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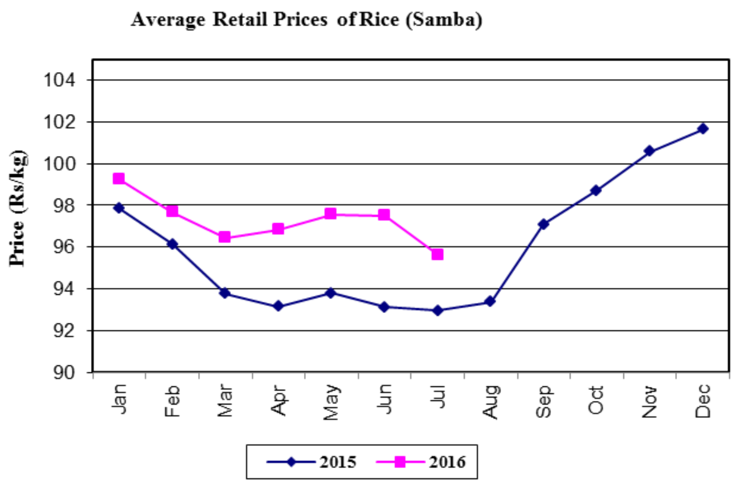
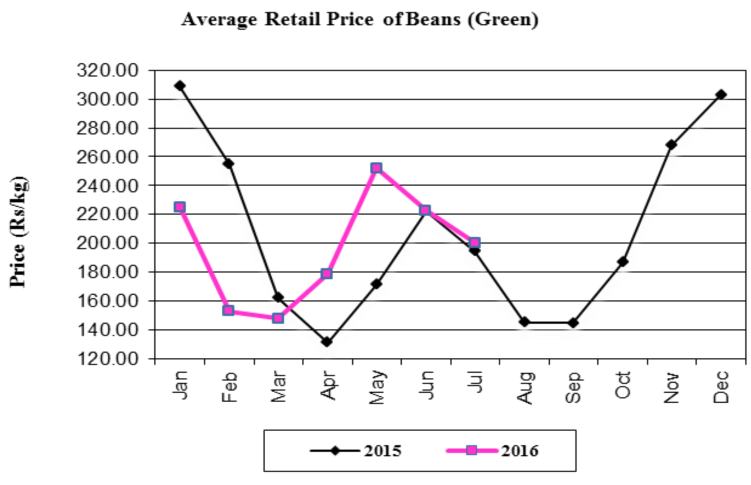
RICE:

Due to the decrease of paddy prices and availability of sufficient rice stocks in the market, the prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased. The highest price decrease was reported as 5% for raw white.

VEGETABLES:

With the reaching of initial phase of the *Yala* harvesting season, supply increased thereby prices decreased by 30% and 35% respectively, for most up and lowcountry varieties in July. Prices of both varieties of vegetables are expected to decrease further in the coming month, with the reaching of the *Yala* peak harvesting season.





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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of 2016 *Yala* season paddy crop has commenced in the producing areas in the Eastern province such as Kalmunei, Potuvil, Akkeripattu and the areas in Batticaloa district. It is expected that harvesting commences in the producing areas in the North Central province and other major producing areas during next month. Prevailed dry weather during the month in most of the producing areas has increased the quality of harvest. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the cultivation progress up to end of June was 392,336 ha and it is 78% of the target and it was 5% lower when compared to the average of last three *yala* seasons. Further this report reveals that the production forecast for the *yala* season is 1.565 million tones, it is 3% percent lower than that of average production of last three *yala* seasons. Peak harvesting and a bumper harvest can be expected by the end of August in most of the major producing areas.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2016 *yala* season (Up to end of July 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	47,568	78	168,615
Hambantota	26,999	21,797	81	94,262
Colombo	2,842	579	20	1,291
Gampaha	6,634	1,756	26	4,664
Kalutara	10,191	2,102	21	5,721
Galle	8,599	1,167	14	2,452
Matara	14,780	6,579	45	18,585
Ratnapura	11,256	5,178	46	16,362
Kegalle	6,055	2,042	34	5,726
Puttalam	18,100	13,123	73	43,131
Kandy	9,524	7,346	77	21,090
Matale	10,676	7,336	69	28,533
N' Eliya	3,319	1,358	41	2,647
Badulla	8,275	6,681	81	25,846
Moneragala	19,851	13,549	68	50,831
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,772	2,400	35	10,325
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	**502,923**	**392,336**	**78**	**1,565,655**

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices of all the paddy varieties have shown a declining or stable trend during the month in most of the major producing areas. Millers started utilizing their paddy stocks expecting the harvest of 2016 *Yala* season paddy crop by the latter part of month. The Paddy Marketing Board announcing the release of the storage paddy also caused the price decline. The Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) has a large stock of paddy purchased from previous season on their stores. It was recorded that the new harvest commenced reaching the markets from Akkeripattu, Potuvil, Kalmunei and Batticaloa district in the latter part of the month.

Prices of short grain paddy remained in the range Rs.33.00-37.00/kg in most of the considered major producing areas throughout the month. The highest prices for short grain and long grain white were recorded in Dehiattakandiya and Embilipitiya areas. Open market prices of long grain white were in the range of Rs.31.00-34.00/kg in most of the major producing areas. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.28.00-32.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. The prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs.58.00-60.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya throughout the month. It is expected that the prices would decline during the next month mainly due to the arrival of *Yala* harvest from all other major producing areas.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain varieties have decreased by less than 15% in most of the major producing areas. However, the prices of long grain paddy varieties have increased by less than 14% with the highest increase in Nikaweratiya. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red have decreased by less than 8% in producing areas in the Southern Province.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – July 2016

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	June 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	35.00-37.00	35.00-38.00	35.93	36.89	39.25	*-0.97*	*-2.62*	*-3.33*	*-8.47*
Polonnaruwa	34.50-36.00	36.00-38.00	35.14	37.03	37.95	*-1.89*	*-5.11*	*-2.81*	*-7.41*
Kalawewa	-	35.00-40.00	-	37.98	40.73	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	33.00-36.00	35.00-39.00	35.23	36.58	38.73	*-1.36*	*-3.70*	*-3.51*	*-9.05*
Dehiattakandiya	37.00-40.00	36.00-40.62	39.03	38.58	40.60	*0.45*	*1.17*	*-1.57*	*-3.87*
Nikaweratiya	34.00-36.00	34.00-39.00	35.17	36.42	41.20	*-1.26*	*-3.45*	*-6.04*	*-14.65*
Ampara	29.50-37.00	36.50-38.00	33.43	37.30	34.60	*-3.88*	*-10.39*	*-1.18*	*-3.40*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	31.00-33.00	33.00-34.00	31.63	33.35	27.83	*-1.73*	*-5.17*	*3.80*	*13.64*
Polonnaruwa	31.75-33.50	33.50-36.00	32.58	34.88	28.80	*-2.30*	*-6.60*	*3.78*	*13.12*
Kalawewa	-	34.00-37.00	-	35.31	28.06	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	31.50-34.00	33.00-37.00	32.90	35.30	30.75	*-2.40*	*-6.80*	*2.15*	*6.99*
Dehiattakandiya	26.00-33.00	32.00-36.00	29.40	34.27	25.85	*-4.87*	*-14.21*	*3.55*	*13.73*
Embilipitiya	32.00-35.00	33.00-34.00	33.67	33.70	30.85	*-0.04*	*-0.10*	*2.82*	*9.12*
Nikaweratiya	33.00-34.00	32.00-37.50	33.70	34.88	29.60	*-1.18*	*-3.38*	*4.10*	*13.85*
Matara	32.00-33.00	35.00-36.00	32.50	35.33	33.41	*-2.84*	*-8.02*	*-0.91*	*-2.74*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	32.00-36.00	32.00-35.50	-	33.65	27.75	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	29.00-32.00	30.00-32.00	30.00	31.33	31.33	*-1.33*	*-4.25*	*-1.33*	*-4.25*
Hambantota	28.00-31.00	30.00-33.00	29.33	31.00	32.00	*-1.68*	*-5.40*	*-2.68*	*-8.36*
Embilipitiya	28.00-30.00	29.00-32.00	29.20	30.80	29.20	*-1.60*	*-5.19*	*0.00*	*0.00*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

The harvesting in 2016 *yala* season has started this month and as a result of newly received paddy stocks in the market, paddy prices have decreased. Due to the decrease of paddy prices and availability of sufficient rice stocks in the market, the prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased. The highest price decrease was reported as 5% for raw white. Furthermore, the prices have decreased by 3% for samba grade II, by 2% for nadu varieties and by 1% for both samba grade I and raw red. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month has decreased by 50% compared to last month and the imported amount was 1,147 mt. Likewise, the price of imported *ponni* samba has also decreased by 1%.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have decreased by 4%, followed by raw red as 13%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased by 6%-9%.

Retail Prices

In line with the price decrease in the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have also decreased. Accordingly, the price of both samba grade I and raw white has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg, followed by all the other local rice varieties as less than Rs.1.00/kg. The highest local rice price of Rs.105.00/kg was reported for samba grade I and the lowest price of Rs.58.00/kg was reported for raw red.

Referring to the retail prices of the outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba price range of Rs.90.00-108.00/kg was reported in Kalutara, Kegalle and Embilipitiya markets while the lowest samba price range of Rs.79.00-90.00/kg was reported in Puttalam, Jaffna and Vavuniya markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.75.00-79.00/kg was noted in Kandy and Badulla markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.61.00-68.00/kg was noted in Killinochchi market. Furthermore, the highest price of raw red was observed as Rs.76.00/kg in Puttalam market while the lowest price was observed as Rs.52.00/kg in Embilipitiya market. The highest price of raw white was reported as Rs.74.00/kg in Kurunegala market and the lowest price was reported as Rs.61.00/kg in Batticaloa market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of raw red has decreased by 11% while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased by 2%-4%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	85.00-87.00	85.99	87.28	89.24	*-1.29*	*-1.48*	*-3.25*	*-3.64*
Samba 2	75.00-80.00	77.82	80.25	80.66	*-2.44*	*-3.03*	*-2.84*	*-3.52*
Samba 3	-	-	-	76.00	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	70.00-75.00	71.93	73.26	66.35	*-1.33*	*-1.82*	*5.58*	*8.41*
Nadu 2	66.00-69.00	67.71	69.35	61.95	*-1.64*	*-2.36*	*5.76*	*9.30*
Raw red	52.00-58.00	54.19	54.58	62.50	*-0.39*	*-0.72*	*-8.31*	*-13.30*
Raw white	58.00-63.00	60.00	63.44	56.58	*-3.43*	*-5.41*	*3.42*	*6.05*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-115.00	111.47	113.06	92.65	*-1.59*	*-1.40*	*18.82*	*20.31*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	96.00-105.00	100.00	102.32	97.25	*-2.32*	*-2.27*	*2.75*	*2.83*
Samba 2	87.00-96.00	91.28	92.71	88.66	*-1.43*	*-1.54*	*2.62*	*2.96*
Samba 3	-	-	-	83.00	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	78.00-85.00	80.69	80.90	77.33	*-0.21*	*-0.26*	*3.36*	*4.35*
Nadu 2	70.00-78.00	74.17	74.90	72.69	*-0.73*	*-0.97*	*1.48*	*2.04*
Raw red	58.00-70.00	64.74	65.82	72.36	*-1.08*	*-1.64*	*-7.62*	*-10.53*
Raw white	65.00-80.00	71.13	72.63	68.75	*-1.50*	*-2.07*	*2.38*	*3.46*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	120.00-125.00	121.69	121.14	100.89	*0.55*	*0.45*	*20.80*	*20.62*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	699	532	76	9,373
Puttlam	617	514	83	4,127
Moneragala	425	556	131	3,713
Kurunegala	346	268	77	461
Polonnaruwa	300	249	83	1,386
Kandy	230	207	90	998
Matale	81	347	428	1,931
Badulla	254	207	81	590
Other areas	2,144	2,159	101	6,991
Total	**5,096**	**5,039**	**99**	**29,570**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Cultivation progress of chilli in *yala* 2016 was at a satisfactory level in all the major producing areas with more than 75% of the achievement was recorded. The targeted extent of green chillies of *yala* 2016 was 5,096ha out of which 5,039ha (99%) was achieved by the end of July in Sri Lanka. The highest cultivated extent of 556 ha was recorded in Moneragala district and it represents 131% of the targeted extent. The production forecast of chillies for the season is 29,570 mt and out of that 66% of the production could be expected from Anuradhapura (32%), Puttlam

(14%), Moneragala (13%) and Matale (7%) districts. Compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extent and expected production of green chillies in Sri Lanka has increased by 451 ha (10%) and 5,343 mt (22%) respectively due to favorable weather condition during this *yala* season.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chillies from the main producing areas had increased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had decreased by about Rs.16.00/kg and Rs.35.00/kg respectively. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.555.26/kg and Rs.850.87/kg respectively and both prices were higher than that of the prices of dried chillies. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about 65% and 60% respectively.

A quantity of 4,032 mt of dried chillies was imported during the month and it was an increase of 349 mt compared to that of the last month. The CIF price was Rs.273.23/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.11.73/kg compared to the previous month. About 97% of the dried chillies stock was imported from India, while rest of the 3% was imported from Bangladesh. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about Rs.21.00/kg and Rs.5.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient imported stocks at the market.

The average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies were Rs.295.75/kg and Rs.370.97/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 24% and 34% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

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

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	300.00-750.00	555.26	571.73	336.94	*-16.47*	*-2.88*	*218.32*	*64.79*
Dried Chillies	280.00-310.00	295.75	316.90	238.38	*-21.15*	*-6.67*	*57.37*	*24.07*
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	400.00-1000.00	850.87	886.06	533.43	*-35.19*	*-3.97*	*317.44*	*59.51*
Dried Chillies	320.00-400.00	370.97	376.04	275.90	*-5.07*	*-1.35*	*95.07*	*34.46*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies
February to July 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
February	3,764	1,029.70	273.55	360.56	87.01

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

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

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	576.00	494.00	476.00	312.00
Hambantota	475.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Embilipitiya	547.00	586.00	586.00	340.00
A'Pura	656.67	537.50	575.00	325.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

In the Matale district about 1,441 ha had been cultivated representing 47% of the targeted extent by the end of July 2016. About 17% decrease in the cultivated extent was observed in the Matale district against the previous *yala* season due to prevailed unfavorable weather condition at the beginning of the season. Cultivation delay was also observed during this season by 20 days. Dambulla, Sigiriya, Galewela and Dewahuwa are the major big onion producing areas in Matale district. About 76% of the cultivation out of the total cultivated lands has taken place in July.

In Anuradhapura district about 916 ha had been cultivated representing 52% of the targeted extent by the end of July 2016. 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. Total big onion production for *yala* 2016 was estimated at nearly 69,774 mt and out of that around 88% will be supplied from Matale (45%), system H_1 (22%) and Anuradhapura (21%) areas.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2016		Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Matale	3,060	1,441	47	31,105
Anuradhapura	1,773	916	52	14,359
System H_1	1,800	1,314	73	15,647
System H	650	215	33	2,560
Other areas	977	506	52	6,103
Total	**8,260**	**4,392**	**53**	**69,774**

Out of the total expected production in Matale district, about 8% of the production would be harvested in August, 27% in September, 57% in October and 8% in November. The peak harvesting will take place during the October. In Anuradhapura district, about 1% of the production would be harvested in August, 32% in September, 44% in October and 23% in November and peak harvesting will take place also in October. Hence, a price drop could be expected during October as the peak harvesting season.

The cultivated extent of red onion for this *yala* season was at a satisfactory level and 3,498 ha had been cultivated by the end of July representing 68% of the targeted extent in Sri Lanka. The highest cultivated extent was reported from Jaffna (1,980 ha) followed by Puttlam (545 ha). Harvesting of vedalan red onion has commenced in Nilaweli areas in Trincomalee district and good quality red onion stocks were available at the market. The production forecast of red onion of this *yala* season is about 37,867 mt and out of that around 88% was supplied from Jaffna (48%), Puttlam (23%), Vavuniya (9%) and Trincomalee (8%) areas.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,200	1,980	90	18,253
Puttlam	1,263	545	43	8,268
Trincomalee	248	191	77	3,188
Vavuniya	350	291	83	3,343
Moneragala	228	71	31	639
Other areas	828	420	51	4,176
Total	**5,117**	**3,498**	**68**	**37,867**

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 19880 mt of big onion was imported in July 2016 which was about 1,038 mt lesser compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.31.20/kg and it has not changed significantly against the previous month. Out of the total imported big onion stocks, 95% was imported from India and rest of the 5% was imported from Pakistan. CIF price of Pakistan big onion was lower than that of the Indian big onion. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.2.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively due to limited imports. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about 15% and 12% respectively. Stocks of local big onion will be supplied to market during next month (August).

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan red onion from Jaffna, Puttlam and other producing areas have increased during this month with the commencement of harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have decreased by about Rs.23.00/kg and Rs.29.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, the retail price of vedalan has decreased by about Rs.11.00/kg. Prices of local red onion will decrease further during coming months with the increase of supply from main producing areas.

About 962 mt of red onion were imported during this month and it was a decrease of 841 mt compared to that of the previous month. About 94% of the red onion was imported from India and rest of 6% was imported from Pakistan. Average CIF price was Rs.64.92/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.24.43/kg compared to that of last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about Rs.28.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of both vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 9% and 2% respectively.

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

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	50.00-120.00	78.75	101.88	106.94	*-23.13*	*-22.70*	*-28.19*	*-26.36*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	80.00-160.00	111.98	141.21	136.20	*-29.23*	*-20.70*	*-24.22*	*-17.79*
Red Onion (Imported)	60.00-125.00	95.91	123.66	123.88	*-27.75*	*-22.44*	*-27.97*	*-22.58*
Big Onion (imported)	53.00-70.00	60.22	58.51	70.99	*1.71*	*2.92*	*-10.77*	*-15.18*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	85.87	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	140.00-240.00	192.81	203.59	176.85	*-10.78*	*-5.29*	*15.96*	*9.02*
Red Onion (Imported)	100.00-190.00	149.95	161.23	147.29	*-11.28*	*-7.00*	*2.66*	*1.81*
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-100.00	86.66	83.87	98.64	*2.79*	*3.33*	*-11.98*	*-12.15*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
		(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	July 2016	31.20	60.22	86.66	*29.02*	*26.44*
	June 2016	31.40	58.51	83.87	*27.11*	*25.36*
	July 2015	56.09	70.99	98.64	*14.90*	*27.65*
Red onion	July 2016	64.92	95.91	149.95	*30.99*	*54.04*
	June 2016	89.35	123.66	161.23	*34.31*	*37.57*
	July 2015	105.38	123.88	147.29	*18.50*	*23.42*

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)	
	July 2016	June 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2016	June 2016
Red Onion	962	1803	62.48	161.08	64.92	89.35
Big Onion	19,880	20,918	620.28	656.81	31.20	31.40

Source: Department of Custom

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

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
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
February	21,268	30.43	43.70	68.73	38.30

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 3,046 ha were cultivated by the end of July exceeding the total targeted extent by 107%. Though the cultivated extent was low in April to June of this *yala* season, the extent of potato cultivated in July was high, which was recorded as 1,592 ha. 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 49,499 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, about 864 ha of potato was cultivated by the end of this month exceeding the targeted extent by 109%. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extent was at a high level during this *yala* season due to favourable weather condition.

In the Badulla districts, the targeted extent is 2,045 ha for this *yala* season and about 2,181 ha was cultivated by the end of this month exceeding the targeted extent by 107%. During the month, about 1,352 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.

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	583	864	109	15,175
Badulla	2,214	2,045	1,264	2,181	107	34,324
Sri Lanka	**3,076**	**2,836**	**1,848**	**3,046**	**107**	**49,499**

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 14,862 mt of potato had been imported in July which was 1,842 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. About 71% and 27% of the imported stocks were received from China and Pakistan during this month. Compared to July, 2015 (17,005 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.33.00/kg in July.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Also, the supply of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased further in July by 9% and 7% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.123.00/kg in July. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 8% and 3% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.130.00-170.00/kg and Rs.60.00-100.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (23%) and imported (14%) potatoes have increased. Supply of local potato will be low till August and the prices of local potatoes are expected to decrease in August with the arrival of stocks from Welimada.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes February to July 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	14863	491.10	33.04	114.10	*81.06*
June	13020	431.11	33.11	118.18	*85.07*
May	8452	192.86	22.82	100.38	*77.56*
April	8252	180.19	21.84	87.63	*65.79*
March	11872	264.18	22.25	85.70	*63.45*
February	17228	422.10	24.50	74.14	*49.64*

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	120.00-135.00	127.30	93.00	-	*34.30*	*36.88*	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	105.00-140.00	124.16	123.38	104.15	*0.78*	*0.63*	*20.01*	*19.21*
Imported – CIF	24.13-74.92	33.04	33.11	36.96	*-0.07*	*-0.20*	*-3.92*	*-10.60*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	130.00-170.00	155.44	142.15	119.31	*13.29*	*9.35*	*36.13*	*30.28*
Imported	60.00-100.00	82.21	89.86	72.96	*-7.65*	*-8.51*	*9.25*	*12.68*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-240.00	193.18	180.84	156.77	*12.34*	*6.82*	*36.41*	*23.23*
Imported	100.00-140.00	114.10	118.18	100.13	*-4.08*	*-3.45*	*13.97*	*13.95*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		69.02	57.46	52.62	*11.56*	*20.12*	*16.40*	*31.17*
Imported (CIF-RP)		81.06	85.07	63.17	*-4.01*	*-4.72*	*17.89*	*28.32*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		37.74	38.69	37.46	*-0.95*	*-2.46*	*0.28*	*0.75*
Imported		31.89	28.32	27.17	*3.57*	*12.60*	*4.72*	*17.37*

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 out of which about 5,677 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of July representing 65% of the total targeted extent. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent is high in *yala* 2016. However, crop damages were reported for green gram at the beginning of the season due to heavy rains. During the month, about 341 ha of green gram were cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of green gram is 8,469 mt for this *yala* season. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 1,832 ha for this *yala* season and about 722 ha was cultivated by the end of this month. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 833 ha and 1,845 ha respectively and about 626 ha and 1,773 ha were cultivated by the end of July achieving 75% and 96% of the targeted extents. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extents were at a high level during this *yala* season in Hambantota and Moneragala districts.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 6,909 ha for *yala* 2016 and about 3,708 ha were cultivated by the end of July achieving 54% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2015, the cultivated extent was low during this *yala* season. About 270 ha of cowpea extents were reported to be damaged due to bad weather condition. During the month, about 1,394 ha of cowpea have been cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of cowpea is 5,282 mt for this *yala* season. The highest targeted extent of 3,954 ha was recorded in the Ampara district for this *yala* season and 1,519 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving 38% of the targeted extent. 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**	***Yala* 2015***	***Yala* 2016**	***Yala* 2016**	
Green	Hambantota	3,537	1,832	425	722	39	1,198
	Kurunegala	1,276	833	687	626	75	470
	Moneragala	880	1,845	343	1,773	96	2,526
	Sri Lanka	**10,729**	**8,709**	**3,933**	**5,677**	**65**	**8,469**
Cowpea	Ampara	3,584	3,954	1,448	1,519	38	2,612
	Moneragala	584	807	509	844	104	1,058
	Kurunegala	1,255	416	332	138	33	142
	Sri Lanka	**8,414**	**6,909**	**4,940**	**3,708**	**54**	**5,282**

***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 804 mt of green gram was imported in July and it was 480 mt lower than the quantity imported in June. The average CIF price was Rs.166.00/kg in July. Compared to July, 2015 (1,506 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was low during this month. Out of the total imports, about 81% of the stocks were received from Australia, followed by South Africa (16%). In July, the wholesale and retail prices of green gram have decreased by 2% and 3% respectively due to availability of sufficient local stocks. Harvesting of green gram cultivated in mid-season took place and hence, the supply was at a high level. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.165.00-180.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 1%.

A quantity of 682 mt of cowpea was imported in July, which was 428 mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. Out of the total imports, about 83% of the stocks were received from Myanmar. The average CIF price was Rs.111.00/kg in July. The wholesale and retail prices of white cowpea has increased by 6% and 2% respectively during this month. However, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have decreased by 7% and 2% respectively due to availability of sufficient local stocks. During the month, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.210.00-230.00/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 increased by 4% and 1% respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram February to July 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
February	805	140.96	175.17	243.85	68.68

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea February to July 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	683	75.82	111.08	255.5	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
February	383	36.78	96.14	251.48	155.34

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	165.00-180.00	173.33	177.33	181.22	-3.99	-2.25	-7.89	-4.35
Cowpea (White)	210.00-230.00	223.67	211.33	196.75	12.34	5.84	26.92	13.68
Cowpea (Red)	170.00-210.00	182.19	196.56	196.73	-14.38	-7.31	-14.54	-7.39
Retail Prices								
Green gram	200.00-260.00	236.61	243.50	239.67	-6.89	-2.83	-3.06	-1.28
Cowpea (White)	220.00-280.00	255.50	249.42	245.32	6.08	2.44	10.18	4.15
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	243.52	247.58	241.59	-4.06	-1.64	1.93	0.80

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	July 2016	166.03	173.33	236.61	7.30	63.28
	June 2016	167.99	177.33	243.50	9.33	66.18
	July 2015	176.63	181.22	239.67	4.59	58.45
Cowpea (White)	July 2016	111.08	223.67	255.50	112.59	31.83
	June 2016	97.17	211.33	249.42	114.16	38.09
	July 2015	-	196.75	245.32	-	48.57
Cowpea (Red)	July 2016	-	182.19	243.52	-	61.33
	June 2016	-	196.56	247.58	-	51.02
	July 2015	-	196.73	241.59	-	44.87

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 9,549 mt (9,448 mt of whole type and 101 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in July and it was 2,321 mt lower than the quantity imported in June. About 80% and 19% of the stocks of whole type were received from Canada and Australia respectively. Compared to July, 2015 (10,858 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.146.00/kg in July.

In July, the wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by 5% and 4% respectively. The average wholesale price was Rs.177.00/kg in July. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal has increased by 1%.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	160.00-230.00	176.80	185.12	169.28	-8.32	-4.50	7.52	4.44
Retail Price	165.00-265.00	189.76	198.26	188.24	-8.50	-4.29	1.52	0.81

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal February to July 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
July	9549	146.05	176.80	189.76	30.75	12.96
June	11870	150.14	185.12	198.26	34.98	13.14
May	9981	134.39	187.20	196.58	52.81	9.38
April	4275	140.12	185.58	185.54	45.46	-0.04
March	17192	139.14	173.98	180.90	34.84	6.92
February	19945	129.33	176.08	182.75	46.75	6.67

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 July, a below average rainfall was received in most of the major producing districts, except Badulla. Meanwhile, commencement of the harvesting was observed in the early - established fields in all the major producing areas. Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts reported over 100% crop progress for up country varieties at the end of July. 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 4,957 ha and 4,404ha respectively were achieved at the end of July. However, crop establishment for *Yala* season had been 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 63% and 39% respectively at the end of July. Further, in Jaffna, Kurunegala and Puttlam districts, a three-week delay in commencement of the season was noticed with the cultivation progress reported as 53%, 84% and 70% at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, commencement of the harvesting was observed in the early - established fields in most of the low country areas. Due to received rainfall, 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 progress was about 100% and 110% respectively, of the seasonal target, at the end of July. Further, Kurunegala, Moneragala and Matale districts had reported 79%, 70% and 68% cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties at the end of July. In addition, observed cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties in Jaffna and Puttlam district were reported as 89% and 87% respectively, at the end of the cultivation season.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Generally, the prices of vegetables show a declining trend from mid-January to March with the commencement of major harvesting period and then start to show an increasing trend from May. Meanwhile, inter-seasonal cultivation of vegetables is practiced in March in the fields where *Maha* harvest was reaped. However, in this year, minimal cultivation during the intermediate season (March-April) was observed due to four month long dry weather hence, the supply dropped significantly at the beginning of June and high price increases were noticed for both up and lowcountry varieties during the month. As the first phase of the *Yala* harvesting season was reached, prices of most vegetables started to show a decreasing trend for the first time, after the ending of the previous *Maha* harvesting season, in July.

The total vegetable production of the Matale district for the month of July recorded a 31.5% increase compared to last month, and the figure was 7,671mt. Further, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) was around 1,250mt, recording a 40% increase compared to last month, due to high supplies during the first phase of the *Yala* harvesting season. Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties had decreased in July, compared to that of June. The highest price decrease was reported for radish as 47% followed by knolkhol as 45%. Next, prices of both carrot and leeks have decreased by 36%. Further, prices of all the other upcountry varieties had decreased in the range of 6% -17%.

After the increases reported in May and June, prices of tomato showed a decreasing trend in July. With the receiving of high supply of lowcountry variety, prices observed a 17% drop in July. However, prices of capsicum increased by 30%, compared to last month.

Regarding lowcountry vegetables, except for pumpkin, supplies of all the domestic vegetables also significantly increased and thereby prices decreased, with the reaching of the *Yala* harvesting season. The highest price decrease was reported for cucumber 63%, followed by luffa as 44% and snakegourd as 34%. Except for pumpkin, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties decreased by less than 31%, compared to previous month. However, prices of pumpkin showed an increase of 60% in July. This was observed mainly due to significant price decrease noted last month as peak *Yala* harvest of pumpkin from Anuradhapura reached the market in June.

With the reaching of *Yala* harvesting season, prices of both green chilies and lime had decreased by 3% and 37% respectively in July.

Prices of both upcountry and lowcountry varieties of vegetables are expected decrease further in coming month with the reaching of peak *Yala* harvesting season.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the vegetables, except capsicum, pumpkin and ash plantain had decreased in July. The highest price decrease was reported for drumsticks as 39% followed by cucumber as 35%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – July 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-180.00	138.44	147.18	134.98	*-8.74*	*-5.94*	*3.46*	*2.56*
Carrot	80.00-180.00	119.63	187.62	123.34	*-67.99*	*-36.24*	*-3.71*	*-3.01*
Leeks	60.00-130.00	88.13	138.54	70.29	*-50.41*	*-36.39*	*17.84*	*25.38*
Beetroot	50.00-160.00	119.21	129.18	90.70	*-9.97*	*-7.72*	*28.51*	*31.43*
Knokhol	40.00-100.00	63.58	115.59	60.47	*-52.01*	*-45.00*	*3.11*	*5.14*
Radish	20.00-50.00	34.65	65.54	36.22	*-30.89*	*-47.13*	*-1.57*	*-4.33*
Cabbage	70.00-130.00	92.54	111.33	33.54	*-18.79*	*-16.88*	*59.00*	*175.91*
Tomato	70.00-200.00	129.38	155.66	89.04	*-26.28*	*-16.88*	*40.34*	*45.31*
Ladies Fingers	30.00-70.00	46.36	58.37	51.68	*-12.01*	*-20.58*	*-5.32*	*-10.29*
Brinjal	30.00-80.00	59.32	86.44	34.55	*-27.12*	*-31.37*	*24.77*	*71.69*
Capsicum	180.00-350.00	286.26	219.50	184.49	*66.76*	*30.41*	*101.77*	*55.16*
Pumpkin	80.00-170.00	133.64	83.15	28.66	*50.49*	*60.72*	*104.98*	*366.29*
Cucumber	10.00-40.00	19.80	53.13	25.42	*-33.33*	*-62.73*	*-5.62*	*-22.11*
Bittergourd	60.00-200.00	148.51	186.19	108.03	*-37.68*	*-20.24*	*40.48*	*37.47*
Snakegourd	60.00-100.00	76.36	116.47	50.44	*-40.11*	*-34.44*	*25.92*	*51.39*
Drumstick	70.00-200.00	145.28	211.81	52.61	*-66.53*	*-31.41*	*92.67*	*176.15*
Luffa	50.00-140.00	78.74	141.14	77.27	*-62.40*	*-44.21*	*1.47*	*1.90*
Long Beans	40.00-90.00	72.00	103.64	79.23	*-31.64*	*-30.53*	*-7.23*	*-9.13*
Ash Plantain	50.00-90.00	70.17	70.23	56.30	*-0.06*	*-0.09*	*13.87*	*24.64*
Green Chillies	300.00-750.00	555.26	571.73	336.94	*-16.47*	*-2.88*	*218.32*	*64.79*
Lime	100.00-150.00	119.34	189.89	75.43	*-70.55*	*-37.15*	*43.91*	*58.21*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – July 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	150.00-320.00	200.38	222.68	194.90	*-22.30*	*-10.01*	*5.48*	*2.81*
Carrot	130.00-320.00	203.00	279.28	201.26	*-76.28*	*-27.31*	*1.74*	*0.86*
Leeks	100.00-260.00	178.96	224.61	152.24	*-45.65*	*-20.32*	*26.72*	*17.55*
Beetroot	100.00-320.00	199.53	248.77	155.01	*-49.24*	*-19.79*	*44.52*	*28.72*
Knokhol	80.00-280.00	162.21	232.43	138.02	*-70.22*	*-30.21*	*24.19*	*17.53*
Radish	50.00-200.00	117.35	163.15	106.51	*-45.80*	*-28.07*	*10.84*	*10.18*
Cabbage	120.00-240.00	176.53	211.99	107.13	*-35.46*	*-16.73*	*69.40*	*64.78*
Tomato	120.00-320.00	209.47	242.30	153.60	*-32.83*	*-13.55*	*55.87*	*36.37*
Ladies Fingers	50.00-200.00	125.96	148.42	114.08	*-22.46*	*-15.13*	*11.88*	*10.41*
Brinjal	80.00-240.00	132.35	173.88	97.20	*-41.53*	*-23.88*	*35.15*	*36.16*
Capsicum	300.00-500.00	375.78	321.24	260.46	*54.54*	*16.98*	*115.32*	*44.28*
Pumpkin	120.00-280.00	202.67	146.06	76.00	*56.61*	*38.76*	*126.67*	*166.67*
Cucumber	35.00-160.00	86.55	133.91	77.35	*-47.36*	*-35.37*	*9.20*	*11.89*
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	222.59	279.23	160.63	*-56.64*	*-20.28*	*61.96*	*38.57*
Snakegourd	80.00-240.00	147.24	195.98	117.16	*-48.74*	*-24.87*	*30.08*	*25.67*
Drumstick	120.00-600.00	281.65	461.55	137.15	*-179.90*	*-38.98*	*144.50*	*105.36*
Luffa	90.00-240.00	170.49	234.06	142.74	*-63.57*	*-27.16*	*27.75*	*19.44*
Long Beans	80.00-240.00	156.45	190.03	158.27	*-33.58*	*-17.67*	*-1.82*	*-1.15*
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	131.48	129.74	120.55	*1.74*	*1.34*	*10.93*	*9.07*
Green Chillies	400.00-1000.00	850.87	886.06	533.43	*-35.19*	*-3.97*	*317.44*	*59.51*
Lime	150.00-600.00	334.71	523.79	213.12	*-189.08*	*-36.10*	*121.59*	*57.05*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As predicted in the month of June, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties of this month have decreased. The highest price decrease of 56% was reported for woodapple due to large stocks received from Tangalle, Witharandeniya, Beliatta and other producing areas with commencement of the harvesting season. Further, price of passionfruit also decreased by 41% due to high stocks received from Buttala, Kandy and Balangoda areas. In addition, with low quality stocks received to the market, price of orange has decreased by 28%. Further, price of papaw has decreased by 22% due to decreased supplies with dry weather condition. In addition, price of grapes also decreased by 20% due to low quality stocks imported from China.

Meanwhile, of price increased fruit varieties, a 50% price increase was reported for slimeapple due to decreased supply with end of the harvesting season. In addition, prices of mango (karthakolomban and vilad) have increased by 42% and 26% respectively. Further, prices of all the varieties of banana have increased in the range of 1%-10% due to decreased supplies from Embilipitiya, Godakawela and Jaffna due to dry weather condition.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase of 45% was noted for banana (kolikuttu).

Considering the retail market price fluctuations, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased, compared to last month. The highest price increase of 50% was noted for mango (karthakolomban). Secondly, price of mango (vilad) has increased by 33%. Further, price of banana (ambul) have increased by 27% and prices of all the other varieties of banana have increased in the range of 7%-15%. In addition, prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 14%-18% due to low supply with dry weather condition. However, a 42% price decrease was noted for woodapple and a 23% price decrease was reported for passionfruit.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase of 44% was noted for pineapple (medium size).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to table 4.3, producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased compared to last month. The highest price increase of 33% was noted for banana (ambul) and prices of banana (kolikuttu) and papaw have increased by 17% and 16% respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, producer prices of all the fruit varieties except papaw have increased and the highest price increase was noted for pineapple as 50%. According to market information, producer prices of selected fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month.

According to table 4.4, Rs.75.54mn worth of fruits have been exported in the month of July and the highest individual export value of Rs.44.44mn has been earned from papaw. Further, Rs.25.99mn of export value has been earned by exporting pineapple. Compared to last month, the export value has increased by Rs.3.85mn for selected fruit varieties this month.

Considering about fruit imports (Table 4.5), Rs.486.05mn worth of fruits have been imported. As usual, the highest individual imported value has been expended for apple (Rs.183.61mn) and 44% of them has been imported from New Zealand. Also, Rs.167.82mn worth of grapes has been imported and 79% of them has been imported from India. Compared to last month, the entire imported cost of selected fruit varieties have increased by Rs.53.18mn.

Considering about export and import values of selected fruit varieties, a Rs.410.51mn worth of negative trade balance has been reported.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – July 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	50.00-90.00	60.76	55.65	42.88	*5.11*	*9.18*	*17.88*	*41.70*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	180.00-220.00	192.73	175.16	132.51	*17.57*	*10.03*	*60.22*	*45.45*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	40.00-60.00	49.29	48.52	45.10	*0.77*	*1.59*	*4.19*	*9.29*
Anamalu	8.00-12.00	9.68	9.60	8.07	*0.08*	*0.83*	*1.61*	*19.95*
Ambun	12.00-18.00	14.10	13.56	12.53	*0.54*	*3.98*	*1.57*	*12.53*
Pineapple								
Large	160.00-200.00	181.49	181.75	146.16	*-0.26*	*-0.14*	*35.33*	*24.17*
Medium	130.00-170.00	149.58	155.73	119.07	*-6.15*	*-3.95*	*30.51*	*25.62*
Small	100.00-140.00	112.86	118.75	94.22	*-5.89*	*-4.96*	*18.64*	*19.78*
Mango								
Betti	7.50-20.00	16.29	14.13	26.06	*2.16*	*15.29*	*-9.77*	*-37.49*
Karthakolomban	45.00-120.00	65.90	46.43	106.27	*19.47*	*41.93*	*-40.37*	*-37.99*
Vilad	15.00-35.00	24.96	19.80	37.72	*5.16*	*26.06*	*-12.76*	*-33.83*
Kohu	7.50-17.50	12.48	12.87	16.11	*-0.39*	*-3.03*	*-3.63*	*-22.53*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	40.00-80.00	57.97	74.04	79.66	*-16.07*	*-21.70*	*-21.69*	*-27.23*
Passionfruit	6.60-19.16	9.65	16.33	8.63	*-6.68*	*-40.91*	*1.02*	*11.82*
Woodapple	12.00-30.00	21.17	47.79	43.68	*-26.62*	*-55.70*	*-22.51*	*-51.53*
Orange	15.00-50.00	34.13	47.61	24.21	*-13.48*	*-28.31*	*9.92*	*40.97*
Avocado	20.00-40.00	27.64	29.88	25.38	*-2.24*	*-7.50*	*2.26*	*8.90*
Slime Apple	30.00-50.00	38.50	25.65	31.30	*12.85*	*50.10*	*7.20*	*23.00*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	328.57-642.00	467.44	582.06	480.16	*-114.62*	*-19.69*	*-12.72*	*-2.65*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – July 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	90.00-150.00	108.52	85.39	76.70	*23.13*	*27.09*	*31.82*	*41.49*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	220.00-260.00	242.70	218.10	170.10	*24.60*	*11.28*	*72.60*	*42.68*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	70.00-100.00	88.63	82.53	77.26	*6.10*	*7.39*	*11.37*	*14.72*
Anamalu	15.00-30.00	21.38	18.55	14.92	*2.83*	*15.26*	*6.46*	*43.30*
Ambun	18.00-30.00	21.50	19.79	17.68	*1.71*	*8.64*	*3.82*	*21.61*
Pineapple								
Large	210.00-300.00	248.47	218.27	173.23	*30.20*	*13.84*	*75.24*	*43.43*
Medium	160.00-200.00	189.52	161.08	131.86	*28.44*	*17.66*	*57.66*	*43.73*
Small	120.00-160.00	145.76	128.11	102.09	*17.65*	*13.78*	*43.67*	*42.78*
Mango								
Betti	30.00-50.00	35.71	34.79	44.26	*0.92*	*2.64*	*-8.55*	*-19.32*
Karthakolomban	60.00-180.00	94.91	63.45	149.31	*31.46*	*49.58*	*-54.40*	*-36.43*
Vilad	30.00-80.00	53.03	39.83	63.49	*13.20*	*33.14*	*-10.46*	*-16.48*
Kohu	15.00-20.00	17.50	17.50	-	*0.00*	*0.00*	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	80.00-160.00	112.48	125.70	134.90	*-13.22*	*-10.52*	*-22.42*	*-16.62*
Passionfruit	11.66-33.33	19.83	25.70	15.67	*-5.87*	*-22.84*	*4.16*	*26.55*
Woodapple	30.00-70.00	47.02	81.30	70.30	*-34.28*	*-42.16*	*-23.28*	*-33.12*
Orange	40.00-80.00	59.30	71.17	46.28	*-11.87*	*-16.68*	*13.02*	*28.13*
Avocado	30.00-100.00	57.08	59.53	54.29	*-2.45*	*-4.12*	*2.79*	*5.14*
Slime Apple	45.00-100.00	64.66	59.45	56.25	*5.21*	*8.76*	*8.41*	*14.95*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	773.60	800.68	766.13	*-27.08*	*-3.38*	*7.47*	*0.98*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – July 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	31.75-63.00	42.17	31.62	28.14	10.55	33.38	14.03	49.86
Kolikuttu	122.75-165.00	138.00	118.08	94.71	19.92	16.87	43.29	45.71
Papaw	38.00-67.50	52.99	45.49	76.13	7.50	16.49	-23.14	-30.40
Pineapple	87.00-98.00	91.75	58.63	61.00	-	-	30.75	50.41

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
May – July 2016

Type of Fruit	July			June			May		
	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	123.69	25.99	210.11	122.97	25.26	205.42	67.94	13.11	192.93
Papaw	377.00	44.44	117.88	319.52	33.96	106.27	165.10	18.09	109.56
Fresh Mango	8.28	4.95	597.88	17.73	12.41	699.82	7.57	4.99	658.43
Avocados, fresh	1.11	0.15	132.96	0.14	0.06	420.31	0.08	0.03	420.13
Oranges, fresh	0.21	0.01	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
May – July 2016

Type of Fruit	July			June			May		
	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	1,120.79	183.61	163.82	1,239.43	191.98	154.90	2,604.15	393.01	150.92
Grapes	673	167.82	249.23	370.85	135.65	365.79	485.76	183.54	377.84
Oranges	1122.73	121.27	108.01	773.29	88.07	113.89	852.12	82.06	96.30
Mandarin	189.86	13.35	70.31	249.99	17.17	68.68	81.99	5.84	71.21

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 salaya, thora and thalapath had decreased at the wholesale level. Further, decreased prices were observed for most of the fresh fish varieties during the first two weeks of the month. The highest price decrease of 5% was reported for paraw. A price decrease of 4% was noted for kelawalla and mora. In addition, prices of hurulla, balaya and shrimp had decreased in the range of 1%-3%. Meanwhile, price of salaya, thora and thalapath had increased by 6%, 4% and 2% respectively. In the month of July, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.144.12 – 1,168.61/kg. It can be expected that fish prices could decrease in the coming month due to the onset of the fishing season for coastal fisheries in the Eastern coastal belt. Compared to July 2015, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla, paraw and thalapath had decreased in the range of 1%-16% with the highest price decrease noted for balaya.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla and kelawalla had decreased at retail level. The highest price decrease was reported for salaya (12%) followed by mora (7%). A price decrease of 4% was noted for thalapath while, a price decrease of 3% was observed for paraw. In addition, price of balaya had decreased by 2%. Meanwhile, price of hurulla had increased by 2%. Prices of thora, kelawalla and shrimp had not changed significantly. In the month of July, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.186.58-1,338.25/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, consumers had to pay Rs.150.00-1,600.00/kg when buying fresh fish during the month. Compared to July 2015, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased in the range of 1%-17% with the highest price decrease noted for balaya.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	120.00-170.00	144.12	136.25	150.06	*7.87*	*5.78*	*-5.94*	*-3.96*
Hurulla	280.00-380.00	343.11	345.00	310.00	*-1.89*	*-0.55*	*33.11*	*10.68*
Balaya	260.00-360.00	323.42	330.50	385.75	*-7.08*	*-2.14*	*-62.33*	*-16.16*
Kelawalla	440.00-550.00	500.43	520.50	565.05	*-20.07*	*-3.86*	*-64.62*	*-11.44*
Thora	1000.00-1300.00	1168.61	1118.89	1178.29	*49.72*	*4.44*	*-9.68*	*-0.82*
Paraw	500.00-700.00	600.25	630.75	548.97	*-30.50*	*-4.84*	*51.28*	*9.34*
Mora	450.00-530.00	485.25	506.97	536.26	*-21.72*	*-4.28*	*-51.01*	*-9.51*
Shrimp (small)	650.00-800.00	731.33	757.00	798.75	*-25.67*	*-3.39*	*-67.42*	*-8.44*
Thalapath	550.00-720.00	620.50	610.25	606.84	*10.25*	*1.68*	*13.66*	*2.25*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	150.00-320.00	186.58	213.12	206.69	*-26.54*	*-12.45*	*-20.11*	*-9.73*
Hurulla	350.00-520.00	404.88	398.05	402.87	*6.83*	*1.72*	*2.01*	*0.50*
Balaya	350.00-800.00	468.63	479.51	563.14	*-10.88*	*-2.27*	*-94.51*	*-16.78*
Kelawalla	500.00-1100.00	742.03	740.36	749.19	*1.67*	*0.23*	*-7.16*	*-0.96*
Thora	1200.00-1600.00	1338.25	1338.88	1375.23	*-0.63*	*-0.05*	*-36.98*	*-2.69*
Paraw	550.00-1100.00	765.63	786.90	729.87	*-21.27*	*-2.70*	*35.76*	*4.90*
Mora	480.00-960.00	621.39	668.94	638.52	*-47.55*	*-7.11*	*-17.13*	*-2.68*
Shrimp (small)	700.00-1300.00	893.74	896.09	932.06	*-2.35*	*-0.26*	*-38.32*	*-4.11*
Thalapath	600.00-1120.00	811.32	846.90	789.25	*-35.58*	*-4.20*	*22.07*	*2.80*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale prices of some dried fish varieties have slightly decreased while others have slightly increased. However, the change was not significant for most of varieties. The highest price decrease was 10% for local salaya while the highest price increase was 6% for local sprats. Prices of both local and imported kattawa have decreased by 5% while the price of local maduwa has decreased by 5%. In the previous few months 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% - 27% with the highest increase reported for local anguluwa.

Stocks of local dried fish were mainly supplied from Kalpitiya, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Puttlam, Mannar, Jaffna, Valachchenai and Negambo areas. The main importing countries were India, Pakistan, Oman, Vietnam, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates and Thailand.

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs a quantity of 1450mt of dried sprats was imported in July. The total value of the imports was Rs.532mn. The quantity has decreased by about 740mt against the previous month. The CIF price ranged between Rs.232.78-481.70/kg and the highest CIF price recorded for Vietnam dried sprats. The average CIF price was Rs.367.05/kg recording an increase of Rs.22.00/kg against the previous month. Out of the total imports 82% was imported from Thailand, while 12% from the United Arab Emirates. Rest of the stocks were imported from Vietnam, India, Indonesia and Oman in few quantities.

Considering retail market, the prices of all the other dried fish except mora and maduwa have decreased. The decrease was significant for imported sprats, salaya and balaya. The prices of mora and maduwa have increased by 6% and 3% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the other dried fish varieties except thora had increased in the range of 1% - 19% with the highest increase reported for imported sprats.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	750.00-950.00	861.41	811.82	813.58	*49.59*	*6.11*	*47.83*	*5.88*
Sprats (imported)	350.00-580.00	487.84	472.20	480.78	*15.64*	*3.31*	*7.06*	*1.47*
Kattawa	750.00-850.00	800.64	845.00	739.39	*-44.36*	*-5.25*	*61.25*	*8.28*
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-820.00	769.00	807.25	717.92	*-38.25*	*-4.74*	*51.08*	*7.12*
Thora	1100.00-1300.00	1176.79	1160.08	-	*16.70*	*1.44*	-	-
Thora (imported)	950.00-1100.00	1050.94	1035.00	976.58	*15.94*	*1.54*	*74.36*	*7.61*
Mora	780.00-850.00	812.00	808.75	798.61	*3.25*	*0.40*	*13.39*	*1.68*
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	765.31	785.96	764.81	*-20.65*	*-2.63*	*0.50*	*0.07*
Balaya	500.00-620.00	536.34	559.30	538.67	*-22.95*	*-4.10*	*-2.33*	*-0.43*
Balaya (imported)	350.00-560.00	489.00	493.50	540.50	*-4.50*	*-0.91*	*-51.50*	*-9.53*
Anguluwa	700.00-830.00	789.80	774.11	620.68	*15.69*	*2.03*	*169.12*	*27.25*
Anguluwa (imported)	450.00-750.00	674.14	692.25	567.29	*-18.11*	*-2.62*	*106.85*	*18.83*
Maduwa	500.00-680.00	595.25	565.77	531.94	*29.48*	*5.21*	*63.31*	*11.90*
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-520.00	442.32	435.53	452.87	*6.79*	*1.56*	*-10.55*	*-2.33*
Koduwa	-	-	-	550.00	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-320.00	273.42	305.38	266.59	*-31.96*	*-10.47*	*6.83*	*2.56*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	400.00-800.00	622.10	683.62	521.88	*-61.52*	*-9.00*	*100.22*	*19.20*
Sprats	800.00-1500.00	994.12	1032.85	967.36	*-38.73*	*-3.75*	*26.76*	*2.77*
Kattawa	900.00-1500.00	1155.64	1188.22	1072.64	*-32.58*	*-2.74*	*83.00*	*7.74*
Thora	1000.00-1600.00	1371.11	1377.06	1412.08	*-5.95*	*-0.43*	*-40.97*	*-2.90*
Mora	750.00-1300.00	1055.40	999.22	974.58	*56.18*	*5.62*	*80.82*	*8.29*
Balaya	550.00-1100.00	850.12	906.17	816.77	*-56.05*	*-6.19*	*33.35*	*4.08*
Anguluwa	600.00-1200.00	978.39	1005.95	908.08	*-27.56*	*-2.74*	*70.31*	*7.74*
Maduwa	600.00-900.00	731.97	713.69	728.27	*18.28*	*2.56*	*3.70*	*0.51*
Koduwa	-	-	925.00	875.00	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-700.00	542.56	588.62	534.40	*-46.06*	*-7.83*	*8.16*	*1.53*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – February to July 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	1450	532.11	367.05	622.10	*255.05*
June	2190	756.14	345.23	683.62	*338.39*
May	2743	952.61	347.30	656.47	*309.17*
April	1612	573.49	355.68	645.30	*289.62*
March	3152	1252.33	397.37	655.26	*257.89*
February	2135	877.98	411.29	627.91	*216.62*

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

Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had increased significantly by 20% and 22% respectively. Further, an increasing trend in prices was observed throughout the month. The increased demand for eggs during the first week was due to the Ramazan festival and thereafter, limited supply had contributed to these price increases. The monthly average wholesale price of a brown egg was Rs.16.25 and it was Rs.15.25 per white egg. Further, price ranges were Rs.14.50-18.50 per brown egg and Rs.13.50-17.50 per white egg. According to the data in previous years, it can be expected that egg prices could decline in the coming month with the increased supply. Compared to July 2015, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 6% and 9% respectively.

With the increased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 16% and 17% respectively at retail level. The monthly average retail prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.17.44/egg and Rs.16.43/egg respectively. Further, price ranges were Rs.15.00-21.00 per brown egg and Rs.14.00-19.00 per white egg. Compared to July 2015, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 6% and 7% respectively.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	14.50-18.50	16.25	13.50	15.29	*2.75*	*20.37*	*0.96*	*6.28*
White (each)	13.50-17.50	15.25	12.50	14.02	*2.75*	*22.00*	*1.23*	*8.77*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.50-18.50	16.25	13.50	15.29	*2.75*	*20.37*	*0.96*	*6.28*
White (each)	13.50-17.50	15.25	12.50	14.02	*2.75*	*22.00*	*1.23*	*8.77*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The prices of all the meat varieties have increased due to limited farm supply. But the increase was less than 5% and the highest increase was recorded for pork. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased with the highest increase of 14% reported for broiler chicken.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – July 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	750.00-840.00	793.43	791.92	700.97	*1.51*	*0.19*	*92.46*	*13.19*
Chicken (Broiler)	540.00-620.00	584.08	569.91	511.48	*14.17*	*2.49*	*72.60*	*14.19*
Chicken (curry)	450.00-615.00	538.24	524.35	513.43	*13.89*	*2.65*	*24.81*	*4.83*
Mutton	1500.00-1800.00	1587.43	1542.19	1407.14	*45.24*	*2.93*	*180.29*	*12.81*
Pork	550.00-680.00	612.71	584.38	567.67	*28.33*	*4.85*	*45.04*	*7.93*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Total imports of wheat grain have risen to 83,907mt in July and it was an increase of 18,960mt against the previous month. The value of the imported quantity was Rs.2,960mn. The average CIF price of wheat grain was Rs.35.28/kg recording an increase of Rs.1.82/kg when compared to the previous month. Out of the total imports 40 % from Canada, 35% from Russia and 12% each from China and Denmark were imported. The rest was imported from the United Arab Emirates, Australia and India in few quantities. The CIF prices remained in the range of Rs.29.85-51.96/kg and the lowest price was reported for the Indian wheat while the highest price for Denmark from where only a quantity of 142mt was imported. The majority was imported from Canada recorded as 33,519mt at the price of Rs.38.78/kg while 29286mt from Russia fetched Rs.31.18/kg.

Considering wheat flour only a quantity of 171mt valued at Rs.12mn was imported in July. The average CIF price was Rs.69.35/kg with a decrease of Rs.3.34/kg against the previous month.

The retail price of wheat flour in the local market remained in the range of Rs.80.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.91.44/kg in July. Retail price has increased by Rs.1.77/kg against the previous month, while it had increased by 6% when compared to the same period of last year.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2016	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	June 2016		July 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-100.00	91.44	93.21	86.27	*-1.77*	*-1.89*	*5.17*	*6.00*
Sugar	87.00-125.00	95.54	113.46	*82.47*	*-17.92*	*-15.79*	*13.07*	*15.85*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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*
February	246	16.59	67.42	86.72	*19.30*
Wheat Grain					
July	83907	2960.61	35.28	91.44	*56.16*
June	74947	2507.69	33.46	93.21	*59.75*
May	149471	5533.95	37.02	92.74	*55.72*
April	287231	9793.99	34.10	92.23	*58.13*
March	93955	3431.82	36.53	88.81	*52.28*
February	74376	2556.86	34.38	86.72	*52.34*

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

Sugar

The imported quantity of sugar in July was 46482mt and the value of that was Rs.3,603mn. The increasing trend of sugar prices in world market with the beginning of this year is still continuing and in line with that the CIF price has increased further by Rs.4.61/kg against the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.77.51/kg in July and when compared with the price in January it has increased by Rs.16.63/kg recording an increase of 27%.

Among the total imports about 77% was imported from Brazil, 10% from Thailand, 7% from India and 5% from the United Arab Emirates. The rest was imported from Poland, Korea and Indonesia. The CIF price ranged between Rs.75.03-96.32/kg. The lowest CIF price was recorded for Thailand sugar while the highest price was recorded for Indonesian sugar which imported only 25mt. Meanwhile, the highest quantity of 35,866mt which was imported from Brazil fetched the price of Rs.77.04/kg.

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 of 19th July 2016. In line with that the prevailing high prices in first two weeks of the month have significantly decreased from the third week onwards. The average retail price was Rs.95.54/kg and it was a decrease of nearly Rs.18.00/kg against the previous month. But there was an increase of 16% when compared to the same period of last year.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- February to July 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	46482	3602.80	77.51	95.54	*18.03*
June	46098	3358.40	72.85	113.46	*40.61*
May	34659	2350.37	67.81	106.34	*38.53*
April	62589	4042.27	64.58	103.78	*39.20*
March	80915	5083.00	62.82	99.52	*36.70*
February	38492	2430.31	63.14	97.88	*34.74*

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items - July 2016

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compa-red to last month
	July 2016	June 2016		July 2016	June 2016		July 2016	June 2016	
Rice	1,147	2,058	-44.2	74.47	109.70	-32.1	64.90	53.31	21.7
Red Onion	962	1,803	-46.6	62.48	161.08	-61.2	64.92	89.35	-27.3
Big Onion	19,880	20,918	-5.0	620.28	656.81	-5.6	31.20	31.40	-0.6
Potato	14,863	13,471	10.3	492.36	450.50	9.3	33.13	33.44	-0.9
Dried Chillies	4,032	3,683	9.5	1,101.64	1,049.61	5.0	273.23	284.96	-4.1
Masoor Dhal	9,549	11,870	-19.5	1,394.64	1,710.43	-18.5	146.05	144.10	1.3
Green Gram	804	1,284	-37.3	133.52	215.62	-38.1	166.03	167.99	-1.2
Cowpea	683	254	168.3	75.82	24.72	206.7	111.08	97.17	14.3
Garlic	2,893	2,661	8.7	652.17	660.11	-1.2	225.39	248.06	-9.1
Wheat flour	171	254	-32.5	11.88	18.45	-35.6	69.35	72.69	-4.6
Wheat grain	83,907	74,947	12.0	2,975.04	2,507.69	18.6	35.46	33.46	6.0
White crystalline cane sugar	46,482	46,098	0.8	3,602.81	3,358.40	7.3	77.51	72.85	6.4
Maize (Seed)	255	15	-	143.70	6.60	-	563.31	437.00	-
Maize (Other)	50	-	-	4.79	-	-	95.82	-	-
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,450	2,190	-33.8	532.11	756.14	-29.6	367.05	345.23	6.3

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

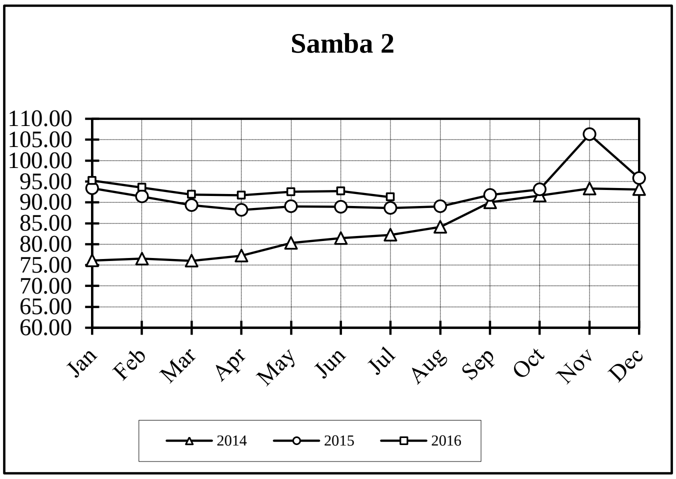
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – July 2016

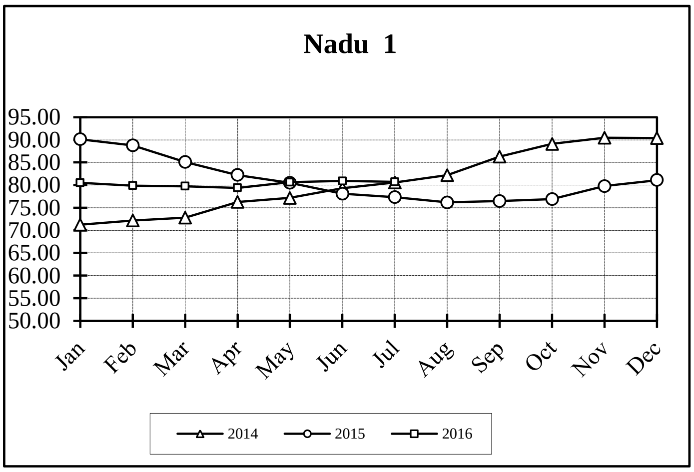
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	14.1	27.1	2	3
Badulla	162.6	69.3	10	6
Bandarawela	67.8	54.7	5	5
Batticaloa	11.9	41.4	3	3
Colombo	49.2	121.9	10	12
Galle	128.2	163.2	16	16
Hambantota	34.8	45.5	5	5
Jaffna	0.2	25.1	1	2
Katugastota	46.7	128.1	12	14
Katunayaka	22.1	99.2	8	10
Kurunegala	85.2	111.2	12	11
Mahailuppallama	4.7	31.0	2	3
Mannar	1.2	12.4	1	1
Nuwara Eliya	117.5	164.9	18	17
Pottuvil	8.7	18.9	2	na
Puttalam	0.2	16.8	1	3
Ratmalana	63.8	132.7	12	12
Ratnapura	193.4	292.8	19	19
Trincomalee	81.2	63.8	6	4
Vavuniya	42.0	43.5	3	3
Polonnaruwa	40.3	na	2	na
Moneragala	37.6	na	5	na
Mattala	14.6	na	4	na

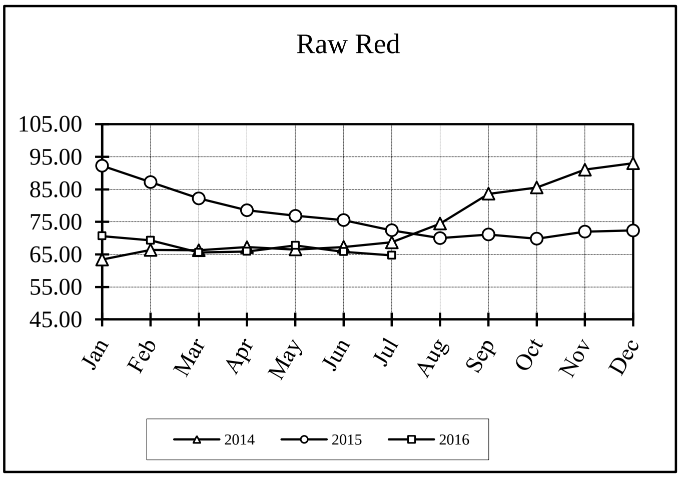
Source: Department of Meteorology

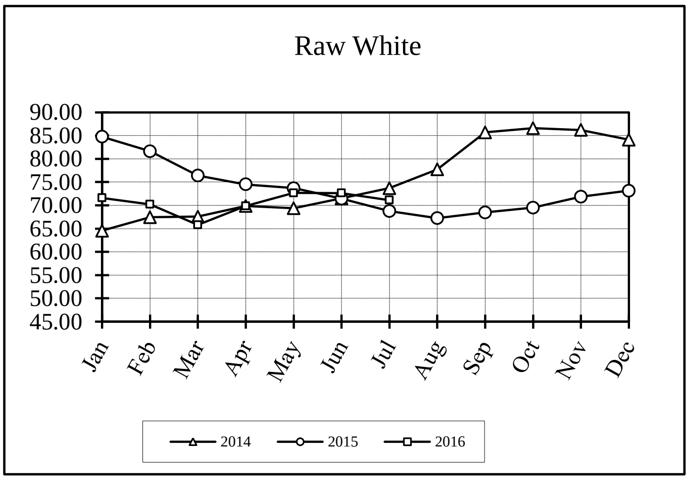
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		82.18	76.16		74.47	69.99		77.75	67.22	
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	



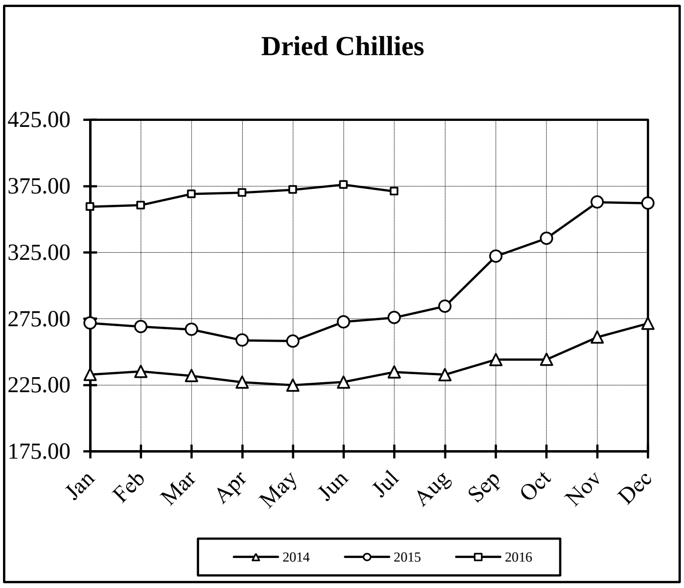


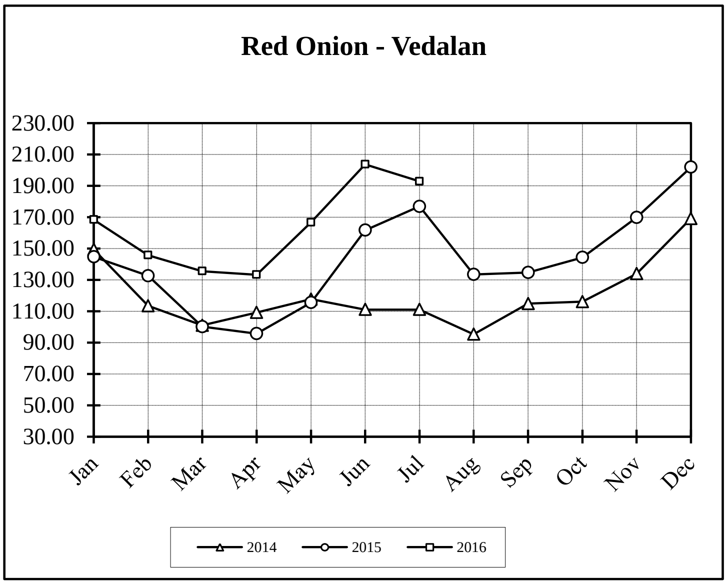


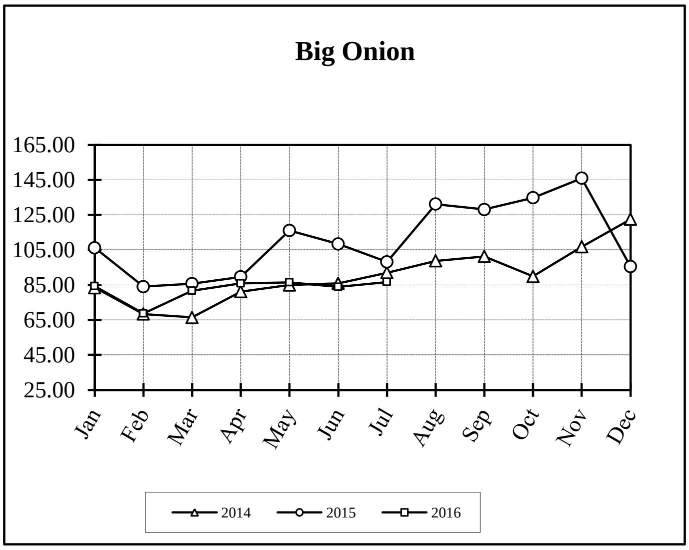


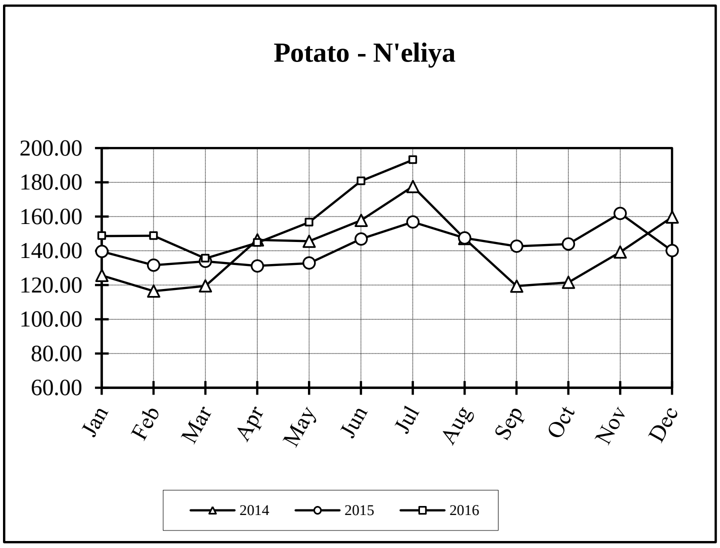
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		95.25	133.51		98.70	131.16		147.11	147.47	
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)

July 2016

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Paddy					**Potato**					**Leeks**				
Short grain					N'Eliya	137.80	133.00	137.00	108.00	Welimada				
A'pura	36.40	35.90	35.70	35.70	Badulla	115.00	125.00	116.00	116.00	N'Eliya	92.20	87.80	77.00	52.00
P'naruwa	35.75	35.10	34.95	34.75	Welimada	128.75	130.00	133.75	124.00					
Kalawewa					**Pulses**					**Beetroot**				
Kurunegala	35.60	35.60	35.40	34.30	**Green Gram**					Hanguranketha				
Dehiattakandiya	39.50	39.50	39.25	37.87	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	97.80	87.00	92.00	47.00
Ampara	36.30	36.30	30.60	30.10	Kalawewa					Dambulla	107.00	102.00	94.40	56.80
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	164.00	164.00	164.00	154.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	32.00	31.60	31.00	31.90	Kurunegala					Welimada	100.00	99.00	84.00	71.00
P'naruwa	33.25	32.81	32.25	32.00	A'pura	157.50	157.50	160.00	160.00	**Knokhol**				
Kalawewa					**Cowpea**					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	33.20	33.20	33.10	32.10	A'pura	165.00	160.00	165.00	180.00	N'Eliya	69.20	63.20	33.00	27.00
Dehiattakandiya	34.33	34.33	33.50	32.50	Galgamuwa					Welimada	76.00	74.00	50.00	34.00
Embilipitiya	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.70	Nikaweratiya	150.00	150.00	150.00	140.00	**Radish**				
Ampara	32.30	32.30	26.60	26.40	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Matara	35.33	34.33	33.33	32.67	Embilipitiya	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00	N'Eliya	37.60	27.00	27.00	18.40
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada	30.00	20.00	15.00	15.00
Long grain (Red)					**Maize**					**Cabbage**				
Matara	31.67	29.67	29.33	29.33	A'Pura			45.00	46.00	Hanguranketha				
Hambantota	30.50	28.80	28.80	29.20	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	77.60	103.00	103.00	78.00
Ampara					**Gingelly**					Welimada	76.00	103.00	91.80	71.00
Embilipitiya	29.40	29.40	28.60	29.40	A'Pura	130.00	131.00	127.00	131.25	Hambantota				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa					Badulla	83.00	116.00	94.00	86.00
Dried Chillies					**Black Gram**					**Tomato**				
A'Pura					Kalawewa					Hanguranketha				
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	250.00	250.00	300.00		Welimada	161.00	111.00	90.80	68.00
Kalawewa					**Vegetables (Up Country)**					Hambantota				
Red Onion					**Beans**					Dambulla	162.00	121.00	80.80	70.80
Puttalam	130.00	130.00	86.00	86.00	Dambulla	124.00	110.00	104.00	137.00	**Low Country**				
					Welimada	161.00	111.00	119.00	151.00	**Ladies Fingers**				
Big Onion					Badulla					A'pura	45.00	45.00	43.00	32.50
Dambulla					**Carrot**					Dambulla	44.80	43.60	23.20	20.60
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha					Hambantota	37.50	52.50	27.50	37.50
A'Pura					N'Eliya	118.40	142.00	102.00	77.00	Embilipitiya	52.40	49.40	49.40	39.40
Kurunegala					Welimada	123.00	131.00	83.00	69.00	Matara	71.67	61.67	68.33	61.67

Appendix 03: contd…..

Commodity	1^{st} Week	2^{nd} Week	3^{rd} Week	4^{th} Week
Brinjals				
A'pura	60.00	48.33	45.00	55.00
Dambulla	41.20	46.20	32.40	52.40
Hambantota	37.50	30.00	35.00	37.50
Embilipitiya	42.40	42.40	56.40	46.00
Matara	53.33	48.33	45.00	45.00
Welimada	59.00	46.00	49.00	55.00
Capsicum				
Welimada	280.00	298.00	308.00	202.00
Bitter Gourd				
A'pura	153.33	122.50	73.33	70.00
Dambulla	112.00	128.00	69.20	63.00
Hambantota	135.00	135.00	125.00	135.00
Embilipitiya	132.40	144.00	144.00	144.00
Matara	123.33	121.67	110.00	103.33
Snake Gourd				
Dambulla	60.20	42.20	33.40	36.00
Hambantota	65.00	62.50	62.50	62.50
Embilipitiya	88.00	67.00	67.00	51.40
Matara	75.00	75.00	75.00	76.67
A'pura	65.00	56.67	45.00	38.33
Luffa				
Dambulla	63.80	61.20	58.80	40.00
Hambantota	75.00	75.00	72.50	75.00
Embilipitiya	117.00	103.00	112.40	67.00
Matara	73.33	71.67	73.33	73.33
A'pura	65.00	61.67	45.00	35.00

Commodity	1^{st} Week	2^{nd} Week	3^{rd} Week	4^{th} Week
Pumpkin				
Dambulla	103.00	135.50	88.40	69.20
Hambantota	110.00	110.00	100.00	70.00
Embilipitiya	112.40	112.40	112.40	76.00
Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A'pura	115.00	135.00	83.33	86.67
Moneragala	44.50	92.50	116.25	67.50
Cucumber				
A'pura	25.00	15.00	11.00	11.00
Dambulla	17.40	10.60	8.60	8.30
Hambantota	22.50	15.00	15.00	13.50
Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long beans				
Dambulla	49.40	50.60	38.20	50.00
Hambantota	57.50	47.50	52.50	57.50
Embilipitiya	64.00	76.40	96.00	81.00
Matara	78.33	56.67	56.67	56.67
A'Pura	45.00	48.33	45.00	50.00
Ash Plantain				
Hambantota	37.50	0.00	30.00	37.50
Embilipitiya	48.40	39.40	39.40	38.00
Matara	65.00	55.00	55.00	53.33
Green Chillies				
Dambulla	576.00	494.00	476.00	312.00
Hambantota	475.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Embilipitiya	547.00	586.00	586.00	340.00
Puttalam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A'Pura	656.67	537.50	575.00	325.00

Commodity	1^{st} Week	2^{nd} Week	3^{rd} Week	4^{th} Week
Lime				
Hambantota	95.00	105.00	105.00	135.00
Embilipitiya	147.00	147.00	147.00	103.00
Moneragala	88.75	101.25	103.75	53.75
Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Banana				
Ambul				
Moneragala	35.00	34.25	31.75	31.75
Embilipitiya	44.40	32.40	56.00	63.00
Hambantota	47.50	37.50	37.50	55.00
Kolikuttu				
Moneragala	122.75	125.25	127.75	125.25
Embilipitiya	134.00	134.00	146.00	151.00
Hambantota	155.00	135.00	135.00	165.00
Papaw				
Moneragala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Embilipitiya	42.40	38.00	38.00	38.00
Hambantota	67.50	67.50	65.00	67.50
Pineapple				
Divulapitiya	88.00	98.00	87.00	94.00