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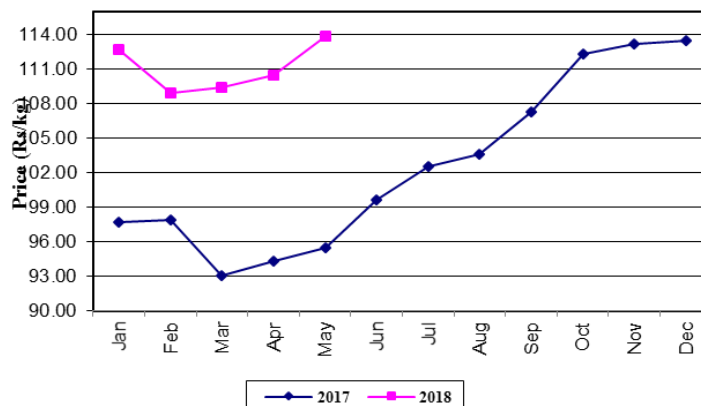
RICE:

Retail prices of local rice varieties, except raw red and raw white have increased. Accordingly, price of local samba grade II has increased by Rs.6.00/kg. Prices of both local nadu grade I and II have also increased by Rs.4.00/kg. Imported rice quantity has drastically decreased and this was the lowest imported quantity since last January.

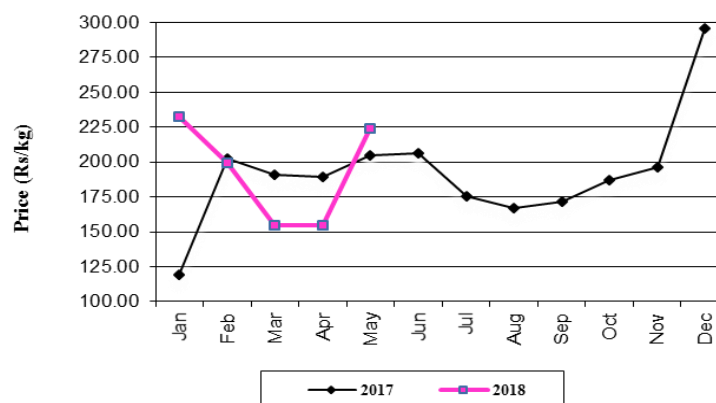
VEGETABLES:

Decreased supplies in the off season together with weather related crop damages to cultivations which had reached the harvesting stage, shot up the prices of both upcountry and lowcountry varieties by a considerable margin, compared to last month. Of the upcountry varieties, the highest price increase was reported for beetroot as 122% whereas the highest price increase in domestic vegetables was reported for long beans as 143%, in the wholesale market.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price 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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Outstation Markets

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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 12. Puttalam | 23. Batticaloa |
| 2. Dambulla | 13. Hambantota | 24. Jaffna |
| 3. Matara | 14. Divulapitiya | 25. Mullaitivu |
| 4. Kurunegala | 15. Dehiattakandiya | 26. Kilinochchi |
| 5. Embilipitiya | 16. Keppetipola | 27. Vavuniya |
| 6. Kandy | 17. Thambutthegama | 28. Kegalle |
| 7. Meegoda | 18. Anuradhapura | 29. Ampara |
| 8. Kalutara | 19. Badulla | 30. Moneragala |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle | 31. Ratnapura |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 22. Trincomalee | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Early prospects of paddy crop in 2018 *Yala* season were favourable in most of the major producing areas. Prevailing favourable weather condition and better water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs caused the progress of paddy cultivation. The monsoons were activated and rainy weather was experienced and the land preparation activities and paddy crop establishment were in progress in all major producing areas. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the target paddy extent is 423,768 ha. The cultivation progress up to end May is 273,471 ha and it is 65% of the target. The cultivation progress is higher than the same period of last year but lower than the 2016 and 2015 *Yala* seasons. Further report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.08 million. It is expected that the cultivations would continue next month. Satisfactory progress of paddy cultivation was recorded from the Eastern province and the Mahaweli Zones.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *yala* 2018 As at end of May 2018

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Effected Extent due to flood (ha)	Expected total Production loss due to drought (mt)	Reversed Production forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	27,036	6,640	25	24,559			24,559
Polonnaruwa	31,242	22,080	71	89,848			89,848
Ampara	33,826	31,753	94	134,795			134,795
Kurunegala	65,611	28,179	43	112,714	556	1,668	111,046
Hambantota	26,567	18,912	71	92,556			92,556
Colombo	1,129	992	88	2,890			2,890
Gampaha	4,908	5,704	116	17,427			17,427
Kalutara	7,500	3,972	53	12,905	222	567	12,338
Galle	8,828	1,432	16	3,827			3,827
Matara	14,780	11,732	79	39,842			39,842
Ratnapura	8,450	5,193	61	16,917			16,917
Kegalle	9,268	4,630	50	17,040			17,040
Puttalam	18,305	3,092	17	9,198			9,198
Kandy	6,884	1,950	28	6,279			6,279
Matale	10,343	2,402	23	9,781			9,781
N' Eliya	3,029	104	3	222			222
Badulla	5,112	5,442	106	20,762			20,762
Monaragala	20,907	13,353	64	49,726			49,726
Jaffna	-	-	-	-			-
Kilinochchi	7,175	654	9	2,257			2,257
Vavuniya	7,454	647	9	2,442			2,442
Mullaitivu	5,268	1,396	26	4,350			4,350
Mannar	2,930	-	-	-			-
Trincomalee	16,446	15,764	96	65,409			65,409
Batticaloa	25,814	25,806	100	62,437			62,437
Udawalawa	10,415	10,355	99	50,170			50,170
System H	12,747	11,050	87	50,388			50,388
System H1	1,600	3,840	240	17,510			17,510
System B	14,320	13,559	95	61,829			61,829
System C	11,203	21,015	188	95,828			95,828
System G	3,240	448	14	2,043			2,043
System D	477	487	102	2,221			2,221
Rambakanoya	878	798	91	3,639			3,639
System L	75	92	123	420			420
Sri Lanka	423,767	273,473	65	1,082,231	778	2,235	1,079,996

Source: Crop Forecast, *yala* 2018, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

A slightly increasing trend of paddy prices continued especially for the short grain paddy throughout the month in all major producing areas due to the limited supplies of paddy to the markets as a result of crop failure in the last *Maha* season. However, low prices were recorded for long grain red paddy in the producing areas in the Southern Province due to satisfactory harvest in *Maha* season. The monthly average prices of short grain white paddy have increased by less than 8% in almost all major producing areas and the highest increase was recorded from Kalawewa. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have increased by less than 9% in most of the major producing areas and the highest increase was recorded from Nikaweratiya. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.45.00-60.00/kg and Rs.36.00-46.00/kg in major producing areas and the lowest prices were recorded in Kurunegala. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have decreased by 3% in Hambantota and 8% in Embilipitiya and the prices ranged between Rs.30.00-35.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province. According to the field information it is expected that an increasing trend of paddy prices can be expected during next month due to short supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 3%-14%. However, the prices of long grain white and long grain red paddy have decreased by 16%-22% and 17%-31% respectively in all considered major producing areas.

Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – May 2018

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	50.00-60.00	48.00-56.00	54.80	52.01	49.78	2.79	5.36	5.02	10.08
Polonnaruwa	56.00-57.00	51.50-58.00	56.56	55.35	50.68	1.21	2.18	5.88	11.61
Kalawewa	53.00-60.00	50.00-55.00	55.85	51.88	52.81	3.97	7.65	3.04	5.76
Kurunegala	45.00-50.00	45.00-54.00	47.75	49.33	-	-1.58	-3.21	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	54.00-59.00	45.00-57.00	56.48	53.77	50.87	2.70	5.03	5.61	11.02
Nikaweratiya	53.00-55.00	48.00-55.00	54.33	50.87	52.88	3.47	6.82	1.46	2.76
Ampara	54.00-57.00	52.00-57.00	55.69	54.60	49.05	1.09	1.99	6.64	13.53
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	38.00-43.00	36.00-43.00	41.01	40.32	49.28	0.69	1.72	-8.27	-16.79
Polonnaruwa	41.00-42.00	39.00-43.00	41.56	41.19	50.34	0.38	0.91	-8.78	-17.44
Kalawewa	41.00-43.00	34.00-45.00	42.13	40.51	52.14	1.61	3.98	-10.02	-19.21
Kurunegala	36.00-42.00	40.00-48.00	38.27	45.50	-	-7.23	-15.90	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	38.00-43.00	35.00-42.00	39.71	39.66	50.62	0.05	0.12	-10.91	-21.56
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	43.00-45.00	38.00-43.00	44.33	40.73	52.88	3.60	8.84	-8.54	-16.15
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	36.83	37.83	-	-1.00	-2.65	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	39.00-43.00	40.00-44.00	41.38	41.65	-	-0.27	-0.66	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	34.00-35.00	34.00-38.00	36.83	35.25	44.22	1.58	4.49	-7.39	-16.71
Hambantota	30.00-33.00	30.00-36.00	32.00	33.00	46.60	-1.00	-3.02	-14.60	-31.32
Embilipitiya	30.00-35.00	34.00-37.00	32.50	35.37	45.54	-2.87	-8.11	-13.04	-28.63

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties, except samba grade II and nadu grade II have further decreased during the month of May. Accordingly, the highest price decrease was noted for local raw red as 2% and the average price was Rs.70.00/kg. Further, prices of local samba grade I and raw white have decreased and respective average prices were Rs.108.00/kg and Rs.75.00/kg. However, prices of samba grade II and nadu grade II have increased by 1% and respective price ranges were Rs.100.00-105.00/kg and Rs.77.00-81.00/kg. A total quantity of 2,340mt. worth of Rs.180mn. of rice had been imported during the month of May. However, compared to the previous month, imported quantity for this month has drastically decreased by more than fourteen times and this was the lowest imported quantity since last January. Hence, prices of most of the imported rice varieties have increased drastically during the month. Accordingly, price of imported samba has increased by 17% and average price was Rs.82.00/kg. Price of imported raw white has also increased by 9% and average price was Rs.77.00/kg.

Out of the total imports, 900mt. comprised of raw white; 512mt. comprised of basmati; 422mt. comprised of broken rice; 319mt. comprised of *ponni* samba and the rest comprised of nadu. Majority quantities of samba had been imported from India and few quantities were also imported from Vietnam, China and United Arab Emirates. The average CIF price for samba was Rs.70.00/kg. The highest nadu quantity (87%) had been imported from India and a few quantities were also imported from Pakistan. The average CIF price for nadu was 83.00/kg. Raw white had been mainly imported from India (61%) and Myanmar (28%). A few quantities were also imported from Pakistan, Vietnam and United Arab Emirates. The average CIF price for raw white was Rs.60.00/kg. Total broken rice quantity for the month of May had been imported from India and the CIF price was Rs.51.00/kg. Basmati was mainly imported from Pakistan and India. In addition, basmati was also imported from the United States, United Arab Emirates, Australia, Italy and China. The average CIF price for Basmati was Rs.68.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties except samba and nadu varieties have decreased by 1%. However, prices of samba and nadu varieties have increased in the range of 1%-15%. Meanwhile, prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased in the range of 5%-11%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties, except raw red and raw white have increased during the month of May. Accordingly, price of local samba grade II has increased by Rs.6.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.110.00-113.00/kg. Further, prices of both local nadu grade I and II have increased by Rs.4.00/kg and respective price ranges were Rs.105.00-110.00/kg and Rs.90.00-100.00/kg. Price of local samba grade I has also increased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and average price was Rs.117.00/kg. However, prices of both local raw red and raw white have decreased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and respective price ranges were Rs.78.00-95.00/kg and Rs.80.00-90.00/kg. Prices of all imported varieties have also increased considerably during the month. Consequently, price of imported raw white has increased by Rs.6.00/kg and average price was 84.00/kg. Price of *ponni* samba has also increased by Rs.5.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.80.00-95.00/kg. Further, price of imported nadu has also increased by Rs.4.00/kg and the average price was Rs.85.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg from Hambantota and Matara markets, while the lowest price

ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Hanguranketha market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-108.00/kg from Moneragala and Embilipitiya markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.85.00-90.00/kg from Matara market. The highest price of Rs.92.00/kg for raw red was reported from Kandy and Kegalle markets, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Embilipitiya and Tissamaharama markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kegalle and Anuradhapura markets, while the lowest price of Rs.76.00/kg was reported from Ampara market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 1%-21%. Subsequently, prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased in the range of 5%-11%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	105.00-112.00	108.46	108.70	94.21	-0.24	-0.22	14.25	15.13
Samba 2	100.00-105.00	103.02	102.11	89.38	0.92	0.90	13.64	15.26
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	77.00-81.00	79.33	78.94	78.94	0.39	0.50	0.39	0.50
Raw red	68.00-72.00	70.37	71.48	71.48	-1.11	-1.55	-1.11	-1.55
Raw white	73.00-76.00	74.89	75.25	75.25	-0.36	-0.48	-0.36	-0.48
Imported Samba	79.00-85.00	82.42	70.70	78.59	11.72	16.58	3.84	4.88
Imported Raw White	73.00-80.00	76.77	70.64	69.38	6.13	8.68	7.40	10.66
Imported Nadu	-	-	72.06	71.43	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	115.00-120.00	117.36	116.93	99.74	0.43	0.37	17.63	17.67
Samba 2	110.00-113.00	110.30	104.00	91.16	6.29	6.05	19.13	20.99
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	105.00-110.00	106.56	102.24	93.46	4.33	4.23	13.11	14.02
Nadu 2	90.00-100.00	93.62	90.03	87.12	3.59	3.99	6.50	7.46
Raw red	78.00-95.00	85.08	85.43	84.24	-0.35	-0.41	0.84	0.99
Raw white	80.00-90.00	86.25	86.74	85.58	-0.49	-0.57	0.68	0.79
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	80.00-95.00	89.87	85.34	85.82	4.52	5.30	4.05	4.71
Imported Raw White	75.00-90.00	84.07	78.57	75.88	5.51	7.01	8.19	10.80
Imported Nadu	80.00-95.00	84.52	80.83	79.22	3.69	4.57	5.30	6.69

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli of *Yala* 2018 was 4,537 ha and by the end of May 2018, 1,985 ha have been cultivated representing 44% of the targeted extent. By the end of May, the highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttalam (275 ha) followed by Moneragala (243 ha). Crops are in different stages in main producing areas.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Yala 2018

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2018	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent
Anuradhapura	652	123	19
Puttalam	39	275	705
Moneragala	429	243	57
Hambantota	148	131	88
Kurunegala	413	99	24
Ampara	262	105	40
Matale	165	147	89
Kandy	262	60	23
Batticaloa	262	121	46
Other areas	1,905	681	36
Total	4,537	1,985	44

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Demand Situation

Supplies of green chilli from main producing areas have decreased further during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.30.00/kg and Rs.57.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.81.00/kg and Rs.232.56/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 63% and 37% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 4,968 mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 1,947 mt compared to that of the last month. The CIF price was Rs.214.54/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.7.00/kg compared to previous month. Wholesale price of imported dried chilli has decreased by about Rs.2.00/kg, while the retail price has increased by about Rs.9.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 60% and 27% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	50.00-120.00	81.00	50.92	217.67	30.09	59.09	-136.66	-62.79
Dried Chilli	245.00-250.00	248.13	249.94	155.12	-1.81	-0.72	93.00	59.95
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	100.00-400.00	232.56	175.63	366.68	56.93	32.42	-134.12	-36.58
Dried Chilli	280.00-350.00	306.67	298.03	241.70	8.64	2.90	64.97	26.88

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli
December 2017 to May 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May	4,968	1,065.91	214.54	306.67	92.13
April	3,021	669.21	221.56	298.03	76.47
March	5,610	1,137.93	202.85	284.90	82.06
February	3,866	755.77	195.47	271.41	75.94
January	4,245	739.90	174.28	263.76	89.48
December	4,729	838.96	177.40	264.58	87.18

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) – May 2018

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	38.60	61.40	62.60	65.40
Hambantota	95.00	130.00	150.00	190.00
Embilipitiya	92.50	103.57	136.71	149.00
Puttalam	48.75	69.00	66.00	96.00
A'Pura	63.33	72.50	90.00	150.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

Around 35% of nursery preparation have been completed by the end of May 2018 in Matale district and it could be expected to finish next June and July months 2018. Most of the nurseries have been damaged in Matale district due to unfavourable weather condition. Compared to previous year, around 1-1 ½ months' cultivation delay was observed during this season in Matale district due to unfavourable weather condition. Compared to last *Yala* season a decrease of cultivation could be expected during this season due to rainy weather condition that prevailed at the beginning of the season. The targeted extent of big onion in Matale district was 2,092 ha and only about 19 ha was cultivated by the end of May representing only about 1% of the targeted extent. Cultivation of big onion in Anuradhapura district also were in a low level and most of farmers in Anuradhapura district tend to cultivate paddy during this season.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala 2018

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2018	
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target
Matale	2092	18.9	0.90
Anuradhapura	1141	0.8	0.07
System H	250	5.0	2.00
System H ₁	914	0.0	-
Other areas	965	83.3	8.63
Total	5362	108	2.01

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent of red onion for this *Yala* season was 4,095 ha in Sri Lanka out of which 792 ha were cultivated by the end of May 2018. It represented 19% of the total targeted extent. The highest cultivated extent of red onion was reported from Jaffna (318 ha) and it represents 16% of the targeted extent in Jaffna district.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2018

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2018	
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target
Jaffna	2,005	318	16
Puttalam	500	286	57
Trincomalee	249	1	0.40
Vavuniya	400	106	27
Mullaitivu	456	38	8
Other areas	485	43	9
Total	4,095	792	19

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The imported quantity of big onion during the month was about 15,702 mt and this was about 10,342 mt lower than the imported amount last month. Big onion stocks were imported from India (99%) and Pakistan (1%). Average CIF price was Rs.36.10/kg and it has not changed significantly compared to that of the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.34.00/kg and Rs.32.00/kg respectively due to limited imports from India.

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas had decreased throughout this month as it was the end of the *Maha* harvesting season. Limited stocks of vedalan available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.130.00-140.00/kg. About 1,943 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 90 mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.82.39/kg and it has a decrease of Rs.10.44/kg compared to previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about 52% and 34% respectively.

**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
May 2018**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	94.00	160.00	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	130.00-140.00	133.33	-	254.07	-	-	-120.73	-47.52
Red Onion (Imported)	95.00-140.00	113.60	120.24	236.07	-6.63	-5.52	-122.47	-51.88
Big Onion (imported)	65.00-85.00	73.88	39.82	67.35	34.05	85.51	6.53	9.70
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	-	331.70	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	140.00-240.00	183.45	188.04	280.00	-4.60	-2.44	-96.55	-34.48
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	99.21	67.31	96.33	31.90	47.39	2.88	2.99
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	May,2018	36.10	73.88	99.21	37.77	25.34
	Apr,2018	36.23	39.82	67.31	3.59	27.49
	May, 2017	28.69	67.35	96.33	38.66	28.98
Red onion	May,2018	82.39	113.60	183.45	31.21	69.84
	Apr,2018	92.83	120.24	188.04	27.41	67.80
	May, 2017	154.40	236.07	280.00	81.67	43.93

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018
Red Onion	1,943	2,033	160.1	188.7	82.39	92.83
Big Onion	15,702	26,044	566.9	943.7	36.10	36.23

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion December 2017 to May 2018

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
May	15,702	36.10	73.88	99.21	63.11
April	26,044	36.23	39.82	67.31	31.08
March	32,016	41.97	52.13	88.58	46.60
February	21,143	69.32	64.13	118.86	49.54
January	22,332	110.62	99.51	143.32	32.71
December	24,332	122.56	117.60	157.18	34.63

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2018 is 3,021 ha which is slightly higher than the targeted extent in *yala* 2017. About 205 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of May achieving only 7% of the targeted extent. In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 915 ha for this *yala* season which was slightly higher than the previous *yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,104 ha which was slightly lower than the previous *yala* season. In Nuwara Eliya about 205 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 22% of the targeted extent. In Badulla district, new cultivation has not taken place due to prevailed windy weather condition.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (Yala 2018)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2018
	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018	
N'Eliya	865	915	241	205	22
Badulla	2,145	2,104	110	0	0
Sri Lanka	3,013	3,021	351	205	7

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 10,508 mt of potato had been imported in May, which was 1,137 mt lower than that was imported previous month. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan (92%). Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been increased to Rs.40.00/kg with effect from 02/05/2018. Compared to May, 2017 (12,903 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.27.00/kg in May.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Supply of Nuwara Eliya potato has also decreased due to high rainy weather condition prevailed. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 12% and 10% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.108.00/kg in May. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 15% and 14% respectively due to increased tax in May. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.105.00-140.00/kg and Rs.73.00-90.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (11%) and imported (14%) potatoes have decreased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in June.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
December 2017 to May 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May	10,508	283.44	26.97	106.55	79.57
April	11,645	298.16	25.60	91.33	65.73
March	7,427	206.32	27.78	88.49	60.71
February	22,146	626.59	28.29	80.36	52.07
January	21,851	673.70	30.83	88.25	57.41
December	17,902	700.18	39.11	95.56	56.45

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	93.00-115.00	106.56	88.85	-	17.71	16.62	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-115.00	108.40	88.20	120.22	20.20	18.63	-11.82	-10.90
Imported – CIF	26.40-45.89	26.97	25.60	40.27	1.37	5.08	-13.30	-49.29
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	105.00-140.00	125.06	109.79	131.41	15.28	12.21	-6.35	-5.08
Imported	73.00-90.00	80.00	68.34	91.27	11.66	14.58	-11.27	-14.09
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-180.00	165.33	149.37	184.26	15.96	9.65	-18.93	-11.45
Imported	80.00-120.00	106.55	91.33	121.48	15.22	14.28	-14.94	-14.02
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	56.93	61.17	64.04	-4.24	-7.45	-7.11	-12.49
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	79.57	65.73	81.21	13.85	17.40	-1.64	-2.06
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	40.26	39.58	52.84	0.68	1.70	-12.58	-31.24
Imported	-	26.55	22.99	30.21	3.56	13.40	-3.66	-13.81

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

According to the latest Crop Forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture in May, 14% of the targeted green gram cultivation extent has been achieved by May 2018. Thus, the green gram cultivation extent has added 1,445 ha by this month. Compared to the green gram cultivation extent in the previous *Maha* season (i.e., 2016/17 *Maha* season), the current cultivation extent has increased by 61%. It is an increase of 2,896 ha. The highest cultivation extent of green gram is observed in Hambantota district (515 ha; 22%), followed by Kurunegala (164 ha; 22%) and Hambantota (40 ha; 1%) districts. Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 9,018 MT. This is an increase of 4,158 MT (86%) compared to the production during the previous *Maha* season.

The total cultivation extent of cowpea is recorded as 1,986 ha by May 2018. It is a 69% achievement from the targeted cultivation extent during this *Maha* season, which is 8,645 ha. Compared to the cowpea cultivation extent in the previous *Maha* season, the cultivation extent in this season has increased by 69%. Of the targeted cultivation extent, the highest is targeted in Ampara district, followed by Monaragala district. Meanwhile, the highest cultivation extents are observed in the same districts. Cowpea has been cultivated approximately in 811 ha in Ampara and 482 ha in Moneragala districts. These two districts represent 41% and 24% of the total cowpea cultivation extent, respectively. The total cowpea production anticipated during this *Maha* season is 11,285 MT, and it is an increase of 120% compared to the cowpea production in the previous *Maha* season. The highest production is anticipated as 1,063 MT from Moneragala district, which may comprise 9% of the total expected production. The second highest production is expected as 320 MT from Ampara district, followed by 313 MT from Anuradhapura district.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (Maha 2017/18)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)
		<i>yala</i> 2017	<i>yala</i> 2018	<i>yala</i> 2017	<i>yala</i> 2018	
Green gram	Hambantota	7,153	3,427	387	40	1
	Kurunegala	644	743	318	164	22
	Moneragala	1,891	2,320	178	515	22
	Sri Lanka	13,762	10,322	1,620	1,496	14
Cowpea	Ampara	3,805	4,656	2,590	811	17
	Moneragala	762	831	253	482	58
	Anuradhapura	142	177	33	26	15
	Sri Lanka	6,759	8,645	3,350	1,986	23

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, maha, 2017/18, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, maha, 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning

**Not available

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.198.00/kg and Rs.220.00/kg with an average of Rs.200.08/kg in May. The average price has reduced by 5% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 6%. In the meantime, retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.242.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has drastically changed and has increased by 0.4%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of this month has not significantly changed and the price has increased by 3%.

A total of 928 MT of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is an increase of 3% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of green gram was Rs.136.00/kg, which is an increase of Rs.0.62/kg compared to the average CIF price noted in the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation was recorded as Rs.126 million, a value lowered by 4% compared to the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Of the total imports in this month, the highest quantity has been imported from Australia (58%), followed by Uzbekistan (21%), Argentina (10%), United Arab Emirates (0.1%), Myanmar (11%) and India (0.01%).

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.204.00/kg, respectively in May. The price range of white cowpea ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.230.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.190.00/kg and Rs.265.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 4% while, the price of red cowpea has decreased by 15%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 5% and 28%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.285.00/kg and Rs.290.00/kg, respectively. Retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 3% and price of red cowpea has decreased by 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 4% and 14%, respectively.

Of the two types of cowpea, a total of 977 MT of white cowpea have been imported during this month. It is a decrease of 3 MT compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.125.00/kg, which is a decrease of Rs.11.00/kg from that of the previous month. Importation of cowpea has also drastically changed. The total expenditure on white cowpea importation has not changed compared to the previous month. Accordingly, the total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.122 million. Of the total cowpea imports, the highest was imported from Myanmar (77%), followed by India (8%), Madagascar (7%), Brazil (3%), Netherland (2%) and Portugal (2%).

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
December 2017 to May 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May	928	126.21	135.94	242.43	106.49
April	898	121.47	135.32	241.44	106.12
March	1,480	203.09	137.25	240.96	103.71
February	1,763	221.54	125.68	240.22	114.54
January	1,943	248.86	128.10	243.03	114.93
December	819	108.05	132.01	243.19	111.18

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
December 2017 to May 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May	977	121.91	124.77	284.58	159.80
April	980	122.48	125.01	293.30	168.29
March	775	96.97	125.15	294.02	168.87
February	618	84.23	136.29	289.74	153.45
January	410	54.68	133.34	293.48	160.14
December	214	30.61	143.33	290.26	146.93

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	198.00-220.00	209.88	200.09	222.90	9.79	4.89	-13.02	-5.84
Cowpea (White)	210.00-230.00	219.63	227.69	231.89	-8.07	-3.54	-12.27	-5.29
Cowpea (Red)	190.00-265.00	204.38	241.74	285.36	-37.36	-15.46	-80.98	-28.38
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	242.43	241.44	250.02	0.99	0.41	-7.59	-3.04
Cowpea (White)	240.00-340.00	284.58	293.30	296.59	-8.72	-2.97	-12.02	-4.05
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-320.00	290.14	299.25	347.77	-9.11	-3.04	-57.63	-16.57

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.5: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	May,2018	135.94	209.88	242.43	73.94	32.55
	Apr,2018	135.32	200.09	241.44	64.77	41.35
	May, 2017	150.17	222.90	250.02	72.73	27.12
Cowpea (White)	May,2018	124.77	219.63	284.58	94.85	64.95
	Apr,2018	125.01	227.69	293.30	102.68	65.60
	May, 2017	138.32	231.89	296.59	93.57	64.70
Cowpea (Red)	May,2018	-	204.38	290.14	-	85.76
	Apr,2018	-	241.74	299.25	-	57.51
	May, 2017	-	285.36	347.77	-	62.41

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.104.00/kg and Rs.115.00/kg with an average of Rs.111.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.131.00/kg. Moreover, difference of two prices is Rs.20.00/kg during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 21% and 19%, respectively.

During this month, a total of 18,284 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.80.00/kg. The average CIF price of this month and the previous month are similar. Of the total red dhal quantity, the majority (i.e., 16,677 MT) consisted of the whole type, while the rest (i.e., 1,607 MT) consisted of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, around 51% has been imported from Australia, and the rest (49%) has been imported from Canada and 0.01 from United Arab Emirates. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs.1,214 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.73.00 per kilo. Of the split type red dhal, the majority has been imported from Canada (62%), followed by U.A.E. (30%), and India (8%). The average CIF price was noted as Rs.98.00 per kilo; accordingly, the total value of the imports was Rs.158.20 million.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – May 2018

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	104.00-115.00	111.13	105.53	140.26	5.59	5.30	-29.13	-20.77
Retail Price	120.00-140.00	131.05	127.25	161.52	3.80	2.98	-30.48	-18.87

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal December 2017 to May 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
May	18,284	75.06	111.13	131.05	36.06	19.92
April	7,308	75.19	105.53	127.25	30.34	21.72
March	15,207	80.36	105.95	128.08	25.59	22.13
February	11,855	84.76	105.93	127.82	21.16	21.90
January	13,774	82.46	110.19	129.37	27.72	19.19
December	10,080	90.40	113.05	136.54	22.65	23.49

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Heavy pre-monsoon rains that continued from 20th May to 25th May had created flooding in Puttalam and Ratnapura districts, causing heavy damages to nursery stage *Yala* cultivations in those districts. Further, torrential rains across the island throughout the month increased a considerable loss to early stage vegetable cultivations in both up country and lowcountry major producing areas. Due to these early setbacks, *Yala* season cultivation reported a slow progress by the end of May, in every part of the island, except in Hambantota district.

Regarding cultivation progress of the present *Yala* season, the most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla had reported 31% and 26% cultivation progress respectively of its seasonal target for upcountry varieties by the end of May. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress of upcountry varieties reported in Matale, Kandy and Puttalam districts were comparatively low, reaching the values of 12%, 12% and 24% respectively, by the end of May 2018. In addition, cultivation progress for upcountry varieties in Jaffna district was reported as 27% by the end of the considered period.

Meanwhile, land preparation and initial crop establishment for *Yala* season commenced in all the lowcountry districts with a comparatively higher cultivation progress than upcountry areas. Hambantota, Puttalam and Kurunegala districts had reported 68%, 55% and 36% cultivation progress of its respective seasonal targets, for lowcountry vegetables by the end of May. However, low water availability for cultivation, which had continued from the previous season, hampered the cultivation progress of Anuradhapura and Moneragala, the two most important districts for low country vegetables. The two districts reported only 27% and 21% cultivation progress respectively. Meantime Matale and Kurunegala districts had recorded 24%, and 36% cultivation progress respectively, for lowcountry varieties, from its corresponding seasonal targets.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the off season for vegetable harvesting is approached, supplies had drastically dropped at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre by 68%, compared to last month, with a reported daily arrival of 1450 mt.

Decreased supplies in the off season, together with the weather related crop damages to cultivation which had reached the harvesting stage, resulted in escalation of the vegetable prices in a considerable margin, compared to last month. Among the upcountry vegetables, beetroot prices increased by the highest margin, by 122% to Rs.56.00 from Rs.25.00/kg, reported last month. Next, price of beans, carrot and radish had increased by 99%, 82% and 78% respectively, from its respective wholesale prices recorded in April. Meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties had increased by more than 18%. According to the market information, observed price increases were attributed to the continuous low supplies from upcountry areas such as Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy and Matale districts.

In the meantime, price of tomato had reported a sharp increase of 282%, to Rs.75.00/kg from its last month's value of Rs.26.00/kg, due to continuous low supplies from both upcountry and low country areas. Prices of capsicum also followed the same trend with a recorded rise of 66% in prices due to low stocks supplied to the market from both upcountry (Nuwara Eliya and Badulla) and lowcountry (Jaffna, Sooriyawewa and Anuradhapura) major producing areas.

Supply of all the domestic vegetables had also remained low due to continuation of off season for vegetable harvesting in lowcountry areas. As a result, prices of almost all the domestic varieties had increased in comparison to its prices recorded last month, with a noticeable price increases reported in long beans, bitter gourd and ladies' fingers. The highest price rises were recorded for long beans as 143%, followed by bitter gourd and ladies' fingers as 65% and 64% respectively, compared to last month, due to reaching of the peak off season in major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Hambantota, Matale and Monaragala for those vegetables. The reported price ranges of the vegetables which marked the highest price increases were 50.00 - 130.00/kg, 80.00 - 170.00/kg and 50.00 - 70.00/kg, respectively in May. Meantime, prices of brinjal and snake gourd had increased in the range of 60% - 50% while prices of rest of the domestic vegetables had reported an increase of less than 50% in May.

With the continuation of the off season for vegetable harvesting, prices are expected to be at a higher range for most of the varieties in the coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chilli had increased by 59%, to Rs 81.00/kg due to continuous low supplies reaching the market from Anuradhapura and Jaffna. Prices of lime also recorded a high margin increase of 20% due to ending of supplies from Ampara and Monaragala.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also increased in May. The highest price increase was reported for tomato as 95%. However, prices of most of the vegetables had decreased compared to the same period of last year, in the retail market, with the highest price decrease reported for cabbage as 44%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	90.00-250.00	155.42	78.00	126.83	77.42	99.25	28.58	22.54
Carrot	90.00-230.00	150.23	82.42	210.28	67.81	82.28	-60.05	-28.56
Leeks	130.00-220.00	161.78	137.50	44.75	24.28	17.66	117.03	261.52
Beetroot	25.00-90.00	56.33	25.36	117.52	30.97	122.13	-61.20	-52.07
Knolkhol	40.00-80.00	59.75	33.49	89.08	26.26	78.39	-29.33	-32.93
Radish	40.00-70.00	56.04	31.50	68.92	24.54	77.91	-12.87	-18.68
Cabbage	20.00-90.00	41.38	28.53	116.90	12.85	45.02	-75.52	-64.60
Tomato	50.00-140.00	101.04	26.42	75.37	74.62	282.49	25.67	34.06
Ladies Fingers	50.00-70.00	64.11	39.02	74.44	25.09	64.31	-10.33	-13.88
Brinjal	50.00-90.00	72.18	45.83	79.59	26.35	57.51	-7.41	-9.31
Capsicum	80.00-250.00	134.36	80.86	181.45	53.50	66.16	-47.10	-25.96
Pumpkin	15.00-30.00	20.94	19.38	50.33	1.56	8.03	-29.39	-58.40
Cucumber	30.00-80.00	58.56	46.58	60.83	11.97	25.70	-2.28	-3.74
Bittergourd	80.00-170.00	125.00	75.89	156.37	49.12	64.72	-31.37	-20.06
Snakegourd	70.00-110.00	92.10	57.67	117.12	34.44	59.71	-25.02	-21.36
Drumstick	100.00-200.00	142.29	-	148.48	-	-	-6.19	-4.17
Luffa	60.00-110.00	85.62	63.21	88.83	22.41	35.46	-3.22	-3.62
Long Beans	50.00-130.00	83.81	34.50	74.08	49.31	142.93	9.73	13.13
Ash Plantain	40.00-60.00	51.75	46.67	62.83	5.08	10.89	-11.08	-17.64
Green Chilli	50.00-120.00	81.00	50.92	217.67	30.09	59.09	-136.66	-62.79
Lime	150.00-300.00	227.04	188.79	40.10	38.25	20.26	186.94	466.19

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-400.00	224.04	154.67	204.61	69.37	44.85	19.43	9.50
Carrot	140.00-400.00	232.16	147.19	289.60	84.97	57.73	-57.44	-19.84
Leeks	180.00-400.00	247.28	208.31	123.39	38.97	18.71	123.89	100.41
Beetroot	80.00-240.00	143.22	104.81	210.35	38.41	36.65	-67.13	-31.91
Knolkhol	100.00-280.00	153.06	123.22	178.91	29.83	24.21	-25.86	-14.45
Radish	80.00-240.00	135.18	106.96	147.27	28.22	26.38	-12.08	-8.21
Cabbage	60.00-200.00	119.94	104.18	213.59	15.76	15.13	-93.65	-43.85
Tomato	70.00-240.00	161.19	82.71	146.83	78.48	94.88	14.36	9.78
Ladies Fingers	80.00-200.00	135.79	118.53	148.11	17.26	14.56	-12.32	-8.32
Brinjal	80.00-240.00	145.16	115.07	151.99	30.09	26.15	-6.84	-4.50
Capsicum	140.00-400.00	224.24	172.04	293.55	52.20	30.34	-69.32	-23.61
Pumpkin	40.00-120.00	89.31	93.84	118.38	-4.52	-4.82	-29.07	-24.55
Cucumber	80.00-200.00	132.95	120.40	132.69	12.55	10.42	0.26	0.20
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	202.59	160.05	257.84	42.54	26.58	-55.26	-21.43
Snakegourd	10.00-200.00	161.45	131.13	185.09	30.32	23.12	-23.63	-12.77
Drumstick	240.00-500.00	363.25	256.25	273.74	107.00	41.76	89.51	32.70
Luffa	100.00-260.00	171.69	152.30	179.16	19.40	12.74	-7.47	-4.17
Long Beans	80.00-320.00	161.53	117.38	161.66	44.15	37.62	-0.12	-0.08
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	133.47	120.67	132.06	12.81	10.61	1.42	1.07
Green Chilli	100.00-400.00	232.56	175.63	366.68	56.93	32.42	-134.12	-36.58
Lime	240.00-600.00	479.12	375.63	164.16	103.49	27.55	314.95	191.85

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in May compared to the prices in April mainly due to declined consumer demand after the festive season.

Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 13%-40% (Ambul by 40%, Kolikuttu by 33%, Anamalu by 20%, Seeni by 14%, Ambun by 13%). The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.25.00-70.00/kg, Rs.60.00-120.00/kg and Rs.50.00-80.00/kg respectively. Further, price ranges recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.10.00-15.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-22.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 22%, 18% and 15% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.67.52/fruit, Rs.98.20/fruit and Rs.131.64/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-160.00/fruit.

Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban, Betti and Vilad had decreased by 38%, 24% and 17% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.25.00-60.00. Price of papaw had decreased by 17% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.58.31/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-80.00/kg. In addition, decreased prices were observed for avocado, passion fruit and wood apple and prices had decreased by 31%, 25% and 5% respectively. However, price increases were noted for orange, slime apple and imported grapes and prices had increased by 10%, 5% and 3% respectively.

According to the data in previous years, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of all the banana varieties, papaw, passion fruit, pineapple, mango and avocado could decrease in the coming month. However, increased prices could be expected for wood apple, orange and slime apple in the coming month.

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase was noted for orange as 159%.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, prices of all the fruit varieties except orange had decreased at the retail level too. Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 11%-27%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.50.00-100.00/kg, Rs.120.00-200.00/kg and Rs.70.00-130.00/kg respectively. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.12.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 24%, 13% and 11% respectively and price ranged between Rs.60.00-250.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Betti, Karthakolomban and Vilad had decreased by 36%, 34% and 27% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.18.00-35.00/fruit, Rs.30.00-100.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-40.00/fruit respectively.

Further, price of papaw had decreased by 18% and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-140.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit, avocado, wood apple and slime apple had decreased by 21%, 19%, 12% and 7% respectively. However, price of orange had increased by 18%.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for wood apple as 55%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu and for papaw compared to the prices in April, 2018. The prices had decreased by 45% for Ambul, 41% for papaw and 38% for Kolikuttu. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.12.33-38.33/kg, Rs.35.00-86.67/kg and Rs.12.50 - 39.14/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to May, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Ambul by 41% and for Kolikuttu by 30% and it was a price increase for papaw by 23% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 712mt of fresh fruits in May, 2018 to the value of Rs.115mn. Of the exported quantity, 81% were papaw, 14% were fresh pineapple, 4% were fresh mangoes and 1% were fresh avocados. In addition, a small quantity of fresh oranges (0.29mt) had also been exported. In the month of April, 2018, the quantity exported was 499mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 43%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 4,456mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs.787mn. Of the imported quantity, 74% were apple, 16% were oranges and 10% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were China, South Africa, New Zealand and the United States. Grapes had been imported from Australia, India and South Africa and Egypt was the importing country of oranges. In the month of April, 2018, the quantity imported was 3,441mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 29%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	25.00-70.00	41.67	69.54	46.95	-27.87	-40.08	-5.28	-11.25
Kolikuttu (Kg)	60.00-120.00	90.81	136.33	97.20	-45.52	-33.39	-6.39	-6.57
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	62.63	72.55	62.27	-9.92	-13.67	0.36	0.57
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-15.00	13.05	16.40	9.06	-3.35	-20.45	3.99	44.06
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	18.51	21.19	11.63	-2.69	-12.68	6.88	59.19
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	120.00-160.00	131.64	154.19	174.67	-22.55	-14.63	-43.03	-24.63
Medium (Fruit)	80.00-130.00	98.20	120.27	131.71	-22.07	-18.35	-33.50	-25.44
Small (Fruit)	50.00-90.00	67.52	86.41	95.45	-18.88	-21.85	-27.93	-29.26
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	10.00-22.00	17.24	22.76	11.83	-5.52	-24.25	5.41	45.77
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	25.00-60.00	34.57	56.01	35.87	-21.44	-38.27	-1.30	-3.62
Vilad (Fruit)	15.00-30.00	22.50	26.97	14.14	-4.47	-16.59	8.36	59.16
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	20.00	7.66	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-80.00	58.31	69.94	52.27	-11.63	-16.63	6.04	11.57
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-16.00	11.97	16.01	9.38	-4.04	-25.25	2.59	27.60
Woodapple (Fruit)	10.00-18.00	14.06	14.83	34.69	-0.78	-5.23	-20.64	-59.48
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	28.71	26.11	11.10	2.60	9.95	17.61	158.71
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	40.42	58.82	32.90	-18.39	-31.28	7.52	22.84
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	27.85	26.57	36.10	1.28	4.82	-8.26	-22.87
Grapes Imported (Kg)	411.00-660.00	586.58	571.75	514.92	14.83	2.59	71.66	13.92

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-100.00	79.98	110.06	111.63	-30.08	-27.33	-31.64	-28.35
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-200.00	157.30	195.90	177.23	-38.60	-19.70	-19.93	-11.24
Seeni (Kg)	70.00-130.00	105.45	120.88	124.05	-15.43	-12.76	-18.60	-15.00
Anamalu (Fruit)	12.00-20.00	16.63	19.66	20.40	-3.04	-15.44	-3.78	-18.51
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	21.47	24.06	21.62	-2.59	-10.75	-0.14	-0.66
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	160.00-250.00	195.63	220.61	270.63	-24.98	-11.32	-75.00	-27.71
Medium (Fruit)	100.00-180.00	134.57	154.45	207.93	-19.88	-12.87	-73.36	-35.28
Small (Fruit)	60.00-110.00	87.09	114.62	141.84	-27.52	-24.01	-54.75	-38.60
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	18.00-35.00	25.48	40.12	26.99	-14.64	-36.49	-1.51	-5.60
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	51.89	78.61	54.28	-26.72	-33.99	-2.39	-4.40
Vilad (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	31.70	43.27	30.07	-11.57	-26.73	1.63	5.42
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	16.50	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	60.00-140.00	97.63	118.49	92.74	-20.86	-17.60	4.89	5.27
Passionfruit (Fruit)	13.00-30.00	20.84	26.47	19.17	-5.63	-21.27	1.67	8.69
Woodapple (Fruit)	16.00-70.00	36.97	41.84	81.79	-4.88	-11.65	-44.83	-54.81
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	54.71	46.34	29.26	8.37	18.06	25.45	86.96
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	69.56	85.47	54.97	-15.90	-18.61	14.59	26.55
Slime Apple (Fruit)	25.00-100.00	55.75	59.99	74.42	-4.24	-7.06	-18.67	-25.08
Grapes Imported (Kg)	700.00-1000.00	836.65	837.36	785.87	-0.71	-0.08	50.78	6.46

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	12.33-38.33	21.14	38.63	35.88	-17.49	-45.28	-14.74	-41.08
Kolikuttu	35.00-86.67	58.36	94.17	83.09	-35.81	-38.02	-24.73	-29.76
Papaw	12.50-39.14	26.38	44.44	21.52	-18.06	-40.64	4.86	22.58

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
March to May 2018**

Type of Fruit	May			April			March		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	103.37	39.12	378.43	42.33	12.46	294.34	66.25	26.00	392.37
Papaw	575.02	59.63	103.70	437.83	46.59	106.42	416.93	37.84	90.76
Fresh Mango	28.76	14.06	488.91	18.83	7.50	397.95	21.65	6.86	317.07
Avocado, fresh	4.92	2.10	427.38	0.02	0.02	842.60	0.25	0.10	413.80
Orange, fresh	0.29	0.05	185.71	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
March to May 2018**

Type of Fruit	May			April			March		
	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	3,285	554.52	168.83	2,655	439.78	165.61	2,465	372.90	151.25
Grapes	441	164.03	371.74	444	170.84	384.59	714	264.27	370.01
Oranges	730	68.75	94.12	342	29.33	85.88	659	58.88	89.29
Mandarin	3,285	554.52	168.83	2,655	439.78	165.61	2,465	372.90	151.25

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.154.00/kg and Rs.1120.00/kg in May. Compared to the previous month, prices of all fish types except Shrimp have increased due low fish supply during the rainy weather, and the highest price increment was noted as 20% in Balaya, followed by Kelawalla (13%) and Salaya (12%). Moreover, prices of Hurulla and Paraw have increased by 10% and 8%, respectively. Prices of Thora and Mora have increased by 6%, and price of Thalpath has increased by 5%. Especially, price of Shrimp has not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most fish types have decreased by 3%-22%. The highest price decrement was noted in Hurulla. Price of Balaya has decreased by 10%, followed by 4% in both Kelawalla and Paraw. The least price decrement was observed in Shrimp as 3%. Of price increased fish types, Salaya and Thora showed price increments of 10% and 8%. Prices of both Mora and Thalpath have increased by 3%.

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.1505.00/kg this month. Consumers have had to pay a price ranging between Rs.150.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase a kilo of any fish type. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of all fish types have increased by 3%-16%. The highest price increment was observed in Salaya, followed by Balaya (9%) and Hurulla (8%). Prices of both Kelawalla and Shrimp have increased by 7%, followed by Paraw (5%) and Mora (4%). In the meantime, prices of Thora and Thalapath have increased by 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of most fish types have increased 3%-19%, and the highest price increment was noted in Mora, followed by Thalapath (12%) and Thora (12%). Price of Paraw has increased by 10%, and prices of all other fish types (i.e., Kelawalla, Salaya, and Shrimp) have increased by 5% or less. The only price decrement was observed in Hurulla as 4%. In the meantime, price of Balaya did not show a significant change.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	130.00-200.00	153.86	137.98	140.40	15.89	11.51	13.46	9.59
Hurulla	250.00-380.00	279.75	255.13	357.01	24.62	9.65	-77.26	-21.64
Balaya	280.00-400.00	335.25	278.27	372.10	56.98	20.48	-36.85	-9.90
Kelawalla	500.00-650.00	568.06	501.75	591.54	66.31	13.21	-23.49	-3.97
Thora	1000.00-1200.00	1120.00	1056.55	1039.00	63.45	6.01	81.00	7.80
Paraw	500.00-650.00	578.75	535.50	604.35	43.25	8.08	-25.60	-4.24
Mora	500.00-700.00	596.38	564.67	578.55	31.71	5.62	17.83	3.08
Shrimp (small)	750.00-900.00	825.00	824.57	852.86	0.43	0.05	-27.86	-3.27
Thalapath	700.00-850.00	765.00	728.00	744.25	37.00	5.08	20.75	2.79
Retail Prices								
Salaya	150.00-300.00	210.02	181.59	203.93	28.43	15.66	6.09	2.99
Hurulla	300.00-700.00	423.52	393.34	442.13	30.19	7.67	-18.61	-4.21
Balaya	350.00-800.00	550.84	503.40	550.41	47.44	9.42	0.43	0.08
Kelawalla	550.00-1300.00	912.64	852.97	873.25	59.67	7.00	39.40	4.51
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1505.04	1454.64	1344.59	50.40	3.46	160.46	11.93
Paraw	600.00-1200.00	966.39	923.64	880.92	42.75	4.63	85.48	9.70
Mora	600.00-1200.00	884.64	848.17	745.42	36.47	4.30	139.22	18.68
Shrimp (small)	850.00-1500.00	1121.15	1043.72	1102.69	77.43	7.42	18.46	1.67
Thalapath	800.00-1400.00	1095.65	1058.78	979.21	36.87	3.48	116.43	11.89

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.321.00/kg and Rs.1168.00/kg in May. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types have increased; price of local Balaya and imported Balaya have increased by 11% and 10%, respectively, and other price increased dried fish types showed price increments of 5% or less. Price of local Sprats has increased by 5%, followed by 3% in local Kattawa, 2% in imported Mora, and 1% in both local Thora and Salaya. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrement was observed as 12% in imported Maduwa, followed by 9% in imported Anguluwa. Prices of local Anguluwa and imported Kattawa have decreased by 4% and 3%, respectively. Moreover, prices of imported Sprats and Thora have decreased by 2% and 1%, respectively. Interestingly, prices of local Mora and Maduwa have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increment was observed as 16% in local Kattawa, followed by 11%

in local Salaya and 10% in local Thora. Prices of local Mora, imported Mora and Thora have increased by 7%, 6%, and 5%, respectively. In addition, prices of both local and imported Sprats along with imported Kattawa have increased by less than 5%. In the meantime, price decrements ranged between 1% and 21% in certain dried fish types. The highest price decrement was observed in imported Balaya, followed by imported Maduwa (13%) and imported Anguluwa (11%). Prices of local Maduwa and Balaya have decreased by 1%. Interestingly, price of local Anguluwa has not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.636.00/kg and Rs.1551.00/kg this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.400.00 and Rs.1800.00 to purchase a kilo of any dried fish type. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased by less than 5%. The highest price increment was observed as 3% in local Sprats, followed by 2% in Kattawa. In addition, Mora, Thora, and Balaya showed price increments of 1%. Of price decreased dried fish types, the highest price decrement was observed in Maduwa as 4%, followed by Anguluwa (3%), and imported Sprats (1%). Interestingly, price of Salaya has not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased by 1%-13%, and the highest price increment was noted in Salaya, followed by local Sprats (8%). Prices of Thora, Mora, Anguluwa, and Kattawa have increased by 5% or less. In the meantime, prices of imported Sprats, Maduwa, and Balaya have decreased by 9%, 6%, and 2%, respectively.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	800.00-1000.00	887.50	847.73	864.20	39.77	4.69	23.30	2.70
Sprats (imported)	480.00-600.00	530.50	539.60	520.28	-9.10	-1.69	10.22	1.96
Kattawa	820.00-1050.00	953.50	929.18	822.00	24.32	2.62	131.50	16.00
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-900.00	813.66	839.24	784.85	-25.58	-3.05	28.80	3.67
Thora	1100.00-1200.00	1168.33	1160.83	1064.31	7.50	0.65	104.02	9.77
Thora (imported)	1000.00-1200.00	1079.46	1088.33	1025.99	-8.87	-0.81	53.47	5.21
Mora	800.00-950.00	892.00	888.51	835.39	3.49	0.39	56.61	6.78
Mora (imported)	750.00-900.00	821.50	804.77	772.33	16.73	2.08	49.17	6.37
Balaya	400.00-500.00	442.75	399.25	447.70	43.50	10.90	-4.95	-1.11
Balaya (imported)	300.00-400.00	358.20	325.80	455.15	32.40	9.94	-96.95	-21.30
Anguluwa	750.00-900.00	798.75	833.17	798.50	-34.42	-4.13	0.25	0.03
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-750.00	661.69	724.51	743.40	-62.82	-8.67	-81.71	-10.99
Maduwa	420.00-600.00	512.25	511.06	514.88	1.19	0.23	-2.63	-0.51
Maduwa (imported)	300.00-500.00	379.55	429.93	437.60	-50.38	-11.72	-58.05	-13.26
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	250.00-400.00	321.00	317.85	290.05	3.15	0.99	30.95	10.67
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	550.00-900.00	712.35	717.47	778.68	-5.11	-0.71	-66.33	-8.52
Sprats	900.00-1600.00	1189.42	1153.79	1101.14	35.63	3.09	88.28	8.02
Kattawa	1000.00-1600.00	1218.65	1193.83	1202.48	24.81	2.08	16.17	1.34
Thora	1200.00-1800.00	1550.80	1530.25	1471.14	20.55	1.34	79.66	5.41
Mora	900.00-1300.00	1142.50	1134.21	1092.67	8.29	0.73	49.83	4.56
Balaya	500.00-1000.00	829.96	819.37	849.82	10.59	1.29	-19.85	-2.34
Anguluwa	800.00-1400.00	1044.14	1071.86	1020.15	-27.72	-2.59	23.99	2.35
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	747.50	779.52	791.15	-32.02	-4.11	-43.65	-5.52
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	635.82	633.01	564.85	2.82	0.44	70.97	12.56

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.12.50 and Rs.15.50, with an average of Rs.14.10 during May. Wholesale price of a white egg ranged between Rs.11.50 and Rs.14.50, with an average of Rs.12.99. Compared to the previous month, prices of both egg types have increased; price of a brown egg has increased by 13%, while that of a white egg has increased by 18%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 22% and 18%, respectively.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.14.00 and Rs.17.00 with an average price of Rs.15.33. Similarly, retail price of a white egg ranged between Rs.12.00 and Rs.16.00 with an average price of Rs.14.12. In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of both egg types have increased by 2% compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 17% and 14%, respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.50-15.50	14.10	12.47	11.58	1.64	13.14	2.52	21.80
White (each)	11.50-14.50	12.99	11.00	11.02	1.99	18.12	1.97	17.90
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.00-17.00	15.33	13.98	13.14	1.36	9.72	2.19	16.70
White (each)	12.00-16.00	14.12	12.68	12.38	1.43	11.31	1.74	14.04

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of Beef and Mutton have increased by 1% during May. Prices of Curry Chicken, Broiler Chicken and Pork have not changed significantly during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all meat types except Pork have increased. The highest price increment was observed as 17% in Curry Chicken, followed by 7% in Broiler Chicken, Beef, and Mutton. The only price decrement was observed in Pork as 3%.

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-100.00	960.71	950.77	901.45	9.95	1.05	59.27	6.57
Chicken (Broiler)	480.00-650.00	564.11	566.19	526.83	-2.08	-0.37	37.28	7.08
Chicken (curry)	480.00-650.00	565.54	564.88	483.23	0.66	0.12	82.31	17.03
Mutton	1800.00-1900.00	1835.42	1822.45	1711.19	12.96	0.71	124.23	7.26
Pork	520.00-550.00	561.00	559.60	575.67	1.40	0.25	-14.67	-2.55

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 250,272mt. worth of 10,105mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of May. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has double. This was the highest imported wheat grain quantity since last January. Wheat grain for the month of May had

been mainly imported from Canada (54%) and the CIF price was Rs.43.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Pakistan (94,187mt.) and Australia (13,486mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from the United States (2%) and Russia (1%). A few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.35.00-55.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.40.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst, the lowest being recorded for Russian stocks. World wheat prices remained unchanged during the month of May.

A total quantity of 341mt. of wheat flour worth of 25mn. had been imported during the month of May. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by 25mt. The highest quantity of wheat flour for the month of May had been imported from India and the CIF price was Rs.82.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been imported from Indonesia (7%), Germany (1%), Italy (1%) and Singapore (1%) as well. In addition, a few quantities were also imported from China. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of May ranged between Rs.32.00-175.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.73.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has increased drastically. The highest CIF price was reported for the Italian wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest being recorded for the China stocks.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 1%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – May 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2018	May 2018	Apr 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018		May 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	89.78	90.33	88.90	-0.55	-0.61	0.87	0.98
Sugar	100.00-115.00	107.95	108.62	106.95	-0.67	-0.62	1.00	0.94

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain
December 2017 to May 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
May	341	24.93	73.09	89.78	16.69
April	316	16.36	51.77	90.33	38.55
March	821	43.69	53.25	89.77	36.52
February	280	18.60	66.43	90.23	23.80
January	406	26.49	65.21	89.84	24.63
December	765	51.80	67.68	88.50	20.82
Wheat Grain					
May	250,272	10104.82	40.38	89.78	49.40
April	131,280	5400.64	41.14	90.33	49.19
March	203,083	8311.02	40.92	89.77	48.85
February	231,233	9146.86	39.56	90.23	50.67
January	181,141	6900.77	38.10	89.84	51.74
December	64,673	2453.03	37.93	88.50	50.57

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 32,623mt. worth of 1,987mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of May. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by almost one and half times. Sugar for the month of May had been mainly imported from India (59%). The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Pakistan (20%). Furthermore, sugar had been also imported from Thailand (16%), United Arab Emirates (2%) and Guatemala (2%). In addition, a few quantities were also imported from Korea, France and Poland. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.57.00-90.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.61.00/kg. The average CIF price has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg compared to previous month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Korea, while the lowest for the Indian stocks. World sugar prices remained unchanged during the month of May.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of May, price ranged between Rs.100.00-115.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.108.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. However, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has increased by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- December 2017 to May 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
May	32,623	1987.4	60.92	107.95	47.03
April	22,092	1375.3	62.26	108.62	46.36
March	22,486	1534.0	68.22	108.81	40.59
February	13,971	928.6	66.47	109.12	42.65
January	14,785	989.0	66.90	110.18	43.28
December	21,347	1434.8	67.22	111.87	44.65

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – May 2018

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	May 2018	Apr 2018		May 2018	Apr 2018		May 2018	Apr 2018	
Rice	2,340	34,455	-93.2	179.5	2210.3	-91.9	76.72	64.15	19.6
Red Onion	1,943	2,033	-4.4	160.1	188.7	-15.2	82.39	92.83	-11.2
Big Onion	15,702	26,044	-39.7	566.9	943.7	-39.9	36.10	36.23	-0.4
Potato	10,508	11,645	-9.8	283.4	298.2	-4.9	26.97	25.60	5.4
Dried Chillies	4,968	3,021	64.5	1065.9	669.2	59.3	214.54	221.55	-3.2
Masoor Dhal	18,284	7,308	150.2	1372.4	549.5	149.8	75.06	75.19	-0.2
Green Gram	928	898	3.4	126.2	121.5	3.9	135.94	135.32	0.5
Cowpea	977	980	-0.3	121.9	122.5	-0.5	124.77	125.01	-0.2
Garlic	1,816	2,465	-26.3	168.4	276.3	-39.1	92.72	112.09	-17.3
Wheat flour	341	316	7.9	24.9	16.4	52.4	73.09	51.77	41.2
Wheat grain	250,272	131,280	90.6	10104.8	5400.6	87.1	40.38	41.14	-1.9
White crystalline cane sugar	32,623	22,092	47.7	1987.4	1375.3	44.5	60.92	62.26	-2.1
Maize (Seed)	75	125	-39.9	7.5	12.4	-39.2	100.39	99.23	1.2

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

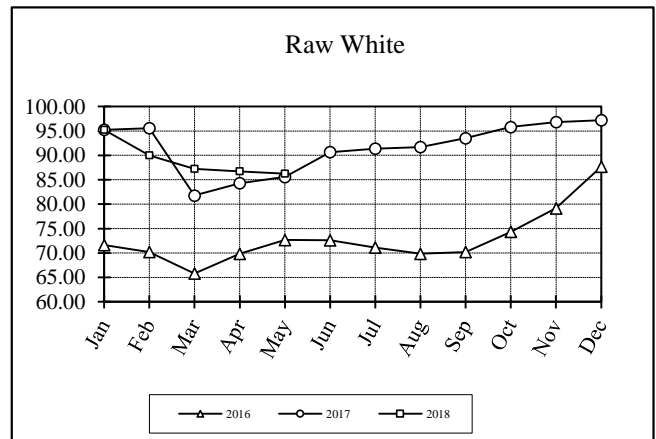
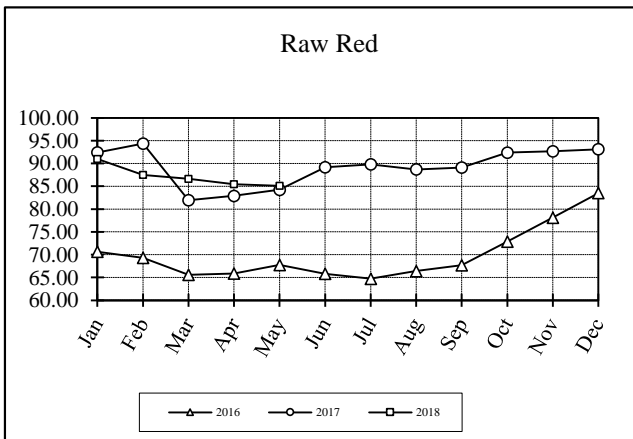
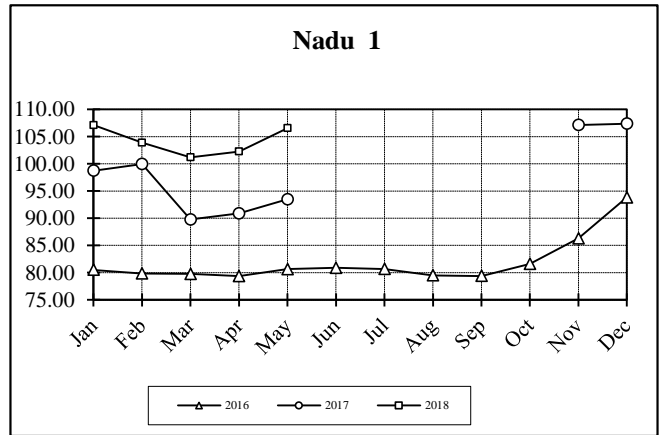
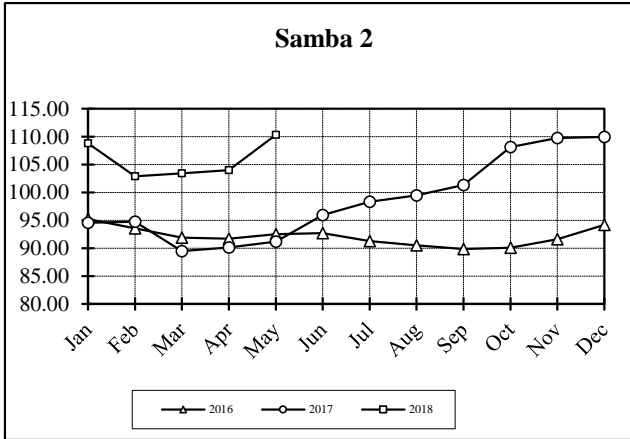
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – May 2018

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	224.7	84.3	19	6
Badulla	309.4	104.0	18	10
Bandarawela	319.8	104.2	23	9
Batticaloa	65.9	39.3	6	3
Colombo	421.7	392.4	26	16
Galle	529.6	290.4	25	16
Hambantota	130.6	85.1	15	7
Jaffna	102.9	46.7	8	3
Katugastota	344.5	144.0	23	11
Katunayaka	331.8	317.6	22	16
Kurunegala	652.5	188.3	24	12
Mahailuppallama	446.7	93.0	19	6
Mannar	80.8	44.7	8	3
Nuwara Eliya	363.1	175.9	22	13
Pottuvil	14.2	35.1	4	na
Puttalam	390.0	84.3	17	7
Ratmalana	313.3	360.6	23	17
Ratnapura	586.4	475.9	27	20
Trincomalee	298.4	50.2	11	4
Vavuniya	245.3	74.8	19	6
Polonnaruwa	113.9	na	14	na
Moneragala	250.3	na	15	na
Mattala	93.9	na	15	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

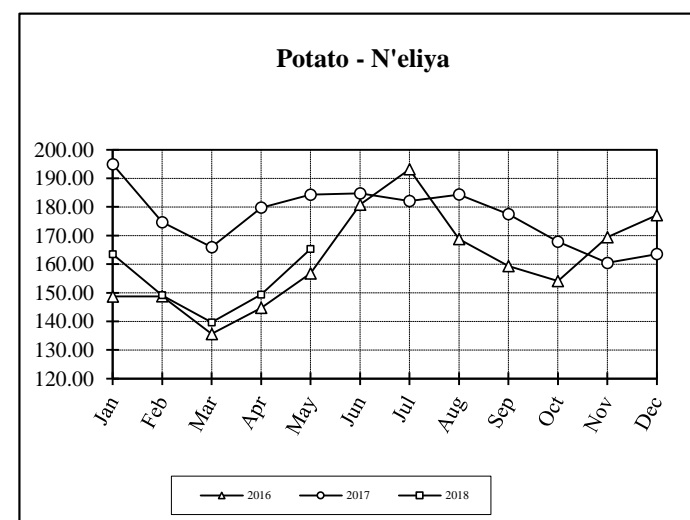
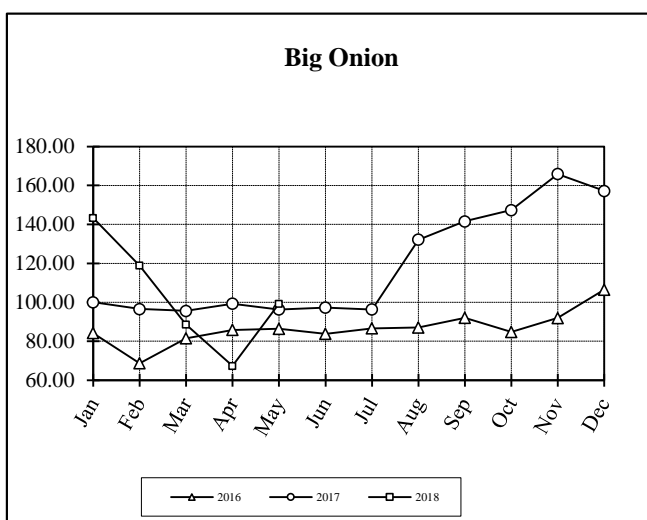
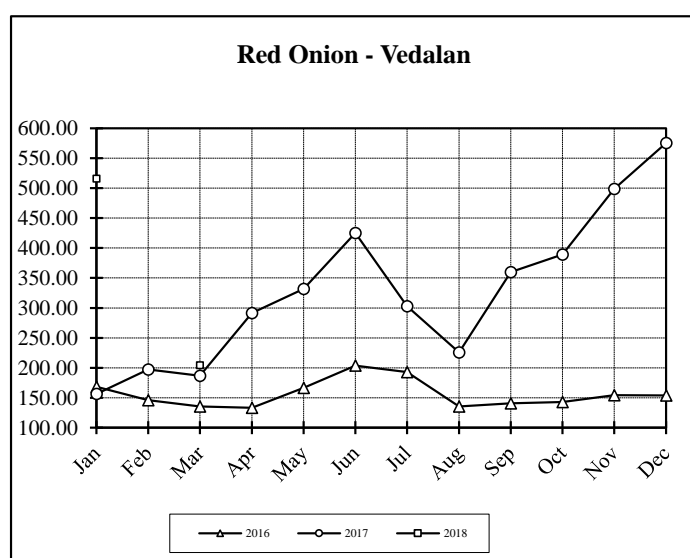
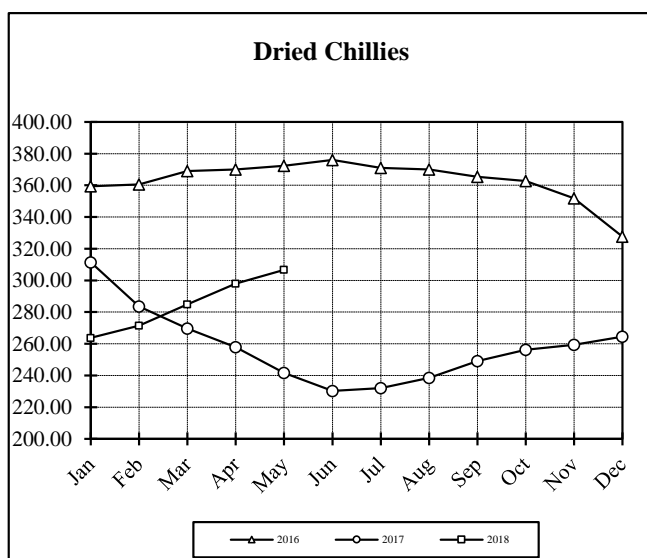
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	95.20	94.54	108.80	80.51	98.73	107.10	70.64	92.41	90.96	71.61	95.27	95.24
Feb	93.55	94.74	102.88	79.87	99.95	103.88	69.32	94.37	87.49	70.19	95.56	90.00
Mar	91.87	89.48	103.40	79.76	89.77	101.20	65.58	81.95	86.63	65.80	81.77	87.25
Apr	91.70	90.14	104.00	79.38	90.88	102.24	65.88	82.89	85.43	69.83	84.30	86.74
May	92.51	91.16	110.30	80.65	93.46	106.56	67.75	84.24	85.08	72.67	85.58	86.25
Jun	92.71	95.95		80.90			65.82	89.17		72.63	90.65	
Jul	91.28	98.34		80.69			64.74	89.80		71.13	91.36	
Aug	90.51	99.45		79.49			66.41	88.70		69.85	91.71	
Sep	89.85	101.30		79.40			67.70	89.11		70.19	93.51	
Oct	90.08	108.14		81.62			72.86	92.38		74.34	95.80	
Nov	91.60	109.73		86.28	107.14		78.12	92.67		79.14	96.81	
Dec	94.16	109.95		93.83	107.39		83.50	93.12		87.71	97.20	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	359.36	311.44	263.76	168.42	156.25	515.82	84.20	100.02	143.32	148.73	194.94	163.50
Feb	360.56	283.58	271.41	145.71	197.00		68.73	96.57	118.86	148.75	174.64	149.12
Mar	369.06	269.67	284.90	135.49	186.80	204.17	81.58	95.60	88.58	135.62	165.97	139.65
Apr	370.07	257.93	298.03	133.19	291.30		85.83	99.33	67.31	144.75	179.77	149.37
May	372.34	241.70	306.67	166.64	331.70		86.42	96.33	99.21	156.73	184.26	165.33
Jun	376.04	230.28		203.59	425.19		83.87	97.25		180.84	184.74	
Jul	370.97	232.12		192.81	302.86		86.66	96.33		193.18	182.06	
Aug	369.99	238.44		135.32	225.63		87.07	132.19		168.81	184.34	
Sep	365.44	249.10		140.64	359.93		92.01	141.57		159.34	177.47	
Oct	362.69	256.20		142.94	389.38		84.79	147.37		154.06	167.88	
Nov	351.86	259.31		154.23	498.85		91.96	165.87		169.46	160.43	
Dec	327.65	264.58		153.77	575.43		106.54	157.18		177.13	163.52	



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

May-18

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
<u>Paddy</u>					<u>Potato</u>					<u>Leeks</u>				
<u>Short grain</u>					N'Eliya	107.20	101.80	112.80	111.80	Welimada	114.00	111.00	124.33	124.33
A'pura	52.60	54.60	56.00	56.00	Badulla					N'Eliya	118.00	132.00	140.00	143.00
P'naruwa	56.56				Welimada	94.50	110.75	112.00	109.00					
Kalawewa	54.33	55.33	57.00	56.75	<u>Pulses</u>					<u>Beetroot</u>				
Kurunegala	48.00	46.33	49.33	47.33	<u>Green Gram</u>					Hanguranketha	32.50	35.00	45.00	
Dehiattakandiya	55.00	54.50	58.20	58.20	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	27.60	43.00	33.00	38.00
Ampara	54.50	56.50	56.50	55.25	Kalawewa					Dambulla	30.60	40.60	47.20	60.80
<u>Long grain (White)</u>					Embilipitiya	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	40.00	41.20	41.33	41.50	Kurunegala					Welimada	16.00	31.00	36.67	46.00
P'naruwa	41.56				A'pura	175.00	175.00	171.67	172.50	<u>Knokhol</u>				
Kalawewa	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.50	<u>Cowpea</u>					Hanguranketha		22.50		
Kurunegala	38.40	36.67	39.33	38.67	A'pura	162.50	162.50	165.00	172.50	N'Eliya	17.80	28.00	28.00	33.00
Dehiattakandiya	38.50	39.00	41.33	40.00	Galgamuwa	16.00	31.00	36.67	46.00	Welimada	26.00	41.00	44.33	56.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	171.67				<u>Radish</u>				
Ampara	40.50	40.75	42.50	41.75	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	10.00		32.50	27.50
Matara	38.67	39.33	34.67	34.67	Embilipitiya	175.00	175.00	175.00	174.00	N'Eliya	22.40	30.00	31.00	31.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	20.67	24.33	25.67	25.67
<u>Long grain (Red)</u>			165.00		<u>Maize</u>					<u>Cabbage</u>				
Matara	34.33	34.33	39.33	39.33	A'Pura	43.80	43.60	44.33	45.00	Hanguranketha	17.50	17.67	27.50	35.00
Hambantota	31.67	32.60	31.88	31.88	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	27.80	27.80	27.00	42.00
Ampara	35.50	34.50	34.50	33.75	<u>Gingelly</u>					Welimada	15.33	17.00	21.00	22.67
Embilipitiya	34.43	32.71	31.43	31.43	A'Pura	177.50	180.00	162.50	165.00	Hambantota				
<u>Other Food Crops</u>					Kalawewa					Badulla	36.00	24.00	36.00	36.00
<u>Dried Chillies</u>					<u>Black Gram</u>					<u>Tomato</u>				
A'Pura					Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	47.50	91.67	95.00	85.00
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	126.25	124.00	127.50	128.75	Welimada	33.67	56.00	86.00	84.33
Kalawewa					<u>Vegetables (Up Country)</u>					Hambantota	57.50	87.50	95.00	125.00
<u>Red Onion</u>					<u>Beans</u>					Dambulla	58.80	82.80	107.00	72.20
Puttalam	94.00	106.00	106.00	94.00	Dambulla	102.00	105.00	156.00	237.00	<u>Low Country</u>				
<u>Big Onion</u>					Welimada	79.33	111.33	114.00	166.00	<u>Ladies Fingers</u>				
Dambulla					Badulla	84.00	84.00	160.00	170.00	A'pura	49.00	51.00	65.00	69.00
Kalawewa					<u>Carrot</u>					Dambulla	50.60	39.20	49.60	37.60
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	62.50	75.00	110.00	180.00	Hambantota	57.50	37.50	57.50	55.00
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	99.60	123.00	148.00	177.00	Embilipitiya	56.67	65.00	65.00	70.00
					Welimada	71.00	96.00	108.33	145.67	Matara	47.50	50.00	47.50	47.50

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	50.00	51.25	53.33	76.67	Dambulla	13.60	13.00	14.40	15.40	Hambantota	170.00	190.00	190.00	170.00
Dambulla	51.00	52.40	48.60	58.80	Hambantota	22.50	30.00	30.00	21.00	Embilipitiya	143.33	173.00	243.00	251.00
Hambantota	75.00	62.50	70.00	67.50	Embilipitiya	20.60	20.60	26.60	38.33	Moneragala	171.67	185.00	156.67	136.25
Embilipitiya	63.67	64.50	64.50	75.83	Matara					<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	36.67	43.33	43.33	43.33	A'pura	12.75	22.00	22.00	26.00	<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	26.00	29.33	41.00	42.67	Moneragala	7.00	11.67	11.67	12.33	<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala	38.33	31.67	31.67	28.33
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	60.00	63.33	38.33	25.00	Embilipitiya	25.83	12.33	13.17	12.33
Welimada	94.33	94.33	126.67	129.33	Dambulla	49.80	39.80	32.00	18.00	Hambantota	17.50	17.50	12.50	12.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	62.50	67.50	65.00	50.00	<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	113.33	120.00	170.00	170.00	Matara					Moneragala	86.67	73.33	76.67	76.67
Dambulla	63.20	84.20	120.00	128.00	<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	72.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
Hambantota	85.00	122.50	105.00	105.00	Dambulla	50.60	62.80	72.40	90.00	Hambantota	65.00	35.00	40.00	40.00
Embilipitiya	125.00	108.13	129.25	131.67	Hambantota	67.50	67.50	65.00	70.00	<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	78.00	78.00	88.33	108.00	Moneragala				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	43.33	43.33	46.67		Embilipitiya	39.14	32.43	32.43	37.00
Dambulla	49.80	61.80	78.00	79.40	A'Pura	51.67	48.75	70.00	100.00	Hambantota	17.50	12.50	17.50	22.50
Hambantota	50.00	82.50	52.50	62.50	<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	56.25	74.00	68.00	90.00	Hambantota	32.50	30.00	25.00	25.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara					Embilipitiya	39.40	30.00	30.00	40.00					
A'pura	70.00	80.00	90.00	93.33	Matara	56.67	33.33	33.33	33.33					
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla	60.80	62.00	100.00	100.00	Dambulla	38.60	61.40	62.60	65.40					
Hambantota	67.50	87.50	85.00	85.00	Hambantota	95.00	130.00	150.00	190.00					
Embilipitiya	53.67	69.17	80.00	111.75	Embilipitiya	92.50	103.57	136.71	149.00					
Matara	43.33	43.33			Puttalam	48.75	69.00	66.00	96.00					
A'pura	71.67	90.00	120.00	133.33	A'Pura	63.33	72.50	90.00	150.00					