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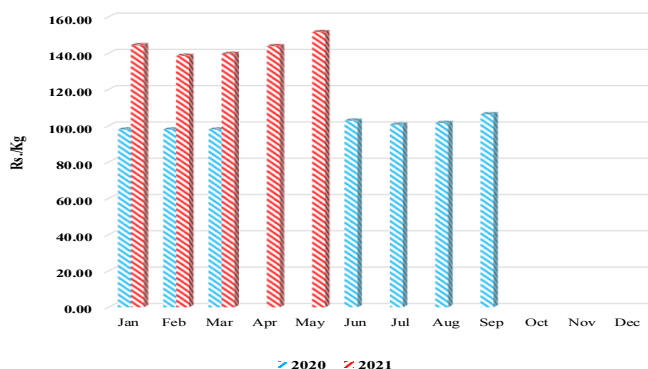
RICE:

Wholesale and retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased due to unstable rice supplies. A shortage of samba and raw white was observed at retail level. Retail prices of all the rice varieties had exceeded the regulated maximum retail price.

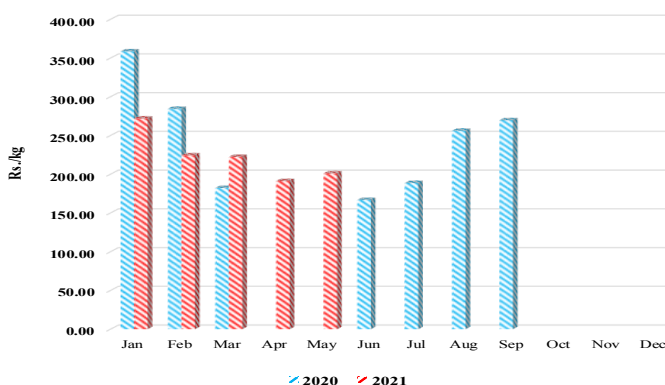
VEGETABLES:

The retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased by 1%-15% recording the highest for snake guard and the lowest for knolkhol. According to the seasonal price indexes for vegetables, generally vegetable prices increase during the month of May in a year due to off season. Therefore, the price behavior of this month lines up with the usual price pattern.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba D)



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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Outstation Markets

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| 2. Dambulla | 17. Thambuththegama | |
| 3. Matara | 18. Anuradhapura | |
| 4. Kurunegala | 19. Badulla | |
| 5. Embilipitiya | 20. Galle | |
| 6. Kandy | 21. Mannar | |
| 7. Meegoda | 22. Trincomalee | |
| 8. Kalutara | 23. Batticaloa | |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 24. Jaffna | |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 25. Mullativu | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 26. Kilinochchi | |
| 12. Puttalam | 27. Vavuniya | |
| 13. Hambanthota | 28. Kegalle | |
| 14. Divulapitiya | 29. Ampara | |
| 15. Dehiattakandiya | 30. Monaragala | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

As a result of better farm gate prices for paddy prevailing throughout the last *Maha* season, farmers tend to cultivate more extent during the 2021 *Yala* season. Therefore, the early prospects of the paddy crop in *Yala* season were favorable in most of the major producing areas. Rainy weather was experienced, and according to the metrological department, the above-normal rainfall was reported over most parts of the island. The onset of the monsoons and the water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs in major producing areas are in favor of the paddy crop. According to the crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent is 498,160Ha and the cultivation progress up to May is 428,541 ha, and it is 86% of the target. Furthermore, the report reveals that the targets were already achieved in Mahaweli systems, Batticaloe, Mannar and Kilinochchi. Paddy production forecast based on the reported sown extent as at the end of May 2021 is 1.81 million metric tons.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Yala* season as at end of May 2021

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production Forecast based on Progress (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast (mt)
Kurunagala	72,798	53,767	74	220,447	-	-	220,447
Anuradhapura	41,685	17,739	43	72,889	-	-	72,889
Batticaloa	33,197	33,197	100	120,713	-	-	120,713
Trincomalee	30,290	24,692	82	116,529	-	-	116,529
Monaragala	13,366	8,975	67	39,140	-	-	39,140
Kilinochchi	9,750	9,797	100	44,207	-	-	44,207
Puttalam	19,108	15,436	81	58,386	-	-	58,386
Mannar	2,000	2,540	127	12,660	-	-	12,660
Vavniya	5,499	5,029	91	23,582	-	-	23,582
Mullativu	6,151	6,151	100	27,799	-	-	27,799
Matale	7,905	5,949	75	26,483	-	-	26,483
Badulla	5,253	2,191	42	9,217	-	-	9,217
Matara	14,927	13,141	88	36,934	-	-	36,934
Kalutara	7,951	8,852	111	25,234	-	-	25,234
Galle	14,000	7,257	52	17,152	-	-	17,152
Gampaha	7,928	7	0	20	-	-	20
Hambantota	12,197	6,493	53	33,979	-	-	33,979
Ratnapura	8,625	6,228	72	23,452	-	-	23,452
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandy	5,947	3,897	66	11,895	-	-	11,895
Kegalle	7,364	5,967	81	18,168	-	-	18,168
Ampara	1,647	1,710	104	8,322	-	-	8,322
Neliya	2,778	892	32	1,889	-	-	1,889
Colombo	-	7	-	20	-	-	20
System B	19,934	19,933	100	84,198	-	-	84,198
Udawalawa	10,000	11,509	115	64,171	-	-	64,171
System C	21,704	22,090	102	93,308	-	-	93,308
System H1	3,570	6,969	195	31,667	-	-	31,667
System H	10,157	15,665	154	71,181	-	-	71,181
System D	1,020	1,058	104	4,469	-	-	4,469
System L	899	980	109	3,756	-	-	3,756
Rambakanoya	890	887	100	3,598	-	-	3,598
Others	99,621	109,536	110	509,346	155	178	509,167
Sri Lanka	498,160	428,541	86	1,814,810	155	178	1,814,631

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2021, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

*Others: Inter province areas, System G

Producer Prices

The paddy prices have reached a higher level due to the competitive buying behavior of private sector millers. Furthermore, the prices are still soaring. As a result of uncertainty due to the pandemic situation millers tend to store more paddy for future use. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 2-14% in major producing areas and the highest increase recorded from Kalawewa. The average prices of short grain have increased by 8%-20% in most of the major producing areas with the highest increase also from Kalawewa. Prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.58.00-84.00/Kg and Rs.53.00-68.00/Kg in major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have not changed significantly and the prices ranged between Rs 53.00-56.00/Kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to the field information it is expected to that increasing trend of paddy prices can be expected during next month due to the limited supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of prices was recorded for all the paddy varieties. The prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 9%-24% and prices of short grain paddy have increased by 26%-49% in all major producing areas. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 4%-8% in all producing areas.

Table 1.2: Producer prices of paddy – May 2021

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	April 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	58.00-60.00	58.00-60.00	59.00	59.20	-	-0.20	-0.34	-	-
Polonnaruwa	78.00-81.00	69.00-79.00	79.50	72.25	54.47	7.25	10.03	25.03	45.94
Kalawewa	73.00-84.00	56.50-70.00	77.20	64.53	53.33	12.67	19.63	23.87	44.75
Kurunegala	60.00-65.00	57.00-60.00	63.33	58.67	50.34	4.67	7.95	12.99	25.80
Dehiattakandiya	75.00-78.00	64.00-65.00	76.50	64.50	51.36	12.00	18.60	25.14	48.94
Nikaweratiya	72.00-75.00	60.00-69.00	73.33	64.00	50.38	9.33	14.58	22.96	45.57
Ampara	60.00-75.00	55.00-75.00	69.17	61.34	-	7.82	12.76	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	53.00-58.00	53.00-55.00	55.90	54.00	-	1.90	3.52	-	-
Polonnaruwa	62.00-65.00	59.00-63.00	63.58	60.25	54.00	3.33	5.53	9.59	17.75
Kalawewa	60.00-68.00	52.00-62.00	63.67	55.80	51.55	7.87	14.10	12.12	23.50
Kurunegala	55.00-55.00	50.00-54.00	55.00	51.92	50.41	3.08	5.94	4.59	9.10
Dehiattakandiya	60.00-64.00	56.00-58.00	62.00	57.00	51.25	5.00	8.77	10.75	20.97
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	62.00-63.00	55.00-57.00	62.33	56.25	50.38	6.08	10.81	11.96	23.74
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	53.00-56.00	48.00-56.50	54.67	53.63	-	1.04	1.94	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Matara	53.00-56.00	53.00-55.00	54.00	54.00	51.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	5.88
Hambantota	53.00-56.00	53.00-56.00	55.00	55.00	51.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	7.84
A' pura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	53.00-55.00	53.00-55.00	54.13	54.15	52.10	-0.02	-0.03	2.03	3.90

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supply of all the rice varieties was unstable in wholesale market during the month. Wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased due to the increased paddy prices in all the producing areas. Supply of rice also had limited especially for samba varieties. The average wholesale price of samba grade II was Rs.140.00/kg and it had increased significantly by 10% compared to the previous month. Samba grade I rice was not available at wholesale level during the month. Further, the price of nadu grade II had increased by Rs.12.25/kg compared to the previous month and price ranged between Rs.105.00-116.00/kg. Meanwhile, the wholesale prices of raw red and raw white had increased by 3% and 10% respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 46% for samba grade II.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 8% for raw white. Retail prices of samba grade I ranged between Rs.140.00-170.00/kg and the average price had increased by 5% compared to the previous month. Limited stocks of samba rice were available in most of the retail markets. Retail prices of nadu grade I and nadu grade II ranged between Rs.115.00-125.00/kg and Rs.110.00-115.00/kg respectively and the average price had increased by 3% and 4% respectively. Limited stocks of raw white were received at retail level and the price ranged between Rs.105.00-120.00/kg. Retail prices of all the rice varieties had exceeded the regulated maximum retail price level.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samba 2	130.00-145.00	139.80	126.80	95.85	13.00	10.25	43.95	45.86
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	105.00-116.00	113.50	101.25	94.63	12.25	12.10	18.88	19.95
Raw red	93.00-100.00	96.77	93.83	90.10	2.94	3.14	6.67	7.40
Raw white	103.00-112.00	108.17	98.03	90.78	10.14	10.35	17.39	19.16
Imported Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	140.00-170.00	151.74	143.98	-	7.76	5.39	-	-
Samba 2	135.00-135.00	135.00	133.36	-	1.64	1.23	-	-
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	115.00-125.00	121.48	118.02	-	3.45	2.93	-	-
Nadu 2	110.00-115.00	113.64	109.66	-	3.97	3.62	-	-
Raw red	100.00-115.00	107.41	104.80	-	2.61	2.49	-	-
Raw white	105.00-120.00	115.04	106.46	-	8.58	8.06	-	-
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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, 2021 was 7057 ha and by the end of May 2021, 2948 ha have been cultivated representing 42% of the targeted extent. By the end of this month the highest cultivated extent was reported from Batticaloa (391 ha). Crops are in different stages in main producing areas. In Anuradhapura district, only about 100 ha have been cultivated at the end of May representing 16% of the targeted extent. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of green chilli is 15,150 Mt for this *Yala* season in the country with 43% of the supply from Puttalam (14%) Batticaloa (11%), Monaragala (10%) and Vavuniya (8%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Target and Cultivation progress of green chilli for *Yala* 2021

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress by the end of May 2021		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% Of the Targeted Extent	
Puttalam	641	240	37	2,069
Anuradhapura	632	102	16	583
Monaragala	407	271	67	1,382
Batticaloa	560	391	70	1,556
Kurunagala	530	132	25	572
Vavunia	299	198	66	1,094
Matale	504	134	27	657
Badulla	316	84	27	420
Kandy	-	67		368
Udawalawa	250	111	44	394
Hambantota	149	69	46	440
Jaffna	200	72	36	376
Kilinochchi	180	40	22	170
Mullaithivu	200	56	28	446
Ampara	28	31	111	87
Other	2,161	950	44	4,536
Sri Lanka	7,057	2,948	42	15,150

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2021, Volume 01, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of green chilli from main producing areas have increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.66.00/Kg and Rs.41.00/Kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.126.67/Kg and Rs.287.53/Kg respectively.

Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have decreased by about Rs.4.00/Kg and Rs.7.00/Kg respectively with availability of ample stocks of imported dried chilli at the market. Average wholesale price of imported dried chilli was Rs.495.13/Kg and Rs.594.37/Kg at the retail level.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	70.00-200.00	126.67	192.18	126.33	-65.51	-34.09	0.33	0.26
Dried Chilli	490.00-500.00	495.13	499.25	389.79	-4.13	-0.83	105.33	27.02
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	140.00-500.00	287.53	328.61	-	-41.09	-12.50	-	-
Dried Chilli	550.00-650.00	594.37	601.31	-	-6.94	-1.15	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Producer prices of green chili (Rs/kg) May 2021

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	212.00	192.00	222.00	-
Puttalam	175.00	58.00	66.00	-
A'Pura	180.00	148.00	-	-

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

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of big onion cultivation was about 4948 ha for 2021 *Yala* season and around 338 ha have been cultivated by the end of May 2021, which represent only 7% of the targeted extent. Cultivation will be taken place until end of July, 2021. In Matale district, targeted extent of big onion was 2000ha and only 24ha have been cultivated at the end of May 2021, which represent only 2% of the targeted extent. Cultivation progress in Mahaweli H and Vavuniya was in a satisfactory level and around 100ha and 108ha have been achieved respectively at the end of this month.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala, 2021

Area	Target (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of May 2021		Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Matale	2,000	24	2	608
Anuradhapura	746	34	5	553
Mahaweli - H1	1,076	5	1	80
Mahaweli - H	261	100	39	1,064
Vavuniya	190	108	57	1,532
Other areas	675	67	10	1,722
Total	4,948	338	7	5,559

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala2021, Volume 01, Socio Economic and Planning Centre, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent of red onion cultivation was 4601 ha for this *Yala* season and around 1008 ha have been cultivated by the end of May 2021, which represent 22% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent (2000 ha) and the highest cultivated extent (472 ha) were recorded from Jaffna district and it represents 24% of the targeted extent. The estimated production of this *Yala* season was 13323 Mt and out of that 84% was supplied from Jaffna (45%), Puttalam (29%) and Trincomalee (10%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of Red Onion for *Yala* 2021

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of May 2021		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,000	472	23.6	5,885
Puttalam	530	200	37.7	3,840
Trincomalee	656	120	18.3	1,285
Mullaithivu	350	20	5.7	239
Vavunia	285	81	28.4	985
Kilinochchi	130	17	13.1	248
Other	650	98	15.1	841
Sri Lanka	4,601	1,008	21.9	13,323

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion stocks were available at the market. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.7.00/Kg and Rs.3.00/Kg respectively due to decreased imports.

Supply of Vedalan from main producing areas have increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of Vedalan have decreased by about Rs.11.00/Kg and Rs.23.00/Kg respectively. Wholesale price of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.25.00/Kg while the retail price has increased by about Rs.7.00/Kg.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion - May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	203.33	262.83	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	240.00-300.00	255.40	266.36	-	-10.96	-4.11	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	190.00-300.00	242.12	267.58	265.00	-25.46	-9.52	-22.88	-8.63
Big Onion (imported)	50.00-85.00	71.52	64.55	57.53	6.98	10.81	13.99	24.32
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	300.00-360.00	323.33	293.12	-	30.21	10.31	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	300.00-400.00	350.12	372.90	-	-22.78	-6.11	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	240.00-360.00	304.19	297.36	-	6.83	2.30	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-120.00	100.75	97.66	-	3.09	3.17	-	-
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

Yala cultivation of potato was commenced in both Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts. For *yala* 2021, the targeted extent of potato is 2,784 ha and about 407 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of May achieving 15% of the targeted extent. According to the cultivated extent up to end of May, the expected production of potato is 8,359 mt for this *yala* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 755 ha for this *yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,029 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 302 ha and 105 ha were cultivated by the end of May achieving 40% and 5% of the targeted extent. In Badulla district, most of the new cultivation for the *yala* season will be taken place in paddy fields after obtaining paddy harvest in those fields. According to field information, majority of the harvesting had been completed in hilly areas of Keppetipola, Bogahakumbura, Boralanda, Ambagasdova, Uvaparagamama areas of the Welimada DS division during the *maha* season and the supply is expected to be over from the month of June for Welimada potato. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extents during this *yala* season were at high level in Nuwara Eliya district, while it was at low level in Badulla district.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato up to end of May (Yala 2021)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2021	Expected Production (mt)
	Yala 2020*	Yala 2021	Yala 2020*	Yala 2021		
N'Eliya	854	755	228	302	40	6,333
Badulla	2,063	2,029	142	105	5	2,026
Sri Lanka	2,917	2,784	370	407	15	8,359

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

*Crop Forecast, Yala 2020, Vol.01 Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA
Crop Forecast, Yala 2021, Vol.01 Socio-Economics & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With regard to local potato, the stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the Colombo wholesale market with on-going harvesting for the *maha* season. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potato were Rs.105.00/kg and Rs.101.00/kg in May. Supply of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes was at a low level as the supply was interrupted due to lockdown with COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country. Hence, the wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 16% and 13% in the Colombo wholesale market compared to April. Further, the retail prices of both potatoes have increased by 4% and 7% respectively. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 33% and 17% respectively as the Special Commodity Levy of imported potato has increased up to Rs. 50.00/kg with effect from 27/04/2021. During the month of May, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.100.00-140.00/kg, Rs.120.00-160.00/kg and Rs.115.00-125.00/kg respectively. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be increased further in June as the *maha* harvesting of Welimada potato is over by June.

Table: 2.3.2: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
Producer Prices (PP)	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Welimada	81.80-124.00	100.67	93.83	131	6.84	7.29	-30.33	-23.15
Nuwara Eliya	101.00-107.00	104.93	95.60	-	9.33	9.76	-	-
Imported – CIF	-	-	-	58.36	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	100.00-140.00	121.25	104.27	115.50	16.98	16.28	5.75	4.98
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-160.00	140.00	124.20	133.00	15.80	12.72	7.00	5.26
Imported	115.00-125.00	119.62	90.15	101.17	29.47	32.69	18.45	18.24
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	140.00-200.00	175.36	168.03	-	7.33	4.36	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-240.00	208.71	195.46	-	13.25	6.78	-	-
Imported	120.00-160.00	143.73	122.92	-	20.81	16.93	-	-
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		74.69	74.20	-	0.49	0.66	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		103.78	99.86	-	3.92	3.93	-	-
Imported (RP-CIF)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Margin (RP-WP)								
Welimada		54.11	63.75	-	-9.65	-15.13	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		68.71	71.26	-	-2.55	-3.57	-	-
Imported		24.11	32.77	-	-8.66	-26.43	-	-

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

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 40% of its targeted extent as at end of May in Yala 2021 season. The extent of the green gram cultivation has increased by 15% in Sri Lanka compared same period of last year extent (Table 2.4.1). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 8,339 MT. Green gram production in Hambantota district shows a great achievement in the progress of cultivation specially in inter season cultivation. Monaragala and Kurunegala districts have reported low progress. In addition to Mathale, Mulathivu, Ampara, Thrincomalee, Rathnapura and Puttalm districts also shows a great achievement and expected 914 Mt from altogether in this season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of a Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
		Yala	Yala	Yala	Yala	Yala	
		2020	2021	2020	2021	2021	
Green gram	Hambantota	406	8852	579	5353	60	5047
	Monaragala	615	1270	1023	387	30	346
	Kurunagala	689	1937	1012	444	23	466
	Other Areas	10668	7489	4272	1719	23	2480
	Sri Lanka	12,378	19,548	6,886	7,903	40	8,339
Cowpea	Ampara	3271	3994	1724	3143	79	3457
	Monaragala	599	1695	2046	938	55	1079
	Anuradhapura	601	756	540	135	18	184
	Other Areas	2466	3686	3313	1443	39	1975
	Sri Lanka	6,937	10,131	7,623	5,659	56	6,695

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

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It has been able to achieve 56% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 6,695 Mt in Sri Lanka. Around 70% of the total production produces in Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts. Extent of the cowpea cultivation in Sri Lanka has been decreased from 26% than last year cultivated extent.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.800/kg and Rs.870/kg with an average of Rs.839/kg in May 2021. The minimum and maximum price level has increased Rs. 150/kg to Rs. 20/kg within a month. The average price has increased by 4% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to May of 2020, the wholesale price has been increased by 198%. Increasing trend of the market price has not changed yet due to supply shortage in the market. In addition to, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.850/kg and Rs.1000/kg with an average of Rs.933/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has increased by around 2% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	800.00-870.00	838.89	808.48	281.67	30.41	3.76	557.22	197.83
Cowpea (White)	500.00-600.00	563.73	589.48	288.53	-25.75	-4.37	275.20	95.38
Cowpea (Red)	500.00-600.00	544.80	589.01	288.47	-44.21	-7.51	256.33	88.86
Retail Prices								
Green gram	850.00-1000.00	932.82	911.03	-	21.79	2.39	-	-
Cowpea (White)	700.00-800.00	753.99	768.29	-	-14.30	-1.86	-	-
Cowpea (Red)	600.00-800.00	737.66	758.92	-	-21.26	-2.80	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.564/kg and Rs. 545/kg in May 2021. The wholesale prices of both white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.500/kg and Rs.600/kg. The wholesale price of white and red cowpea has decreased by around 4% and 8% correspondingly comparing with April. Compared with the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 95% and red cowpea increased 89% (Table 2.4.2).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.754/kg and Rs.738/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.700/kg and Rs.800/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.600/kg and Rs.800/kg. Compared to the previous month, both white and red cowpea has been decreased by around 2% and 3% respectively (Table 2.4.2).

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.175/kg and Rs.193/kg with an average of Rs.186/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.190/kg and Rs.220/kg with an average of Rs.198/kg. Wholesale price has been increased by 8% and the retail price has increased nearly 6% compared with the April 2021. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price has been increased 22%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – May 2021

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	175.00-193.00	185.78	172.36	152.43	13.42	7.79	33.35	21.88
Retail Price	190.00-220.00	198.41	186.57	-	11.84	6.35	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

It was reported that the cultivation activities of the *Yala* 2021 season is in progress in most of the vegetable producing areas. As at the end of the May 2021, the total target for vegetables is 35,126ha. Beans (1,118ha), tomato (1,552ha), pumpkin (1,763ha), okra (1,638ha), brinjal (2,217ha), and long beans (1,942ha) were the mostly cultivated vegetables. Further, considering the cultivation progress reported as at the end of May 2021, the highest production is expected for cabbage (24,369mt), tomato (28,165mt), pumpkin (27,796mt), and brinjal (30,918mt). (Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2021, Vol.01, Socio Economics & Planning Centre/DOA).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of nearly half of the vegetable varieties have decreased by 1%-39% recording the highest decrease for brinjal and the lowest decrease for bitter gourd. In contrast, the wholesale prices of remaining half increased by 14%-75% recording the highest increase for drumsticks and the lowest increase for cucumber and snake guard. Such mixed behavior in wholesale prices was mainly attributed by the negative shock into the vegetable demand at wholesale market and distribution chains as the most of Dedicated Economic Centers and wholesale markets were opened for only selected days during the month, with the travel restriction imposed due to Covid-19 pandemic. During the month, the highest wholesale price of Rs.450.00/kg was recorded for drumsticks. The lowest wholesale price of Rs.20.00/kg was noted for radish followed by pumpkin, cucumber and ash plantain as Rs.25.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties had increased by 3%-174% recording the highest for cabbage, and the lowest for luffa.

The retail prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased by 1%-15% recording the highest for snake guard and the lowest for knolkhol. According to the seasonal price indexes for vegetables, generally vegetable prices increase during the month of May in a year due to off season. Therefore, the price behavior of this month lines up with the usual price pattern. However, retail prices of brinjal and pumpkin have decreased by 14%-20% followed by carrot, leeks, beetroot, cabbage, capsicum, and bitter guard as 2%-8%. The highest retail price of Rs.700.00/kg was recorded for drumsticks followed by capsicum (Rs.500.00/kg). The lowest retail price of Rs.60.00 was noted for a number of vegetables, namely leeks, radish, pumpkin, cucumber, and ash plantain.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-250.00	154.22	121.50	106.67	32.72	26.93	47.56	44.58
Carrot	80.00-150.00	121.22	135.00	62.67	-13.78	-10.21	58.56	93.44
Leeks	30.00-90.00	64.52	64.25	94.00	0.27	0.42	-29.48	-31.36
Beetroot	35.00-100.00	59.54	77.80	36.61	-18.26	-23.47	22.93	62.62
Knolkhol	30.00-110.00	75.67	55.75	40.00	19.92	35.72	35.67	89.17
Radish	20.00-80.00	50.33	35.63	37.33	14.71	41.29	13.00	34.82
Cabbage	60.00-120.00	93.03	100.67	34.00	-7.63	-7.58	59.03	173.63
Tomato	50.00-160.00	102.33	83.25	58.78	19.08	22.92	43.56	74.10
Ladies Fingers	70.00-110.00	90.33	66.88	63.00	23.46	35.08	27.33	43.39
Brinjal	60.00-120.00	96.00	158.00	96.67	-62.00	-39.24	-0.67	-0.69
Capsicum	130.00-250.00	180.33	225.00	89.33	-44.67	-19.85	91.00	101.87
Pumpkin	25.00-50.00	37.00	57.88	44.56	-20.88	-36.07	-7.56	-16.96
Cucumber	25.00-50.00	38.67	34.00	37.33	4.67	13.73	1.33	3.57
Bitter gourd	80.00-150.00	112.33	114.00	105.44	-1.67	-1.46	6.89	6.53
Snake gourd	70.00-120.00	97.00	85.25	101.33	11.75	13.78	-4.33	-4.28
Drumstick	250.00-450.00	345.33	196.64	-	148.70	75.62	-	-
Luffa	60.00-130.00	98.67	71.63	95.67	27.04	37.75	3.00	3.14
Long Beans	50.00-100.00	75.33	61.68	70.74	13.65	22.13	4.59	6.49
Ash Plantain	25.00-40.00	33.33	47.88	53.67	-14.54	-30.37	-20.33	-37.89
Green Chillies	70.00-200.00	126.67	192.18	126.33	-65.51	-34.09	0.33	0.26
Lime	70.00-130.00	100.33	85.21	520.00	15.12	17.74	-419.67	-80.71

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – May 2021

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-320.00	201.17	191.33	-	9.85	5.15	-	-
Carrot	100.00-240.00	194.26	207.35	-	-13.09	-6.31	-	-
Leeks	60.00-240.00	138.33	142.03	-	-3.70	-2.61	-	-
Beetroot	80.00-240.00	137.56	143.46	-	-5.90	-4.11	-	-
Knolkhol	70.00-240.00	150.92	149.77	-	1.16	0.77	-	-
Radish	60.00-200.00	126.64	121.45	-	5.19	4.27	-	-
Cabbage	90.00-240.00	160.72	163.81	-	-3.09	-1.89	-	-
Tomato	80.00-280.00	160.85	144.06	-	16.79	11.65	-	-
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	154.86	144.85	-	10.01	6.91	-	-
Brinjal	100.00-240.00	168.61	209.63	-	-41.02	-19.57	-	-
Capsicum	180.00-500.00	284.11	309.63	-	-25.52	-8.24	-	-
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	104.37	120.67	-	-16.29	-13.50	-	-
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	104.84	104.30	-	0.54	0.52	-	-
Bitter gourd	120.00-320.00	211.72	218.99	-	-7.27	-3.32	-	-
Snake gourd	120.00-240.00	171.92	149.95	-	21.98	14.66	-	-
Drumstick	350.00-700.00	514.92	480.98	-	33.94	7.06	-	-
Luffa	120.00-280.00	192.55	170.60	-	21.95	12.87	-	-
Long Beans	100.00-240.00	147.25	137.76	-	9.49	6.89	-	-
Ash Plantain	60.00-160.00	121.04	123.25	-	-2.21	-1.80	-	-
Green Chilies	140.00-500.00	287.53	328.61	-	-41.09	-12.50	-	-
Lime	120.00-500.00	246.96	222.38	-	24.58	11.05	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in April 2021, wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties except imported grapes had decreased in May 2021 due to the declined demand for fruits. Accordingly, prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 15%-45%. Price ranges of Ambul, Seeni and Kolikuttu were noted as Rs.30.00-50.00/kg, Rs.50.00-60.00/kg and Rs.100.00-160.00/kg respectively. In addition, a price decrease of 15% was noted for both banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun and their price ranges were noted as Rs.10.00-13.00/fruit and Rs.13.00-16.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 23%, 16% and 18% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were noted as Rs.90.31/fruit, Rs.133.00/fruit and Rs.156.67/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-180.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Vilad and Karthakolomban had decreased by 13% and 67% respectively and their prices of a fruit were noted as Rs.11.00-16.00 and Rs.20.00-50.00 respectively. Further, price of papaw had decreased by 46% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.53.71/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-70.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit, orange and slime apple had decreased by 21%, 19% and 17% respectively while, prices of wood apple and avocado had decreased by 14% and 2% respectively (Table 4.1).

However, as stated earlier, price of imported grapes had increased by 8% and the price ranged between Rs.778.00-889.00/kg (Table 4.1).

As usual, the comparison of prices in May 2021 with the prices in the same period of 2020 was not possible this year as the prices in May were not collected in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

In analysing the prices at the retail level, it was observed that the prices of all the fruit varieties except orange and imported grapes had decreased at the retail level too. Accordingly, retail prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 4%-18%. Further, the price ranges noted for Ambul and Seeni were Rs.80.00-150.00/kg and it was Rs.130.00-260.00/kg for Kolikuttu. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun had decreased by 4% and prices were noted as Rs.16.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 5%, 8% and 6% respectively and the price ranged between Rs.120.00-300.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Vilad and Karthakolomban had decreased by 8% and 54% respectively and price of a fruit ranged between Rs.35.00-50.00 and Rs.40.00-80.00 respectively. Price of papaw had decreased by 26% and the monthly average retail price was Rs.129.93/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-160.00/kg. In addition, a price decrease of 4% was noted for both wood apple and avocado while, the prices of slime apple and passion fruit had decreased by 3% and 2% respectively (Table 4.2).

However, as stated earlier, prices of orange and imported grapes had increased by 5% and their price ranges were noted as Rs.40.00-70.00/fruit and Rs.1,000.00-1,200.00/kg respectively (Table 4.2).

As usual, the comparison of prices in May 2021 with the prices in the same period of 2020 was not possible this year as the prices in May were not collected in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received significantly decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu and for papaw in May compared to the prices in April, 2021 due to the declined demand for fruits during the month. Further, the prices had decreased by 62% for Ambul, by 56% for papaw and by 55% for Kolikuttu. In addition, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month were noted as Rs.11.00-23.00/kg, Rs.52.00-97.00/kg and Rs.20.00-35.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to May, 2020, producer prices had decreased for all the varieties too and the prices had decreased by 48% for papaw, by 19% for Kolikuttu and by 17% for Ambul (Table 4.3).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-50.00	40.83	74.72	-	-33.88	-45.35	-	-
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-160.00	131.11	194.11	-	-63.00	-32.46	-	-
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-60.00	54.44	78.28	-	-23.83	-30.45	-	-
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-13.00	11.36	13.42	-	-2.06	-15.34	-	-
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-16.00	14.36	16.84	-	-2.48	-14.74	-	-
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	140.00-180.00	156.67	192.33	-	-35.66	-18.54	-	-
Medium (Fruit)	120.00-150.00	133.00	158.00	-	-25.00	-15.82	-	-
Small (Fruit)	70.00-120.00	90.31	117.38	-	-27.06	-23.06	-	-
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	36.58	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	20.00-50.00	33.46	102.45	-	-68.99	-67.34	-	-
Vilad (Fruit)	11.00-16.00	13.11	15.14	-	-2.03	-13.43	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-70.00	53.71	99.22	-	-45.51	-45.86	-	-
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-17.00	11.22	14.28	-	-3.06	-21.44	-	-
Woodapple (Fruit)	33.00-55.00	41.74	48.51	-	-6.77	-13.95	-	-
Orange (Fruit)	15.00-35.00	25.02	30.83	-	-5.82	-18.86	-	-
Avocado (Fruit)	25.00-75.00	49.16	50.36	-	-1.20	-2.39	-	-
Slime Apple (Fruit)	16.00-28.00	19.84	23.98	-	-4.14	-17.25	-	-
Grapes Imported (Kg)	778.00-889.00	840.08	780.84	-	59.25	7.59	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-150.00	114.98	128.69	-	-13.71	-10.65	-	-
Kolikuttu (Kg)	130.00-260.00	213.46	261.54	-	-48.08	-18.38	-	-
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-150.00	127.78	135.19	-	-7.40	-5.48	-	-
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-20.00	18.83	19.65	-	-0.81	-4.14	-	-
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-25.00	23.49	24.43	-	-0.94	-3.83	-	-
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-300.00	235.24	250.22	-	-14.98	-5.99	-	-
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-200.00	174.39	190.23	-	-15.84	-8.32	-	-
Small (Fruit)	120.00-150.00	137.64	145.01	-	-7.38	-5.09	-	-
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban(fruit)	40.00-80.00	60.25	129.88	-	-69.63	-53.61	-	-
Vilad (Fruit)	35.00-50.00	41.43	45.00	-	-3.57	-7.94	-	-
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-160.00	129.93	176.873	-	-46.94	-26.54	-	-
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-33.00	26.17	26.6902	-	-0.52	-1.94	-	-
Woodapple (Fruit)	80.00-150.00	112.12	116.912	-	-4.79	-4.10	-	-
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-70.00	57.43	54.518	-	2.91	5.34	-	-
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00-120.00	89.21	92.793	-	-3.58	-3.86	-	-
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	56.74	58.5542	-	-1.81	-3.09	-	-
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1000.00-1200.00	1151.11	1097.42	-	53.69	4.89	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	10.83-23.33	16.33	43.12	19.62	-26.79	-62.13	-3.29	-16.77
Kolikuttu	52.50-97.50	73.50	165.17	91.33	-91.67	-55.50	-17.83	-19.52
Papaw	20.00-35.00	28.25	63.70	54.40	-35.45	-55.65	-26.15	-48.07

Source; Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As a result of the combined effect of tightening of Covid related market disruptions and plummeted demand for fresh fish due to the fear of chemical contamination from *X-Press Pearl* ship fire, prices of most of the fresh fish had decreased at the wholesale market in May 2021 compared to April 2021. The highest price decrease of 21% was noted for kelawalla. Next, prices of balaya had dropped by 11%. Prices of shrimp (small), thalapath, hurulla and paraw had dropped in the range of 2% - 7%, in line with the decreased demand. Further, prices of mora, salaya and thora had increased by 16%, 13% and 9% respectively.

However, retail market showed an opposite - direction price movement, compared to the wholesale market for most of the fresh fish varieties. Kelawalla, balaya, shrimp, thalapath, hurulla and paraw showed a price increase in the range of 0.1% - 22% at the retail level, despite the price decreases at the wholesale market. Meanwhile, prices of balaya had showed the highest price increase of 22%, compared to last month. High transport cost due to Covid related market disruptions may have caused this price increases in the month of May, 2021.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	120.00-250.00	184.07	162.63	-	21.44	13.18	-	-	
Hurulla	400.00-550.00	482.56	503.38	-	-20.82	-4.14	-	-	
Balaya	300.00-600.00	431.80	487.41	-	-55.61	-11.41	-	-	
Kelawalla	450.00-800.00	632.50	804.29	-	-171.79	-21.36	-	-	
Thora	1000.00-1300.00	1187.22	1084.20	-	103.02	9.50	-	-	
Paraw	550.00-800.00	675.66	691.96	-	-16.30	-2.36	-	-	
Mora	400.00-850.00	679.40	587.00	-	92.40	15.74	-	-	
Shrimp (small)	950.00-1300.00	1049.92	1122.92	-	-73.00	-6.50	-	-	
Thalapath	730.00-980.00	870.05	891.25	-	-21.20	-2.38	-	-	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	160.00-360.00	272.34	262.40	-	9.93	3.79	-	-	
Hurulla	500.00-760.00	634.28	604.85	-	29.42	4.86	-	-	
Balaya	700.00-1100.00	907.74	742.37	-	165.37	22.28	-	-	
Kelawalla	960.00-1500.00	1192.44	1143.28	-	49.16	4.30	-	-	
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1664.59	1563.13	-	101.46	6.49	-	-	
Paraw	1000.00-1400.00	1217.34	1213.26	-	4.08	0.34	-	-	
Mora	-	-	816.67	-	-	-	-	-	
Shrimp (small)	1100.00-1400.00	1268.32	1267.07	-	1.25	0.10	-	-	
Thalapath	1200.00-1560.00	1370.70	1321.26	-	49.43	3.74	-	-	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the dried fish varieties had marginally increased, except for thora, maduwa, balaya and sprats at the wholesale level. High demand for dried fish may have induced by the decreased demand for fresh fish, immediately after the ship - fire disaster. The main supply areas of the local varieties were Mannar and Kalpitiya. The highest price increase was reported for salaya by 6%. Next, prices of sprats (imported) had increased by 5%. Prices of anguluwa, mora and kattawa had increased by less than 5% compared to previous month. Yet, the prices of sprats, thora, balaya and maduwa had dropped by less than 7%, at the wholesale level.

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase noted for anguluwa by 4%. Except for balaya and sprats, prices of other dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 0.33%-3%. Yet, the prices of balaya and sprats had dropped by less than 5%, at the retail level.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	850.00-1100.00	943.43	1006.25	-	-62.82	-6.24	-	-
Sprats (imported)	380.00-620.00	495.36	470.47	-	24.89	5.29	-	-
Kattawa	1100.00-1300.00	1199.94	1199.69	-	0.25	0.02	-	-
Kattawa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thora	1300.00-1400.00	1315.42	1377.50	-	-62.08	-4.51	-	-
Thora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mora	1200.00-1350.00	1261.19	1221.89	-	39.30	3.22	-	-
Mora (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balaya	550.00-700.00	592.38	605.38	-	-12.99	-2.15	-	-
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	1200.00-1250.00	1212.70	1160.97	-	51.73	4.46	-	-
Anguluwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maduwa	600.00-800.00	703.52	718.57	-	-15.05	-2.09	-	-
Maduwa (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	250.00-360.00	303.33	286.25	-	17.08	5.97	-	-
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	450.00-800.00	686.45	672.58	-	13.87	2.06	-	-
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1190.48	1200.09	-	-9.61	-0.80	-	-
Kattawa	1300.00-1700.00	1525.90	1502.19	-	23.71	1.58	-	-
Thora	1600.00-2100.00	1844.72	1838.72	-	6.00	0.33	-	-
Mora	1350.00-1600.00	1476.67	1435.65	-	41.01	2.86	-	-
Balaya	700.00-1200.00	944.23	986.06	-	-41.83	-4.24	-	-
Anguluwa	1300.00-1700.00	1449.39	1390.01	-	59.37	4.27	-	-
Maduwa	-	-	1184.38	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	350.00-700.00	583.11	567.86	-	15.24	2.68	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had slightly increased by less than 3% at the wholesale level compared to April, 2021. The monthly average wholesale price of brown and white eggs was in the range of 14.50-16.00/egg and 13.50-14.50.00/ egg respectively. In line with the wholesale price behaviour, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by less than 2% at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.14.50 - 17.00/egg and Rs.13.50-16.00/egg respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	14.50-16.00	14.78	14.44	-	0.34	2.36	-	-
White (each)	13.50-14.50	13.72	13.69	-	0.03	0.25	-	-
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.50-17.00	15.61	15.54	-	0.07	0.44	-	-
White (each)	13.50-16.00	14.44	14.26	-	0.18	1.25	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of most of the meat varieties had decreased at the retail market, compared to last month due to Covid related market disruptions. The only price increase of 6% was noted for beef (without bones). Prices of all the other meat varieties had dropped in the range of 0.3% - 9%, with the highest price decrease of 9% reported for chicken (broiler).

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May 2021	April 2021	May 2020	April 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	1000.00-1200.00	1,124.44	1,063.69	-	60.75	5.71	-	-
Chicken (Broiler)	520.00-750.00	648.52	710.21	-	-61.69	-8.69	-	-
Chicken (curry)	500.00-690.00	628.84	636.45	-	-7.62	-1.20	-	-
Mutton	1900.00-2200.00	2,005.36	2,011.11	-	-5.75	-0.29	-	-
Pork	750.00-900.00	820.00	828.33	-	-8.33	-1.01	-	-

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

The retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged compared to the last month and the price ranged between Rs.92.00-93.00/kg and the average price was Rs.93.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour has not changed significantly compared to the last month, as well as compared to the same period of last year.

The retail price of sugar for the month of May ranged between Rs.116.00-118.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.118.00/kg. The average retail price for sugar has increased nearly by 2% during the month. In contrast, compared to the same period of last year, average retail price of sugar had decreased by 7%.

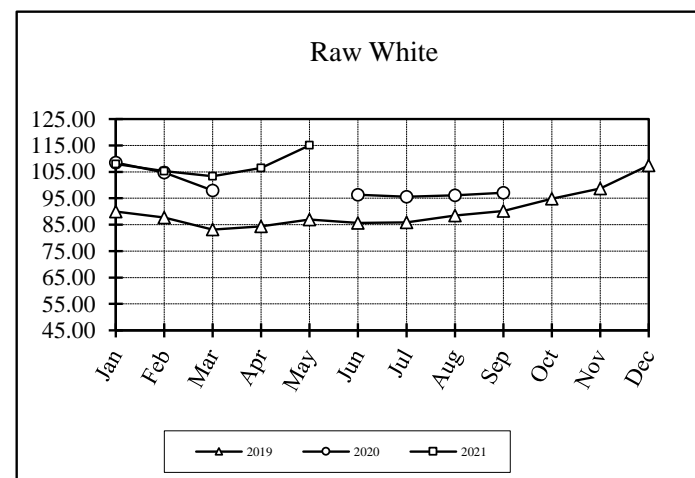
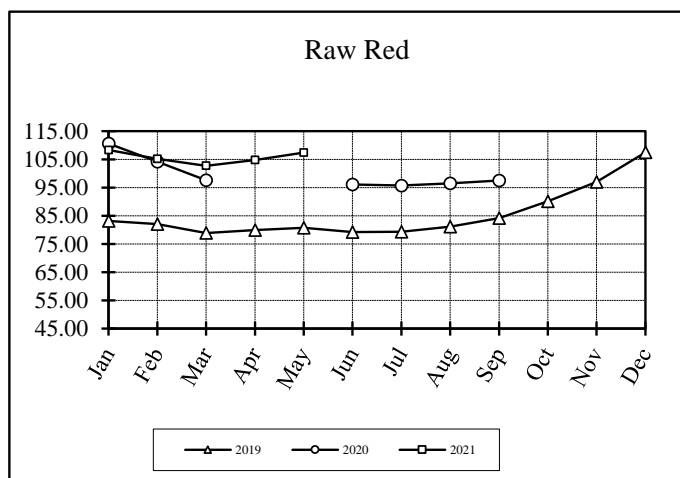
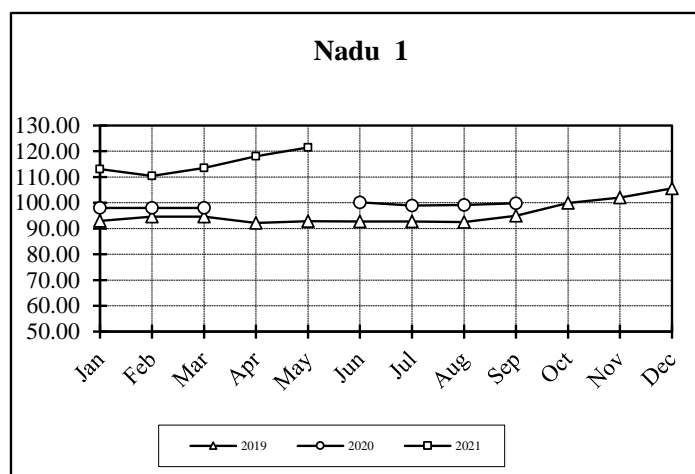
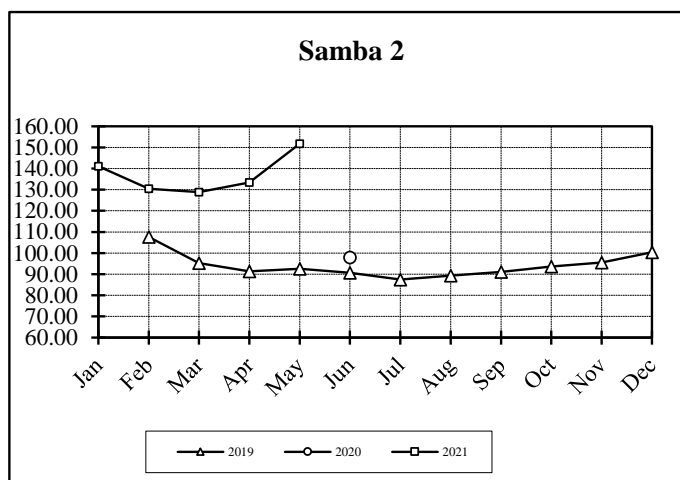
Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – May 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	May 2021	May2021	April 2021	May 2020	May 2021		May 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	92.35-93.36	92.79	92.64	92.26	0.15	0.16	0.53	0.57
Sugar	116.83-118.44	117.87	115.70	125.23	2.17	1.88	-7.36	-5.88

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

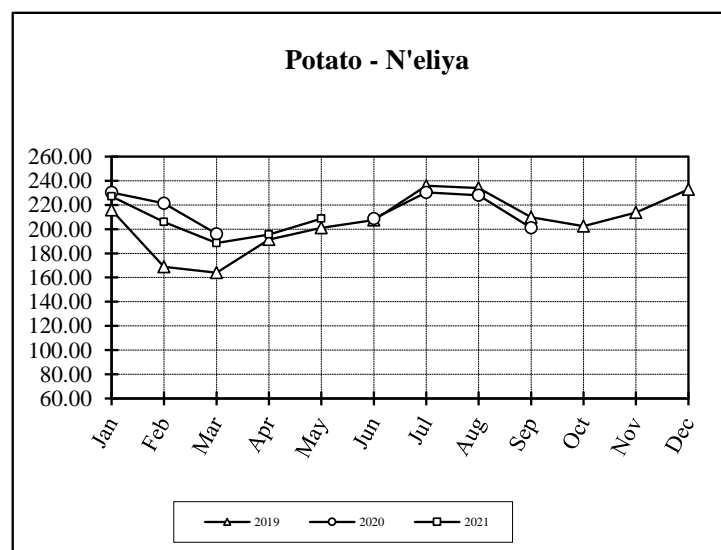
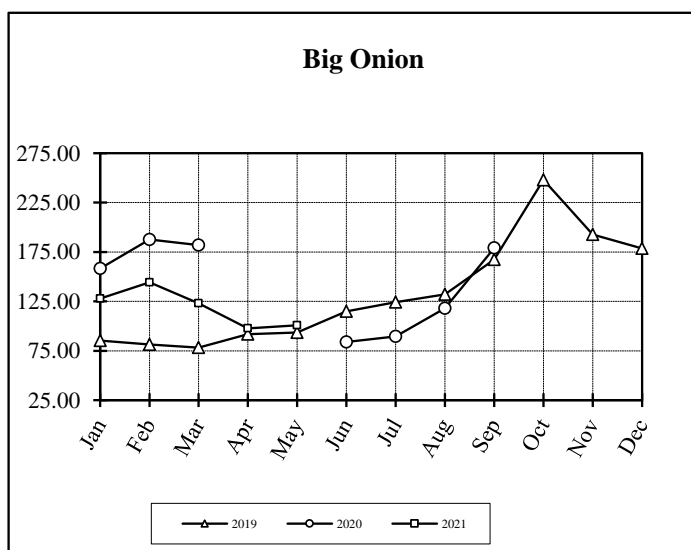
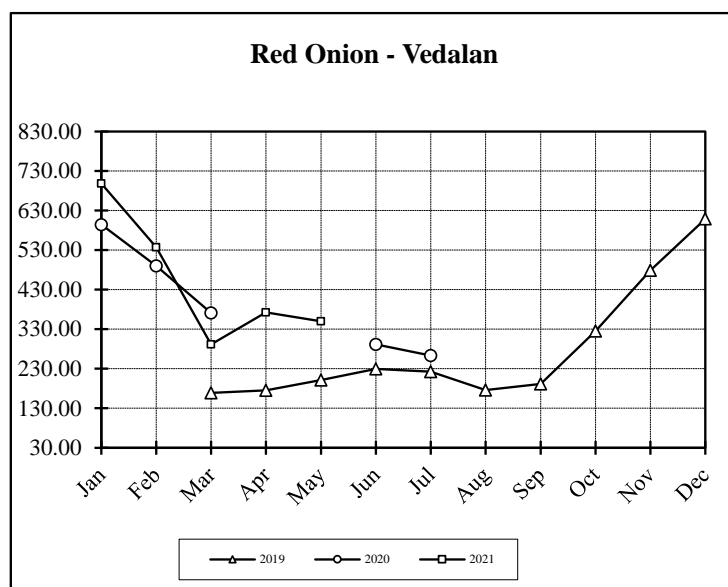
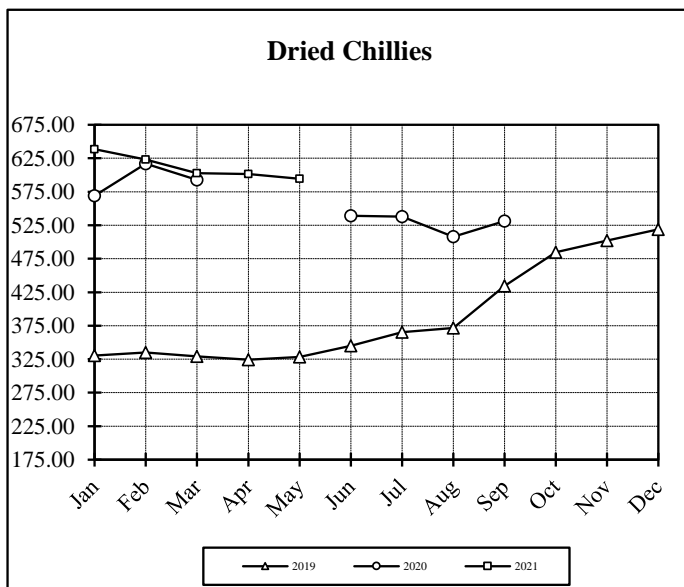
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Jan			141.10	93.00	98.00	113.10	83.12	110.60	108.31	90.02	108.50	108.03
Feb	107.65		130.44	94.64	98.00	110.43	82.07	104.20	105.14	87.74	104.75	105.33
Mar	95.23		128.86	94.63	98.00	113.55	78.87	97.55	102.71	83.14	97.98	103.35
Apr	91.39		133.36	92.17		118.02	79.92		104.80	84.39		106.46
May	92.62		151.74	92.83		121.48	80.74		107.41	87.00		115.05
Jun	90.71	98.00		92.73	100.19		79.19	96.10		85.64	96.36	
Jul	87.49			92.75	98.97		79.31	95.73		85.86	95.59	
Aug	89.38			92.49	99.16		81.14	96.47		88.49	96.13	
Sep	91.08			95.00	99.85		84.14	97.54		90.23	97.08	
Oct	93.68			99.95			90.11			94.88		
Nov	95.57			102.03			96.96			98.70		
Dec	100.42			105.60			107.46			107.48		



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Jan	330.31	568.88	638.57		594.62	698.55	85.22	158.34	127.78	215.71	230.30	227.08
Feb	335.00	616.91	623.15		489.95	537.28	81.33	187.64	144.28	168.89	221.45	205.92
Mar	329.23	592.69	602.72	168.97	371.19	291.66	78.17	182.10	123.19	164.00	196.08	188.53
Apr	324.25		601.31	175.37		372.89	91.75		97.65	191.47		195.46
May	328.50		594.37	201.43		350.12	93.54		100.76	200.97		208.72
Jun	345.06	539.23		229.57	291.67		114.91	83.89		207.45	208.57	
Jul	365.35	538.09		222.51	263.40		124.20	89.58		235.89	230.38	
Aug	371.46	507.84		175.95			132.13	118.02		234.10	227.97	
Sep	434.22	531.06		191.81			167.17	179.16		209.86	201.15	
Oct	484.80			325.31			248.02			202.38		
Nov	502.09			478.63			192.69			213.71		
Dec	518.89			608.84			178.67			232.91		



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

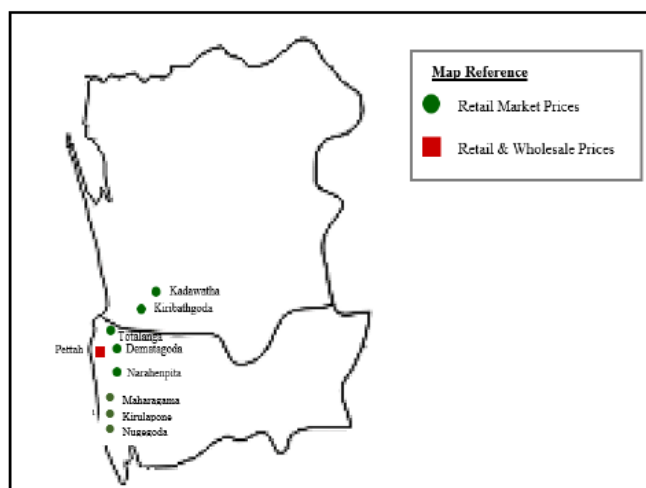
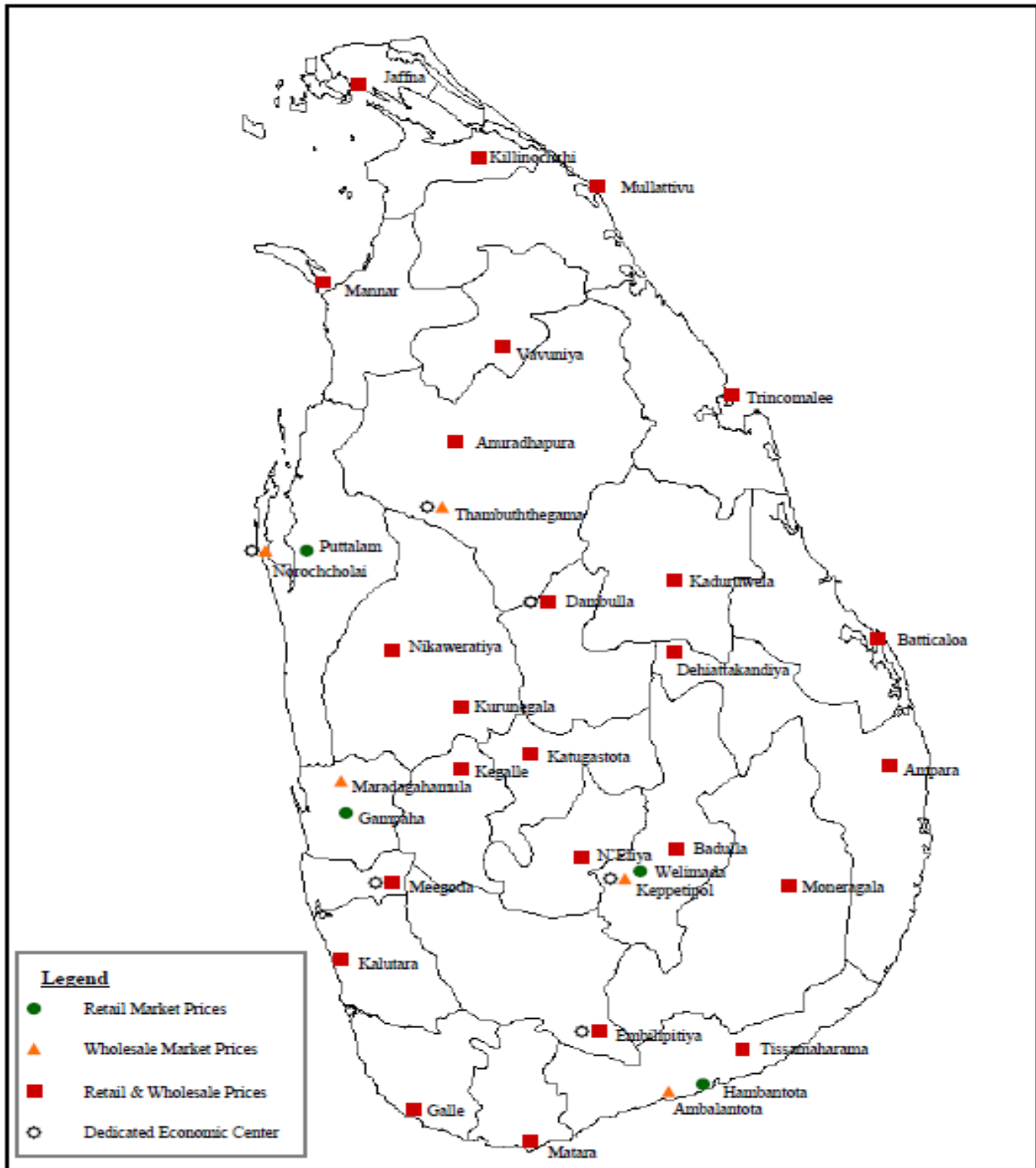
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	101.00	107.00	106.80		Welimada	31.00	30.60	38.00	
A'pura	59.20	58.80			Badulla	116.00	106.00	124.00		N'Eliya	36.80	43.20	39.60	
P'naruwa	79.00	79.00	80.50		Welimada	92.80	81.80	83.40		Beetroot				
Kalawewa	75.20	75.60	80.80		Pulses					Hanguranketha	74.00	74.00	76.00	
Kurunegala	60.00	65.00	65.00		Green Gram					N'Eliya	36.80	44.00	38.40	
Dehiattakandiya		78.00	75.00		Galgamuwa					Dambulla				
Ampara	67.50	67.50	72.50		Kalawewa					Kurunegala	37.50	40.00	42.50	
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	697.50	697.50	687.50		Welimada	29.20	28.80	37.40	
A'pura	54.20	57.60			Kurunegala					Knokhol				
P'naruwa	63.00	63.00	64.75		A'pura	762.00	788.00			Hanguranketha				
Kalawewa	62.80	62.60	65.60		Galgamuwa	416.00	492.00			N'Eliya	36.20	43.40	42.20	
Kurunegala	55.00	55.00	55.00		Nikaweratiya					Welimada	28.40	33.00	55.60	
Dehiattakandiya		64.00	60.00		Kalawewa					Radish				
Embilipitiya					Embilipitiya	545.00	545.00	485.00		Hanguranketha	40.00	40.00	44.00	
Ampara	54.67	54.67	54.67		Kurunegala					N'Eliya	27.00	32.00	32.40	
Matara					Cowpea					Welimada	14.80	14.60	22.20	
Hambantota					A'pura					Cabbage				
Long grain (Red)					Galgamuwa					Hanguranketha	79.00	79.00	79.00	
Matara	54.00	54.50	54.50		Nikaweratiya					N'Eliya	76.80	67.80	62.20	
Hambantota	55.00		55.00		Kalawewa					Welimada	46.60	47.40	58.60	
Ampara	54.67	55.67	56.00		Embilipitiya					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	54.00	54.00	54.40		Kurunegala					Badulla	62.00	58.00	100.00	
Other Food Crops					Maize					Tomato				
Dried Chillies					A'Pura					Hanguranketha				
A'Pura					Kalawewa	73.20	81.00	81.00		Welimada	42.20	65.80	62.80	
Galgamuwa					Gingelly					Hambantota	45.00		62.50	
Kalawewa					A'Pura					Dambulla				
Red Onion					Kalawewa					Low Country				
Puttalam	212.50	250.00	250.00		A'Pura					Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Kalawewa					A'pura	58.00	47.00		
Dambulla					Black Gram					Dambulla				
Kalawewa					Kalawewa					Hambantota	53.33		53.33	
A'Pura					A'Pura					Embilipitiya	57.00	48.00	44.00	
Kurunegala					Vegetables (Up Country)					Matara	61.67	50.00	45.00	
					Beans									
					Dambulla									
					Welimada	87.80	71.80	97.00						
					Badulla	108.00	64.00	140.00						
					Carrot									
					Hanguranketha									
					N'Eliya	103.60	83.00	87.00						
					Welimada	76.80	76.40	88.00						

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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week
<u>Brinjals</u>					<u>Pumpkin</u>					<u>Lime</u>				
A'pura	112.00	64.00			Dambulla					Hambantota	66.67			
Dambulla					Hambantota	43.33		23.33		Embilipitiya	57.50	46.67	50.00	
Hambantota	65.00		60.00		Embilipitiya	26.67	25.83	24.17		Moneragala				
Embilipitiya	60.00	50.00	48.00		Matara	45.00	42.50			<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>				
Matara	58.33	46.67	41.67		A'pura	53.00	66.00			<u>Banana</u>				
Welimada	67.80	77.60	62.20		Moneragala					<u>Ambul</u>				
					<u>Cucumber</u>					Moneragala				
<u>Capsicum</u>					A'pura	38.00	43.00			Embilipitiya	23.33	18.83	10.83	
Welimada	153.00	158.20	183.20		Dambulla					Hambantota	15.00		15.00	
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>					Hambantota	25.00		20.00		<u>Kolikuttu</u>				
A'pura	52.00	88.00			Matara	30.00	26.67	26.67		Moneragala				
Dambulla					<u>Long beans</u>					Embilipitiya	77.00	65.00	74.00	
Hambantota	76.67		76.67		Dambulla					Hambantota	97.50		52.50	
Embilipitiya	77.50	93.00	97.00		Hambantota	66.67		63.33		<u>Papaw</u>				
					Embilipitiya	49.00	46.00	52.00		Moneragala				
<u>Snake Gourd</u>					Matara	68.33	48.33	46.67		Embilipitiya	35.00	26.00	26.00	
Dambulla					A'Pura	53.00	56.00			Hambantota	35.00		20.00	
Hambantota	50.00		53.33		<u>Ash Plantain</u>					<u>Pineapple</u>				
Embilipitiya	56.00	56.00	52.00		Hambantota	35.00		23.33		Divulapitiya				
Matara	65.00	43.33	43.33		Embilipitiya	24.00	22.00	22.00						
A'pura	38.00	66.00			Matara	45.00	38.33	36.67						
<u>Luffa</u>					<u>Green Chillies</u>									
Dambulla					Dambulla									
Hambantota	36.67		43.33		Hambantota									
Embilipitiya	73.00	70.00	70.00		Embilipitiya	212.00	192.00	222.00						
Matara	65.00	42.50	42.50		Puttalam	175.00	58.00	66.00						
A'pura	48.00	54.00			A'Pura	180.00	148.00							

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