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RICE:

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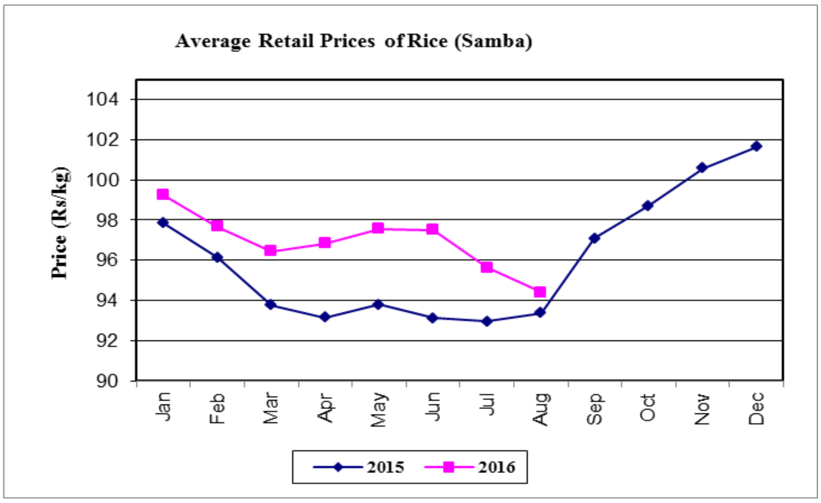
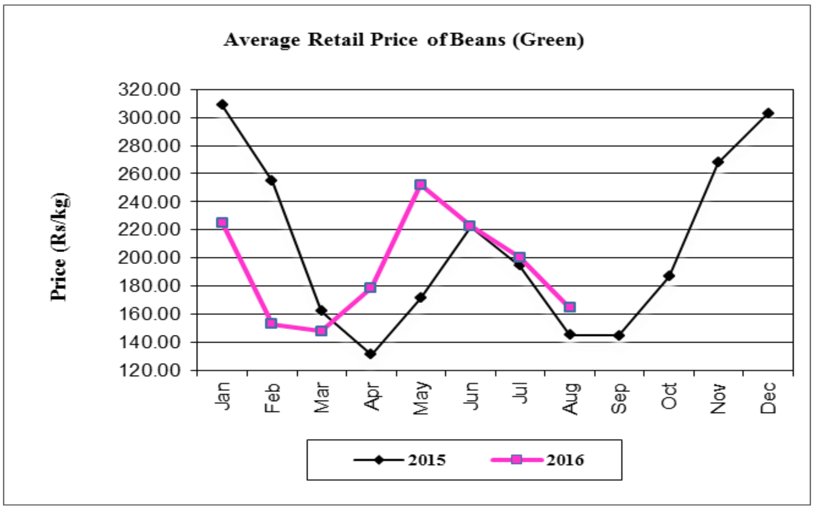


VEGETABLES:

As the peak *Yala* harvesting period approaches, supply increased significantly hence prices decreased considerably for both up and low country vegetables in August. Reported average price drops were 40% and 43% respectively, for up and lowcountry varieties. However, prices of both upcountry and lowcountry varieties are expected increase in the coming month with the reaching of the initial phase of the off season.



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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of 2016 *Yala* season paddy crop progressed and dry weather prevailed in most of the major producing areas during the month. Harvesting almost all completed in producing areas in the Eastern province by the end of the month. A peak harvesting was recorded by the end of month and it is expected that harvesting continued up to mid-September in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and some Mahaweli areas. According to field information, prospects of the *Yala* harvest was favorable in most of the major producing areas. The latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture reveals that the cultivated extent of paddy is 394,391 ha and it is already 5% lower compared to the average of last three *Yala* seasons. The production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.571 million tones, 3 percent lower than the average of last three *Yala* seasons.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2016 *yala* season (Up to end of August 2016)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent (ha)	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)
Anuradhapura	49,172	37,464	76	133,879
Polonnaruwa	30,000	31,127	104	135,457
Ampara	57,103	58,051	102	266,970
Kurunegala	60,783	47,612	78	168,771
Hambantota	26,999	21,869	81	94,577
Colombo	2,842	635	22	1,416
Gampaha	6,634	1,756	26	4,664
Kalutara	10,191	2,102	21	5,721
Galle	8,599	1,174	14	2,466
Matara	14,780	6,579	45	18,585
Ratnapura	11,256	5,218	46	16,489
Kegalle	6,055	2,042	34	5,726
Puttalam	18,100	13,123	73	43,131
Kandy	9,524	7,615	80	21,862
Matale	10,676	7,336	69	28,533
N' Eliya	3,319	2,196	66	4,280
Badulla	8,275	7,263	88	28,094
Monaragala	19,851	13,579	68	50,945
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,787	2,517	37	10,829
Vavuniya	7,454	4,238	57	18,664
Mullaitivu	5,268	4,729	90	19,930
Mannar	2,762	3,140	114	14,609
Trincomalee	24,256	21,402	88	92,448
Batticaloa	25,598	27,742	108	110,596
Udawalawa	11,000	10,607	96	55,967
System H	12,750	6,117	48	24,922
System H1	6,000	2,080	35	8,474
System B	19,130	18,725	98	76,289
System C	22,406	21,394	95	87,163
System G	3,800	3,396	89	13,836
System D	418	418	100	1,703
Rambakanoya	600	270	45	1,100
System L	550	876	159	3,569
Sri Lanka	**502,938**	**394,392**	78	**1,571,665**

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Harvesting of paddy crop in 2016 *Yala* season commenced in the producing areas in the Eastern province from the beginning of the month. The prices of all the paddy varieties have shown a decreasing trend throughout the month. Prices have declined in most of the major producing areas due to the new harvest reached the markets from the Batticaloa and Ampara districts. The arrival of high moisture newly harvested paddy to the market also caused the price decline. Prices of short grain white paddy were in the range of Rs.31.00-37.50/kg in most of the producing areas during the month. The price range of long grain white paddy was reported as Rs.29.00-36.50/kg in most of the producing areas. The government paddy purchasing programme has started in major producing areas in order to stabilize the prices. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.28.00-36.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. Prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs.55.00-58.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of short grain white paddy have decreased by less than 17% in all considered producing areas. However, the prices of long grain white paddy have increased by 3%-27% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by 4%-15% in major producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – August 2016

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	31.00-38.00	35.00-37.00	35.04	35.93	40.47	*-0.89*	*-2.48*	*-5.43*	*-13.42*
Polonnaruwa	32.00-36.50	34.50-36.00	34.61	35.14	37.93	*-0.53*	*-1.51*	*-3.32*	*-8.75*
Kalawewa	-	-	-	-	39.80	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	33.50-35.00	33.00-36.00	34.32	35.23	39.24	*-0.91*	*-2.58*	*-4.92*	*-12.54*
Dehiattakandiya	35.00-37.50	37.00-40.00	36.20	39.03	40.34	*-2.83*	*-7.26*	*-4.14*	*-10.27*
Nikaweratiya	33.00-36.00	34.00-36.00	34.53	35.17	40.80	*-0.64*	*-1.81*	*-6.27*	*-15.36*
Ampara	29.00-32.00	29.50-37.00	30.08	33.43	36.34	*-3.35*	*-10.02*	*-6.26*	*-17.23*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	30.00-35.00	31.00-33.00	32.04	31.63	28.59	*0.41*	*1.30*	*3.45*	*12.07*
Polonnaruwa	29.00-34.00	31.75-33.50	32.02	32.58	28.31	*-0.56*	*-1.72*	*3.71*	*13.10*
Kalawewa	-	-	-	-	28.15	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	30.00-32.50	31.50-34.00	31.26	32.90	28.60	*-1.64*	*-4.98*	*2.66*	*9.30*
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-36.50	26.00-33.00	34.18	29.40	26.90	*4.78*	*16.27*	*7.28*	*27.07*
Embilipitiya	32.00-34.00	32.00-35.00	32.82	33.67	30.80	*-0.85*	*-2.52*	*2.02*	*6.56*
Nikaweratiya	29.00-33.00	33.00-34.00	31.33	33.70	29.68	*-2.37*	*-7.03*	*1.65*	*5.56*
Matara	32.00-34.00	32.00-33.00	32.60	32.50	31.53	*0.10*	*0.30*	*1.07*	*3.39*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	25.50-30.00	32.00-36.00	26.77	-	30.40	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	28.00-34.00	29.00-32.00	31.46	30.00	30.26	*1.46*	*4.88*	*1.20*	*3.98*
Hambantota	30.00-36.00	28.00-31.00	32.93	29.33	28.70	*3.60*	*12.27*	*4.23*	*14.74*
Embilipitiya	29.00-34.00	28.00-30.00	31.86	29.20	30.08	*2.66*	*9.11*	*1.78*	*5.92*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

The new harvest of 2016 *yala* season has been received to the market during the whole month and a sufficient paddy supply was reported from major producing areas. Furthermore, the government paddy purchasing programme commenced at the end of the month. However, as a result of sufficient rice supply, prices of all the local rice varieties except raw red have decreased. Accordingly, the prices of samba grade II and nadu varieties have decreased by 2% while the prices of samba grade I and raw white have decreased by 1%. However, the price of raw red has increased by 10% due to the insufficient rice supply from Batticaloa and Thissamaharama areas. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month has doubled compared to last month and the imported amount was 1,978 mt. Likewise, the price of imported *ponni* samba has decreased by 1% due to the availability of sufficient rice supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have decreased in the range of 5%-8%, while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased in the range of 2%-11%.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties except raw red have also decreased. Accordingly, the price of samba grade I has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg while the prices of all the other local rice varieties except raw red have decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. In line with the increased wholesale price, the retail price of raw red has increased by Rs.2.00/kg. The highest local rice price of Rs.100.00/kg was reported for samba grade I and the lowest price of Rs.60.00/kg was reported for both raw red and raw white.

Referring to the retail prices of the outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price range of Rs.88.00-106.00/kg was reported in Badulla, Kurunegala and Embilipitiya markets while the lowest samba price range of Rs.74.00-87.00/kg was reported in Vavuniya, Jaffna and Dehiattakandiya markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.73.00-78.00/kg was noted in Kandy and Trincomalee markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.60.00-67.00/kg was noted in Puttalam and Moneragala markets. Furthermore, the highest price of both raw red and raw white was observed as Rs.74.00/kg in Dambulla and Kurunegala markets respectively. The lowest price of raw red was reported as Rs.56.00/kg in Ampara market while that of raw white was reported as Rs.59.00/kg in Embilipitiya market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of raw red has decreased in the range of 5%, while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased in the range of 1%-6%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – August 2016

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	82.00-87.00	84.75	85.99	89.09	*-1.24*	*-1.44*	*-4.34*	*-4.87*
Samba 2	72.00-80.00	75.96	77.82	82.17	*-1.86*	*-2.39*	*-6.21*	*-7.56*
Samba 3	-	-	-	78.25	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	68.00-75.00	70.61	71.93	63.93	*-1.31*	*-1.83*	*6.68*	*10.45*
Nadu 2	65.00-69.00	66.56	67.71	59.94	*-1.15*	*-1.70*	*6.62*	*11.05*
Raw red	56.00-63.00	59.81	54.19	58.79	*5.62*	*10.36*	*1.02*	*1.73*
Raw white	58.00-63.00	59.55	60.00	55.25	*-0.45*	*-0.75*	*4.30*	*7.79*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-115.00	110.92	111.47	100.56	*-0.55*	*-0.50*	*10.36*	*10.30*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-100.00	98.31	100.00	97.69	*-1.69*	*-1.69*	*0.62*	*0.63*
Samba 2	88.00-95.00	90.51	91.28	89.04	*-0.77*	*-0.85*	*1.47*	*1.65*
Samba 3	80.00-88.00	84.31	-	84.19	-	-	*0.12*	*0.14*
Nadu 1	76.00-85.00	79.49	80.69	76.16	*-1.20*	*-1.48*	*3.33*	*4.38*
Nadu 2	70.00-77.00	72.89	74.17	69.01	*-1.28*	*-1.72*	*3.88*	*5.63*
Raw red	60.00-70.00	66.41	64.74	69.99	*1.67*	*2.58*	*-3.58*	*-5.12*
Raw white	60.00-75.00	69.85	71.13	67.22	*-1.28*	*-1.80*	*2.63*	*3.91*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	120.00-130.00	122.52	121.69	106.72	*0.83*	*0.69*	*15.80*	*14.81*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

The highest extent of green chillies of *yala*, 2016 was 5,096 ha and around 5,585 ha was achieved by the end of August and it has exceeded the target also (110%). Though the highest targeted extent was reported from Anuradhapura, the highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttlam (621 ha). However, about 75% of the production was harvested in most of the producing areas by the end of August. The production forecast of chillies for the season is 32,379 mt and out of that 63% of the production could be expected from Anuradhapura (31%), Puttalam (15%), Moneragala (11%) and Matale (6%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chillies for *Yala* 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of August 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	699	577	83	10,161
Puttalam	617	621	101	4,986
Moneragala	425	556	131	3,713
Kurunegala	346	299	86	514
Polonnaruwa	300	251	84	1,396
Kandy	230	252	110	1,220
Matale	81	347	428	1,932
Badulla	254	257	101	732
Other areas	2,144	2,425	113	7,725
Total	**5,096**	**5,585**	**110**	**32,379**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The supply of green chillies to the market has increased significantly from main producing areas during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had decreased significantly by about Rs.414.00/kg and Rs.550.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.141.09/kg and Rs.301.27/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 3% and 4% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

The market consisted of only imported dried chillies. A quantity of 5,034 mt of dried chillies was imported during the month and it was an increase of 1,002 mt compared to the previous month. The CIF price was Rs.268.61/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.4.62/kg compared to the previous month. About 99% of the dried chillies stock was imported from India, while rest of the 1% was imported from Bangladesh. Wholesale price of imported dried chillies has increased by about Rs.3.00/kg, while the retail price has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about 25% and 30% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies - August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	40.00-280.00	141.09	555.26	137.33	*-414.17*	*-74.59*	*3.76*	*2.74*
Dried Chillies	280.00-310.00	298.32	295.75	238.30	*2.57*	*0.87*	*60.02*	*25.19*
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	100.00-600.00	301.27	850.87	290.02	*-549.60*	*-64.59*	*11.25*	*3.88*
Dried Chillies	320.00-385.00	369.99	370.97	284.48	*-0.98*	*-0.26*	*85.51*	*30.06*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	5,034	1,352.24	268.61	369.99	101.37
July	4,032	1,101.64	273.23	370.97	97.74
June	3,683	1,049.61	284.96	376.04	91.08
May	4,226	1,159.15	274.32	372.34	98.02
April	3,617	984.24	272.08	370.07	97.99
March	5,679	1,608.61	283.26	369.06	85.80

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – August 2016

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	276.00	202.00	146.00	65.60
Hambantota	325.00	266.67	175.00	130.00
Embilipitiya	340.00	277.00	245.00	106.00
A'Pura	260.00	273.33	166.67	110.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

About 3,060 ha were targeted for big onion cultivation in Matale district for this *yala* season and out of that 1,515 ha have been cultivated by the end of August 2016, which represent 50% of the targeted extent. However, no cultivation took place during this month in Matale district. Around 2,445 mt of big onion had been supplied to the market during this month representing 9% of the expected production of the Matale district, while another 7,635 mt will be expected during next month (September). However, peak harvesting will take place during the month of October (16,200 mt) due to cultivation delay at the beginning of the season and harvesting will take place during the month of November also. Dambulla, Sigiriya, Galewela and Dewahuwa are the major big onion producing areas in Matale district.

A good cultivation progress of big onion was observed in system H_1 (Huruluwewa, Galkiriyagama and Madatugama) areas and at the end of this month about 1,314 ha of big onion had been cultivated representing 73% of the targeted extent.

Cultivation progress of big onion in Anuradhapura district was 919 ha which represent only 52% of the targeted extent at the end of August 2016. Compared to last *yala* season, lower cultivation progress was reported for big onion in Matale and Anuradhapura districts due to unfavorable weather condition at the beginning of the season. Total big onion production for *yala* 2016 was estimated at nearly 71,746 mt and out of that around 88% will be supplied from Matale (46%), system H_1 (22%) and Anuradhapura (20%) areas.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for *Yala* 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of August 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Matale	3,060	1,515	50	32,700
Anuradhapura	1,773	919	52	14,400
System H_1	1,800	1,314	73	15,647
System H	650	215	33	2,560
Other areas	977	531	54	6,439
Total	**8,260**	**4,494**	**54**	**71,746**

Source:* *Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

In Jaffna around 2,057 ha which represent 94% of the targeted under red onion had been cultivated at the end of August. About 1,263 ha were targeted for red onion cultivation in the Puttalam district for this *yala* season. Of that, 662 ha had been cultivated by the end of August 2016 which represent about 52% of the targeted extent. The production forecast of red onion of this *yala* season is about 42,192 ha and out of that around 70% was supplied from Jaffna (45%) and Puttalam (25%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Yala* 2016

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of August 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,200	2,057	94	18,958
Puttalam	1,263	662	52	10,467
Trincomalee	248	194	78	3,234
Vavuniya	350	338	97	3,889
Moneragala	228	119	52	1,074
Other areas	828	501	60	4,570
Total	**5,117**	**3,871**	**76**	**42,192**

Source:* *Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both imported and local big onion varieties during this month. Stocks of local big onion started to come to the market from the first week of this month and the supply had increased slightly. According to the field information, about 2,445 mt of big onion had arrived to the market from Matale district during this month. This represents only about 9% of the total expected production of the district. A quantity of 20,830 mt of big onion was imported from India (18,608 mt-89%) and Pakistan (2,222 mt-11%) and it was an increase of 950 mt compared to last month. Average CIF price was Rs.29.35/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.1.85/kg compared to the previous month. The special commodity levy for imported big onion has increased up to Rs.40.00/kg with effect from 20th August 2016. Wholesale price of imported big onion has increased by about Rs.2.00/kg, while the retail price has not changed significantly. Local big onion stocks were available at both wholesale and retail markets with the price range of Rs.60.00-90.00/kg and Rs.90.00-120.00/kg respectively.

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan red onion from Jaffna and Puttalam have increased during this month too and both sinnan and vedalan wholesale prices have decreased by about Rs.24.00/kg and Rs.38.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of vedalan has also decreased by about Rs.57.00/kg, while the sinnan stocks were not available at the retail market.

A quantity of 58 mt of red onion was imported from India in August 2016 and it was a decrease of 904 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.55.90/kg and it is lower than last month by Rs.9.02/kg. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by Rs.26.00/kg and Rs.43.00/kg respectively due to higher availability of local red onion at the market.

Compared to the same period of last year, current retail price of vedalan has increased by 1%, while the price of imported red onion has decreased by 13%.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - August 2016

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	40.00-80.00	54.67	78.75	67.79	*-24.08*	*-30.58*	*-13.12*	*-19.35*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	50.00-100.00	74.21	111.98	85.41	*-37.78*	*-33.73*	*-11.21*	*-13.12*
Red Onion (Imported)	50.00-90.00	69.58	95.91	79.35	*-26.33*	*-27.45*	*-9.77*	*-12.32*
Big Onion (imported)	40.00-85.00	62.47	60.22	95.57	*2.26*	*3.75*	*-33.09*	*-34.63*
Big Onion (Local)	60.00-90.00	79.40	-	96.02	-	-	*-16.62*	*-17.31*
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.00-180.00	135.32	192.81	133.51	*-57.49*	*-29.82*	*1.81*	*1.36*
Red Onion (Imported)	80.00-130.00	106.62	149.95	123.22	*-43.33*	*-28.90*	*-16.60*	*-13.47*
Big Onion (imported)	60.00-120.00	87.07	86.66	120.90	*0.41*	*0.47*	*-33.83*	*-27.98*
Big Onion (Local)	90.00-120.00	103.85	-	131.16	-	-	*-27.31*	*-20.82*

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 (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Aug 2016	29.35	62.47	87.07	*33.12*	*24.60*
	July 2016	31.20	60.22	86.66	*29.02*	*26.44*
	Aug 2015	48.58	95.57	120.90	*46.99*	*25.33*
Red onion	Aug 2016	55.90	69.58	106.62	*13.68*	*37.04*
	July 2016	64.92	95.91	149.95	*30.99*	*54.04*
	Aug 2015	74.20	79.35	123.22	*5.15*	*43.87*

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)	
	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016
Red Onion	58	962	3.26	62.48	55.90	64.92
Big Onion	20,830	19,880	611.43	620.28	29.35	31.20

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion March to August 2016

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
August	20,830	29.35	62.47	87.07	57.72
July	19,880	31.20	60.22	86.66	55.46
June	20,918	31.40	58.51	83.87	52.47
May	22,266	29.65	62.04	86.42	56.77
April	17,047	31.27	63.02	85.83	54.56
March	22,592	28.61	57.70	81.58	52.97

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2016 is 2,836 ha and about 3,595 ha were cultivated by the end of August exceeding the total targeted extent by 127%. During the month, about 546 ha of potatoes were cultivated in the country which was lower compared to the extent cultivated in July. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent up to end of this month during this *yala* season was at a high level. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato for this *yala* season is 58,548 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, about 1,087 ha of potato were cultivated by the end of this month exceeding the targeted extent by 137%. Compared to the same period of last *yala* 2015 season, the cultivated extent was at a high level during this *yala* season.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,045 ha for this *yala* season and about 2,507 ha was cultivated by the end of this month exceeding the targeted extent by 123%. During the month, about 326 ha of potato was cultivated in the district. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent is at a high level in *yala* 2016 in the district. The *yala* harvesting of potato has commenced in mid-August in the Badulla district.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (*Yala* 2016)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Yala* 2015	***Yala* 2016**	***Yala* 2015***	***Yala* 2016**	***Yala* 2016**	
N'Eliya	860	791	600	1,087	137	19,096
Badulla	2,214	2,045	1,898	2,507	123	39,452
Sri Lanka	**3,076**	**2,836**	**2,632**	**3,595**	**127**	**58,548**

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 16,445 mt of potato had been imported in August which was 1,582 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. About 73% and 21% of the imported stocks were received from China and Pakistan during this month. The Special commodity levy for imported potato has increased up to Rs.40.00/kg with effect from 25/08/2016. Compared to August, 2015 (11,141 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.29.00/kg in August.

With regard to local potato, the *yala* harvesting of potato commenced in mid-August in the Badulla district and sufficient stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have decreased in August by 13% for each. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.112.00/kg and Rs.106.00/kg in August. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have not changed significantly. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.85.00-125.00, Rs.100.00-160.00/kg and Rs.60.00-115.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (18%), Nuwara Eliya (14%) and imported (12%) potatoes have increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to decrease further in September with the arrival of Welimada potato.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	16,445	476.69	28.99	115.55	*86.56*
July	14,863	491.10	33.04	114.10	*81.06*
June	13,020	431.11	33.11	118.18	*85.07*
May	8,452	192.86	22.82	100.38	*77.56*
April	8,252	180.19	21.84	87.63	*65.79*
March	11,872	264.18	22.25	85.70	*63.45*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	82.00-125.00	106.25	127.30	-	*-21.05*	*-16.54*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-130.00	112.04	124.16	95.95	*-12.12*	*-9.76*	*16.09*	*16.77*
Imported – CIF	23.93-73.16	28.99	33.04	36.87	*-4.05*	*-12.27*	*-7.88*	*-21.37*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	82.00-125.00	106.25	127.30	-	*-21.05*	*-16.54*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-130.00	112.04	124.16	95.95	*-12.12*	*-9.76*	*16.09*	*16.77*
Imported	23.93-73.16	28.99	33.04	36.87	*-4.05*	*-12.27*	*-7.88*	*-21.37*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	140.00-160.00	146.54	-	124.05	-	-	*22.49*	*18.13*
Nuwara Eliya	145.00-200.00	168.81	193.18	147.47	*-24.37*	*-12.61*	*21.34*	*14.47*
Imported	80.00-120.00	115.55	114.10	103.14	*1.45*	*1.27*	*12.41*	*12.03*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		40.29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		56.77	69.02	51.52	*-12.25*	*-17.74*	*5.25*	*10.20*
Imported (CIF-RP)		86.56	81.06	66.27	*5.50*	*6.78*	*20.29*	*30.61*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		46.54	-	24.44	-	-	*22.11*	*90.45*
Nuwara Eliya		34.15	37.74	38.12	*-3.59*	*-9.50*	*-3.96*	*-10.40*
Imported		33.60	31.89	27.77	*1.71*	*5.37*	*5.82*	*20.97*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of green gram for *yala* 2016 is 8,709 ha and about 14,533 ha are targeted to be cultivated in the mid-season. By the end of August about 8,345 ha was cultivated with a progress of 57% for green gram cultivated in the mid-season, whereas about 6,159 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 71% of the targeted extent for this *yala* season. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of green gram is 13,265 mt for this *yala* season. The highest targeted extent was recorded in Hambantota district for *yala* 2016 and mid-season. By the end of this month about 6,656 ha were cultivated in the mid-season achieving 95% progress and about 838 ha were cultivated in the *yala* season with a progress of 46%. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 833 ha and 1,845 ha respectively for *yala* season, while it was recorded as 1,200 ha and 550 ha for mid-season. In Kurunegala district, the cultivation progress was 72% (596 ha) for *yala* season and 60% (725 ha) for mid-season by the end of this month. In Moneragala district, about 1,957 ha (128%) were cultivated during this *yala* season. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extents were at a low level during this *yala* season in Hambantota and Kurunegala districts, while it was high in Moneragala district.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 6,909 ha for *yala* 2016 and about 6,176 ha were cultivated by the end of August achieving 89% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent was high during this *yala* season. During the month, about 2,468 ha of cowpea have been cultivated in the country which was higher than the extents cultivated in the previous months of *yala* 2016. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of cowpea is 9,479 mt for this *yala* season. The highest targeted extent of 3,954 ha was recorded in the Ampara district for this *yala* season and 3,889 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 98% of the targeted extent. During the month, about 2,370 ha were cultivated in Ampara with a high progress compared to previous months of the season. In Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents were 807 ha and 416 ha respectively and about 844 ha and 138 ha were cultivated by the end of this month. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extents of cowpea in Ampara and Moneragala districts were at a high level, while it was low in Kurunegala district during this *yala* season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress of Green gram and Cowpea (*Yala* 2016)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)			Achievement (ha)			Progress (%)		Expected Production (mt)
		Yala* 2015	***Yala* 2016**	***Mid-Season***	***Yala* 2015***	***Yala* 2016**	***Mid-Season***	***Yala* 2016**	***Mid-Season***	
Green gram	Hambantota	3,537	1,832	6,656	1,309	838	6,309	46	95	4,545
	Kurunegala	1,276	833	1,200	1,025	596	725	72	60	810
	Moneragala	880	1,525	550	945	1,957	n.a.	128	-	2,789
	Sri Lanka	**10,729**	**8,709**	**14,533**	**7,042**	**6,159**	**8,345**	**71**	**57**	**13,265**
Cowpea	Ampara	3,584	3,954		2,310	3,889		98		6,687
	Moneragala	584	807		573	844		105		1,058
	Kurunegala	1,255	416		335	138		33		141
	Sri Lanka	**8,414**	**6,909**		**4,508**	**6,176**		**89**		**9,479**

Source: ***MFPAD/HARTI***
Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,017 mt of green gram was imported in August and it was 213 mt higher than the quantity imported in July. The average CIF price was Rs.159.00/kg in August. Compared to August, 2015 (777 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was high during this month. Out of the total imports, about 66% of the stocks were received from Australia, followed by South Africa (25%). In August, the wholesale price of green gram has not changed significantly, while the retail price has decreased by 5%. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.160.00-185.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 7%.

A quantity of 709 mt of cowpea was imported in August, which was 26 mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. Out of the total imports, about 60% of the stocks were received from Myanmar, followed by Madagascar (19%), Turkey (11%) and India (10%). The average CIF price was Rs.115.00/kg in August. The wholesale and retail prices of white cowpea decreased by 2% and 1% respectively during this month. However, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have increased by 6% and 2% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.210.00-225.00/kg and Rs.170.00-210.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 1% and 4% respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	1,017	162.02	159.34	223.71	64.36
July	804	133.52	166.03	236.61	70.58
June	1,284	215.62	167.99	243.50	75.51
May	1,751	291.42	166.44	248.05	81.61
April	1,405	229.68	163.52	248.41	84.89
March	2,497	422.19	169.08	246.73	77.65

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	709	81.26	114.65	253.77	139.12
July	683	75.82	111.08	255.50	144.42
June	254	24.72	97.17	249.42	152.25
May	295	30.38	103.14	250.79	147.65
April	325	32.21	98.98	251.89	152.91
March	686	71.16	103.76	254.12	150.36

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	160.00-185.00	173.72	173.33	178.56	0.39	0.22	-4.84	-2.71
Cowpea (White)	210.00-225.00	219.61	223.67	213.39	-4.06	-1.82	6.22	2.91
Cowpea (Red)	170.00-210.00	193.93	182.19	228.30	11.74	6.44	-34.37	-15.06
Retail Prices								
Green gram	200.00-260.00	223.71	236.61	239.69	-12.90	-5.45	-15.98	-6.67
Cowpea (White)	230.00-280.00	253.77	255.50	255.63	-1.73	-0.68	-1.86	-0.73
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	248.65	243.52	258.20	5.13	2.11	-9.55	-3.70

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	Aug 2016	159.34	173.72	223.71	14.38	49.99
	July 2016	166.03	173.33	236.61	7.30	63.28
	Aug 2015	170.54	178.56	239.69	8.02	61.13
Cowpea (White)	Aug 2016	114.65	219.61	253.77	104.95	34.17
	July 2016	111.08	223.67	255.50	112.59	31.83
	Aug 2015	101.15	213.39	255.63	112.24	42.24
Cowpea (Red)	Aug 2016	-	193.93	248.65	-	54.72
	July 2016	-	182.19	243.52	-	61.33
	Aug 2015	-	228.30	258.20	-	29.90

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 3,736 mt (3,197 mt of whole type and 538 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in August and it was 5,813 mt lower than the quantity imported in July. About 76% and 15% of the stocks of whole type were received from Canada and the Russian Federation respectively. Compared to August, 2015 (15,090 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.150.00/kg in August.

In August, the wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by 9% for each. The average wholesale price was Rs.161.00/kg in August. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal has decreased by 10%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – August 2016

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	158.00-166.00	161.19	176.80	174.73	-15.61	-8.83	-13.54	-7.75
Retail Price	168.00-200.00	172.34	189.76	190.96	-17.42	-9.18	-18.62	-9.75

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
August	3,736	150.57	161.19	172.34	10.62	11.15
July	9,549	146.05	176.80	189.76	30.75	12.96
June	11,870	150.14	185.12	198.26	34.98	13.14
May	9,981	134.39	187.20	196.58	52.81	9.38
April	4,275	140.12	185.58	185.54	45.46	-0.04
March	17,192	139.14	173.98	180.90	34.84	6.92

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

According to the Department of Meteorology data, during the month of August, considerably low average rainfall received in all the major producing districts. Meanwhile, *Yala* cultivation had reached its peak harvesting stage in all the major producing areas. Regarding cultivation progress, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts reported about 145% crop progress for upcountry varieties at the end of August. The set target for upcountry varieties for the *Yala* season in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts were 4,315 ha and 3,450 ha of which 6,243 ha and 5,099 ha respectively were achieved at the end of August. However, crop establishment for *Yala* season was affected by the severe rain in mid-May so that re-establishment of the cultivation was observed in Kandy and Matale districts. Therefore, the reported cultivation progress for upcountry varieties in Kandy and Matale districts were 86% and 63% respectively at the end of August. Further, in Jaffna, Kurunegala and Puttalam districts, a three-week delay in commencement of the season was noticed with the reported cultivation progress as 80%, 99% and 90% at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, continuation of the harvesting practices was observed in the *Yala* fields in most of the low country areas. Due to received rainfall in the early stage of the season, the cop progress for vegetables remained high in most of the lowcountry producing districts. In Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, early establishment of 2016 *Yala* cultivation had been observed, compared to other lowcountry major producing areas. In Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, set targets for lowcountry varieties were 2,357 ha and 2,301ha respectively hence the reported cultivation progresses were about 115% and 107% respectively, of the seasonal target, at the end of August. Further, Kurunegala, Moneragala and Matale districts had reported 92%, 92% and 113% cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties at the end of August. In addition, observed cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties in Jaffna and Puttalam district were reported as 99% and 102% respectively, at the end of the cultivation season.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Prices of most of the vegetables started to show a decreasing trend in July, with the reaching of the first phase of the *Yala* harvesting season. As the peak harvesting period approached, supply increased significantly hence prices decreased considerably for both up and low country types in August.

The total vegetable production of the Matale district for the month of August recorded a 18% increase compared to last month, with the value of 9,083 mt. The highest production was reported for tomato and pumpkin, the combined supply was reported as 1,000 mt in August. Further, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) was around 2,100 mt, recording a 67% increase compared to last month, due to high supplies during the peak phase of the *Yala* harvesting season.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties had decreased in August, compared to that of July. The highest price decrease was reported for beetroot as 58% followed by knolkhol as 52%. Next, prices of carrot have decreased by 48%. Further, prices of all the other upcountry varieties had decreased in the range of 22% -39%.

After the high price increases reported in May and June, prices of tomato have been decreasing since July and the trend continued in August as well. With the receiving of high supply of lowcountry variety, tomato prices observed a 75% drop in August. Further, prices of capsicum also decreased by 61%, compared to last month.

As predicted, supplies of all the domestic vegetables also significantly increased and thereby prices decreased, with the reaching of the *Yala* peak harvesting season. The highest price decrease was reported for both bittergourd and drumsticks as 70%, followed by pumpkin as 62% and luffa as 61%. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties decreased in the range of 2% - 54%, compared to previous month.

With the reaching of *Yala* peak harvesting season, prices of green chilies had decreased by 75% in August due to high supplies received from Puttlam and Anuradhapura.

Prices of both upcountry and lowcountry varieties of vegetables are expected increase in the coming month with the reaching of the initial phase of the off season for vegetables.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the vegetables, had decreased in August. The highest price decrease was reported for tomato as 58% followed by drumsticks as 52%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	80.00-150.00	108.15	138.44	84.63	*-30.29*	*-21.88*	*23.52*	*27.79*
Carrot	50.00-90.00	62.40	119.63	86.82	*-57.23*	*-47.84*	*-24.42*	*-28.13*
Leeks	50.00-80.00	64.47	88.13	45.47	*-23.66*	*-26.85*	*19.00*	*41.78*
Beetroot	25.00-100.00	50.05	119.21	48.33	*-69.16*	*-58.01*	*1.72*	*3.56*
Knokhol	20.00-40.00	30.61	63.58	43.74	*-32.97*	*-51.85*	*-13.13*	*-30.01*
Radish	10.00-30.00	20.98	34.65	25.03	*-13.67*	*-39.46*	*-4.05*	*-16.19*
Cabbage	30.00-100.00	58.94	92.54	41.46	*-33.60*	*-36.31*	*17.48*	*42.15*
Tomato	20.00-60.00	32.37	129.38	45.98	*-97.01*	*-74.98*	*-13.61*	*-29.59*
Ladies Fingers	15.00-40.00	24.52	46.36	29.53	*-21.84*	*-47.10*	*-5.01*	*-16.96*
Brinjal	40.00-90.00	58.23	59.32	44.41	*-1.09*	*-1.83*	*13.82*	*31.13*
Capsicum	60.00-180.00	112.86	286.26	92.10	*-173.40*	*-60.57*	*20.76*	*22.54*
Pumpkin	25.00-100.00	50.35	133.64	38.44	*-83.29*	*-62.32*	*11.91*	*30.98*
Cucumber	5.00-30.00	13.34	19.80	21.80	*-6.46*	*-32.61*	*-8.46*	*-38.79*
Bittergourd	30.00-100.00	43.78	148.51	78.75	*-104.73*	*-70.52*	*-34.97*	*-44.41*
Snakegourd	20.00-60.00	35.10	76.36	42.55	*-41.26*	*-54.04*	*-7.45*	*-17.52*
Drumstick	20.00-80.00	43.20	145.28	77.33	*-102.08*	*-70.27*	*-34.13*	*-44.14*
Luffa	20.00-50.00	30.80	78.74	48.31	*-47.94*	*-60.88*	*-17.51*	*-36.25*
Long Beans	40.00-80.00	60.70	72.00	50.82	*-11.30*	*-15.69*	*9.88*	*19.44*
Ash Plantain	40.00-80.00	60.12	70.17	53.40	*-10.05*	*-14.32*	*6.72*	*12.59*
Green Chillies	40.00-280.00	141.09	555.26	137.33	*-414.17*	*-74.59*	*3.76*	*2.74*
Lime	100.00-220.00	135.73	119.34	103.37	*16.39*	*13.73*	*32.36*	*31.31*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-280.00	164.58	200.38	145.31	*-35.80*	*-17.87*	*19.27*	*13.26*
Carrot	80.00-240.00	137.01	203.00	158.30	*-65.99*	*-32.51*	*-21.29*	*-13.45*
Leeks	80.00-200.00	130.15	178.96	113.86	*-48.81*	*-27.27*	*16.29*	*14.31*
Beetroot	50.00-240.00	115.64	199.53	107.01	*-83.89*	*-42.04*	*8.63*	*8.07*
Knolkhol	50.00-200.00	107.66	162.21	123.08	*-54.55*	*-33.63*	*-15.42*	*-12.53*
Radish	50.00-160.00	90.63	117.35	91.18	*-26.72*	*-22.77*	*-0.55*	*-0.60*
Cabbage	80.00-200.00	134.50	176.53	102.25	*-42.03*	*-23.81*	*32.25*	*31.54*
Tomato	50.00-160.00	86.37	209.47	107.93	*-123.10*	*-58.77*	*-21.56*	*-19.97*
Ladies Fingers	50.00-200.00	98.33	125.96	95.58	*-27.63*	*-21.93*	*2.75*	*2.88*
Brinjal	80.00-200.00	111.62	132.35	102.40	*-20.73*	*-15.67*	*9.22*	*9.00*
Capsicum	100.00-400.00	192.29	375.78	171.63	*-183.49*	*-48.83*	*20.66*	*12.04*
Pumpkin	40.00-240.00	123.30	202.67	86.39	*-79.37*	*-39.16*	*36.91*	*42.73*
Cucumber	30.00-160.00	72.29	86.55	75.71	*-14.26*	*-16.47*	*-3.42*	*-4.51*
Bittergourd	50.00-240.00	127.67	222.59	132.88	*-94.92*	*-42.65*	*-5.21*	*-3.92*
Snakegourd	50.00-200.00	109.19	147.24	103.55	*-38.05*	*-25.84*	*5.64*	*5.44*
Drumstick	60.00-400.00	134.18	281.65	143.97	*-147.47*	*-52.36*	*-9.79*	*-6.80*
Luffa	50.00-200.00	106.41	170.49	124.66	*-64.08*	*-37.58*	*-18.25*	*-14.64*
Long Beans	80.00-240.00	125.84	156.45	128.17	*-30.61*	*-19.56*	*-2.33*	*-1.82*
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	126.44	131.48	115.63	*-5.04*	*-3.84*	*10.81*	*9.35*
Green Chillies	100.00-600.00	301.27	850.87	290.02	*-549.60*	*-64.59*	*11.25*	*3.88*
Lime	150.00-400.00	296.97	334.71	249.61	*-37.74*	*-11.27*	*47.36*	*18.98*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of all the fruit varieties except woodapple, banana (kolikuttu) and orange have increased due to dry weather condition. In order, the highest price increase was reported for mango (karthakolomban) as 157% due to low supplies received from Jaffna and other producing areas. With this condition, prices of mango (vilad and kohu) have increased by 87% and 27% respectively. Meanwhile, a 90% price increase was reported for papaw with limited supplies received from major producing areas including Anuradhapura and Vavuniya with dry weather condition. Further, prices of all the varieties of banana have increased in the range of 14%-29% except banana (kolikuttu) due to declined supply with high demand. In addition, prices of all the varieties of pineapple have increased in the range of 11%-19%, due to limited supplies received from Giriulla, Pannala and other main producing areas. Further, a 26% price increase was reported for slimeapple due to limited supplies reaching the market with end of the harvesting season.

According to market information, a price increase for most of the fruit varieties can be expected due to declined supplies with dry weather condition.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for banana (ambul) as 54%.

Considering about retail market price fluctuations, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. In line with the wholesale prices the highest price increase of retail market also reported for mango (karthakolomban) as 113%. A 64% price increase was reported for mango (vilad). Also, prices of all the varieties of pineapple have increased in the range of 8%-10% and prices of all the banana varieties have increased in the range of 2%-15%. In addition, price of papaw has increased by 37%. However, price of woodapple has decreased by 26% due to high supplies received with harvesting season and price of passionfruit also decreased by 8% with low quality stocks reaching the market.

According to market information, prices of all the fruit varieties are expected to increase due to dry weather condition in the coming month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the fruit varieties except mango (karthakolomban) and woodapple have increased and the highest price increase was reported for pineapple (small size) as 45%.

According to Table 4.3, producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased. The highest price increase was reported for papaw as 31% and the producer prices of all the other fruit varieties have increased in the range of 10%-23%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase was reported for banana (ambul) as 63%. According to market information, prices of all the selected fruit varieties can be expected to increase in the coming month.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Table 4.4, Rs.70.63mn worth of fruits have been exported and the highest export value of Rs.41.81mn has been earned by exporting papaw. Compared to the same period of last month, the export value has decreased by Rs.4.91mn for selected fruit varieties.

Considering about fruit imports (Table 4.5), as usual apple was the most imported type of fruit and Rs.154.23mn worth of 1,060 mt have been imported and 42% of them have been imported from China. The total import expenditure for selected fruit varieties was Rs.358.85mn and it has declined by Rs.127.2mn compared to last month.

Considering exported and imported values for selected fruit varieties, there is a Rs.288.22mn worth of negative trade balance this month.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	78.38	60.76	50.81	*17.62*	*29.00*	*27.57*	*54.26*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	170.00-200.00	191.67	192.73	140.87	*-1.06*	*-0.55*	*50.80*	*36.06*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	50.00-70.00	56.28	49.29	47.84	*6.99*	*14.18*	*8.44*	*17.64*
Anamalu	8.00-16.00	11.50	9.68	8.88	*1.82*	*18.82*	*2.62*	*29.52*
Ambun	13.00-18.00	16.37	14.10	12.72	*2.27*	*16.13*	*3.65*	*28.73*
Pineapple								
Large	170.00-240.00	201.87	181.49	156.60	*20.38*	*11.23*	*45.27*	*28.91*
Medium	130.00-200.00	168.40	149.58	129.50	*18.82*	*12.58*	*38.90*	*30.04*
Small	100.00-160.00	134.33	112.86	104.09	*21.47*	*19.03*	*30.24*	*29.05*
Mango								
Betti	-	-	16.29	40.00	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	110.00-250.00	169.43	65.90	153.51	*103.53*	*157.09*	*15.92*	*10.37*
Vilad	30.00-65.00	46.63	24.96	60.57	*21.67*	*86.80*	*-13.95*	*-23.02*
Kohu	15.00-17.50	15.83	12.48	18.33	*3.35*	*26.87*	*-2.50*	*-13.62*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00-160.00	110.15	57.97	76.72	*52.18*	*90.02*	*33.43*	*43.58*
Passionfruit	6.66-15.00	10.59	9.65	8.71	*0.94*	*9.74*	*1.88*	*21.58*
Woodapple	10.00-20.00	14.68	21.17	22.37	*-6.49*	*-30.67*	*-7.69*	*-34.39*
Orange	25.00-40.00	31.01	34.13	20.60	*-3.12*	*-9.13*	*10.41*	*50.55*
Avocado	20.00-50.00	29.36	27.64	21.68	*1.72*	*6.21*	*7.68*	*35.41*
Slime Apple	30.00-70.00	48.56	38.50	50.91	*10.06*	*26.12*	*-2.35*	*-4.62*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	357.14-622.22	479.91	467.44	489.46	*12.47*	*2.67*	*-9.55*	*-1.95*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	100.00-150.00	116.88	108.52	83.73	*8.36*	*7.71*	*33.15*	*39.60*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	200.00-300.00	247.32	242.70	182.40	*4.62*	*1.90*	*64.92*	*35.59*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	80.00-120.00	98.04	88.63	80.31	*9.41*	*10.61*	*17.73*	*22.07*
Anamalu	18.00-30.00	23.28	21.38	17.46	*1.90*	*8.87*	*5.82*	*33.31*
Ambun	18.00-30.00	24.77	21.50	18.45	*3.27*	*15.23*	*6.32*	*34.27*
Pineapple								
Large	220.00-300.00	267.17	248.47	192.59	*18.70*	*7.53*	*74.58*	*38.72*
Medium	180.00-250.00	206.04	189.52	152.22	*16.52*	*8.72*	*53.82*	*35.36*
Small	150.00-180.00	160.49	145.76	110.84	*14.73*	*10.10*	*49.65*	*44.79*
Mango								
Betti	-	-	35.71	56.67	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	150.00-250.00	202.50	94.91	210.93	*107.59*	*113.36*	*-8.43*	*-4.00*
Vilad	50.00-150.00	87.18	53.03	86.90	*34.15*	*64.39*	*0.27*	*0.32*
Kohu	-	-	17.50	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	100.00-220.00	154.24	112.48	118.37	*41.76*	*37.13*	*35.87*	*30.30*
Passionfruit	11.66-29.00	18.26	19.83	14.89	*-1.57*	*-7.92*	*3.37*	*22.63*
Woodapple	20.00-60.00	34.79	47.02	48.83	*-12.23*	*-26.00*	*-14.04*	*-28.74*
Orange	30.00-80.00	54.92	59.30	43.05	*-4.38*	*-7.39*	*11.87*	*27.57*
Avocado	30.00-100.00	61.35	57.08	47.85	*4.27*	*7.48*	*13.50*	*28.21*
Slime Apple	40.00-120.00	72.70	64.66	70.49	*8.04*	*12.44*	*2.21*	*3.14*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	762.24	773.60	773.34	*-11.36*	*-1.47*	*-11.10*	*-1.44*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	31.75-67.50	51.70	42.17	31.70	9.53	22.60	20.00	63.09
Kolikuttu	131.25-215.00	157.77	138.00	102.20	19.77	14.32	55.57	54.37
Papaw	41.40-85.00	69.59	52.99	55.49	16.61	31.34	14.10	25.42
Pineapple	97.00-103.00	101.20	91.75	68.50	9.45	10.30	32.70	47.74

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
June – August 2016

Type of Fruit	August			July			June		
	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	111.57	20.88	187.16	123.69	25.99	210.11	122.97	25.26	205.42
Papaw	435.83	41.86	96.04	377.00	44.44	117.88	319.52	33.96	106.27
Fresh Mango	12.42	7.15	576.20	8.28	4.95	597.88	17.73	12.41	699.82
Avocados, fresh	5.24	0.74	141.10	1.11	0.15	132.96	0.14	0.06	420.31
Oranges, fresh	-	-	-	0.21	0.011	52.35	0.01	0.001	127.40

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits June– August 2016

Type of Fruit	August			July			June		
	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	1,060	154.23	145.56	1,121	183.61	163.82	1,239	191.98	154.90
Grapes	389	101.84	262.08	673	167.82	249.23	371	135.65	365.79
Oranges	720	76.52	106.32	1,123	121.27	108.01	773	88.07	113.89
Mandarin	367	26.26	71.62	190	13.35	70.31	250	17.17	68.68

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the previous month, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except shrimp had decreased at the wholesale level. Further, according to market information, an increasing trend in prices was observed in the first two weeks of the month and a decreasing trend in prices was observed thereafter. The highest price decrease was reported for balaya (11%) followed by kelawalla (8%). Price decrease of 7% was noted for hurulla. Prices of thora and paraw had decreased by 6%. In addition, prices of thalapath and salaya had decreased by 4% and 3% respectively. Onset of the fishing season for coastal fisheries in the Eastern coastal belt had contributed to these price decreases. Most of the stocks had been supplied from Kalmunai, Jaffna, Trincomalee, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Batticaloa areas. However, price of shrimp had increased by 3%. In the month of August, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.139.60-1,100.50/kg. It can be expected that fish prices could further decrease in the coming month due to the fishing season for coastal fisheries in the Eastern coastal belt. Compared to August 2015, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 1%-20% with the highest price increase noted for hurulla.

In line with the decreased prices at the wholesale market, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased at the retail level. The highest price decrease was reported for hurulla (7%) followed by balaya (2%). A price decrease of 1% was noted for thora. Further, prices of mora and paraw had also decreased. However, those were not significant changes. Meanwhile, prices of salaya, thalapath and shrimp had increased by 9%, 5% and 2% respectively. In addition, price of kelawalla had also increased. However, it was not a significant change. In the month of August, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.202.79-1,330.00/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, consumers had to pay Rs.140.00-1,600.00/kg when buying fresh fish during the month. Compared to the same month in the previous year, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 2%-8% with the highest price increase noted for shrimp.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	120.00-160.00	139.60	144.12	141.33	*-4.52*	*-3.14*	*-1.73*	*-1.22*
Hurulla	220.00-380.00	317.71	343.11	264.47	*-25.40*	*-7.40*	*53.24*	*20.13*
Balaya	250.00-350.00	289.00	323.42	305.60	*-34.42*	*-10.64*	*-16.60*	*-5.43*
Kelawalla	400.00-500.00	457.82	500.43	569.11	*-42.61*	*-8.51*	*-111.29*	*-19.55*
Thora	950.00-1,200.00	1,100.50	1,168.61	1,203.75	*-68.11*	*-5.83*	*-103.25*	*-8.58*
Paraw	500.00-650.00	566.78	600.25	542.09	*-33.47*	*-5.58*	*24.69*	*4.55*
Mora	400.00-550.00	483.27	485.25	478.00	*-1.98*	*-0.41*	*5.27*	*1.10*
Shrimp (small)	650.00-850.00	754.89	731.33	694.75	*23.56*	*3.22*	*60.14*	*8.66*
Thalapath	550.00-650.00	595.16	620.50	589.18	*-25.34*	*-4.08*	*5.98*	*1.01*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	140.00-340.00	202.79	186.58	189.65	*16.21*	*8.69*	*13.14*	*6.93*
Hurulla	300.00-500.00	377.98	404.88	370.59	*-26.90*	*-6.64*	*7.39*	*1.99*
Balaya	300.00-800.00	457.14	468.63	461.73	*-11.49*	*-2.45*	*-4.59*	*-0.99*
Kelawalla	470.00-1040.00	742.86	742.03	743.30	*0.83*	*0.11*	*-0.44*	*-0.06*
Thora	1,000.00-1600.00	1,330.00	1,338.25	1,441.34	*-8.25*	*-0.62*	*-111.34*	*-7.72*
Paraw	530.00-960.00	763.18	765.63	767.98	*-2.45*	*-0.32*	*-4.80*	*-0.62*
Mora	500.00-920.00	618.43	621.39	608.60	*-2.96*	*-0.48*	*9.83*	*1.62*
Shrimp (small)	740.00-1200.00	911.93	893.74	843.83	*18.19*	*2.04*	*68.10*	*8.07*
Thalapath	600.00-1100.00	850.47	811.32	799.14	*39.15*	*4.83*	*51.33*	*6.42*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of both local and imported dried fish were slightly improved than the previous month. The wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties have decreased. However, the highest decrease was 10% for local maduwa while for the other varieties it was less than 2%. Meanwhile the price of local sprats has increased by 6% and the prices of imported anguluwa and local salaya have increased by nearly 4% and 3% respectively. Stocks of local and imported koduwa and imported salaya were not available in the market. Compared to the same period of last year prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 2% - 42% with the highest increase recorded for local sprats.

Local dried fish stocks were mainly received from Kalpitiya, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Puttalam, Mannar, Jaffna and Negambo areas. The main importing countries were India, Pakistan, Oman, Vietnam and Thailand.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs a quantity of 2017mt of dried sprats was imported in August. The total value of the imports was Rs.733mn. The quantity has increased by 567 mt against the previous month as it was an increase of nearly 40%. Out of the total imports 84% was imported from Thailand while 10% from United Arab Emirates and 4% from India. Rest of the stocks were imported from Vietnam, Indonesia, Oman and Maldives as few quantities. The CIF price ranged between Rs.278.61-462.54/kg and the average price was Rs.363.30/kg. The majority among imports was 1692 mt imported from Thailand fetched the average CIF price of Rs.375.79/kg.

A decrease of prices at wholesale level was reflected in retail level too and the prices of most of the dried fish have decreased. Among the price decreased varieties imported sprats, thora and maduwa were significant. Meanwhile, the prices of balaya and anguluwa have slightly increased. Compared to the same period of the last year, prices of all the other dried fish varieties except imported sprats, thora and maduwa had increased. The increase was significant for local sprats, koduwa and anguluwa. The price of imported sprats had decreased by 13%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	800.00-1,000.00	914.43	861.41	643.67	*53.02*	*6.16*	*270.77*	*42.07*
Sprats (imported)	380.00-550.00	478.73	487.84	449.45	*-9.11*	*-1.87*	*29.28*	*6.51*
Kattawa	700.00-850.00	787.69	800.64	723.14	*-12.95*	*-1.62*	*64.55*	*8.93*
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-800.00	760.60	769.00	693.20	*-8.40*	*-1.09*	*67.40*	*9.72*
Thora	1,100.00-1300.00	1,170.87	1,176.79	-	*-5.91*	*-0.50*	-	-
Thora (imported)	940.00-1,150.00	1,030.73	1,050.94	1,013.33	*-20.21*	*-1.92*	*17.40*	*1.72*
Mora	800.00-850.00	813.70	812.00	829.71	*1.70*	*0.21*	*-16.01*	*-1.93*
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	755.02	765.31	758.80	*-10.28*	*-1.34*	*-3.78*	*-0.50*
Balaya	450.00-600.00	529.60	536.34	482.00	*-6.74*	*-1.26*	*47.60*	*9.88*
Balaya (imported)	400.00-650.00	497.47	489.00	514.80	*8.47*	*1.73*	*-17.33*	*-3.37*
Anguluwa	700.00-850.00	797.00	789.80	604.00	*7.20*	*0.91*	*193.00*	*31.95*
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-780.00	700.50	674.14	604.60	*26.36*	*3.91*	*95.90*	*15.86*
Maduwa	450.00-650.00	537.59	595.25	516.32	*-57.66*	*-9.69*	*21.27*	*4.12*
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-500.00	448.75	442.32	452.81	*6.43*	*1.45*	*-4.06*	*-0.90*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	282.65	273.42	229.80	*9.24*	*3.38*	*52.85*	*23.00*
Salaya (imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	400.00-900.00	534.75	622.10	957.91	*-87.35*	*-14.04*	*-22.91*	*- 13.42*
Sprats	800.00-1,200.00	992.35	994.12	617.66	*-1.77*	*-0.18*	*34.44*	*3.60*
Kattawa	900.00-1,300.00	1,111.87	1,155.64	1,068.51	*-43.77*	*-3.79*	*43.36*	*4.06*
Thora	1,000.00-1,700.00	1,279.60	1,371.11	1,365.78	*-91.51*	*-6.67*	*-86.18*	*-6.31*
Mora	700.00-1,200.00	1,038.62	1,055.40	961.81	*-16.78*	*-1.59*	*76.81*	*7.99*
Balaya	620.00-1,200.00	854.79	850.12	803.15	*4.67*	*0.55*	*51.64*	*6.43*
Anguluwa	650.00-1,200.00	1,001.10	978.39	876.69	*22.71*	*2.32*	*124.41*	*14.19*
Maduwa	600.00-800.00	686.78	731.97	717.76	*-45.19*	*-6.17*	*-30.98*	*-4.32*
Koduwa	950.00-950.00	950.00	0.00	797.86	-	-	-	-
Salaya	380.00-700.300	536.35	542.56	519.92	*-6.21*	*-1.15*	*16.43*	*3.16*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	2,017	732.78	363.30	534.75	*171.44*
July	1,450	532.11	367.05	622.10	*255.05*
June	2,190	756.14	345.23	683.62	*338.39*
May	2,743	952.61	347.30	656.47	*309.17*
April	1,612	573.49	355.68	645.30	*289.62*
March	3,152	1,252.33	397.37	655.26	*257.89*

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

Eggs

Compared to July, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 7% at the wholesale level. Further, according to price information, an increasing trend in prices was observed from the first week of July to the first week of August and thereafter, a declining trend in prices was observed with the increased supply. Most of the stocks had been supplied from Hettipola, Madampe, Marawila and Kuliyapitiya areas. Price ranges at the wholesale market were observed as Rs.15.20–18.50/brown egg and Rs.14.20–17.50/white egg. According to the data in previous years, an increase in egg prices could be expected in the coming month. Compared to the same month in the previous year, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 10% and 11% respectively.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 8% and 9% respectively at the retail level. Price ranges at the retail market were observed as Rs.16.00–21.00/brown egg and Rs.15.00–20.00/white egg. Compared to the same month in the previous year, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 11%.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	15.20-18.50	17.31	16.25	15.70	*1.06*	*6.52*	*1.61*	*10.25*
White (each)	14.20-17.50	16.31	15.25	14.70	*1.06*	*6.95*	*1.61*	*10.95*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	16.00-21.00	18.92	17.44	17.06	*1.48*	*8.49*	*1.86*	*10.91*
White (each)	15.00-20.00	17.89	16.43	16.06	*1.46*	*8.91*	*1.83*	*11.42*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The prices of other meats except pork have increased slightly. But the increase was less than 4%. Price of pork has decreased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the meat varieties except curry chicken had increased with the highest increase of 16% reported for beef.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	800.00-850.00	818.85	793.43	706.81	*25.42*	*3.20*	*112.04*	*15.85*
Chicken (Broiler)	490.00-620.00	585.42	584.08	545.85	*1.34*	*0.23*	*39.57*	*7.25*
Chicken (curry)	450.00-600.00	542.23	538.24	544.19	*3.99*	*0.74*	*-1.96*	*-0.36*
Mutton	1,500.00-1800.00	1,618.09	1,587.43	1,429.29	*30.66*	*1.93*	*188.80*	*13.21*
Pork	550.00-680.00	604.69	612.71	561.44	*-8.02*	*-1.31*	*43.25*	*7.70*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantity of wheat grain has shown an increase because of it was very low last two months. Total quantity of 144,684 mt of wheat grain was imported in August and the value of that was Rs.5323mn. The average CIF price was Rs.36.79/kg and it was an increase of Rs.1.51/kg against the previous month.

Out of the total imports 74% was imported from Canada and another 17% from Russia with 5% and 4% from Denmark and Australia respectively. A few quantity of 111mt was imported from India. The CIF price ranged between Rs.29.77-52.00/kg and it was Rs.38.61/kg for Canadian wheat grains which was the majority of imports. The lowest CIF price was reported for Denmark wheat while the highest price for Indian.

The quantity of 466 mt valued at about Rs.32mn was imported as wheat flour. The average CIF price was Rs.68.47/kg recording a decrease of cents 88/kg against the previous month.

The retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.88.36/kg. The retail price has decreased by Rs.3.08/kg against the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour had increased by nearly 3%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – August 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Aug 2016	Aug 2016	July 2016	Aug 2015	July 2016		Aug 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-95.00	88.36	91.44	85.99	*-3.08*	*-3.37*	*2.37*	*2.76*
Sugar	93.00-95.00	94.90	95.54	*81.17*	*-0.64*	*-0.67*	*13.73*	*16.92*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
August	466	31.91	68.47	88.36	*19.89*
July	171	11.88	69.35	91.44	*22.10*
June	254	18.45	72.69	93.21	*20.52*
May	511	34.64	67.73	92.74	*25.01*
April	65	5.27	80.87	92.23	*11.36*
March	305	20.67	67.82	88.81	*20.99*
Wheat Grain					
August	144,684	5,323.20	36.79	88.36	*51.57*
July	83,907	2,960.61	35.28	91.44	*56.16*
June	74,947	2,507.69	33.46	93.21	*59.75*
May	149,471	5,533.95	37.02	92.74	55.72
April	287,231	9,793.99	34.1	92.23	58.13
March	93,955	3,431.82	36.53	88.81	52.28

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

Sugar

The imported quantity of sugar was low in previous three months hence it showed a considerable increase. The total quantity of 75,713mt recording an increase of 29,231 against the previous month was imported in August and the value of that was Rs.6151mn. This value is the highest reported monthly cost for importing sugar in year 2016.

The world sugar prices have shown a gradual increase with the beginning of this year and that trend continued this month too. In line with that the average CIF price has increased further by Rs.3.74/kg against the previous month and it was Rs.81.25/kg. Compared to the price of January 2016 (Rs.60.88) the increase was Rs.20.37/kg recording a 33% increase.

Among the total quantity of imported 80% from Brazil while 10% and 5% from Thailand and United Arab Emirates respectively. Another 5% from India and a few stocks from Poland, Singapore, Korea, Netherlands and Malaysia also consisted. The CIF price was ranged between Rs.76.26-105.93/kg. The majority of 60,564mt among the imports was from Brazil and which fetched the price of Rs.80.94/kg. The lowest CIF price was reported for Malaysian sugar that was imported only 200 mt. The Korean sugar fetched the highest price which also imported only a quantity of 307 mt.

The CIF price of sugar has continuously increased hence the government has reduced the Special Commodity Levy for imported sugar from Rs.30.00/kg to Cents 25/kg in order to stabilize the retail price in local market with effect from 19th July 2016. In line with that the prevailed high prices in first two weeks of the month have significantly decreased during the latter part of the month. The price decreased further by cents 64/kg in August. The retail price ranged between Rs.93.00-95.00/kg and the average was Rs.94.90/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price had increased by about 17%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- March to August 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
August	75,713	6,151.29	81.25	94.90	*13.65*
July	46,482	3,602.80	77.51	95.54	*18.03*
June	46,098	3,358.40	72.85	113.46	*40.61*
May	34,659	2,350.37	67.81	106.34	*38.53*
April	62,589	4,042.27	64.58	103.78	*39.20*
March	80,915	5,083.00	62.82	99.52	*36.70*

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items - August 2016

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Aug 2016	July 2016		Aug 2016	July 2016		Aug 2016	July 2016	
Rice	1,978	1,147	72.4	119.44	74.47	60.4	60.38	64.90	-7.0
Red Onion	58	962	-93.9	3.26	62.48	-94.8	55.90	64.92	-13.9
Big Onion	20,830	19,880	4.8	611.43	620.28	-1.4	29.35	31.20	-5.9
Potato	16,445	14,863	10.6	476.69	492.36	-3.2	28.99	33.13	-12.5
Dried Chillies	5,034	4,032	24.9	1,352.24	1,101.64	22.7	268.61	273.23	-1.7
Masoor Dhal	3,736	9,549	-60.9	562.46	1,394.64	-59.7	150.57	146.05	3.1
Green Gram	1,017	804	26.4	162.02	133.52	21.3	159.34	166.03	-4.0
Cowpea	709	683	3.8	81.26	75.82	7.2	114.65	111.08	3.2
Garlic	2,334	2,893	-19.3	551.64	652.17	-15.4	236.31	225.39	4.8
Wheat flour	466	171	172.0	31.91	11.88	168.5	68.47	69.35	-1.3
Wheat grain	144,684	83,907	72.4	5,323.20	2,975.04	78.9	36.79	35.46	3.8
White crystalline cane sugar	75,713	46,482	62.9	6,151.29	3602.81	70.7	81.25	77.51	4.8
Maize (Seed)	301	255	18.1	140.50	143.70	-2.2	466.35	563.31	-17.2
Maize (Other)	50	50	0.0	4.79	4.79	-0.1	95.70	95.82	-0.1
Sprats, dried unsalted	2017	1,450	39.1	732.78	532.11	37.7	363.30	367.05	-1.0

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – August 2016

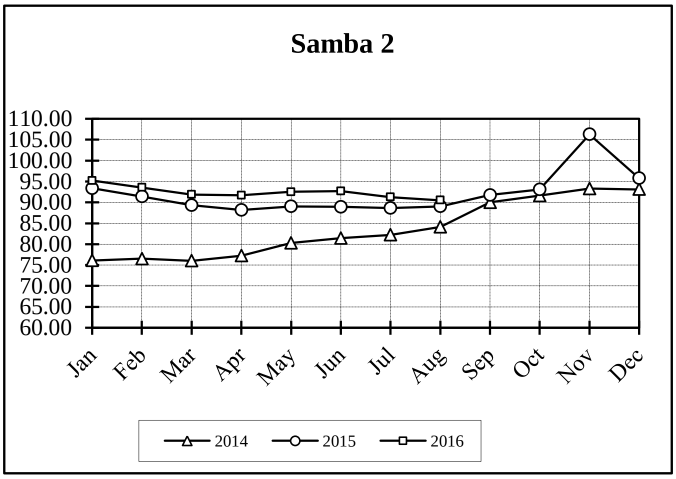
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	0.0	39.8	0	3
Badulla	51.3	93.2	5	7
Bandarawela	34.0	69.3	3	6
Batticaloa	16.7	48.5	1	4
Colombo	1.1	119.5	2	11
Galle	76.8	185.9	18	16
Hambantota	7.3	56.3	2	7
Jaffna	79.6	38.7	2	3
Katugastota	38.8	112.8	9	13
Katunayaka	2.5	117.6	2	9
Kurunegala	14.9	98.0	7	10
Mahailuppallama	0.0	32.0	0	3
Mannar	0.0	12.3	0	1
Nuwara Eliya	55.2	161.0	15	16
Pottuvil	19.3	18.9	2	na
Puttalam	0.0	17.1	0	2
Ratmalana	6.0	139.3	4	12
Ratnapura	131.9	304.1	21	20
Trincomalee	58.5	85.9	6	5
Vavuniya	23.5	75.0	4	4
Polonnaruwa	1.0	na	1	na
Moneragala	153.5	na	12	na

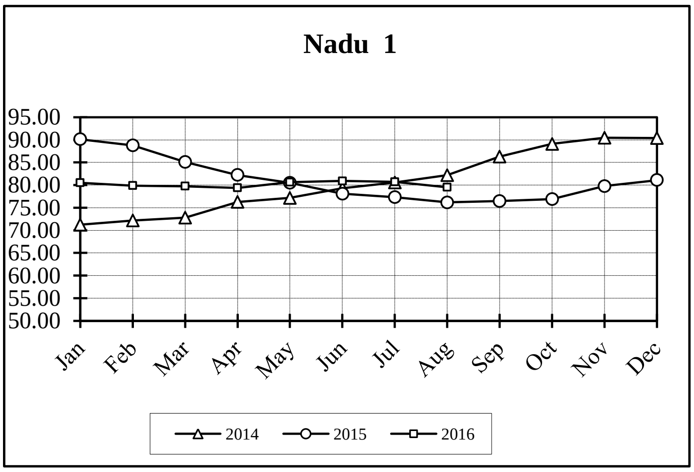
Mattala	0.4	na	1	na

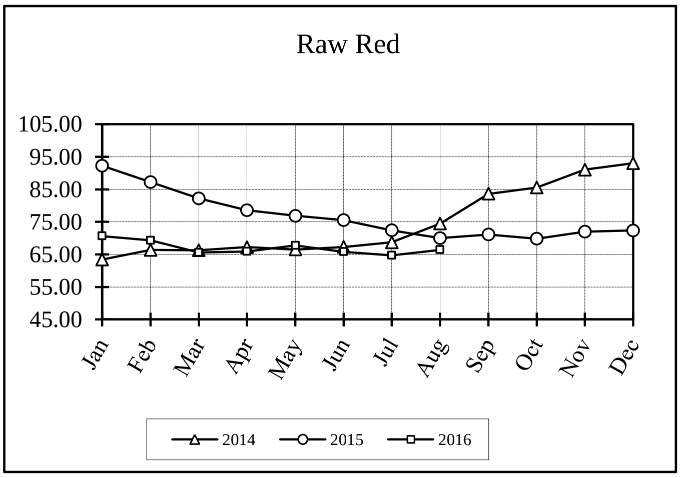
Source: Department of Meteorology

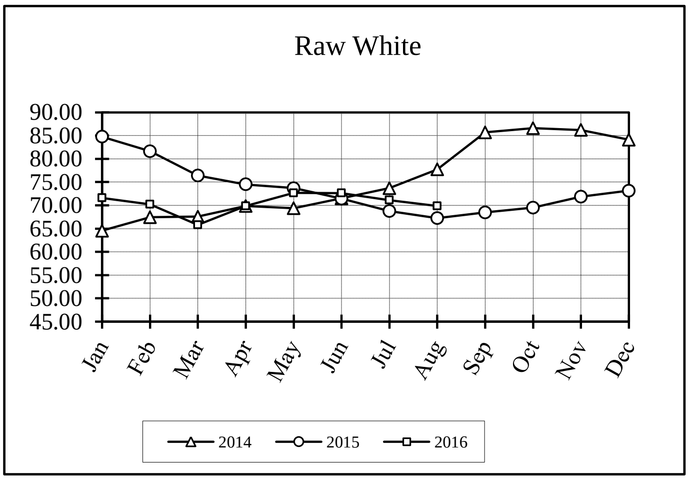
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	76.11	93.38	95.20	71.22	90.13	80.51	63.39	92.21	70.64	64.54	84.76	71.61
Feb	76.54	91.39	93.55	72.18	88.75	79.87	66.32	87.23	69.32	67.44	81.61	70.19
Mar	76.04	89.30	91.87	72.77	85.09	79.76	66.29	82.21	65.58	67.56	76.40	65.80
Apr	77.22	88.17	91.70	76.26	82.22	79.38	67.23	78.56	65.88	69.84	74.51	69.83
May	80.30	89.04	92.51	77.15	80.50	80.65	66.48	76.85	67.75	69.36	73.70	72.67
Jun	81.44	88.93	92.71	79.33	78.08	80.90	67.30	75.50	65.82	71.50	71.45	72.63
Jul	82.22	88.66	91.28	80.59	77.33	80.69	68.70	72.36	64.74	73.70	68.75	71.13
Aug	84.09	89.04	90.51	82.18	76.16	79.49	74.47	69.99	66.41	77.75	67.22	69.85
Sep	89.99	91.75		86.30	76.46		83.61	71.10		85.68	68.49	
Oct	91.63	93.10		89.10	76.89		85.52	69.77		86.58	69.49	
Nov	93.32	106.27		90.47	79.77		91.02	71.96		86.20	71.84	
Dec	93.12	95.76		90.37	81.10		92.98	72.33		84.10	73.15	



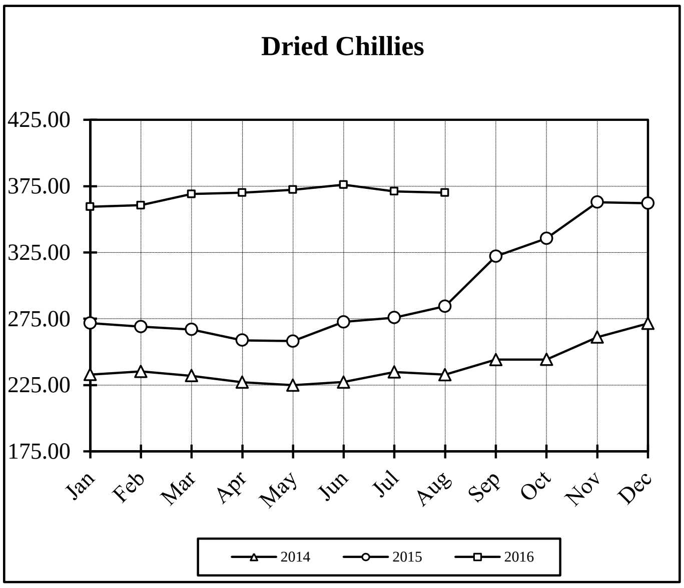


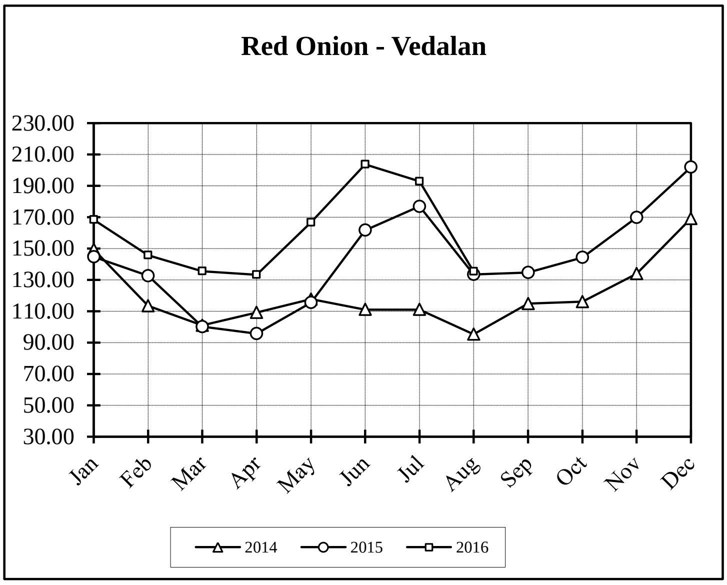


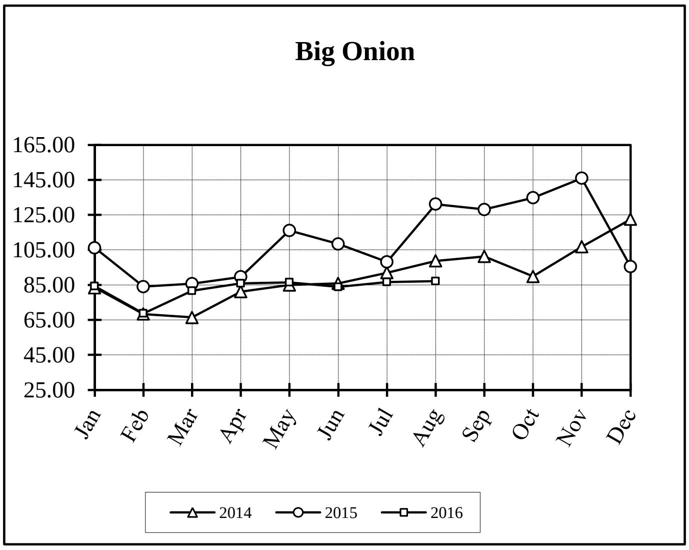


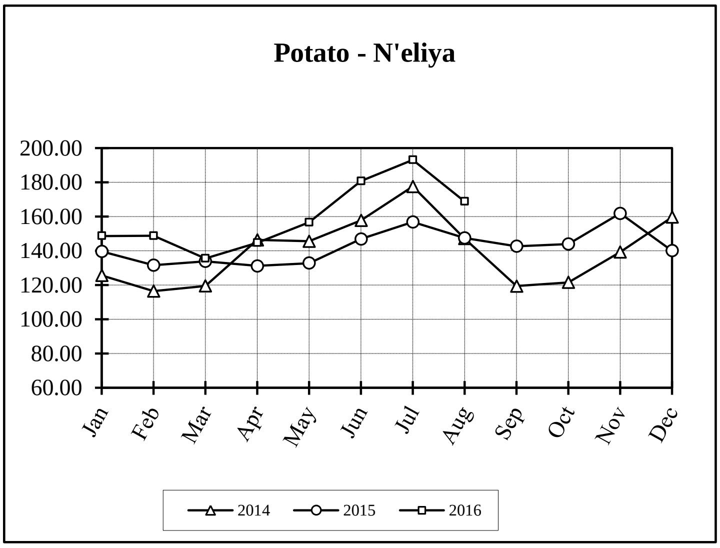
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	232.90	271.85	359.36	149.35	144.64	168.42	83.40	106.11	84.20	125.68	139.63	148.73
Feb	235.25	269.09	360.56	113.49	132.59	145.71	68.30	83.99	68.73	116.52	131.58	148.75
Mar	232.07	266.95	369.06	101.03	100.10	135.49	66.39	85.73	81.58	119.57	133.91	135.62
Apr	227.14	258.81	370.07	109.14	95.65	133.19	81.18	89.56	85.83	146.34	131.19	144.75
May	224.87	258.15	372.34	117.65	115.55	166.64	84.92	115.99	86.42	145.56	132.82	156.73
Jun	227.29	272.61	376.04	111.07	161.67	203.59	85.92	108.39	83.87	157.84	146.91	180.84
Jul	234.85	275.90	370.97	111.07	176.85	192.81	91.93	98.14	86.66	177.57	156.77	193.18
Aug	232.85	284.48	369.99	95.25	133.51	135.32	98.70	131.16	87.07	147.11	147.47	168.81
Sep	244.16	322.19		114.80	134.69		101.20	128.09		119.46	142.68	
Oct	244.33	335.70		116.12	144.23		89.85	134.76		121.58	143.91	
Nov	261.19	362.89		133.87	169.84		106.71	145.93		139.24	161.86	
Dec	271.53	362.08		169.07	201.81		122.46	95.39		159.65	140.10	









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

August 2016

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Paddy					
Short grain					
A'pura	35.60	35.50	34.70	34.80	34.60
P'naruwa	34.25	35.25	35.00	36.30	32.25
Kalawewa					
Kurunegala	34.50	34.50	34.30	34.30	34.00
Dehiattakandiya	36.50	35.50	35.50	37.16	36.33
Ampara	29.90	29.90	29.60	30.00	30.00
Long grain (White)					
A'pura	31.80	32.00	32.00	31.60	32.80
P'naruwa	31.80	32.75	32.55	33.50	29.50
Kalawewa					
Kurunegala	32.10	31.20	31.10	31.10	30.80
Dehiattakandiya	32.66	33.50	33.50	36.25	35.00
Embilipitiya	33.70	32.60	32.60	32.60	32.60
Ampara	26.30	26.15	25.90	26.50	29.00
Matara	32.33	33.67	33.67	33.00	33.00
Hambantota					
Long grain (Red)					
Matara	29.00	31.67	33.33	30.33	33.00
Hambantota	30.40	32.75	32.50	34.20	34.80
Ampara					
Embilipitiya	29.40	29.40	33.50	33.50	33.50
Other Food Crops					
Dried Chillies					
A'Pura					
Galgamuwa					
Kalawewa					
Red Onion					
Puttalam	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00
Big Onion					
Dambulla					70.90
Kalawewa					
A'Pura					
Kurunegala					

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Potato					
N'Eliya	118.60	128.00	119.00	103.00	91.60
Badulla	116.00	112.00	124.00	106.00	96.00
Welimada	123.00	123.00		93.00	86.00
Pulses					
Green Gram					
Galgamuwa					
Kalawewa					
Embilipitiya	154.00	154.00	154.00	154.00	154.00
Kurunegala					
A'pura	146.66	153.33	155.00	143.33	150.00
Cowpea					
A'pura	170.00	180.00	190.00	166.66	190.00
Galgamuwa					
Nikaweratiya	146.67	146.67	146.67	146.67	146.67
Kalawewa					
Embilipitiya	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00
Kurunegala					
Maize					
A'Pura	45.00	45.00	45.00	44.75	46.67
Kalawewa					
Gingelly					
A'Pura	130.00	131.00	127.00	131.25	132.25
Kalawewa					
Black Gram					
Kalawewa					
A'Pura	250.00	250.00	300.00		
Vegetables (Up Country)					
Beans					
Dambulla	167.00	148.00	129.00	112.00	100.00
Welimada	170.00	151.00		100.00	131.00
Badulla					
Carrot					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	68.40	56.80	72.40	49.60	50.00
Welimada	62.00	55.00		53.00	45.00

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Leeks					
Welimada					
N'Eliya	58.80	47.00	63.20	48.60	52.00
Beetroot					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	37.80	43.00	33.00	30.60	27.00
Dambulla	40.60	39.00	32.20	30.00	29.20
Kurunegala					
Welimada	43.00	43.00		36.00	33.00
Knokhol					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	25.80	18.40	18.40	18.40	21.60
Welimada	20.00	20.00		23.00	20.00
Radish					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	18.40	18.40	11.60	10.40	8.60
Welimada	14.00	13.00		10.00	15.00
Cabbage					
Hanguranketha					
N'Eliya	58.20	52.20	67.80	48.00	40.40
Welimada	52.00	55.00		42.00	35.00
Hambantota					
Badulla	53.00	57.00	67.00	47.00	43.00
Tomato					
Hanguranketha					
Welimada	35.00	24.00		26.00	30.00
Hambantota					
Dambulla	38.60	20.00	20.40	22.20	20.40
Low Country					
Ladies Fingers					
A'pura	33.33	28.33	30.00	30.00	26.67
Dambulla	16.20	19.80	19.20	16.60	21.60
Hambantota	27.50	22.50	27.50	27.50	22.50
Embilipitiya	41.40	28.60	28.60	28.60	31.60
Matara	61.67	56.67	33.33	61.67	61.67

Appendix 03: contd…..

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Brinjals					
A'pura	63.33	55.00	48.75	50.00	50.00
Dambulla	60.40	50.60	47.80	39.60	33.40
Hambantota	45.00	37.50	37.50	37.50	45.00
Embilipitiya	46.00	36.00	33.40	37.00	41.80
Matara	43.33	43.33	38.33	43.33	45.00
Welimada	49.00	44.00	-	51.00	49.00
Capsicum					
Welimada	141.00	120.00	-	65.00	59.00
Bitter Gourd					
A'pura	45.00	35.00	45.00	35.00	35.00
Dambulla	45.00	47.00	28.00	27.60	32.60
Hambantota	105.00	85.00	82.50	60.00	60.00
Embilipitiya	144.00	135.00	106.00	106.00	106.00
Matara	96.67	93.33	83.33	96.67	93.33
Snake Gourd					
Dambulla	30.60	30.60	16.00	16.80	20.60
Hambantota	47.50	0.00	37.50	37.50	40.00
Embilipitiya	41.40	37.00	29.40	31.40	28.00
Matara	73.33	63.33	68.33	73.33	73.33
A'pura	38.33	35.00	35.00	25.00	26.67
Luffa					
Dambulla	26.60	25.60	29.60	32.80	30.60
Hambantota	70.00	52.50	47.50	47.50	47.50
Embilipitiya	43.40	48.00	42.40	36.40	38.00
Matara	73.33	71.67	65.00	73.33	73.33
A'pura	31.67	31.67	35.00	25.00	28.33

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Pumpkin					
Dambulla	57.80	51.60	28.40	32.20	21.00
Hambantota	65.00	45.00	55.00	42.50	42.50
Embilipitiya	76.00	70.00	44.00	46.00	32.00
Matara					
A'pura	80.00	56.67	35.00	40.00	40.00
Moneragala	60.00	60.00	56.25	35.00	32.50
Cucumber					
A'pura	11.67	11.00	11.00	16.67	14.33
Dambulla	6.60	10.20	15.40	13.40	20.40
Hambantota	13.50	10.00	13.50	13.50	17.50
Matara					
Long beans					
Dambulla	45.40	46.40	34.20	31.20	43.80
Hambantota	40.00	30.00	20.00	27.50	27.50
Embilipitiya	70.00	70.00	55.00	38.00	53.00
Matara	56.67	56.67	31.67	56.67	53.33
A'Pura	36.67	36.67	36.67	35.00	35.00
Ash Plantain					
Hambantota	26.67	37.50	40.00	42.50	42.50
Embilipitiya	38.00	35.00	35.00	37.00	37.00
Matara	53.33	53.33	41.67	53.33	53.33
Green Chillies					
Dambulla	276.00	202.00	146.00	65.60	75.80
Hambantota	325.00	266.67	175.00	130.00	100.00
Embilipitiya	340.00	277.00	245.00	106.00	103.00
Puttalam					
A'Pura	260.00	273.33	166.67	110.00	116.67

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Lime					
Hambantota	100.00	115.00	120.00	115.00	155.00
Embilipitiya	103.00	77.00	83.00	95.00	95.00
Moneragala	87.50	87.50	107.50	120.00	136.25
Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Banana					
Ambul					
Moneragala	31.75	31.75	45.00	45.00	45.00
Embilipitiya	62.00	56.00	51.00	51.00	62.00
Hambantota	55.00	55.00	55.00	67.50	62.50
Kolikuttu					
Moneragala	131.25	131.25	145.00	145.00	145.00
Embilipitiya	161.00	153.00	135.00	135.00	155.00
Hambantota	175.00	175.00	175.00	215.00	190.00
Papaw					
Moneragala					
Embilipitiya	41.40	51.40	77.00	82.00	84.00
Hambantota	67.50	67.50	67.50	85.00	75.00
Pineapple					
Divulapitiya	97.00	101.00	102.00	103.00	103.00