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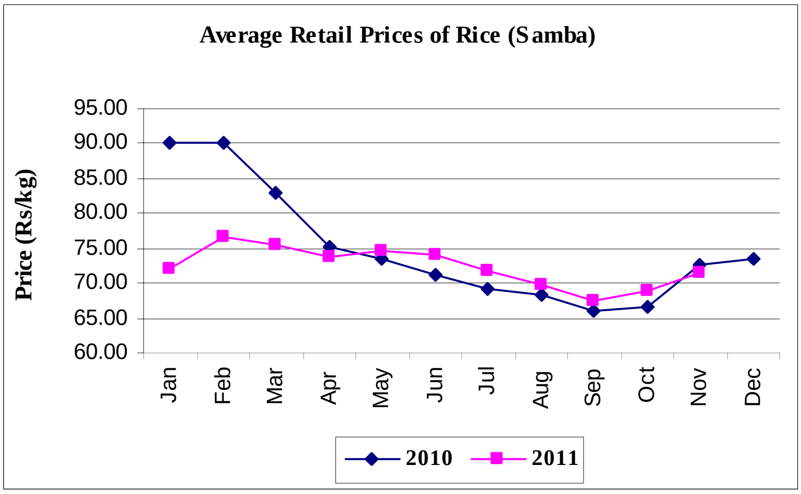
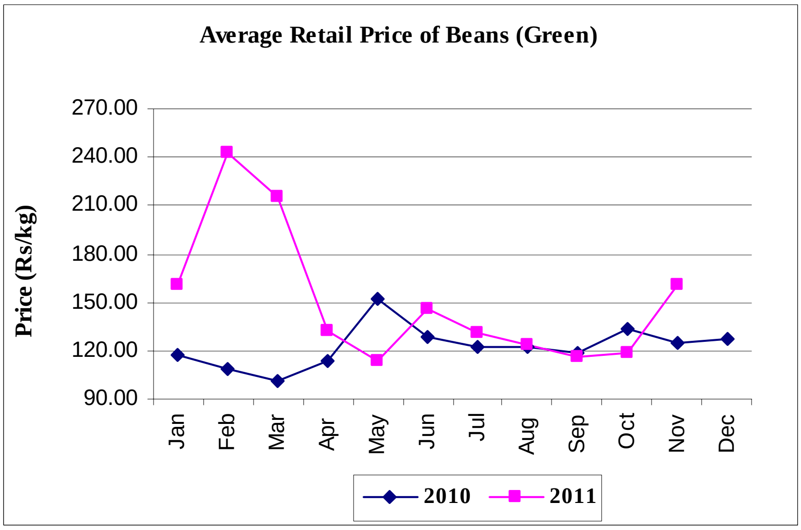
RICE:

Increasing trend of rice prices were continue during the month..Comparing monthly prices during the year, the highest prices for most of the rice varieties were observed in February while the lowest prices were observed in September.



VEGETABLES:

In 2011, the prices of vegetables had shown an increasing trend from September and it had increased remarkably in November due to low seasonal supply of vegetables. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of most of the vegetables had increased in November 2011.



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Paddy

Crop Situation

Rainy weather was experienced in most of the paddy producing areas during the month. According to the field information, issuing water for the 2011/12 *maha* season commenced in all the major irrigation schemes during the month. Among major paddy producing areas cultivation of 2011/12 maha season was in progress in Ampara and Anuradhapura. The cultivated extent of paddy in Ampara, the highest paddy producing area in the country, was 83664ha(99% of the targeted extent) by the end of the month. However paddy sowing activities were delayed in Polonnaruwa, Mahaweli System C, H and Embilipitiya areas by nearly two weeks. Therefore the peak harvesting season is expected to move towards the end of February to early March. As a result, it is expected that higher paddy and rice prices will continue up to the end of February.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy – November 2011

Commodity	Price Range (Rs/kg)		Average (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	32.00-36.50	29.00-32.00	34.41	30.45	27.81	*3.96*	*12.99*	*6.60*	*23.73*
Polonnaruwa	32.00-35.50	29.50-32.00	33.89	30.51	27.76	*3.38*	*11.07*	*6.13*	*22.08*
Kalawewa	32.00-37.00	29.50-32.00	34.82	30.95	27.05	*3.87*	*12.50*	*7.77*	*28.72*
Kurunegala	30.50-36.00	28.75-31.50	34.00	30.54	-	*3.46*	*11.33*	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-36.00	28.00-31.50	33.85	30.02	28.23	*3.83*	*12.76*	*5.62*	*19.91*
Nikaweratiya	32.00-36.00	29.00-32.00	34.50	30.62	27.40	*3.88*	*12.67*	*7.10*	*25.91*
Ampara	30.00-34.00	27.00-32.00	31.63	29.56	25.88	*2.07*	*7.00*	*5.75*	*22.22*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	28.00-31.00	27.00-28.00	29.47	27.55	25.25	*1.92*	*6.95*	*4.22*	*16.71*
Polonnaruwa	28.00-31.00	26.00-28.80	29.38	26.77	26.13	*2.61*	*9.76*	*3.25*	*12.44*
Kalawewa	28.00-31.00	27.00-28.00	29.34	27.50	25.77	*1.84*	*6.69*	*3.57*	*13.85*
Kurunegala	28.00-31.50	26.50-28.25	29.92	27.86	-	*2.06*	*7.40*	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	28.00-31.00	26.00-28.50	29.38	26.70	25.60	*2.68*	*10.04*	*3.78*	*14.77*
Embilipitiya	29.00-32.00	25.50-30.50	30.40	28.58	26.50	*1.82*	*6.37*	*3.90*	*14.72*
Nikaweratiya	28.00-31.50	27.00-28.00	29.95	27.90	26.15	*2.05*	*7.35*	*3.80*	*14.53*
Matara	28.00-31.00	26.00-30.00	29.63	27.60	26.00	*2.03*	*7.35*	*3.63*	*13.96*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	27.00-30.00	25.00-28.00	28.37	26.82	24.23	*1.55*	*5.78*	*4.14*	*17.09*
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	27.00-30.00	26.00-27.00	28.76	26.53	25.25	*2.23*	*8.42*	*3.51*	*13.90*
Matara	28.00-31.00	26.00-31.00	29.46	27.60	25.00	*1.86*	*6.74*	*4.46*	*17.84*
Hambantota	30.00-31.00	25.00-32.00	30.45	29.70	25.05	*0.75*	*2.53*	*5.40*	*21.56*
Embilipitiya	29.00-32.00	25.50-31.00	30.68	28.62	25.10	*2.06*	*7.20*	*5.58*	*22.23*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Increasing trend of paddy prices has continued in all major producing areas during the month. Field information revealed that, farmers limited issuing their small stocks mainly due to the delay of 2011/12 *maha season* in most of the major producing areas and the competitive buying of paddy by rice millers. These factors have caused the price increase. The arrival of well dried good quality paddy to the market also contributed to the price increase. In order to stabilize the paddy prices Paddy Marketing Board has released their stored paddy to the market in most of the major producing areas during the month.

Prices of short grain, long grain white and long grain red have increased by of Rs.2.00-4.00/kg , Rs.1.50-2.70/kg and Cents.75-Rs.2.20/kg respectively in major producing areas. The highest increase for short grain, long grain white and long grain red has been recorded in Anuradhapura, Dehiattakandiya. It is expected that the trend of paddy prices will be stabilized in the next month due to the impact of ceiling of price of rice. Compared to the corresponding period in 2010, the prices of short grain, long grain and long grain red have increased by 20%-29%, 12%-17%, and 14%-22% respectively.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Price

As a result of increased paddy prices in major producing areas, prices of all the rice varieties have increased during the month. Sufficient stocks of most of the rice varieties were available throughout the month. However the supply was curtailed by the end of the month due to the rainy weather in major producing areas. Meanwhile the supply of samba and nadu grade I rice varieties was limited during the latter part of the month due to the impact of ceiling on the price of rice. The major supplying areas were Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Hambantota and Eastern province. Sufficient stocks of good quality raw red particularly from Eravur were available throughout the month in the market.

Prices of samba rice varieties have increased by of 5%-7% with the highest increase for samba grade III. Nadu prices have increased by 3%-5%.Prices of raw red and raw white have increased by 6% and 5% respectively. Market information has revealed that, a slight reduction of demand can be observed for samba and nadu grade I due to the impact of price ceiling. Prices of most of the keeri samba and basmathi rice varieties ranged between Rs.85.00-100.00/kg and Rs.125.00-160.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the corresponding period of the last year, the current prices of samba varieties and raw white have decreased by nearly 1%and 3% respectively. Prices of nadu have increased by less than 1%. Meanwhile the price of raw red has increased by 6%.

Retail Prices

Increasing trend of rice prices continued during the month in line with the increased wholesale prices. Prices of samba and nadu rice varieties have increased by 2%-5%, 2%- 4% respectively. The prices of raw rice have increased by nearly 5%. Sufficient stocks of most of the rice varieties were available in all the retail markets throughout the month. Comparing monthly prices during the year, the highest prices for most of the rice varieties were observed in February while the lowest prices were observed in September.Keeri samba and basmathi rice varieties were available in all the retail markets throughout the month and prices ranged between Rs.90.00-130.00/kg and Rs.130.00-160.00/kg respectively

Compared to the same period of the last year, the prices of samba rice varieties have decreased by 1%-3%. Prices of nadu grade II and raw red have increased by 1% and 2% respectively while the prices of raw white have remained unchanged.

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – November 2011

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Samba 1	70.04	66.52	71.00	*3.52*	*5.29*	*-0.96*	*-1.35*
Samba 2	66.67	63.27	67.56	*3.40*	*5.37*	*-0.89*	*-1.32*
Samba 3	63.76	59.74	64.26	*4.02*	*6.73*	*-0.50*	*-0.78*
Nadu 1	56.74	54.98	56.56	*1.76*	*3.21*	*0.18*	*0.32*
Nadu 2	53.80	51.17	53.46	*2.63*	*5.14*	*0.34*	*0.64*
Raw red	53.07	50.04	50.12	*3.03*	*6.06*	*2.95*	*5.89*
Raw white	50.92	48.53	52.36	*2.39*	*4.92*	*-1.44*	*-2.75*
Imported Parboiled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices							
Samba 1	76.98	73.62	78.29	*3.36*	*4.56*	*-1.31*	*-1.67*
Samba 2	69.97	68.54	71.80	*1.43*	*2.09*	*-1.83*	*-2.55*
Samba 3	67.06	64.32	67.81	*2.74*	*4.26*	*-0.75*	*-1.11*
Nadu 1	62.25	60.79	62.46	*1.46*	*2.40*	*-0.21*	*-0.34*
Nadu 2	58.76	56.76	58.23	*2.00*	*3.52*	*0.53*	*0.91*
Raw red	57.72	54.92	56.85	*2.80*	*5.10*	*0.87*	*1.53*
Raw white	57.04	54.46	57.18	*2.58*	*4.74*	*-0.14*	*-0.24*
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop Situation

Cultivation of chillies for the *maha 2011/12*, took place largely during the month of November in Anuradhapura district and the targeted extent of chillies in maha 2011/12 was 3,300ha. Nochchiyagama, Ranorawa and Tirappane are the main chillie cultivating areas in Anuradhapura district. About 860ha were targeted for chillies cultivation in Puttalam district for *maha 2011/12* and about 457ha were cultivated by the end of November 2011, which was about 53% of the total targeted extent. More than 83% of the chillie cultivation was under hybrid seeds. "Vijaya" variety was the mostly used variety for the chillie cultivation in Puttalam district.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chillies from Puttalam and Anuradhapura areas has decreased further due to the conclusion of the harvesting season. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased significantly by about Rs.147.00/kg and Rs.197.00/kg respectively. Both wholesale price and retail price of green chillies were higher than that of prices of dried chillies. Most of the farmers in major producing areas, tend to sell their Chilli stocks as a green chillies. In the Norochchola Economic Center, wholesale price of green chillies has increased from Rs.90.00/kg to Rs.315.00/kg during this month, due to limited supply. Compared to the same period of the last year, the wholesale prices and retail prices of green chillies have increased by 369% and 157% respectively.

A quantity of 2600t of dried chillies was imported during the month and it was a decrease of 2090t compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.205.26/kg and it was a decrease by Rs.15.39/kg compared to the previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.17.00/kg and Rs.1.00/kg respectively due to decreased imported prices. But wholesale and retail prices of dried chillies have increased by 38% and 43% respectively against the same period of the last year. The gross margin between the retail prices and CIF prices of imported dried chillies was higher during this month than that of the previous month.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies November 2011

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price							
Green chillies	238.58	91.33	51.99	*147.25*	*161.23*	*186.59*	*358.90*
Dried chillies	227.51	244.61	164.38	*-17.10*	*-6.99*	*63.13*	*38.40*
Retail Price							
Green chillies	381.75	184.86	148.63	*196.89*	*106.51*	*233.12*	*156.85*
Dried chillies	279.51	283.62	195.28	*-4.11*	*-1.45*	*84.23*	*43.13*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies June to November 2011

Month	Quantity (t)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	2,600.50	533.78	205.26	279.51	74.25
October	4689.88	1034.84	220.65	283.62	62.97
September	3153.69	701.39	222.40	285.92	63.52
August	2963.85	672.56	226.92	289.88	62.96
July	3555.18	811.42	228.24	292.54	64.30
June	3674.55	832.90	226.67	295.98	69.31

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

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – November 2011

Location	1^{st} week	2^{nd} week	3^{rd} week	4^{th} week
Dambulla	165.00	262.00	290.00	156.00
Hambantota	199.00	328.00	358.00	322.00
Embilipitiya	190.00	314.00	364.00	200.00
Puttalam	171.00	271.00	278.00	96.00
Anuradapura	95.00	195.00	265.00	235.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

Yala harevest of big onion in Matale district was over by the first week of November 2011 and around 4000t of stored big onion has been released to the market during this month.

The targeted extent of red onion for *maha 2011/12* was 1162ha in Puttalam district and around 558ha were cultivated by the end of November representing 48% of the total targeted extent. More than 99%of the cultivation of red onion took place in Palakuda area and rest of the cultivation was in Madurankuliya in Puttalam district. Around 60% of the red onion production which was harvested in November 2011 were low in quality due to the rainy weather condition which prevailed at the time. However, around 2576t of red onion production will be expected during next month (December) from Puttalam district.

About 1892ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in Jaffna district for *maha 2011/12* and total expected production is 28380t. Puttoor, Pointpedro, Karavedy, Thelipalai and Sindilipay are major red onion producing areas of the Jaffna district.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of local big onion showed a further drop in main producing areas due to the conclusion of the harvesting season. About 9322t of big onion were imported during November which was about 6055t higher than the imported amount in the previous month. Average CIF price of imported big onion was Rs.51.50/kg and it has decreased by Rs.2.98/kg compared to the last month. However, wholesale prices of both imported and local big onions have increased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.7.00/kg respectively due to limited stock position of local big onion in the market and the availability of good quality Indian big onion with most of the wholesalers. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both varieties have also increased by about RS.7.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively. Both margins such as the margin between CIF and wholesale price and the margin between wholesale and retail prices of big onion in November were higher than those of the previous month.

Both wholesale and retail prices of sinnan red onion have decreased slightly by about Rs.1.00/kg due to it's low quality brought in by rainy weather conditions. However, supply of local red onion from major producing areas has decreased further as it was the end of the harvesting season. About 652t of red onion were imported during November and compared to the previous month it was an increase by 386t. Average CIF price was Rs.55.82/kg. Most of the sinnan stocks have been received from Jaffna area and vedalan red onion from Puttalam area.

Wholesale prices of both vedalan and imported red onions have increased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg due to limited stock position of local red onion and availability of good quality Indian red onion at the market. Prices ranged between Rs.85.00-120.00/kg for Puttalam vedalan and Rs.80.00-110.00/kg for Jaffna vedalan at the wholesale market. Retail prices of both vedalan and imported red onions have also increased by about Rs.10.00/kg and Rs.22.00/kg respectively due to increased wholesale prices. The gross margin between the CIF price and the wholesale price of imported red onion was higher than the price margin between the wholesale price and the retail price of imported red onion during this month.

Table 2.2.1: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg)

Crop	Average Price (Rs/kg)			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
Wholesale Price	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**Rs/kg**	**%**	**Rs/kg**	**%**
Red Onion (Sinnan)	64.89	65.42	-	*-0.53*	*-0.81*	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	95.54	93.80	131.10	*1.74*	*1.86*	*-35.56*	*-27.12*
Red Onion (Imported)	91.53	85.53	105.97	*6.00*	*7.02*	*-14.44*	*-13.63*
Big Onion (imported)	68.38	66.07	102.30	*2.31*	*3.50*	*-33.92*	*-33.16*
Big Onion (Local)	72.19	65.07	98.00	*7.12*	*10.94*	*-25.81*	*-26.34*
Retail Prices							
Red Onion (Sinnan)	100.00	101.67	-	*-1.67*	*-1.64*	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	136.68	126.44	171.64	*10.24*	*8.10*	*-34.96*	*-20.37*
Red Onion (Imported)	121.75	100.00	145.75	*21.75*	*21.75*	*-24.00*	*-16.47*
Big Onion (imported)	87.15	80.21	127.34	*6.94*	*8.65*	*-40.19*	*-31.56*
Big Onion (Local)	92.06	81.30	120.30	*10.76*	*13.23*	*-28.24*	*-23.47*

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 (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Nov,2011	51.50	68.38	87.15	*16.88*	*18.77*
	Oct,2011	54.48	66.07	80.21	*11.59*	*14.14*
	Nov,2010	71.05	102.30	127.34	*31.25*	*25.04*
Red onion	Nov,2011	55.82	91.53	121.75	*35.71*	*30.22*
	Oct,2011	55.62	85.53	100.00	*29.91*	*14.47*
	Nov,2010	68.40	-	-	-	-

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 (t.)		Value (Rs. Mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Oct 2011
Red Onion	652.04	265.61	36.39	14.77	55.82	55.62
Big Onion	9,322.30	3,266.60	480.13	177.98	51.50	54.48

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion June to November 2011

Month	Quantity Imported (t)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)
November	9,322	51.50	68.38	87.15
October	3267	54.48	66.07	80.21
September	358	28.54	47.24	85.35
August	9480	29.28	62.44	82.45
July	18094	26.81	43.64	61.71
June	18249	25.10	39.94	57.83

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop situation

About 1377ha were targeted for potato cultivation in Nuwara Eliya district for *2011/12 maha* season and out of that 335ha were cultivated by the end of November 2011 which was about 24% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent of potato has increased by 202ha representing 152%, in Nuwara Eliya district by the end of November 2011, compared to the same period of the previous *maha* season. Higher producer prices in the last seasons, and fertilizer subsidy programme have resulted in this increase of extent. Around 2750t of potato was supplied to the market from Nuwara Eliya district during this month by harvesting 145ha. Around 2610t of potato production is expected during next month (December) from Nuwara Eliya district.

Table 2.3.1: Targeted Extent and Cultivated extent of potato in Nuwara Eliya district (*2010/11 maha and 2011/12 maha*)

Target Extent (ha)		Cultivated extent during November (ha)		Total cultivated extent at the end of November		% of change compared to *2010/11 maha*	
2011/12 maha	2010/11 maha	2011/12 maha	2010/11 maha	2011/12 maha	2010/11 maha	During the November	At the end of November
1377	1430	168	69	335.3	133	143%	152%

More than 95% of the yala harvesting of potato has been over in Badulla district by the end of November 2011. Cultivation for maha 2011/12 has also commenced in some producing areas in Badulla district such as Atampitiya, Uva paranagama, Dambawinna, Haliela and Diyathalawa. Around 2800ha is targeted for the 2011/12 maha season in Badulla district and around 194ha has been cultivated by the end of last month. Around 5700t of potato was supplied to the market from Badulla district during this month and around 2800t is expected during the next month. (December).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Market supply of local potatoes (specially Welimada potato) has started to decrease from the 2nd week of the month as it was the tail end of the harvesting season. Hence, Welimada potatoes were not available in the market during the last week of the month. About 9157t of potato were imported during November 2011 and the quantity has increased by 5812t compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.30.28/kg and it has decreased by Cents 78/kg compared to the last month.

Wholesale prices of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.18.00/kg respectively due to limited supplies from main producing areas. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have also increased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.15.00/kg respectively. However, with the high imports from India, Pakistan and China, the wholesale price of imported potato has decreased by about Rs.1.00/kg while the retail price has increased by Rs.3.00/kg due to limited stock position of local potatoes. Stocks of imported potato which arrived from India were mostly available at the market and wholesale prices ranged between Rs.68.00-70.00/kg. Wholesale prices ranged between Rs.53.00-75.00/kg for Indian “Indoor” variety, Rs.70.00-75.00/kg for China potato and Rs.55.00-73.00/kg for Pakistan potato. Stocks of Indian “Mettupalan” variety which were of good quality also were available at the market in the price range of Rs.85.00-100.00/kg. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current retail prices of Welimada and imported potatoes have decreased by 8% and 6% respectively while the price of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased by 6%. Further, price increase could be expected for the local potato during the next month also due to nonavailability of Welimada potatoes and limited supply from Nuwara Eliya areas.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
June to November 2011

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	9,157.10	277.29	30.28	85.09	*54.81*
October	3344.55	103.88	31.06	82.06	*51.00*
September	4924.99	175.02	35.54	99.09	*63.55*
August	11591.39	359.62	31.02	87.04	*56.02*
July	9734.34	309.42	31.79	95.72	*63.93*
June	9295.04	275.60	29.65	87.23	*57.58*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – November 2011

Item	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)							
Welimada	85.73	66.36	77.54	*19.37*	*29.19*	*8.19*	*10.56*
Nuwara Eliya	90.05	72.96	80.50	*17.09*	*23.42*	*9.55*	*11.86*
Imported – CIF	30.28	31.06	44.90	*-0.78*	*-2.51*	*-14.62*	*-32.56*
Wholesale Prices (WP)							
Welimada	84.43	72.49	83.41	*11.94*	*16.47*	*1.02*	*1.22*
Nuwara Eliya	102.63	84.60	97.27	*18.03*	*21.31*	*5.36*	*5.51*
Imported	65.03	65.97	66.52	*-0.94*	*-1.42*	*-1.49*	*-2.24*
Retail Prices (RP)							
Welimada	101.09	94.20	110.00	*6.89*	*7.31*	*-8.91*	*-8.10*
Nuwara Eliya	128.84	113.81	121.16	*15.03*	*13.21*	*7.68*	*6.34*
Imported	85.09	82.06	91.04	*3.03*	*3.69*	*-5.95*	*-6.54*
Gross Margin (PP-RP)							
Welimada	15.36	21.24	29.50	*-5.88*	*-27.68*	*-14.14*	*-47.93*
Nuwara Eliya	38.79						
Imported (CIF-RP)	54.81	51.00	46.14	*3.81*	*7.47*	*8.67*	*18.79*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)							
Welimada	16.66	21.71	26.59	*-5.05*	*-23.26*	*-9.93*	*-37.34*
Nuwara Eliya	26.21	29.21	23.89	*-3.00*	*-10.27*	*2.32*	*9.71*
Imported	20.06	16.09	24.52	*3.97*	*24.67*	*-4.46*	*-18.19*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

Highest Producer prices of cowpea and green gram were recorded in Embilipitiya area and ranged between Rs.170.00-180.00/kg for cowpea and Rs.120.00-130.00/kg for green gram. Quantity of 156 mt of green gram was imported in November and it was a further decline by 214mt compared to that of the last month. The CIF price of green gram was Rs.123.95/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.2.73/kg compared to that of the previous month.

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram have increased by around 14% and 2 respectively, due to insufficient stocks with low supply and imported stocks of green gram mainly from Australia and China were available during the month. The wholesale and retail prices of cowpea have increased by around 2% due to low supply and availability of good quality stocks in the market. The average retail prices of green gram and cowpea were Rs.183.53/kg and Rs.247.62/kg respectively. The wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea have increased compared to that of November 2010.

Table 2.4.1: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram June to November 2011

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	156	19	123.95	183.53	59.58
October	370.05	46.88	126.68	180.10	53.42
September	403.34	50.41	124.99	184.11	59.12
August	1124.08	138.81	123.49	191.90	68.41
July	358.10	52.51	146.65	201.37	54.72
June	1048.20	158.94	151.63	210.82	59.19

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

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- November 2011

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Green gram	160.02	140.12	138.60	19.90	14.20	21.42	15.45
Cowpea	206.27	202.22	156.28	4.05	2.00	49.99	31.99
Retail Prices							
Green gram	183.53	180.10	182.24	3.43	1.90	1.29	0.71
Cowpea	247.62	242.60	176.13	5.02	2.07	71.49	40.59

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.3: 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	Nov,2011	123.95	160.02	183.53	36.07	23.51
	Oct,2011	126.68	140.12	180.10	13.44	39.98
	Nov,2010	153.65	138.60	182.24	-15.05	43.64
Cowpea	Nov,2011	118.35	206.27	247.62	87.92	41.35
	Oct,2011	67.60	202.22	242.60	134.62	40.38
	Nov,2010	-	-	-	-	-

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Quantity of 14,065mt was imported during the month and it was a decrease by about 64 mt and mainly received from Australia and Canada. The CIF price was Rs.77.46//kg. Wholesale prices of red dhal have decreased further by about 2% while that of retail prices have increased by about 2% because availability of sufficient stocks in the market with high import last five month. The imported quantity of red dhal in last three month was very high considering this year.

Compared to the same month of last year, the current wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by about 26% and 17% respectively.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – November 2011

Red Dhal	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	105.13	106.94	141.39	-1.81	-1.69	-36.26	-25.65
Retail Price	138.52	136.44	166.07	2.08	1.52	-27.55	-16.59

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: The CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – June to November 2011

Month	Quantity (t)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
November	14065.20	77.46	105.13	138.52	27.67	33.39
October	14129.03	51.99	106.94	136.44	54.95	29.50
September	12309.29	83.14	107.29	138.41	24.15	31.12
August	7096.06	80.55	119.07	150.46	38.52	31.39
July	3599.68	83.11	123.58	156.14	40.47	32.56
June	8325.26	95.19	119.82	150.79	24.63	30.97

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

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3. Vegetables

In November, cultivation was considerably more compared to October. In most of the producing areas, rainy weather conditions prevailed in November.

Box 1: Crop Situation in Nuwara Eliya and Matale Districts (2011/12 *maha* Season)

Nuwara Eliya:

Rainy weather conditions prevailed during the month of November. An early harvesting was observed for leeks as it was difficult to keep them in the field for longer period. Hence, the supply of leeks was high at the beginning of the month. Compared to October, the cultivation of vegetables was high in November. By the end of November of 2011/12 *maha* season, the cultivation progress ranged between 10%-55% with the highest progress recorded for radish. During the month of November, carrot (195 ha) was the mostly cultivated vegetable, followed by beans (194 ha). Compared to the same period of the last year the cultivated extent of beans, tomato, beetroot, radish and knol-khol were high by the end of November 2011/12 *maha* season.

Matale:

About 1,340 ha of vegetables were cultivated by the end of November of 2011/12 *maha* season in Matale district. Compared to 2010/11 *maha* season, the cultivated extent of all the vegetables was low in 2011/12 maha season. During the month of November, beans (535 ha) were the most commonly cultivated vegetables. Compared to September, the supply of vegetables was low in October and November and there will be a further decrease in December.

According to the annual price behavior, generally the prices of vegetables are high from November to January with low seasonal supply of vegetables. Figure 3.1 to 3.6 show the price trend of beans, carrot, leeks, beetroot, brinjal and capsicum in 2009, 2010 and 2011. According to the price behavior of those vegetables in previous years, the prices are expected to be increased further in December of this year.

In November, as a result of rainy weather conditions in all the up country vegetable producing areas such as Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Matale, Rathnapura and Puttalam districts, the harvesting and transporting of vegetables were affected. Hence, the wholesale prices of all the up country vegetables have increased further in November. The highest price increase of 162% was recorded for beetroot. Though, the price of beetroot was low from August to October, it has increased in November due to low supply from Kurunegela, Puttalam and Jaffna. The price of tomato has shown an increasing trend from September and it has increased significantly by 143% in November. Prices of other types of up country vegetables have increased in the range of 40% - 75%.

Figure 3.1: Monthly Average Wholesale Prices of Beans (2009-2011)

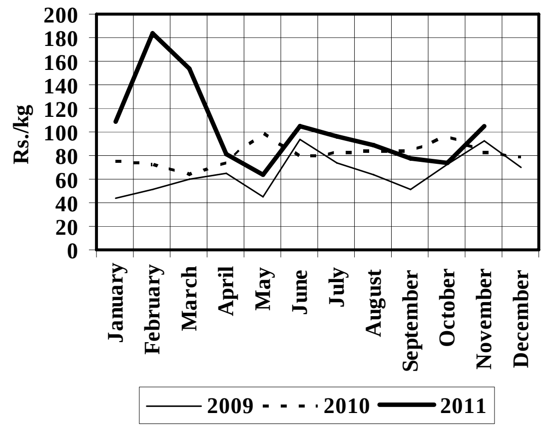


Figure 3.2: Monthly Average Wholesale Prices of Carrot (2009-2011)

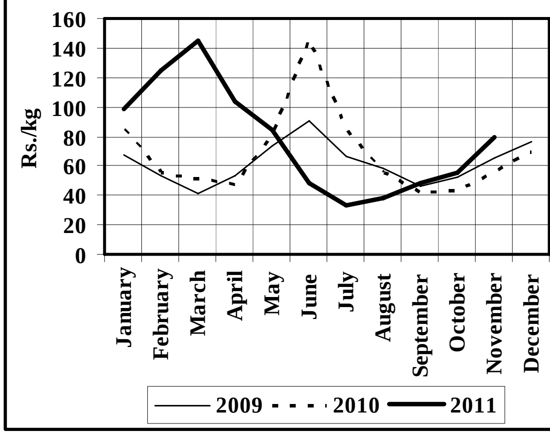


Figure 3.3: Monthly Average Wholesale Prices of Leeks (2009-2011)

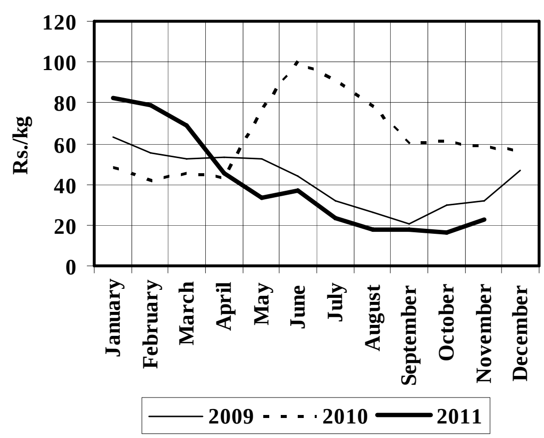


Figure 3.4: Monthly Average Wholesale Prices of Beetroot (2009-2011)

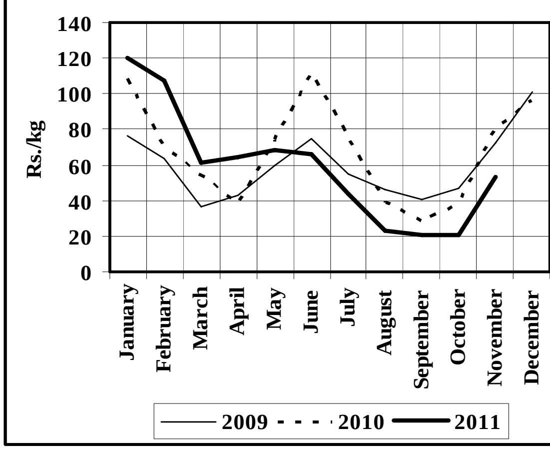


Figure 3.5: Monthly Average Wholesale Prices of Brinjal (2009-2011)

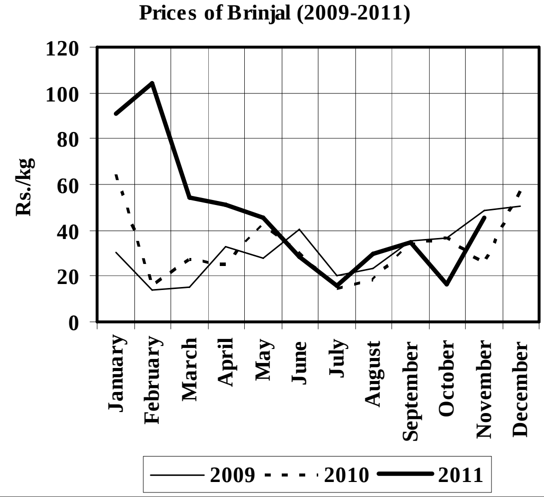
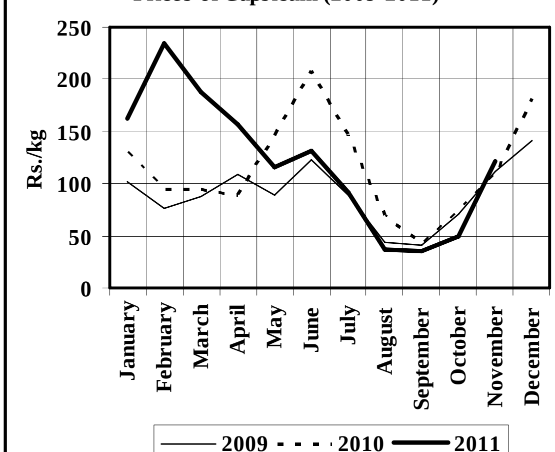


Figure 3.6: Monthly Average Wholesale Prices of Capsicum (2009-2011)



In November, the lowest average monthly wholesale price was recorded for leeks as Rs.23.00/kg. In November, with regard to up country vegetables the highest wholesale price range of Rs.80.00-160.00/kg was recorded for tomato, followed by beans (Rs.60.00-150.00/kg). The lowest range of Rs.8.00-35.00/kg was reported for leeks. Supply of leeks was high at the beginning of the month. Compared to the same period of the last five year period, the prices of beans, carrot and tomato were high in November, 2011. However, the prices of leeks, beetroot and cabbage were low from of September to November of 2011 compared to the same period of the last five year period.

The harvesting of low country vegetables was low in November as it was the tail end of the harvesting season. Hence, the supply has decreased from Embilipitiya, Dambulla, Tissamaharama, Thambuththegama, Rajanganaya and Puttalam. Prices of all the low country vegetables have increased in November. The highest price increase of 178% was recorded for brinjal assufficient stocks did not arrive from Embilipitiya, Wadigala and Ambalanthota. Price of capsicum has shown an increasing trend from October as it was the end of the harvesting season in Wellawaya, Thanamanwila and Dambulla areas and it has increased by 149% in November. Further, the prices of long beans and drumstick have increased by 106% and 103% respectively. The harvesting season for drumstick has come to an end by November. Meanwhile, the price of green chillies has increased further by 106% due to the ariival of low stocks from Puttalam and Nochchiyagama. With the commencement of the harvesting season in Moneragala, the price of lime has decreased by 54%. During the month of November. Among the low country vegetables the highest wholesale price range of Rs.80.00-130.00/kg was recorded for bitter gourd, while the lowest price range of Rs.20.00-45.00/kg was recorded for cucumber. In 2011, the prices of ladies fingers, pumpkin, cucumber, bitter gourd and snake gourd were high compared to the prices which prevailed during the last five year period. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current wholesale prices of all the low country vegetables, except drumstick and ash plantains have increased with the highest price increase of 116% for snake gourd.

According to the price behavior in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the vegetables have increased in November. With regard to up country vegetables, the highest price increase of 99% was observed for tomato, followed by beetroot (59%). Among the low country vegetables, the highest price increase of 78% was recorded for capsicum. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current retail prices of most of the vegetables have increased with the highest price increase of 46% for tomato.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – November 2011

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	105.42	74.20	82.18	*31.22*	*42.08*	*23.24*	*28.28*
Carrot	79.13	54.94	55.36	*24.19*	*44.03*	*23.77*	*42.94*
Leeks	22.71	16.28	57.94	*6.43*	*39.50*	*-35.23*	*-60.80*
Beetroot	53.45	20.38	80.12	*33.07*	*162.27*	*-26.67*	*-33.29*
Knolkhol	54.36	31.10	52.34	*23.26*	*74.79*	*2.02*	*3.86*
Radish	35.77	21.17	27.13	*14.60*	*68.97*	*8.64*	*31.85*
Cabbage	28.02	19.94	30.15	*8.08*	*40.52*	*-2.13*	*-7.06*
Tomato	107.59	44.31	65.05	*63.28*	*142.81*	*42.54*	*65.40*
Ladies Fingers	41.29	38.20	34.57	*3.09*	*8.09*	*6.72*	*19.44*
Brinjal	45.38	16.32	25.45	*29.06*	*178.06*	*19.93*	*78.31*
Capsicum	121.66	48.93	109.27	*72.73*	*148.64*	*12.39*	*11.34*
Pumpkin	51.01	37.30	29.61	*13.71*	*36.76*	*21.40*	*72.27*
Cucumber	30.81	22.15	18.73	*8.66*	*39.10*	*12.08*	*64.50*
Bitter Gourd	105.18	70.80	84.23	*34.38*	*48.56*	*20.95*	*24.87*
Snake Gourd	61.10	35.36	28.32	*25.74*	*72.79*	*32.78*	*115.75*
Drumstick	48.25	23.72	76.98	*24.53*	*103.41*	*-28.73*	*-37.32*
Luffa	55.88	42.70	44.08	*13.18*	*30.87*	*11.80*	*26.77*
Long Beans	71.44	34.63	58.16	*36.81*	*106.30*	*13.28*	*22.83*
Ash Plantain	45.07	35.10	47.39	*9.97*	*28.40*	*-2.32*	*-4.90*
Green Chillies	238.58	91.33	51.09	*147.25*	*161.23*	*187.49*	*366.98*
Lime	127.50	278.90	56.26	*-151.40*	*-54.28*	*71.24*	*126.63*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – November 2011

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	161.14	118.80	125.20	*42.34*	*35.64*	*35.94*	*28.71*
Carrot	140.20	105.00	107.05	*35.20*	*33.52*	*33.15*	*30.97*
Leeks	74.77	60.95	111.24	*13.82*	*22.67*	*-36.47*	*-32.78*
Beetroot	113.96	71.66	130.15	*42.30*	*59.03*	*-16.19*	*-12.44*
Knolkhol	117.26	82.61	107.75	*34.65*	*41.94*	*9.51*	*8.83*
Radish	86.47	66.44	73.34	*20.03*	*30.15*	*13.13*	*17.90*
Cabbage	84.82	66.57	86.25	*18.25*	*27.41*	*-1.43*	*-1.66*
Tomato	163.61	82.38	111.95	*81.23*	*98.60*	*51.66*	*46.15*
Ladies Fingers	101.50	88.47	84.02	*13.03*	*14.73*	*17.48*	*20.80*
Brinjal	98.15	64.15	76.97	*34.00*	*53.00*	*21.18*	*27.52*
Capsicum	191.82	107.51	177.88	*84.31*	*78.42*	*13.94*	*7.84*
Pumpkin	89.67	75.27	67.36	*14.40*	*19.13*	*22.31*	*33.12*
Cucumber	76.99	60.69	57.99	*16.30*	*26.86*	*19.00*	*32.76*
Bitter Gourd	165.11	114.46	130.86	*50.65*	*44.25*	*34.25*	*26.17*
Snake Gourd	106.45	75.92	73.90	*30.53*	*40.21*	*32.55*	*44.05*
Drumstick	135.92	87.53	163.85	*48.39*	*55.28*	*-27.93*	*-17.05*
Luffa	112.48	87.61	93.80	*24.87*	*28.39*	*18.68*	*19.91*
Long Beans	130.23	88.96	112.72	*41.27*	*46.39*	*17.51*	*15.53*
Ash Plantain	94.51	79.81	95.07	*14.70*	*18.42*	*-0.56*	*-0.59*
Green Chillies	381.75	184.86	148.63	*196.89*	*106.51*	*233.12*	*156.85*
Lime	324.63	465.36	154.73	*-140.73*	*-30.24*	*169.90*	*109.80*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the fruits have increased during the month as it was the main harvesting season. Especially the major fruits such as mango, papaw and banana were available in plenty at wholesale level and prices were low. As a result, prices of other fruits also decreased. The demand of fruits also was low during the month due to rainy weather condition in time to time. Hence the prices of all the fruits except passion fruit, orange and avocado have decreased with the highest price decrease of 26% for mango (karthakolomban).

Supplies of banana have increased from Embilipitiya, Sooriyawewa, Monaragala and Jaffna areas and wholesale prices of all the varieties of banana have decreased in the range of 5% - 19%. Price increase for all the varieties of banana could be expected during the next month due to high demand during the festive season. High supplies of pineapple were recorded from Gampaha, Giriulla, Kuliyapitiya and Diulapitiya areas and wholesale prices have decreased further in the renege of 3%-6% for all the sizes. All the mango varieties were available in plenty during the month as it was the peak of the second harvesting season of the year and wholesale prices have decreased in the range of 9% - 26% for all the varieties. This low prices for mango could be expected during the next month too. Wholesale price of papaw had decreasing by 19% compared to the previous month. Increasing trend of price was observed for papaw at the end of the month and price increase could be expected in the next month.

According to the table 4.1, significant price increases were recorded only for orange, passion fruit and avocado during the month. The supply of orange has decreased further from Anamaduwa, Nikaweratiya and Bibile areas as it was the off season and wholesale price has increased by 47% compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale prices of most of these fruits have increased with the highest price increase of 103% for wood apple followed by orange (98%).

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the varieties of fruits except orange, passion fruit, avocado and grapes have decreased with the highest price decrease of 32% for mango (karthakolomban). Compared to the same period of the last year, retail prices of most of the fruits have increased with the highest price increase of 69% was reported for papaw.

Producer price of papaw has decreased by 18% in Embilipitiya, Hambanthota and Moneragala areas due to increased supplies at the begining of the month. Similarly, the producer prices of banana have decreased by 2% and 16% respectively for ambul and kolikuttu. Compared to the same period of last year, current producer prices of all the selected fruits have increased with the highest price increase of 155% for papaw.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Pineapple was the widely exported fruit in November and the exported quantity was 64.44t. The total export earnings of pineapple, papaw, mango and orange in November were Rs.million 18.25. Apple was the widely imported fruit in November and the imported quantity was 2144t. The total import expenditure of apple, grapes, oranges and mandarin were Rs. million 223.89 in November.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – November 2011

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	35.59	44.20	32.37	*-8.61*	*-19.48*	*3.22*	*9.95*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	95.00	110.60	78.40	*-15.60*	*-14.10*	*16.60*	*21.17*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	35.96	37.80	33.45	*-1.84*	*-4.87*	*2.51*	*7.50*
Anamalu	5.89	6.63	5.89	*-0.74*	*-11.16*	*0.00*	*0.00*
Ambun	8.43	9.12	7.82	*-0.69*	*-7.57*	*0.61*	*7.80*
Pineapple							
Large	109.47	113.47	92.30	*-4.00*	*-3.53*	*17.17*	*18.60*
Medium	87.41	92.58	72.93	*-5.17*	*-5.58*	*14.48*	*19.85*
Small	70.71	73.17	52.84	*-2.46*	*-3.36*	*17.87*	*33.82*
Mango							
Betti	6.53	7.18	6.20	*-0.65*	*-9.05*	*0.33*	*5.32*
Karthakolomban	29.05	39.37	19.69	*-10.32*	*-26.21*	*9.36*	*47.54*
Vilad	12.94	16.17	7.70	*-3.23*	*-19.98*	*5.24*	*68.05*
Kohu	4.29	5.01	3.33	*-0.72*	*-14.37*	*0.96*	*28.83*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	33.00	40.90	19.44	*-7.90*	*-19.32*	*13.56*	*69.75*
Passion Fruit	5.42	4.82	5.39	*0.60*	*12.45*	*0.03*	*0.56*
Wood Apple	10.50	11.00	5.20	*-0.50*	*-4.55*	*5.30*	*101.92*
Orange	29.96	20.37	15.11	*9.59*	*47.08*	*14.85*	*98.28*
Avocado	10.09	9.38	14.90	*0.71*	*7.57*	*-4.81*	*-32.28*
Slime Apple	11.65	13.30	19.10	*-1.65*	*-12.41*	*-7.45*	*-39.01*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	394.14	403.89	397.22	*-9.75*	*-2.41*	*-3.08*	*-0.78*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – November 2011

Items	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	Rs./Fruit	%	Rs./Fruit	%
Plantain							
Ambul (Rs/kg)	71.13	72.74	63.44	*-1.61*	*-2.21*	*7.69*	*12.12*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	147.80	153.60	140.00	*-5.80*	*-3.78*	*7.80*	*5.57*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	68.91	69.59	63.30	*-0.68*	*-0.98*	*5.61*	*8.86*
Anamalu	11.38	11.96	11.51	*-0.58*	*-4.85*	*-0.13*	*-1.13*
Ambun	13.53	14.16	13.30	*-0.63*	*-4.45*	*0.23*	*1.73*
Pineapple							
Large	153.45	157.53	142.46	*-4.08*	*-2.59*	*10.99*	*7.71*
Medium	123.04	127.02	115.54	*-3.98*	*-3.13*	*7.50*	*6.49*
Small	100.94	104.83	86.92	*-3.89*	*-3.71*	*14.02*	*16.13*
Mango							
Betti	19.17	24.43	17.72	*-5.26*	*-21.53*	*1.45*	*8.18*
Karthakolomban	60.17	88.77	39.75	*-28.60*	*-32.22*	*20.42*	*51.37*
Vilad	30.87	41.64	25.66	*-10.77*	*-25.86*	*5.21*	*20.30*
Kohu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	66.88	74.11	39.67	*-7.23*	*-9.76*	*27.21*	*68.59*
Passion Fruit	12.17	11.44	11.77	*0.73*	*6.38*	*0.40*	*3.40*
Wood Apple	32.60	33.66	20.09	*-1.06*	*-3.15*	*12.51*	*62.27*
Orange	44.55	37.56	33.01	*6.99*	*18.61*	*11.54*	*34.96*
Avocado	36.16	34.74	36.80	*1.42*	*4.09*	*-0.64*	*-1.74*
Slime Apple	48.02	52.69	48.57	*-4.67*	*-8.86*	*-0.55*	*-1.13*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	599.45	587.01	600.74	*12.44*	*2.12*	*-1.29*	*-0.21*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits-November 2011

Item	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Ambul	25.55	26.18	21.19	-0.63	-2.41	4.36	20.58
Kolikuttu	68.25	81.73	63.70	-13.48	-16.49	4.55	7.14
Papaw	19.14	23.26	7.50	-4.12	-17.71	11.64	155.20
Pineapple	53.75	47.00	40.50	6.75	14.36	13.25	32.72

Source: Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits September – November 2011

Type of Fruit	November 2011			October 2011			September 2011		
	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	66.44	6.20	93.28	62.17	7.42	119.40	46.69	5.86	125.57
Papaw	70.81	9.20	129.96	54.29	5.31	97.73	57.15	4.62	80.89
Fresh Mango	5.03	1.41	280.20	6.59	2.72	413.21	2.27	1.02	448.52
Fresh Oranges	7.54	1.44	191.15	38.10	8.06	211.56	17.28	2.47	142.80
Bananas	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.15	0.01	49.18

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits September – November 2011

Types of Fruit	November 2011			October 2011			September 2011		
	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (t)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	2,144.07	100.53	46.89	2389.68	109.75	45.93	2093.69	103.40	49.39
Grapes	478.18	55.18	115.40	637.20	63.80	100.12	538.45	56.01	104.03
Oranges	493.83	30.65	62.06	747.40	44.97	60.16	566.09	33.81	59.73
Mandarin	977.26	37.53	38.40	610.45	26.90	44.07	179.92	9.35	51.99

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat
Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of all varieties except paraw have increased due to limited supply as a result of the unfavorable weather condition especially in Southern and Western coastal belt during the month. The highest price increase was noted for balaya (22%), followed by thora (19%). The price of paraw has decreased by 2% with high supply from puttalam area. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current retail prices of all varieties except salaya and mora and shrimps (small) have increased. With regard to the retail market, the prices of all the varieties except shrimps (small) and salaya have increased in line with the wholesale prices. The highest price increase was noted for balaya by about 13%, followed by about 8% for kelawalla. Compared to the same period of the last year, the current retail prices of all varieties except salaya and hurulla have increased.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish –November 2011

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices							
Salaya	92.75	88.20	115.60	*4.55*	*5.16*	*-22.85*	*-19.77*
Hurulla	178.50	164.80	173.80	*13.70*	*8.31*	*4.70*	*2.70*
Balaya	255.50	210.00	231.00	*45.50*	*21.67*	*24.50*	*10.61*
Kelawalla	426.25	399.80	340.20	*26.45*	*6.62*	*86.05*	*25.29*
Thora	837.98	704.20	657.80	*133.78*	*19.00*	*180.18*	*27.39*
Paraw	412.06	418.40	340.40	*-6.34*	*-1.52*	*71.66*	*21.05*
Mora	307.84	303.00	316.00	*4.84*	*1.60*	*-8.16*	*-2.58*
Shrimps (small)	469.02	458.88	514.60	*10.14*	*2.21*	*-45.58*	*-8.86*
Thalapath	496.25	466.00	473.80	*30.25*	*6.49*	*22.45*	*4.74*
Retail Prices							
Salaya	132.19	134.21	146.99	*-2.02*	*-1.51*	*-14.80*	*-10.07*
Hurulla	247.18	228.06	256.16	*19.12*	*8.38*	*-8.98*	*-3.51*
Balaya	434.90	383.22	399.42	*51.68*	*13.49*	*35.48*	*8.88*
Kelawalla	644.50	598.57	611.19	*45.93*	*7.67*	*33.31*	*5.45*
Thora	1071.37	1001.64	939.53	*69.73*	*6.96*	*131.84*	*14.03*
Paraw	633.74	625.07	589.01	*8.67*	*1.39*	*44.73*	*7.59*
Mora	478.81	463.95	440.44	*14.86*	*3.20*	*38.37*	*8.71*
Shrimps (small)	682.40	714.50	630.61	*-32.10*	*-4.49*	*51.79*	*8.21*
Thalapath	705.28	680.38	695.50	*24.90*	*3.66*	*9.78*	*1.41*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Dried Fish

Prices of most of the varieties have increased due to limited supply especially from India Pakistan. The highest price increase was noted for imported balaya 12%), followed by kattawa (local) by 10%. Prices of salaya, balaya and anguluwa have decreased with highest prices decrease for maduwa (local) with availability of sufficient stocks. The retail prices of all varieties except thora, balaya and koduwa have increased by less than 3% with the highest price increase noted for sprats. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of most of the varieties have increased. The highest wholesale price increase was noted for imported balaya by about 32% and the highest retail price increase was reported for maduwa by about 15%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish– November 2011

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale							
Sprats	316.29	309.70	312.50	*6.59*	*2.13*	*3.79*	*1.21*
Sprats (imported)	286.00	292.35	245.39	*-6.35*	*-2.17*	*40.61*	*16.55*
Kattawa	689.94	631.80	529.59	*58.14*	*9.20*	*160.35*	*30.28*
Kattawa (imported)	624.63	639.71	514.80	*-15.08*	*-2.36*	*109.83*	*21.33*
Thora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	721.48	699.21	635.46	*22.27*	*3.19*	*86.02*	*13.54*
Mora	557.45	532.48	545.60	*24.97*	*4.69*	*11.85*	*2.17*
Mora (imported)	511.95	508.60	523.18	*3.35*	*0.66*	*-11.23*	*-2.15*
Balaya	299.60	310.78	370.54	*-11.18*	*-3.60*	*-70.94*	*-19.15*
Balaya (imported)	413.33	370.00	313.42	*43.33*	*11.71*	*99.91*	*31.88*
Anguluwa	536.67	496.67	455.00	*40.00*	*8.05*	*81.67*	*17.95*
Anguluwa (imported)	389.07	403.97	425.34	*-14.90*	*-3.69*	*-36.27*	*-8.53*
Maduwa	237.25	286.78	268.06	*-49.53*	*-17.27*	*-30.81*	*-11.49*
Maduwa (imported)	223.75	208.20	205.40	*15.55*	*7.47*	*18.35*	*8.93*
Koduwa	240.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-		-
Salaya	148.17	163.05	229.90	*-14.88*	*-9.13*	*-81.73*	*-35.55*
Salaya (imported)	180.77	174.20	176.43	*6.57*	*3.77*	*4.34*	*2.46*
Dried Fish – Retail							
Sprats	368.17	358.61	360.67	*9.56*	*2.67*	*7.50*	*2.08*
Kattawa	863.67	856.78	775.19	*6.89*	*0.80*	*88.48*	*11.41*
Thora	907.42	910.19	856.65	*-2.77*	*-0.30*	*50.77*	*5.93*
Mora	722.26	712.92	700.41	*9.34*	*1.31*	*21.85*	*3.12*
Balaya	630.04	631.75	592.61	*-1.71*	*-0.27*	*37.43*	*6.32*
Anguluwa	667.94	660.63	642.17	*7.31*	*1.11*	*25.77*	*4.01*
Maduwa	439.33	438.71	381.32	*0.62*	*0.14*	*58.01*	*15.21*
Koduwa	500.00	700.00	850.00	*-200.00*	*-28.57*	*-350.00*	*-41.18*
Salaya	386.60	377.27	368.44	*9.33*	*2.47*	*18.16*	*4.93*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

High supplies of eggs arrived from Hettipola, Madampe, Marawila and Kuliyapitiya areas during the month and wholesale prices of both brown and white have decreased by 11%. Retail prices also have decreased in line with the wholesale prices and were around Rs 10.00/egg for both the brown and white eggs. According to the market information price increase for eggs could be expected during the next month with high demand during the festive season. Compared to the same period of the last year, current wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 28% while the retail prices of them have decreased by 23% and 25% respectively.

Meat

Prices of all the meat varieties except beef have decreased with the highest price decrease for chicken. Compared to the same period of the last year, current retail prices of all the meat varieties except pork have increased with the highest price increase of 11% for broiler mutton.

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Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – November 2011

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	%	Rs.	%
Eggs – Wholesale							
Eggs – Brown (each)	8.65	9.73	11.95	*-1.08*	*-11.10*	*-3.30*	*-27.62*
White (each)	8.25	9.23	11.45	*-0.98*	*-10.62*	*-3.20*	*-27.95*
Eggs – Retail							
Eggs- Brown (each)	10.15	10.90	13.13	*-0.75*	*-6.88*	*-2.98*	*-22.70*
White (each)	9.52	10.34	12.67	*-0.82*	*-7.93*	*-3.15*	*-24.86*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – November 2011

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat							
Beef (without bones)	470.00	469.05	454.79	*0.95*	*0.20*	*15.21*	*3.34*
Chicken (Broiler)	423.52	472.36	398.30	*-48.84*	*-10.34*	*25.22*	*6.33*
Chicken (curry)	398.07	429.90	391.07	*-31.83*	*-7.40*	*7.00*	*1.79*
Mutton	881.29	887.05	793.21	*-5.76*	*-0.65*	*88.08*	*11.10*
Pork	423.67	425.00	436.40	*-1.33*	*-0.31*	*-12.73*	*-2.92*

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 was considerably low in October. Hence, in November an increase in the imports was reported and total quantity of imports was 93818t. The CIF price has declined by Rs.2.55/kg and the decline was reported after 04 months. The average CIF price was Rs.37.40/kg. Total value of imports was Rs. Mn.3508. The quantity imported wheat flour has also increased by 16% against the previous month.

Total quantity of 5648t of wheat flour was valued at Rs. Mn. 257 was in November. The increasing trend of wheat flour prices in world market continued and CIF price has increased further by Cents 90/kg in November. The average CIF price was Rs.45.44/kg. Compared to same period of the last year, the retail price of wheat flour has gone up by 2%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar - November 2011

Items	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Oct 2011		Nov 2010	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	84.12	84.39	82.70	*-0.27*	*-0.32*	*1.42*	*1.72*
Sugar	92.95	94.94	*100.64*	*-1.99*	*-2.10*	*-7.69*	*-7.64*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain June to November 2011

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
November	5648.36	256.67	45.44	84.12	*38.68*
October	4859.59	216.47	44.54	84.39	*39.85*
September	1166.89	48.88	41.89	84.66	*42.77*
August	5070.69	267.66	52.69	84.98	*32.29*
July	2560.80	139.67	55.12	84.93	*29.81*
June	1068.46	51.54	48.24	85.36	*37.12*
Wheat Grain					
November	93818.47	3508.39	37.40	84.12	*46.72*
October	43373.17	1732.91	39.95	84.39	*44.44*
September	74130.08	2866.05	38.66	84.66	*46.00*
August	59907.69	2427.21	40.52	84.98	*44.46*
July	56125.85	2114.94	37.68	84.93	*47.25*
June	112639.46	4147.34	36.82	85.36	*48.54*

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

Sugar

The imported quantity of sugar has increased by 12% compared to the previous month and total quantity of imports was 54064t in November. Sugar prices in World Market was in a declining trend since September and price has declined further by Rs.1.76/kg.

Therefore the average CIF price of sugar was Rs.80.73/kg. In line with the world prices, retail price was also in a declining trend since September. Hence, the retail price of sugar has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg against the last month. Compared to the same period of the last year, the retail price of sugar has declined by 8% in local market. The value of the imported quantity of sugar was Rs.mn 4364 in November.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- June to November 2011

Month	Quantity (t.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
November	54064.53	4364.53	80.73	92.95	*12.22*
October	48153.73	3972.08	82.49	94.94	*12.45*
September	44773.15	3854.16	86.08	97.14	*11.06*
August	42514.75	3587.86	84.39	97.47	*13.08*
July	32966.15	2700.95	81.93	95.17	*13.24*
June	53281.37	4077.44	76.53	94.37	*17.84*

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - November 2011

Items	Quantity (t)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011		Nov 2011	Oct 2011		Nov 2011	Oct 2011	
Rice	3690.94	2730.09	35.19	221.93	191.59	15.84	60.13	70.18	-14.32
Red Onion	652.04	265.61	145.49	36.39	14.77	146.40	55.82	55.62	0.35
Big Onion	9322.30	3266.60	185.38	480.13	177.98	169.77	51.50	54.48	-5.46
Potato	9157.10	3344.55	173.79	277.29	103.88	166.93	30.28	31.06	-2.51
Dried Chillies	2600.50	4689.88	-44.55	533.78	1034.84	-48.42	205.26	220.65	-6.98
Masoor Dhal	14065.20	14129.03	-0.45	1089.45	734.57	48.31	77.46	51.99	48.99
Green Gram	155.74	370.05	-57.91	19.30	46.88	-58.82	123.95	126.68	-2.15
Cowpea	24.00	96.30	-75.08	2.84	6.51	-56.37	118.35	67.60	75.08
Black gram	316.94	422.76	-25.03	40.21	52.78	-23.81	126.88	124.84	1.64
Garlic	733.00	670.00	9.40	48.28	28.26	70.84	65.87	42.18	56.15
Wheat flour	5648.36	4859.59	16.23	256.67	216.47	18.57	45.44	44.54	2.03
Wheat grain	93818.47	43373.17	116.31	3508.39	1732.91	102.46	37.40	39.95	-6.39
White crystalline cane sugar	54064.53	48153.73	12.27	4364.53	3972.08	9.88	80.73	82.49	-2.14
Maize (Seed)	17.30	48.05	-64.00	7.42	16.77	-55.77	428.75	348.93	22.88
Maize (Other)	622.00	43.40	1333.18	23.97	2.31	937.77	38.54	53.34	-27.74

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

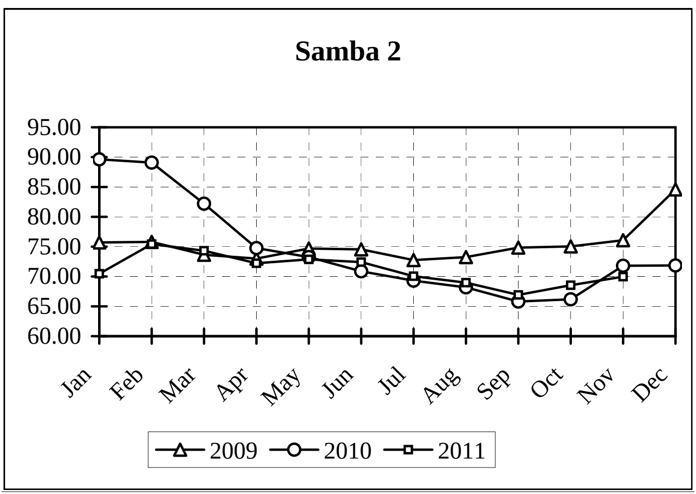
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – November 2011

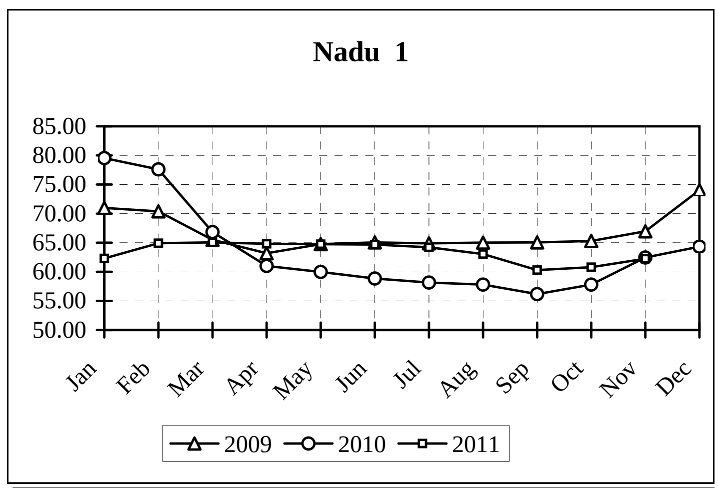
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	382.5	229.7	15	16
Badulla	225.8	253.0	16	18
Bandarawela	264.1	224.3	15	18
Batticaloa	390.0	349.6	16	16
Colombo	188.3	314.4	16	15
Galle	550.2	321.0	20	16
Hambantota	180.3	187.5	14	13
Jaffna	518.1	336.1	18	14
Katugastota	102.3	295.6	16	16
Katunayaka	159.9	313.7	14	14
Kurunegala	124.0	318.6	11	15
Maha Iluppallama	339.8	250.4	15	16
Mannar	397.9	235.0	18	14
Nuwara Eliya	176.4	221.7	16	17
Pottuvil	458.9	232.0	15	na
Puttalam	167.3	250.3	18	14
Ratmalana	318.7	314.7	17	16
Ratnapura	268.6	371.4	18	18
Trincomalee	359.4	342.9	21	16
Vavuniya	406.4	278.2	19	16
Polonnaruwa	519.5	na	13	na
Moneragala	493.8	na	21	na

Source: Department of Meteorologyna

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

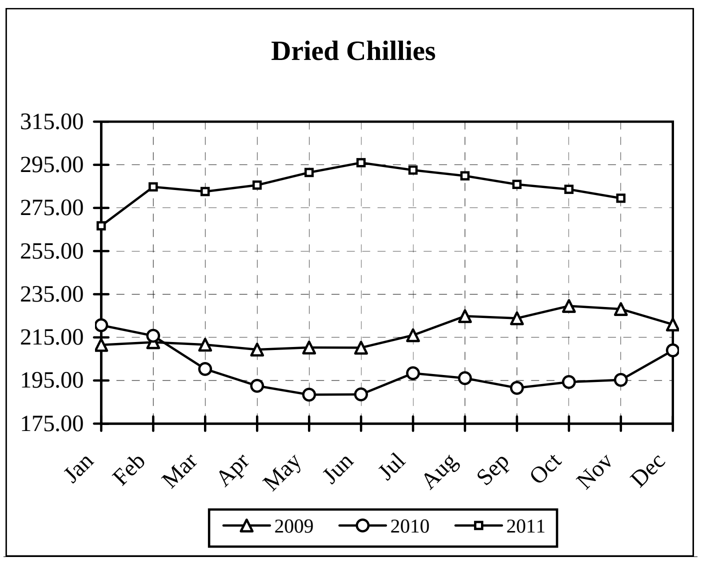
Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Jan	75.71	89.63	70.46	70.98	79.54	62.30	65.66	73.46	58.00	65.96	73.97	57.88
Feb	75.80	89.09	75.43	70.38	77.60	64.91	65.75	72.67	60.50	65.32	70.59	60.22
Mar	73.64	82.20	74.32	65.50	66.83	65.06	61.58	64.05	59.86	60.72	57.74	59.76
Apr	73.00	74.76	72.22	63.19	61.01	64.81	58.48	58.58	59.20	58.03	54.76	59.27
May	74.69	73.26	72.87	64.76	59.98	64.75	59.97	58.31	59.36	59.62	54.87	59.32
Jun	74.54	70.87	72.41	65.05	58.85	64.68	62.11	56.83	59.13	62.36	53.52	58.94
Jul	72.75	69.31	70.05	64.89	58.16	64.21	61.54	55.01	57.59	61.00	51.86	57.63
Aug	73.25	68.18	68.97	65.02	57.80	63.05	60.81	51.77	55.88	60.04	49.77	55.93
Sep	74.84	65.81	66.92	65.05	56.17	60.30	61.11	50.07	53.10	60.81	48.93	52.90
Oct	75.04	66.18	68.54	65.30	57.80	60.79	62.46	52.90	54.92	61.70	52.66	54.46
Nov	76.08	71.80	69.97	66.96	62.46	62.25	64.47	56.85	57.72	63.86	57.18	57.04
Dec	84.59	71.85		74.03	64.32		68.05	58.51		68.37	58.89	

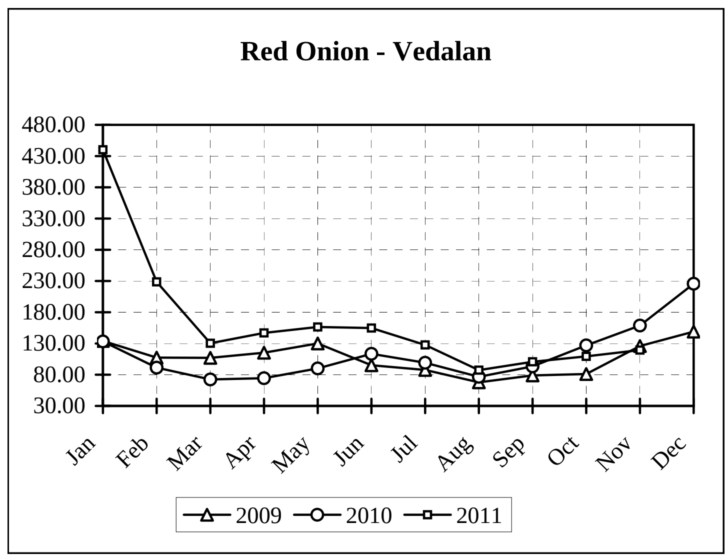




Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Jan	211.49	220.61	266.71	134.04	133.30	440.12	82.70	90.74	121.27	94.90	111.71	120.97
Feb	212.75	215.73	284.76	107.41	91.30	228.66	78.11	75.83	85.87	82.17	91.90	107.92
Mar	211.61	200.33	282.59	107.03	72.40	130.33	75.48	61.34	68.76	82.41	85.43	111.54
Apr	209.34	192.51	285.59	115.21	74.39	146.88	67.11	62.72	59.82	96.43	82.41	127.92
May	210.29	188.41	291.43	130.03	90.07	156.43	63.53	55.28	59.26	104.15	103.19	116.97
Jun	210.21	188.56	295.98	95.16	113.49	154.69	70.62	72.21	57.83	116.54	116.55	120.87
Jul	216.00	198.37	292.54	87.62	99.13	127.70	68.81	57.51	61.71	125.49	119.26	129.89
Aug	224.85	196.08	289.88	67.83	76.66	87.34	70.80	80.83	86.82	109.49	110.26	129.83
Sep	223.85	191.56	285.92	78.91	93.31	100.72	64.52	76.91	81.40	82.22	102.04	126.24
Oct	229.54	194.30	283.62	81.08	126.99	109.37	79.04	98.94	80.76	88.90	106.49	113.81
Nov	228.11	195.28	279.51	125.91	158.70	119.48	107.74	123.82	89.61	129.79	121.16	128.84
Dec	220.97	208.97		148.95	225.68		101.72	162.52		137.34	128.62	





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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
Brinjals					**Pumpkin**					**Lime**				
A'pura	22.33	48.33	52.50	32.50	Dambulla	40.60	47.40	47.75	56.40	Hambantota	158.00	128.00	108.00	108.00
Dambulla	40.00	50.60	42.00	31.00	Hambantota	40.80	52.00	62.00	52.00	Embilipitiya	174.00	148.00	131.00	107.00
Hambantota	39.00	56.00	53.00	37.00	Embilipitiya	41.40	41.40	51.40	51.40	Moneragala	167.00	176.00	100.00	97.00
Embilipitiya	42.40	42.40	39.40	17.60	Matara					**Fruits (Rs/Kg)**				
Matara		24.67	25.00	20.00	A'pura	37.67	37.67	42.33	42.33	**Banana**				
Welimada	31.40	42.40	42.40		Moneragala	35.80	34.60	48.00	49.60	**Ambul**				
					Cucumber					Moneragala	25.87	26.91	23.92	25.09
Capsicum					A'pura	15.00	27.67	31.00	29.33	Embilipitiya	27.60	27.60	27.60	19.00
Welimada	140.60	159.40	159.40		Dambulla	25.40	38.20	30.50	24.20	Hambantota	-	-	-	-
Bitter Gourd					Hambantota	20.80	37.00	36.00	27.00	**Kolikuttu**				
A'pura	54.33				Matara					Moneragala				
Dambulla	69.60	79.00	94.00	94.60	**Long beans**					Embilipitiya				
Hambantota	82.00	89.00	79.00	85.00	Dambulla	66.00	80.80	70.00	49.80	Hambantota	75.00	74.00	68.00	56.00
Embilipitiya	77.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	Hambantota	62.00	96.00	85.00	76.00	**Papaw**				
Matara		61.67	71.67	70.67	Embilipitiya	71.40	74.00	46.60	47.60	Moneragala				
Snake Gourd					Matara		48.33	33.33	32.33	Embilipitiya	17.60	18.60	20.00	24.00
Dambulla	31.40	44.60	51.75	45.60	A'Pura	45.00				Hambantota	13.00	14.40	22.50	23.00
Hambantota	37.00	53.00	52.00	48.00	**Ash Plantain**					**Pineapple**				
Embilipitiya	41.40	47.00	47.00	154.00	Hambantota	28.00	32.00	40.00	40.00	Divulapitiya	50.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
Matara		30.67	32.33	32.33	Embilipitiya	35.80	36.80	33.20	32.20					
A'pura	17.00	27.33	37.50	42.50	Matara		38.33	38.33	143.33					
Luffa					**Green Chillies**									
Dambulla	58.20	60.00	42.75	50.20	Dambulla	165.00	262.00	290.00	156.00					
Hambantota	43.00	55.00	56.00	46.00	Hambantota	199.00	328.00	358.00	322.00					
Embilipitiya	54.00	57.00	48.60	48.60	Embilipitiya	190.00	314.00	364.00	200.00					
Matara		48.33	65.00	65.00	Puttalam	171.00	271.00	278.00	96.00					
A'pura	36.00	49.67	52.50	47.50	A'Pura	95.00	195.00	265.00	235.00					

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

November 2011

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
Paddy					**Potato**					**Leeks**				
Short grain					N'Eliya	74.40	93.60	96.40	95.80	Hanguranketha				
A'pura	32.25	33.75	36.00	35.63	Badulla	70.60	80.40	87.00	82.80	N'Eliya	8.40	14.80	20.80	20.40
P'naruwa	32.32	34.00	34.30	34.95	Welimada	78.00	89.60	89.60						
Kalawewa	32.13	34.50	36.25	36.38	**Pulses**					**Beetroot**				
Kurunegala	31.00	34.48	35.43	35.07	**Green Gram**					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	32.30	33.70	34.00	35.40	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	23.40	50.40	58.00	51.80
Ampara					Kalawewa					Dambulla	23.20	45.60	54.75	52.50
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	127.60	127.60	127.60	127.60	Kurunegala				
A'pura	28.25	29.00	30.38	30.25	Kurunegala					Welimada				
P'naruwa	28.25	29.03	29.80	30.42	A'pura					**Knokhol**				
Kalawewa	28.25	29.00	30.25	30.25	**Cowpea**					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	28.11	29.83	31.12	30.63	A'pura					N'Eliya				
Dehiattakandiya	28.20	28.80	30.10	30.40	Galgamuwa					Welimada				
Embilipitiya	29.20	30.50	30.50	31.40	Nikaweratiya					**Radish**				
Ampara	27.26	28.40	28.40	29.40	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Matara	28.50	30.00	30.00	30.00	Embilipitiya	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	N'Eliya	9.40	42.00	32.40	38.80
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	10.80	25.40	30.40	31.00
Long grain (Red)					**Maize**					**Cabbage**				
Matara	28.50	28.67	30.33	30.33	A'Pura	41.00	41.00	41.00	40.33	Hanguranketha				
Hambantota	31.00	30.00	30.40	30.40	Kalawewa	42.50	42.50	42.50	42.33	N'Eliya	12.00	20.00	25.40	27.40
Ampara					**Gingelly**					Welimada	10.00	23.80	23.80	
Embilipitiya	29.50	30.70	30.70	31.80	A'Pura					Hambantota				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa					Badulla				
Dried Chillies					**Black Gram**					**Tomato**				
A'Pura					Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Galgamuwa					**Vegetables (Up Country)**					Welimada	80.00	89.40	89.40	
Kalawewa					**Beans**					Hambantota	68.00	86.00		106.00
Red Onion					Dambulla	124.00	120.00	69.25	73.00	Dambulla	66.60	83.60	74.00	95.60
Puttalam	65.00	67.00	66.40	67.00	Hanguranketha					**Low Country**				
					Welimada	129.40	119.00	119.00		**Ladies Fingers**				
Big Onion					Badulla					A'pura	23.33	27.67	27.67	22.67
Dambulla	60.00	58.00	55.32	53.80	**Carrot**					Dambulla	27.80	33.60	18.20	30.80
Kalawewa	60.00	63.00	56.33	56.33	Hanguranketha					Hambantota	51.00	68.00	52.00	37.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	52.20	102.00	80.80	88.80	Embilipitiya	48.00	48.00	39.40	39.40
Kurunegala					Welimada		80.20	80.20		Matara		35.00	35.00	35.00