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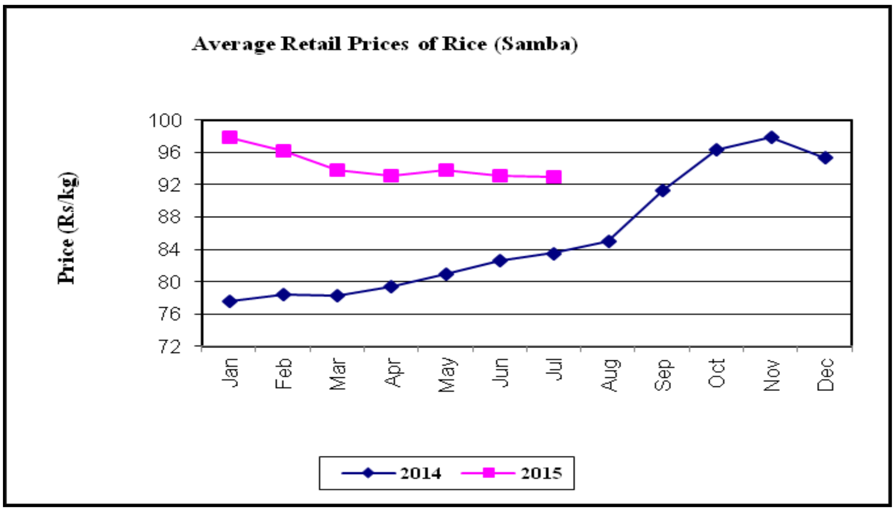

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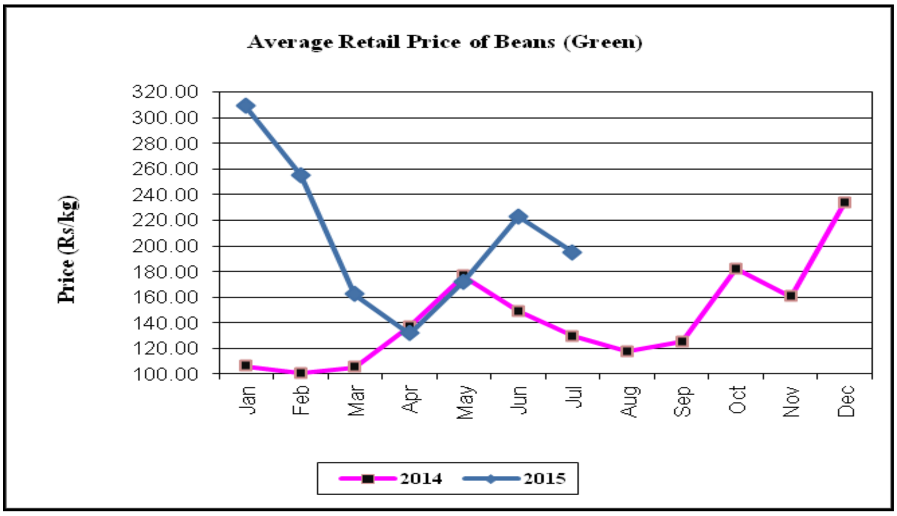

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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of paddy crop in 2015 *Yala* season commenced in Akkareipattu, Samanturai, Seruwila and Batticaloa areas in the Eastern Province. It was recorded that the newly harvested high moisture paddy arrived at the major markets from above mentioned areas. Harvesting also progressed in the wet zone areas in Kurunegala district and Embilipitiya areas. Paddy crop was at the ripening stage in most of the other major producing areas. Field information reveals that the prospects of paddy crop in 2015 *Yala* season were satisfactory and a bumper harvest is expected in most of the major producing areas. According to the crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the cultivated extent of paddy is 502,179 ha and it is the highest ever extent recorded for *Yala* season and 60% above compared to the previous *yala* season. Further the report reveals that the production forecast for the *yala* season is 1.93 million Mt, 68% percent higher than the *Yala* 2014. Prevaling favorable weather condition and better water availability in irrigation tanks caused the progress of paddy cultivation. Peak harvesting can be expected during August in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Mahaweli areas. It is expected that a bumper harvest of paddy would arrive at the market by the end of August, recording a significant decline of paddy prices specially for long grain white varieties.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2015 *yala* season (Up to end of July - 2015)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent (ha)	Production forecast Based on the Progress (mt)	Expected Average Yield (mt/ha)
Anuradhapura	46,883	53,879	115	184,396	3.4
Polonnaruwa	32,166	32,378	101	132,005	4.1
Ampara	55,534	57,136	103	259,537	4.5
Kurunagala	67,440	64,124	95	224,111	3.5
Hambantota	28,458	27,850	98	117,586	4.2
Colombo	2,970	1,515	51	3,690	2.4
Gampaha	7,172	4,730	66	12,573	2.7
Kalutara	11,195	7,774	69	18,536	2.4
Galle	12,800	5,745	45	12,707	2.2
Matara	16,600	15,598	94	40,733	2.6
Ratnapura	10,389	8,218	79	25,411	3.1
Kegalle	8,254	5,177	63	13,376	2.6
Puttalam	16,285	15,156	93	48,804	3.2
Kandy	11,285	9,694	86	27,817	2.9
Matale	16,240	11,005	68	41,101	3.7
Nuwara Eliya	3,660	802	22	1,580	2.0
Badulla	9,540	8,548	90	32,457	3.8
Moneragala	20,742	18,415	89	68,757	3.7
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,535	6,928	106	28,568	4.1
Vavuniya	7,454	7,912	106	32,615	4.1
Mullaitivu	6,410	6,070	95	23,768	3.9
Mannar	2,762	2,762	100	11,800	4.3
Trincomalee	24,130	23,321	97	98,641	4.2
Batticaloa	25,598	24,466	96	91,448	3.7
Udawalawa	10,807	12,426	115	62,008	5.0
System H	12,216	18,923	155	76,036	4.0
System H1	6,200	5,464	88	25,663	4.7
System B	18,000	19,266	107	90,486	4.7
System C	19,000	21,959	116	103,134	4.7
System G	4,800	4,393	92	20,632	4.7
System L	365	545	149	2,560	4.7
Sri Lanka	**521,890**	**502,179**	**96**	**1,932,536**	**3.8**

Source: Department of Agriculture

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – July 2015

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	June 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	38.00-42.00	37.00-40.00	40.00	37.88	40.75	*2.13*	*5.61*	*-0.75*	*-1.84*
Polonnaruwa	39.00-43.00	39.50-42.50	40.98	41.41	41.43	*-0.44*	*-1.05*	*-0.46*	*-1.10*
Kalawewa	38.00-42.00	38.00-41.00	40.73	39.37	41.59	*1.36*	*3.46*	*-0.86*	*-2.07*
Kurunegala	34.00-46.50	45.00-46.50	41.40	45.78	41.70	*-4.38*	*-9.57*	*-0.30*	*-0.72*
Dehiattakandiya	40.00-42.00	40.00-42.00	40.60	40.80	41.69	*-0.20*	*-0.49*	*-1.09*	*-2.61*
Nikaweratiya	35.00-46.00	45.00-47.00	41.20	45.80	41.75	*-4.60*	*-10.04*	*-0.55*	*-1.32*
Ampara	34.00-35.00	34.00-36.00	34.60	34.92	-	*-0.32*	*-0.92*	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	25.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	27.83	31.13	39.75	*-3.30*	*-10.60*	*-11.92*	*-30.00*
Polonnaruwa	27.00-31.00	31.00-34.00	28.80	32.56	40.85	*-3.76*	*-11.55*	*-12.05*	*-29.50*
Kalawewa	24.00-33.00	32.00-33.00	28.06	32.33	41.05	*-4.27*	*-13.20*	*-12.99*	*-31.64*
Kurunegala	26.00-35.50	34.50-35.50	30.75	35.10	40.73	*-4.35*	*-12.39*	*-9.98*	*-24.50*
Dehiattakandiya	20.00-30.00	30.00-32.00	25.85	30.64	42.25	*-4.79*	*-15.63*	*-16.40*	*-38.82*
Embilipitiya	29.00-32.00	31.00-36.00	30.85	33.92	39.80	*-3.07*	*-9.05*	*-8.95*	*-22.49*
Nikaweratiya	23.00-35.00	34.00-35.50	29.60	34.86	40.63	*-5.26*	*-15.09*	*-11.03*	*-27.15*
Matara	32.00-35.00	34.00-36.00	33.42	34.60	42.08	*-1.18*	*-3.42*	*-8.67*	*-20.59*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	27.00-28.50	28.00-31.00	27.75	29.09	-	*-1.34*	*-4.61*	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-33.00	30.00-35.00	31.33	32.60	36.40	*-1.27*	*-3.88*	*-5.07*	*-13.92*
Hambantota	28.00-35.00	33.00-35.00	32.00	34.00	37.38	*-2.00*	*-5.88*	*-5.38*	*-14.39*
Embilipitiya	27.00-31.00	30.00-34.00	29.20	32.08	36.40	*-2.88*	*-8.98*	*-7.20*	*-19.78*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Producer Prices

From the beginning of the month producer prices of paddy varieties specially for long grain white have shown a declining trend in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the arrival of newly harvested wet paddy from producing areas in the Eastern province. In addition, farmers' tendency to release their old paddy stocks by anticipating *Yala* harvest also led to accelerate the price decline. However, farmgate prices of old paddy stocks were always higher than the newly harvested wet paddy. Compared to the last month's price, long grain white paddy have decreased by Rs3.00/kg- 5.00/kg in all major producing areas with the highest decrease in Nikaweratiya. However a significant decline of short grain prices was recorded in Kurunegala and Nikaweratiya only. Prices of long grain red have decreased by less than Rs3.00/Kg in the producing areas in the Southern province. It is expected that prices will further decline next month due to the peak harvesting in most of the major producing areas.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the paddy varieties have decreased considerably with the highest decline in long grain white. Prices of long grain white, long grain red and short grain paddy varieties have decreased in the range of 20%-39%, 14% -20% and less than 3% respectively. The highest decrease for long grain white was recorded in Dehiattakandiya, followed by Kalawewa and Anuradhapura.

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale prices

New rice stocks of 2015 *yala* season has reached to the market at the beginning of the month, and therefore it could be seen the price decrease of most of the rice varieties. Due to high quality rice stocks which produced by old paddy stocks of the last season, it was reported that the small price increase of samba varieties in the first week of this month. Later on its prices have gradually decreased with the high supply from major rice producing areas. Also, the decrease of prices of nadu, raw red and raw white was observed within the whole month. The highest price decrease of 8% was reported for raw red while the prices have decreased by 6% for both nadu grade II and raw white, by 4% for nadu grade I and by approximately 1% for all the other rice varieties. The price of samba rice has decreased by less than 1%. However, short grain harvesting of the *yala* season will begin on month of August and September. Consequently, new samba rice stocks will be reached to the market on those months and it is expected that the further price increase of samba rice. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month have decreased by about 50% in line with the last month and the imported amount was 3,133mt while basmamathi rice was the highest import amongst them. The price of imported *ponni* samba has decreased within the first half of the month and however it was increased at the end of the month.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of nadu and raw white had decreased by 10%-19%, while the prices of all the other rice varieties had increased by 1%-37%.

Retail Prices

The price behavior in the wholesale market was depicted in the retail market too. The prices have decreased by Rs.3.00/kg for raw varieties, by Rs.2.00/kg for nadu grade II and by approximately Rs.1.00/kg for all the other rice varieties. The highest price of Rs. 110.00/kg was reported for imported *ponni* samba and the lowest price of Rs.60.00/kg was reported for raw white.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of nadu and raw white had decreased by 3%-7%, while the prices of all the other rice varieties had increased by 5%-30%.

Table1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – July 2015

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	86.00-93.00	89.24	89.69	83.24	*-0.45*	*-0.50*	*6.00*	*7.21*
Samba 2	78.00-85.00	80.66	80.81	75.95	*-0.15*	*-0.19*	*4.70*	*6.19*
Samba 3	75.00-78.00	76.00	-	73.62	-	-	*2.38*	*3.23*
Nadu 1	63.00-70.00	66.35	69.19	73.61	*-2.84*	*-4.10*	*-7.26*	*-9.87*
Nadu 2	52.00-67.00	61.95	66.25	71.89	*-4.29*	*-6.48*	*-9.94*	*-13.82*
Raw red	58.00-68.00	62.50	67.80	61.95	*-5.29*	*-7.81*	*0.55*	*0.89*
Raw white	53.00-61.00	56.58	59.95	69.68	*-3.37*	*-5.62*	*-13.10*	*-18.80*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	90.00-94.00	92.65	93.18	67.59	*-0.53*	*-0.57*	*25.06*	*37.07*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	43.96	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	93.00-105.00	97.25	97.31	91.47	*-0.06*	*-0.06*	*5.78*	*6.32*
Samba 2	85.00-90.00	88.66	88.93	82.22	*-0.27*	*-0.30*	*6.44*	*7.83*
Samba 3	82.00-84.00	83.00	-	76.87	-	-	*6.13*	*7.97*
Nadu 1	75.00-80.00	77.33	78.08	80.59	*-0.75*	*-0.96*	*-3.26*	*-4.05*
Nadu 2	65.00-76.00	72.69	74.68	74.88	*-1.99*	*-2.66*	*-2.19*	*-2.92*
Raw red	62.00-80.00	72.36	75.50	68.70	*-3.14*	*-4.16*	*3.66*	*5.33*
Raw white	60.00-80.00	68.75	71.45	73.70	*-2.70*	*-3.78*	*-4.95*	*-6.72*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	95.00-110.00	100.89	101.56	77.68	*-0.67*	*-0.66*	*23.21*	*29.88*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	65.49	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops
2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

The targeted extent of green chillies of yala 2015 was 7,166 ha out of which 4,588 ha (64%) was achieved by the end of July in Sri Lanka. The highest cultivated extent of 626 ha was recorded in the Anuradhapura district and it represents 79% of the targeted extent. The production forecast of chillies for the season is 24,227 mt and out of that 59% of the production could be expected from Anuradhapura (37%), Puttalam (12%) and Monaragala (10%) districts. Compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extent of green chillies in Sri Lanka has increased by about 4% (160 ha) due to favorable weather condition during this yala season.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of green chillies by the end of July – 2015

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2015		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Anuradhapura	791	626	79	8,873
Puttalam	850	414	49	2,945
Monaragala	406	383	94	2,375
Hambantota	493	319	65	1,140
Matale	371	194	52	1,009
Ampara	324	214	66	552
Kandy	313	163	52	835
Other areas	3,618	2,275	63	6,498
Total	**7,166**	**4,588**	**64**	**24,227**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chillies from the main producing areas had decreased during this month too. Hence, the both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies had increased significantly by about Rs.178.00/kg and Rs.273.00/kg respectively. Producer prices of green chillies ranged between Rs.204.00-550.00/kg during this month and the highest price was recorded in Hambantota district in the third week of the month. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.336.94/kg and Rs.533.43/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 decreased by about 32% and 22% respectively.

A quantity of 3,987 mt of dried chillies was imported during the month and it was an increase of 1,064 mt compared to that of the last month. The CIF price was Rs.205.64/kg and it was an increase of Rs.2.50/kg compared to the previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about Rs.3.00/kg due to increased imported prices and high prices of green chillies. The average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies were Rs.238.38/kg and Rs.275.90/kg respectively and both prices have increased by about 26% and 17% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chillies and Green Chillies - July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green chillies	200.00-450.00	336.94	159.11	496.87	*177.83*	*111.77*	*-159.93*	*-32.19*
Dried chillies	235.00-245.00	238.38	234.83	188.59	*3.55*	*1.51*	*49.79*	*26.40*
Retail Price								
Green chillies	320.00-700.00	533.43	260.45	687.31	*272.98*	*104.81*	*-153.88*	*-22.39*
Dried chillies	240.00-300.00	275.90	272.61	234.85	*3.29*	*1.21*	*41.05*	*17.48*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies - February to July 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	3,986.71	819.85	205.64	275.90	70.26
June	2,923.47	593.87	203.14	272.61	69.47
May	4,082.94	754.08	184.69	258.15	73.46
Apr	3,215.57	584.85	181.88	258.81	76.93
Mar	6,478.41	1,179.43	182.06	266.95	84.89
Feb	4,520.79	863.63	191.04	269.09	78.05

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – July 2015

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	345.00	364.00	348.00	208.00
Hambantota	225.00	292.50	550.00	210.00
Embilipitiya	406.00	452.00	313.00	303.00
Puttalam	460.00	460.00	218.60	204.00
A'Pura	-	-	-	277.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

In the Matale district about 1,779 ha had been cultivated representing 51% of the total targeted extent by the end of July 2015. About 34% decrease in the cultivated extent was observed in the Matale district against the previous *yala* season as most of the farmers cultivated paddy instead of big onion and the prevailed unfavorable weather condition for big onion cultivation at the beginning of the season. Cultivation delay was also observed during this season by 20 days. About 910 ha of big onion has been cultivated during this month in Matale district and it was the highest cultivated extent when compared to the other months. At the end of July the highest cultivated extent of big onion was reported from Dambulla are (770 ha) and followed by Sigiriya (535 ha).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion in Matale district

Areas	*Yala* 2014						*Yala* 2015						% change compared to previous *yala*
	Target	April	May	June	July	Total	Target	April	May	June	July	Total	
Dambulla	1,500	05	100	465	436	1,006	1,500	-	110	170	490	770	-23
Sigiriya	1,000	02	19	449	160	630	800	-	111	345	79	535	-15
Galewela	600	01	04	190	328	523	425	-	-	34	195	229	-56
Dewahuwa	250	-	02	25	176	203	275	-	01	25	81	107	-47
Other areas	650	-	18	298	25	341	500	-	35	38	65	138	-60
Total	**4,000**	**08**	**143**	**1,427**	**1,125**	**2,703**	**3,500**	**-**	**257**	**612**	**910**	**1,779**	**-34**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

It is predicted that the big onion production will be nearly 35,590 mt in Matale district and out of that about 73% is expected from Dambulla and Sigiriya areas. However, expected production of big onion during this season in Matale district had also dropped by about 34% when compared to that of the previous *yala* season due to decrease in cultivated extent. About 14% of the production would be harvested in August, 40% in September and 46% of the total harvesting will take place during the month of October and it will be the peak harvesting season due to cultivation delay at the beginning of the season.

Table 2.2.2: Expected Production of Big Onion in Matale district

Areas	2014 *Yala* (mt)						2015 *Yala* (mt)				% change compared to previous *yala*
	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total Production (mt)	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total Production (mt)	
Dambulla	100	2,000	6,510	9,330	2,180	20,120	2,200	4,380	8,820	15,400	-23
Sigiriya	40	380	6,286	5,094	800	12,600	2,220	7,059	1,431	10,710	-15
Galewela	20	80	2,660	6,060	1,640	10,460	-	1,070	3,510	4,580	-56
Dewahuwa	-	40	350	2,796	882	4,068	20	662	1,458	2,140	-47
Other areas	-	360	4,172	2,163	125	6,828	700	890	1,170	2,760	-60
Total	**160**	**2,860**	**19,978**	**25,443**	**5,627**	**54,068**	**5,140**	**14,061**	**16,389**	**35,590**	**-34**

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The cultivation progress of big onion in Anuradhapura district was at a satisfactory level and 1,441 ha have been achieved by the end of July. A good cultivation progress of big onion was observed in system H_1 (Huruluwewa, Galkiriyagama and Madatugama) areas and at the end of July about 1,081 ha of big onion had been cultivated. Total big onion production for *yala* 2015 was estimated at nearly 77,990 mt and out of that around 92% will be supplied from Matale (46%), Anuradhapura (30%) and system H_1 (16%).

Table 2.2.3: Cultivation progress of big onion at the end of July 2015

Areas	Target Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2015		Expected Production
		Cultivated extent (ha)	% of the target	
Matale	3,500	1,779	51	35,590
Anuradhapura	2,395	1,441	60	23,200
System H1	1,500	1,081	72	12,787
System H	450	328	73	3,880
Other areas	1,352	259	19	2,533
Total	**9,197**	**4,888**	**53**	**77,990**

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The cultivated extent of red onion for this *yala* season was at a satisfactory level and 2,735 ha had been cultivated by the end of July representing 50% of the targeted extent in Sri Lanka. The highest cultivated extent was reported from Jaffna (1,033 ha) and harvesting had commenced this month.

The production forecast of red onion of this *yala* season is about 32,029 mt and out of that around 71% was supplied from Jaffna (42%), Puttalam (21%) and Vavuniya (8%).

Table 2.2.4: Cultivation Progress of red onion at the end of July 2015

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2015		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the target	
Jaffna	2,000	1,033	52	13,299
Puttalam	1,100	505	46	6,808
Trincomalee	244	130	53	1,817
Vavuniya	490	212	43	2,665
Mullaitivu	430	151	35	1,663
Monaragala	280	246	88	2,255
Other areas	931	458	49	3,522
Total	**5,475**	**2,735**	**50**	**32,029**

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Limited stocks of local big onion had arrived the be market since last week of the month from Dambulla area. A quantity of 19,530 mt of big onion was imported in July 2015 which was about 2,864 mt lesser compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.56.09/kg and it has increased by Rs.3.50/kg against the previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.11.00/kg and Rs.10.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market. Limited stocks of local big onion were available only at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.85.00/kg-87.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of imported big onion has decreased by about 4%, while the retail price has increased by 7%.

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan red onion from Jaffna, Puttalam and other producing areas has decreased at the beginning of the month. Hence, wholesale prices of both sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.3.00/kg and Rs.4.00/kg respectively. Retail price of vedalan has also increased by about Rs.15.00/kg due to increased wholesale prices. However, supply of local red onion from Kalpitiya area in Puttalam district, and Nilaweli area in Trincomalee district has increased since the third week of the month and good quality red onion were available at the market. Price of local red onion will decrease during coming months with the increase of supply from main producing areas.

About 847 mt of red onion were imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 536 mt compared to that of the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.105.38/kg and it was an increase of Rs.3.90/kg compared to that of the last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.8.00/kg and Rs.4.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, current retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 54% and 41% respectively.

Table 2.2.5: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion July 2015

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	60.00-135.00	106.94	103.56	44.22	*3.39*	*3.27*	*62.73*	*141.87*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	85.00-165.00	136.20	131.81	64.87	*4.39*	*3.33*	*71.33*	*109.96*
Red Onion (Imported)	75.000-140.00	123.88	115.36	56.74	*8.52*	*7.38*	*67.14*	*118.33*
Big Onion (imported)	50.00-95.00	70.99	82.29	73.67	*-11.30*	*-13.73*	*-2.68*	*-3.63*
Big Onion (Local)	85.00-87.00	85.87	-	73.25	-	-	*12.62*	*17.23*
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	125.00	87.50	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	120.00-200.00	176.85	161.67	114.78	*15.18*	*9.39*	*62.07*	*54.08*
Red Onion (Imported)	120.00-200.00	147.29	142.85	104.55	*4.44*	*3.11*	*42.74*	*40.88*
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-140.00	98.64	108.39	91.93	*-9.75*	*-9.00*	*6.71*	*7.30*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: 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.2015	56.09	70.99	98.64	*14.90*	*27.65*
	June.2015	52.59	82.29	108.39	*29.70*	*26.10*
	July.2014	49.13	73.67	91.93	*24.54*	*18.26*
Red onion	July.2015	105.38	123.88	147.29	*18.49*	*23.42*
	June.2015	101.48	115.36	142.85	*13.88*	*27.49*
	July.2014	57.45	56.74	104.55	*-0.71*	*47.81*

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

Table 2.2.7: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	July 2015	June 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2015	June 2015
Red Onion	847.18	1383.50	89.28	140.39	105.38	101.48
Big Onion	19530.12	22393.78	1095.39	1177.67	56.09	52.59

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.8: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion - February to July 2015

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
July	19530.12	56.09	70.99	98.64	42.55
June	22393.78	52.59	82.29	108.39	55.80
May	22288.23	45.53	91.21	115.99	70.46
Apr	17614.60	44.27	62.85	89.56	45.29
Mar	22313.71	45.33	61.69	85.73	40.40
Feb	20840.51	42.40	58.45	83.99	41.59

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2015 is 3,076 ha and about 1,848 ha were cultivated by the end of July achieving 60% of the total targeted extent. 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 1,320ha. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato for this *yala* season is 29,504 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, about 583 ha of potato were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 68% of the targeted extent. 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, receiving high price in last *maha* season and due to the seed distribution programme of the Department of Agriculture.

In the Badulla districts, the targeted extent is 2,214 ha for this *yala* season and about 1,264 ha was cultivated by the end of this month achieving 57% of the targeted extent. During the month, about 987 ha of potato was cultivated. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2014, the cultivated extent is at a low level in *yala* 2015 in the district.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (*Yala*2015)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	Yala 2014*	*Yala* 2015	*Yala* 2014*	*Yala* 2015	*Yala* 2015	
N'Eliya	900	860	483	583	68	9,737
Badulla	2,198	2,214	1,503	1,264	57	19,768
Sri Lanka	**3,098**	**3,076**	**1,986**	**1,848**	**60**	**29,504**

Source: MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2014, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 17,005 mt of potato had been imported in July which was 5,033 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month as the special commodity levy for imported potato has been reduced to Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 06/06/2015. Imported stocks were received from Pakistan, India, China and Bangladesh. About 40% of the imported stocks were received from

Pakistan during this month. Compared to July, 2014 (24,353 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.36.96/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 in the Badulla district. Also, the supply of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased slightly. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 3% and 10% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.104.00/kg in July. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 17% and 9% respectively due to availability of ample stocks. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.90.00-130.00/kg and Rs.57.00-100.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (12%) and imported (17%) potatoes have decreased. Supply of local potato will be high from the end of August due to commencement of the *yala* harvesting.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes - February to July 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	17005.16	628.57	36.96	100.13	*63.17*
June	11972.16	369.73	30.88	110.13	*79.25*
May	5965.66	132.55	22.22	108.23	*86.01*
Apr	12471.59	302.80	24.28	90.97	*66.69*
Mar	8118.18	231.96	28.57	92.29	*63.72*
Feb	15462.91	483.51	31.27	79.99	*48.72*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	-	-	93.95	104.24	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	95.00-110.00	104.15	105.04	124.35	*-0.89*	*-0.85*	*-20.20*	*-16.24*
Imported – CIF	26.73-47.85	36.96	30.88	39.39	*6.08*	*19.69*	*-2.43*	*-6.17*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	99.13	120.13	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	90.00-130.00	119.31	116.15	140.41	*3.16*	*2.72*	*-21.10*	*-15.02*
Imported	57.00-100.00	72.96	88.50	86.82	*-15.53*	*-17.55*	*-13.86*	*-15.96*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	120.00-200.00	156.77	146.91	177.57	*9.86*	*6.71*	*-20.80*	*-11.71*
Imported	80.00-160.00	100.13	110.13	121.02	*-10.00*	*-9.08*	*-20.89*	*-17.26*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		52.62	41.87	53.22	*10.75*	*25.67*	*-0.60*	*-1.13*
Imported (CIF-RP)		63.17	79.25	81.63	*-16.08*	*-20.29*	*-18.46*	*-22.61*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		37.46	30.76	37.16	*6.70*	*21.76*	*0.30*	*0.80*
Imported		27.17	21.63	34.20	*5.53*	*25.57*	*-7.03*	*-20.56*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green gram for *yala* 2015 is 10,710 ha and out of which about 3,933 ha were cultivated by the end of July representing 37% of the total targeted extent. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2014, the cultivated extent is low in all the major producing areas for *yala* 2015 due to increased extent of paddy in most of the producing areas with favourable weather condition. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of green gram is 5,596 mt for this *yala* season. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 3,537 ha for this *yala* season and only 425 ha were cultivated by the end of this month. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 1,250 ha and 880 ha respectively and about 687 ha and 343 ha were cultivated by the end of July achieving 55% and 39% of the targeted extents.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 8,414 ha for *yala* 2015 and about 3,525 ha were cultivated by the end of July achieving 42% of the targeted extent. The highest targeted extent of 3,584 ha was recorded in the Ampara district for this *yala* season and about 1,448 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 40% of the targeted extent. In Kurunegala and Moneragala districts, the targeted extents were 1,250 ha and 584 ha respectively and about 332 ha and 509 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 26% and 87% of the targeted extents. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2014, the cultivated extents of cowpea in all the districts were at a low level during this *yala* season due to increased cultivation of paddy during this *yala* season.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (*Yala* 2015)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
		Yala 2014*	*Yala* 2015	*Yala* 2014*	*Yala* 2015	*Yala* 2015	
Green gram	Hambantota	4,690	3,537	4,303	425	12	608
	Kurunegala	720	1,250	809	687	55	518
	Moneragala	618	880	502	343	39	440
	Sri Lanka	**12,556**	**10,710**	**9,251**	**3,933**	**37**	**5,596**
Cowpea	Ampara	4,222	3,584	1,787	1,448	40	2,458
	Kurunegala	814	1,250	405	332	26	232
	Moneragala	709	584	772	509	87	542
	Sri Lanka	**8,542**	**8,414**	**4,940**	**3,525**	**42**	**4,707**

***Source:** MFPAD/HARTI*
Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
**Crop Forecast No.4, Yala 2014, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA*

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,506 mt of green gram was imported in July and it was 45 mt lower than the quantity imported in June. The average CIF price was Rs.177.00/kg in July. About 81% of the imports were received from Australia. In addition to that, few stocks were received from Argentina and Myanmar. Compared to July, 2014 (671 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was higher in July, 2015. Wholesale and retail prices of green gram have decreased by 8% and 4% respectively during this month due to availability of sufficient stocks of imported green gram. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.150.00-198.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 26%.

A quantity of 214 mt of cowpea was imported in July and about 78% of that was received from Myanmar. The average CIF price was Rs.118.00/kg. Wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 1% while the retail price has decreased by 1%. However, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have decreased by 3% and 2% respectively due to high stocks of local cowpea. During the month, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.165.00-225.00/kg and Rs.200.00-225.00/kg respectively. Imported stocks fetched a high price. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of white cowpea (5%) has decreased, while the price of red cowpea (5%) has increased.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram - February to July 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	1,506	266.09	176.63	239.67	63.04
June	1,551	264.00	170.21	249.99	79.78
May	697	122.00	175.04	258.41	83.37
Apr	1,497	268.00	179.02	268.51	89.49
Mar	1,817	316.00	173.91	272.89	98.98
Feb	1,104	200.00	181.16	284.50	103.34

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

Table 2.4.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea- July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	150.00-198.00	181.22	197.92	284.65	-16.70	-8.44	-103.43	-36.34
Cowpea (White)	165.00-225.00	196.75	194.68	170.72	2.08	1.07	26.03	15.25
Cowpea (Red)	200.00-225.00	196.73	202.20	150.89	-5.47	-2.71	45.83	30.37
Retail Prices								
Green gram	200.00-270.00	239.67	249.99	324.25	-10.32	-4.13	-84.58	-26.08
Cowpea (White)	200.00-280.00	245.32	248.62	256.94	-3.30	-1.33	-11.62	-4.52
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-300.00	241.59	247.55	229.96	-5.96	-2.41	11.63	5.06

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.4: 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.2015	176.63	181.22	239.67	4.59	58.45
	June.2015	170.21	197.92	249.99	27.71	52.07
	July.2014	178.54	284.65	324.25	106.11	39.60
Cowpea (White)	July.2015	118.52	196.75	245.32	78.23	48.57
	June.2015	-	194.68	248.62	-	53.94
	July.2014	-	170.72	256.94	-	86.22
Cowpea (Red)	July.2015	-	196.73	241.59	-	44.87
	June.2015	-	202.20	247.55	-	45.35
	July.2014	-	150.89	229.96	-	79.07

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 10,858 mt of red dhal was imported in July and it was 2,311 mt lower than the quantity imported in June. About 81% of the stocks had been received from Australia. Compared to July, 2014 (12,714 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.131.00/kg during the month.

Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal have decreased by 5% and 3% respectively. The average wholesale price was Rs.169.00/kg in July. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal has increased by 14%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – July 2015

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	160.00-185.00	169.28	177.47	149.85	-8.20	-4.62	19.42	12.96
Retail Price	170.00-220.00	188.24	193.97	165.01	-5.73	-2.95	23.23	14.08

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: The CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red - February to July 2015

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
July	10858.38	131.45	169.28	188.24	37.83	18.96
June	13169.48	129.29	177.47	193.97	48.18	16.50
May	10190.51	120.63	184.48	196.02	63.85	11.55
Apr	13848.16	122.90	165.69	176.96	42.79	11.27
Mar	17518.79	119.23	159.87	177.11	40.64	17.24
Feb	16159.64	119.79	161.68	171.71	41.89	10.03

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

With the reaching of early phase of the *Yala* harvesting season, the supply started showing an increasing trend from all the upcountry major producing areas. In the meantime, crop establishment has progressed well in all the upcountry areas. In Matale district, the set target for *Yala* season is 4,363 ha of which 1,759 ha were achieved by the end of July. The cultivation progress in the district was 13% higher than the same period of last year. Regarding Badulla district, the reported cultivation progress at the end of July was 40% of the seasonal target of 6,504 ha. In Nuwara Eliya district, the set target for upcountry varieties in the *Yala* season is 5,433 ha of which 3,218 ha were achieved by the end of July, recording an achievement of 59% of the seasonal target. Further, crop establishment for *Yala* season has progressed well in the Kandy district with the rainy weather continuing in the cultivation season. The crop progress for major vegetables in the district was 78% at the end of July. In Ratnapura district, beans cultivation has recorded 86% progress of the seasonal target, by the end of July.

Crop establishment has continued well, in all the lowcountry major producing areas of low country districts with the received rainfall throughout the cultivation season. In Ratnapura district, the set target for lowcountry varieties in the *Yala* season is 1,380 ha for lowcountry varieties, whilst the extent cultivated by the end of July was 1,000 ha. In the meantime, vegetable cultivation has progressed well in Puttalam district reporting the highest cultivation extent for long beans as 400 ha followed by beetroot as 198 ha. In Hambantota district, reported lowcountry vegetable cultivation extent was 3,091 ha, marking almost a 100% cultivation progress compared to the same period of the last year.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

With the reaching of early phase of the *Yala* harvesting season for vegetables, high supplies have reached the market from all the major producing areas of upcountry vegetables such as Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, Badulla, Kandy, Matale and Ratnapura, in July. The total supply of vegetables in the Matale district was around 7,700 mt in July, which recorded a 103% compared to previous month. The highest supply from the district was recorded for cucumber, knokhol and sweet potato as 500 mt for each, within the month of July. The daily supply of vegetables at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre was around 1,500-1,800 mt in July, which recorded a 50% increase compared to last month.

Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of almost all the vegetable varieties have decreased in July, compared to previous month, due to increasing trend in market supplies. The highest price decrease was reported for radish as 44% followed by leeks as 41% and cabbage as 37%. Prices of all the other upcountry varieties have decreased in the range of 14%-31% due to high supplies. High stocks of leeks, radish and cabbage have reached the market from Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Matale and Kandy had caused a considerable price decreases in this month. Rainy weather that prevailed throughout the growing season has increased the water availability for agricultural purposes and raised the extent cultivated in upcountry areas, considerably. Due to continued supply, prices remained low for three weeks in the considered month.

As the harvesting of tomato continued up to the first week of June, in the cultivation that had been established in the previous season, re-planting of tomato was delayed in current *Yala* season. Prevailed favorable weather condition had caused increased harvesting length for tomato cultivation in the last *Maha* season. Therefore, supply of tomato has reduced considerably in July and as a result prices have increased in a higher margin as 125% in July compared to June. Along with tomato, prices of capsicum have also increased by 12% in July.

The supply of most of the domestic vegetables has increased in the peak harvesting season and thereby prices have decreased for most of the varieties except for pumpkin, luffa and ash plantain. The highest prices decrease was recorded for drumsticks as 74% followed by cucumber as 26% and long beans as 12%. Prices of other varieties except pumpkin, luffa and ash plantain have decreased in a range of 1% -11%, due to high supplies. As major low country producing such as Hambantota has recorded 100% crop progress compared to same period of the last year, continued supply has reached the market thorough the month.

Stocks of pumpkin have continued to reach the market from Monaragala and Anuradhapura, in the last month, and thereby prices had decreased up to Rs.17.00/kg in June. This was evident due to delayed planting of pumpkin in last *Maha* season. With the ending of *Maha* supply of pumpkin, the supply has reduced considerably hence prices have increased by a higher margin, 71% compared to last month. With the supply of *Yala* harvest in August, prices are expected to reduce compared to the current month.

Regarding lime, a price decrease of 30% was experienced in July, compared to previous month, due to increased supply from Monaragala. Meanwhile, prices of green chilies have further increased by 111% due to decreased supply from Jaffna and Puttalam.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had decreased in July. The highest price decrease was reported for drumsticks as 78% followed by 23% for beetroot.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-160.00	134.98	162.56	85.34	*-27.58*	*-16.97*	*49.64*	*58.17*
Carrot	90.00-180.00	123.34	177.79	109.61	*-54.45*	*-30.63*	*13.73*	*12.53*
Leeks	50.00-90.00	70.29	119.51	44.50	*-49.22*	*-41.18*	*25.79*	*57.96*
Beetroot	50.00-130.00	90.70	105.65	86.52	*-14.95*	*-14.15*	*4.18*	*4.83*
Knokhol	50.00-80.00	60.47	78.89	46.09	*-18.42*	*-23.35*	*14.38*	*31.20*
Radish	30.00-50.00	36.22	65.26	29.29	*-29.04*	*-44.50*	*6.93*	*23.66*
Cabbage	25.00-40.00	33.54	53.13	81.85	*-19.59*	*-36.87*	*-48.31*	*-59.02*
Tomato	50.00-130.00	89.04	39.50	116.33	*49.54*	*125.42*	*-27.29*	*-23.46*
Ladies Fingers	40.00-70.00	51.68	63.04	41.48	*-11.36*	*-18.02*	*10.20*	*24.59*
Brinjal	20.00-60.00	34.55	44.76	42.84	*-10.21*	*-22.81*	*-8.29*	*-19.35*
Capsicum	150.00-200.00	184.49	165.06	173.95	*19.43*	*11.77*	*10.54*	*6.06*
Pumpkin	15.00-50.00	28.66	16.78	45.69	*11.88*	*70.80*	*-17.03*	*-37.27*
Cucumber	20.00-40.00	25.42	34.19	19.14	*-8.77*	*-25.65*	*6.28*	*32.81*
Bittergourd	90.00-130.00	108.03	109.01	88.40	*-0.98*	*-0.90*	*19.63*	*22.21*
Snakegourd	40.00-70.00	50.44	56.71	56.17	*-6.27*	*-11.06*	*-5.73*	*-10.20*
Drumstick	30.00-90.00	52.61	198.86	71.11	*-146.25*	*-73.54*	*-18.50*	*-26.02*
Luffa	60.00-100.00	77.27	75.07	50.50	*2.20*	*2.93*	*26.77*	*53.01*
Long Beans	60.00-100.00	79.23	89.68	62.02	*-10.45*	*-11.65*	*17.21*	*27.75*
Ash Plantain	50.00-70.00	56.30	50.03	54.46	*6.27*	*12.53*	*1.84*	*3.38*
Green Chillies	200.00-450.00	336.94	159.11	496.87	*177.83*	*111.77*	*-159.93*	*-32.19*
Lime	40.00-120.00	75.43	107.52	73.11	*-32.09*	*-29.85*	*2.32*	*3.17*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-280.00	194.90	222.82	129.50	*-27.92*	*-12.53*	*65.40*	*50.50*
Carrot	120.00-320.00	201.26	241.89	170.70	*-40.63*	*-16.80*	*30.56*	*17.90*
Leeks	80.00-240.00	152.24	198.31	109.70	*-46.07*	*-23.23*	*42.54*	*38.78*
Beetroot	80.00-240.00	155.01	180.01	142.31	*-25.00*	*-13.89*	*12.70*	*8.92*
Knokhol	80.00-200.00	138.02	170.08	118.23	*-32.06*	*-18.85*	*19.79*	*16.74*
Radish	60.00-160.00	106.51	117.62	88.85	*-11.11*	*-9.45*	*17.66*	*19.88*
Cabbage	60.00-160.00	107.13	123.32	147.21	*-16.19*	*-13.13*	*-40.08*	*-27.23*
Tomato	80.00-240.00	153.60	91.61	202.17	*61.99*	*67.67*	*-48.57*	*-24.02*
Ladies Fingers	70.00-160.00	114.08	124.75	101.91	*-10.67*	*-8.55*	*12.17*	*11.94*
Brinjal	60.00-200.00	97.20	110.77	108.12	*-13.57*	*-12.25*	*-10.92*	*-10.10*
Capsicum	200.00-350.00	260.46	236.46	262.28	*24.00*	*10.15*	*-1.82*	*-0.69*
Pumpkin	40.00-120.00	76.00	66.91	100.73	*9.09*	*13.59*	*-24.73*	*-24.55*
Cucumber	40.00-120.00	77.35	87.67	74.27	*-10.32*	*-11.77*	*3.08*	*4.15*
Bittergourd	100.00-240.00	160.63	172.87	154.38	*-12.24*	*-7.08*	*6.25*	*4.05*
Snakegourd	60.00-160.00	117.16	116.96	118.28	*0.20*	*0.17*	*-1.12*	*-0.95*
Drumstick	80.00-320.00	137.15	636.41	169.68	*-499.26*	*-78.45*	*-32.53*	*-19.17*
Luffa	80.00-240.00	142.74	139.77	123.56	*2.97*	*2.12*	*19.18*	*15.52*
Long Beans	100.00-240.00	158.27	165.31	121.45	*-7.04*	*-4.26*	*36.82*	*30.32*
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	120.55	115.72	112.81	*4.83*	*4.17*	*7.74*	*6.86*
Green Chillies	320.00-700.00	533.43	260.45	687.31	*272.98*	*104.81*	*-153.88*	*-22.39*
Lime	100.00-300.00	213.12	271.51	199.77	*-58.39*	*-21.51*	*13.35*	*6.68*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the fruits had increased during the month due to end of the harvesting season. The highest price increased of mango by about 85% (vilad) followed by other varieties mango 56% (betti) 46% (karthakolomban). Supplies of papaw had increased from Wellawaya, Embilipitiya, and Sooriyawewa areas due to rainy weather condition. Further, the low supplies of banana reached from Embilimitiya, Hambantota, Sooriyawewa and Wellawaya areas and wholesale prices of all the varieties of banana had increased in the range of 19%-46% with the highest price increased of ambul. Supplies of all the sizes of pineapple had decreased from Gampaha, Giriulla, Kuliyapitiya, Weliweriya and Kirindiwella areas and wholesale prices of all the sizes of pineapple had increased in the range of 31%-50%. Further, the wholesale prices of wood apple, avocado and orange had decreased by 14%, 30% and 28% respectively due to low demand. Compared to the same period of previous year wholesale prices of most of the fruits had decreased with the highest price increase of 196% for mango (karthakolomban).

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price decrease of 50% for mango (karthakolomban). High supplies of pineapple, banana, mango and papaw had recorded in all the retail markets especially in Colombo and Suburbs. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the fruits had increased with the highest price crease of 181% for mango (karthakolomban).
Producer prices of all the selected fruits had increased compared to the previous month with the highest price increase of 26% for pineapple. Compared to the same period of previous year. Producer prices of all the fruits except pineapple had increased with the highest price increase of 121% for papaw.

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Papaw was the mostly exported type of fruit in July with the quantity of 296.69mt. The total income of exporting pineapple, mango, papaw, orange and avocado was Rs.51.24mn in July.

Apple was the mostly imported type of fruit further in July with a quantity of 1,730.16mt. The total import expenditure of apple, grapes and orange was Rs.467.13mn in July.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	30.00-60.00	42.88	29.38	36.43	*13.50*	*45.95*	*6.45*	*17.71*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	100.00-160.00	132.51	106.66	78.49	*25.85*	*24.24*	*54.02*	*68.82*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	30.00-55.00	45.10	37.12	35.80	*7.98*	*21.50*	*9.30*	*25.98*
Anamalu	6.00-10.00	8.07	6.78	7.27	*1.29*	*19.03*	*0.80*	*11.00*
Ambun	10.00-15.00	12.53	10.23	10.01	*2.30*	*22.48*	*2.52*	*25.17*
Pineapple								
Large	120.00-160.00	146.16	111.20	128.94	*34.96*	*31.44*	*17.22*	*13.36*
Medium	100.00-140.00	119.07	83.79	107.88	*35.28*	*42.11*	*11.19*	*10.37*
Small	80.00-110.00	94.22	62.75	85.86	*31.47*	*50.15*	*8.36*	*9.74*
Mango								
Betti	16.00-33.00	26.06	16.74	9.84	*9.32*	*55.68*	*16.22*	*164.84*
Karthakolomban	72.00-155.00	106.27	71.04	35.85	*35.23*	*49.59*	*70.42*	*196.43*
Vilad	20.00-66.00	37.72	20.42	12.05	*17.30*	*84.72*	*25.67*	*213.03*
Kohu	12.00-22.00	16.11	12.04	6.87	*4.07*	*33.80*	*9.24*	*134.50*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	50.00-120.00	79.66	109.74	54.76	*-30.08*	*-27.41*	*24.90*	*45.47*
Passionfruit	6.00-10.00	8.63	7.30	8.80	*1.33*	*18.22*	*-0.17*	*-1.93*
Woodapple	20.00-60.00	43.68	51.12	26.07	*-7.44*	*-14.55*	*17.61*	*67.55*
Orange	20.00-30.00	24.21	33.83	32.67	*-9.62*	*-28.44*	*-8.46*	*-25.90*
Avocado	18.00-36.00	25.38	36.43	27.34	*-11.05*	*-30.33*	*-1.96*	*-7.17*
Slime Apple	20.00-40.00	31.30	32.71	21.48	*-1.41*	*-4.31*	*9.82*	*45.72*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	411.00-537.00	480.16	511.87	462.63	*-31.71*	*-6.19*	*17.53*	*3.79*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	60.00-90.00	76.70	68.17	71.70	*8.53*	*12.51*	*5.00*	*6.97*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	130.00-200.00	170.10	156.00	129.80	*14.10*	*9.04*	*40.30*	*31.05*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	60.00-90.00	77.26	73.23	71.80	*4.03*	*5.50*	*5.46*	*7.60*
Anamalu	12.00-20.00	14.92	13.13	12.30	*1.79*	*13.63*	*2.62*	*21.30*
Ambun	15.00-20.00	17.68	14.84	14.25	*2.84*	*19.14*	*3.43*	*24.07*
Pineapple								
Large	130.00-220.00	173.23	144.21	166.31	*29.02*	*20.12*	*6.92*	*4.16*
Medium	110.00-150.00	131.86	98.15	137.11	*33.71*	*34.35*	*-5.25*	*-3.83*
Small	90.00-130.00	102.09	74.82	108.75	*27.27*	*36.45*	*-6.66*	*-6.12*
Mango								
Betti	30.00-60.00	44.26	34.93	25.70	*9.33*	*26.71*	*18.56*	*72.22*
Karthakolomban	100.00-200.00	149.31	96.68	53.11	*52.63*	*54.44*	*96.20*	*181.13*
Vilad	35.00-100.00	63.49	42.08	32.98	*21.41*	*50.88*	*30.51*	*92.51*
Kohu	-	-	17.50	17.51	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	80.00-180.00	134.90	164.20	84.20	*-29.30*	*-17.84*	*50.70*	*60.21*
Passionfruit	11.00-20.83	15.67	14.95	15.58	*0.72*	*4.82*	*0.09*	*0.58*
Woodapple	40.00-100.00	70.30	70.93	64.74	*-0.63*	*-0.89*	*5.56*	*8.59*
Orange	30.00-60.00	46.28	53.78	55.12	*-7.50*	*-13.95*	*-8.84*	*-16.04*
Avocado	35.00-80.00	54.29	54.31	56.72	*-0.02*	*-0.04*	*-2.43*	*-4.28*
Slime Apple	40.00-80.00	56.25	54.57	48.59	*1.68*	*3.08*	*7.66*	*15.76*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	650.00-900.00	766.13	776.74	741.32	*-10.61*	*-1.37*	*24.81*	*3.35*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	21.00-34.00	28.14	22.90	23.85	5.24	22.89	4.29	17.99
Kolikuttu	80.00-118.00	94.71	89.00	56.33	5.71	6.41	38.38	68.13
Papaw	55.00-95.00	76.13	66.08	34.39	10.05	15.20	41.74	121.36
Pineapple	59.00-65.00	61.00	48.30	75.85	12.70	26.29	-14.85	-19.58

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits May - July 2015

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	100.53	20.91	207.97	122.35	25.86	211.34	161.33	28.38	175.89
Papaw	296.69	27.43	92.46	202.81	14.70	72.47	336.04	27.84	82.86
Fresh Mango	5.60	2.90	518.23	1.67	0.91	542.89	2.36	2.36	1000.63
Fresh Oranges	-	-	-	0.49	0.05	104.98	0.17	0.02	105.31
Avocados, fresh	-	-	-	0.58	0.06	105.32	-	-	-

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits May – July 2015

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	1,730.16	244.12	141.09	1,964.80	304.42	154.94	1,718.59	266.54	155.09
Grapes	347.99	104.16	299.31	401.68	132.70	330.36	462.27	149.21	322.78
Oranges	1085.05	103.31	95.21	864.95	83.88	96.98	801.58	58.35	72.79
Mandarin	241.78	15.54	64.27	199.15	12.49	62.73	21.90	0.86	39.14

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of all the fresh fish varieties except hurulla and shrimp had increased at the wholesale level. The highest price increase of 37% was reported for salaya. In addition, prices of balaya, kelawalla, thora, paraw and thalapath had increased in the range of 2%-10%. Meanwhile, price of shrimp had decreased by 17%. Of the varieties, significant price changes were not observed for both mora and hurulla. According to the market information, stormy weather condition prevailed in the most of the coastal areas in the country had resulted limited stocks reaching the market. At the same time, there was a high consumer demand for fish because of the *Ramazan* season. These reasons had contributed fairly to these price increases. In the month of July, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.150.06 – 1,178.29/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 the same month in 2014, wholesale prices of all the fresh fish varieties except salaya, shrimp and thalapath had increased in the range of 3%-25% with the highest price increase noted for kelawalla.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except mora and shrimp had increased in the range of 2%-35% at the retail level. The highest price increase was reported for salaya (35%) followed by thora (10%). A price increase of 9% was noted for balaya while, a price increase of 5% was observed for thalapath. In addition, prices of hurulla, kelawalla and paraw had increased by 4%, 3% and 2% respectively. Meanwhile, prices of shrimp and mora had decreased by 15% and 2% respectively. In the month of July, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.206.69 – 1,375.23/kg. Compared to the same month in 2014, retail prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased slightly in the range of 1%-4% with the highest price decrease noted for shrimp and thalapath.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	130.00-180.00	150.06	109.84	159.10	*40.22*	*36.62*	*-9.04*	*-5.68*
Hurulla	250.00-380.00	310.00	310.50	280.53	*-0.50*	*-0.16*	*29.47*	*10.51*
Balaya	300.00-460.00	385.75	369.39	375.56	*16.36*	*4.43*	*10.19*	*2.71*
Kelawalla	500.00-630.00	565.05	532.11	450.96	*32.94*	*6.19*	*114.09*	*25.30*
Thora	800.00-1400.00	1178.29	1074.70	1035.42	*103.59*	*9.64*	*142.87*	*13.80*
Paraw	450.00-620.00	548.97	539.77	526.80	*9.20*	*1.70*	*22.17*	*4.21*
Mora	450.00-620.00	536.26	534.70	462.06	*1.56*	*0.29*	*74.20*	*16.06*
Shrimp (small)	700.00-950.00	798.75	964.73	810.96	*-165.98*	*-17.20*	*-12.21*	*-1.51*
Thalapath	560.00-650.00	606.84	565.44	630.44	*41.40*	*7.32*	*-23.60*	*-3.74*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	160.00-320.00	206.69	153.10	209.80	*53.59*	*35.00*	*-3.11*	*-1.48*
Hurulla	300.00-560.00	402.87	385.51	354.42	*17.36*	*4.50*	*48.45*	*13.67*
Balaya	400.00-760.00	563.14	514.79	545.63	*48.35*	*9.39*	*17.51*	*3.21*
Kelawalla	600.00-1000.00	749.19	728.73	709.38	*20.46*	*2.81*	*39.81*	*5.61*
Thora	1000.00-1700.00	1375.23	1247.94	1392.11	*127.29*	*10.20*	*-16.88*	*-1.21*
Paraw	550.00-920.00	729.87	718.62	741.66	*11.25*	*1.57*	*-11.79*	*-1.59*
Mora	550.00-800.00	638.52	649.42	633.06	*-10.90*	*-1.68*	*5.46*	*0.86*
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1200.00	932.06	1099.69	972.74	*-167.63*	*-15.24*	*-40.68*	*-4.18*
Thalapath	650.00-1040.00	789.25	750.53	823.50	*38.72*	*5.16*	*-34.25*	*-4.16*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased with high demand and limited supplies. The highest price increase of 43% was reported for imported sprats due to availability of high quality imported stocks mainly from Thailand at a higher price. Apart from that the price of local sprats and imported maduwa had increased by 15% and the prices of local anguluwa and maduwa had increased by 8% and 7% respectively. Increase was not significant for most of the other varieties. However, the prices of both local and imported kattawa, local mora and balaya had decreased slightly. Local stocks were mainly supplied from Kalpitiya, Mannar and Valachchena areas, while the imported stocks were mainly from Thailand, Oman and United Aras Emirates.

According to the Department of Customs, a total quality of 1,737mt of dried sprats was imported in July. The average CIF price was Rs.261.12/kg recording an increase of Rs.11.50/kg against the previous month. However, the imported quantity of sprats had decreased by 732 mt against the previous month mainly due to high priced Thailand sprats which consisted about 60% of the total imports. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 19% for local maduwa.

Regarding the retail prices, increase of wholesale prices was reflected and the prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased. The highest price increase was observed for imported sprats by 23% and local sprats it was 8%. The increase in the prices of other varieties was not at a significant level.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the dries fish varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 41% was noted for local sprats.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	700.00-850.00	813.58	707.70	730.46	*105.88*	*14.96*	*83.12*	*11.38*
Sprats (imported)	250.00-600.00	480.78	336.36	423.08	*144.42*	*42.93*	*57.70*	*13.64*
Kattawa	680.00-800.00	739.39	754.59	715.91	*-15.20*	*-2.01*	*23.48*	*3.28*
Kattawa (imported)	640.00-800.00	717.92	736.24	679.73	*-18.32*	*-2.49*	*38.19*	*5.62*
Thora	-	-	950.00	850.00	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	940.00-1000.00	976.58	945.00	965.50	*31.58*	*3.34*	*11.08*	*1.15*
Mora	780.00-850.00	798.61	805.06	807.62	*-6.45*	*-0.80*	*-9.01*	*-1.12*
Mora (imported)	700.00-800.00	764.81	748.76	716.75	*16.05*	*2.14*	*48.05*	*6.70*
Balaya	400.00-620.00	538.67	551.23	622.41	*-12.56*	*-2.28*	*-83.74*	*-13.45*
Balaya (imported)	400.00-650.00	540.50	519.59	-	*20.91*	*4.02*	-	-
Anguluwa	500.00-750.00	620.68	574.20	601.04	*46.48*	*8.10*	*19.64*	*3.27*
Anguluwa (imported)	400.00-700.00	567.29	546.77	551.91	*20.52*	*3.75*	*15.38*	*2.79*
Maduwa	400.00-620.00	531.94	496.50	446.41	*35.44*	*7.14*	*85.53*	*19.16*
Maduwa (imported)	400.00-520.00	452.87	393.30	-	*59.57*	*15.15*	-	-
Koduwa	550.00-550.00	550.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-350.00	266.59	259.98	273.73	*6.61*	*2.54*	*-7.14*	*-2.61*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats	800.00-1200.00	967.36	892.76	686.25	*97.27*	*22.91*	*-165.37*	*-24.06*
Kattawa	350.00-800.00	521.88	424.61	687.25	*-7.32*	*-0.68*	*56.22*	*5.53*
Thora	800.00-1300.00	1072.64	1079.96	1016.42	*28.64*	*2.07*	*141.21*	*11.11*
Mora	1200.00-1800.00	1412.08	1383.44	1270.87	*28.64*	*2.07*	*141.21*	*11.11*
Balaya	800.00-1200.00	974.58	965.89	932.68	*8.69*	*0.90*	*41.90*	*4.49*
Anguluwa	600.00-1000.00	816.77	804.70	840.23	*12.07*	*1.50*	*-23.46*	*-2.79*
Maduwa	700.00-1100.00	908.08	895.76	852.27	*12.32*	*1.38*	*55.81*	*6.55*
Koduwa	600.00-900.00	728.27	730.63	614.29	*-2.36*	*-0.32*	*113.98*	*18.55*
Salaya	-	-	-	885.83	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats - February to July 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	1736.68	453.48	261.12	521.88	*260.76*
June	2469.09	616.35	249.62	424.61	*174.99*
May	1928.86	465.93	241.56	627.67	*386.11*
Apr	2058.17	509.38	247.49	625.94	*378.45*
Mar	2205.57	560.67	254.21	615.27	*361.06*
Feb	2535.40	629.79	248.40	681.80	*433.40*

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

Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had increased significantly by 13% and 11% respectively. High consumer demand during the *Ramazan* season had contributed fairly to these price increases. The monthly average wholesale price of a brown egg was Rs.15.29 and it was Rs.14.02 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 the same month in 2014, wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 16% and 11% respectively.

With the increased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 11% at the retail level. The monthly average retail prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.16.39/egg and Rs.15.34/egg respectively. Compared to the same month in 2014, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 10% and 9% respectively.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	14.50-16.00	15.29	13.50	13.13	*1.79*	*13.26*	*2.16*	*16.45*
White (each)	13.50-15.00	14.02	12.63	12.63	*1.39*	*11.01*	*1.39*	*11.01*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	15.00-19.00	*16.39*	*14.73*	*14.91*	*1.66*	*11.27*	*1.48*	*9.93*
White (each)	14.00-18.00	*15.34*	*13.78*	*14.04*	*1.56*	*11.32*	*1.30*	*9.26*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of broiler chicken and pork had decreased by 3% due to availability of sufficient stocks with satisfactory farm supply. Prices of other meat varieties had increased in the range of 3%-9% with limited supplies. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the meat varieties had increased in the range of 4%-21% with the highest price increase recorded for curry chicken.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	650.00-720.00	700.97	641.37	588.82	*59.60*	*9.29*	*112.15*	*19.05*
Chicken (Broiler)	480.00-550.00	511.48	526.65	453.67	*-15.17*	*-2.88*	*57.81*	*12.74*
Chicken (curry)	480.00-560.00	513.43	499.60	423.54	*13.83*	*2.77*	*89.89*	*21.22*
Mutton	1300.00-1600.00	1407.14	1343.75	1304.55	*63.39*	*4.72*	*102.59*	*7.86*
Pork	500.00-720.00	567.67	587.58	545.71	*-19.91*	*-3.39*	*21.96*	*4.02*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantity has shown a considerable decrease because of that the imports were very low in the previous month. Total quantity of 149628 mt valued at Rs.5,936mn of wheat grain was imported. The average CIF price was Rs.39.68/kg recording a significant increase of Rs.2.46/kg against the previous month. Out of the total imports, more than 99 % were imported from Canada and a very few stocks of only 76 mt from India which fetched the higher CIF price of Rs.48.27/kg.

Though the imported quantity of wheat flour has shown an increase in the previous month, the quantity has limited to 60 mt this month. The value of the imports was Rs.4mn and the average CIF price was Rs.67.83/kg. Out of the total imports about 80% (49 mt) was from India and the rest from the United Arab Emirates. The Indian wheat flour fetched the high CIF price of Rs.71.63/kg while it was Rs.47.41/kg for wheat flour imported from the United Arab Emirates.

As the previous month the retail price of wheat flour remained in the range of Rs.78.00-90.00/kg and the average was Rs.86.27/kg. Compared to the same period of last year retail price of wheat flour had decreased by about 13%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar– July 2015

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2015	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	June 2015		July 2014	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	78.00-90.00	86.27	86.29	98.86	*-0.03*	*-0.03*	*-12.60*	*-12.74*
Sugar	73.00-93.00	82.47	83.61	*100.73*	*-1.14*	*-1.36*	*-18.26*	*-18.13*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain - February to July 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
July	60.29	4.09	67.83	86.27	*18.44*
June	470.63	33.51	71.20	86.29	*15.09*
May	26.00	1.40	53.80	85.98	*32.18*
Apr	656.70	44.47	67.72	86.56	*18.84*
Mar	138.41	9.41	67.99	86.45	*18.46*
Feb	1188.52	79.56	66.94	87.32	*20.38*
Wheat Grain					
July	149628.02	5936.53	39.68	86.27	*46.59*
June	255707.48	9517.17	37.22	86.29	*49.07*
May	188998.88	7444.26	39.39	85.98	*46.59*
Apr	115469.80	4619.23	40.00	86.56	*46.56*
Mar	241131.11	9615.19	39.88	86.45	*46.57*
Feb	64196.17	2544.84	39.64	87.32	*47.68*

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

Sugar

The total quantity of 62902 mt of sugar was imported recording a significant increase of 15677 mt against the previous month. The value of imports was Rs.3,202mn. Out of the total imports, 53 % were imported from Brazil, 31% from India, 15% from Thailand and the rest from Malaysia, Korea and UAE. The CIF price ranged between Rs.47.19-88.15/kg and the average price was Rs.50.91/kg. Majority of the imported quality from Brazil fetched the higher CIF price of Rs.49.85/kg while the lowest price was recorded for Indian sugar as Rs.47.19/kg.

Table 6.3 shows that the decreasing trend of sugar prices in the world market and this could be expected further. Price has decreased by Rs.2.92/kg against the previous month. In recent past the highest CIF price of Rs.66.91/kg was recorded in June 2014 and since then it has decreased continuously. Compared to that period, price has decreased by 24% and it was Rs.16.00/kg.

Behaviour of world prices was reflected to some extent at retail level too and the price has decreased by Rs.1.36/kg against the previous month. Retail price ranged between Rs.73.00-93.00/kg averaging Rs.82.47/kg. Compared to the same period of last year sugar price had decreased by more than 18% at retail level.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- February to July 2015

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	62900.75	3202.16	50.91	82.47	*31.56*
June	47223.46	2541.97	53.83	83.61	*29.78*
May	34063.19	1886.09	55.37	84.37	*29.00*
Apr	59400.18	3315.79	55.82	85.65	*29.83*
Mar	67842.78	3962.55	58.41	86.12	*27.71*
Feb	54947.03	3282.14	59.73	87.90	*28.17*

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

Table 7: Imports of Selected Food Items - July 2015

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	July 2015	June 2015		July 2015	June 2015		July 2015	June 2015	
Rice	3132.64	6234.61	-49.75	224.13	447.20	-49.88	71.55	71.73	-0.25
Red Onion	847.18	1383.50	-38.77	89.28	140.39	-36.41	105.38	101.48	3.85
Big Onion	19530.12	22393.78	-12.79	1095.39	1177.67	-6.99	56.09	52.59	6.65
Potato	17005.16	11972.16	42.04	628.57	369.73	70.01	36.96	30.88	19.69
Dried Chillies	3986.71	2923.47	36.37	819.85	593.87	38.05	205.64	203.14	1.23
Masoor Dhal	10858.38	13169.48	-17.55	1427.28	1702.69	-16.17	131.45	129.29	1.67
Green Gram	1506.47	-	-	266.09	-	-	176.63	-	-
Cowpea	214.00	-	-	25.36	-	-	118.52	-	-
Garlic	2222.72	1780.94	24.81	288.12	227.41	26.70	129.62	127.69	1.52
Wheat flour	60.29	470.63	-87.19	4.09	33.51	-87.80	67.83	71.20	-4.73
Wheat grain	149628.02	255707.48	-41.48	5936.53	9517.17	-37.62	39.68	37.22	6.60
White crystalline cane sugar	62900.75	47223.46	33.20	3202.16	2541.97	25.97	50.91	53.83	-5.43
Maize (Seed)	143.05	20.01	-	80.86	7.48	-	565.23	373.80	-
Maize (Other)	50.00	25.00	-	4.29	2.14	-	85.85	85.63	-

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – July 2015

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	0	27.1	0	3
Badulla	37.8	69.3	3	6
Bandarawela	52.8	54.7	4	5
Batticaloa	23.3	41.4	3	3
Colombo	37.3	121.9	10	12
Galle	249.2	163.2	20	16
Hambantota	31.9	45.5	3	5
Jaffna	0.2	25.1	0	2
Katugastota	54.1	128.1	15	14
Katunayaka	20	99.2	7	10
Kurunegala	20.1	11.2	9	11
MahaIluppallama	0	31	0	3
Mannar	0.7	12.4	1	1
NuwaraEliya	96.9	164.9	19	17
Pottuvil	21.5	18.9	2	-
Puttalam	0.5	16.8	1	3
Ratmalana	66.6	132.7	11	12
Ratnapura	173.6	292.8	25	19
Trincomalee	9.5	63.8	1	4
Vavuniya	0	43.5	0	3
Polonnaruwa	0	65.6	0	2
Moneragala	28.5	-	2	-
Mattala	13.5	-	3	-

Source: Department of Meteorology