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Highlights

Paddy/Rice

In December 2024, the paddy and rice market experienced a continued upward price trend, with producer prices increasing across major paddy varieties compared to both the previous month and the same period in 2023. Short Grain average paddy prices ranged between Rs.135.16–141.20/kg, while Long Grain White and Long Grain Red recorded higher average price levels, reaching Rs.142.28/kg and Rs.148.63/kg, respectively. Long Grain Red showed the highest year-on-year growth, with Hambantota recording a significant 51.09% increase compared to December 2023. The increase in paddy prices contributed to higher wholesale and retail prices of locally produced rice varieties.

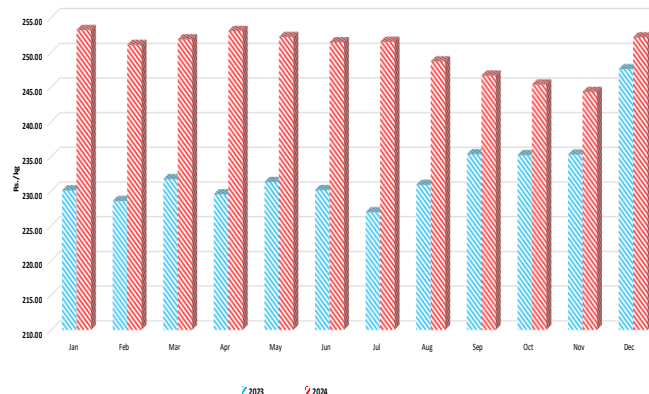
Wholesale prices of Samba, Nadu, and Raw Red increased during the month, while imported rice varieties provided some price relief due to increased availability. At the retail level, Raw Red and Raw White recorded notable monthly price increases of 9.40% and 8.19%, respectively, while premium rice varieties remained expensive, with Imported Ponne Samba reaching an average price of Rs.283.08/kg. Overall, the rice market remained under upward price pressure in December 2024, driven by rising domestic paddy prices and increased costs of local rice varieties, although imported rice helped partially moderate price increases in selected market segments.

Vegetables

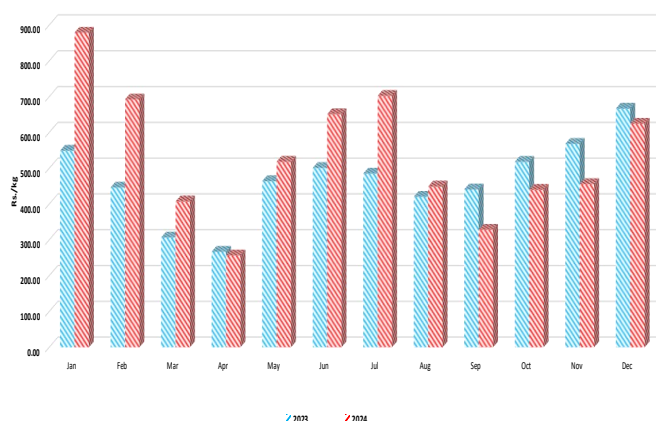
Retail vegetable prices showed mixed movements in December 2024, with several vegetables recording notable month-on-month price increases due to supply variations and seasonal factors. The highest monthly price increases were observed for Drumstick (114.88%), Green Chillies (92.15%), Bitter Gourd (42.10%), Beetroot (69.18%), and Beans (36.95%). Meanwhile, prices of several vegetables declined compared to December 2023, with significant year-on-year reductions recorded for Carrot (42.49%), Beans (42.25%), Cabbage (40.62%), Lime (38.19%), and Ash Plantain (37.60%).

High-priced vegetables during the month included Green Chillies (Rs.1,003.92/kg), Capsicum (Rs.843.17/kg), Drumstick (Rs.911.80/kg), and Bitter Gourd (Rs.760.06/kg). Overall, the retail vegetable market experienced considerable price volatility in December 2024, with supply-driven fluctuations affecting both seasonal vegetables and high-demand items.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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Outstation Markets

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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 16. Keppetipola | 31. Rathnapura |
| 2. Dambulla | 17. Thambuththegama | 32. Embilipitiya |
| 3. Matara | 18. Anuradhapura | 33. Maradagahamula |
| 4. Kurunegala | 19. Badulla | 34. Galenbindunuwewa |
| 5. Bandarawela | 20. Galle | 35. Rikillagaskada |
| 6. Kandy | 21. Mannar | 36. Matale |
| 7. Meegoda | 22. Trincomalee | |
| 8. Kalutara | 23. Batticaloa | |
| 9. Weeravila | 24. Jaffna | |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 25. Mullativu | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 26. Kilinochchi | |
| 12. Puttalam | 27. Vavuniya | |
| 13. Hambanthota | 28. Kegalle | |
| 14. Veyangoda | 29. Ampara | |
| 15. Dehiattakandiya | 30. Monaragala | |

1.Paddy/Rice

Producer Price Situation

In December 2024, producer prices for paddy across various varieties showed a consistent upward trend compared to the previous month (November 2024) and the same period in the previous year (December 2023).

- **Short Grain:** Average producer prices ranged between Rs/kg 135.16 and Rs/kg 141.20. Most areas reported a moderate monthly increase, with Nikaweratiya showing the highest average price (Rs/kg 141.20) and a significant year-on-year increase of 23.69%.
- **Long Grain White:** Prices remained buoyant, with averages reaching up to Rs/kg 142.28 in Polonnaruwa. The year-on-year price escalation is notable, with several regions (Polonnaruwa, Nikaweratiya, and Ampara) experiencing increases exceeding 23% compared to December 2023.
- **Long Grain Red:** This variety exhibited the most significant price volatility and year-on-year growth. Hambantota recorded an average price of Rs/kg 148.63, reflecting a dramatic 51.09% increase compared to December 2023.
- **Keeri Samba:** Price behavior for Keeri Samba was mixed compared to other varieties. While monthly prices increased, year-on-year changes were relatively stable or even negative in some areas, such as Dehiattakandiya (-4.67%), suggesting a market correction for this specific premium variety.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - December 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to		
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	132.00 - 140.00	135.16	129.85	122.15	5.31	4.09	13.01	10.65	
Polonnaruwa	131.00 - 145.00	139.36	129.50	129.11	9.86	7.61	10.25	7.94	
Kalawewa	130.00 - 140.00	135.22	130.65	123.35	4.57	3.50	11.87	9.62	
Kurunegala	130.00 - 139.00	136.03	129.88	126.36	6.16	4.74	9.67	7.65	
Dehiattakandiya	-		125.00	127.13					
Nikaweratiya	134.00 - 148.00	141.20	132.15	114.16	9.05	6.85	27.04	23.69	
Ampara	130.00 - 140.00	135.97	132.08	121.42	3.88	2.94	14.55	11.98	
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	135.00 - 142.00	137.56	133.75	112.55	3.81	2.85	25.01	22.22	
Polonnaruwa	135.00 - 145.00	142.28	131.58	115.17	10.70	8.13	27.11	23.54	
Kalawewa	135.00 - 142.00	138.32	135.05	112.30	3.27	2.42	26.02	23.17	
Kurunegala	134.00 - 142.00	138.50	134.75	115.50	3.75	2.78	23.00	19.91	
Dehiattakandiya	126.00 - 137.00	130.73	128.54	107.33	2.19	1.71	23.40	21.80	
Embilipitiya	-								

Nikaweratiya	135.00	-	146.00	141.00	136.60	114.16	4.40	3.22	26.84	23.51
Matara		-					-	-	-	-
Hambantota		-					-	-	-	-
Ampara	135.00	-	150.00	142.00	135.33	110.94	6.67	4.93	31.06	28.00
Long Grain Red										
A' pura		-								
Matara	135.00	-	165.00	146.65	134.00	104.50	12.65	9.44	42.15	40.33
Hambantota	140.00	-	170.00	148.63	136.67	98.38	11.97	8.76	50.26	51.09
Embilipitiya	139.00	-	156.00	146.90	139.83	100.41	7.07	5.05	46.49	46.30
<u>Keeri Samba</u>										
A'pura	135.00	-	140.00	137.24	129.65	135.00	7.59	5.85	2.24	1.66
Polonnaruwa	140.00	-	145.00	143.00	134.63	136.10	8.38	6.22	6.90	5.07
Kalawewa	130.00	-	140.00	135.36	129.75	136.88	5.61	4.32	-1.52	-1.11
Kurunegala	132.00	-	142.00	137.82	132.68	136.75	5.13	3.87	1.07	0.78
Dehiattakandiya	130.00	-	138.00	133.93	128.88	140.50	5.06	3.92	-6.57	-4.67

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice - December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	230.00 - 255.00	238.33	227.48	232.30	10.84	4.77	6.03	2.59
Samba 2	220.00 - 247.00	231.42	219.25	225.96	12.17	5.55	5.46	2.42
Keeri Samba	240.00 - 275.00	256.40	250.00	314.93	6.40	2.56	-58.53	-18.59
Nadu 1	225.00 - 255.00	233.13	229.57	212.12	3.56	1.55	21.01	9.91
Nadu 2	220.00 - 247.00	225.79	221.40	205.68	4.39	1.98	20.11	9.78
Raw red	215.00 - 250.00	229.33	218.94	183.03	10.39	4.75	46.30	25.30
Raw white	215.00 - 250.00	223.78	221.09	202.79	2.70	1.22	20.99	10.35
Imported Samba	225.00 - 280.00	240.13	277.13		-37.00	-13.35		
Imported Raw White	210.00 - 220.00	216.11						
Imported Nadu	215.00 - 220.00	217.83						

Retail Prices								
Samba 1	240.00 - 270.00	252.15	244.29	247.58	7.86	3.22	4.57	1.85
Samba 2	-			239.69				
Keeri Samba	260.00 - 280.00	266.44	263.92		2.52	0.96	266.44	
Nadu 1	240.00 - 260.00	249.28	238.88	225.59	10.40	4.35	23.69	10.50
Nadu 2	230.00 - 240.00	231.80	224.72	220.00	7.08	3.15	11.80	5.36
Raw red	220.00 - 270.00	246.77	225.57	205.36	21.20	9.40	41.41	20.17
Raw white	220.00 - 260.00	245.22	226.66	215.19	18.56	8.19	30.03	13.96
Imported Ponne Samba	230.00 - 320.00	283.08	300.69		-17.61	-5.86		
Imported Raw White	220.00 - 240.00	226.33						
Imported Nadu	220.00 - 240.00	232.03						

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice - Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale and Retail Price Behavior (Rice)

The upward pressure on producer prices for paddy translated into higher wholesale and retail costs for consumers, though the magnitude of these changes varied by rice type.

Wholesale Market

- **Local Varieties:** Wholesale prices for most local rice varieties, including Samba 1, Samba 2, Nadu, and Raw Red, rose in December 2024 compared to November 2024. Specifically, Raw Red saw a substantial year-on-year wholesale price increase of 25.30%.
- **Keeri Samba:** In a reversal of the general trend, wholesale prices for Keeri Samba dropped by 18.59% compared to December 2023, reflecting a cooling of the wholesale market for this premium grain.
- **Imported Rice:** Imported varieties introduced a deflationary element to the wholesale market. Imported Samba wholesale prices decreased by 13.35% compared to November 2024, likely influenced by fresh stock arrivals.

Retail Market

- **General Inflation:** Retail prices closely mirrored the upward wholesale trends. Raw Red and Raw White saw the most aggressive monthly price hikes in the retail sector, increasing by 9.40% and 8.19% respectively.
- **Premium Rice:** Consumers continued to face high prices for premium varieties, with Imported Ponne Samba reaching an average retail price of Rs/kg 283.08, despite a slight decrease compared to the previous month.
- **Nadu and Samba:** Both Nadu and Samba varieties maintained a steady upward trend in retail, with Nadu 1 retail prices increasing by 10.50% year-on-year, significantly impacting household food budgets.

The data for December 2024 indicates a period of sustained price increases for local paddy and rice varieties, largely driven by year-on-year market trends. While wholesale imported rice provides some price relief for specific segments, the overall retail market remains characterized by rising costs for staple red and white rice varieties. Continued monitoring of these trends is essential, particularly as domestic production fluctuates in response to broader agricultural conditions.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for green chilli cultivation in maha 2024 /25 was 9,320 ha. The extent of lands cultivated with green chilli was 4,827 ha by the end of December and it was 52% of the target. The highest cultivated extent (512ha) was recorded from the Anuradhapura district at the end of this month. The total estimated production of green chilli during this Maha season is 43,479 mt and out of that around 45% of the production will be supplied from Anuradhapura (21%), Puttalam (12%), Vavuniya (7%) and Monaragala (5%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation progress of green Chili for Maha 2024/25

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of December 2024		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Anuradhapura	1,229	512	42	8,992
Puttalam	600	308	51	5,003
Monaragala	653	501	77	2,309
Vavuniya	400	176	44	3,161
Jaffna	545	164	30	2,561
Kurunegala	462	189	41	1,060
Badulla	447	343	77	1,885
Nuwara Eliya	220	128	58	2,272
Interprovincial DDA areas	637	350	55	4,763
Mahaweli areas	516	456	88	3,529
Other areas	3,611	1,700	47	7,944
Total	9,320	4,827	52	43,479

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2024/25, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has decreased significantly during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.443.00/kg and Rs.481.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs. 739.00/kg and Rs. 1003.92/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of the last year, both the wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 24% and 27% respectively.

A quantity of 4,436 mt of dried chillie was imported in December, 2024 and this quantity was higher than 675 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs. 503.37/kg and it has decreased by Rs.32.19/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of

imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.13.00/kg and Rs.9.00/kg respectively. Prices ranged Rs.650.00-750.00/kg at the wholesale level and Rs.750.00 – Rs. 1100.00/kg at the retail level. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about 33% and 28% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – December, 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	250.00-1300.00	739.00	296.25	977.50	442.75	149.45	-238.50	-24.40
Dried chillies	650.00-750.00	690.76	677.50	1032.96	13.26	1.96	-342.20	-33.13
Retail Price								
Green chillies	500.00-1500.00	1003.92	522.47	1368.20	481.45	92.15	-364.28	-26.62
Dried chillies	750.00-1100.00	934.16	925.39	1298.39	8.77	0.95	-364.22	-28.05

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – December 2024

Location	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Dambulla	216.00	534.00	830.00	552.00	645.00
Embilipitiya	547.50	707.50	1023.33	683.33	723.33
Puttalam	-	-	851.67	707.50	838.33
A'pura	316.00	620.00	870.00	820.00	820.00

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (July – December 2024)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Dec-24	4436.00	2233	503.37	934.16	430.79
Nov-24	3761.00	2014	535.56	925.39	389.83
Oct-24	4055.00	2266	558.72	943.91	385.19
Sep-24	2854.00	1520.00	532.65	917.26	384.61
Aug-24	3637.00	1974.00	542.83	1005.85	463.02
Jul-24	4068.00	2431.00	597.70	1002.13	404.43

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of land for red onion for maha 2024/25 season was 3,130ha, of which 685 ha has been cultivated by the end of December 2024. It represented 22% of the targeted extent of red onion in Sri Lanka. The targeted extent of land cultivation with red onion was about, 1920 ha in Jaffna and 333 ha of the target (17%) was grown at the end of December 2024. The cultivation progress of red onion in Puttalam district was 42% of the targeted extent at the end of December 2024. The total estimated production of red onion during this maha season is 9,080 mt and out of that around 92% of the production will be supplied from Jaffna (43%), and Puttalam (49%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for Maha 2024/25

Area	Targeted Extent (Ha)	Cultivation progress by the end of December 2024		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	1,920	333	17	3,917
Puttalam	550	230	42	4,405
Batticaloa	35	50	143	203
Other area	625	72	12	555
Total	3,130	685	22	9,080

Source: Crop Forecast, Maha 2024/25, Volume 02, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of only imported onions during this month. A quantity of 25,093 mt of big onion was imported in December, 2024 and this quantity was higher than the 7,361 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.157.73/kg and it has decreased by Rs.21.89/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have decreased by about Rs.60.00/kg and Rs.47.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs. 198.17/kg and Rs.305.81/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 42% and 27% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

Supply of local red onion has decreased significantly from the main producing areas during this month. Hence, local red onion stocks were not reported in most of the markets. A quantity of 1454 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 84 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.209.82/kg and it has increased by Rs.7.07/kg compared to the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion has increased by about Rs.39.00/kg and Rs.28.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about 5% and 14% respectively.

2.2.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg) December 2024

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-350.00	272.00	248.75		23.25	9.35		
Red Onion (Vedalan)			338.33					
Red Onion (Imported)	320.00-470.00	392.52	353.44	413.62	39.09	11.06	-21.09	-5.10
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-340.00	198.17	258.29	339.96	-60.11	-23.27	-141.78	-41.71
Big Onion (Local)			320.00					
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)			380.97					
Red Onion (Vedalan)			464.62					
Red Onion (Imported)	400.00-600.00	500.65	472.82	582.53	27.82	5.88	-81.88	-14.06
Big Onion (imported)	150.00-450.00	305.81	353.30	421.39	-47.49	-13.44	-115.58	-27.43
Big Onion (Local)			398.18					

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2.3: Monthly Average CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Imported Big Onions

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Dec-24	157.73	198.17	305.81	40.44	107.64
	Nov-24	179.62	258.29	353.30	78.67	95.01
	Oct-24	152.87	230.17	284.61	77.30	54.44
Red onion	Dec-24	209.82	392.52	500.65	182.70	108.13
	Nov-24	202.75	338.33	464.62	135.58	126.29
	Oct-24	193.65	337.65	465.89	144.00	128.24

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions- December 2024

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	Dec,2024	Nov,2024	Dec,2024	Nov,2024	Dec,2024	Nov,2024
Red Onion	1454.00	1538.00	305.00	312.00	209.82	202.75
Big Onion	25093.00	17732.00	3958.00	3185.00	157.73	179.62

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices of Imported Big onions (July 2024– December 2024)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
Dec-24	25,093.00	157.73	198.17	305.81	148.08
Nov-24	17,732.00	179.62	258.29	353.30	173.68
Oct-24	13,180.00	152.87	230.17	284.61	131.74
Sep-24	12,164.00	146.21	220.76	289.43	143.22
Aug-24	20,499.00	144.36	204.57	264.29	119.93
Jul-24	20,973.00	143.93	187.65	268.42	124.49

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Table: 2.3.1: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	230.00-290.00	259.80	211.00	280.33	48.80	23.13	-20.53	-7.32
Nuwara Eliya	240.00-310.00	280.80	264.50	270.50	16.30	6.16	10.30	3.81
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	230.00-320.00	289.17	255.25	320.00	33.92	13.29	-30.83	-9.64
Nuwara Eliya	250.00-370.00	329.74	281.67	332.03	48.08	17.07	-2.29	-0.69
Imported	180.00-270.00	218.16	167.83	193.54	50.33	29.99	24.63	12.72

Retail Prices(RP)								
Welimada	320.00-400.00	370.73	339.65		31.08	9.15	370.73	
Nuwara Eliya	380.00-480.00	432.25	404.96	407.86	27.29	6.74	24.39	5.98
Imported	220.00-360.00	280.26	229.65	226.75	50.61	22.04	53.51	23.60
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		110.93	128.65	-280.33	-17.72	-13.78	391.26	-139.57
Nuwara Eliya		151.45	140.46	137.36	10.99	7.82	14.09	10.26
Imported(RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada		81.56	84.40	-320.00	-2.84	-3.36	401.56	-125.49
Nuwara Eliya		102.51	123.30	75.83	-20.79	-16.86	26.68	35.18
Imported		62.10	61.82	33.21	0.28	0.45	28.89	86.98

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Production and Supply Situation

Local potato production from Nuwara Eliya and Welimada improved during December, while imported potato supplies also increased substantially.

Price Behavior

Producer prices increased by 23.1% in Welimada and 6.2% in Nuwara Eliya compared with November 2024. Compared with December 2023, Welimada prices decreased by 7.3%, while Nuwara Eliya prices increased by 3.8%.

Wholesale prices of imported potatoes increased by 30.0% compared with November 2024 and by 12.7% compared with December 2023. Retail prices increased by 22.0% and 23.6% respectively

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Potato, Jul 2024 - Dec 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Dec-24	17649	1870	105.98	280.26	174.28
Nov-24	10776	1006	93.32	229.65	136.33
Oct-24	13,360	1202.00	89.99	225.24	135.25
Sep-24	9,510	905.00	95.16	220.81	125.65
Aug-24	22,427	2176.00	97.04	248.55	151.51
Jul-24	16,033	1606.00	100.14	284.09	183.95

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail price of Green gram and Cowpea- December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	450.00-650.00	550.86	566.35	849.06	-15.50	-2.74	-298.21	-35.12
Cowpea (White)	500.00-650.00	574.67	588.15	1036.77	-13.49	-2.29	-462.10	-44.57
Cowpea (Red)	485.00-650.00	568.17	573.87	1076.96	-5.70	-0.99	-508.80	-47.24
Retail Prices								
Green gram	680.00-1000.00	851.73	860.39	1139.77	-8.66	-1.01	-288.04	-25.27
Cowpea (White)	700.00-1000.00	867.07	881.89	1220.53	-14.82	-1.68	-353.46	-28.96
Cowpea (Red)	700.00-1000.00	867.26	879.51	1226.30	-12.26	-1.39	-359.04	-29.28

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Price Behavior

Prices of green gram and cowpea continued their downward trend due to adequate market availability.

Wholesale green gram prices decreased by 2.7% compared with November 2024 and by 35.1% compared with December 2023. Retail prices declined by 1.0% and 25.3% respectively.

White cowpea wholesale prices declined by 2.3% month-on-month and 44.6% year-on-year, while red cowpea prices declined by 1.0% and 47.2% respectively. Similar reductions were observed in retail markets.

2.5 Red dhal

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal (small) -December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	270.00-280.00	272.98	275.21	299.04	-2.23	-0.81	-26.07	-8.72
Retail Prices	280.00-360.00	309.23	307.60	339.87	1.62	0.53	-30.65	-9.02

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Price Behavior

Wholesale prices decreased slightly by 0.8% compared with November 2024 and by 8.7% compared with December 2023. Retail prices increased marginally by 0.5% month-on-month but remained 9.0% lower than the same period last year.

3. Vegetables

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%	
Beans (green)	300.00 - 850.00	509.87	356.50	476.64	153.37	43.02	33.24	6.97	
Carrot	80.00 - 300.00	163.20	85.75	337.50	77.45	90.32	-174.30	-51.64	
Leeks	100.00 - 320.00	230.20	136.50	230.25	93.70	68.64	-0.05	-0.02	
Beetroot	200.00 - 500.00	311.41	138.95	390.45	172.46	124.12	-79.05	-20.25	
Knolkhol	180.00 - 340.00	254.33	136.75	256.00	117.58	85.98	-1.67	-0.65	
Radish	100.00 - 180.00	135.20	82.21	172.00	52.99	64.45	-36.80	-21.40	
Cabbage	60.00 - 250.00	156.00	75.29	336.33	80.71	107.19	-180.33	-53.62	
Tomato	180.00 - 550.00	303.80	221.25	494.75	82.55	37.31	-190.95	-38.60	
Ladies Fingers	80.00 - 280.00	151.00	106.25	153.59	44.75	42.12	-2.59	-1.69	
Brinjal	240.00 - 500.00	326.00	222.25	407.50	103.75	46.68	-81.50	-20.00	
Capsicum	450.00 - 900.00	625.60	481.25	480.25	144.35	29.99	145.35	30.27	
Pumpkin	80.00 - 200.00	142.20	105.31	135.25	36.89	35.04	6.95	5.14	
Cucumber	80.00 - 180.00	131.80	119.50	116.75	12.30	10.29	15.05	12.89	
Bitter Gourd	450.00 - 700.00	583.00	409.16	408.50	173.84	42.49	174.50	42.72	
Snake Gourd	180.00 - 350.00	253.80	216.88	195.50	36.93	17.03	58.30	29.82	
Drumstick	-		200.75						
Luffa	240.00 - 400.00	310.20	248.55	288.75	61.65	24.81	21.45	7.43	
Long Beans	200.00 - 400.00	295.80	190.70	206.00	105.10	55.11	89.80	43.59	
Ash Plantain	80.00 - 200.00	143.80	101.25	263.25	42.55	42.02	-119.45	-45.38	
Green Chillies	250.00 - 1300.00	739.00	296.25	977.50	442.75	149.45	-238.50	-24.40	
Lime	200.00 - 700.00	342.20	643.75	528.75	-301.55	-46.84	-186.55	-35.28	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	400.00 - 900.00	624.40	455.95	666.65	168.45	36.95	-42.25	-6.34
Carrot	130.00 - 450.00	291.18	212.00	506.31	79.18	37.35	-215.13	-42.49
Leeks	180.00 - 480.00	356.27	273.90	383.44	82.37	30.07	-27.17	-7.09
Beetroot	280.00 - 650.00	445.73	263.46	608.63	182.27	69.18	-162.90	-26.77
Knolkhol	240.00 - 600.00	418.62	292.82	441.61	125.80	42.96	-22.98	-5.20
Radish	150.00 - 400.00	275.72	204.40	346.93	71.32	34.89	-71.22	-20.53
Cabbage	110.00 - 450.00	302.14	210.60	508.80	91.54	43.47	-206.66	-40.62
Tomato	240.00 - 800.00	454.12	336.38	672.02	117.74	35.00	-217.90	-32.42
Ladies Fingers	160.00 - 400.00	289.78	238.09	349.77	51.69	21.71	-59.99	-17.15
Brinjal	250.00 - 600.00	440.22	346.06	581.27	94.16	27.21	-141.05	-24.27
Capsicum	550.00 - 1100.00	843.17	669.49	797.31	173.68	25.94	45.85	5.75

Pumpkin	150.00	-	340.00	246.25	210.15	248.74	36.09	17.18	-2.49	-1.00
Cucumber	150.00	-	320.00	254.56	220.04	250.56	34.52	15.69	4.00	1.60
Bitter Gourd	500.00	-	1000.00	760.06	534.87	634.28	225.18	42.10	125.78	19.83
Snake Gourd	280.00	-	550.00	412.94	359.95	404.55	52.99	14.72	8.39	2.07
Drumstick	600.00	-	1200.00	911.80	424.34		487.46	114.88	911.80	
Luffa	320.00	-	600.00	443.79	368.72	495.27	75.07	20.36	-51.48	-10.39
Long Beans	300.00	-	600.00	433.68	314.40	415.43	119.28	37.94	18.25	4.39
Ash Plantain	150.00	-	320.00	247.01	235.03	395.88	11.98	5.10	-148.87	-37.60
Green Chillies	500.00	-	1500.00	1003.92	522.47	1368.20	481.45	92.15	-364.28	-26.62
Lime	300.00	-	1000.00	666.67	885.00	1078.62	-218.33	-24.67	-411.95	-38.19

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Supply Situation

Reduced supplies from major producing areas led to sharp price increases for many up-country and low-country vegetables.

Wholesale Prices

Compared with November 2024, beetroot increased by 124.1%, cabbage by 107.2%, carrot by 90.3%, and knolkhol by 86.0%. Green chilli increased by 149.5%. Compared with December 2023, however, prices of carrot (-51.6%), cabbage (-53.6%), tomato (-38.6%), and lime (-35.3%) remained significantly lower.

Retail Prices

Retail prices increased sharply compared with November 2024, particularly for beetroot (69.2%), green chilli (92.2%), cabbage (43.5%), and bitter gourd (42.1%). Compared with December 2023, most vegetables remained cheaper except for capsicum (+5.8%), bitter gourd (+19.8%), and long beans (+4.4%).

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In December, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of all the varieties except for *anamalu* have decreased with the highest price decrease of 22% reported for *ambul*, followed by *kolikuttu* (6%). During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.130.00-280.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.50.00-200.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.80.00-150.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.30.00-60.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.22.00-40.00/fruit (*anamlu*).

Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased slightly due to lean harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.489.00/fruit (large), Rs.372.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.297.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. Due to low stock position, the wholesale prices of *karthakolomban* (15%) and *vilad* (16%) mangoes have increased (Table 4.1).

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the highest price increase of 96% was reported for wood apple, followed by papaw (81%) due to off season. Further, the prices of avocado (16%) and orange (13%) have increased due to low stock position.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 275% reported for *karthakolomban* mango (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – December 2024

Item	Price Range			Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024			Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg						Rs	%	Rs	%
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	50.00	-	200.00	105.15	86.43	123.29	18.72	21.66	-18.13	-14.71
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	130.00	-	280.00	208.80	197.82	347.92	10.98	5.55	-139.11	-39.98
Seeni (Rs/kg)	80.00	-	150.00	118.98	115.83	127.69	3.15	2.72	-8.71	-6.82
Anamalu (Fruit)	22.00	-	40.00	29.50	30.58	26.51	-1.08	-3.53	2.99	11.29
Ambun (Fruit)	30.00	-	60.00	42.67	41.58	31.41	1.09	2.63	11.26	35.85
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	420.00	-	650.00	489.36	468.96	484.35	20.40	4.35	5.02	1.04
Medium (Fruit)	320.00	-	500.00	371.57	359.79	392.85	11.77	3.27	-21.28	-5.42
Small (Fruit)	260.00	-	400.00	297.33	285.83	301.49	11.50	4.02	-4.16	-1.38
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	20.00	-	50.00	34.32	50.29	24.00	-15.97	-31.75	10.32	42.99
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	75.00	-	200.00	125.70	109.17	33.52	16.54	15.15	92.18	274.97
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00	-	90.00	63.71	54.73	25.77	8.97	16.40	37.94	147.23
Kohu (Fruit)		-								
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00	-	280.00	188.83	104.16	108.09	84.68	81.30	80.74	74.70
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	20.00	-	80.00	38.58	56.14	35.42	-17.55	-31.27	3.17	8.95
Wood Apple (Fruit)	20.00	-	60.00	36.97	18.89	27.39	18.08	95.72	9.58	34.97
Orange (Fruit)	90.00	-	170.00	131.42	116.08	155.67	15.34	13.22	-24.24	-15.57
Avocado (Fruit)	300.00	-	600.00	419.17	361.57	223.62	57.60	15.93	195.55	87.45
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00	-	80.00	49.37	78.42	75.58	-29.04	-37.04	-26.21	-34.68
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1080.00	-	1580.00	1363.19	1255.12	1344.58	108.07	8.61	18.61	1.38

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Considering the retail prices recorded in Colombo and suburb markets in December, the prices of all the banana varieties except for *seeni* have decreased with the highest price decrease of 7% for *kolikuttu*, followed by *ambul* (5%) and *anamalu* (4%). During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.200.00-450.00/kg for *kolikuttu* and Rs.100.00-260.00/kg for *ambul* banana and Rs.120.00-250.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Among the pineapple varieties, the

prices of all the sizes have increased slightly and the prices ranged between Rs.280.00-780.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Further, the price of *vilad* mango has increased by 13%.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of papaw (53%), wood apple (48%) and orange (14%) have increased in line with the increased wholesale prices. However, the prices of slime apple (24%) and passion fruit (25%) have decreased. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 253% reported for avocado (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – December 2024

Item	Price Range			Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024			Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg						Rs	%	Rs	%
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	100.00	-	260.00	173.71	182.94	217.23	-9.23	-5.05	-43.53	-20.04
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	200.00	-	450.00	322.58	348.15	513.11	-25.57	-7.34	-190.52	-37.13
Seeni (Rs/kg)	120.00	-	250.00	197.36	195.00	209.53	2.37	1.22	-12.16	-5.80
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00	-	55.00	42.77	44.48	36.65	-1.72	-3.86	6.12	16.69
Ambun (Fruit)	50.00	-	70.00	62.07	63.83	48.88	-1.76	-2.76	13.19	26.98
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	450.00	-	780.00	616.31	597.01	581.56	19.30	3.23	34.75	5.97
Medium (Fruit)	350.00	-	650.00	479.81	464.45	502.50	15.36	3.31	-22.69	-4.52
Small (Fruit)	280.00	-	520.00	382.25	370.40	427.70	11.85	3.20	-45.45	-10.63
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	-									
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	100.00	-	280.00	165.36	163.51	97.21	1.85	1.13	68.15	70.11
Vilad (Fruit)	50.00	-	120.00	92.01	81.50	55.00	10.51	12.90	37.01	67.29
Kohu (Fruit)	-									
Papaw (Rs/kg)	180.00	-	400.00	281.33	184.30	204.29	97.03	52.65	77.05	37.72
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	35.00	-	100.00	68.69	91.88	57.47	-23.19	-25.24	11.21	19.51
Wood Apple (Fruit)	30.00	-	120.00	67.59	45.78	60.26	21.81	47.65	7.33	12.16
Orange (Fruit)	140.00	-	260.00	190.84	167.33	206.00	23.51	14.05	-15.16	-7.36
Avocado (Fruit)	330.00	-	670.00	535.11	570.31	151.60	-35.19	-6.17	383.52	252.99
Slime Apple (Fruit)	50.00	-	160.00	107.15	140.71	99.44	-33.57	-23.86	7.70	7.74
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1500.00	-	2600.00	2005.78	1966.39	2053.66	39.39	2.00	-47.88	-2.33

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,433 mt of fresh fruits in December, 2024 to the value of Rs.180 mn. Of the exported quantity of fresh fruits, 96% were papaw and 3% were fresh mangoes, avocados and mangosteen. Compared to December 2023 (1,455 mt), the exported quantity had slightly decreased during this year (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 1,437 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.534 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 955 mt, followed by grapes (328 mt). Compared to the month of December, 2023 (804 mt), the imported quantity had increased during this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – October, 2024 to December, 2024

Type of Fruit	Dec-24			Nov-24			Oct-24		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Papaw (fresh)	1376.00	117.06	85.06	1416.00	118.41	83.64	1768.00	147.65	83.50
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	47.97	56.96	1187.00	11.72	22.33	1905.00	20.09	27.82	1385.00
Avocados (fresh)	0.47	0.59	1265.00				1.06	1.18	1123.00
Pineapples (fresh)	8.58	5.38	627.00	23.31	19.40	832.00	16.71	14.27	854.00

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits – October, 2024 to December, 2024

Type of Fruit	Dec-24			Nov-24			Oct-24		
	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	955.00	324.00	339.40	1061.00	385.00	363.09	681.00	282.00	414.00
Grapes	328.00	170.00	516.75	320.00	161.00	501.93	534.00	247.00	462.31
Oranges	154.00	40.00	257.69	143.00	52.00	360.58	160.00	53.00	331.57

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - December 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024		Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	200.00	- 450.00	321.43	300.83	286.25	20.60	6.85	35.18	12.29
Hurulla	700.00	- 1000.00	884.78	802.24	637.73	82.54	10.29	247.05	38.74
Balaya	600.00	- 1100.00	826.67	746.67	883.41	80.00	10.71	-56.74	-6.42
Kelawalla	900.00	- 1650.00	1393.53	1329.72	1178.25	63.81	4.80	215.28	18.27
Thora	1750.00	- 2900.00	2273.37	2173.96	2276.25	99.41	4.57	-2.88	-0.13
Paraw	1200.00	- 1500.00	1344.34	1306.25	1265.75	38.09	2.92	78.59	6.21
Mora	800.00	- 1300.00	1108.56	1118.75	1166.67	-10.19	-0.91	-58.11	-4.98
Shrimps (small)	1600.00	- 2250.00	1912.43	1646.46	1641.75	265.98	16.15	270.68	16.49
Thalapath	1500.00	- 2400.00	2002.33	1962.50	1763.75	39.83	2.03	238.58	13.53

Retail Prices										
Salaya	250.00	-	600.00	455.48	473.25	520.70	-17.77	-3.75	-65.22	-12.52
Hurulla	800.00	-	1300.00	1038.13	964.66	816.92	73.47	7.62	221.21	27.08
Balaya	720.00	-	1600.00	982.54	1029.23	1280.24	-46.68	-4.54	-297.69	-23.25
Kelawalla	1000.00	-	2900.00	2085.50	2074.40	2077.46	11.10	0.54	8.04	0.39
Thora	2000.00	-	4600.00	3066.03	3069.81	3048.89	-3.78	-0.12	17.14	0.56
Paraw	1400.00	-	2800.00	1976.30	1837.00	2169.17	139.30	7.58	-192.87	-8.89
Mora		-								
Shrimps (small)	1800.00	-	2400.00	2126.17	1960.56	2054.50	165.61	8.45	71.67	3.49
Thalapath	2000.00	-	3400.00	2763.24	2766.47	2752.74	-3.23	-0.12	10.50	0.38

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

On a month-on-month basis, the CCPI recorded an increase of 1.19% in December 2024 due to the combined effect of 1.24% increase in the prices of items in the Food category and 0.06% reduction in the prices of items in the Non-Food category.

In line with the food price inflation, the prices of most fish varieties saw a hike in December. Meantime, supplies start to drop as the onset of off-season east coast. Furthermore, fishing activities impeded with high rainfall in western and southern coastal belt.

The highest price hike was reported for shrimp (small) at 16% followed by balaya at 11% and hurulla at 10%. Prices of remaining varieties, except for mora had increased in the range of 2% - 5%. However, price of mora had decreased by 1%. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for all the fish varieties had increased, ranging from 6% to 39%, with the highest increase for hurulla.

In line with price variation in the wholesale market, prices of most of the fish varieties, had slightly increased in the retail market. The highest price increase was reported for hurulla, shrimp (small), and paraw at 8%. Price of kelawalla had increased by 1%. However, prices of both salaya and balaya had dropped by nearly 4%. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for 50% of the fresh fish varieties had dropped, with the most significant decrease noted for balaya at 23%.

Dried Fish- Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish - December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried Fish -Wholesale								
Sprats	900.00 - 1200.00	1010.90	1077.42	1322.25	-66.51	-6.17	-311.35	-23.55
Sprats (imported)	650.00 - 850.00	722.17	815.83	951.88	-93.67	-11.48	-229.71	-24.13
Kattawa	-							
Kattawa (imported)	1100.00 - 1350.00	1201.44	1143.05	1273.84	58.40	5.11	-72.40	-5.68
Thora	-							
Thora (imported)	-							

Mora	1800.00 - 1920.00	1854.55	1848.03	1742.25	6.52	0.35	112.30	6.45
Mora (imported)	-							
Balaya	700.00 - 1100.00	896.17	1037.28	881.25	-141.11	-13.60	14.92	1.69
Balaya (imported)	-							
Anguluwa	-							
Anguluwa (imported)	1350.00 - 1600.00	1476.12	1505.00	1489.69	-28.88	-1.92	-13.58	-0.91
Maduwa	1100.00 - 1350.00	1237.03	1208.97	1365.75	28.06	2.32	-128.72	-9.42
Maduwa (imported)	-							
Salaya	450.00 - 750.00	631.87	424.58	392.08	207.28	48.82	239.78	61.16
Salaya (imported)	-							
Sprats (imported)	1000.00 - 1400.00	1272.62	1311.17	1306.71	-38.55	-2.94	-34.09	-2.61
Sprats	1200.00 - 2000.00	1746.08	1828.75	1959.89	-82.67	-4.52	-213.81	-10.91
Kattawa	1400.00 - 2200.00	1945.27	2009.39	2207.20	-64.12	-3.19	-261.92	-11.87
Thora	-							
Mora	2000.00 - 2600.00	2428.03	2388.63	2369.83	39.40	1.65	58.20	2.46
Balaya	1200.00 - 2000.00	1682.86	1688.76	1670.54	-5.91	-0.35	12.32	0.74
Anguluwa	1600.00 - 2400.00	2180.28	2232.54	2440.59	-52.26	-2.34	-260.31	-10.67
Maduwa	1200.00 - 1800.00	1474.66	1435.27		39.39	2.74		
Salaya	800.00 - 1200.00	1031.99	933.10	1040.90	98.89	10.60	-8.91	-0.86

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the fresh - fish price hike experienced in last month, wholesale prices of 50% of the dried fish varieties showed a slight increase in December. The highest price hike at the wholesale level was recorded for salaya at 49%. Meanwhile prices of kattawa (imported) had increased by 5% and maduwa had increased by 2%. However, prices of sprats, sprats (imported), balaya and anguluwa (imported) had dropped by less than 14%. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices for most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for sprats (imported) at 24%.

Prices of most of the dried fish varieties had slightly dropped at the retail market. The highest price decrease was reported for sprats at 4% at the retail level. Prices of sprats (imported), kattawa and anguluwa had dropped by less than 3%. However, prices of sprats (imported), kattawa and anguluwa had dropped by less than 4% in December. Compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for anguluwa at 11%.

Eggs - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs -December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Prices								
Eggs - Brown (each)	29.000 - 43.00	36.68	38.02	54.59	-1.34	-3.53	-17.92	-32.82
Eggs - White(each)	27.000 - 40.00	34.04	35.45	52.16	-1.41	-3.98	-18.12	-34.73

Retail Prices										
Eggs - Brown (each)	31.000	-	46.00	38.88	39.73	56.37	-0.85	-2.14	-17.49	-31.03
Eggs - White (each)	28.000	-	45.00	37.55	38.01	54.17	-0.46	-1.21	-16.62	-30.68

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

With the lifting of the ban on importing parental stocks, poultry farmers sought to restore production by securing sufficient layer parental stocks, particularly parent chicks. This strategy has been crucial in revitalizing the poultry industry, especially following periods of egg shortages and difficulties in maintaining local parent flocks. As the first batches of imported parental stocks began laying eggs, the supply steadily increased from October onward. As a bulk supply of eggs reached the market targeting the festival season in December, prices of both types of eggs had further decreased. At the wholesale level, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by around 4%. When it comes to the retail level, price of a brown egg had dropped by 2% for a white egg, the price drop was 1%. Average retail price was Rs. 38.8 per brown egg and Rs. 37.55 per white egg. Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 31% at the retail level.

Meat - Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	2400 - 2600.00	2,515.49	2,470.45	2318.75	45.04	1.82	196.74	8.48	
Chicken (Broiler)	1130 - 1330.00	1,225.48	1,109.70	1307.50	115.78	10.43	-82.02	-6.27	
Chicken (curry)	900 - 1330.00	1,157.34	1,132.64	1246.88	24.71	2.18	-89.53	-7.18	
Mutton	3300 - 3700.00	3,481.18	3,429.55	3259.03	51.64	1.51	222.15	6.82	
Pork	1000 - 1300.00	1,215.60	1,309.52	1401.25	-93.93	-7.17	-185.65	-13.25	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to November, prices of all the meat varieties had slightly increased at the retail market in December. The highest price increase was noted for chicken (broiler) at 10% due to high demand during the festival season. Except for pork, prices of all the meat varieties had increased by less than 3%. Pork prices continue to drop due to the impact of swine flu disease. Compared to last year, prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest was reported for pork at 13%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 107,144mt of wheat grain, valued at Rs.8,813 million, was imported in December 2024. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported decreased marginally by approximately 1,880 mt. The average CIF price of imported wheat grain was Rs.82.25/kg, reflecting an increase of Rs.0.28/kg compared to November 2024. Consequently, the gross margin increased slightly from Rs.104.56/kg in November to Rs.105.00/kg in December.

The total quantity of wheat flour imported during this month was 1,812mt, valued at Rs.234 million. Compared to the previous month, wheat flour imports decreased by approximately 922mt. The average CIF price of imported wheat flour was Rs.129.17/kg, which represents an increase of Rs.14.57/kg compared to November 2024. As a result, the gross margin decreased substantially from Rs.71.93/kg to Rs.58.08/kg during the same period.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.185.40 to Rs.188.25/kg, with an average price of Rs.187.25/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price increased slightly by Rs.0.72/kg (0.39%). However, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the average retail price declined by Rs.23.21/kg, representing an 11.03% decrease.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar - December 2024

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	185.40-188.25	187.25	186.53	210.46	0.72	0.39	-23.21	-11.03
Sugar	255.72-259.83	257.10	255.75	314.35	1.35	0.53	-57.25	-18.21

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Wheat Flour & Grain- July 2024- December 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
December - 2024	1,812.00	234.00	129.17	187.25	58.08
November - 2024	2,734.00	313.00	114.60	186.53	71.93
October - 2024	15,583.00	1747.00	112.13	187.37	75.24
September - 2024	22,746.00	2624.00	115.38	191.90	76.52
August - 2024	19,508.00	2257.00	115.60	195.71	80.11
July - 2024	31,827.00	3675.00	115.47	208.25	92.78
Wheat Grain					
December - 2024	107144	8813	82.25	187.25	105.00
November - 2024	109024.00	8937	81.97	186.53	104.56
October - 2024	82,558.00	6,619.00	80.17	187.37	107.20
September - 2024	131,512.00	11,588.00	88.11	195.71	107.60
August - 2024	92,128.00	8,213.00	89.15	195.71	106.56
July - 2024	78,271.00	7,634.00	97.54	208.25	110.71

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

A total quantity of 55,883mt of sugar and sugar confectionery, valued at Rs.10,083 million, was imported in December 2024. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported increased significantly by approximately 28,915mt. The average CIF price of imported sugar was Rs.180.44/kg, which decreased by Rs.1.66/kg compared to November 2024.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of sugar ranged from Rs 255.72 to Rs. 259.83/kg, with an average price of Rs. 257.10/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price increased slightly by Rs.1.35/kg (0.53%). The gross margin of sugar increased from Rs.73.65/kg in November to Rs.76.66/kg in December, mainly due to the reduction in the CIF price while the retail price remained relatively stable.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery – July 2024- December 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
December - 2024	55,883.00	10,083.00	180.44	257.10	76.66
November - 2024	26,968.00	4,911.00	182.10	255.75	73.65
October - 2024	28,291.00	5215.00	184.33	259.79	75.46
September - 2024	27,637.00	5220.00	188.87	259.00	70.13
August - 2024	59,591.00	11258.00	188.92	262.00	73.08
July - 2024	66,798.00	13158.00	196.99	279.16	22.80

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

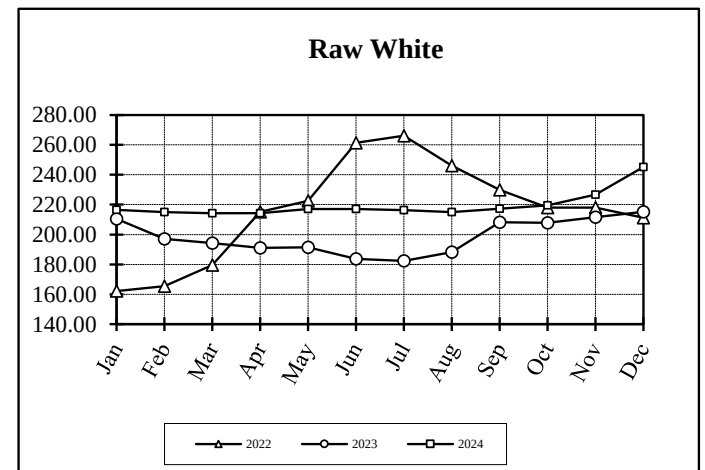
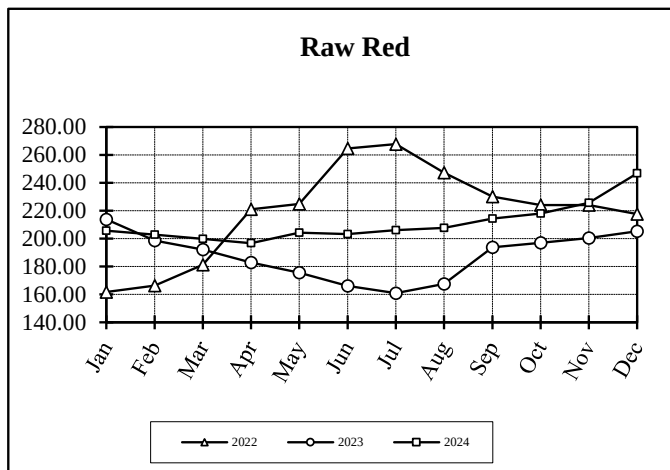
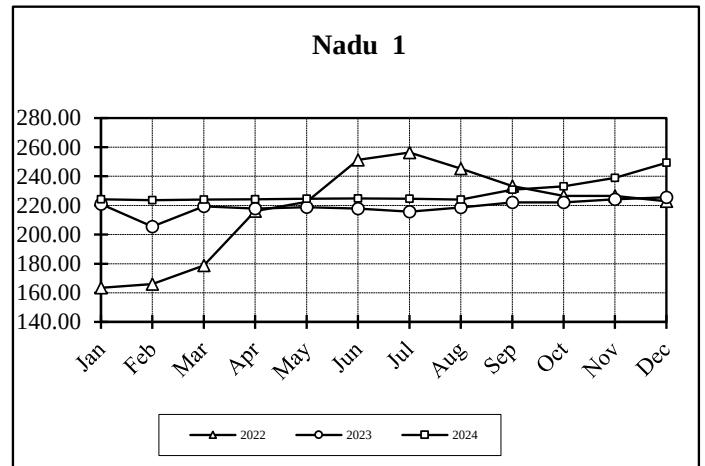
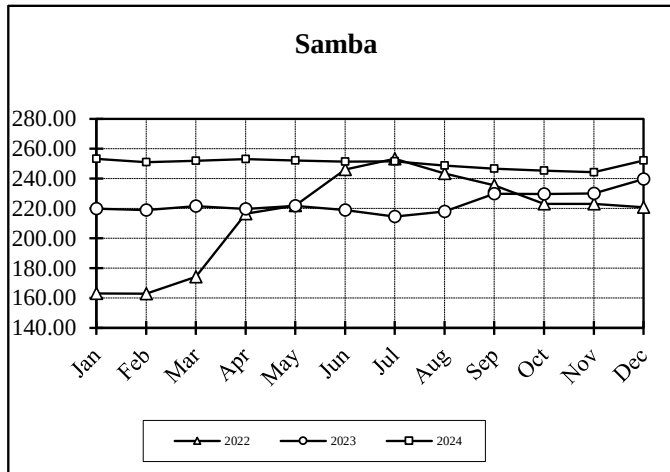
Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items -December 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	Dec	Nov		Dec	Nov		Dec	Nov	
	2024	2024		2024	2024		2024	2024	
Rice	82724.00	1371.00	5,933.84	13286.00	392.00	3,289.29	160.61	286.12	-43.87
Dried Chillies	4436.00	3761.00	17.95	2233.00	2014.00	10.87	503.37	535.56	-6.01
Red Onion	1454.00	1538.00		305.00	312.00		209.82	202.75	
Big Onion	25093.00	17732.00	41.51	3958.00	3185.00	24.27	157.73	179.62	-12.19
Potato	17649.00	10776.00	63.78	1870.00	1006.00	85.88	105.98	93.32	13.57
Masoor Dhal	13848.00	8989.00	54.05	3148.00	2028.00	55.23	227.33	225.60	0.77
Garlic	5404.00	2245.00	140.71	2573.00	988.00	160.43	476.24	440.03	8.23
Wheat flour	1812.00	2734.00	-33.72	234.00	313.00	-25.24	129.17	114.60	12.71
Wheat grain	107144.00	109024.00	-1.72	8813.00	8937.00	-1.39	82.25	81.97	0.34
Sugar & sugar confectionery	55883.00	26968.00	107.22	10083.00	4911.00	105.31	180.44	181.10	-0.36
Maize (Other)	88086.00	18904.00	365.96	8032.00	1662.00	383.27	91.18	87.90	3.73

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

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

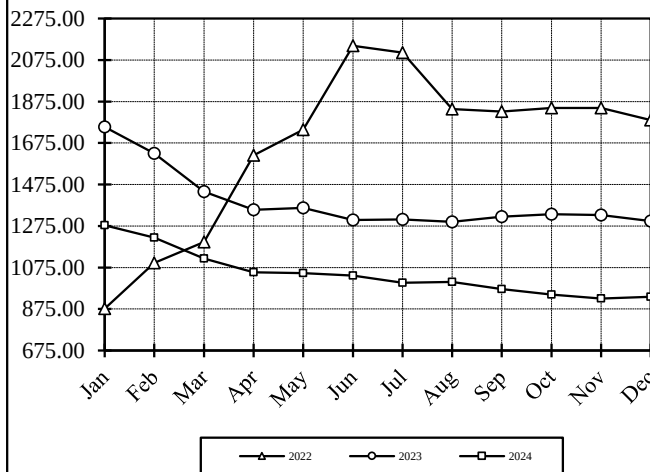
Month	Samba			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	163.05	219.81	253.23	163.43	220.92	224.25	161.74	213.83	205.60	162.13	210.47	216.55
Feb	162.91	218.90	251.06	165.94	205.48	223.59	166.21	198.52	202.86	165.39	197.12	214.99
Mar	174.23	221.53	251.88	178.69	219.37	224.07	181.30	192.21	199.83	179.60	194.29	214.31
Apr	216.46	219.71	253.08	216.03	217.91	224.20	221.05	182.80	196.71	215.19	191.02	214.28
May	221.87	221.71	252.21	222.47	218.80	224.62	224.78	175.69	204.19	222.45	191.48	217.06
Jun	246.00	218.83	251.44	251.20	217.79	224.81	264.53	166.19	203.30	261.37	183.70	217.02
Jul	253.30	214.56	251.51	256.35	215.78	224.66	267.75	160.92	206.14	266.15	182.31	216.31
Aug	243.37	218.05	248.69	245.23	218.62	223.92	247.19	167.50	207.65	246.15	188.16	215.02
Sep	235.46	229.85	246.65	233.33	222.08	230.82	230.02	193.71	214.34	229.95	208.29	217.20
Oct	223.04	229.65	245.36	226.45	222.17	233.14	224.05	197.08	217.90	218.10	207.77	219.61
Nov	223.04	230.00	244.29	226.45	224.19	238.89	224.05	200.36	225.57	218.10	211.66	226.66
Dec	220.88	239.69	252.15	222.77	225.59	249.28	217.65	205.36	246.77	211.26	215.19	245.22



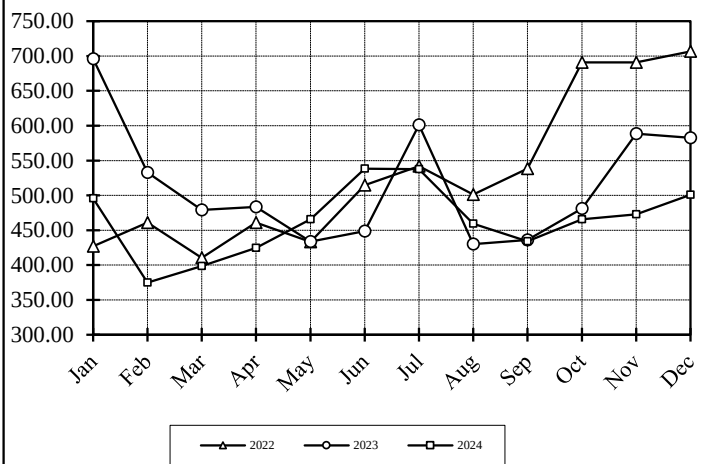
Appendix 02: Retail Prices of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	876.68	1752.35	1278.28	426.78	696.10	495.78	203.69	188.50	481.26	303.42	443.97	414.09
Feb	1096.90	1625.09	1218.47	461.00	532.96	374.83	173.63	158.70	428.49	314.05	361.86	409.60
Mar	1197.17	1439.94	1117.92	410.30	479.02	398.69	175.30	126.33	545.50	294.04	357.69	404.35
Apr	1615.64	1352.77	1051.26	461.12	483.63	424.48	236.52	120.91	640.30	319.03	361.12	391.11
May	1739.46	1361.98	1047.46	433.13	433.52	465.70	203.29	127.64	266.88	307.54	362.70	374.63
Jun	2143.50	1303.59	1036.27	514.80	448.76	538.28	230.89	131.09	249.64	373.16	365.72	399.66
Jul	2110.93	1307.02	1002.13	541.94	601.36	537.38	228.96	146.26	268.42	468.93	417.37	464.08
Aug	1838.64	1295.06	1005.85	501.24	430.04	459.43	189.33	183.45	264.29	495.71	431.92	504.84
Sep	1827.19	1319.49	971.26	538.53	435.98	433.93	183.42	222.62	289.43	500.91	383.36	446.36
Oct	1843.52	1331.19	943.91	690.99	480.95	465.50	281.28	259.39	284.61	437.60	356.19	388.54
Nov	1843.52	1327.24	925.39	690.99	588.73	472.82	281.28	298.16	353.30	437.60	378.31	404.96
Dec	1785.38	1298.39	934.16	706.59	582.53	500.65	195.56	421.39	305.81	467.45	407.86	432.25

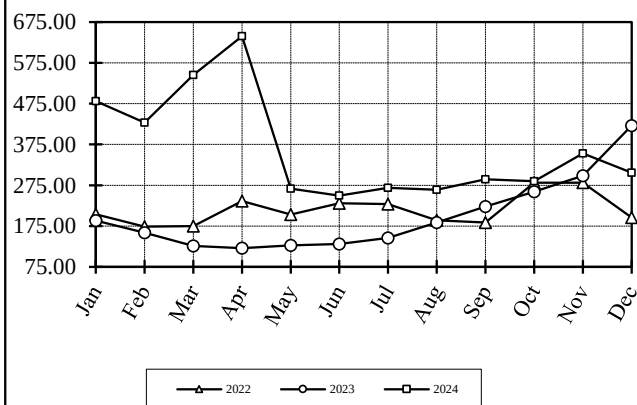
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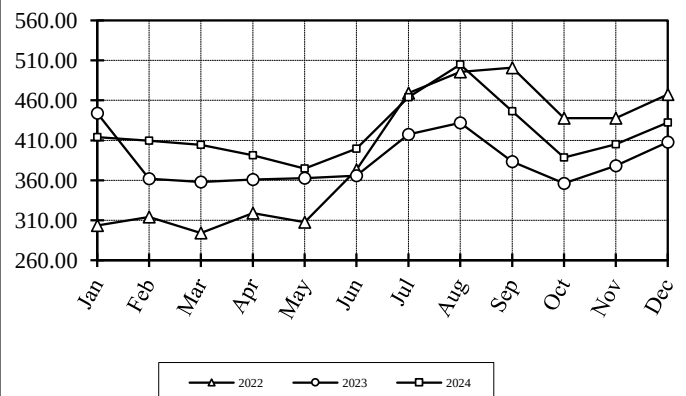
Red Onion - Vedalan



Big Onion



Potato - N'eliya



**Appendix 03: Farmgate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities
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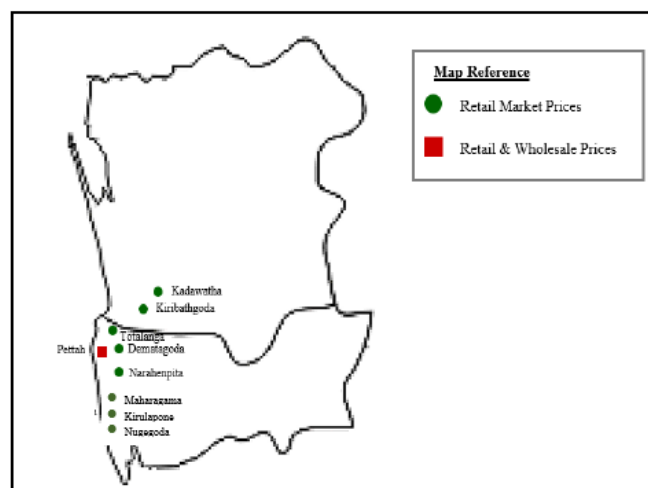
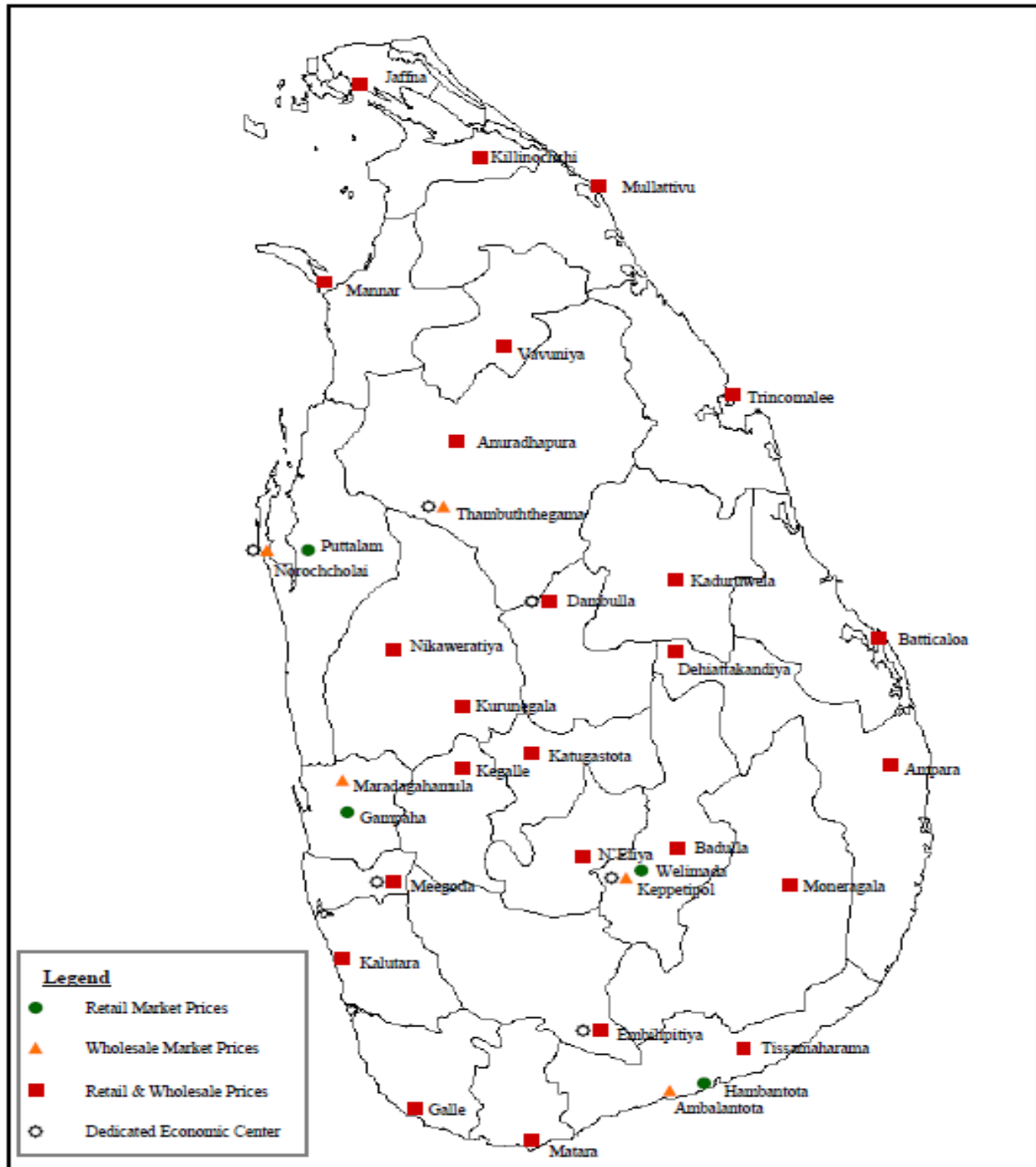
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
<u>Paddy</u>						<u>Potato</u>						<u>Leeks</u>					
<u>Short grain</u>						N'Eliya	246.00	278.00	305.00	275.00	300.00	Welimada	125.00	172.00	207.00	160.00	175.00
A'pura	133.20	133.20	136.20	136.20	137.00	Badulla	240.00	243.33	280.00			N'Eliya	134.00	206.00	236.00	184.00	186.00
P'naruwa	139.20	132.20	139.00	143.60	142.80	Welimada	238.00	237.00	278.00	279.00	267.00						
Kalawewa	133.50	132.80	136.40	135.00	138.40	<u>Pulses</u>						<u>Beetroot</u>					
Kurunegala	134.50	133.50	138.50	136.33	137.33	<u>Green Gram</u>						Hanguranketha					
Dehiattakandiya						Galgamuwa						N'Eliya	206.00	236.00	234.00	244.00	286.00
Ampara	137.67	132.50	136.33	135.00	138.33	Kalawewa	496.00	496.00	414.00	492.00	460.00	Dambulla	169.17	169.17	261.67	251.67	296.67
<u>Long grain (White)</u>						Embilipitiya	435.00	435.00	445.00	445.00	445.00	Kurunegala					
A'pura	137.00	136.60	137.00	137.60	139.60	Kurunegala						Welimada	226.00	230.00	268.00	242.00	277.00
P'naruwa	146.00	136.20	142.60	143.40	143.20	A'pura	418.00	418.00	438.00	462.00	470.00	<u>Knokhol</u>					
Kalawewa	138.60	137.20	137.40	138.80	139.60	<u>Cowpea</u>						Hanguranketha					
Kurunegala	141.00	134.75	140.50	138.00	138.25	A'pura						N'Eliya	164.00	236.00	272.00	256.00	256.00
Dehiattakandiya	134.33	129.00	127.00	127.00	136.33	Galgamuwa						Welimada	154.00	226.00	268.00	254.00	254.00
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya	583.33	516.67	516.67	516.67		<u>Radish</u>					
Ampara	148.33	135.00	140.00	143.33	143.33	Kalawewa	554.00	550.00	534.00	600.00	506.67	Hanguranketha	46.67	45.00	62.50	92.00	44.00
Matara						Embilipitiya	510.00	510.00	475.00	475.00	475.00	N'Eliya	54.00	76.00	82.00	89.00	74.00
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Welimada	38.00	58.00	45.00	32.00	39.00
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>						<u>Maize</u>						<u>Cabbage</u>					
Matara	141.75	140.75	138.25	152.50	160.00	A'Pura						Hanguranketha	57.50	78.00	96.00	160.00	140.00
Hambantota	145.00	149.00	142.50	146.67	160.00	Kalawewa						N'Eliya	76.00	136.00	172.00	116.00	166.00
Ampara		135.00	146.67	166.67	703.33	<u>Gingelly</u>						Welimada	58.00	71.00	114.00	54.00	78.00
Embilipitiya	151.00	149.00	139.50	139.50	155.50	A'Pura						Hambantota					
<u>Keeri Samba</u>						Kalawewa						Badulla	50.00				
A'pura	135.80	135.80	138.20	138.20	138.20	<u>Black Gram</u>						<u>Tomato</u>					
Polonnaruwa	143.80	143.80	141.80	142.40	143.20	Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	140.00	138.00	160.00	320.00	358.00
Kalawewa	134.80	133.20	137.80	135.40	135.60	A'Pura						Welimada	153.00	120.00	358.00	270.00	214.00
Kurunegala	134.33	136.50	139.50	139.25	139.50	<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>						Hambantota					
Dehiattakandiya	134.00	133.33	132.33	132.33	137.67	<u>Beans</u>						Dambulla	191.00	185.00	284.00	308.00	222.00
						Dambulla	563.33	497.50	208.00	328.00	356.00	<u>Low Country</u>					
<u>Red Onion</u>						Welimada	492.00	460.00	172.00	270.00	336.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>					
<u>Big Onion</u>						Badulla						A'pura	148.00	148.00	88.00	108.00	98.00
Dambulla						<u>Carrot</u>						Dambulla	101.00	118.00	61.60	72.40	77.00
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	68.00	96.00	100.00	116.67		Hambantota	105.00	125.00	155.00	95.00	90.00
A'Pura						N'Eliya	106.00	136.00	126.00	110.00	206.00	Embilipitiya	132.50	126.25	126.25	100.00	76.25
Kurunegala						Welimada	58.00	76.00	94.00	76.00	188.00	Matara	82.50	125.00	107.50	90.00	96.25

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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>						<u>Pumpkin</u>						<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura	188.00	228.00	308.00	348.00	308.00	Dambulla	82.40	76.60	126.00	155.00	122.00	Hambantota					
Dambulla	183.50	183.50	266.00	324.00	344.00	Hambantota	95.00	105.00			155.00	Embilipitiya	350.00	257.50	285.00	235.00	172.00
Hambantota				190.00	165.00	Embilipitiya	123.75	123.75	150.00	145.00	150.00	Moneragala	308.00	308.00	258.00	158.00	138.00
Embilipitiya	248.75	150.00	207.50	207.50	207.50	Matara	95.00	105.00	101.67	125.00	138.33	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara	215.00	205.00	215.00	225.00	230.00	A'pura	108.00	94.00	88.00	128.00	108.00	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada	152.00	146.00	172.00	248.00	268.00	Moneragala						<u>Ambul</u>					
						<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	48.00	44.00	38.00	44.00	54.00
<u>Capsicum</u>						A'pura	108.00	104.00	78.00	88.00	78.00	Embilipitiya	29.00	25.00	38.00	56.00	80.00
Welimada	558.00	626.00	525.00	577.50	605.00	Dambulla	100.00	124.00	63.20	90.40	85.60	Hambantota	30.00	60.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>						Hambantota			105.00	75.00	70.00	<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
A'pura	532.00	548.00	576.00	576.00	520.00	Matara	95.00	103.33	103.33	87.50	83.75	Moneragala	138.00	138.00	138.00	158.00	188.00
Dambulla	473.33	563.33	443.33	480.00	320.00	<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	116.00	128.00	155.00	192.50	188.00
Hambantota	490.00	535.00		506.67		Dambulla	210.00	264.00	270.00	176.50	126.00	Hambantota	100.00	135.00	165.00	190.00	286.67
Embilipitiya	555.00	555.00	555.00	570.00	416.67	Hambantota	200.00	225.00	155.00	210.00	175.00	<u>Papaw</u>					
						Embilipitiya	265.00	265.00	222.50	215.00	165.00	Moneragala	68.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>						Matara	212.50	215.00	220.00	217.50	235.00	Embilipitiya	116.25	116.25	130.00	135.00	132.50
Dambulla	173.75	252.50	252.50	188.00	150.50	A'Pura	308.00	328.00	248.00	288.00	228.00	Hambantota	85.00	95.00	110.00	135.00	125.00
Hambantota				200.00		<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>					
Embilipitiya	230.00	215.00	275.00	192.50	165.00	Hambantota						Divulapitiya					
Matara	183.75	230.00	240.00	216.67	240.00	Embilipitiya	120.00	90.00	95.00	92.50	73.75						
A'pura	232.00	248.00	228.00	248.00	228.00	Matara	96.25	110.00	107.50	107.50	100.00						
<u>Luffa</u>						<u>Green Chillies</u>											
Dambulla	197.50	260.00	250.00	185.00	180.50	Dambulla	216.00	534.00	830.00	552.00	645.00						
Hambantota						Hambantota											
Embilipitiya	330.00	310.00	290.00	290.00	190.00	Embilipitiya	547.50	707.50	1023.33	683.33	723.33						
Matara	230.00	240.00	240.00	230.00	250.00	Puttalam			851.67	707.50	838.33						
A'pura	308.00	328.00	228.00	248.00	228.00	A'Pura	316.00	620.00	870.00	820.00	820.00						

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