00	48.33	48.33	48.33	Puttalam	96.00	102.00	493.00	278.00					
A'pura	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	A'Pura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					

