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RICE:

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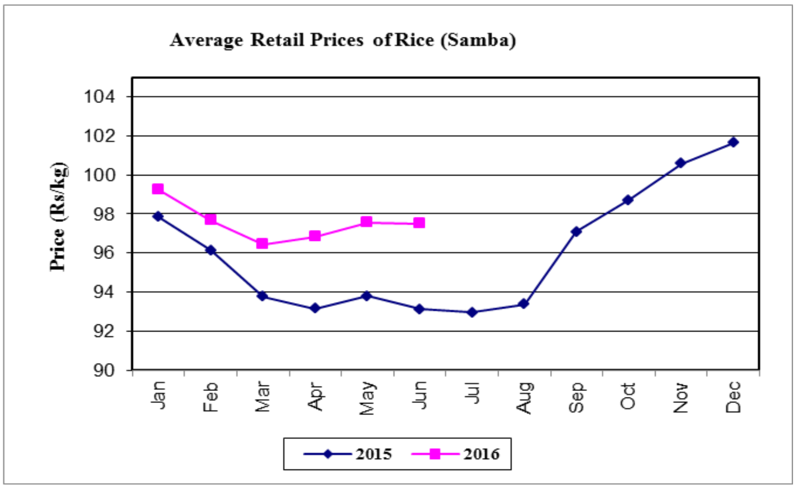
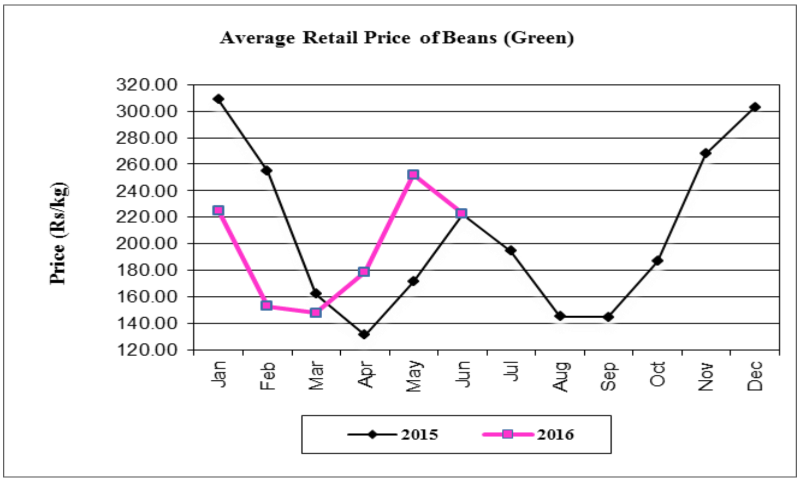
VEGETABLES:

With the reaching of peak off season, supply dropped and thereby prices have increased by 50% and 40% respectively, for most up and lowcountry varieties in June. However, prices of both varieties of vegetables are expected to decrease in coming month, with the approaching of initial phase of the *yala* harvesting season.





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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

According to the field information the start of the paddy cultivation on 2016 *Yala* season was not promising mainly due to the adverse rainy weather that led to a flood situation prevailed in most of the major producing areas. Nearly 22,400ha of the paddy crop was damaged due to the floods especially in the producing areas in Eastern and North Central provinces. However, the replanting activities progressed in June. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the cultivation progressed up to end of June covering 379,882 ha and it is 76% of the target and it was 8% lower compared to the averages of last three *Yala* seasons. Further this report reveals that the production forecast for the *yala* season is 1.519 million tones, it is 6% percent lower than that of average production of last three *Yala* seasons. Harvesting of paddy in some producing areas in the Ampara district and wet zone areas of Kurunegala district will commence during the end of next month. Peak harvesting and a bumper harvest can be expected in the latter part of August in most of the major producing areas.

Table 1.1: Achievement of Paddy Cultivation 2016 *yala* season (Up to end of June 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	3,742	71	15,771
Polonnaruwa	30,000	31,127	104	135,457
Ampara	57,103	56,819	100	261,304
Kurunegala	60,783	46,109	76	163,444
Hambantota	26,999	21,118	78	91,317
Colombo	2,842	546	19	1,217
Gampaha	6,634	1,665	25	4,422
Kalutara	10,191	2,102	21	5,721
Galle	8,599	853	10	1,792
Matara	14,780	6,259	42	17,681
Ratnapura	11,256	5,031	45	15,899
Kegalle	6,055	2,042	34	5,726
Puttalam	18,100	12,965	72	42,612
Kandy	9,524	6,674	70	19,161
Matale	10,676	7,087	66	27,563
N' Eliya	3,319	248	7	483
Badulla	8,275	6,280	76	24,293
Monaragala	19,851	13,564	68	50,889
Jaffna	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	6,772	2,517	37	10,829
Vavuniya	7,454	4,223	57	18,597
Mullaitivu	5,268	3,742	71	15,771
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	5,555	44	22,632
System H1	6,000	1,957	33	7,973
System B	19,130	17,202	90	70,084
System C	22,406	21,394	95	87,163
System G	3,800	1,497	39	6,099
System D	418	418	100	1,703
Rambakanoya	600	270	45	1,100
System L	550	876	159	3,569
Sri Lanka	**502,923**	**379,882**	**76**	**1,519,807**

Source: Crop forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Producer prices of all the paddy varieties have shown an increasing trend during the first part of the month and prices shown declining or stable trend during the latter part of the month in most of the major producing areas. Millers starting to utilize their paddy stocks and the Paddy Marketing Board announcing its release of the stored paddy caused the price decline. The paddy Marketing Board (PMB) has a large stock of paddy on their stores.

Prices of short grain paddy remained in the range Rs.35.00-40.00/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 Nikaweratiya areas. Open market prices of long grain white were in the range of Rs.32.00-37.00/kg in most of the major producing areas. Prices of long grain red paddy were in the range of Rs.30.00-33.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province. The prices of *Keeri* samba ranged between Rs.60.00-63.00/kg in Polonnaruwa and Dehiattakandiya throughout the month. It is expected that the prices decline during the next month mainly due to millers utilizing all their paddy stocks by expecting *Yala* harvest from end of July.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain varieties have decreased by less than 20% in most of the major producing areas. However, the prices of long grain paddy varieties have increased by less than 11% with the highest increase in Dehiattakandiya. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red have decreased in the range of 4%-9% in producing areas in the Southern Province.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – June 2016

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	May 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	35.00-38.00	35.00-38.00	36.89	36.56	37.88	*0.33*	*0.91*	*-0.99*	*-2.61*
Polonnaruwa	36.00-38.00	37.50-39.50	37.03	38.65	41.41	*-1.63*	*-4.20*	*-4.39*	*-10.59*
Kalawewa	35.00-40.00	35.00-40.00	37.98	37.27	39.37	*0.71*	*1.92*	*-1.39*	*-3.53*
Kurunegala	35.00-39.00	35.00-39.00	36.58	37.16	45.78	*-0.58*	*-1.55*	*-9.20*	*-20.09*
Dehiattakandiya	36.00-40.62	36.00-39.00	38.58	37.52	40.80	*1.06*	*2.81*	*-2.22*	*-5.45*
Nikaweratiya	34.00-39.00	36.00-39.00	36.42	37.47	45.80	*-1.05*	*-2.80*	*-9.38*	*-20.49*
Ampara	36.50-38.00	37.00-41.00	37.30	38.96	34.92	*-1.66*	*-4.26*	*2.38*	*6.82*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	33.00-34.00	33.00-36.00	33.35	33.84	31.13	*-0.49*	*-1.45*	*2.22*	*7.13*
Polonnaruwa	33.50-36.00	34.50-36.50	34.88	35.67	32.56	*-0.80*	*-2.23*	*2.32*	*7.11*
Kalawewa	34.00-37.00	33.00-37.00	35.31	34.18	32.33	*1.13*	*3.31*	*2.98*	*9.23*
Kurunegala	33.00-37.00	34.00-37.00	35.30	35.52	35.10	*-0.22*	*-0.62*	*0.20*	*0.57*
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-36.00	32.00-36.00	34.27	34.26	30.64	*0.01*	*0.03*	*3.63*	*11.85*
Embilipitiya	33.00-34.00	33.00-34.00	33.70	33.58	33.92	*0.12*	*0.36*	*-0.22*	*-0.65*
Nikaweratiya	32.00-37.50	35.00-37.50	34.88	36.04	34.86	*-1.16*	*-3.22*	*0.02*	*0.04*
Matara	35.00-36.00	28.00-35.00	35.33	33.20	34.60	*2.13*	*6.41*	*0.73*	*2.11*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	32.00-35.50	33.00-36.00	33.65	34.78	29.09	*-1.13*	*-3.25*	*4.56*	*15.68*
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-32.00	26.00-32.00	31.33	30.27	32.60	*1.07*	*3.53*	*-1.27*	*-3.89*
Hambantota	30.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	31.00	30.95	34.00	*0.05*	*0.16*	*-3.00*	*-8.82*
Embilipitiya	29.00-32.00	30.00-32.00	30.80	30.96	32.08	*-0.16*	*-0.52*	*-1.28*	*-3.99*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Marketers were away from rice processing for a while due to the Ramadan season and also paddy buyers have started to use the old stocks. As a result, a decrease of paddy prices during this month was seen. Due to the decreased paddy prices, the prices of all the local rice varieties except samba have also decreased. Accordingly, the prices have decreased by 3% for raw white, by 2% for nadu grade I, by 1% for nadu grade II and by slightly for raw red. However, the price of samba varieties has increased by 1% due to high quality stocks. According to the statistical data released by the Department of Customs, rice imports of this month has been reduced by half compared to last month. The imported amount was 2,058 mt. Due to the unavailability of sufficient stocks in the market, the price of imported *ponni* samba has increased by 2%.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of local samba varieties have decreased by 1%-3%, followed by raw red as 19%. The prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased by 5%-6%.

Retail Prices

In line with the decreased wholesale price, the price of raw red has also decreased by Rs.2.00/kg. However, the retail prices of all the other local rice varieties have not changed significantly. Furthermore, the price of imported *ponni* samba has increased by Rs.3.00/kg in line with the increased wholesale price. The highest local rice price of Rs.110.00/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.91.00-106.00/kg was reported in Nuwara Eliya, Badulla and Kalutara markets while the lowest samba price range of Rs.80.00-84.00/kg was reported in Vavuniya and Puttlam markets. The highest nadu price range of Rs.75.00-80.00/kg was noted in Kandy and Badulla markets and the lowest nadu price range of Rs.63.00-70.00/kg was noted in Jaffna and Killinochchi markets. Furthermore, the highest prices of raw red and raw white were observed as Rs.73.00/kg and Rs.74.00/kg respectively in Kurunegala market. The lowest price of raw red was reported as Rs.54.00/kg in Thissamaharama market while that of raw white was reported as Rs.61.00/kg in Nuwara Eliya market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of raw red has decreased by 13% while the prices of all the other local rice varieties have increased by 1%-5%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	86.00-90.00	87.28	86.33	89.69	*0.95*	*1.11*	*-2.41*	*-2.68*
Samba 2	77.00-90.00	80.25	79.13	80.81	*1.12*	*1.42*	*-0.56*	*-0.69*
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	72.00-75.00	73.26	74.58	69.19	*-1.32*	*-1.76*	*4.08*	*5.89*
Nadu 2	67.00-72.00	69.35	69.95	66.25	*-0.60*	*-0.86*	*3.11*	*4.69*
Raw red	53.00-57.00	54.58	54.76	67.80	*-0.18*	*-0.33*	*-13.21*	*-19.49*
Raw white	60.00-68.00	63.44	65.26	59.95	*-1.82*	*-2.79*	*3.49*	*5.82*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	110.00-118.00	113.06	111.33	93.18	*1.73*	*1.56*	*19.88*	*21.34*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	98.00-110.00	102.32	102.63	97.31	*-0.31*	*-0.30*	*5.01*	*5.15*
Samba 2	88.00-98.00	92.71	92.51	88.93	*0.20*	*0.22*	*3.78*	*4.25*
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	78.00-85.00	80.90	80.65	78.08	*0.25*	*0.31*	*2.82*	*3.61*
Nadu 2	70.00-78.00	74.90	75.04	74.68	*-0.14*	*-0.19*	*0.22*	*0.29*
Raw red	58.00-75.00	65.82	67.75	75.50	*-1.93*	*-2.85*	*-9.68*	*-12.82*
Raw white	60.00-80.00	72.63	72.67	71.45	*-0.04*	*-0.06*	*1.18*	*1.65*
Ponni Samba (Imported)	115.00-130.00	121.14	118.17	101.56	*2.97*	*2.51*	*19.58*	*19.28*
Raw white (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chillies

Crop situation

Thirappane, Palugaswewa, Horowpathana and Mihintale were the main chilli producing areas in the Anuradhapura district and the targeted extent for the cultivation was 699 ha. By the end of June about 430 ha representing 62% of the targeted extent had been cultivated. At the end of June 2016, the highest cultivated extent of green chillies was reported in Moneragala (554 ha) followed by Anuradhapura (430 ha). Crops were in different stages in different areas.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	699	430	62	7,580
Puttlam	617	416	67	3,337
Moneragala	425	554	130	3,697
Kurunegala	346	229	66	395
Polonnaruwa	300	246	82	1,369
Kandy	230	171	74	828
Matale	81	160	197	889
Badulla	254	217	85	617
Other areas	2,144	1,795	84	5,766
Total	**5,096**	**4,218**	**83**	**24,478**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of green chillies have increased significantly during this month due to low supplies received from major producing areas during the off season. Cultivation of intermediate season was also in a low level as dry weather prevailed at the beginning of the intermediate season. Hence, compared to the same period of last year, prevailed the price increase of green chillies was significant. However, as a result of continuous heavy rain and flood condition, the supply of green chillies was also interrupted during this month. Considering all the reasons mentioned above, both wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by about Rs.336.00/kg and Rs.443.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.571.73/kg and Rs.886.06/kg respectively and both prices are higher than that of the prices of imported dried chillies. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chillies have increased by 259% and 240% respectively.

A quantity of 3,683 mt of dried chillies was imported during this month. It was a decrease of 542 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.284.96/kg and it has increased by Rs.10.64/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have also increased by about Rs.10.00/kg and Rs.4.00/kg respectively. Around 98% of the dried chillies stock was imported from India and the rest was imported from Bangladesh.

Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have increased by about 35% and 38% respectively.

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

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chillies	400.00-700.00	571.73	236.02	159.11	*335.71*	*142.24*	*412.62*	*259.33*
Dried Chillies	300.00-330.00	316.90	306.80	234.83	*10.10*	*3.29*	*82.07*	*34.95*
Retail Price								
Green Chillies	600.00-1100.00	886.06	443.00	260.45	*443.06*	*100.01*	*625.61*	*240.20*
Dried Chillies	340.00-400.00	376.04	372.34	272.61	*3.70*	*0.99*	*103.43*	*37.94*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chillies
January 2016 to June 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June 2016	3683	1,049.61	284.96	376.04	91.08
May 2016	4225	1,159.15	274.32	372.34	98.02
Apr 2016	3617	984.24	272.08	370.07	97.99
Mar 2016	5679	1,608.61	283.26	369.06	85.80
Feb 2016	3764	1,029.70	273.55	360.56	87.01
Jan 2016	3851	1,021.86	265.35	359.36	94.01

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

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

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Dambulla	570.00	464.00	496.00	560.00	570.00
Hambantota	600.00	360.00	425.00	475.00	600.00
Embilipitiya	550.00	550.00	510.00	503.00	550.00
A'Pura	590.00	600.00	650.00	500.00	590.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

About 504 ha which represent 16% of the total targeted extent of Matale district had been cultivated by the end of June. Compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extent of big onion had decreased by about 108 ha (18%) at the end of June 2016, due to the unfavorable weather condition prevailed at the beginning of the season. It was expected that the extent under big onion would drop by 40% this season in the Matale district due to the above reasons. Cultivation delay of 15-30 days was also observed in Matale district during this season. Cultivation of big onion for this *yala* season will be completed at the end of next month (July). The targeted extent of big onion was 1,773 ha in Anuradhapura district and 675 ha was cultivated by the end of June 2016 representing 38% of the targeted extent and the most of the cultivation will take place in July 2016. The estimated production was 29,048 mt. Around 85% of the production will arrive at the market from Matale (37%), Anuradhapura (36%) and Mahaweli H_1 areas (12%).

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2016		Estimated Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Matale	3,060	504	16	10,868
Anuradhapura	1,773	675	38	10,583
System H_1	1,800	304	17	3,620
System H	650	61	9	726
Other areas	977	273	28	3,251
Total	**8,260**	**1,817**	**22**	**29,048**

The cultivated extent of red onion for *yala* 2016 at the end of June was 1,565 ha in Sri Lanka and it represents 31% of the targeted extent. Both Jaffna and Puttlam districts, the cultivated extent of red onion at the end of this month were less than 50% of the targeted extent and harvesting of red onion in Jaffna and Puttlam districts started at the end of this month. The production forecast of red onion up to this month is 18,867 mt, out of which 85% is expected from Jaffna (21%), Puttlam (35%), Trincomalee (17%) and Vavuniya (12%). A higher supply of local red onion could be expected from Kalpitiya area in Puttlam district during next month (July) and a price decrease also could be expected from the end of July as a higher supply from main producing areas.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2016		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,200	427	19	3,932
Puttlam	1,263	416	33	6,577
Mullaitivu	416	62	15	685
Vavuniya	350	189	54	2,173
Trincomalee	248	190	77	3,170
Other areas	640	281	44	2,330
Total	**5,117**	**1,565**	**31**	**18,867**

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market during this month. A quantity of 20,947 mt of big onion was imported in June 2016 which was about 1,319 mt lower compared to previous month. About 99% of the big onion stock was imported from India, while the 1% was imported from Pakistan. Average CIF price was Rs.31.39/kg and it has increased by Rs.1.74/kg compared to that of last month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.4.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively due to availability of sufficient stocks at the market. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price and retail price of imported big onion have decreased by about 29% and 23% respectively.

A limited supply of sinnan and vedalan was recorded from Jaffna, Puttlam and Trincomalee areas due to off season and the prevailed bad weather condition. Hence, wholesale prices of sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.17.00/kg respectively. In line with the wholesale price, retail price of vedalan has increased by about Rs.37.00/kg, while the sinnan variety was not available at most of the retail markets.

A quantity of 1,992 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month which was about 185 mt higher than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.89.97/kg and it has increased by Rs.17.66/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.15.00/kg and Rs.35.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 26% and 13% respectively.

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

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	80.00-130.00	101.88	90.10	103.56	*11.78*	*13.07*	*-1.68*	*-1.63*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.00-175.00	141.21	124.67	131.81	*16.55*	*13.27*	*9.40*	*7.13*
Red Onion (Imported)	80.00-145.00	123.66	108.80	115.36	*14.86*	*13.66*	*8.31*	*7.20*
Big Onion (imported)	50.00-70.00	58.51	62.04	82.29	*-3.53*	*-5.70*	*-23.78*	*-28.90*
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	125.00	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	140.00-250.00	203.59	166.64	161.67	*36.95*	*22.17*	*41.92*	*25.93*
Red Onion (Imported)	120.00-200.00	161.23	125.88	142.85	*35.35*	*28.08*	*18.38*	*12.87*
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-100.00	83.87	86.42	108.39	*-2.55*	*-2.95*	*-24.52*	*-22.62*
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	June 2016	31.40	58.51	83.87	*27.11*	*25.36*
	May 2016	29.65	62.04	86.42	*32.39*	*24.38*
	June 2015	52.59	82.29	108.39	*29.70*	*26.10*
Red onion	June 2016	89.35	123.66	161.23	*34.31*	*37.57*
	May2016	72.31	108.80	125.88	*36.49*	*17.08*
	June 2015	101.48	115.36	142.85	*13.88*	*27.49*

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)	
	June 2016	May 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2016	May 2016
Red Onion	1803	1807	161.08	130.69	89.35	72.31
Big Onion	20918	22266	656.81	660.15	31.40	29.65

Source: Department of Custom

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

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
June 2016	20918.43	31.40	58.51	83.87	52.47
May 2016	22265.73	29.65	62.04	86.42	56.77
Apr 2016	17047.33	31.27	63.02	85.83	54.56
Mar 2016	22592.47	28.61	57.70	81.58	52.97
Feb 2016	21268.34	30.43	43.70	68.73	38.30
Jan 2016	27930.69	35.62	52.30	84.20	48.58

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 1,454 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of June achieving 51% of the targeted extent. Though the cultivated extent was low in April and May of this *yala* season, a considerable extent of potato was cultivated in June (947 ha). According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato for this *yala* season is 22,962 mt.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 791 ha for this *yala* season and in Badulla district it was reported as 2,045 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 514 ha and 829 ha were cultivated by the end of this month. In both districts, the cultivated extents were at a high level during this *yala* season compared to the same period of last *yala* season. In the Badulla district, new cultivation will take place at high level compared to last two months.

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	252	514	65	9,033
Badulla	2,214	2,045	277	829	41	13,047
Sri Lanka	**3,076**	**2,836**	**528**	**1,454**	**51**	**22,962**

Source: ***MFPAD/HARTI***
Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 13,471 mt of potato had been imported in June which was 5,019 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. About 83% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month. Compared to June, 2015 (11,972 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.33.00/kg in June.

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 June by 22% and 15% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.123.00/kg in June. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 14% and 18% respectively due to low stocks position of imported stocks. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.125.00-155.00/kg and Rs.65.00-130.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (23%) and imported (7%) potatoes have increased. Supply of local potato will be low till August and the prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in July.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes January 2016 to June 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June 2016	13020	431.11	33.11	118.18	*85.07*
May 2016	8452	192.86	22.82	100.38	*77.56*
Apr 2016	8252	180.19	21.84	87.63	*65.79*
Mar 2016	11872	264.18	22.25	85.70	*63.45*
Feb 2016	17228	422.10	24.50	74.14	*49.64*
Jan 2016	20053	553.62	27.61	87.96	*60.35*

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	120.00-130.00	93.00	103.40	93.95	*-10.40*	*-10.06*	*-0.95*	*-1.01*
Nuwara Eliya	115.00-135.00	123.38	95.08	105.04	*28.30*	*29.76*	*18.34*	*17.46*
Imported – CIF	29.75-62.19	33.11	22.82	30.88	*10.29*	*45.10*	*2.23*	*7.23*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	99.13	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	125.00-155.00	142.15	116.55	116.15	*25.60*	*21.97*	*26.00*	*22.39*
Imported	65.00-130.00	89.86	78.74	88.50	*11.12*	*14.13*	*1.37*	*1.54*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	150.00-200.00	180.84	156.73	146.91	*24.11*	*15.38*	*33.93*	*23.10*
Imported	90.00-160.00	118.18	100.38	110.13	*17.80*	*17.73*	*8.05*	*7.31*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		57.47	61.65	41.87	*-4.18*	*-6.79*	*15.60*	*37.25*
Imported (CIF-RP)		85.07	77.56	79.25	*7.51*	*9.68*	*5.82*	*7.34*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		38.69	40.19	30.76	*-1.49*	*-3.72*	*7.93*	*25.78*
Imported		28.32	21.64	21.63	*6.68*	*30.85*	*6.68*	*30.90*

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, out of which about 5,336 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of June representing 61% 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 712 ha of green gram were cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of green gram is 7,801 mt for this *yala* season. In the Hambantota district, the targeted extent is 1,832 ha for this *yala* season and about 699 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 579 ha and 1,763 ha were cultivated by the end of June achieving 70% 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 all the producing areas.

The targeted extent of cowpea was 6,890 ha for *yala* 2016 and about 2,314 ha were cultivated by the end of June achieving 34% 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 being damaged due to the bad weather condition. During the month, about 539 ha of cowpea have been cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to now, the expected production of cowpea is 2,947 mt for this *yala* season. The highest targeted extent of 3,954 ha was recorded in the Ampara district for this *yala* season and only 217 ha was cultivated by the end of this month. In Moneragala and Kurunegala districts, the targeted extents were 807 ha and 416 ha respectively and about 843 ha and 137 ha were cultivated by the end of this month. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2015, the cultivated extents of cowpea in Moneragala districts were at a high level, while it was low in Ampara and Kurunegala districts 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	337	699	38	1,160
	Kurunegala	1,276	833	537	579	70	435
	Moneragala	880	1,845	319	1,763	96	2,512
	Sri Lanka	**10,729**	**8,709**	**3,183**	**5,336**	**61**	**7,801**
Cowpea	Ampara	3,584	3,954	1,320	217	5	372
	Moneragala	584	807	332	843	104	1,057
	Kurunegala	1,255	416	509	137	33	141
	Sri Lanka	**8,414**	**6,890**	**3,477**	**2,314**	**34**	**2,947**

Source:* *MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2015, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,379 mt of green gram was imported in June and it was 372 mt lower than the quantity imported in May. The average CIF price was Rs.168.00/kg in June. Compared to June, 2015 (1,551 mt), the imported quantity of green gram was low in June, 2016. Out of the total imports, about 85% of the stocks were received from the UAE. In June, the wholesale and retail prices of green gram have decreased by 7% and 2% respectively due to availability of sufficient local stocks. Harvesting of green gram cultivated in mid-season has taken place and hence, the supply was at a high level. During the month, the wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.160.00-190.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of green gram had decreased by 3%.

A quantity of 254 mt of cowpea was imported in June, which was 40 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. Out of the total imports, about 64% of the stocks were received from Madagascar, followed by Myanmar (36%). The average CIF price was Rs.97.00/kg in June. In June, the wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 3%. However, the wholesale and retail prices of red cowpea have decreased by 3% and 1% respectively due to availability of sufficient local stocks. During the month, the wholesale prices of white and red cowpea ranged between Rs.190.00-220.00/kg and Rs.180.00-215.00/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 not changed significantly.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram January 2016 to June 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June 2016	1,284	215.62	167.99	243.50	75.51
May 2016	1,751	291.42	166.44	248.05	81.61
Apr 2016	1,405	229.68	163.52	248.41	84.89
Mar 2016	2,497	422.19	169.08	246.73	77.65
Feb 2016	805	140.96	175.17	243.85	68.68
Jan 2016	768	133.05	173.24	240.43	67.19

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea January 2016 to June 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June 2016	254	24.72	97.17	249.42	152.25
May 2016	295	30.38	103.14	250.79	147.65
Apr 2016	325	32.21	98.98	251.89	152.91
Mar 2016	686	71.16	103.76	254.12	150.36
Feb 2016	383	36.78	96.14	251.48	155.34
Jan 2016	363	32.51	89.68	253.69	164.01

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	160.00-190.00	177.33	191.51	197.92	-14.19	-7.41	-20.60	-10.41
Cowpea (White)	190.00-220.00	211.33	204.90	194.68	6.43	3.14	16.65	8.55
Cowpea (Red)	190.00-220.00	196.56	202.28	202.20	-5.71	-2.82	-5.64	-2.79
Retail Prices								
Green gram	210.00-280.00	243.50	248.05	249.99	-4.55	-1.83	-6.49	-2.60
Cowpea (White)	210.00-280.00	249.42	250.79	248.62	-1.37	-0.55	0.80	0.32
Cowpea (Red)	220.00-280.00	247.58	250.35	247.55	-2.77	-1.11	0.03	0.01

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	June 2016	167.99	177.33	243.50	9.34	66.18
	May 2016	166.44	191.51	248.05	25.07	56.54
	June 2015	-	197.92	249.99	-	52.07
Cowpea (White)	June 2016	97.17	211.33	249.42	114.16	38.09
	May 2016	103.14	204.90	250.79	101.76	45.89
	June 2015	-	194.68	248.62	-	53.94
Cowpea (Red)	June 2016	-	196.56	247.58	-	51.02
	May 2016	-	202.28	250.35	-	48.08
	June 2015	-	202.20	247.55	-	45.35

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 12,121 mt (11,680 mt of whole type and 442 mt of split type) of red dhal was imported in June and it was 2,141 mt higher than the quantity imported in May. About 87% and 12% of the stocks of whole type were received from Canada and Australia respectively. Compared to June, 2015 (13,169 mt), the imports of red dhal were low during this month. The average CIF price was Rs.144.00/kg in June.

In June, the wholesale price of red dhal has decreased by 1%, while the retail price has increased by 1%. The average wholesale price was Rs.185.00/kg in June. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail price of red dhal has increased by 2%.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	162.00-228.00	185.12	197.20	177.47	-12.08	-6.13	7.65	4.31
Retail Price	170.00-260.00	198.26	196.58	193.97	1.68	0.85	4.29	2.21

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
January 2016 to June 2016

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
June 2016	11870	150.14	185.12	198.26	34.98	13.14
May 2016	9981	134.39	187.20	196.58	52.81	9.38
Apr 2016	4275	140.12	185.58	185.54	45.46	-0.04
Mar 2016	17192	139.14	173.98	180.90	34.84	6.92
Feb 2016	19945	129.33	176.08	182.75	46.75	6.67
Jan 2016	22496	127.42	184.51	179.96	57.09	-4.55

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 June, below average rainfall received in all the major producing areas. Meanwhile, crop establishment was carried out in the fields where land preparation had been completed in the previous month. The set target for upcountry varieties in the *Yala* season in Nuwara Eliya district was 4,315ha of which about 88% was achieved at the end of June. Generally, 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, Matale and Badulla districts. The reported cultivation progress for upcountry varieties in Badulla district was 94% while in Kandy and Matale districts the value was 58% each, by the end of June. In Jaffna, Kurunegala and Puttlam districts a three-week delay in the commencement of the season was noticed with the reported cultivation progress being at 41%, 67% and 57% by the end of the month.

Meanwhile, land preparation and crop establishment for *Yala* season has successfully commenced in lowcountry districts in June. In Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts, an 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. The reported cultivation progresses for the above mentioned districts were about 73% and 96% respectively, of the seasonal target by the end of June. Further, Kurunegala, Moneragala and Matale districts had reported 68%, 70% and 70% cultivation progress respectively, for lowcountry varieties by the end of June. In addition, observed cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties in Jaffna and Puttlam district were low, compared to other districts, as 63% and 67% respectively, by the end of June.

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 June. Meanwhile, Inter-seasonal cultivation of vegetables is practiced in March in the fields where *Maha* harvest had been reaped. However, this year, minimal cultivation during the intermediate season (March-April) was observed due to four month long dry weather (From January to April), experienced prior to the commencement of the *Yala* season. Hence, supply dropped by around 50%-60% at the beginning of the month and high price increases were noticed for both up and lowcountry varieties in May. As *Yala* harvest had not yet reached the market, market prices remained high in June for both up and lowcountry vegetables.

Even though the expected vegetable production of the Matale district for the month of June was 5,832 mt, the actual production was 50% of the targeted value, due to the damage to harvested and standing crops, as a result of the heavy rain in May. Further, daily supply of vegetables to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre (DEC) was around 800mt, recording a 6% increase compared to last month. Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties, except beans had increased in June, compared to previous month. The highest price increase was reported for carrot as 95% followed by knokhol as 68% and cabbage as 66%. Except for beans, prices of all the other upcountry varieties had increased in the range of 12% - 35%, due to low supply.

With the ending of supply from all the producing areas, prices of tomato had increased significantly, up to Rs.139.00/kg in previous month. Price increasing trend continued in June, further, increasing prices by 12% for tomato. Along with tomato, prices of capsicum also increased by a significant margin as 90%.

Except for cucumber and ladies' fingers, supplies of all the domestic vegetables also decreased and thereby prices increased, with the reaching of peak of the off season. The highest price increase was reported for pumpkin as 118%, followed by ash plantain as 59% and luffa as 38%. Except for cucumber and ladies' fingers, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties increased in the range of 10%-32%. However, compared to last month, a slight increase in cucumber and ladies' fingers supply was observed in June and thereby prices had decreased by around 25% each, compared to last month.

With the reaching of peak off season, prices of green chilies had further increased by 142% in June.

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

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the vegetables, except for beans, ladies' fingers and cucumber had increased in June. The highest price increase was reported for capsicum as 47% followed by pumpkin as 45%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – June 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-190.00	147.18	172.34	162.56	*-25.16*	*-14.60*	*-15.38*	*-9.46*
Carrot	140.00-250.00	187.62	96.00	177.79	*91.62*	*95.44*	*9.83*	*5.53*
Leeks	100.00-180.00	138.54	102.50	119.51	*36.04*	*35.16*	*19.03*	*15.92*
Beetroot	80.00-180.00	129.18	105.52	105.65	*23.66*	*22.42*	*23.53*	*22.27*
Knokhol	70.00-150.00	115.59	68.83	78.89	*46.76*	*67.94*	*36.70*	*46.52*
Radish	40.00-80.00	65.54	58.50	65.26	*7.04*	*12.03*	*0.28*	*0.43*
Cabbage	70.00-150.00	111.33	66.90	53.13	*44.43*	*66.41*	*58.20*	*109.54*
Tomato	120.00-200.00	155.66	139.34	39.50	*16.32*	*11.71*	*116.16*	*294.08*
Ladies Fingers	30.00-80.00	58.37	78.50	63.04	*-20.13*	*-25.64*	*-4.67*	*-7.41*
Brinjal	50.00-150.00	86.44	76.44	44.76	*10.00*	*13.08*	*41.68*	*93.12*
Capsicum	160.00-280.00	219.50	115.50	165.06	*104.00*	*90.04*	*54.44*	*32.98*
Pumpkin	50.00-120.00	83.15	38.10	16.78	*45.05*	*118.24*	*66.37*	*395.53*
Cucumber	30.00-70.00	53.13	70.50	34.19	*-17.37*	*-24.64*	*18.94*	*55.40*
Bittergourd	120.00-220.00	186.19	141.47	109.01	*44.72*	*31.61*	*77.18*	*70.80*
Snakegourd	80.00-140.00	116.47	106.00	56.71	*10.47*	*9.88*	*59.76*	*105.38*
Drumstick	160.00-300.00	211.81	172.97	198.86	*38.84*	*22.45*	*12.95*	*6.51*
Luffa	120.00-200.00	141.14	102.53	75.07	*38.61*	*37.66*	*66.07*	*88.01*
Long Beans	60.00-170.00	103.64	103.17	89.68	*0.47*	*0.46*	*13.96*	*15.57*
Ash Plantain	50.00-180.00	70.23	44.30	50.03	*25.93*	*58.53*	*20.20*	*40.38*
Green Chillies	400.00-700.00	571.73	236.02	159.11	*335.71*	*142.24*	*412.62*	*259.33*
Lime	100.00-250.00	189.89	381.00	107.52	*-191.11*	*-50.16*	*82.37*	*76.61*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – June 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	160.00-360.00	222.68	252.11	222.82	*-29.43*	*-11.67*	*-0.14*	*-0.06*
Carrot	200.00-360.00	279.28	195.26	241.89	*84.02*	*43.03*	*37.39*	*15.46*
Leeks	120.00-320.00	224.61	182.85	198.31	*41.76*	*22.84*	*26.30*	*13.26*
Beetroot	160.00-320.00	248.77	199.41	180.01	*49.36*	*24.75*	*68.76*	*38.20*
Knokhol	140.00-320.00	232.43	187.41	170.08	*45.02*	*24.02*	*62.35*	*36.66*
Radish	70.00-240.00	163.15	150.61	117.62	*12.54*	*8.33*	*45.53*	*38.71*
Cabbage	150.00-320.00	211.99	153.63	123.32	*58.36*	*37.99*	*88.67*	*71.90*
Tomato	160.00-320.00	242.30	226.48	91.61	*15.82*	*6.99*	*150.69*	*164.49*
Ladies Fingers	70.00-240.00	148.42	154.60	124.75	*-6.18*	*-4.00*	*23.67*	*18.97*
Brinjal	100.00-320.00	173.88	147.40	110.77	*26.48*	*17.96*	*63.11*	*56.97*
Capsicum	200.00-420.00	321.24	218.96	236.46	*102.28*	*46.71*	*84.78*	*35.85*
Pumpkin	70.00-240.00	146.06	100.68	66.91	*45.38*	*45.07*	*79.15*	*118.29*
Cucumber	70.00-200.00	133.91	139.24	87.67	*-5.33*	*-3.83*	*46.24*	*52.74*
Bittergourd	180.00-400.00	279.23	209.46	172.87	*69.77*	*33.31*	*106.36*	*61.53*
Snakegourd	120.00-280.00	195.98	175.82	116.96	*20.16*	*11.47*	*79.02*	*67.56*
Drumstick	240.00-1200.00	461.55	345.62	636.41	*115.93*	*33.54*	*-174.86*	*-27.48*
Luffa	150.00-320.00	234.06	181.97	139.77	*52.09*	*28.63*	*94.29*	*67.46*
Long Beans	120.00-400.00	190.03	168.18	165.31	*21.85*	*12.99*	*24.72*	*14.95*
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	129.74	123.00	115.72	*6.74*	*5.48*	*14.02*	*12.12*
Green Chillies	600.00-1100.00	886.06	443.00	260.45	*443.06*	*100.01*	*625.61*	*240.20*
Lime	240.00-800.00	523.79	674.13	271.51	*-150.34*	*-22.30*	*252.28*	*92.92*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With the Ramazan Festival season, prices of all the fruit varieties except avocado have increased. The highest price increase was reported for mango (kohu) as 63%. And, prices of all the other mango varieties have increased in the range of 23%-31%. Price of banana (ambul) also increased by 53% and the prices of all the other varieties of banana have increased in the range of 26%-39%. In this condition, price of papaw has increased by 44%. In addition, prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 21%-27% due to decreased the supplies from Radawana, Weliweriya and Dompe. However, price of avocado has decreased by 22% due to high supplies received from Welimada, Katukithula and Kandy.

According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties are expected to decline in the coming month due to increased supply. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased and the highest price increase of 89% was reported for both banana (ambul) and pineapple (small sizes).

A much equal price fluctuation in retail market can be seen compared to wholesale market. In order, prices of all the fruit varieties except avocado and passionfruit have increased. The highest price increase of 43% was noted for mango (betti) and the second highest price increase of 39% was noted for mango (kohu). Meanwhile, price of pineapple (small size) also has increased by 26%. In addition, prices of all the varieties of banana have increased in the range of 4%-7% with increased demand. However, price of avocado has decreased by 8% due to increased supplies from Welimada, Katukithula and Kandy. Further, price of passionfruit has decreased by 6% due to low quality stocks received from Weliweriya and Buttala. According to market information, prices of most of the fruit varieties are expected to decrease 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 was reported for passionfruit as (72%).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to Table 4.3 producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties except pineapple have increased. The highest price increase was reported for papaw as 102%. Compared to the same period of last year, producer prices of all the selected fruit varieties have increased. According to market information, producer prices of selected fruit varieties are expected to decrease in the coming month.

In order to Table 4.4, Rs.72mn worth of fruits have been exported in the month of July and the highest individual export value of Rs.34mn has been earned from papaw. Compared to the last month, the export value has increased by Rs.36mn for selected fruit varieties this month.

Consider about fruit imports (Table 4.5), the entire cost was Rs.434.21mn for selected fruit varieties and Rs.192mn has been expended for apple. Also, 29% of apple have been imported from China and 22% have been imported from New Zealand. Compared to the same period of last month the imported cost of selected fruits has decreased by Rs.130.24mn.

Considering export value and import value for selected fruit varieties a Rs.362mn negative trade balance can be observed.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – June 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	40.00-70.00	55.65	36.32	29.38	*19.33*	*53.22*	*26.27*	*89.41*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	140.00-200.00	175.16	138.70	106.66	*36.46*	*26.29*	*68.50*	*64.22*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	40.00-60.00	48.52	36.50	37.12	*12.02*	*32.93*	*11.40*	*30.71*
Anamalu	8.00-12.00	9.60	7.36	6.78	*2.24*	*30.43*	*2.82*	*41.59*
Ambun	10.00-17.00	13.56	9.76	10.23	*3.80*	*38.93*	*3.33*	*32.55*
Pineapple								
Large	150.00-220.00	181.75	150.42	111.20	*31.33*	*20.83*	*70.55*	*63.44*
Medium	130.00-180.00	155.73	122.99	83.79	*32.74*	*26.62*	*71.94*	*85.86*
Small	80.00-140.00	118.75	95.63	62.75	*23.12*	*24.18*	*56.00*	*89.24*
Mango								
Betti	10.00-17.50	14.13	10.76	16.74	*3.37*	*31.32*	*-2.61*	*-15.59*
Karthakolomban	35.00-65.00	46.43	37.65	71.04	*8.78*	*23.32*	*-24.61*	*-34.64*
Vilad	15.00-25.00	19.80	15.73	20.42	*4.07*	*25.87*	*-0.62*	*-3.04*
Kohu	8.50-20.00	12.87	7.91	12.04	*4.96*	*62.71*	*0.83*	*6.89*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	50.00-100.00	74.04	51.36	109.74	*22.68*	*44.16*	*-35.70*	*-32.53*
Passionfruit	12.50-20.00	16.33	15.02	7.30	*1.31*	*8.72*	*9.03*	*123.70*
Woodapple	30.00-60.00	47.79	36.66	51.12	*11.13*	*30.36*	*-3.33*	*-6.51*
Orange	40.00-60.00	47.61	36.07	33.83	*11.54*	*31.99*	*13.78*	*40.73*
Avocado	20.00-40.00	29.88	38.50	36.43	*-8.62*	*-22.39*	*-6.55*	*-17.98*
Slime Apple	20.00-30.00	25.65	24.13	32.71	*1.52*	*6.30*	*-7.06*	*-21.58*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	400.00-684.00	582.06	565.96	511.87	*16.10*	*2.84*	*70.19*	*13.71*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – June 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	70.00-120.00	85.39	79.79	68.17	*5.60*	*7.02*	*17.22*	*25.26*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	180.00-260.00	218.10	204.20	156.00	*13.90*	*6.81*	*62.10*	*39.81*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	60.00-100.00	82.53	79.45	73.23	*3.08*	*3.88*	*9.30*	*12.70*
Anamalu	15.00-25.00	18.55	17.77	13.13	*0.78*	*4.39*	*5.42*	*41.28*
Ambun	15.00-25.00	19.79	18.54	14.84	*1.25*	*6.74*	*4.95*	*33.36*
Pineapple								
Large	180.00-280.00	218.27	198.89	144.21	*19.38*	*9.74*	*74.06*	*51.36*
Medium	150.00-220.00	161.08	151.36	98.15	*9.72*	*6.42*	*62.93*	*64.12*
Small	100.00-180.00	128.11	101.85	74.82	*26.26*	*25.78*	*53.29*	*71.22*
Mango								
Betti	25.00-50.00	34.79	24.34	34.93	*10.45*	*42.93*	*-0.14*	*-0.40*
Karthakolomban	40.00-100.00	63.45	53.74	96.68	*9.71*	*18.07*	*-33.23*	*-34.37*
Vilad	30.00-60.00	39.83	34.06	42.08	*5.77*	*16.94*	*-2.25*	*-5.35*
Kohu	15.00-20.00	17.50	12.58	17.50	*4.92*	*39.11*	*0.00*	*0.00*
Papaw (Rs/kg)	70.00-180.00	125.70	104.98	164.20	*20.72*	*19.74*	*-38.50*	*-23.45*
Passionfruit	20.00-33.33	25.70	27.42	14.95	*-1.72*	*-6.27*	*10.75*	*71.91*
Woodapple	50.00-120.00	81.30	70.91	70.93	*10.39*	*14.65*	*10.37*	*14.62*
Orange	40.00-100.00	71.17	63.38	53.78	*7.79*	*12.29*	*17.39*	*32.34*
Avocado	35.00-120.00	59.53	64.38	54.31	*-4.85*	*-7.53*	*5.22*	*9.61*
Slime Apple	40.00-100.00	59.45	56.55	54.57	*2.90*	*5.13*	*4.88*	*8.94*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	800.68	788.15	776.74	*12.53*	*1.59*	*23.94*	*3.08*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – June 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	19.00-47.50	31.62	27.66	22.90	3.96	14.30	8.72	38.06
Kolikuttu	94.00-155.00	118.08	111.48	89.00	6.60	5.92	29.08	32.68
Papaw	27.50-67.50	45.49	22.54	66.08	22.95	101.81	-20.59	-31.16
Pineapple	52.00-76.00	58.63	59.00	48.30	-0.38	-0.64	10.33	21.38

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

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

Type of Fruit	April			May			June		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	122.97	25.26	205.42	67.94	13.11	192.93	116.08	31.79	273.88
Papaw	319.52	33.96	106.27	165.10	18.09	109.56	232.64	32.33	138.98
Fresh Mango	17.73	12.41	699.82	7.57	4.99	658.43	1.69	0.46	273.74
Avocados, fresh	0.14	0.06	420.31	0.08	0.03	420.13	0.16	0.06	379.79
Oranges, fresh	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 April – June 2016

Type of Fruit	June			May			April		
	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	1,239	191.98	154.90	2,604.15	393.01	150.92	3,234.46	481.64	148.91
Grapes	371	135.65	365.79	486	183.54	377.84	430.85	155.82	361.66
Oranges	773	88.07	113.89	852.12	82.06	96.30	652.20	53.40	81.88
Mandarin	250	17.17	68.68	81.99	5.84	71.21	477.11	19.32	40.48

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Though it was predicted in the previous month to have increased prices this month, prices of all the fresh fish varieties except paraw had decreased at the wholesale level. However, increased prices were observed in the first two weeks of the month due to high consumer demand during the Ramazan period. Thereafter, prices had declined in the third week and again increased prices were observed in the latter part of the month. The highest price decrease of 15% was reported for shrimp followed by thora (10%) and balaya (7%). A price decrease of 5% was observed for both salaya and hurulla. In addition, prices of kelawalla, thalapath and mora had decreased by 4%, 3% and 1% respectively. Meanwhile, a price increase of 10% was noted for paraw. Most of the stocks had been supplied to the market from Kalmunai, Trincomalee, Killinochchi, Mulaitivu, Jaffna, Batticaloa and Mannar. In June, the monthly average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish varieties ranged between Rs.136.25– 1,118.89/kg. It can be expected that fish prices could further decrease in the coming month. Compared to June 2015, wholesale prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had increased in the range of 4%-24% with the highest price increase noted for salaya.

In line with the price behavior at the wholesale market, prices of most of the fresh fish varieties had decreased in the range of 2%-13% at the retail level. The highest price decrease of 13% was reported for shrimp followed by thora (5%). A price decrease of 4% was noted for both balaya and kelawalla and a price decrease of 2% was observed for hurulla. Meanwhile, prices of thalapath, salaya, paraw and mora had increased in the range of 1%-3%. In the month of June, the monthly average retail prices of selected fresh fish varieties have ranged between Rs.213.12– 1,338.88/kg. Further, of the selected varieties, consumers had to pay Rs.120.00– 1,600.00/kg when buying fresh fish during the month. Compared to June 2015, retail prices of all the fresh fish varieties except balaya and shrimp had increased in the range of 2%-39% with the highest price increase noted for salaya.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	110.00-160.00	136.25	143.60	109.84	*-7.35*	*-5.12*	*26.41*	*24.04*
Hurulla	320.00-370.00	345.00	363.73	310.50	*-18.73*	*-5.15*	*34.50*	*11.11*
Balaya	300.00-380.00	330.50	354.00	369.39	*-23.50*	*-6.64*	*-38.89*	*-10.53*
Kelawalla	450.00-650.00	520.50	543.38	532.11	*-22.88*	*-4.21*	*-11.61*	*-2.18*
Thora	900.00-1200.00	1118.89	1250.08	1074.70	*-131.19*	*-10.49*	*44.19*	*4.11*
Paraw	550.00-700.00	630.75	575.35	539.77	*55.40*	*9.63*	*90.98*	*16.86*
Mora	450.00-550.00	506.97	510.90	534.70	*-3.93*	*-0.77*	*-27.73*	*-5.19*
Shrimp (small)	700.00-900.00	757.00	892.75	964.73	*-135.75*	*-15.21*	*-207.73*	*-21.53*
Thalapath	550.00-700.00	610.25	627.00	565.44	*-16.75*	*-2.67*	*44.81*	*7.92*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	120.00-320.00	213.12	206.99	153.10	*6.13*	*2.96*	*60.02*	*39.20*
Hurulla	350.00-520.00	398.05	406.95	385.51	*-8.90*	*-2.19*	*12.54*	*3.25*
Balaya	330.00-880.00	479.51	498.20	514.79	*-18.69*	*-3.75*	*-35.28*	*-6.85*
Kelawalla	500.00-1000.00	740.36	774.67	728.73	*-34.31*	*-4.43*	*11.63*	*1.60*
Thora	1050.00-1600.00	1338.88	1405.82	1247.94	*-66.94*	*-4.76*	*90.94*	*7.29*
Paraw	580.00-1000.00	786.90	766.85	718.62	*20.05*	*2.61*	*68.28*	*9.50*
Mora	500.00-950.00	668.94	658.85	649.42	*10.09*	*1.53*	*19.52*	*3.01*
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1200.00	896.09	1029.48	1099.69	*-133.39*	*-12.96*	*-203.60*	*-18.51*
Thalapath	600.00-1100.00	846.90	839.08	750.53	*7.82*	*0.93*	*96.37*	*12.84*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of local and imported dried fish remained largely unchanged. The availability of both local and imported stocks were satisfactory. The wholesale prices of most of the dried fish have slightly decreased. However, the highest decrease was recorded as 4% for local maduwa and less than that for other price decreased varieties. Prices of imported sprats and imported thora have decreased by 3% while the prices of local thora, mora, kattawa and sprats have decreased by less than 2%. Meanwhile among price increased varieties the price of local salaya has increased by 10% and the prices of both imported anguluwa and balaya have increased by 5% each. As the previous month stocks of local and imported koduwa and imported salaya were not available in the market. Compared to the same period of the last year prices of all the dried fish varieties except imported balaya had increased and it was significant for imported sprats as well as both local and imported anguluwa.

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

According to the reports of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs a quantity of 2190mt of dried sprats was imported in June. The total value of the imports was Rs.756mn. The quantity has decreased by about 550mt against the previous month. Out of the total imports 76% was imported from Thailand while 20% from the United Arab Emirates. Rest of the stocks were imported from India, Vietnam and Indonesia in few quantities. The CIF price ranged between Rs.293.20-486.35/kg and the average price was Rs.345.23/kg.

Considering the retail market though the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish have decreased the retail prices of all the other varieties have increased except local sprats, maduwa and mora. But the increase was less than 7% against the previous month. The prices of maduwa and local sprats have decreased by 4% and 2% respectively. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the other dried fish varieties except thora and maduwa had increased in the range of 10% - 61% with the highest increase reported for imported sprats.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	750.00-900.00	811.82	814.11	707.70	*-2.29*	*-0.28*	*104.12*	*14.71*
Sprats (imported)	400.00-550.00	472.20	487.25	336.36	*-15.05*	*-3.09*	*135.84*	*40.39*
Kattawa	800.00-900.00	845.00	853.40	754.59	*-8.40*	*-0.98*	*90.41*	*11.98*
Kattawa (imported)	750.00-850.00	807.25	808.80	736.24	*-1.55*	*-0.19*	*71.01*	*9.64*
Thora	1100.00-1200.00	1160.08	1169.10	950.00	*-9.01*	*-0.77*	*210.08*	*22.11*
Thora (imported)	980.00-1150.00	1035.00	1063.35	945.00	*-28.35*	*-2.67*	*90.00*	*9.52*
Mora	750.00-880.00	808.75	823.10	805.06	*-14.35*	*-1.74*	*3.69*	*0.46*
Mora (imported)	700.00-850.00	785.96	777.00	748.76	*8.96*	*1.15*	*37.20*	*4.97*
Balaya	450.00-650.00	559.30	549.43	551.23	*9.87*	*1.80*	*8.07*	*1.46*
Balaya (imported)	400.00-620.00	493.50	470.38	519.59	*23.12*	*4.91*	*-26.09*	*-5.02*
Anguluwa	700.00-850.00	774.11	762.27	574.20	*11.84*	*1.55*	*199.91*	*34.82*
Anguluwa (imported)	520.00-780.00	692.25	656.40	546.77	*35.85*	*5.46*	*145.48*	*26.61*
Maduwa	450.00-620.00	565.77	587.76	496.50	*-21.99*	*-3.74*	*69.27*	*13.95*
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	435.53	419.20	393.30	*16.33*	*3.89*	*42.23*	*10.74*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-400.00	305.38	276.44	259.98	*28.94*	*10.47*	*45.39*	*17.46*
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-800.00	683.62	656.47	424.61	*27.15*	*4.14*	*259.01*	*61.00*
Sprats	800.00-1200.00	1032.85	1052.40	892.76	*-19.55*	*-1.86*	*140.09*	*15.69*
Kattawa	900.00-1600.00	1188.22	1166.86	1079.96	*21.36*	*1.83*	*108.26*	*10.02*
Thora	1000.00-1800.00	1377.06	1336.51	1383.44	*40.55*	*3.03*	*-6.38*	*-0.46*
Mora	780.00-1200.00	999.22	1008.63	965.89	*-9.41*	*-0.93*	*33.33*	*3.45*
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	906.17	848.07	804.70	*58.10*	*6.85*	*101.47*	*12.61*
Anguluwa	600.00-1200.00	1005.95	992.94	895.76	*13.01*	*1.31*	*110.19*	*12.30*
Maduwa	600.00-800.00	713.69	744.04	730.63	*-30.35*	*-4.08*	*-16.94*	*-2.32*
Koduwa	800.00-1100.00	925.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	588.62	568.22	533.82	*20.40*	*3.59*	*54.80*	*10.27*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – January 2016 to June 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June 2016	2190	756.14	345.23	683.62	*338.39*
May 2016	2743	952.61	347.30	656.47	*309.17*
Apr 2016	1612	573.49	355.68	645.30	*289.62*
Mar 2016	3152	1252.33	397.37	655.26	*257.89*
Feb 2016	2135	877.98	411.29	627.91	*216.62*
Jan 2016	1623	544.77	335.68	556.34	*220.66*

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

Eggs

Though increased prices were expected, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 1% at the wholesale level. The monthly average wholesale prices of brown and white eggs were Rs.13.50/egg and Rs.12.50/egg respectively. Further, prices remained unchanged during the month. 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 June 2015, wholesale prices of brown eggs had not changed while prices of white eggs had decreased by 1%.

With the decreased wholesale prices, prices of both brown and white eggs had decreased by 2% and 1% respectively at the retail level too. At the same time, prices did not change significantly during the month. The monthly average retail price and the price range of a brown egg were Rs.15.01 and Rs.14.50-16.00 respectively. Further, monthly average retail price and the price range of a white egg were Rs.14.01 and Rs.13.00-15.00 respectively. Compared to June 2015, retail prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 2%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.50-13.50	13.50	13.60	13.50	*-0.10*	*-0.74*	*0.00*	*0.00*
White (each)	12.50-12.50	12.50	12.60	12.63	*-0.10*	*-0.79*	*-0.13*	*-1.03*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	14.50-16.00	15.01	15.38	14.73	*-0.37*	*-2.41*	*0.28*	*1.90*
White (each)	13.00-15.00	14.01	14.16	13.78	*-0.15*	*-1.06*	*0.23*	*1.67*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The supply and demand situation was more or less the same as the previous month. The price of beef has increased slightly while the prices of other meats have decreased slightly. But the change was insignificant for all the meat varieties. Compared to the same period of last year prices of all the meat varieties except for pork had increased with the highest increase of 24% reported for beef.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – June 2016

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	750.00-800.00	791.92	777.47	641.37	*14.45*	*1.86*	*150.55*	*23.47*
Chicken (Broiler)	500.00-600.00	569.91	570.51	526.65	*-0.60*	*-0.11*	*43.26*	*8.21*
Chicken (curry)	400.00-580.00	524.35	524.92	499.60	*-0.57*	*-0.11*	*24.75*	*4.95*
Mutton	1400.00-1800.00	1542.19	1551.39	1343.75	*-9.20*	*-0.59*	*198.44*	*14.77*
Pork	550.00-650.00	584.38	599.00	587.58	*-14.62*	*-2.44*	*-3.20*	*-0.54*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

The imported quantities of wheat grain in the last two months were very high hence it has shown a decrease in June. The total imports of wheat grain was 74,946 mt. The value of the imports was Rs.2507mn and the average CIF price was Rs.33.46/kg recording a decrease of Rs.3.56/kg against the previous month.

Out of the total imports 58% were imported from Russia and another 28% from Canada with around 14% from Australia. The rest of the stocks were from India in a few quantity. The CIF price ranged between Rs.30.06 – 48.89/kg. The majority imported from Russia fetched the lowest CIF price of Rs.30.06/kg while the highest CIF price of Rs.48.89/kg was recorded for the Indian wheat grain. The quantity of only a 254mt valued nearly at Rs.19mn was imported as wheat flour. The average CIF price was Rs.72.69/kg recording an increase of Rs.4.96/kg against the previous month.

The retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.93.29/kg. Compared to the same period of the last year the retail price of wheat flour had increased by about 8%.

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2016	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2016		June 2015	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-100.00	93.21	92.74	86.29	*0.47*	*0.50*	*6.92*	*8.02*
Sugar	87.00-120.00	113.46	106.34	*83.61*	*7.12*	*6.70*	*29.85*	*35.70*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
June 2016	254	18.45	72.69	93.21	*20.52*
May 2016	511	34.64	67.73	92.74	*25.01*
Apr 2016	65	5.27	80.87	92.23	*11.36*
Mar 2016	305	20.67	67.82	88.81	*20.99*
Feb 2016	246	16.59	67.42	86.72	*19.30*
Jan 2016	201	14.43	71.76	87.16	*15.40*
Wheat Grain					
June 2016	74947	2507.69	33.46	93.21	*59.75*
May 2016	149471	5533.95	37.02	92.74	*55.72*
Apr 2016	287231	9793.99	34.10	92.23	*58.13*
Mar 2016	93955	3431.82	36.53	88.81	*52.28*
Feb 2016	74376	2556.86	34.38	86.72	*52.34*
Jan 2016	241020	9172.08	38.06	87.16	*49.10*

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

Sugar

The total quantity of 46098mt recording an increase of 11439mt was imported in June and the value of that was Rs.3358mn.

The world sugar prices have shown a gradual increase with the beginning of year 2016 and that trend continued in June too. In line with that the average CIF price has increased further by Rs.5.04/kg against the previous month. The increase of CIF prices in last six months of 2016 was Rs.14.78/kg (about 25%). The average CIF price of sugar in June was Rs.72.85/kg. Among the total quantity of imported, 77% consisted by Brazilian sugar while 9% each by Indian and Thailand sugar. The United Arab Emirates represents 3% and another few stocks consisted from Korea and Bahrain. The CIF price ranged between Rs.71.33–92.20/kg. The majority among the imports from Brazil fetched the lowest CIF price of Rs.71.33/kg while the highest CIF price was reported for Korean sugar.

The increase in CIF price was reflected in retail level too reporting an increase of Rs.3.09/kg against the previous month. Further in last six months of this year the retail price of sugar has increased by Rs.18.57/kg and it was an increase of over 20%. Compared to the same period of last year the retail price had increased by over 30%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- January 2016 to June 2016

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June 2016	46098	3358.4	72.85	113.46	40.61
May 2016	34659	2350.37	67.81	106.34	*38.53*
Apr 2016	62589	4042.27	64.58	103.78	*39.20*
Mar 2016	80915	5083.00	62.82	99.52	*36.70*
Feb 2016	38492	2430.31	63.14	97.88	*34.74*
Jan 2016	22394	1363.45	60.88	97.05	*36.17*

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items - June 2016

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	June 2016	May 2016		June 2016	May 2016		June 2016	May 2016	
Rice	2057.77	3626	-43.25	109.70	185.45	-40.85	53.31	51.15	4.23
Red Onion	1802.72	1807	-0.26	161.08	130.69	23.25	89.35	72.31	23.57
Big Onion	20918.43	22266	-6.05	656.81	660.15	-0.51	31.40	29.65	5.90
Potato	13471.04	8452	59.38	450.50	192.86	133.59	33.44	22.82	46.56
Dried Chillies	3683.34	4225	-12.83	1049.61	1159.15	-9.45	284.96	274.32	3.88
Masoor Dhal	11869.79	9981	18.93	1710.43	1341.33	27.52	144.10	134.39	7.22
Green Gram	1283.54	1751	-26.69	215.62	291.42	-26.01	167.99	166.44	0.93
Cowpea	254.45	295	-13.60	24.72	30.38	-18.60	97.17	103.14	-5.79
Garlic	2661.14	2230	19.35	660.11	552.20	19.54	248.06	247.65	0.16
Wheat flour	253.77	511	-50.38	18.45	34.64	-46.74	72.69	67.73	7.33
Wheat grain	74946.72	149471	-49.86	2507.69	5533.95	-54.69	33.46	37.02	-9.63
White crystalline cane sugar	46098	34659	32.44	3358.4	2350.37	42.36	72.85	67.81	7.49
Maize (Seed)	15.10	15	-	6.60	8.47	-	437.00	555.43	-
Maize (Other)	-	75	-	-	6.66	-	-	88.79	-
Sprats, dried unsalted	2190.28	2743	-20.15	756.14	952.61	-20.62	345.23	347.30	-0.60

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

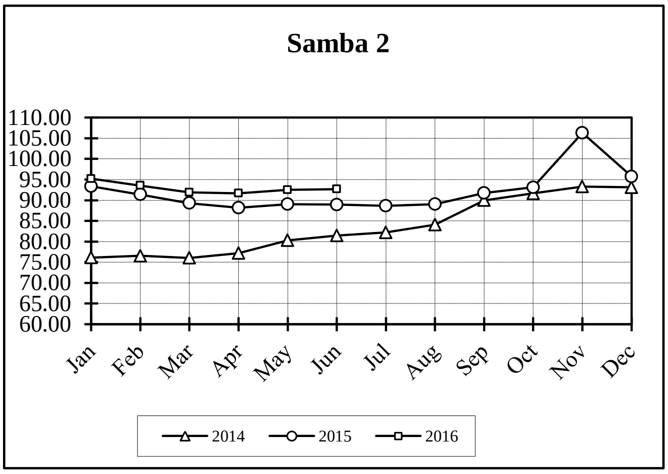
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – June 2016

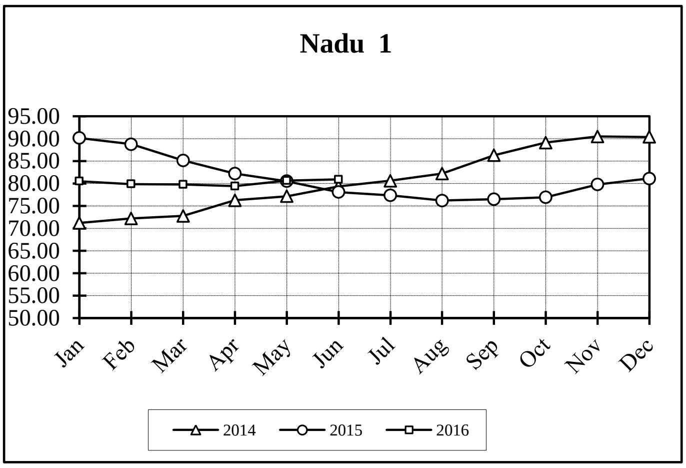
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	7.1	9.4	3	2
Badulla	5.2	29.3	4	4
Bandarawela	2.7	36.6	2	4
Batticaloa	0.0	23.9	0	2
Colombo	132.3	184.9	13	16
Galle	119.1	188.2	19	17
Hambantota	9.7	59.0	6	6
Jaffna	15.6	16.1	2	1
Katugastota	82.5	131.9	20	15
Katunayaka	158.6	177.2	14	15
Kurunegala	133.0	153.0	17	14
Mahailuppallama	8.3	14.0	6	3
Mannar	0.5	4.6	1	1
Nuwara Eliya	84.1	171.9	21	16
Pottuvil	7.1	5.2	2	na
Puttalam	72.0	44.7	10	4
Ratmalana	131.0	198.4	14	16
Ratnapura	220.4	412.2	22	21
Trincomalee	0.1	25.4	1	2
Vavuniya	4.6	11.2	1	1
Polonnaruwa	0.0	na	0	na
Moneragala	0.0	na	0	na
Mattala	2.0	na	1	na

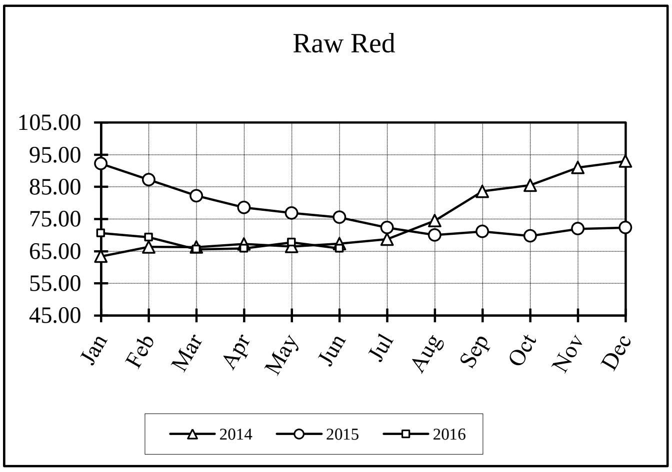
Source: Department of Meteorology

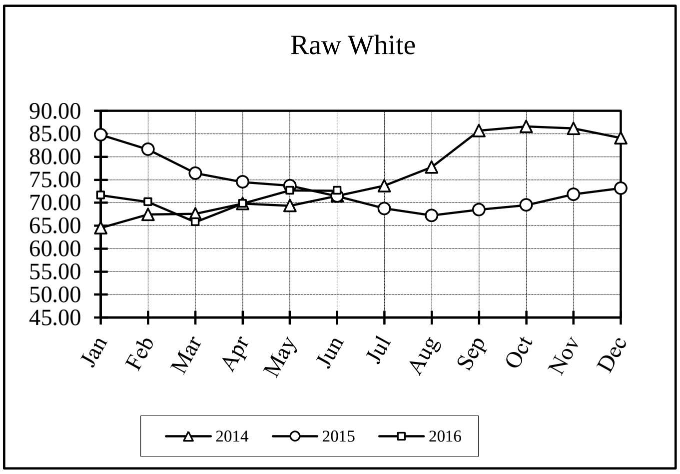
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Jan	76.11	93.38	95.20	71.22	90.13	80.51	63.39	92.21	70.64	64.54	84.76	71.61
Feb	76.54	91.39	93.55	72.18	88.75	79.87	66.32	87.23	69.32	67.44	81.61	70.19
Mar	76.04	89.30	91.87	72.77	85.09	79.76	66.29	82.21	65.58	67.56	76.40	65.80
Apr	77.22	88.17	91.70	76.26	82.22	79.38	67.23	78.56	65.88	69.84	74.51	69.83
May	80.30	89.04	92.51	77.15	80.50	80.65	66.48	76.85	67.75	69.36	73.70	72.67
Jun	81.44	88.93	92.71	79.33	78.08	80.90	67.30	75.50	65.82	71.50	71.45	72.63
Jul	82.22	88.66		80.59	77.33		68.70	72.36		73.70	68.75	
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	



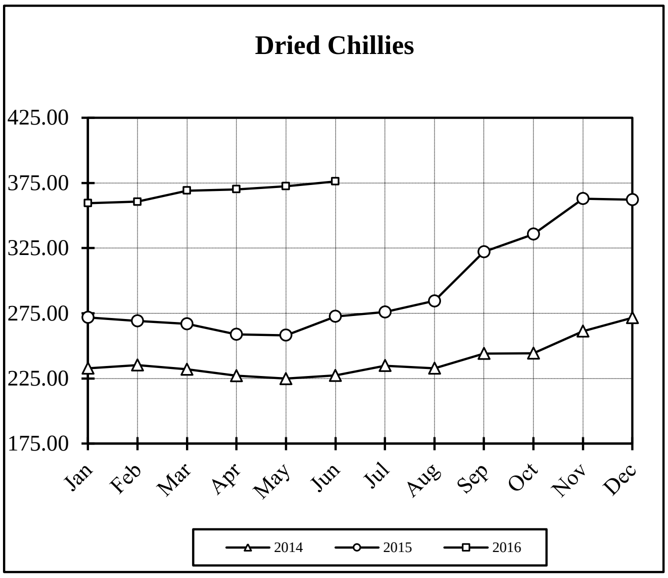


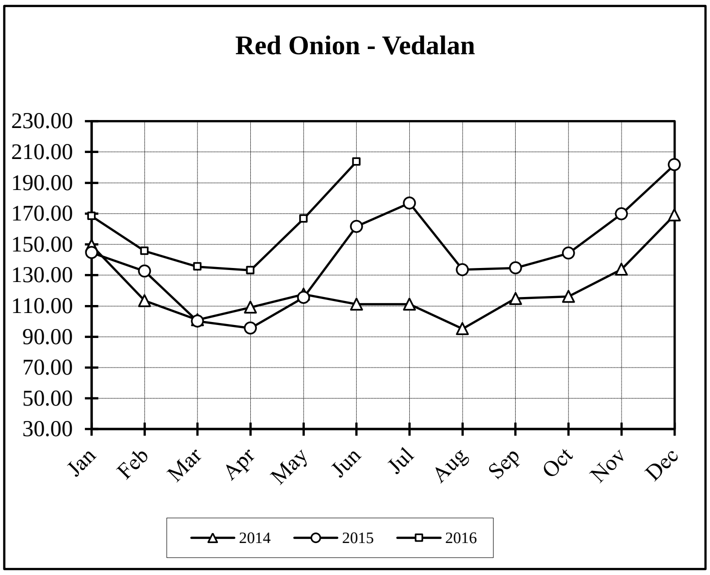


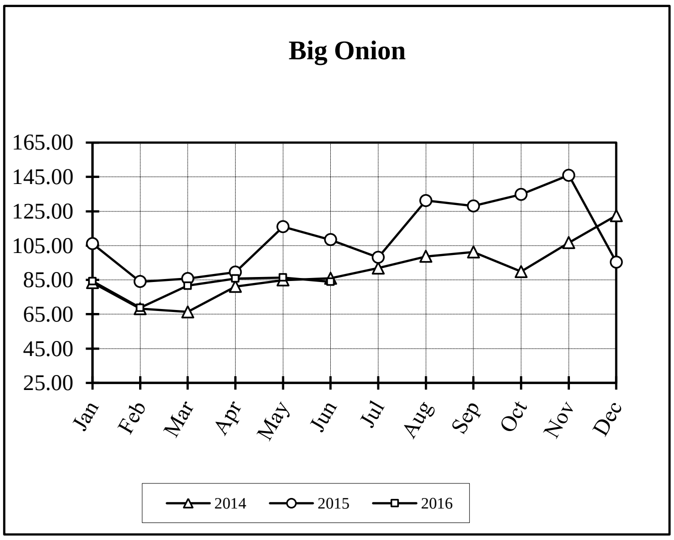


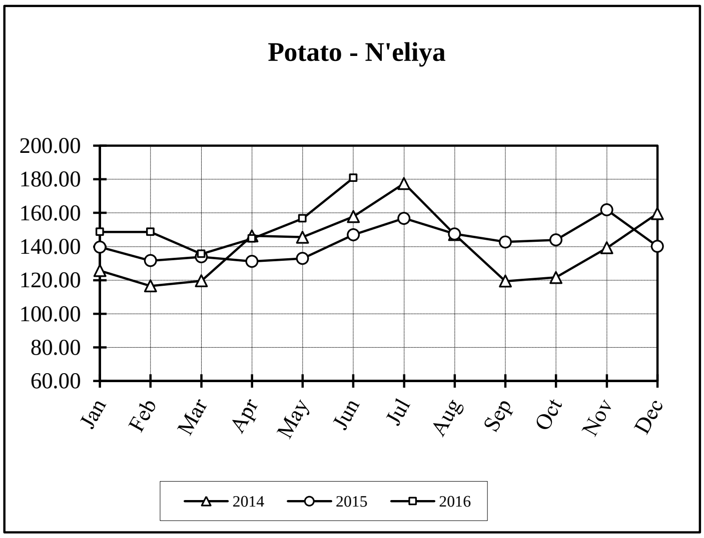
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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		111.07	176.85		91.93	98.14		177.57	156.77	
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)

June 2016

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Paddy				
Short grain				
A'pura	38.00	37.30	37.17	37.40
P'naruwa	37.75	37.25	36.75	36.35
Kalawewa	39.17	39.17	38.17	38.75
Kurunegala	38.40	38.33	36.20	35.60
Dehiattakandiya	39.40	39.40	39.25	39.25
Ampara	37.70	37.70	37.20	36.80
Long grain (White)				
A'pura	34.00	33.40	33.00	33.00
P'naruwa	35.75	35.25	34.75	33.75
Kalawewa	36.00	36.00	35.00	34.25
Kurunegala	36.60	36.40	34.60	33.60
Dehiattakandiya	35.20	34.58	33.80	33.50
Embilipitiya	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.70
Ampara	35.20	33.60	33.40	32.40
Matara	35.33	35.33	35.33	35.33
Hambantota				
Long grain (Red)				
Matara	31.00	31.67	31.33	31.33
Hambantota	32.50	30.50	30.50	30.50
Ampara	30.40	29.50	29.20	28.80
Embilipitiya	31.50	31.50	30.40	29.80
Other Food Crop				
Dried Chillies				
A'Pura				
Galgamuwa				
Kalawewa				
Red Onion				
Puttalam	156.00	164.00	152.00	130.00
Big Onion				
Dambulla				
Kalawewa				
A'Pura				
Kurunegala				

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Potato				
N'Eliya	117.20	116.50	133.00	126.80
Badulla	124.00	118.00	112.00	107.00
Welimada	122.00		122.50	127.50
Pulses				
Green Gram				
Galgamuwa				
Kalawewa	160.00	153.33	145.00	137.50
Embilipitiya	164.00	164.00	164.00	164.00
Kurunegala				
A'pura	160.00	186.25	160.00	165.00
Cowpea				
A'pura	172.00	176.00	170.00	180.00
Galgamuwa				
Nikaweratiya	140.00		153.33	153.33
Kalawewa	170.00	165.00	171.67	180.00
Embilipitiya	186.00	186.00	186.00	186.00
Kurunegala				
Maize				
A'Pura				
Kalawewa	52.50	52.50	52.50	45.00
Gingelly				
A'Pura	110.00	110.00	113.33	120.00
Kalawewa	113.33	113.33	116.25	116.67
Black Gram				
Kalawewa	260.00	300.00	290.00	300.00
A'Pura	275.00	275.00		255.00
Vegetables (Up Country)				
Beans				
Dambulla	132.00	139.00	132.00	159.00
Welimada	121.00	121.00	124.00	159.00
Badulla				
Carrot				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	188.00	188.00	196.00	168.80
Welimada	141.00	151.00	194.00	149.00

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Leeks				
Welimada				
N'Eliya	161.00	162.00	106.00	86.80
Beetroot				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	142.00	147.50	142.00	122.40
Dambulla	103.00	176.00	145.00	129.00
Kurunegala				
Welimada	110.00	123.00	121.00	107.00
Knokhol				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	82.00	82.00	87.00	76.80
Welimada	119.00	109.00	122.00	91.80
Radish				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.60
Welimada	50.00	55.00	50.00	40.00
Cabbage				
Hanguranketha				
N'Eliya	138.00	140.00	108.00	66.80
Welimada	121.00	109.00	101.00	69.00
Hambantota				
Badulla	118.00	121.00	121.00	111.00
Tomato				
Hanguranketha				
Welimada	141.00	118.00	111.00	153.00
Hambantota				
Dambulla	138.00	123.00	126.00	170.00
Low Country				
Ladies Fingers				
A'pura	66.60	65.00	46.67	62.00
Dambulla	30.60	49.60	45.60	48.60
Hambantota	40.00	65.00	42.50	40.00
Embilipitiya	64.00	42.40	42.40	52.40
Matara	75.00	78.33	78.33	78.33

Appendix 03: contd…..

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Brinjals				
A'pura	155.00	155.00	73.33	65.00
Dambulla	146.00	91.40	73.20	45.00
Hambanto	120.00	70.00	50.00	40.00
Embilipiti	97.00	75.00	57.00	39.40
Matara	96.67	75.00	71.67	71.67
Welimada	149.00	111.00	83.00	55.00
Capsicum				
Welimada	190.00	226.00	232.00	264.00
Bitter Gourd				
A'pura	185.00	195.00	200.00	200.00
Dambulla	172.00	183.00	156.00	170.00
Hambanto	150.00	140.00	120.00	150.00
Embilipiti	140.40	140.40	140.40	132.40
Matara	123.33	126.67	123.33	123.33
Snake Gourd				
Dambulla	107.00	89.40	74.00	81.80
Hambanto	115.00	70.00	75.00	67.50
Embilipiti	95.00	88.00	93.00	92.00
Matara	53.33	70.00	70.00	70.00
A'pura	125.00	125.00	101.67	100.00
Luffa				
Dambulla	131.00	120.00	120.00	83.80
Hambanto	110.00	80.00	110.00	95.00
Embilipiti	144.00	132.00	144.00	94.00
Matara	71.67	71.67	0.00	0.00
A'pura	135.00	138.33	136.67	96.67

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Pumpkin				
Dambulla	51.60	66.20	87.40	101.00
Hambantota	55.20	68.00	75.00	110.00
Embilipitiya	54.00	58.00	88.00	88.00
Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A'pura	61.00	71.67	83.33	93.33
Moneragala	37.25	39.75	37.25	44.50
Cucumber				
A'pura	63.60	55.00	46.67	50.00
Dambulla	40.60	37.40	35.40	19.80
Hambantota	52.50	32.50	37.50	35.00
Matara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long beans				
Dambulla	129.00	52.40	44.20	51.40
Hambantota	90.00	70.00	65.00	60.00
Embilipitiya	124.00	84.00	78.00	64.00
Matara	75.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
A'Pura	132.00	86.67	60.00	60.00
Ash Plantain				
Hambantota	35.00	37.50	37.50	32.50
Embilipitiya	44.00	44.00	54.00	52.40
Matara	38.33	56.67	56.67	56.67
Green Chillies				
Dambulla	570.00	464.00	496.00	560.00
Hambantota	600.00	360.00	425.00	475.00
Embilipitiya	550.00	550.00	510.00	503.00
Puttalam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A'Pura	590.00	600.00	650.00	500.00

Commodity	1St Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Lime				
Hambantota	100.00	180.00	200.00	140.00
Embilipitiya	206.00	180.00	172.00	155.00
Moneragala	189.75	189.75	136.00	158.25
Fruits (Rs/Kg)				
Banana				
Ambul				
Moneragala	31.75	31.75	35.00	35.00
Embilipitiya	19.00	19.00	21.00	44.40
Hambantota	27.50	22.50	45.00	47.50
Kolikuttu				
Moneragala	108.75	113.75	118.75	122.75
Embilipitiya	94.00	94.00	106.00	134.00
Hambantota	110.00	130.00	130.00	155.00
Papaw				
Moneragala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Embilipitiya	32.40	43.40	58.00	47.60
Hambantota	32.50	27.50	55.00	67.50
Pineapple				
Divulapitiya	52.50	52.00	54.00	76.00