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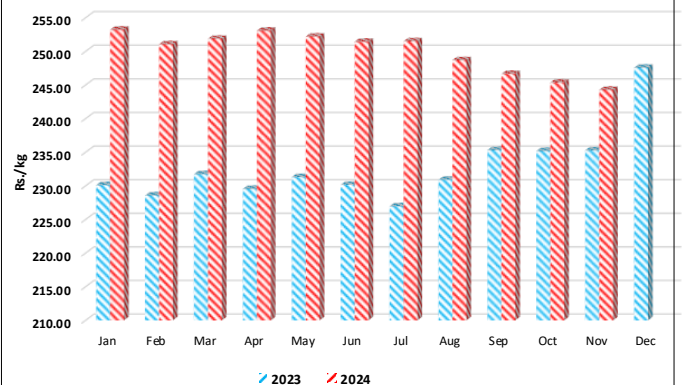
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Retail rice prices showed marginal increases across most varieties in November 2024. Nadu 1 and Nadu 2 rose by 2%–3% to average Rs.238.88/kg and Rs.224.72/kg, respectively, mainly due to steady consumer demand. Prices of raw red and raw white rice followed a similar pattern, increasing by around 3%–4% over October levels, averaging Rs.225.57/kg and Rs.226.66/kg, respectively.

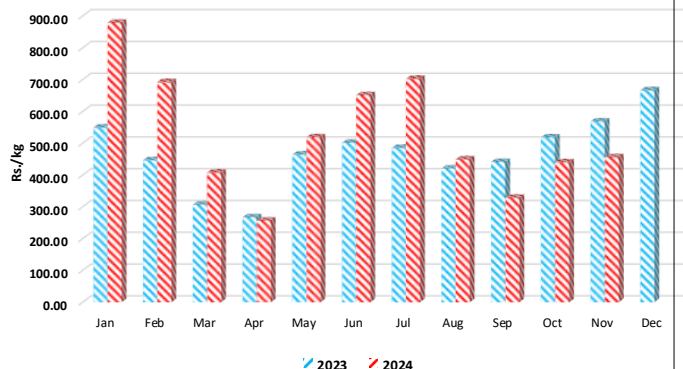
Vegetables

During November, vegetable prices showed mixed movements across the major markets. The supply from upcountry areas, especially Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, and Kandy districts, increased slightly due to favourable weather conditions. Prices of upcountry vegetables such as carrot, leeks, and cabbage recorded decreases in the range of 10%–20% compared to October, supported by improved cultivation. However, mid-country and low-country vegetable prices, including brinjal, pumpkin, and cucumber, showed moderate increases ranging from 10%–25% due to limited arrivals from producing areas affected by intermittent rains.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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

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

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| 1. Pettah | 4. Thotalanga | 7. Kiribathgoda |
| 2. Narahenpita | 5. Peliyagoda | 8. Maharagama |
| 3. Dematagoda | 6. Kadawatha | 9. Nugegoda |

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. Rilkillagaskada |
| 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

Crop Situation

During the month of November 2024, paddy cultivation activities of the Maha 2024/25 season progressed satisfactorily with the commencement of the northeast monsoon rains in most major producing areas. However, some regions in the North Central and Eastern provinces experienced delays in land preparation due to uneven rainfall distribution. Seed paddy availability was reported as adequate, and fertilizer supply showed improvement compared to the previous season. The overall cultivation progress by the end of November was approximately 65% of the seasonal target, slightly higher than the same period of the previous Maha season.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - November 2024

Variety/Area	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to		
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	122.00 - 135.00	129.85	121.80	123.75	8.05	6.61	6.10	4.93	
Polonnaruwa	123.00 - 137.00	129.50	120.88	127.08	8.63	7.14	2.42	1.90	
Kalawewa	122.00 - 135.00	130.65	121.95	124.30	8.70	7.13	6.35	5.11	
Kurunegala	128.00 - 133.00	129.88	127.85	125.75	2.03	1.59	4.13	3.28	
Dehiattakandiya	125.00 - 125.00	125.00	120.11	122.42	4.89	4.07	2.58	2.11	
Nikaweratiya	130.00 - 133.00	132.15	126.85	117.15	5.30	4.18	15.00	12.81	
Ampara	125.00 - 136.00	132.08	126.38	123.29	5.71	4.52	8.79	7.13	
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	125.00 - 139.00	133.75	125.25	115.50	8.50	6.79	18.25	15.80	
Polonnaruwa	123.00 - 137.00	131.58	122.46	112.83	9.13	7.45	18.75	16.62	
Kalawewa	125.00 - 140.00	135.05	125.40	115.10	9.65	7.70	19.95	17.33	
Kurunegala	130.00 - 142.00	134.75	129.45	116.50	5.30	4.09	18.25	15.67	
Dehiattakandiya	125.00 - 136.00	128.54	121.29	110.42	7.25	5.98	18.12	16.42	
Embilipitiya	-								
Nikaweratiya	131.00 - 142.00	136.60	129.05	117.15	7.55	5.85	19.45	16.60	
Matara	-								
Hambantota	-								
Ampara	130.00 - 140.00	135.33	127.58		7.75	6.07			
Long Grain Red									
A' pura	-								
Matara	125.00 - 140.00	134.00	125.88	98.25	8.13	6.45	35.75	36.39	
Hambantota	130.00 - 145.00	136.67	128.35	105.88	8.31	6.48	30.79	29.08	
Embilipitiya	134.00 - 145.00	139.83	126.88	104.00	12.96	10.21	35.83	34.46	

Keeri Samba										
A'pura	125.00	-	133.00	129.65	123.90	135.00	5.75	4.64	-5.35	-3.96
Polonnaruwa	130.00	-	139.00	134.63	129.92	136.10	4.71	3.62	-1.47	-1.08
Kalawewa	125.00	-	133.00	129.75	123.60	136.88	6.15	4.98	-7.13	-5.21
Kurunegala	128.00	-	135.00	132.68	129.25	136.75	3.43	2.66	-4.07	-2.97
Dehiattakandiya	125.00	-	136.00	128.88	124.46	140.50	4.42	3.55	-11.63	-8.27

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

Producer prices of paddy increased across all major producing areas during November 2024, mainly due to limited market supplies from the previous Yala harvest and the ongoing land preparation for the Maha 2024/25 season. The average price of short-grain paddy ranged between Rs.125.00–Rs.135.00/kg, recording an increase of 4%–7% compared to October. The highest average price for short grain was reported from Nikaweratiya (Rs.132.15/kg), while the lowest was observed from Dehiattakandiya (Rs.125.00/kg).

For long-grain white paddy, prices also showed an upward trend, ranging from Rs.130.00–Rs.136.00/kg, reflecting increases between 5%–8% month-on-month. The highest average price was recorded from Kalawewa (Rs.135.05/kg). Compared to the same period last year, producer prices of both short-grain and long-grain white paddy were 12%–17% higher, indicating continued cost pressures on production and distribution.

Long-grain red paddy prices in the southern districts also increased significantly, with average prices rising by 6%–10% over the previous month. The highest price increase was reported from Embilipitiya, where average prices reached Rs.139.83/kg. The upward trend was largely supported by reduced supplies from Yala and strong milling demand from local millers preparing for festival season rice sales.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	225.00 - 230.00	227.48	227.49	228.57	-0.01	0.00	-1.09	-0.48
Samba 2	218.00 - 220.00	219.25	219.54	223.18	-0.29	-0.13	-3.93	-1.76
Keeri Samba	240.00 - 260.00	250.00	252.50	304.93	-2.50	-0.99	-54.93	-18.01
Nadu 1	225.00 - 240.00	229.57	222.47	208.75	7.10	3.19	20.82	9.97
Nadu 2	218.00 - 230.00	221.40	216.53	202.58	4.86	2.25	18.81	9.29
Raw red	210.00 - 230.00	218.94	207.69	182.20	11.25	5.42	36.74	20.16

Raw white	210.00 - 230.00	221.09	209.85	203.46	11.24	5.36	17.63	8.66
Imported Samba	270.00 - 280.00	277.13	276.75		0.38	0.14		
Imported Raw White								
Imported Nadu								
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	230.00 - 260.00	244.29	245.36	235.27	-1.07	-0.44	9.02	3.83
Samba 2	-			230.00				
Keeri Samba	260.00 - 280.00	263.92	263.11	325.00	0.81	0.31	-61.08	-18.79
Nadu 1	230.00 - 250.00	238.88	233.14	224.19	5.73	2.46	14.69	6.55
Nadu 2	220.00 - 230.00	224.72	221.99	219.96	2.73	1.23	4.76	2.17
Raw red	210.00 - 240.00	225.57	217.90	200.37	7.67	3.52	25.20	12.58
Raw white	210.00 - 240.00	226.66	219.61	211.66	7.05	3.21	15.00	7.08
Imported Ponne Samba	280.00 - 320.00	300.69	297.21		3.48	1.17		
Imported Raw White								
Imported Nadu								

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Rice - Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

At the wholesale level, rice prices displayed mixed trends during November. Prices of Nadu 1 and Nadu 2 varieties increased moderately by 2%–3%, reaching Rs.229.57/kg and Rs.221.40/kg, respectively, as traders responded to reduced inflows of locally milled rice. In contrast, Samba 1 and Samba 2 varieties remained relatively stable, showing marginal decreases of less than 1%, averaging Rs.227.48/kg and Rs.219.25/kg, respectively.

The price of Keeri Samba continued to decline by nearly 1%, averaging Rs.250.00/kg, reflecting higher availability of imported rice substitutes in urban markets. Raw red and raw white rice prices increased notably by 5%, averaging Rs.218.94/kg and Rs.221.09/kg, driven by consumer preference for low-cost varieties. Compared to November 2023, wholesale prices of most rice types were 8%–20% higher, indicating persistent upward pressure from input and transport costs.

Retail Prices

Retail rice prices showed marginal increases across most varieties in November 2024. Nadu 1 and Nadu 2 rose by 2%–3% to average Rs.238.88/kg and Rs.224.72/kg, respectively, mainly due to steady consumer demand. Prices of raw red and raw white rice followed a similar pattern, increasing by around 3%–4% over October levels, averaging Rs.225.57/kg and Rs.226.66/kg, respectively.

Premium varieties such as Samba 1 and Keeri Samba showed little change, with Keeri Samba retailing at Rs.263.92/kg, indicating slight seasonal easing in high-end consumer demand. Compared to the same month of 2023, the retail prices of most varieties were 4%–10% higher, reflecting cumulative cost increases across the value chain.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has decreased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.41.00/kg and Rs.27.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.296.25/kg and Rs.522.47/kg respectively. Prices of green chilli are expected to increase in the coming months too with the end of the harvesting season. Compared to the same period of the last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 28% and 26% respectively.

A quantity of 3,761 mt of dried chillie was imported in November 2024 and this quantity was lower than 294 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.535.56/kg and it has decreased by Rs.23.16/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about Rs.36.00/kg and Rs.19.00/kg respectively. Prices ranged between 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 34% and 30% respectively.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies – November, 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	180.00-600.00	296.25	255.75	414.00	40.50	15.84	-117.75	-28.44
Dried chillies	650.00-750.00	677.50	713.10	1032.45	-35.60	-4.99	-354.95	-34.38
Retail Price								
Green chillies	250.00-800.00	522.47	495.42	702.01	27.05	5.46	-179.54	-25.58
Dried chillies	750.00-1100.00	925.39	943.91	1327.24	-18.52	-1.96	-401.85	-30.28

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.2: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – November 2024

Location	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Dambulla	306.00	196.00	151.00	246.00
Embilipitiya	388.00	297.50	285.00	572.50
A'pura	316.00	268.00	220.00	232.00

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies (June – November 2024)

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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	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
Jun-2024	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1036.27	446.88

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both local and imported big onions during this month. Both wholesale and retail prices of local big onion have increased by about Rs.53.00/kg and Rs.73.00/kg respectively due to limited stock position. The average wholesale and retail prices of local big onion were Rs.320.00/kg and Rs.398.18/kg respectively.

A quantity of 17,732 mt of big onion was imported in November, 2024 and this quantity was higher than the 4,552 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.179.62/kg and it has increased by Rs.26.75/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions increased by about Rs.28.00/kg and Rs.69.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.258.29/kg and Rs.353.30/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 28% while the retail price has increased by 18% respectively.

Supply of local red onion has decreased from the main producing areas during this month. Hence, wholesale prices of both vedalan and sinnan have increased by about Rs.1.00/kg and Rs.35.00/kg respectively. However, retail price of vedalan has decreased by about Re.1.00/kg while the retail price of sinnan red onion has increased by about Rs.17.00/kg. A quantity of 1538mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 944 mt compared to that of last month. The average CIF price was Rs.202.75/kg and it has increased by Rs. 9.10/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of imported red onion has decreased by about Rs.16.00/kg while the retail price has increased by about Rs.39.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedaln and imported red onion have decreased by about,21%, and 5% respectively.

2.2.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion (Rs/kg) November 2024

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-320.00	248.75	214.05		34.70	16.21		
Red Onion (Vedalan)	280.00-380.00	338.33	337.65	395.13	0.68	0.20	-56.79	-14.37
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-380.00	353.44	369.44	465.20	-16.01	-4.33	-111.76	-24.02
Big Onion (imported)	180.00-340.00	258.29	230.17	201.47	28.11	12.21	56.82	28.20
Big Onion (Local)	310.00-330.00	320.00	267.38		52.62	19.68		
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	320.00-460.00	380.97	363.84		17.13	4.71		
Red Onion (Vedalan)	380.00-560.00	464.62	465.89	588.73	-1.27	-0.27	-124.10	-21.08
Red Onion (Imported)	380.00-600.00	472.82	433.33	496.36	39.49	9.11	-23.54	-4.74
Big Onion (imported)	240.00-460.00	353.30	284.61	298.16	68.69	24.13	55.14	18.49
Big Onion (Local)	320.00-480.00	398.18	324.97		73.21	22.53		

Source: Data Management Division /HARTI

2.2.2: 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	Nov-24	179.62	258.29	353.30	78.67	95.01
	Oct-24	152.87	230.17	284.61	77.30	54.44
	Sep-24	146.21	220.76	289.43	74.55	68.67
Red onion	Nov-24	202.75	338.33	464.62	135.58	126.29
	Oct-24	193.65	337.65	465.89	144.00	128.24
	Sep-24		302.14	433.93	302.14	131.79

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onions and Red Onions- November 2024

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	Nov,2024	Oct,2024	Nov,2024	Oct,2024	Nov,2024	Oct,2024
Red Onion	1538.00	594.00	312.00	115.00	202.75	193.65
Big Onion	17732.00	13180.00	3185.00	2015.00	179.62	152.87

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.2.4: Quantity Imported, CIF Prices, Wholesale Prices, Retail Prices of Imported Big onions (June 2024– November 2024)

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
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
Jun-24	23,067.00	166.71	201.69	249.64	82.93

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2024/25 season is 2,901 ha which is lower than the targeted extent of *maha* 2022/23 season. About 392 ha had been cultivated by the end of November achieving 14% of the target. However, compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season by the end of November is 23%.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 10776 mt of potato had been imported in November, which was 2,584 mt lower than the quantity imported during the previous month. With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs. 265.00/kg and Rs. 211.00/kg respectively. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 28 % and 22 % respectively in November. Also, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes

have increased by 9 % and 4% respectively. Retail prices of imported potato have increased slightly. During the month of November, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 240.00-330.00/kg, Rs. 220.00-310.00 /kg and 130.00-240.00 respectively. Prices of potatoes are expected to be increased further till February as the new harvesting will be commenced in February from Badulla district.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	180.00-250.00	211.00	163.00	204.00	48.00	29.45	7.00	3.43
Nuwara Eliya	220.00-290.00	264.50	200.50	227.00	64.00	31.92	37.50	16.52
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	220.00-310.00	255.25	200.00	234.41	55.25	27.63	20.84	8.89
Nuwara Eliya	240.00-330.00	281.67	231.88	258.75	49.79	21.47	22.92	8.86
Imported	130.00-240.00	167.83	163.26	185.64	4.58	2.80	-17.80	-9.59
Retail Prices(RP)								
Welimada	380.00-380.00	339.65	312.96	312.37	26.69	8.53	27.28	8.73
Nuwara Eliya	320.00-480.00	404.96	388.54	378.31	16.42	4.23	26.65	7.05
Imported	180.00-280.00	229.65	225.24	224.32	4.41	1.96	5.33	2.38
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		128.65	149.96	108.37	-21.31	-14.21	20.28	18.71
Nuwara Eliya		140.46	188.04	151.31	-47.58	-25.30	-10.85	-7.17
Imported(RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada		84.40	112.96	77.96	-28.56	-25.28	6.44	8.26
Nuwara Eliya		123.30	156.67	119.56	-33.37	-21.30	3.74	3.13
Imported		61.82	61.98	38.69	-0.17	-0.27	23.13	59.80

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 500.00-650.00/kg and Rs 700.00-1000.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 500.00-650.00 /kg as well. When compared to the previous month, the November wholesale prices have increased by 11% for Green Gram. Compared to last year, wholesale and retail prices of Green gram and white cowpea and red cowpea had decreased by 22% and 24% and 25% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	500.00-650.00	566.35	637.10	742.55	-70.74	-11.10	-176.20	-23.73
Cowpea (White)	500.00-650.00	588.15	654.40	951.31	-66.25	-10.12	-363.15	-38.17
Cowpea (Red)	500.00-650.00	573.87	623.40	974.84	-49.53	-7.95	-400.97	-41.13
Retail Prices								
Green gram	700.00-1000.00	860.39	899.53	1104.23	-39.14	-4.35	-243.84	-22.08
Cowpea (White)	750.00-1000.00	881.89	884.11	1153.76	-2.23	-0.25	-271.87	-23.56
Cowpea (Red)	750.00-1100.00	879.51	902.44	1164.95	-22.92	-2.54	-285.44	-24.50

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Crop Situation

2024/25 Maha cultivation progress for Black Gram as at the end of November 2024 is 84% , compared to the target extend of 2024/25Maha season. Recorded cultivation progress for Black gram is the highest cultivation progress in the recent history after 2020/21 Maha Season

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs. 270.00 and Rs. 280.00 with an average of Rs. 275 /kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs. 280.00 and Rs. 360.00/kg with an average of Rs. 308 /kg. Both wholesale and the retail prices remain same when compare to previous month. Compared to November 2023, wholesale and retail prices of red dhal had decreased by 7% and 9% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	270.00-280.00	275.21	274.96	294.72	0.25	0.09	-19.52	-6.62
Retail Prices	280.00-360.00	307.60	313.71	338.96	-6.10	-1.95	-31.35	-9.25

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

During November, vegetable prices showed mixed movements across the major markets. The supply from upcountry areas, especially Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, and Kandy districts, increased slightly due to favorable weather conditions. Prices of upcountry vegetables such as carrot, leeks, and cabbage recorded decreases in the range of 10%–20% compared to October, supported by improved cultivation. However, mid-country and low-country vegetable prices, including brinjal,

pumpkin, and cucumber, showed moderate increases ranging from 10%–25% due to limited arrivals from producing areas affected by intermittent rains.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – November 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00 - 500.00	356.50	308.50	395.00	48.00	15.56	-38.50	-9.75
Carrot	60.00 - 130.00	85.75	83.75	222.00	2.00	2.39	-136.25	-61.37
Leeks	80.00 - 180.00	136.50	154.83	119.00	-18.33	-11.84	17.50	14.71
Beetroot	80.00 - 200.00	138.95	92.77	165.85	46.18	49.78	-26.90	-16.22
Knolkhol	50.00 - 230.00	136.75	90.75	184.00	46.00	50.69	-47.25	-25.68
Radish	60.00 - 130.00	82.21	63.50	148.50	18.71	29.47	-66.29	-44.64
Cabbage	30.00 - 120.00	75.29	93.64	191.94	-18.34	-19.59	-116.65	-60.77
Tomato	160.00 - 300.00	221.25	227.50	220.00	-6.25	-2.75	1.25	0.57
Ladies Fingers	80.00 - 150.00	106.25	108.73	188.50	-2.48	-2.28	-82.25	-43.63
Brinjal	150.00 - 350.00	222.25	173.50	301.50	48.75	28.10	-79.25	-26.29
Capsicum	400.00 - 600.00	481.25	488.25	542.36	-7.00	-1.43	-61.11	-11.27
Pumpkin	80.00 - 130.00	105.31	85.07	82.50	20.23	23.78	22.81	27.64
Cucumber	70.00 - 160.00	119.50	77.14	105.00	42.36	54.92	14.50	13.81
Bitter Gourd	320.00 - 470.00	409.16	319.00	439.19	90.16	28.26	-30.04	-6.84
Snake Gourd	160.00 - 270.00	216.88	211.50	288.50	5.38	2.54	-71.63	-24.83
Drumstick	100.00 - 350.00	200.75	264.47	352.02	-63.71	-24.09	-151.27	-42.97
Luffa	150.00 - 320.00	248.55	175.50	284.00	73.05	41.62	-35.45	-12.48
Long Beans	120.00 - 250.00	190.70	150.50	283.79	40.20	26.71	-93.08	-32.80
Ash Plantain	70.00 - 150.00	101.25	124.18	218.50	-22.93	-18.47	-117.25	-53.66
Green Chillies	180.00 - 600.00	296.25	255.75	414.00	40.50	15.84	-117.75	-28.44
Lime	500.00 - 800.00	643.75	465.25	1547.50	178.50	38.37	-903.75	-58.40

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - November 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	Rs./kg	%	Rs./kg	%
Beans (green)	250.00 - 650.00	455.95	439.99	568.20	15.96	3.63	-112.25	-19.76
Carrot	100.00 - 300.00	212.00	219.66	381.28	-7.66	-3.49	-169.28	-44.40
Leeks	140.00 - 400.00	273.90	305.25	263.96	-31.35	-10.27	9.94	3.77
Beetroot	120.00 - 400.00	263.46	235.41	309.53	28.05	11.91	-46.07	-14.88
Knolkhol	150.00 - 400.00	292.82	253.42	335.16	39.40	15.55	-42.34	-12.63
Radish	80.00 - 320.00	204.40	209.80	270.85	-5.40	-2.57	-66.45	-24.54
Cabbage	80.00 - 320.00	210.60	254.10	340.48	-43.50	-17.12	-129.88	-38.15
Tomato	200.00 - 400.00	336.38	364.93	346.77	-28.55	-7.82	-10.39	-2.99
Ladies Fingers	120.00 - 360.00	238.09	252.53	323.12	-14.44	-5.72	-85.04	-26.32
Brinjal	180.00 - 450.00	346.06	307.52	477.55	38.54	12.53	-131.49	-27.53

Capsicum	450.00	-	1000.00	669.49	693.96	765.02	-24.47	-3.53	-95.53	-12.49
Pumpkin	120.00	-	260.00	210.15	189.51	174.21	20.64	10.89	35.95	20.63
Cucumber	90.00	-	320.00	220.04	194.01	210.95	26.02	13.41	9.08	4.31
Bitter Gourd	260.00	-	680.00	534.87	457.41	629.56	77.46	16.93	-94.69	-15.04
Snake Gourd	220.00	-	480.00	359.95	351.27	427.81	8.67	2.47	-67.86	-15.86
Drumstick	180.00	-	900.00	424.34	477.88	529.24	-53.54	-11.20	-104.90	-19.82
Luffa	250.00	-	550.00	368.72	329.55	452.33	39.17	11.89	-83.60	-18.48
Long Beans	160.00	-	450.00	314.40	302.52	426.88	11.87	3.92	-112.49	-26.35
Ash Plantain	100.00	-	320.00	235.03	257.56	367.38	-22.53	-8.75	-132.35	-36.02
Green Chillies	250.00	-	800.00	522.47	495.42	702.00	27.05	5.46	-179.54	-25.57
Lime	540.00	-	1200.00	885.00	720.15	2065.98	164.85	22.89	-1180.98	-57.16

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In November, the wholesale prices of most of the major fruit varieties have decreased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of all the varieties except for *anamalu* and *ambun* banana have decreased with the highest price decrease of 15% reported for *kolikuttu* banana, followed by *ambul* (12%). During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.150.00-230.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.50.00-120.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.80.00-150.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.35.00-50.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.22.00-40.00/fruit (*anamalu*).

Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 6%-7% due to on-going harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.469.00/fruit (large), Rs.360.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.286.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively. With the arrival of ample stocks of mango to the market, the wholesale prices of *vilad* and *karthakolomban* have decreased by 37% and 30% respectively (Table 4.1).

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the prices of all the varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 156% reported for slime apple due to off-season. Further, the prices of avocado (117%), orange (46%), passion fruit (38%) and papaw (22%) have increased.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 242% reported for avocado (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – November 2024

Item	Price Range			Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024			Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg						Rs	%	Rs	%
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	50.00	-	120.00	86.43	98.75	157.44	-12.32	-12.48	-71.01	-45.10
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	150.00	-	230.00	197.82	234.17	457.76	-36.35	-15.52	-259.94	-56.79
Seeni (Rs/kg)	80.00	-	150.00	115.83	117.05	138.11	-1.22	-1.04	-22.27	-16.13
Anamalu (Fruit)	22.00	-	40.00	30.58	30.20	26.60	0.38	1.25	3.97	14.93

Ambun (Fruit)	35.00	-	50.00	41.58	40.28	30.58	1.30	3.23	10.99	35.94
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	400.00	-	520.00	468.96	496.61	523.55	-27.65	-5.57	-54.59	-10.43
Medium (Fruit)	300.00	-	400.00	359.79	385.25	424.13	-25.45	-6.61	-64.34	-15.17
Small (Fruit)	200.00	-	320.00	285.83	307.20	315.17	-21.37	-6.96	-29.34	-9.31
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	43.00	-	58.00	50.29	47.21	25.81	3.08	6.52	24.47	94.81
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00	-	135.00	109.17	155.51	60.36	-46.34	-29.80	48.81	80.87
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00	-	80.00	54.73	86.85	31.21	-32.12	-36.98	23.52	75.35
Kohu (Fruit)		-			19.00					
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00	-	160.00	104.16	85.00	94.25	19.16	22.54	9.91	10.51
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	35.00	-	80.00	56.14	40.67	31.03	15.47	38.03	25.11	80.94
Wood Apple (Fruit)	14.00	-	26.00	18.89	17.40	22.03	1.49	8.55	-3.14	-14.26
Orange (Fruit)	90.00	-	160.00	116.08	79.68	108.00	36.40	45.68	8.08	7.48
Avocado (Fruit)	130.00	-	630.00	361.57	166.55	105.64	195.02	117.09	255.93	242.27
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00	-	120.00	78.42	30.58	79.03	47.83	156.40	-0.61	-0.77
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1145.00	-	1310.00	1255.12	1228.04	1077.23	27.07	2.20	177.88	16.51

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of most of the major fruit varieties have decreased in November. Accordingly, the prices of *kolikuttu*, *ambul* and *seeni*, banana have decreased in the range of 3%-11%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.250.00-430.00/kg for *kolikuttu* and Rs.120.00-250.00/kg for *ambul* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. In addition, the prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 2%-4% and the prices ranged between Rs.350.00-550.00/fruit (medium size) in Colombo suburbs markets. Prices of *vilad* and *karthakolomban* mangoes have decreased by 34% and 30% respectively due to decreased wholesale prices. Meanwhile, the price of avocado has increased by 124% due to low stock position. Further, the prices of orange and passion fruit have increased by 26% and 20% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 400% reported for avocado (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – November 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023		
	Rs/kg				Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain									
Ambul (Rs/kg)	120.00 - 250.00	182.94	197.33	229.63	-14.39	-7.29	-46.69	-20.33	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	250.00 - 430.00	348.15	392.00	581.37	-43.85	-11.19	-233.22	-40.11	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	100.00 - 250.00	195.00	200.82	212.35	-5.83	-2.90	-17.36	-8.17	
Anamalu (Fruit)	35.00 - 60.00	44.48	44.44	36.58	0.04	0.10	7.91	21.62	
Ambun (Fruit)	50.00 - 76.00	63.83	61.57	49.33	2.26	3.68	14.50	29.39	

Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	450.00	-	700.00	597.01	609.65	600.20	-12.65	-2.07	-3.19	-0.53
Medium (Fruit)	350.00	-	550.00	464.45	482.59	499.49	-18.14	-3.76	-35.04	-7.01
Small (Fruit)	280.00	-	440.00	370.40	386.16	425.11	-15.76	-4.08	-54.71	-12.87
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)			-		57.00					
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	80.00	-	260.00	163.51	233.69	140.69	-70.18	-30.03	22.82	16.22
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00	-	110.00	81.50	122.97	71.88	-41.47	-33.72	9.62	13.38
Kohu (Fruit)			-							
Papaw (Rs/kg)	100.00	-	280.00	184.30	186.03	204.17	-1.73	-0.93	-19.87	-9.73
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	60.00	-	150.00	91.88	76.26	64.43	15.62	20.48	27.45	42.60
Wood Apple (Fruit)	24.00	-	80.00	45.78	45.86	52.31	-0.08	-0.18	-6.54	-12.50
Orange (Fruit)	110.00	-	200.00	167.33	132.36	151.67	34.97	26.42	15.66	10.33
Avocado (Fruit)	360.00	-	700.00	570.31	254.75	113.96	315.55	123.87	456.35	400.46
Slime Apple (Fruit)	90.00	-	200.00	140.71	164.39	126.28	-23.68	-14.40	14.44	11.43
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1500.00	-	2300.00	1966.39	1994.73	1965.73	-28.34	-1.42	0.66	0.03

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,451 mt of fresh fruits in November, 2024 to the value of Rs.159 mn. Of the exported quantity of fresh fruits, 98% were papaw and 2% were fresh pineapple. In the month of November, 2023, the quantity exported was 1,796 mt. Therefore, compared to last year, the exported quantity had decreased (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 1,524 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs. 598 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 1,061 mt, followed by grapes (320 mt). Compared to the month of November 2023, the quantity imported was 925 mt. Therefore, compared to last year, the imported quantity had increased by 65% in this year (Table 4.4).

Table 4.3: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – September, 2024 to November, 2024

Type of Fruit	Nov-24			Oct-24			Sep-24		
	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB	Qty	Value	FOB
	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)
Papaw (fresh)	1416.0	118.4	83.6	1768.0	147.6	83.5	1301.0	107.0	82.0
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	11.7	22.3	1905.0	20.1	27.8	1385.0	35.0	49.0	1392.0
Avocados (fresh)				1.1	1.2	1123.0	2.0	2.0	887.0
Pineapples (fresh)	23.3	19.4	832.0	16.7	14.3	854.0	10.0	5.0	520.0

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits – September, 2024 to November, 2024

Type of Fruit	Nov-24			Oct-24			Sep-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	1061.00	385.00	363.09	681.00	282.00	414.00	478.00	178.00	371.85
Grapes	320.00	161.00	501.93	534.00	247.00	462.31	257.00	123.00	479.15
Oranges	143.00	52.00	360.58	160.00	53.00	331.57	81.00	24.00	292.54

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 - November 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Nov 2024		Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023		
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices										
Salaya	200.00	- 450.00	300.83	321.80	207.50	-20.97	-6.52	93.33	44.98	
Hurulla	650.00	- 900.00	802.24	684.17	426.00	118.07	17.26	376.24	88.32	
Balaya	550.00	- 900.00	746.67	796.46	673.50	-49.79	-6.25	73.17	10.86	
Kelawalla	950.00	- 1600.00	1329.72	1199.79	1149.75	129.93	10.83	179.97	15.65	
Thora	1700.00	- 2800.00	2173.96	2272.92	1651.25	-98.96	-4.35	522.71	31.66	
Paraw	1000.00	- 1500.00	1306.25	1281.25	1088.00	25.00	1.95	218.25	20.06	
Mora	1000.00	- 1350.00	1118.75	997.78	882.69	120.97	12.12	236.06	26.74	
Shrimps (small)	1500.00	- 1800.00	1646.46	1836.04	1610.00	-189.58	-10.33	36.46	2.26	
Thalapath	1650.00	- 2200.00	1962.50	1894.63	1635.00	67.87	3.58	327.50	20.03	
Retail Prices										
Salaya	320.00	- 700.00	473.25	506.17	396.66	-32.92	-6.50	76.59	19.31	
Hurulla	750.00	- 1300.00	964.66	853.15	621.97	111.51	13.07	342.69	55.10	
Balaya	650.00	- 1600.00	1029.23	987.77	975.72	41.45	4.20	53.50	5.48	
Kelawalla	1100.00	- 2800.00	2074.40	1989.57	1946.06	84.83	4.26	128.34	6.59	
Thora	2000.00	- 4200.00	3069.81	3060.01	2461.68	9.80	0.32	608.14	24.70	
Paraw	1100.00	- 2800.00	1837.00	1794.25	1788.81	42.75	2.38	48.19	2.69	
Mora	-			1416.67						
Shrimps (small)	1800.00	- 2400.00	1960.56	2094.63	1998.78	-134.07	-6.40	-38.22	-1.91	
Thalapath	1900.00	- 3200.00	2766.47	2695.19	2577.00	71.28	2.64	189.47	7.35	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100) recorded a deflation of -2.1% marking the third consecutive month of deflation in the country. However, inflation in food category recorded a slight hike (Y-o-Y) of 0.6% in November.

In line with the food price inflation, the prices of most fish varieties saw a slight hike in November. Meantime, supplies start to drop as off season for both fishing areas coincides in November (The

off-season for fishing in the country generally falls between May and November on the western and southern coasts, while the east coast off-season falls during the months of November to April due to monsoon patterns).

The highest price hike was reported for hurulla at 17% followed by mora and kelawalla at 12% and 11% respectively. Prices of remaining varieties, except for salaya, balaya, thora and shrimp (small) had increased in the range of 2% - 4%. However, prices of salaya balaya, thora and shrimp (small) had decreased in the range of 4% -10%. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for all the fish varieties had increased, ranging from 2% to 88%, 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 at 13%. Prices of remaining fish varieties, except for salaya and shrimp (small), had increased by less than 5%. Meanwhile, prices of both salaya, and shrimp (small) had dropped by around 6% due to low supplies received at the market from these varieties. When compared to the same period of the previous year, retail prices for most of the fresh fish varieties had increased, with the most significant decrease noted for hurulla at 55%.

Dried Fish- Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Table 3.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish - November 2024									
Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024		Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried Fish -Wholesale									
Sprats	850.00	- 1250.00	1077.42	1226.67	1098.61	-149.25	-12.17	-21.20	-1.93
Sprats (imported)	650.00	- 900.00	815.83	923.96	876.88	-108.13	-11.70	-61.04	-6.96
Kattawa	-								
Kattawa (imported)	1000.00	- 1200.00	1143.05	1166.46	1274.00	-23.41	-2.01	-130.95	-10.28
Thora	-								
Thora (imported)	-								
Mora	1700.00	- 1950.00	1848.03	1762.12	1746.75	85.91	4.88	101.28	5.80
Mora (imported)	-								
Balaya	850.00	- 1200.00	1037.28	1137.50	883.02	-100.22	-8.81	154.25	17.47
Balaya (imported)	-								
Anguluwa	-								
Anguluwa (imported)	1400.00	- 1600.00	1505.00	1513.96	1583.21	-8.96	-0.59	-78.21	-4.94
Maduwa	1100.00	- 1300.00	1208.97	1278.96	1350.80	-69.98	-5.47	-141.82	-10.50
Maduwa (imported)	-								
Salaya	300.00	- 600.00	424.58	455.00	298.16	-30.42	-6.68	126.42	42.40
Salaya (imported)	-								
Dried Fish -Retail									
Sprats (imported)	1000.00	- 1600.00	1311.17	1289.26	1264.74	21.91	1.70	46.43	3.67
Sprats	1400.00	- 2100.00	1828.75	1980.95	1908.62	-152.20	-7.68	-79.87	-4.18
Kattawa	1800.00	- 2200.00	2009.39	1973.56	2220.92	35.83	1.82	-211.53	-9.52

Thora	-								
Mora	2000.00 - 2600.00	2388.63	2430.83	2349.05	-42.20	-1.74	39.58	1.68	
Balaya	1300.00 - 2000.00	1688.76	1730.50	1701.91	-41.73	-2.41	-13.15	-0.77	
Anguluwa	1800.00 - 2400.00	2232.54	2196.82	2332.94	35.72	1.63	-100.40	-4.30	
Maduwa	1200.00 - 1600.00	1435.27	1459.47	2000.00	-24.20	-1.66	-564.73	-28.24	
Salaya	600.00 - 1000.00	933.10	940.22	911.02	-7.12	-0.76	22.08	2.42	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the fresh - fish price drops experienced in last month, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties also showed a slight drop in November. The highest price drop at the wholesale level was recorded for sprats (local) and sprats (imported) as 12%. Except for mora, prices of remaining dried fish varieties had decreased by less than 9%. Meanwhile, prices of mora had increased by 5% due to low supply. 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 kattawa (imported) and maduwa at 10%.

In line with the wholesale price variation, prices of most of the dried fish varieties had dropped at the retail market. The highest price decrease was reported for sprats at 8% 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 increased by 2% in November. 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 maduwa at 28%.

Eggs - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Prices								
Eggs - Brown (each)	35.000 - 42.00	38.02	41.56	44.28	-3.55	-8.53	-6.27	-14.15
Eggs - White(each)	33.000 - 39.00	35.45	38.45	41.72	-3.00	-7.80	-6.27	-15.02
Retail Prices								
Eggs - Brown (each)	37.000 - 45.00	39.73	43.23	46.02	-3.50	-8.09	-6.30	-13.68
Eggs - White (each)	35.000 - 43.00	38.01	42.00	44.19	-3.99	-9.49	-6.17	-13.97

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

As bulk supply of eggs reached the market targeting upcoming festival season in December, prices of both types of eggs had decreased in November. At the wholesale level, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by around 9% and 8% per egg respectively in November. When it comes to the retail level, price of a brown egg had increased by 8% for a white egg, the price increment was 9%. Average retail price was Rs. 39.73 per brown egg and Rs. 38.01 per white egg. Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 14% at the retail level.

Meat - Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - November 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024		Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat									
Beef (without bones)	2300	- 2600.00	2,470.45	2,509.09	2330.80	-38.64	-1.54	139.65	5.99
Chicken (Broiler)	1000	- 1220.00	1,109.70	1,128.28	1201.45	-18.58	-1.65	-91.75	-7.64
Chicken (curry)	1000	- 1220.00	1,132.64	1,140.86	1305.33	-8.22	-0.72	-172.70	-13.23
Mutton	3300	- 3600.00	3,429.55	3,429.92	3216.25	-0.38	-0.01	213.30	6.63
Pork	1200	- 1500.00	1,309.52	1,311.16	1425.00	-1.64	-0.12	-115.48	-8.10

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to October, prices of all the meat varieties had slightly dropped at the retail market in November. The highest price drop was noted for both chicken (curry) and chicken (broiler) at 2%. Compared to last year, prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest was reported for chicken (curry) at 13%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 109,024mt of wheat grain, valued at Rs.8,937 million, was imported in November 2024. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported increased by approximately 26,466 mt. The average CIF price of imported wheat grain was Rs.81.97/kg, which increased by Rs.1.80/kg compared to October 2024. However, the gross margin decreased from Rs.107.20/kg in October to Rs.104.56/kg in November due to the decline in the retail price of wheat flour.

The total quantity of wheat flour imported during this month was 2,734mt, valued at Rs.313 million. Compared to the previous month, wheat flour imports decreased substantially by approximately 12,849 mt. The average CIF price of imported wheat flour was Rs.114.60/kg, reflecting an increase of Rs.2.47/kg compared to October 2024. Consequently, the gross margin declined from Rs.75.24/kg to Rs.71.93/kg during the same period.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.185.79 to Rs.189.38/kg, with an average price of Rs.186.53/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price decreased by Rs.0.84/kg (0.45%). Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the average retail price declined by Rs.23.47/kg, representing an 11.18% decrease.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Nov 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024		Nov 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	185.79-189.38	186.53	187.37	210.00	-0.84	-0.45	-23.47	-11.18
Sugar	256.20-262.28	255.75	259.79	308.68	-4.04	-1.56	-52.93	-17.15

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Wheat Flour & Grain-
June 2024- November 2024**

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
June - 2024	5,567.00	664.00	119.28	205.93	86.65
Wheat Grain					
November - 2024	109024	8937	81.97	186.53	104.56
October - 2024	82558	6619	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
June - 2024	31,817.00	3,074.00	96.60	205.93	109.33

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

A total quantity of 26,968 mt of sugar and sugar confectionery, valued at Rs.4,911 million, was imported in November 2024. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported decreased by approximately 1,323 mt. The average CIF price of imported sugar was Rs.182.10/kg, which decreased by Rs.2.23/kg compared to October 2024.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of sugar ranged from Rs.256.20 to Rs.262.28/kg, with an average price of Rs.255.75/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price decreased by Rs.4.04/kg (1.56%). The gross margin also declined from Rs.75.46/kg in October to Rs.73.65/kg in November, reflecting the reduction in both the retail and CIF prices.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery –
June 2024 - November 2024**

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
November - 2024	26,968.00	4,911.00	182.10	255.75	73.65
October - 2024	28,291.00	5,215.00	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	82.17
June - 2024	44,557.00	9013.00	202.27	286.23	22.80

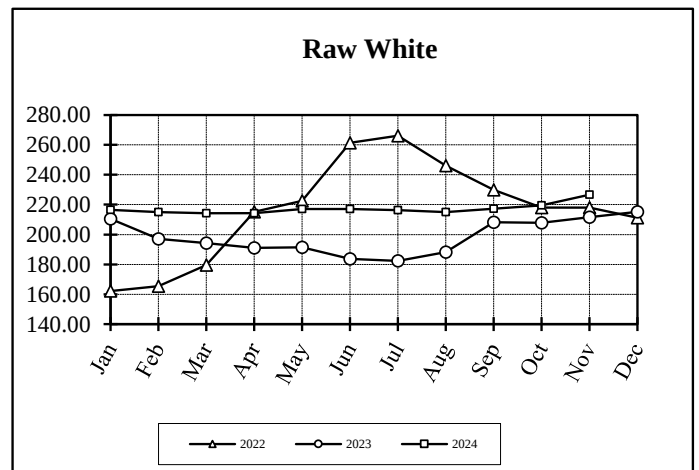
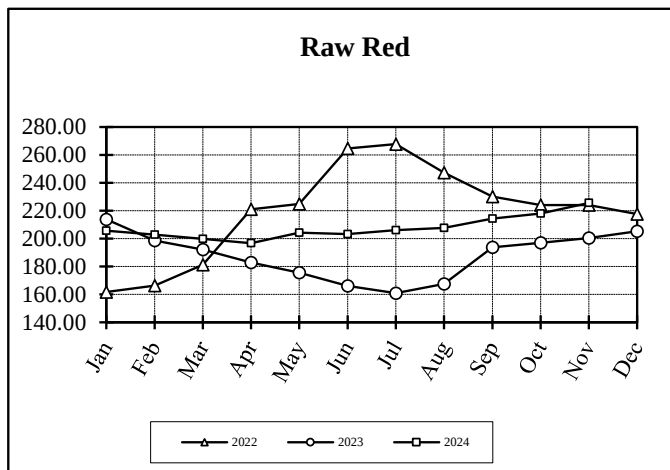
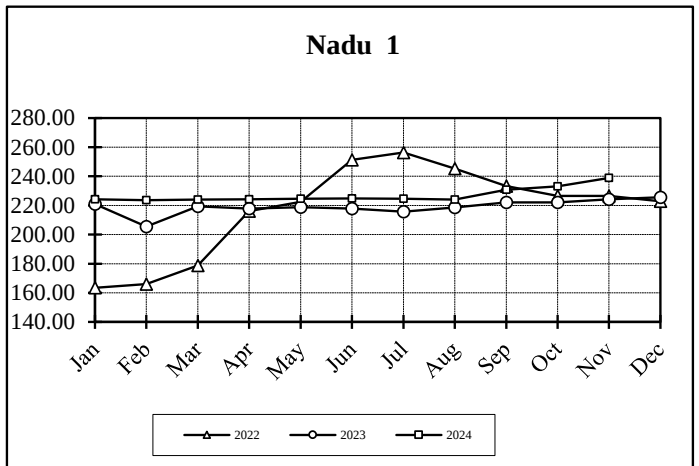
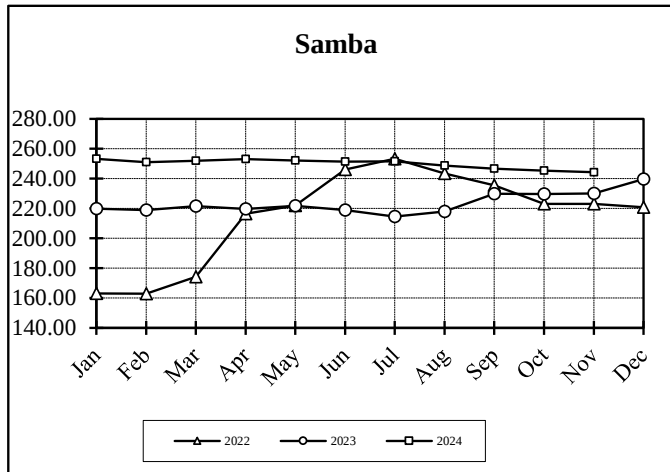
Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items -November 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	Nov	Oct		Nov	Oct		Nov	Oct	
	2024	2024		2024	2024		2024	2024	
Rice	1371.00	1950.00	-29.69	392.00	623.00	-37.08	286.12	319.34	-10.40
Dried Chillies	3761.00	4055.00	-7.25	2014.00	2266.00	-11.12	535.56	558.72	-4.15
Red Onion	1538.00	594.00		312.00	115.00		202.75	193.65	
Big Onion	17732.00	13180.00	34.54	3185.00	2015.00	58.06	179.62	152.87	17.50
Potato	10776.00	13360.00	-19.34	1006.00	1202.00	-16.31	93.32	89.99	3.70
Masoor Dhal	8989.00	15133.00	-40.60	2028.00	3410.00	-40.53	225.60	225.34	0.12
Garlic	2245.00	3293.00	-31.83	988.00	1384.00	-28.61	440.03	420.33	4.69
Wheat flour	2734.00	15583.00	-82.46	313.00	1747.00	-82.08	114.60	112.13	2.20
Wheat grain	109024.00	82558.00	32.06	8937.00	6619.00	35.02	81.97	80.17	2.25
Sugar & sugar confectionery	26968.00	28291.00	-4.68	4911.00	5215.00	-5.83	181.10	184.33	-1.75
Maize (Other)	18904.00	34500.00	-45.21	1662.00	2780.00	-40.22	87.90	80.57	9.10

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

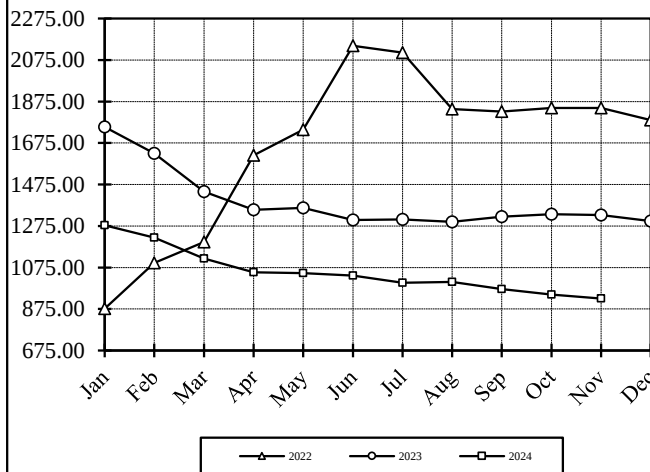
Month	Samba			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	163.05	219.81	253.23	163.43	220.92	224.25	161.74	213.83	205.60	162.13	210.47	216.55
Feb	162.91	218.90	251.06	165.94	205.48	223.59	166.21	198.52	202.86	165.39	197.12	214.99
Mar	174.23	221.53	251.88	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	238.88	224.05	200.36	225.57	218.10	211.66	226.66
Dec	220.88	239.69		222.77	225.59		217.65	205.36		211.26	215.19	



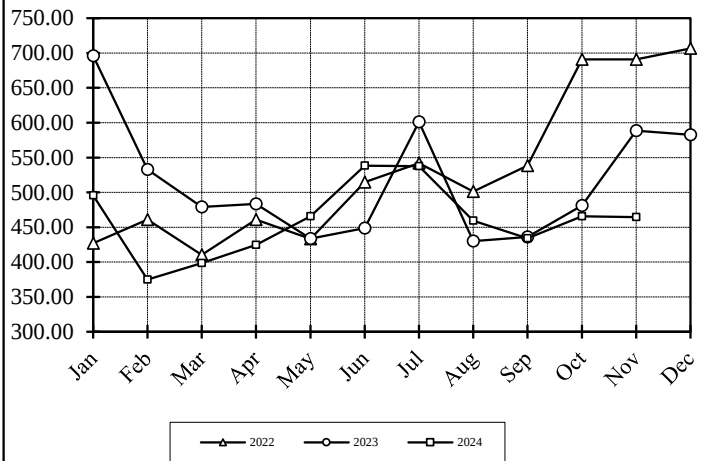
Appendix 02: Retail Prices of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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	464.62	281.28	298.16	353.30	437.60	378.31	404.96
Dec	1785.38	1298.39		706.59	582.53		195.56	421.39		467.45	407.86	

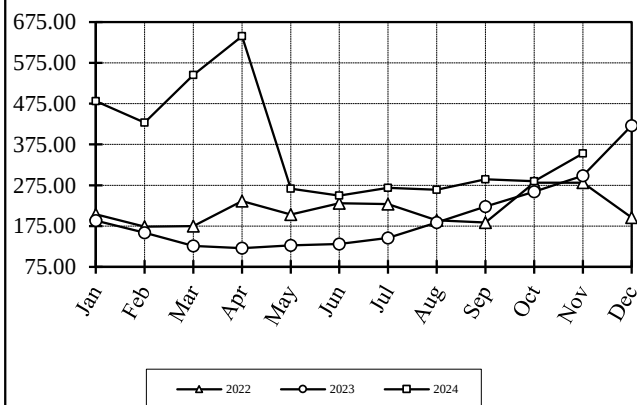
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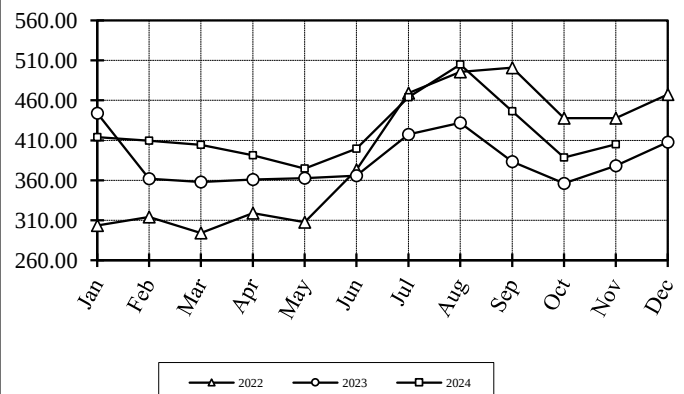
Red Onion - Vedalan



Big Onion



Potato - N'eliya



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

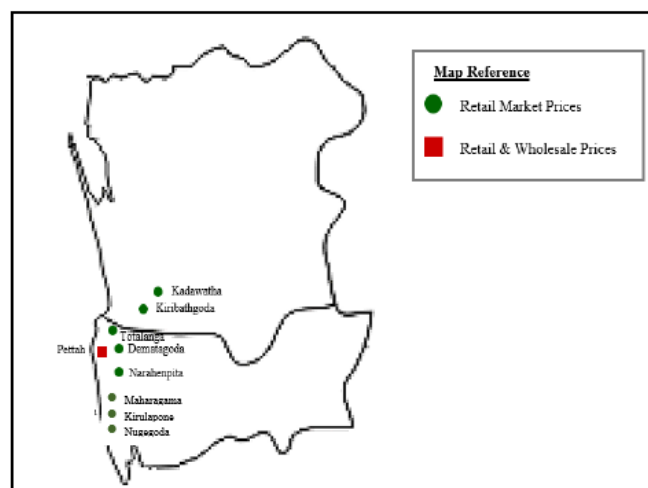
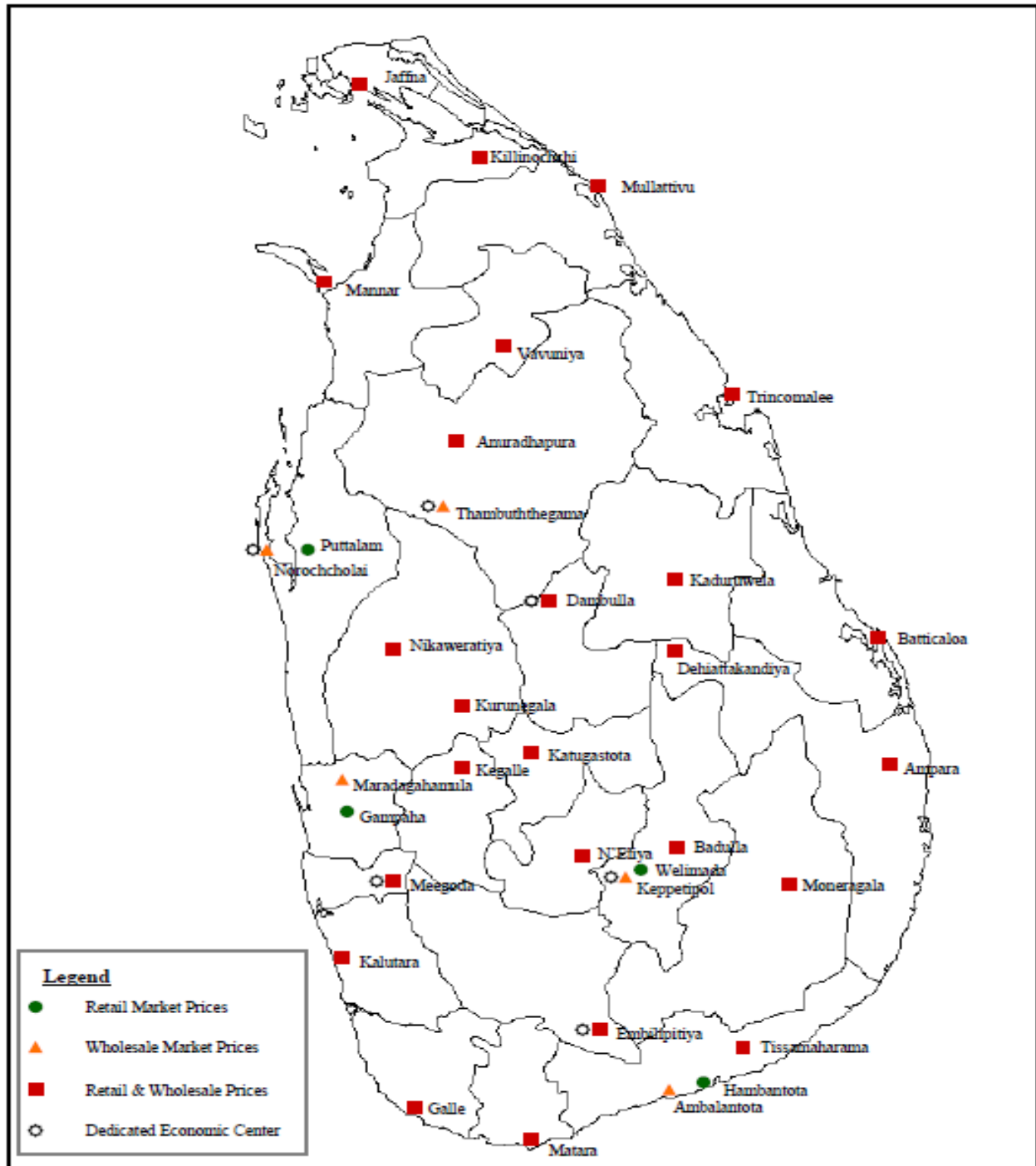
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Paddy</u>					<u>Potato</u>					<u>Leeks</u>				
<u>Short grain</u>					N'Eliya	286.00	224.00	266.00	282.00	Welimada	94.00	78.00	66.00	74.00
A'pura	123.60	131.20	132.00	132.60	Badulla					N'Eliya	96.00	86.00	70.00	104.00
P'naruwa	124.00	124.00	134.00	136.00	Welimada	185.00	187.00	232.00	240.00					
Kalawewa	123.60	132.80	132.80	133.40	<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala		131.80	128.33	129.50	<u>Green Gram</u>					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	125.00				Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	66.00	70.00	118.00	156.00
Ampara	127.67	135.00	131.00	134.67	Kalawewa	482.00	500.00	486.00	482.00	Dambulla	76.60	81.75	100.00	120.00
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	460.00	435.00	435.00	435.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	127.00	136.20	135.20	136.60	Kurunegala					Welimada	84.00	88.00	94.00	152.00
P'naruwa	124.00	124.00	138.00	140.33	A'pura	470.00	438.00	438.00	438.00	<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa	128.40	136.40	137.40	138.00	<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala		140.00	131.50	132.75	A'pura					N'Eliya	84.00	74.00	115.00	174.00
Dehiattakandiya	126.00	127.50	128.00	132.67	Galgamuwa					Welimada	75.00	75.00	104.00	154.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	583.33	566.67	566.67	566.67	<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara	131.00	135.33	137.00	138.00	Kalawewa	472.00	526.00	492.00	520.00	Hanguranketha				
Matara					Embilipitiya	610.00	510.00	510.00	510.00	N'Eliya	57.00	60.00	61.00	60.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	24.00	36.00	30.00	34.00
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	130.00	134.50	135.75	135.75	A'Pura					Hanguranketha				
Hambantota	131.67	135.00	140.00	140.00	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	67.00	50.00	49.00	61.00
Ampara	136.00	137.33	137.67	142.67	<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	22.00	30.00	31.00	35.00
Embilipitiya	135.00	139.50	140.33	144.50	A'Pura					Hambantota				
<u>Keeri Samba</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	55.00	75.00	76.67	50.00
A'pura	126.20	130.00	131.20	131.20	<u>Black Gram</u>					<u>Tomato</u>				
Polonnaruwa	131.00	132.67	136.83	138.00	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa	126.40	130.00	130.80	131.80	A'Pura					Welimada	134.00	155.00	132.00	152.00
Kurunegala		133.80	130.00	134.25	<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Hambantota				
Dehiattakandiya	125.50	128.00	128.67	133.33	<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	143.50	198.00	149.00	187.00
					Dambulla	238.00	342.00	408.00	362.00	<u>Low Country</u>				
<u>Red Onion</u>					Welimada	184.00	333.00	400.00	414.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Badulla	316.67				A'pura	64.00	64.00	74.00	68.00
Dambulla	288.00	296.00	358.00	354.00	<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	40.60	62.20	54.80	82.40
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha					Hambantota	86.67	85.00	95.00	100.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	46.00	84.00	70.00	84.00	Embilipitiya	75.00	86.25	86.25	107.50
Kurunegala					Welimada	24.00	54.00	38.75	73.00	Matara	63.75	67.50	77.50	80.00

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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
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	238.00	208.00	128.00	128.00	Dambulla	87.40	90.20	86.60	84.00	Hambantota				
Dambulla	261.00	198.00	156.00	105.00	Hambantota		80.00	85.00	85.00	Embilipitiya	540.00	622.50	675.00	327.50
Hambantota	195.00	190.00			Embilipitiya	112.50	105.00	92.50	100.00	Moneragala	520.00	470.00	420.00	332.00
Embilipitiya	176.25	200.00	185.00	202.50	Matara	62.50	71.67	95.00	96.25	<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	202.50	210.00	210.00	130.00	A'pura	64.00	84.00	84.00	68.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	122.00	115.00			Moneragala	64.00	74.00			<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	58.00	54.00	54.00	58.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	54.00	74.00	84.00	68.00	Embilipitiya	49.00	45.00	41.00	30.00
Welimada	470.00	454.00	476.00	500.00	Dambulla	70.60	85.60	135.00	100.00	Hambantota	65.00	65.00	65.00	50.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	75.00				<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	316.00	316.00	436.00	448.00	Matara	53.75	63.75		98.75	Moneragala	158.00	158.00	158.00	158.00
Dambulla	310.00	286.00	352.00	390.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	140.00	140.00	134.00	116.00
Hambantota	365.00	400.00	400.00	460.00	Dambulla	109.00	149.00	165.00	181.50	Hambantota	155.00	155.00	155.00	100.00
Embilipitiya	392.50	480.00	468.33	450.00	Hambantota	150.00	115.00	125.00	165.00	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	145.00	192.50	215.00	222.50	Moneragala	44.00	54.00	68.00	68.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	125.00	141.25	141.25	133.75	Embilipitiya	50.00	52.50	58.75	93.75
Dambulla	98.00	156.88	156.88	146.25	A'Pura	168.00	208.00	208.00	228.00	Hambantota	43.33	60.00	63.33	55.00
Hambantota	180.00	170.00	175.00	127.50	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	176.25	250.00	190.00	240.00	Hambantota					Divulapitiya				
Matara	166.25	176.25	183.75	183.75	Embilipitiya	76.25	81.25	72.50	90.00					
A'pura	148.00	168.00	168.00	168.00	Matara	97.50	97.50	96.25	92.50					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	116.00	172.50	193.33	216.00	Dambulla	306.00	196.00	151.00	246.00					
Hambantota	185.00	190.00	190.00	237.50	Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	190.00	222.50	215.00	290.00	Embilipitiya	388.00	297.50	285.00	572.50					
Matara	163.75	176.25	187.50	217.50	Puttalam	270.00								
A'pura	128.00	188.00	228.00	208.00	A'Pura	316.00	268.00	220.00	232.00					

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