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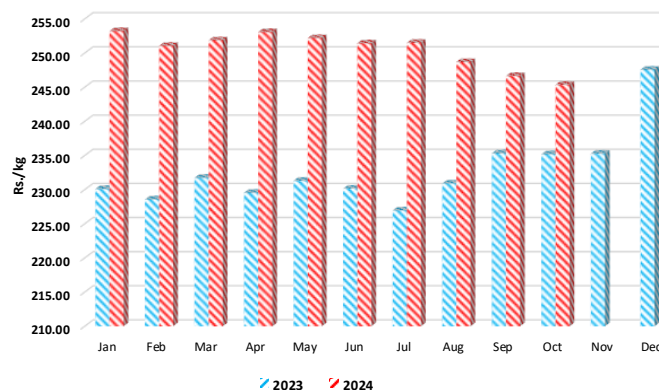
Paddy/Rice

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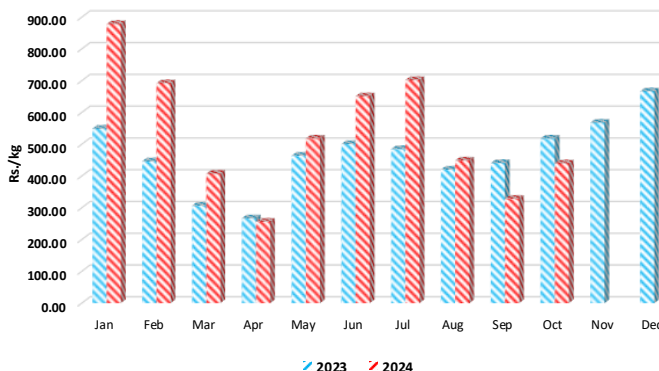
Vegetables

Prices of most of the vegetables trend to increased due to decreased supply from the main producing areas. Retail prices of up-country vegetables have slightly decreased by 1%-20% and low-country vegetables have increased by 8%-30% except brinjal, luffa and ash plantain. The highest average price of Rs.694.00.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.190.00/kg was observed for pumpkin. Vegetable prices are expected to increase in the coming months.

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

Producer Prices

Harvesting of paddy was completed in all major producing districts, leading to further increase in producer prices across all paddy varieties. The producer price of short-grain paddy ranged from Rs.115.00 to Rs.132.00/kg, showing an increase of 1–4% across most of the producing areas, with the largest increase recorded in Polonnaruwa. The producer price of Keeri Samba ranged from Rs.118.00 to Rs.132.00/kg, reflecting increases of 1–3% in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, and Kurunegala. The price of long-grain white paddy also rose across all producing areas, with the highest increase observed in Nikaweratiya.

Compared to the same period last year, producer prices for all paddy varieties, except Keeri Samba, increased across all price collection areas except for slight decrease in Polonnaruwa, with long-grain red showing the most significant rise of 29–33%. In contrast, the producer price of Keeri Samba dropped by 5–11% across all price collection locations.

Table 1.1: Producer Prices of Paddy - October 2024

Table 11: Producer Prices of Paddy - October 2024									
Variety/Area	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Oct 2024		Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	118.00	- 125.00	121.80	120.76	117.20	1.04	0.86	4.60	3.92
Polonnaruwa	118.00	- 125.00	120.88	116.17	123.05	4.71	4.05	-2.18	-1.77
Kalawewa	118.00	- 125.00	121.95	122.48	116.64	-0.53	-0.43	5.31	4.55
Kurunegala	125.00	- 130.00	127.85	125.43	117.90	2.42	1.93	9.95	8.44
Dehiattakandiya	115.00	- 125.00	120.11	117.03	116.00	3.08	2.63	4.11	3.54
Nikaweratiya	120.00	- 130.00	126.85	124.52	112.41	2.33	1.87	14.44	12.84
Ampara	123.00	- 132.00	126.38	124.32	113.17	2.06	1.66	13.21	11.67
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	120.00	- 130.00	125.25	125.08	109.40	0.17	0.14	15.85	14.49
Polonnaruwa	120.00	- 125.00	122.46	122.95	108.05	-0.49	-0.40	14.41	13.33
Kalawewa	120.00	- 129.00	125.40	125.18	109.00	0.22	0.18	16.40	15.05
Kurunegala	125.00	- 132.00	129.45	127.17	111.45	2.28	1.80	18.00	16.15
Dehiattakandiya	117.00	- 125.00	121.29	123.53	104.67	-2.24	-1.81	16.62	15.88
Embilipitiya	-								
Nikaweratiya	122.00	- 133.00	129.05	124.96	112.41	4.09	3.27	16.64	14.80
Matara	-								
Hambantota	-								
Ampara	125.00	- 132.00	127.58	125.73		1.85	1.47		
Long Grain Red									
A' pura	-								
Matara	120.00	- 130.00	125.88	126.80	97.50	-0.92	-0.73	28.38	29.10

Hambantota	120.00 - 135.00	128.35	125.82	98.98	2.54	2.02	29.37	29.67
Embilipitiya	122.00 - 133.00	126.88	125.10	95.06	1.78	1.42	31.82	33.47
Keeri Samba								
A'pura	120.00 - 128.00	123.90	122.92	135.00	0.98	0.80	-11.10	-8.22
Polonnaruwa	128.00 - 132.00	129.92	126.45	136.10	3.47	2.74	-6.18	-4.54
Kalawewa	118.00 - 128.00	123.60		136.88			-13.28	-9.70
Kurunegala	127.00 - 132.00	129.25	127.44	136.75	1.81	1.42	-7.50	-5.48
Dehiattakandiya	122.00 - 130.00	124.46	126.37	140.50	-1.91	-1.51	-16.04	-11.42

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	225.00 - 230.00	227.49	231.64	224.04	-4.16	-1.79	3.45	1.54
Samba 2	218.00 - 223.00	219.54	222.53	217.00	-2.99	-1.34	2.54	1.17
Keeri Samba	240.00 - 300.00	252.50	269.50	289.52	-17.00	-6.31	-37.02	-12.79
Nadu 1	218.00 - 230.00	222.47	221.46	201.20	1.01	0.46	21.27	10.57
Nadu 2	212.00 - 220.00	216.53	214.76	195.88	1.78	0.83	20.65	10.54
Raw red	203.00 - 215.00	207.69	207.18	174.10	0.51	0.24	33.59	19.29
Raw white	205.00 - 215.00	209.85	210.37	195.10	-0.53	-0.25	14.75	7.56
Imported Samba	270.00 - 280.00	276.75	276.70		0.05	0.02		
Imported Raw White								
Imported Nadu								
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	230.00 - 260.00	245.36	246.65	235.20	-1.29	-0.52	10.16	4.32
Samba 2	-			229.65				
Keeri Samba	250.00 - 300.00	263.11	274.66	320.36	-11.55	-4.20	-57.25	-17.87
Nadu 1	220.00 - 240.00	233.14	230.82	222.17	2.32	1.01	10.98	4.94
Nadu 2	220.00 - 230.00	221.99		218.33			3.66	1.68
Raw red	210.00 - 230.00	217.90	214.34	197.09	3.56	1.66	20.81	10.56
Raw white	210.00 - 230.00	219.61	217.20	207.77	2.41	1.11	11.84	5.70
Imported Ponne Samba	280.00 - 320.00	297.21	300.02		-2.81	-0.94		
Imported Raw White								
Imported Nadu								

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

Rice - Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices for Samba, Keeri Samba and raw white rice varieties decreased by 1–6% compared to the previous month. The largest price decrease, 6%, was recorded for Keeri samba due to increased supply, with prices ranging from Rs.240.00 to Rs.300.00/kg. Wholesale prices for Nadu Grade I & II and raw red increased slightly compared to the previous month.

Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices for all rice varieties, except Keeri Samba, rose by 4–17%, with raw red experiencing the highest increase of Rs.31.00/kg.

Retail Prices

Retail prices for Keeri Samba dropped significantly by 16% compared to the previous month, attributed to increased supply. The average retail prices of Samba Grade 1, Keeri Samba, Nadu Grade 1, raw red, and raw white exceeded the government-regulated maximum retail price (MRP).

Imported Ponne Samba was also available in retail markets, with prices ranging from Rs.280.00 to Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the same month last year, retail prices for most rice varieties increased by 1–11%, with raw red showing the highest rise of Rs.61.00/kg. In contrast, the retail price of Keeri Samba decreased significantly by Rs.42.00/kg compared to last year.

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. Producer prices of green chillies have shown an increasing trend in the 4th week of the month with the highest price (Rs.424.00/kg) recorded in Embilipitiya in the fourth week of the month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.85.00/kg and Rs.104.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.255.75/kg and Rs.495.42/kg respectively. Prices of green chilli are expected to increase in the coming months with the end of the harvesting season. Compared to the same period of the last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have decreased by about 30% and 22% respectively.

A quantity of 4,055 mt of dried chillies was imported in October 2024 and this quantity was higher than 1,201 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.558.72/kg and it has increased by Rs.26.07/kg compared to the previous month. However, wholesale price of imported dried chillies has increased by about Rs.10.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by Rs.27.00/kg. 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 of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about 31% and 29% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	October 2024	October 2024	September 2024	October 2023	September 2024		October 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	150.00-400.00	255.75	170.60	365.38	85.15	49.91	-109.63	-30.00
Dried chillies	650.00-750.00	713.10	702.81	1032.64	10.28	1.46	-319.55	-30.94
Retail Price								
Green chillies	250.00-800.00	495.42	391.34	637.22	104.08	26.60	-141.80	-22.25
Dried chillies	750.00-1100.00	943.91	971.26	1331.20	-27.35	-2.82	-387.29	-29.09

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

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

Location	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Dambulla	185.00	274.00	242.00	272.00
Embilipitiya	360.00	365.00	346.00	424.00
A'pura	232.00	316.00	320.00	316.00

Source: Data Management Division, HARTI

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs/mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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	542.83	1005.85	463.02
Jul-24	4068.00	2431.00	597.70	1002.13	404.43
Jun-24	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1036.27	446.88
May-24	4079.00	2404.00	589.39	1047.46	458.07

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 imported and local big onion varieties during this month. Wholesale price of local big onion has not changed significantly while the retail price has decreased by Rs.18.00/kg. The average wholesale and retail prices of local big onion were Rs.267.38/kg and Rs.324.97/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 28% and 20% respectively when compared to the same period of last year. A quantity of 13,180mt of big onion was imported in October 2024 and this quantity was higher than the 1,016 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.152.87/kg and it has increased by Rs.6.66/kg compared to the previous month. Wholesale price of imported big onions has increased by about Rs.9.00/kg while the retail price has decreased by Rs.5.00/kg. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.230.17/kg and Rs.284.61/kg respectively.

Supply of local red onion has decreased from the main producing areas during this month. Hence, the wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.38.00/kg and Rs.36.00/kg respectively. As well retail prices of both sinnan and vedalan have also increased by

about Rs.27.00/kg and Rs.32.00/kg. The average retail prices of sinnan and Vedalan were Rs.363.84.00/kg and Rs.465.89/kg respectively. A quantity of 594mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and the average CIF price was Rs.193.65/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of sinnan has increased by 25% while the retail price of vedalan has decreased by about, 3%.

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

Crop	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	150.00-280.00	214.05	175.67	241.50	38.38	21.85	-27.45	-11.37
Red Onion (Vedalan)	270.00-430.00	337.65	302.14	369.70	35.51	11.75	-32.05	-8.67
Red Onion (Imported)	350.00-400.00	369.44		506.22			-136.78	-27.02
Big Onion (imported)	155.00-300.00	230.17	220.76	190.61	9.41	4.26	39.56	20.76
Big Onion (Local)	230.00-300.00	267.38	266.94	208.83	0.44	0.16	58.55	28.04
Retail Price								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	300.00-440.00	363.84	336.83	290.00	27.01	8.02	73.84	25.46
Red Onion (Vedalan)	350.00-560.00	465.89	433.93	480.95	31.96	7.36	-15.06	-3.13
Red Onion (Imported)	360.00-520.00	433.33						
Big Onion (imported)	220.00-360.00	284.61	289.43	259.39	-4.82	-1.67	25.22	9.72
Big Onion (Local)	280.00-380.00	324.97	343.00	270.48	-18.03	-5.26	54.49	20.14

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	Oct-24	152.87	230.17	284.61	77.30	54.44
	Sep-24	146.21	220.76	289.43	74.55	68.67
	Aug-24	144.36	204.57	264.29	60.21	59.72
Red onion	Oct-24	193.65	337.65	465.89	144.00	128.24
	Sep-24		302.14	433.93	302.14	131.79
	Aug-24	157.10	255.00	409.64	97.90	154.64

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Million)		CIF Price (Rs/Kg)	
	Oct,2024	Sep,2024	Oct,2024	Sep,2024	Oct,2024	Sep,2024
Red Onion	594.00		115.00		193.65	
Big Onion	13180.00	12164.00	2015.00	1779.00	152.87	146.21

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity Imported (Mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/Kg)	Retail Price (Rs/Kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/Kg)
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
May-24	23,681.00	192.33	191.40	266.88	74.55

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The cultivated extent for the 2024 *Yala* season was 1,629 ha in the country which was lower than the targeted extent recorded for the 2024 *Yala* season (3,097 ha). Potato only cultivated 53% of cultivation target due to lack of seed potato availability but at the end of 2024 *Yala* cultivated extent is higher than the 2023 *Yala* extend.

A quantity of 13, 360 mt of potato was imported in October which was 3,850 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. The Average CIF price was Rs. 90.00/kg in October.

Table 2.3.1: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Potato – May 2024 - Oct 2024

Month	Quantity (Mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
Oct-2024	13360	1202	89.99	225.24	135.25
Sep-2024	9510	905	95.16	220.81	125.65
Aug-2024	22,427	2176.00	97.04	248.55	151.51
Jul-2024	16,033	1606.00	100.14	284.09	183.95
Jun-2024	12,780	1105.00	86.50	174.17	87.67
May-2024	10,626	846.00	79.58	204.13	124.55

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.201.00/kg and Rs.163.00/kg in October.

Wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 51% and 49% respectively while, the wholesale price of imported potato decreased by 7%. Also, the retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 13% and 14% respectively. The retail price of imported potato have increased slightly by 2%. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs. 170.00-230.00/kg, Rs. 220.00-250.00/kg and Rs. 145.00-180.00 /kg respectively. As the harvesting season for potato will be end in November, the prices of local potatoes are expected to rise in the coming months.

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – October 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	150.00-190.00	163.00	204.20	171.88	-41.20	-20.18	-8.88	-5.17
Nuwara Eliya	190.00-210.00	200.50	254.50	199.00	-54.00	-21.22	1.50	0.75
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	170.00-230.00	200.00	248.50	193.32	-48.50	-19.52	6.68	3.45
Nuwara Eliya	220.00-250.00	231.88	282.79	223.34	-50.91	-18.00	8.53	3.82
Imported	145.00-180.00	163.26	170.41	173.43	-7.15	-4.20	-10.17	-5.87
Retail Prices(RP)								
Welimada	250.00-400.00	312.96	364.48	300.20	-51.51	-14.13	12.76	4.25
Nuwara Eliya	260.00-480.00	388.54	446.36	356.19	-57.82	-12.95	32.35	9.08
Imported	180.00-280.00	225.24	220.81	222.31	4.43	2.01	2.93	1.32
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		149.96	160.28	128.32	-10.31	-6.44	21.64	16.86
Nuwara Eliya		188.04	191.86	157.19	-3.82	-1.99	30.85	19.63
Imported(RP-CIF)								
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada		112.96	115.98	106.88	-3.01	-2.60	6.08	5.69
Nuwara Eliya		156.67	163.57	132.85	-6.90	-4.22	23.82	17.93
Imported		61.98	50.40	48.88	11.59	22.99	13.11	26.82

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

Cowpea reported crop damaged 24% of the cultivated extend in 2024 Yala but forecasted production will be 98% of 2023 Yala (Department of Census and Statistics data) production.

The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs.550.00-700.00/kg and Rs.750.00-1100.00/kg respectively. When compared to last month both wholesale and retail prices of Green gram decreased by 15% and 9% respectively. Meanwhile, the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs.520.00-750.00/kg. When compared to the same period of last year the retail prices of green gram, decreased by 18% while the retail prices of both White and red cowpea decreased by 22%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	550.00-700.00	637.10	754.33	774.52	-117.24	-15.54	-137.42	-17.74
Cowpea (White)	550.00-750.00	654.40	740.50	943.84	-86.10	-11.63	-289.44	-30.67
Cowpea (Red)	520.00-750.00	623.40	686.95	970.64	-63.55	-9.25	-347.24	-35.77
Retail Prices								
Green gram	750.00-1100.00	899.53	990.59	1102.27	-91.06	-9.19	-202.74	-18.39
Cowpea (White)	800.00-1000.00	884.11	973.97	1139.11	-89.86	-9.23	-254.99	-22.39
Cowpea (Red)	800.00-1100.00	902.44	968.61	1157.80	-66.17	-6.83	-255.36	-22.06

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.270/kg and Rs.280/kg with an average of Rs.275/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.285/kg and Rs.360/kg with an average of Rs.314/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices decreased marginally. However, when compared to the same period of the year 2023 both the retail and wholesale prices decreased by 6% to 7%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices	270.00-280.00	274.96	266.95	292.43	8.01	3.00	-17.48	-5.98
Retail Prices	285.00-360.00	313.71	313.51	336.88	0.20	0.06	-23.18	-6.88

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

3. Vegetables

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the vegetables have trend to increase because of the decreased supply from major producing areas. The wholesale prices of most of the up-country vegetables have decreased by 10%-46%. However, prices of bean and beetroot have increased by 41% and 6% respectively. The highest price decrease was reported for cabbage at Rs.79.00/kg. Tomato prices have decreased by 44% at Rs.69.00/kg. With regard to the low-country vegetables, the wholesale prices have increased by 1%-52% except brinjal, drumstick, luffa and ash plantain. The highest price decrease of Rs.109.00/kg was recorded for bitter gourd. Green chili and lime prices have increased by 50% and 52% respectively. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased by 1%-49%. However, leeks prices have increased by 116%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – October 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00 - 450.00	308.50	218.40	415.60	90.10	41.25	-107.10	-25.77
Carrot	60.00 - 120.00	83.75	138.00	163.00	-54.25	-39.31	-79.25	-48.62
Leeks	100.00 - 250.00	154.83	194.00	71.60	-39.17	-20.19	83.23	116.25
Beetroot	60.00 - 140.00	92.77	87.93	116.00	4.84	5.51	-23.23	-20.03
Knolkhol	50.00 - 150.00	90.75	101.60	100.80	-10.85	-10.68	-10.05	-9.97
Radish	40.00 - 100.00	63.50	70.40	87.40	-6.90	-9.80	-23.90	-27.35
Cabbage	50.00 - 120.00	93.64	172.62	93.58	-78.98	-45.76	0.05	0.06
Tomato	180.00 - 280.00	227.50	158.40	120.60	69.10	43.62	106.90	88.64
Ladies Fingers	80.00 - 150.00	108.73	76.60	136.40	32.13	41.94	-27.67	-20.29
Brinjal	100.00 - 280.00	173.50	222.20	262.60	-48.70	-21.92	-89.10	-33.93
Capsicum	350.00 - 650.00	488.25	457.55	334.20	30.70	6.71	154.05	46.10
Pumpkin	50.00 - 130.00	85.07	60.80	56.40	24.27	39.92	28.67	50.84
Cucumber	50.00 - 100.00	77.14	76.20	80.80	0.94	1.23	-3.66	-4.53
Bitter Gourd	180.00 - 400.00	319.00	209.60	332.00	109.40	52.19	-13.00	-3.92
Snake Gourd	140.00 - 300.00	211.50	182.40	215.60	29.10	15.95	-4.10	-1.90
Drumstick	120.00 - 480.00	264.47	272.27	164.89	-7.80	-2.87	99.58	60.39
Luffa	120.00 - 220.00	175.50	205.60	205.00	-30.10	-14.64	-29.50	-14.39
Long Beans	100.00 - 200.00	150.50	112.80	235.96	37.70	33.42	-85.46	-36.22
Ash Plantain	70.00 - 200.00	124.18	175.60	199.40	-51.42	-29.28	-75.22	-37.72
Green Chillies	150.00 - 400.00	255.75	170.60	365.38	85.15	49.91	-109.63	-30.00
Lime	350.00 - 600.00	465.25	302.20	1396.00	163.05	53.95	-930.75	-66.67

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with increase wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased. Retail prices of up-country vegetables have slightly decreased by 1%-20%. However, bean prices have increased by 34% at Rs.112.00/kg. Retail prices of low-country vegetables have increased by 8%-30% except brinjal, luffa and ash plantain. Price of brinjal, luffa and ash plantain have decreased by 1%-11%. The highest average price of Rs.694.00.00/kg was reported for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.190.00/kg was observed for pumpkin. In addition, price of green chilli and lime have increased by 27% and 45% respectively. Compared to the same period last year, retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have decreased by 1%–28%. However, prices of leeks, tomato and drumstick have increased by 40%-54%.

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables - October 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	320.00 - 600.00	439.99	328.46	518.06	111.53	33.95	-78.07	-15.07
Carrot	120.00 - 320.00	219.66	276.26	303.51	-56.60	-20.49	-83.85	-27.63
Leeks	200.00 - 400.00	305.25	322.57	218.23	-17.31	-5.37	87.03	39.88
Beetroot	120.00 - 340.00	235.41	239.44	237.99	-4.03	-1.68	-2.57	-1.08

Knolkhol	140.00	-	340.00	253.42	257.11	245.00	-3.69	-1.43	8.42	3.44
Radish	120.00	-	320.00	209.80	215.85	217.52	-6.05	-2.80	-7.73	-3.55
Cabbage	140.00	-	360.00	254.10	305.50	238.82	-51.40	-16.83	15.28	6.40
Tomato	240.00	-	480.00	364.93	287.46	264.34	77.47	26.95	100.59	38.05
Ladies Fingers	150.00	-	320.00	252.53	220.01	263.40	32.52	14.78	-10.87	-4.13
Brinjal	180.00	-	480.00	307.52	346.56	432.84	-39.04	-11.27	-125.32	-28.95
Capsicum	480.00	-	1000.00	693.96	565.90	498.40	128.06	22.63	195.56	39.24
Pumpkin	100.00	-	260.00	189.51	168.77	158.74	20.74	12.29	30.77	19.39
Cucumber	110.00	-	260.00	194.01	179.98	184.25	14.03	7.79	9.76	5.30
Bitter Gourd	300.00	-	600.00	457.41	352.01	485.80	105.41	29.95	-28.39	-5.84
Snake Gourd	200.00	-	480.00	351.27	311.81	354.86	39.46	12.65	-3.59	-1.01
Drumstick	200.00	-	800.00	477.88	435.50	310.75	42.39	9.73	167.13	53.78
Luffa	200.00	-	480.00	329.55	331.85	346.12	-2.30	-0.69	-16.57	-4.79
Long Beans	200.00	-	400.00	302.52	267.89	362.48	34.63	12.93	-59.95	-16.54
Ash Plantain	150.00	-	360.00	257.56	287.21	318.09	-29.64	-10.32	-60.53	-19.03
Green Chillies	250.00	-	800.00	495.42	391.34	637.22	104.08	26.60	-141.80	-22.25
Lime	500.00	-	1000.00	720.15	497.22	1914.80	222.93	44.83	-1194.65	-62.39

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In October, considering the price behavior of major fruit types, the wholesale prices of most of the banana, pineapple and mango have decreased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of all the varieties except *ambun* have decreased with the highest price decrease of 48% recorded for *kolikiuttu* banana, followed by *ambul* (41%). During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.180.00-350.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.50.00-130.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.100.00-140.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.32.00-46.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.28.00-34.00/fruit (*anamlu*).

With the arrival of some stocks of mango to the market from this month, the wholesale prices of *karthakolomban* (46%) and *vilad* (28%) mangoes have decreased. Meanwhile, the prices of all the sizes of pineapple have decreased in the range of 2%-5% due to on-going harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.497.00/fruit (large), Rs.385.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.307.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively.

Considering the other types of fruit varieties, the prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased due to availability of ample stocks in the market. The highest price decrease of 64% was reported for slime apple, followed by papaw (61%) and passion fruit (31%). Meanwhile, the prices of avocado and wood apple have increased by 69% and 6% respectively due to low stock position.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have decreased with the highest price decrease of 59% reported for slime apple (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – October 2024

Item	Price Range			Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024			Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg						Rs	%	Rs	%
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	50.00	-	130.00	98.75	168.32	137.33	-69.57	-41.33	-38.58	-28.09
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	180.00	-	350.00	234.17	453.31	461.08	-219.14	-48.34	-226.91	-49.21
Seeni (Rs/kg)	100.00	-	140.00	117.05	138.44	134.65	-21.38	-15.45	-17.60	-13.07
Anamalu (Fruit)	28.00	-	34.00	30.20	32.08	25.70	-1.88	-5.87	4.50	17.50
Ambun (Fruit)	32.00	-	46.00	40.28	40.00	30.38	0.28	0.69	9.89	32.56
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	390.00	-	715.00	496.61	516.79	603.64	-20.19	-3.91	-107.04	-17.73
Medium (Fruit)	300.00	-	550.00	385.25	405.93	500.84	-20.69	-5.10	-115.60	-23.08
Small (Fruit)	240.00	-	450.00	307.20	315.01	369.44	-7.80	-2.48	-62.24	-16.85
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	36.00	-	55.00	47.21	39.50	32.29	7.71	19.51	14.91	46.18
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	100.00	-	217.00	155.51	286.72	150.06	-131.21	-45.76	5.45	3.63
Vilad (Fruit)	60.00	-	100.00	86.85	120.76	55.04	-33.91	-28.08	31.81	57.80
Kohu (Fruit)	18.00	-	20.00	19.00						
Papaw (Rs/kg)	40.00	-	140.00	85.00	219.27	91.64	-134.27	-61.23	-6.64	-7.24
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	25.00	-	65.00	40.67	58.97	55.59	-18.30	-31.03	-14.92	-26.84
Wood Apple (Fruit)	12.00	-	24.00	17.40	16.42	20.24	0.98	5.98	-2.84	-14.03
Orange (Fruit)	60.00	-	100.00	79.68	80.53	69.03	-0.85	-1.06	10.65	15.43
Avocado (Fruit)	100.00	-	260.00	166.55	98.28	78.89	68.27	69.46	87.66	111.12
Slime Apple (Fruit)	24.00	-	40.00	30.58	84.76	74.37	-54.18	-63.92	-43.79	-58.88
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1150.00	-	1380.00	1228.04	1225.86	1203.57	2.18	0.18	24.47	2.03

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the major types of fruit varieties have decreased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of all the types have decreased in the range of 3%-28% with the highest price decrease recorded for *kolikuttu* banana due to decreased wholesale price. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.280.00-550.00/kg for *kolikuttu*, Rs.120.00-280.00/kg for *ambul* and Rs.130.00-260.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Among the mango varieties, the price of *karthakolomban* has decreased by 29% while the price of *vilad* has decreased by 20%.

Considering the price behaviour for pineapple varieties, the prices of all the sizes have decreased in the range of 3%-8% due to decreased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.350.00-650.00/fruit for medium size pineapple in Colombo suburbs markets.

Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of all the varieties except for wood apple and avocado have decreased due to decreased wholesale prices. Accordingly, the highest price decrease

of 39% was recorded for papaw. Further, the prices of passion fruit, slime apple, imported grapes and orange have decreased in the range of 3%-7%. However, the prices of avocado and wood apple have increased by 44% and 6% 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 169% reported for avocado (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – October 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Oct 2024		Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023		
	Rs/kg					Rs	%	Rs	%	
Plantain										
Ambul (Rs/kg)	120.00	- 280.00	197.33	235.86	226.50	-38.53	-16.34	-29.17	-12.88	
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	280.00	- 550.00	392.00	547.33	594.44	-155.33	-28.38	-202.43	-34.05	
Seeni (Rs/kg)	130.00	- 260.00	200.82	224.67	210.65	-23.84	-10.61	-9.83	-4.67	
Anamalu (Fruit)	30.00	- 56.00	44.44	45.95	36.43	-1.51	-3.28	8.01	21.99	
Ambun (Fruit)	35.00	- 76.00	61.57	65.14	47.28	-3.57	-5.49	14.29	30.23	
Pineapple										
Large (Fruit)	450.00	- 800.00	609.65	628.14	674.77	-18.49	-2.94	-65.12	-9.65	
Medium (Fruit)	350.00	- 650.00	482.59	516.44	567.48	-33.85	-6.55	-84.89	-14.96	
Small (Fruit)	280.00	- 550.00	386.16	417.70	474.31	-31.54	-7.55	-88.15	-18.59	
Mango										
Betti (Fruit)	57.00	- 57.00	57.00							
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	130.00	- 330.00	233.69	328.00	219.21	-94.31	-28.75	14.49	6.61	
Vilad (Fruit)	75.00	- 180.00	122.97	152.00	97.67	-29.03	-19.10	25.29	25.90	
Kohu (Fruit)		-								
Papaw (Rs/kg)	80.00	- 280.00	186.03	303.10	170.87	-117.07	-38.62	15.15	8.87	
Passion Fruit (Fruit)	40.00	- 110.00	76.26	82.42	78.79	-6.16	-7.48	-2.54	-3.22	
Wood Apple (Fruit)	20.00	- 80.00	45.86	43.32	46.25	2.54	5.87	-0.39	-0.84	
Orange (Fruit)	80.00	- 160.00	132.36	135.01	110.37	-2.65	-1.97	21.99	19.93	
Avocado (Fruit)	120.00	- 400.00	254.75	176.28	94.71	78.47	44.52	160.04	168.97	
Slime Apple (Fruit)	100.00	- 240.00	164.39	174.83	115.05	-10.44	-5.97	49.34	42.89	
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	1300.00	- 2500.00	1994.73	2099.44	2095.89	-104.71	-4.99	-101.16	-4.83	

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,806 mt of fresh fruits in October, 2024 to the value of Rs.191 mn. Of the exported quantity, 98% were fresh papaw. Compared to October 2023 (4,485 mt), the exported quantity had decreased during this year (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 1,375 mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.582 mn. Apple was the mostly imported fruit type with the quantity of 681 mt, followed by grapes (534 mt). Compared to the same period of last year, the imported quantity had increased during this year (Table 4.4).

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

Type of Fruit	Oct-24			Sep-24			Aug-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)	1768.00	147.65	83.50	1301.00	107.00	82.00	1224.00	106.00	86.00
Fresh Mango, Guava, Mangosteen	20.09	27.82	1385.00	35.00	49.00	1392.00	33.00	42.00	1255.00
Avocados (fresh)	1.06	1.18	1123.00	2.00	2.00	887.00	9.00	7.00	782.00
Pineapples (fresh)	16.71	14.27	854.00	10.00	5.00	520.00	47.00	25.00	532.00

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

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

Type of Fruit	Oct-24			Sep-24			Aug-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	681.00	282.00	414.00	478.00	178.00	371.85	343.00	132.00	383.75
Grapes	534.00	247.00	462.31	257.00	123.00	479.15	314.00	205.00	651.89
Oranges	160.00	53.00	331.57	81.00	24.00	292.54	176.00	51.00	291.93

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 - October 2024

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Oct 2024		Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023		
	Rs/kg		Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices										
Salaya	200.00	- 450.00	321.80	310.28	256.29	11.52	3.71	65.51	25.56	
Hurulla	500.00	- 850.00	684.17	692.13	458.20	-7.96	-1.15	225.97	49.32	
Balaya	650.00	- 950.00	796.46	809.04	663.00	-12.58	-1.55	133.46	20.13	
Kelawalla	950.00	- 1450.00	1199.79	1343.50	1129.60	-143.71	-10.70	70.19	6.21	
Thora	1700.00	- 2700.00	2272.92	2380.83	1951.00	-107.92	-4.53	321.92	16.50	
Paraw	1000.00	- 1450.00	1281.25	1340.67	1264.20	-59.42	-4.43	17.05	1.35	
Mora	800.00	- 1100.00	997.78	1044.91	913.22	-47.13	-4.51	84.56	9.26	
Shrimps (small)	1700.00	- 1950.00	1836.04	1938.83	1724.60	-102.79	-5.30	111.44	6.46	
Thalapath	1600.00	- 2400.00	1894.63	2089.42	1821.82	-194.79	-9.32	72.81	4.00	
Retail Prices										
Salaya	300.00	- 700.00	506.17	502.26	491.33	3.91	0.78	14.85	3.02	
Hurulla	700.00	- 1200.00	853.15	902.13	668.66	-48.98	-5.43	184.50	27.59	
Balaya	750.00	- 1500.00	987.77	1090.72	1360.96	-102.94	-9.44	-373.19	-27.42	
Kelawalla	1100.00	- 2800.00	1989.57	2088.97	2104.88	-99.40	-4.76	-115.31	-5.48	
Thora	1850.00	- 4600.00	3060.01	3187.62	2683.06	-127.61	-4.00	376.95	14.05	
Paraw	1200.00	- 2800.00	1794.25	1877.27	1946.67	-83.03	-4.42	-152.42	-7.83	
Mora	1100.00	- 1700.00	1416.67	1375.00	1474.67	41.67	3.03	-58.00	-3.93	
Shrimps (small)	1800.00	- 2400.00	2094.63	2027.38	2046.49	67.25	3.32	48.14	2.35	
Thalapath	1750.00	- 3360.00	2695.19	2885.26	2850.68	-190.07	-6.59	-155.49	-5.45	

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 negative value recording a deflation of -0.80 % for the second consecutive month in October 2024. However, inflation in food category recorded a slight hike (Y-o-Y) of 1.3 % in October compared to the deflation of 0.3 recorded in September, 2024.

Despite the trend of food price inflation, the prices of most fish varieties saw a slight drop in October. High supplies continued to flow into the market during the middle phase of the main season from the Southern and Western coasts.

The highest price drop was reported for kelawalla at 11% and the thalapath prices dropped at 9%. Prices of remaining varieties, except for salaya had decreased in the range of 1% - 5%. However, prices of salaya had increased by 4%. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, wholesale prices for all the fish varieties had increased, ranging from 1% to 49%, with the highest increase for hurulla.

In line with price variation in the wholesale market, prices of most of the fish varieties, had slightly dropped in the retail market. The highest price decrease was reported for balaya at 9%. Prices of remaining fish varieties, except for salaya, mora and shrimp (small) had dropped in the range of 4% - 7%. Meanwhile, prices of salaya, mora and shrimp (small) had increased in the range of 1%-3%, 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 decreased, with the most significant decrease noted for balaya at 27%.

Dried Fish- Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried Fish -Wholesale								
Sprats	950.00 - 1400.00	1226.67	1399.96	1098.31	-173.29	-12.38	128.36	11.69
Sprats (imported)	800.00 - 1100.00	923.96	905.33	911.83	18.63	2.06	12.13	1.33
Kattawa (imported)	-							
Thora	1100.00 - 1250.00	1166.46	1257.17	1340.20	-90.71	-7.22	-173.74	-12.96
Thora (imported)	-							
Mora	-							
Mora (imported)	1650.00 - 1900.00	1762.12	1734.50	1794.60	27.62	1.59	-32.48	-1.81
Balaya	-							
Balaya (imported)	1000.00 - 1200.00	1137.50	1146.50	983.20	-9.00	-0.78	154.30	15.69
Anguluwa	-							
Anguluwa (imported)	-							
Maduwa	1400.00 - 1600.00	1513.96	1457.33	1607.63	56.62	3.89	-93.68	-5.83
Maduwa (imported)	1150.00 - 1400.00	1278.96	1290.97	1399.24	-12.01	-0.93	-120.28	-8.60
Salaya	-							
Salaya (imported)	300.00 - 550.00	455.00	478.67	351.51	-23.67	-4.94	103.49	29.44

Dried Fish -Retail									
Sprats (imported)	1000.00	- 1400.00	1289.26	1211.49	1244.99	77.77	6.42	44.26	3.56
Sprats	1400.00	- 2400.00	1980.95	2079.26	2002.30	-98.31	-4.73	-21.34	-1.07
Kattawa	1400.00	- 2200.00	1973.56	2022.52	2282.04	-48.96	-2.42	-308.48	-13.52
Thora	-								
Mora	2000.00	- 2600.00	2430.83	2374.82	2406.51	56.01	2.36	24.32	1.01
Balaya	1400.00	- 2000.00	1730.50	1657.42	1913.46	73.08	4.41	-182.96	-9.56
Anguluwa	1800.00	- 2500.00	2196.82	2123.37	2358.67	73.45	3.46	-161.85	-6.86
Maduwa	1400.00	- 1600.00	1459.47	1543.83	1685.71	-84.36	-5.46	-226.24	-13.42
Salaya	700.00	- 1100.00	940.22	959.05	1048.49	-18.83	-1.96	-108.27	-10.33

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

In line with the price variation in fresh fish prices, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties also experienced a slight drop, compared to last month. The highest price drop at the wholesale level was recorded for sprats as 12%. Except for sprats (imported), mora and anguluwa (imported), prices of remaining dried fish varieties had decreased by less than 8%. Meanwhile, prices of sprats (imported), mora and anguluwa (imported) had increased in the range of 2% - 4%. Compared to the same period of the previous year, wholesale prices for 50% of the dried fish varieties had dropped with the highest was reported for kattawa (imported) at 13%.

In line with the wholesale price variation, prices of 50% of the dried fish varieties had dropped at the retail market. The highest price decreases were reported for maduwa and sprats at 5% at the retail level. However, prices of sprats (imported), mora, balaya and anguluwa had increased in the range of 2% - 6%. 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 kattawa at 14%.

Eggs - Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

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

Item	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024		Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	33.000	- 44.00	41.56	39.39	47.83	2.18	5.52	-6.26	-13.09
Eggs - White(each)	31.000	- 41.00	38.45	36.49	46.28	1.97	5.39	-7.82	-16.90
Retail Prices									
Eggs - Brown (each)	34.000	- 48.00	43.23	41.50	49.03	1.72	4.14	-5.81	-11.85
Eggs - White (each)	33.000	- 45.00	42.00	40.03	47.86	1.97	4.93	-5.86	-12.25

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Due to the combined effects of high supply and decreased demand (resulting from the election and subsequent curfew), egg prices dropped significantly in September. The slight price increase observed in October was a response to the substantial price drop in September. Hence, at the wholesale level, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by around 5% per egg in October. When it comes to the retail level, price of a brown egg had increased by 4% for a white egg, the value of price increment was 5%. Average retail price was Rs. 43.23 per brown egg and Rs. 42.00 per white egg. Compared to the same period of the previous year, prices of both brown and white eggs have decreased by 12% at the retail level.

Meat - Prices and Supply/Demand

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat - October 2024

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	2300 - 2600.00	2,509.09	2,536.42	2357.50	-27.33	-1.08	151.59	6.43
Chicken (Broiler)	1000 - 1200.00	1,128.28	1,160.34	1168.19	-32.07	-2.76	-39.91	-3.42
Chicken (curry)	950 - 1300.00	1,140.86	1,182.49	1303.85	-41.63	-3.52	-162.99	-12.50
Mutton	3300 - 3600.00	3,429.92	3,421.97	3224.29	7.95	0.23	205.64	6.38
Pork	1200 - 1500.00	1,311.16	1,348.50	1418.00	-37.34	-2.77	-106.84	-7.53

Source: Data Management Division/HARTI

Compared to September, prices of most of the meat varieties had slightly dropped at the retail market in October. Meantime, pork prices continued to decrease due to wide spreading swine flu. The highest price drop was noted for chicken (curry) at 4% followed by chicken (broiler) and pork at 3%. Compared to last year, prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased with the highest was reported for chicken (curry) at 12.5%.

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 82,558 mt of wheat grain, valued at Rs.6,619 million, was imported in October 2024. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported decreased by approximately 48,954 mt. The average CIF price of imported wheat grain was Rs.80.17/kg, representing a decrease of Rs.7.94/kg compared to the previous month. The gross margin for wheat grain was Rs.107.20/kg, which remained almost unchanged compared to Rs.107.60/kg recorded in September.

The total quantity of wheat flour imported during this month was 15,583 mt, valued at Rs.1,747 million. Compared to the previous month, wheat flour imports decreased by approximately 7,163 mt. The average CIF price of imported wheat flour was Rs.112.13/kg, reflecting a decrease of Rs.3.25/kg compared to the previous month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged from Rs.185.79 to Rs.189.38/kg, with an average price of Rs.187.37/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price decreased by Rs.3.73/kg (2%). Compared to the same period last year, the average retail price declined by Rs.20.90/kg, representing a 10% decrease. The gross margin of imported wheat flour also decreased slightly from Rs.76.52/kg in September to Rs.75.24/kg in October.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Oct 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024		Oct 2023	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	185.79 - 189.38	187.37	191.10	208.27	-3.73	-1.95	-20.90	-10.04
Sugar	256.20 - 262.28	259.79	259.00	271.99	0.79	0.31	-12.20	-4.49

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
May - 2024	4,594.00	545.00	118.64	206.14	87.50
Wheat Grain					
October - 2024	82558	6619	80.17	187.37	107.20
September - 2024	131512	11588	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
May - 2024	173,536.00	14,258.00	82.16	285.02	202.86

Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Sugar

A total quantity of 28,291 mt of sugar and sugar confectionery, valued at Rs.5,215 million, was imported in October 2024. Compared to the previous month, the quantity imported increased by approximately 654 mt. However, the total import value remained almost unchanged, recording a marginal decrease of Rs.5 million (0.1%). The average CIF price of imported sugar was Rs.184.33/kg, which decreased by Rs.4.54/kg compared to September 2024.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of sugar ranged from Rs.256.20 to Rs.262.28/kg, with an average price of Rs.259.79/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price increased slightly by Rs.0.79/kg (0.31%). However, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the average retail price decreased by Rs.12.20/kg, representing a 4.49% decline.

The gross margin for sugar increased from Rs.70.13/kg in September to Rs.75.46/kg in October, mainly due to the reduction in the average CIF price while the retail price remained relatively stable.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Sugar and sugar confectionery - May 2024- Oct 2024

Month	Quantity	Value	CIF Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin
	(Mt)	(Rs.mn)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)
October - 2024	28,291.00	5,215.00	184.33	259.79	75.46
September - 2024	27,637.00	5,220.00	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	83.96
May - 2024	22,901.00	4709.00	205.62	285.02	22.80

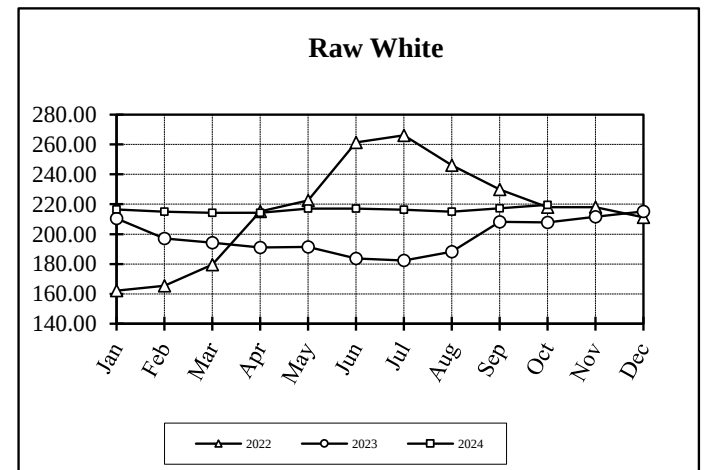
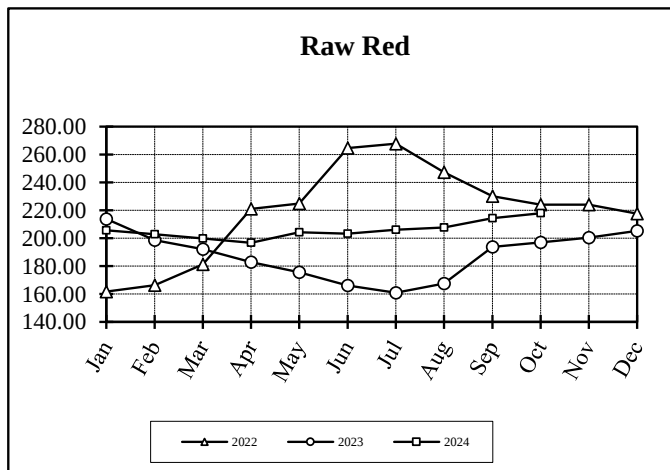
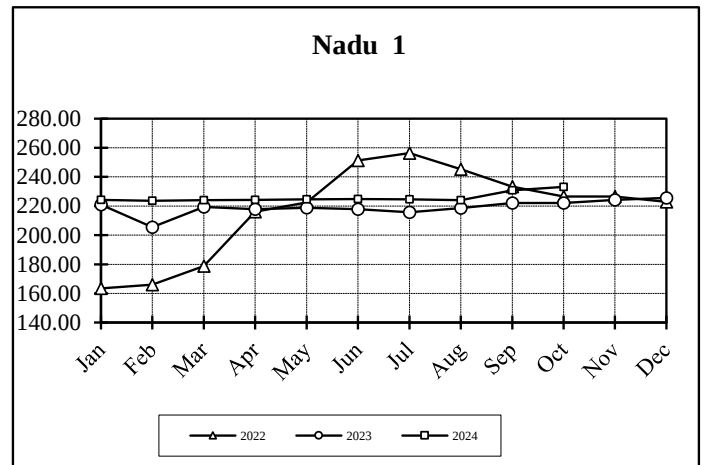
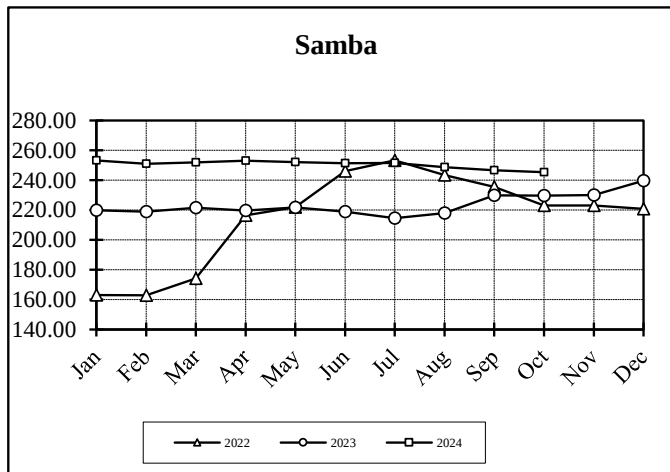
Source: Department of Customs and Data Management Division/HARTI

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items -October 2024

Items	Quantity (Mt)		% Change	Value (Million Rs)		% Change	CIF (Rs/Kg)		% Change
	Oct	Sep		Oct	Sep		Oct	Sep	
	2024	2024		2024	2024		2024	2024	
Rice	1950.00	2120.00	-8.02	623.00	689.00	-9.58	319.34	324.86	-1.70
Dried Chillies	4055.00	2854.00	42.08	2266.00	1520.00	49.08	558.72	532.65	4.89
Red Onion	594.00			115.00			193.65		
Big Onion	13180.00	12164.00	8.35	2015.00	1779.00	13.27	152.87	146.21	4.56
Potato	13360.00	9510.00	40.48	1202.00	905.00	32.82	89.99	95.16	-5.43
Masoor Dhal	15133.00	12455.00	21.50	3410.00	2905.00	17.38	225.34	233.23	-3.38
Garlic	3293.00	1953.00	68.61	1384.00	852.00	62.44	420.33	436.52	-3.71
Wheat flour	15583.00	22746.00	-31.49	1747.00	2624.00	-33.42	112.13	115.38	-2.82
Wheat grain	82558.00	131512.00	-37.22	6619.00	11588.00	-42.88	80.17	88.11	-9.01
Sugar & sugar confectionery	28291.00	27637.00	2.37	5215.00	5220.00	-0.10	184.33	188.87	-2.40
Maize (Other)	34500.00	35138.00	-1.82	2780.00	2779.00	0.04	80.57	79.09	1.87

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

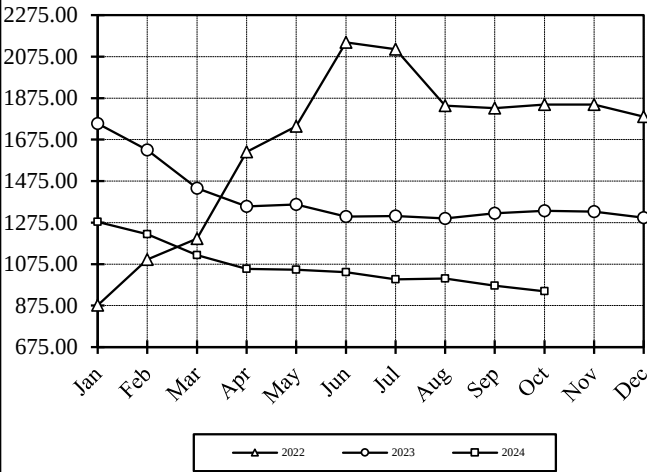
Month	Samba			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Jan	163.05	219.81	253.23	163.43	220.92	224.25	161.74	213.83	205.60	162.13	210.47	216.55
Feb	162.91	218.90	251.06	165.94	205.48	223.59	166.21	198.52	202.86	165.39	197.12	214.99
Mar	174.23	221.53	251.88	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		226.45	224.19		224.05	200.36		218.10	211.66	
Dec	220.88	239.69		222.77	225.59		217.65	205.36		211.26	215.19	



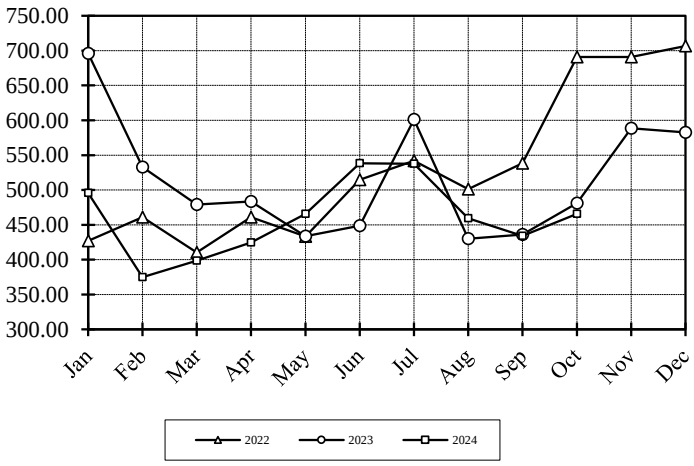
Appendix 02: Retail Prices of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		690.99	588.73		281.28	298.16		437.60	378.31	
Dec	1785.38	1298.39		706.59	582.53		195.56	421.39		467.45	407.86	

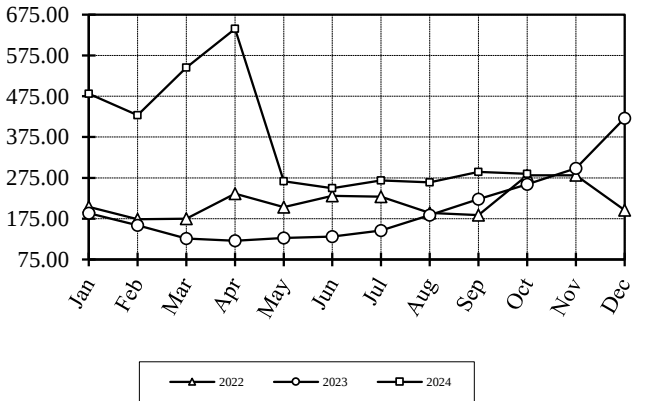
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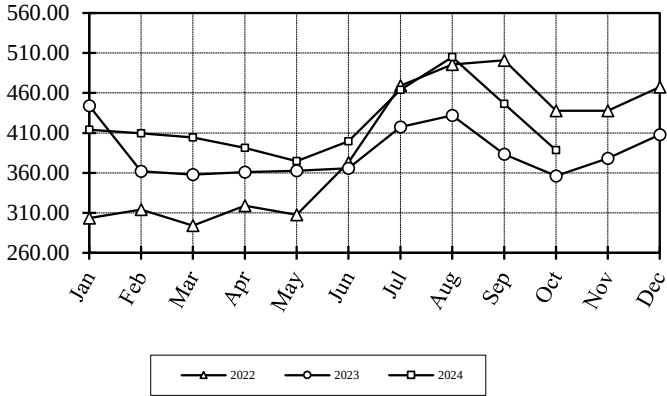
Red Onion - Vedalan



Big Onion



Potato - N'eliya



**Appendix 03: Farmgate\Producer Prices of Food Commodities
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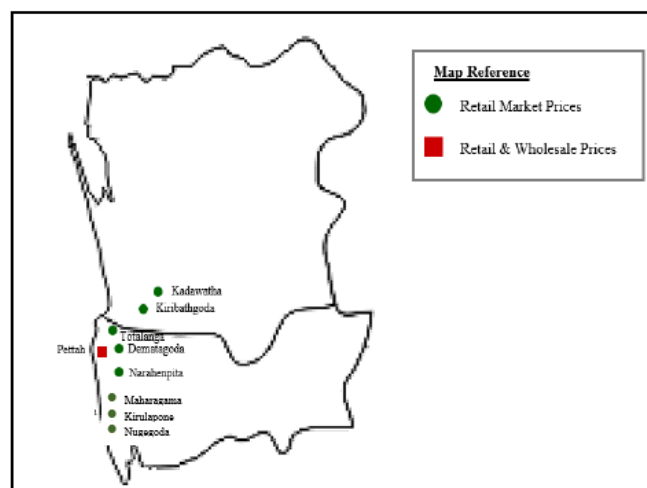
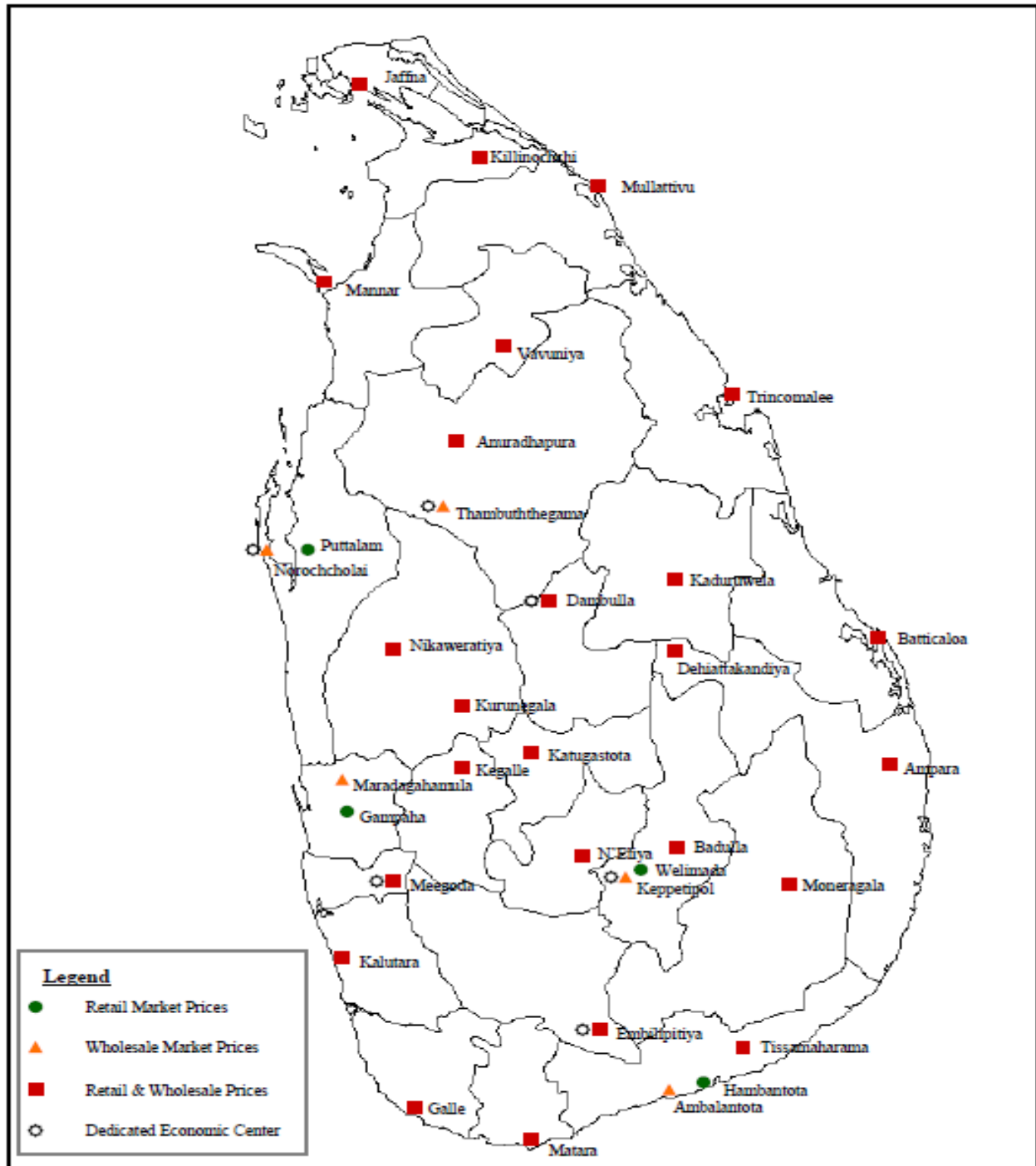
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Paddy</u>					<u>Potato</u>					<u>Leeks</u>				
<u>Short grain</u>					N'Eliya	202.00	204.00	201.00	195.00	Welimada	95.00	79.00	76.00	94.00
A'pura	120.00	123.20	122.00	122.00	Badulla					N'Eliya	116.00	105.00	110.00	129.00
P'naruwa	119.00	119.00	121.50	124.00	Welimada	156.00	158.00	155.00	183.00					
Kalawewa	120.20	122.40	122.60	122.60	<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala	126.60	128.20	127.60	129.00	<u>Green Gram</u>					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	116.33	119.00		125.00	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	58.00	55.00	96.00	58.00
Ampara	123.50	124.00	130.33	127.67	Kalawewa	500.00	488.00	446.00	482.00	Dambulla	61.20	60.60	56.20	82.00
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	510.00	510.00	460.00	460.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	122.40	127.00	125.00	126.60	Kurunegala					Welimada	56.00	41.00	45.00	78.00
P'naruwa	122.00	122.00	121.83	124.00	A'pura	520.00	520.00	420.00	420.00	<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa	124.00	126.00	125.40	126.20	<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	127.60	130.20	129.40	130.60	A'pura					N'Eliya	44.00	39.00	88.00	94.00
Dehiattakandiya	117.67	119.00	124.00	124.50	Galgamuwa					Welimada	41.00	42.00	45.00	76.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	583.33	583.33	583.33	583.33	<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara	125.50	125.50	128.33	131.00	Kalawewa	486.00	600.00	476.00	472.00	Hanguranketha				
Matara					Embilipitiya	610.00	610.00	610.00	610.00	N'Eliya	33.00	33.00	56.00	56.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	26.00	18.40	24.00	31.00
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>					<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	125.00	124.50	125.75	128.25	A'Pura					Hanguranketha				
Hambantota	125.00	123.75	132.33	132.33	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	76.00	50.00	90.00	49.00
Ampara	124.33	125.67	131.67	136.00	<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	34.00	31.00	44.00	29.00
Embilipitiya	123.50	126.00	126.50	131.50	A'Pura					Hambantota				
<u>Keeri Samba</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	90.00		60.00	55.00
A'pura	122.00	125.00	123.60	125.00	<u>Black Gram</u>					<u>Tomato</u>				
Polonnaruwa	129.00	129.00	130.67	131.00	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa			122.20	125.00	A'Pura					Welimada	156.00	135.00	136.00	154.00
Kurunegala	128.50	130.50	128.60	129.40	<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Hambantota	166.67	203.33	206.67	213.33
Dehiattakandiya	122.33	123.00	125.00	127.50	<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	185.00	170.50	190.00	162.50
					Dambulla	240.00	290.00	292.00	258.00	<u>Low Country</u>				
<u>Red Onion</u>					Welimada	178.00	266.00	290.00	290.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Badulla				316.67	A'pura	88.00	68.00	88.00	88.00
Dambulla	232.00	229.00	238.00	264.00	<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	70.20	70.80	79.20	71.60
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha					Hambantota	96.67	76.67	76.67	83.33
A'Pura					N'Eliya	65.00	44.00	57.00	43.00	Embilipitiya	87.50	107.50	107.50	92.50
Kurunegala					Welimada	41.67	34.00	45.00	30.00	Matara	71.25	82.50	77.50	76.25

Appendix 03: contd.....

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	128.00	108.00	88.00	188.00	Dambulla	61.60	89.60	83.80	85.80	Hambantota				
Dambulla	90.40	100.00	113.00	181.00	Hambantota	53.33	53.33	70.00	65.00	Embilipitiya	392.50	392.50	407.50	465.00
Hambantota	80.00			180.00	Embilipitiya	110.00	130.00	102.50	87.50	Moneragala	320.00	470.00	420.00	420.00
Embilipitiya	90.00	117.50	145.00	192.50	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	122.50	120.00	112.50	177.50	A'pura	54.00	68.00	88.00	68.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada				154.00	Moneragala	54.00	74.00	64.00	54.00	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	84.00	54.00	54.00	54.00
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	54.00	68.00	68.00	54.00	Embilipitiya	55.00	55.00	54.00	49.00
Welimada	460.00	460.00	504.00	452.00	Dambulla	81.20	48.00	41.60	70.40	Hambantota	76.67	66.67	60.00	65.00
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	63.33	50.00	50.00	50.00	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	288.00	328.00	308.00	332.00	Matara	47.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	Moneragala	220.00	188.00	184.00	174.00
Dambulla	280.00	317.50	305.00	294.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	222.50	190.00	172.00	156.00
Hambantota	290.00	290.00	290.00		Dambulla	154.00	121.00	132.00	150.50	Hambantota	206.67	153.33	163.33	155.00
Embilipitiya	315.00	335.00	390.00	407.50	Hambantota	106.67	100.00	100.00	130.00	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	177.50	145.00	127.50	140.00	Moneragala	74.00	42.00	42.00	42.00
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	105.00	105.00	112.50	112.50	Embilipitiya	80.00	46.25	46.25	50.00
Dambulla	140.50	141.00	149.00	154.00	A'Pura	208.00	208.00	188.00	188.00	Hambantota	83.33	56.67	45.00	46.67
Hambantota	145.00	153.33	165.00		<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	156.25	177.50	207.50	207.50	Hambantota					Divulapitiya				
Matara	155.00	158.75	150.00	166.25	Embilipitiya	92.50	100.00	87.50	87.50					
A'pura	168.00	168.00	248.00	188.00	Matara	112.50	110.00	102.50	100.00					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	113.00	110.00	128.00	140.00	Dambulla	185.00	274.00	242.00	272.00					
Hambantota	140.00	123.33	123.33	140.00	Hambantota			310.00						
Embilipitiya	255.00	185.00	185.00	185.00	Embilipitiya	360.00	365.00	346.00	424.00					
Matara	170.00	176.25	152.50	156.25	Puttalam									
A'pura	208.00	148.00	168.00	168.00	A'Pura	232.00	316.00	320.00	316.00					

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