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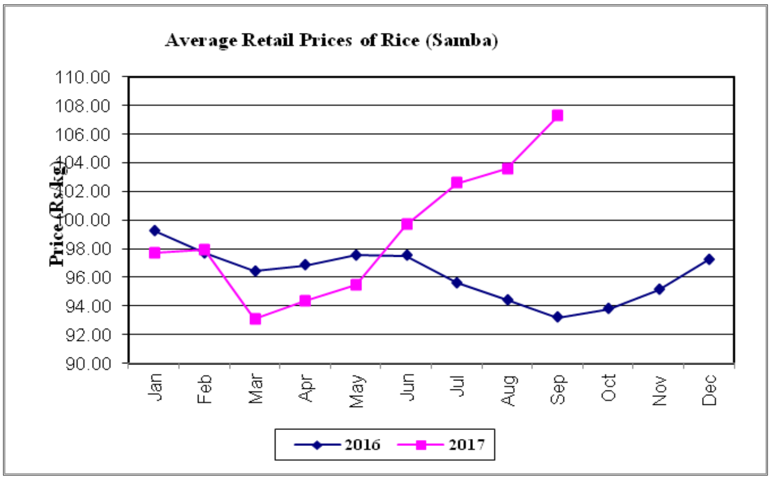
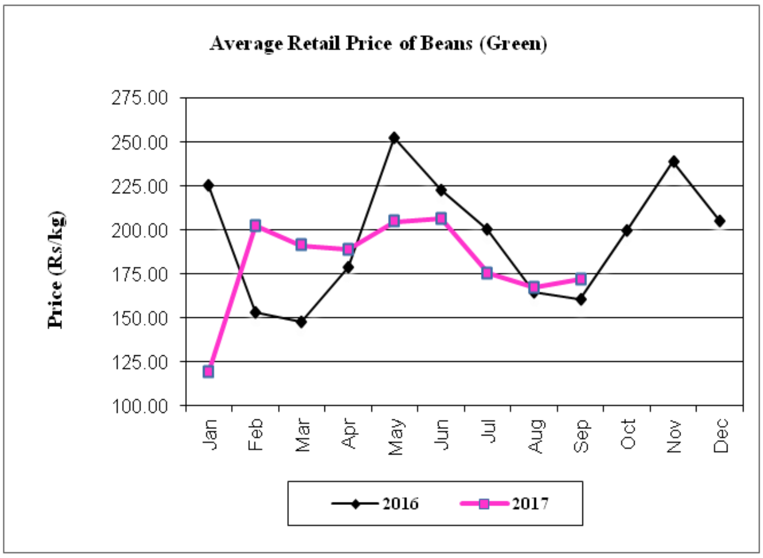
RICE:

Prices of all the local rice varieties have increased due to the limited supply of rice stocks with the end of the harvesting season. Consequently, price of local samba grade I has increased by Rs.6.00/kg. Further, prices of local nadu grade II, local raw white and local samba grade II have increased by Rs.2.00/kg. Prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased notably. The highest price increment was noted for imported samba as Rs.4.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.85.00-100.00/kg.

VEGETABLES:

As the peak *Yala* harvesting season phase is out, supplies had dropped from both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas whereby prices started to rise, compared to last month for most of the varieties. Of the upcountry and lowcountry varieties the highest price increases were reported for leeks and cucumber as 92% and 50%, respectively.





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The information is analyzed and presented as, prevailing prices, price ranges, averages and comparison of monthly prices. The changes in prices reported are always in relation to price, which prevailed during the previous month unless otherwise stated.

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1. Paddy

Crop Situation

Harvesting of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season has been completed in all major paddy producing areas by the end of the month. However, the production outlook is not satisfactory as a result of low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs and the drought situation prevailed throughout the season. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent downgraded was 400,020 ha. The cultivation progress up to end of September is 266,025 ha and it is 67% of the target and is 33% lower compared to the average of last three year *Yala* seasons. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.025 million Mt, 33 percent lower than the previous *Yala* season.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Yala* 2017 (As at End of September 2017)

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss in Affected Area (mt)	Reversed Production forecast Adjusted to flood Damage in the Season (mt)
Anuradhapura	28,800	8,084	28	28,967	57	51	28,916
Polonnaruwa	30,000	24,791	83	110,236	4	18	110,218
Ampara	57,096	38,259	67	175,110	572	1,494	173,616
Kurunegala	60,393	16,997	28	59,783	1,268	2,230	57,553
Hambantota	20,267	21,663	107	95,677	1,542	6,312	89,365
Colombo	1,906	782	41	1,753	135	229	2,525
Gampaha	3,300	3,076	93	7,971	265	393	7,578
Kalutara	5,706	5,305	93	15,116	501	1,280	13,835
Galle	5,785	5,287	91	11,768	413	806	10,962
Matara	14,780	12,187	82	35,209	1,874	5,414	29,795
Ratnapura	8,453	5,465	65	17,630	282	760	16,870
Kegalle	8,675	1,926	22	5,744	-	-	5,744
Puttalam	18,082	2,221	12	6,938	1,051	1,642	5,296
Kandy	8,828	6,299	71	17,823	80	170	17,653
Matale	10,438	6,491	62	25,771	292	411	25,360
N' Eliya	3,029	2,099	69	4,132	-	-	4,132
Badulla	7,642	6,317	83	24,387	60	232	24,155
Moneragala	19,656	15,041	77	59,708	-	-	59,708
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	1,608	1,617	101	6,348	-	-	6,348
Vavuniya	470	496	106	2,083	-	-	2,083
Mullaitivu	5,268	857	16	3,361	-	-	3,361
Mannar	2,762	340	12	1,416	-	-	1,416
Trincomalee	13,640	9,890	73	43,140	40	131	43,009
Batticaloa	27,955	27,914	100	102,522	-	-	102,522
Udawalawa	5,815	6,215	107	33,088	-	-	33,088
System H	6,776	8,432	124	34,906	-	-	34,906
System H1	1,810	2,899	160	12,001	-	-	12,001
System B	9,836	10,064	102	41,662	-	-	41,662
System C	9,017	11,669	129	48,307	-	-	48,307
System G	1,050	2,941	280	12,175	-	-	12,175
System D	255	242	95	1,002	-	-	1,002
Rambakenoya	397	136	34	563	-	-	563
System L	525	23	4	95	-	-	95
Sri Lanka	**400,020**	**266,025**	**67**	**1,046,392**	**8,436**	**21,573**	**1,025,819**

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2017 Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of paddy prices was recorded in most of the major producing areas mainly due to the harvesting of paddy crop in 2017 *Yala* season to ending in most of the major producing areas. A competitive buying of paddy by the millers is recorded in most of the major producing areas due to the limited harvest as a result of crop failure during the *Yala* season. However, soon after harvested wet paddy reached the markets from Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa areas during the mid of month. The prices of all the paddy varieties have increased by less than 12 percent in most of the major producing areas. The highest increase was recorded for long grain red and long grain white in Matara and short grain in Ampara. Prices ranged for both long grain white and short grain between Rs.45.00-58.00/kg and Rs.43.00-60.00/kg respectively in all major producing areas. The lowest prices were recorded for newly harvested high moisture paddy. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.42.00-50.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province and the lowest price was recorded in Ambalanthota. It is expected that the increasing trend of paddy prices will continue during next month due to the limited paddy supply.

Compared to the same period of last year, a significant increase of prices was recorded for all the paddy varieties. The prices of long grain white and short grain paddy have increased by 11%-22% and prices of long grain red paddy have increased by nearly 11 % in all major producing areas.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – September 2017

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	50.00-55.00	48.00-54.00	52.60	51.65	33.80	*0.95*	*1.84*	*18.80*	*55.62*
Polonnaruwa	48.00-54.00	48.00-50.00	51.06	49.19	36.05	*1.87*	*3.81*	*15.01*	*41.64*
Kalawewa	48.00-57.00	47.00-57.00	53.17	51.96	-	*1.21*	*2.33*	-	-
Kurunegala	43.00-48.00	45.00-50.00	44.88	47.31	34.40	*-2.44*	*-5.15*	*10.48*	*30.45*
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	35.99	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	55.00-60.00	55.00-55.00	56.88	55.00	35.37	*1.88*	*3.41*	*21.51*	*60.80*
Ampara	44.00-53.50	42.00-46.00	48.84	44.11	36.84	*4.73*	*10.72*	*12.00*	*32.57*
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	50.00-54.00	48.00-52.00	50.87	50.61	32.45	*0.26*	*0.51*	*18.42*	*56.75*
Polonnaruwa	44.00-53.00	44.00-52.50	48.34	46.72	34.35	*1.62*	*3.46*	*13.99*	*40.72*
Kalawewa	45.00-55.00	43.00-53.00	50.17	48.50	-	*1.67*	*3.45*	-	-
Kurunegala	45.00-52.00	48.00-58.00	46.75	51.00	31.55	*-4.25*	*-8.33*	*15.20*	*48.18*
Dehiattakandiya	-	-	-	-	34.42	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	33.70	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	50.00-58.00	54.00-54.00	54.19	54.00	32.09	*0.19*	*0.35*	*22.10*	*68.86*
Matara	45.00-46.00	40.00-42.00	45.33	40.67	34.58	*4.66*	*11.47*	*10.75*	*31.10*
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	47.00	-	35.63	-	-	*11.37*	*31.90*
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	45.00-46.00	38.00-42.00	45.33	40.33	34.50	*5.00*	*12.41*	*10.83*	*31.40*
Hambantota	42.00-50.00	45.00-46.00	44.98	45.13	33.73	*-0.16*	*-0.34*	*11.25*	*33.34*
Embilipitiya	44.00-47.00	42.00-45.00	45.66	44.00	33.78	*1.66*	*3.78*	*11.88*	*35.18*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

With the end of the 2017 *yala* harvesting season in major paddy producing areas, wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties have increased considerably. Price has further increased due to the limited arrival of rice stocks to the market. Accordingly, the highest price increment of 5% was reported for local samba grade I. Furthermore, prices of both local samba grade II and raw red have also increased by 4%. Price of local raw white has increased by 3% and price ranged between Rs.80.00-90.00/kg. In addition, 2% price increment was noted for local nadu and the price ranged between Rs.85.00-97.00/kg. When considering the rice imports in the month of September, total quantity of 52,015mt. worth of 3,347mn. was imported to the country. Compared to the previous month, imported quantity has reduced slightly. So far, since January up to the current date total imports of rice has been accounted as 501,956mt. Out of total imports for the month of September, 44,530mt. comprised raw white, nadu and *ponni* samba. The rest (7,485mt.) comprised broken rice and basmati. Interestingly, out of these all varieties, majority which was 17,294mt. was imported as raw white. Second highest quantity (15,973mt.) comprised *ponni* samba. The rest comprised imported nadu (11,263mt.), broken rice (7,089mt.) and basmati (396mt.).

However, the wholesale prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased in line with the local rice prices. Consequently, the highest price increment was noted for imported samba as 8%. Further, prices of imported raw white and imported nadu have also increased by 5% and 2% respectively. When analyzing the total imports for the month of September in detail, the highest proportion (63%) of raw white had been imported from Myanmar and the rest from India, Pakistan, Malaysia and Vietnam respectively. All *ponni* samba and nudu were imported from India. A few quantities of *ponni* samba was also imported from Myanmar and Vietnam. Likewise, a few quantities of nadu was imported from Myanmar and as well from Pakistan. Average CIF prices of raw white, *ponni* samba and nadu were Rs.56.00/kg, Rs.74.00/kg and Rs.69.00/kg respectively. Meanwhile, basmati was mainly imported from Pakistan and Thailand and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.121.00/kg. Further, broken rice had been imported from India and Myanmar and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.51.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all local rice varieties have increased in the range of 21%-41% and the highest increment was reported for local raw white. However, the price of imported samba has decreased by 29%.

Retail Prices

With the increment of wholesale prices, retail prices of all the local rice varieties have also increased considerably. Accordingly, the highest price increment was noted for local samba grade I as Rs.6.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.102.00-130.00/kg. The second highest price increment was reported as Rs.2.00/kg for local nadu grade II, local raw white and local samba grade II. Price of local raw red has also increased slightly and price ranged between Rs.80.00-100.00/kg. Meanwhile, the price of imported *ponni* samba has also increased by Rs.4.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.85.00-100.00/kg. Further, the price of imported nadu has also increased by Rs.1.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.75.00-90.00/kg. Price of imported raw white has also increased slightly. However, the lowest retail average price was noted as Rs.79.00/kg for imported raw white.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg from Keppetipola and Tissamaharama markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Hanguranketha market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Kandy and Trincomalee markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.86.00-90.00/kg from Ampara market. Likewise, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw red was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price of Rs.82.00/kg was reported from Matara market. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kurunegala market, while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/kg was reported from Mannar market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 13%-33%, while the price of imported samba has decreased by 28%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – September 2017

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	98.00-107.00	101.86	97.16	84.42	*4.70*	*4.84*	*17.44*	*20.66*
Samba 2	90.00-102.00	96.78	92.65	75.37	*4.13*	*4.46*	*21.41*	*28.41*
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	70.05	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	85.00-97.00	90.03	88.45	67.00	*1.58*	*1.79*	*23.03*	*34.37*
Raw red	75.00-85.00	79.67	77.02	61.69	*2.65*	*3.44*	*17.98*	*29.14*
Raw white	80.00-90.00	85.62	83.38	60.81	*2.24*	*2.69*	*24.81*	*40.80*
Imported Samba	81.00-86.00	83.31	76.56	117.49	*6.75*	*8.81*	*-34.18*	*-29.09*
Imported Raw White	62.00-76.00	75.00	71.77	0.00	*3.23*	*4.50*	-	-
Imported Nadu	70.00-76.00	72.85	71.27	0.00	*1.58*	*2.22*	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	102.00-130.00	113.25	107.72	96.53	*5.53*	*5.13*	*16.72*	*17.32*
Samba 2	96.00-105.00	101.30	99.45	89.85	*1.85*	*1.86*	*11.45*	*12.74*
Samba 3	-	-	-	83.81	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	79.40	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	90.00-110.00	98.19	95.76	73.57	*2.43*	*2.54*	*24.62*	*33.47*
Raw red	80.00-100.00	89.11	88.70	67.70	*0.41*	*0.47*	*21.41*	*31.63*
Raw white	85.00-105.00	93.51	91.71	70.19	*1.80*	*1.96*	*23.32*	*33.22*
Imported *Ponni* Samba	85.00-100.00	90.23	86.44	124.80	*3.79*	*4.38*	*-34.57*	*-27.70*
Imported Raw White	68.00-90.00	78.71	78.41	-	*0.30*	*0.39*	-	-
Imported Nadu	75.00-90.00	84.12	83.13	-	*0.99*	*1.19*	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli of *Yala* 2017 was 5,272 ha and around 3,895 ha was achieved by the end of September representing 74% of the target. However, no cultivation took place largely during this month in major producing areas as being in tail end of the *Yala* season. The highest targeted and cultivated extent of green chilli was reported from Puttalam and by the end of September 2017, 543 ha have been cultivated representing 87% of the target. More than 80% of the green chilli production was harvested in most of the producing areas by the end of September 2017.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for *Yala* 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of September 2017		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	586	287	49	1,590
Puttalam	623	543	87	4,356
Moneragala	397	206	52	1,378
Kurunegala	318	181	60	312
Badulla	250	196	78	558
Ampara	248	170	69	478
Matale	115	192	167	1,067
Kandy	332	199	60	962
Other areas	2,403	1,921	80	6,180
Total	**5,272**	**3,895**	74	**16,881**

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of green chilli from major producing areas have increased during this month too and both wholesale and retail prices have decreased by about Rs.16.00/kg and Rs.2.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chillies were Rs.208.33/kg and Rs.400.74/kg respectively and both prices are higher than that of the imported dried chilli. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about 308% and 145% respectively.

A quantity of 3,376 mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month and it has decreased by 1,807 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.153.42/kg and it has increased by Rs.7.67/kg compared to previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by Rs.6.00/kg and Rs.11.00/kg respectively due to decreased imports. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chillies have decreased by about 37% and 32% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli
September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	100.00-300.00	208.33	224.17	51.06	*-15.84*	*-7.06*	*157.27*	*308.02*
Dried Chilli	180.00-210.00	187.95	182.20	296.13	*5.75*	*3.16*	*-108.18*	*-36.53*
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	240.00-600.00	400.74	402.32	163.41	*-1.58*	*-0.39*	*237.33*	*145.24*
Dried Chilli	220.00-300.00	249.10	238.44	*365.44*	*10.66*	*4.47*	*-116.34*	*-31.83*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli
April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	3,376	517.91	153.42	249.10	95.69
August	5,183	755.45	145.75	238.44	92.68
July	4,004	509.13	127.15	232.12	104.97
June	3,181	393.87	123.83	230.27	106.44
May	4,321	526.72	121.88	241.70	119.81
April	3,237	414.84	128.16	257.93	129.77

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chillies (Rs/kg) – September 2017

Location	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Dambulla	204.00	158.00	178.00	-
Hambantota	245.00	247.50	225.00	225.00
Embilipitiya	280.83	230.00	187.50	315.83
Puttalam	216.00	146.00	138.00	206.00
A'Pura	240.00	212.50	-	270.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

No cultivation of big onion took place during this month in Matale district and more than 30% of the harvest was over by the end of September 2017. Though the peak harvesting of big onion in Matale district will be expected from October, around 7,727 mt of big onion harvest was damaged by the rainy weather condition prevailed during the first two weeks of September. The damaged harvest is 31% of the total harvest. Hence, expected production in October will drop significantly. Lower cultivation progress was reported for big onion in Matale and Anuradhapura districts due to unfavourable weather condition. A good cultivation progress of big onion was observed in system H_1 (Huruluwewa, Galkiriyagama and Madatugama) areas and at the end of this month about 1,024 ha of big onion had been cultivated representing 89% of the targeted extent. However, new cultivation of big onion was not reported from any producing areas during this month.

The cultivated extent of red onion for *Yala* 2017 at end of this month was 2,560 ha in the whole country and it represents 57% of the target. Cultivation of red onion for *Maha* 2017/18 had commenced in some of the areas in major producing districts and more than 80% of the *Yala* harvest has been over in those areas. Jaffna (46%), Puttalam (34%) and Trincomalee (5%) districts provide 85% of the national red onion production.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for *Yala* 2017

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation progress at the end of September 2017		Expected production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	%of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	2,225	1,364	61	12,570
Puttalam	551	595	108	9,406
Trincomalee	249	141	57	1,382
Vavuniya	375	81	22	935
Mullaitivu	431	90	21	995
Other areas	644	289	45	2,293
Total	**4,475**	**2,560**	**57**	**27,581**

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of local big onion from main producing areas had increased continuously during this month. However, the quality of the local big onion stocks were in a low level as rainy weather condition prevailed. Hence, wholesale price of local big onion has decreased by Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.120.00-180.00/kg price range was observed at the retail markets. Though we expected the peak harvest to arrive in the market next month, 31% of the harvest was damaged by rainy weather condition. Hence, a significant price drop could not be expected during next month

(October). A quantity of 14,120 mt of big onion was imported from India (11,811 mt-84%), China (1199 mt-8%), Egypt (920 mt-7%) and Pakistan (190 mt-1%). It was a decrease of 4,052 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.65.16/kg and it was an increase of Rs.8.56/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported big onion has decreased by about Rs.1.00/kg while the retail price has increased by Rs.9.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of both imported and local big onion have increased by about 54% and 49% respectively.

Supply of both sinnan and vedalan have decreased from Puttalam, Jaffna and Trincomalee areas during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan have increased by Rs.116.00/kg and Rs.134.00/kg respectively. Limited stocks of sinnan red onion varieties were available only at the wholesale market.

A quantity of 830 mt of red onion was imported from India (540 mt-65%) and Egypt (290 mt-35%) during this month and it was an increase of 750 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.88.10/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.1.61/kg compared to last month. Average wholesale price of imported red onion was Rs.94.37/kg and Rs.325.00/kg at the retail level.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased significantly by about 156% and 178% respectively.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
September 2017

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-280.00	244.67	-	64.42	-	-	*180.25*	*279.80*
Red Onion (Vedalan)	200.00-350.00	283.73	167.25	91.63	*116.48*	*69.65*	*192.10*	*209.65*
Red Onion (Imported)	250.00-350.00	94.37	-	87.00	-	-	*7.37*	*8.48*
Big Onion (imported)	75.00-135.00	100.66	101.17	64.14	*-0.51*	*-0.50*	*36.52*	*56.94*
Big Onion (Local)	65.00-128.00	100.29	107.50	70.23	*-7.21*	*-6.71*	*30.06*	*42.80*
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	240.00-480.00	359.93	225.63	140.64	*134.30*	*59.52*	*219.29*	*155.92*
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-360.00	325.00	-	116.83	-	-	*208.17*	*178.18*
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-160.00	141.57	132.19	92.01	*9.38*	*7.10*	*49.56*	*53.87*
Big Onion (Local)	120.00-180.00	153.15	-	102.55	-	-	*50.60*	*49.35*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Margin (Rs/kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Sep 2017	65.16	100.66	141.57	*35.50*	*40.91*
	Aug 2017	56.60	101.17	132.19	*44.57*	*31.02*
	Sep 2016	28.69	64.14	92.01	*35.45*	*27.87*
Red onion	Sep 2017	88.10	94.37	325.00	*6.28*	*230.63*
	Aug 2017	89.71	-	-	-	-
	Sep 2016	55.93	87.00	116.83	*31.07*	*29.83*

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

Table 2.2.4: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017
Red Onion	830	80	73.1	7.1	88.10	89.71
Big Onion	14,120	18,172	920.0	1,028.6	65.16	56.60

Source: Department of Custom

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion April to September 2017

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
September	14,120	65.16	100.66	141.57	76.42
August	18,172	56.60	101.17	132.19	75.59
July	20,552	31.88	71.97	96.33	64.46
June	22,746	30.41	74.08	97.25	66.84
May	21,555	28.69	67.35	96.33	67.64
April	20,169	31.47	72.28	99.33	67.86

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2017 is 3,028 ha and about 2,404 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of the season achieving 79% of the targeted extent. During the month, about 136 ha of potatoes were cultivated in the country which was lower compared to the extent cultivated during previous months of this *yala* season. Compared to *yala* 2016, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season has decreased by 39% due to prevailed dry weather condition at the beginning of the season. According to the cultivated extent, the expected production of potato for this *yala* season is 38,485 mt which is lower than the production in *yala* 2016.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, about 842 ha of potato was cultivated by the end of this *yala* season achieving the targeted extent by 97%. During the month about 136 ha was cultivated in the district. Compared to last *yala* season, the cultivated extent was at a low level during this *yala* season.

In the Badulla districts, the targeted extent is 2,145 ha for this *yala* season and about 1,557 ha were cultivated by the end of this season achieving 73% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2016, the cultivated extent is at a low level in *yala* 2017 in the district. The *yala* harvesting of potato has commenced in September for Welimada potato and the harvesting is expected to continue till November.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (*Yala* 2017)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (Mt)
	Yala 2016*	*Yala* 2017	*Yala* 2016*	*Yala* 2017	*Yala* 2017	
N'Eliya	1,285	865	1,246	842	97	14,801
Badulla	2,045	2,145	2,720	1,557	73	23,684
Sri Lanka	**3,330**	**3,028**	**3,967**	**2,404**	**79**	**38,485**

Source: MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast Vol.5, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast Vol..5 Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 9,322 mt of potato had been imported in September, which was 4,510 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month. Imported stocks were received from China (40%), India (31%) and Pakistan (28%) this month. Compared to September, 2016 (4,408 mt), the imports were high. Average CIF price was Rs.44.00/kg in September.

With regard to local potato, sufficient stocks of the *yala* harvest were available in the market. Hence, the wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes have decreased by 14% each. Also, the retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 4%. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.100.00/kg and Rs.89.00/kg in September. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato has increased by 7% and 2% respectively. During the month, the wholesale prices of Welimada, Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.80.00-120.00, Rs.105.00-140.00/kg and Rs.75.00-110.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Welimada (7%), Nuwara Eliya (10%) and imported (3%) potatoes have increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to decrease further in October with the arrival of *yala* harvest of potato.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	9,322	406.69	43.63	117.72	*74.09*
August	13,832	533.55	38.57	115.06	*76.49*
July	11,483	419.33	36.52	112.13	*75.61*
June	15,227	643.34	42.25	115.84	*73.59*
May	12,903	473.86	40.27	121.48	*81.22*
April	10,587	340.24	32.14	117.58	*85.44*

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	77.00-105.00	89.06	-	83.80	-	-	*5.26*	*5.90*
Nuwara Eliya	88.00-110.00	99.70	117.90	92.00	*-18.20*	*-18.25*	*7.70*	*7.72*
Imported – CIF	31.65-56.60	43.63	38.57	33.61	*5.06*	*11.59*	*10.02*	*22.96*
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	80.00-120.00	105.21	120.28	89.28	*-15.07*	*-14.32*	*15.93*	*15.14*
Nuwara Eliya	105.00-140.00	123.70	140.89	105.73	*-17.19*	*-13.90*	*17.97*	*14.53*
Imported	75.00-110.00	92.26	85.85	87.39	*6.41*	*6.95*	*4.87*	*5.28*
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	130.00-160.00	144.00	-	134.33	-	-	*9.67*	*6.72*
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-200.00	177.47	184.34	159.34	*-6.87*	*-3.87*	*18.13*	*10.21*
Imported	100.00-140.00	117.72	115.06	113.98	*2.66*	*2.26*	*3.74*	*3.18*
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		-	-	50.53	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		77.77	66.44	67.34	*11.33*	*14.57*	*10.43*	*13.41*
Imported (CIF-RP)		74.09	76.49	80.37	*-2.40*	*-3.23*	*-6.28*	*-8.47*
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	45.05	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		53.77	43.45	53.61	*10.32*	*19.19*	*0.16*	*0.29*
Imported		25.46	29.21	26.59	*-3.75*	*-14.73*	*-1.13*	*-4.44*

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea

Crop Situation and Progress

Total targeted extent of green gram for *Yala*, 2017 was 13,762 ha and only 37% target achievement was reported by the end of September. It was 5,152 ha and more than 53.1% of contribution to the total cultivated extent was received Hambantota which reported 2,736 ha of cultivated extent of green gram. Other areas had comparatively lower cultivated extents and out of them major areas were Kurunegala (402 ha), Moneragala (320 ha), Ampara (248 ha) and Anuradhapura (76 ha). Expected production of green gram according to the achievement was 7,207 mt and it was recorded as 99% production progress compared to the same period in *Yala*, 2016.

By the end of September, 3586 ha of cowpea have been cultivated out of the targeted extent of 6,759 ha. It was 53% achievement in extent compared to the target and it was reported as 122% progress compared to the same period last year. Approximately a 55.3% contribution to the total extent was given from Ampara and other major cultivated areas were Moneragala, Kurunegala, Batticaloa and Hambantota.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (*Yala 2017*)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected production
		***Yala* 2016**	***Yala* 2017**	***Yala* 2016**	***Yala* 2017**	***Yala* 2017**	
Green gram	Hambantota	1832	7153	722	2932	406	4867
	Kurunegala	833	644	626	402	64	302
	Moneragala	1525	1891	1773	320	18	320
	Sri Lanka	**8709**	**13762**	**5677**	**5383**	95	**7578**
Cowpea	Ampara	3954	3805	159	2210	1390	3314
	Moneragala	807	762	844	534	63	670
	Anuradhapura	154	142	123	53	43	65
	Sri Lanka	**6890**	**6759**	**3708**	**3813**	103	**5281**

Source: MFPAD/HARTI
Crop Forecast, Yala, 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA
****Crop Forecast, Yala 2016, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA***

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

A quantity of 1,509 mt green gram had been imported from several countries and 75% of the total quantity had been received from Australia and that of 13% from Argentina, 5% from Thailand, 4% from United Arab Emirates, 3% from Myanmar and South Africa. Out of these importers, highest CIF price is from Myanmar (Rs.204.62/kg), whilst the lowest was recorded from Argentina (Rs.135.35/kg). However, average CIF price was Rs.145.64/kg, decreased by 2%. In line with that, wholesale price has decreased by 4% and the average wholesale price was Rs.205.93/kg. Despite no significant change in the price it has ranged between Rs.220.00-280.00/kg. Compared to the same period last year, both wholesale and retail prices have increased by 25% and 13% respectively.

Considering cowpea, around 50% of total imported quantity of white cowpea had been imported from Madagascar and 34% from Turkey,10% from Myanmar and 6% from China. However, the average CIF price was Rs.134.31/kg. Total imported quantity of white cowpea in September was 236 mt. Wholesale price of white cowpea has increased by 2% and the average price was Rs.237.16/kg. and the retail price has ranged between Rs.250.00-380.00/kg., However, wholesale price of red cowpea has increased insignificantly and the retail price has decreased by Rs.3.00/kg. Wholesale price of white cowpea has not changed significantly compared to the same period last year, while the price of red cowpea has increased by 47%. Furthermore, retail prices of both white and red cowpea had increased by 22% and 35% respectively.

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	1,509	219.74	145.64	248.72	103.08
August	2,205	323.08	146.52	248.47	101.95
July	1,031	160.57	155.76	249.56	93.80
June	1,694	267.98	158.19	249.99	91.79
May	1,183	177.68	150.17	250.02	99.85
April	917	139.13	151.77	250.80	99.03

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	887	119.07	134.31	304.57	170.27
August	837	116.58	139.32	296.36	157.04
July	236	32.90	139.39	302.22	162.83
June	359	50.40	140.37	296.90	156.54
May	443	61.28	138.32	296.59	158.28
April	1,072	152.23	142.06	303.53	161.47

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	190.00-215.00	205.93	210.18	163.98	-4.25	-2.02	41.95	25.58
Cowpea (White)	230.00-240.00	237.16	234.45	208.44	2.71	1.15	28.72	13.78
Cowpea (Red)	250.00-305.00	287.19	294.00	206.72	-6.81	-2.32	80.47	38.93
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	248.72	248.47	219.40	0.25	0.10	29.32	13.36
Cowpea (White)	250.00-380.00	304.57	296.36	249.48	8.21	2.77	55.09	22.08
Cowpea (Red)	300.00-400.00	341.08	334.91	252.01	6.17	1.84	89.07	35.35

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	Sep 2017	145.64	205.93	248.72	60.29	42.79
	Aug 2017	146.52	210.18	248.47	63.66	38.29
	Sep 2016	154.69	163.98	219.40	9.29	55.42
Cowpea (White)	Sep 2017	134.31	237.16	304.57	102.85	67.42
	Aug 2017	139.32	234.45	296.36	95.13	61.91
	Sep 2016	107.47	208.44	249.48	100.97	41.04
Cowpea (Red)	Sep 2017	-	287.19	341.08	-	53.90
	Aug 2017	-	294.00	334.91	-	40.91
	Sep 2016	-	206.72	252.01	-	45.29

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Imported quantity of red dhal in the month of September had increased by 592 mt and the imported quantity was 12,562 mt. Out of that quantity, around 8144 mt was whole type red dhal and the rest was split type red dhal. Around 91% of the whole type red dhal was received from Australia and 9% had been imported from Canada. Considering split type red dhal, Canada has given 92% contribution to the total imported quantity and other major importers were United Arab Emirates (7%) and India (1%). Meanwhile, the average CIF price of whole type red dhal was Rs.94.62/kg and it was Rs.118.79/kg for split type red dhal. The highest CIF price of split type red dhal was observed from Canada which was 119.74/kg while the lowest was Rs.105.63/kg which was recorded from the stocks received from the United Arab Emirates.

Furthermore, wholesale price of red dhal has decreased by 1% in July and the average price was Rs.132.93/kg. However, retail price has not changed significantly and the price has ranged between Rs.140.00- 180.00/kg. Both wholesale and retail price has decreased by 18% and 10%, compared to the same period last year.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – September 2017

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	128.00-137.00	132.93	131.30	163.06	1.63	1.24	-30.13	-18.48
Retail Price	140.00-180.00	156.79	156.96	174.72	-0.17	-0.11	-17.93	-10.26

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
September	12,562	101.54	132.93	156.79	31.39	23.85
August	11,970	105.12	131.30	156.96	26.17	25.66
July	12,016	106.83	137.59	159.18	30.75	21.59
June	9,967	102.53	140.47	159.55	37.94	19.08
May	8,832	103.93	140.26	161.52	36.33	21.27
April	10,046	112.08	140.41	162.43	28.33	22.02

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 September, an above average rainfall was received in almost all the major producing districts. Meanwhile, end phase of the harvesting season was reached in the early - established up country major producing areas. The most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla reported a cultivation progress of 104% and 63% respectively for upcountry varieties of the seasonal target by the end of 2017 *Yala* season. Yet, cultivation progress for Badulla district was considerably low, compared to last year's cultivation progress value of over 100%, reported by the end of 2016 - *Yala* season, due to low water availability for agriculture. Furthermore, delayed commencement of the season had been observed this year compared to that of last year, due to continued dry weather in April to mid-May period. As a result, cultivation had been affected at the initial stage of the season and thereby progress remained comparatively less than expected in 2017. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress reported for Matale, Kandy and Puttlam districts were 56%, 56% and 82% respectively, by the end of September 2017. In addition, cultivation progress had improved for Jaffna and Kurunegala districts from its last month's figures, up to 54% and 63% respectively, by the end of September.

Meanwhile, reaching of end phase of the peak harvesting season low country vegetables was observed in most of the lowcountry areas, in September. However, due to dry weather experienced at the initial phase of the season, the cultivation progress for lowcountry varieties remained low in most of major lowcountry vegetable producing districts. Anuradhapura and Hambantota, the two leading districts for lowcountry vegetable cultivation, reported 54% and 62% cultivation progress respectively by the end *Yala* season in 2017. These figures too were considerably low, compared to the same period of last year, which recorded over 100% for both Anuradhapura and Hambantota districts. Of all the lowcountry vegetable producing districts the highest cultivation progress was reported for Puttlam as 87% of the seasonal target whilst the lowest figure was recorded for Monaragala district as 34% by the end of *Yala*, 2017.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the peak harvesting stage of the *Yala* season phased out, supplies had decreased from both upcountry and lowcountry producing areas whereby prices rising, compared to last month for most of the varieties.

As the peak harvesting season phased out supplies from upcountry areas had dropped hence prices of most of the upcountry varieties increased considerably. Regarding the price behaviour of upcountry vegetables the highest price increase was recorded for leeks as 92% followed by radish as 28% due to decreasing trend in market supplies from upcountry areas. Meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties except carrot had increased in the range of 8% - 20% compared to last month. Meanwhile, price of capsicum had also showed an increasing trend of 11% as a result of low supplies from lowcountry areas. Similarly, price of tomato had also started to hike by 20%, due to decreasing trend in market supplies.

Supplies of domestic vegetable varieties had also decreased with the reaching of the end phase of the of the *Yala* peak harvesting season and thereby, prices increased for most of the varieties. The highest prices increase was recorded for cucumber as 50%, followed by ladies fingers as 43% and bittergourd as 33%. As the peak supply of early established cucumber plantation had reached the market during the last three weeks of July, cucumber prices had decreased up to Rs.23.00/kg in July. As the supplies continue to drop, prices had showed an increasing trend in August and it had continued in September too. Except for pumpkin and snakegourd, prices of all the other lowcountry varieties had increased in the range of 3% - 26%, compared to last month. However, prices of pumpkin had further decreased by 37% due to continuation of the its peak harvesting season in Anuradhapura, Matale and Hambantota.

Meantime, price of green chilies had further decreased by 7%, as a result of high supply from Jaffna and Anuradhapura districts. However, prices of lime had remarkably increased by 84% compared to last month due to low supply from Monaragala and Ampara districts.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also increased in September. The highest price increase was reported for drumsticks as 30%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	70.00-190.00	115.10	106.67	112.44	*8.43*	*7.91*	*2.66*	*2.37*
Carrot	60.00-90.00	76.67	88.33	57.50	*-11.66*	*-13.20*	*19.17*	*33.33*
Leeks	60.00-150.00	88.33	46.04	73.72	*42.29*	*91.86*	*14.61*	*19.82*
Beetroot	30.00-70.00	44.01	39.63	46.31	*4.38*	*11.04*	*-2.30*	*-4.97*
Knolkhol	40.00-80.00	52.40	46.04	32.17	*6.36*	*13.81*	*20.23*	*62.87*
Radish	25.00-50.00	34.79	27.08	30.46	*7.71*	*28.48*	*4.33*	*14.22*
Cabbage	25.00-100.00	45.83	42.97	43.56	*2.86*	*6.65*	*2.27*	*5.21*
Tomato	80.00-170.00	127.29	106.35	43.24	*20.94*	*19.69*	*84.05*	*194.38*
Ladies Fingers	30.00-80.00	48.12	33.73	46.24	*14.39*	*42.68*	*1.88*	*4.08*
Brinjal	90.00-150.00	118.00	94.02	56.28	*23.98*	*25.51*	*61.72*	*109.67*
Capsicum	60.00-160.00	99.82	90.21	72.45	*9.61*	*10.65*	*27.37*	*37.77*
Pumpkin	25.00-40.00	29.24	46.46	29.68	*-17.22*	*-37.06*	*-0.44*	*-1.47*
Cucumber	25.00-60.00	41.67	27.74	34.86	*13.93*	*50.20*	*6.81*	*19.53*
Bittergourd	80.00-200.00	128.52	96.56	51.13	*31.96*	*33.10*	*77.39*	*151.37*
Snakegourd	60.00-100.00	81.04	87.08	47.03	*-6.04*	*-6.93*	*34.01*	*72.32*
Drumstick	20.00-100.00	37.08	33.33	77.68	*3.75*	*11.26*	*-40.60*	*-52.26*
Luffa	60.00-120.00	80.94	66.67	46.19	*14.27*	*21.40*	*34.75*	*75.23*
Long Beans	50.00-100.00	73.54	71.25	61.76	*2.29*	*3.22*	*11.78*	*19.08*
Ash Plantain	60.00-80.00	73.65	67.08	62.81	*6.57*	*9.79*	*10.84*	*17.25*
Green Chillies	100.00-300.00	208.33	224.17	51.06	*-15.84*	*-7.06*	*157.27*	*308.02*
Lime	120.00-220.00	176.25	95.83	288.92	*80.42*	*83.92*	*-112.67*	*-39.00*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-280.00	171.99	167.12	160.60	*4.87*	*2.92*	*11.39*	*7.09*
Carrot	80.00-240.00	147.76	165.94	121.69	*-18.18*	*-10.96*	*26.07*	*21.42*
Leeks	100.00-240.00	150.90	120.69	138.62	*30.21*	*25.03*	*12.28*	*8.86*
Beetroot	70.00-200.00	117.06	115.43	106.58	*1.63*	*1.41*	*10.48*	*9.83*
Knolkhol	80.00-200.00	137.47	130.42	105.60	*7.05*	*5.41*	*31.87*	*30.18*
Radish	60.00-200.00	113.10	106.04	95.72	*7.06*	*6.66*	*17.38*	*18.16*
Cabbage	70.00-200.00	125.13	123.65	112.78	*1.48*	*1.20*	*12.35*	*10.95*
Tomato	120.00-280.00	208.45	180.35	94.31	*28.10*	*15.58*	*114.14*	*121.03*
Ladies Fingers	70.00-200.00	122.04	113.07	108.00	*8.97*	*7.93*	*14.04*	*13.00*
Brinjal	120.00-320.00	197.72	173.72	114.68	*24.00*	*13.81*	*83.04*	*72.41*
Capsicum	120.00-300.00	183.76	182.93	139.82	*0.83*	*0.45*	*43.94*	*31.42*
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	103.07	117.15	93.26	*-14.08*	*-12.02*	*9.81*	*10.52*
Cucumber	60.00-160.00	105.05	90.69	84.90	*14.36*	*15.83*	*20.15*	*23.73*
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	208.23	171.41	126.02	*36.82*	*21.48*	*82.21*	*65.23*
Snakegourd	80.00-200.00	147.60	163.49	110.47	*-15.89*	*-9.72*	*37.13*	*33.61*
Drumstick	60.00-300.00	119.73	92.30	167.24	*27.43*	*29.71*	*-47.51*	*-28.41*
Luffa	80.00-240.00	159.75	146.62	115.66	*13.13*	*8.96*	*44.09*	*38.12*
Long Beans	80.00-240.00	150.09	148.19	121.33	*1.90*	*1.28*	*28.76*	*23.71*
Ash Plantain	100.00-200.00	132.94	134.39	122.50	*-1.45*	*-1.08*	*10.44*	*8.52*
Green Chillies	240.00-600.00	400.74	402.32	163.41	*-1.58*	*-0.39*	*237.33*	*145.24*
Lime	180.00-500.00	375.26	215.95	529.54	*159.31*	*73.77*	*-154.28*	*-29.13*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the previous month, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased. Harvesting seasons for most of the fruit varieties were observed in the month and it had contributed to make the fruit prices decreased compared to the previous month. At the same time, the rainy weather condition prevailed in the country had resulted in a low demand for fruits and it also had contributed to these price decreases.

Prices of banana varieties, Ambul and Anamalu had decreased by 2% and 6% respectively and their prices ranged between Rs.70.00-120.00/kg and Rs.8.00-18.00/fruit respectively. However, prices of other banana varieties had increased due to low supply; Kolikuttu by 16%, Seeni by 3% and Ambun by 2%. The price ranges recorded for Kolikuttu, Seeni and Ambun during the month were Rs.150.00-180.00/kg, Rs.70.00-100.00/kg and Rs.15.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Meanwhile, prices of small and medium sized pineapple had decreased by 12% and 6% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small and medium sized fruits were Rs.115.69/fruit and Rs.169.86/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-200.00/fruit. However, price of large sized pineapple had increased by 3% and the price ranged between Rs.200.00-280.00/fruit.

In addition, prices of woodapple, avocado and orange had decreased by 41%, 39% and 13% respectively due to the harvesting season. Further, prices of slime apple and passion fruit had decreased by 11% and 2% respectively. Prices of imported grapes had also decreased by 3% and the price ranged between Rs.370.00-620.00/kg. In addition, price of mango (Karthakolomban) also had decreased by 1% due to low demand. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.80.00-125.00. However, price of mango (Vilad) had increased by 2% due to limited supply with the off-season. Meanwhile, price of papaw had increased by 38% and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-120.00/kg.

According to the data in previous years and market information, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of all the banana varieties could decrease in the coming month with the commencement of the harvesting season. Prices of pineapple could also decrease in the coming month. Further, decreased prices could be expected for papaw, mango, avocado, slime apple and wood apple in the coming month with the increased supply. However, increased prices could be expected for passion fruit and orange.

Compared to the same period of 2016, wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties except banana varieties Ambul, Seeni, Anamalu and Ambun had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for pineapple (small) as 43%.

However, prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased at the retail level. Prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 3%-9%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.100.00-180.00/kg, Rs.200.00-250.00/kg and Rs.110.00-160.00/kg respectively. Prices of other banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.20.00-30.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-35.00/fruit respectively. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple had increased in the range of 5%-6% and the retail price of pineapple ranged between Rs.120.00-350.00/fruit. In addition, price of papaw had increased by 23% and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-180.00/kg. Further, prices of passion fruit and mango (Karthakolomban) also had increased by 12% and 6% respectively and the price range of Karthakolomban was Rs.100.00-250.00/fruit.

However, price of mango (Vilad) had decreased by 6% and the price range of a fruit was Rs.45.00-100.00. In addition, prices of woodapple, avocado, slime apple and orange had decreased by 24%, 12%, 3% and 2% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2016 retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for mango (Vilad) as 41%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received an increased price for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu and papaw compared to the previous month. The prices had increased by 17% for Ambul, 9% for Kolikuttu and less than 1% for papaw. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.63.75-90.00/kg, Rs.99.17-155.00/kg and Rs.37.50 - 65.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to the same month last year, producer prices had increased only for Ambul by 13% and had decreased for both Kolikuttu by 29% and papaw by 35% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 612.7mt of fresh fruits during the month to the value of Rs.98.2mn. Of the exported quantity, 78% were papaw and 16%, 4% and 1% were fresh pineapple, fresh mangoes and fresh avocados respectively. In the month of August, 2017, the quantity exported was 706.1mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 13%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 5,049mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.706mn. Of the imported quantity, 56% were apple and 23%, 13% and 8% were oranges, grapes and mandarin respectively. The main importing countries of apple were China, United States, South Africa and France. South Africa, Australia and China were the importing countries of oranges. In addition, grapes had been imported from China, Italy, Egypt and Israel while, mandarin had been imported from Australia. In the month of August, 2017, the quantity imported was 4,155mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 21%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	70.00-120.00	93.90	96.07	91.56	*-2.17*	*-2.26*	*2.34*	*2.55*
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-180.00	162.89	140.89	210.18	*22.00*	*15.61*	*-47.29*	*-22.50*
Seeni (Kg)	70.00-100.00	89.92	87.20	58.22	*2.72*	*3.12*	*31.70*	*54.45*
Anamalu (Fruit)	8.00-18.00	14.52	15.39	11.46	*-0.87*	*-5.63*	*3.06*	*26.74*
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	20.98	20.52	16.17	*0.46*	*2.23*	*4.81*	*29.73*
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-280.00	236.84	230.76	308.21	*6.08*	*2.63*	*-71.37*	*-23.16*
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-200.00	169.86	180.37	258.53	*-10.51*	*-5.83*	*-88.67*	*-34.30*
Small (Fruit)	100.00-140.00	115.69	131.29	201.84	*-15.60*	*-11.88*	*-86.15*	*-42.68*
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	80.00-125.00	107.68	109.00	169.79	*-1.32*	*-1.21*	*-62.11*	*-36.58*
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-50.00	42.57	41.60	64.43	*0.97*	*2.33*	*-21.86*	*-33.93*
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	22.00	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-120.00	85.66	62.18	119.11	*23.48*	*37.77*	*-33.45*	*-28.08*
Passionfruit (Fruit)	7.00-14.00	9.90	10.12	13.71	*-0.22*	*-2.22*	*-3.81*	*-27.82*
Woodapple (Fruit)	80.00-20.00	13.19	22.47	14.68	*-9.28*	*-41.29*	*-1.49*	*-10.14*
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	23.28	26.83	34.52	*-3.55*	*-13.22*	*-11.24*	*-32.55*
Avocado (Fruit)	10.00-40.00	21.43	35.34	25.24	*-13.91*	*-39.35*	*-3.81*	*-15.08*
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	33.22	37.36	34.05	*-4.14*	*-11.08*	*-0.83*	*-2.43*
Grapes Imported (Kg)	370.00-620.00	487.41	500.84	544.63	*-13.43*	*-2.68*	*-57.22*	*-10.51*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Rs/kg)	100.00-180.00	145.16	138.24	137.95	*6.92*	*5.00*	*7.21*	*5.22*
Kolikuttu (Rs/kg)	200.00-250.00	220.04	205.50	260.10	*14.54*	*7.08*	*-40.06*	*-15.40*
Seeni (Rs/kg)	110.00-160.00	143.62	131.43	109.65	*12.19*	*9.28*	*33.97*	*30.98*
Anamalu	20.00-30.00	24.71	23.15	23.86	*1.56*	*6.75*	*0.85*	*3.58*
Ambun	20.00-35.00	27.97	27.21	24.52	*0.76*	*2.78*	*3.45*	*14.05*
Pineapple								
Large	280.00-350.00	320.09	302.52	360.77	*17.57*	*5.81*	*-40.68*	*-11.28*
Medium	20.00-280.00	245.37	231.15	293.06	*14.22*	*6.15*	*-47.69*	*-16.27*
Small	120.00-200.00	166.20	158.62	239.93	*7.58*	*4.78*	*-73.73*	*-30.73*
Mango								
Betti	-	-	28.33	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban	100.00-250.00	169.00	159.38	247.46	*9.62*	*6.04*	*-78.46*	*-31.70*
Vilad	45.00-100.00	62.62	66.76	105.54	*-4.14*	*-6.20*	*-42.92*	*-40.67*
Kohu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Rs/kg)	100.00-180.00	138.03	112.37	177.56	*25.66*	*22.83*	*-39.53*	*-22.26*
Passionfruit	17.00-25.00	20.43	18.23	23.35	*2.20*	*12.06*	*-2.92*	*-12.51*
Woodapple	25.00-80.00	44.48	58.81	30.91	*-14.33*	*-24.37*	*13.57*	*43.90*
Orange	40.00-70.00	52.53	53.56	48.99	*-1.03*	*-1.92*	*3.54*	*7.22*
Avocado	40.00-80.00	58.20	66.23	61.32	*-8.03*	*-12.12*	*-3.12*	*-5.08*
Slime Apple	40.00-100.00	76.86	79.66	78.73	*-2.80*	*-3.52*	*-1.87*	*-2.38*
Grapes Imported (Rs/kg)	600.00-900.00	799.80	798.71	791.64	*1.09*	*0.14*	*8.16*	*1.03*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	63.75-90.00	78.06	66.47	68.88	11.59	17.43	9.18	13.33
Kolikuttu	99.17-155.00	124.24	114.41	176.00	9.83	8.59	-51.76	-29.41
Papaw	37.50-65.00	46.40	46.18	70.99	0.22	0.47	-24.59	-34.64
Pineapple	-	-	-	113.50	-	-	-	-

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
July – September 2017

Type of Fruit	September			August			July		
	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	100.88	40.71	403.55	67.28	16.57	246.29	72.23	27.30	377.97
Papaw	480.16	47.25	98.40	607.30	80.11	131.92	435.84	48.10	110.37
Fresh Mango	23.31	7.53	323.19	22.78	16.32	716.59	15.54	7.41	476.90
Avocados, fresh	8.30	2.71	326.91	8.76	2.85	325.27	5.09	1.66	326.26

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

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
July – September 2017

Type of Fruit	September			August			July		
	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	2,851	346.39	121.49	1,809	230.24	127.27	1,185	188.27	158.86
Grapes	652	176.84	271.37	904	250.44	277.16	594	180.07	302.94
Oranges	1,167	151.22	129.56	1,090	145.30	133.28	698	91.08	130.53
Mandarin	379	31.56	83.26	352	28.99	82.33	250	20.28	81.05

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.131.00/kg and Rs.1198.00/kg in September 2017. Compared with the previous month, price increments as well as decrements were noted during this month. Market observations especially in Matara, Hambantota, Monaragala, Kurunegala and Kandy revealed that supply of Kelawalla, Paraw, Thalapath, and Shrimp had been low during this month. Thus, prices of these fresh fish types had increased. The highest price increase was noted as 11% in Thalapath, followed by Kelawalla (8%). Price of Salaya had increased by 4%, and prices of both Shrimp and Paraw had increased by 3%. There had been adequate supply of Balaya during this month; thus, it showed the highest price decrease as 13%. Large quantities of this fish had been supplied from coastal area such as Kudawella, Nilwella, Devinuwara, Mirissa and Beliatta. In addition to Balaya, huge supplies were noted for small fresh fish types such as Hurulla from Matara and Hambantota, thereby decreasing

its price. Thus, compared to the previous month, Hurulla showed a price decrease of 8%. Moreover, prices of Mora and Thora had decreased by 3% and 2%, respectively.
Weekly price observations showed alternate price increments and decrements in fresh fish during September 2017. Fish supplies had been received from coastal areas in North Western and Eastern Provinces such as Trincomalee, Chilaw, and Kandakuliya. With the inter-monsoon rains that may fall throughout the country in the next two months, fish supply may decrease. Consequently, their prices may increase. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most fish types had increased during this month. The highest price increase was noted as 44% in Thalapath, followed by 38% in Kelawalla, and 23% in Thora. Prices of Mora, Paraw, and Shrimp had increased by less than 20%. In the meantime, the highest price decrement was noted as 24% in Balaya, followed by 13% in Salaya and 11% in Hurulla.

Average retail prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.209.00/kg and Rs.1574.00/kg during September 2017. In the meantime, consumers had to pay a price between Rs.130.00 and Rs.2400.00 to purchase a kilo of fresh fish. Compared with the previous month, retail prices of most fresh fish types have decreased by less than 10% during September 2017. The highest price decrement was noted as 6% in both Thora and Balaya, followed by 5% in Mora. Prices of Paraw, Kelawalla and Hurulla had decreased by 2%. In the meantime, prices of Shrimp, Salaya, and Thalapath have increased. Price of Shrimp had increased by 3%, and that of Salaya and Thalapath have increased by 2%.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most fresh fish types have increased by more than 10%. The highest price increment of fish was noted in Thalapath (31%), followed by Shrimp (25%) and Thora (24%). Prices of Paraw, Kelawalla, and Mora have increased by 11%-19%. In line with year-on-year wholesale price decrements, year-on-year retail price decrements were observed in Balaya, Salaya, and Hurulla.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	100.00-160.00	131.25	125.66	151.67	*5.59*	*4.45*	*-20.42*	*-13.46*
Hurulla	200.00-300.00	259.75	282.35	291.25	*-22.60*	*-8.00*	*-31.50*	*-10.82*
Balaya	200.00-320.00	243.97	280.24	320.67	*-36.27*	*-12.94*	*-76.70*	*-23.92*
Kelawalla	500.00-700.00	628.75	581.07	457.25	*47.68*	*8.21*	*171.50*	*37.51*
Thora	1000.00-1400.00	1197.50	1216.94	975.76	*-19.44*	*-1.60*	*221.74*	*22.72*
Paraw	550.00-750.00	627.97	611.30	546.67	*16.67*	*2.73*	*81.30*	*14.87*
Mora	500.00-600.00	572.75	587.75	480.08	*-15.00*	*-2.55*	*92.67*	*19.30*
Shrimp (small)	850.00-1000.00	928.25	899.25	811.25	*29.00*	*3.22*	*117.00*	*14.42*
Thalapath	700.00-1000.00	848.02	764.75	588.75	*83.27*	*10.89*	*259.27*	*44.04*
Retail Prices								
Salaya	130.00-400.00	209.22	204.25	213.04	*4.97*	*2.43*	*-3.82*	*-1.79*
Hurulla	250.00-600.00	369.31	375.54	373.25	*-6.23*	*-1.66*	*-3.94*	*-1.06*
Balaya	230.00-680.00	442.82	468.71	528.47	*-25.89*	*-5.52*	*-85.65*	*-16.21*
Kelawalla	650.00-1300.00	880.79	897.43	791.29	*-16.64*	*-1.85*	*89.50*	*11.31*
Thora	1200.00-2400.00	1574.08	1666.61	1272.18	*-92.53*	*-5.55*	*301.90*	*23.73*
Paraw	600.00-1300.00	911.84	934.32	767.19	*-22.48*	*-2.41*	*144.65*	*18.85*
Mora	600.00-1120.00	757.71	798.34	685.56	*-40.63*	*-5.09*	*72.15*	*10.52*
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1500.00	1175.68	1140.90	939.33	*34.78*	*3.05*	*236.35*	*25.16*
Thalapath	800.00-1400.00	1111.80	1092.64	846.78	*19.16*	*1.75*	*265.02*	*31.30*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the previous month, wholesale prices of most dried fish types had increased by less than 15% during September 2017. The highest price increase was noted as 13% in local Salaya, followed by 8% in local Maduwa. Prices of both imported Maduwa and Balaya have increased by 5%, and that of both local Sprats and Thora have increased by 4%. Moreover, price of local Balaya, Kattawa, and imported Anguluwa have increased by 3%, 2%, and 2%, respectively. Similarly, prices of both imported Thora and Sprats have increased by only 1%. In the meantime, of all dried fish types, only imported Mora showed a price decrement (2%). Imported Kattawa, local Mora and Anguluwa did not show any significant price variation. Dried fish prices may increase next month too, if windy and rainy conditions prevail in the country.

Weekly price observations indicated that prices of dried fish had decreased during the first two weeks of the month due to adequate supplies; however, by the third week, prices had risen and continued until the end of the month. Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish ranged between Rs.291.00/kg and Rs.1168.00/kg. Average prices of local types tended to be significantly higher than that of imported ones. In Sprats, especially, the average price of the local type (Rs.1026.00/kg) was around two times higher than that of the imported type (Rs.493.00/kg). Local Sprats were in high demand as the quality being superior to that of the imported Sprats; thus, the price of local Sprats was higher. Compared to the previous month, the quantity of Sprats imported had decreased by 6% (equivalent to a reduction of 132 MT) during this month. Of the total Sprats imports, around 86% had been imported from Thailand, 9% from Vietnam, and 4% from United Arab Emirates. Less than 2% had been imported from Oman and India. The total value of the imported Sprats was approximately Rs.837 million, which was a reduction of Rs.80 million from the amount that spent on Sprats importation in the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.404.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most dried fish types had increased by 1%-14%. The highest price increment of 14% was noted in local Sprats followed by 7% in imported Mora, 5% in both imported Sprats and Anguluwa. Prices of imported and local Kattawa, imported Thora, and local Mora had increased by less than 5%. Meanwhile, prices of local and imported Balaya had decreased by more than 30%. In addition, prices of imported and local Maduwa, local Salaya, and local Anguluwa had decreased by 2%-4%. Interestingly, price of local Thora had not changed significantly in the past year.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.624.00/kg and Rs.1502.00/kg during September 2017. Consumers had to pay a price between Rs.400.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase a kilo of a dried fish. Compared to previous month, retail prices of Maduwa, Salaya, Balaya and Anguluwa had increased by 1%-9%, and prices of Kattawa, imported Sprats, and Thora had decreased by 1%-2%. Prices of local Sprats and Mora had not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all dried fish types except Balaya had increased by 4%-38%, and the highest price increment was noted in imported Sprats, followed by local Sprats (31%) and Maduwa (23%). In the meantime, price of Balaya had decreased by 3%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	850.00-1100.00	1025.94	988.91	903.75	*37.03*	*3.74*	*122.19*	*13.52*
Sprats (imported)	380.00-550.00	492.66	489.07	469.68	*3.59*	*0.73*	*22.98*	*4.89*
Kattawa	760.00-900.00	826.75	809.20	795.69	*17.55*	*2.17*	*31.06*	*3.90*
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-820.00	755.00	756.58	748.15	*-1.58*	*-0.21*	*6.85*	*0.92*
Thora	1050.00-1250.00	1168.31	1128.61	1164.06	*39.70*	*3.52*	*4.25*	*0.36*
Thora (imported)	1000.00-1200.00	1091.75	1082.29	1060.35	*9.46*	*0.87*	*31.40*	*2.96*
Mora	800.00-900.00	831.00	834.73	815.14	*-3.73*	*-0.45*	*15.86*	*1.95*
Mora (imported)	650.00-850.00	773.25	787.51	723.18	*-14.26*	*-1.81*	*50.07*	*6.92*
Balaya	300.00-460.00	366.75	355.92	554.80	*10.83*	*3.04*	*-188.05*	*-33.90*
Balaya (imported)	280.00-450.00	338.75	324.00	493.64	*14.75*	*4.55*	*-154.89*	*-31.38*
Anguluwa	600.00-90.00	786.25	784.75	802.00	*1.50*	*0.19*	*-15.75*	*-1.96*
Anguluwa (imported)	680.00-800.00	738.50	726.82	702.25	*11.68*	*1.61*	*36.25*	*5.16*
Maduwa	450.00-700.00	567.75	524.77	585.69	*42.98*	*8.19*	*-17.94*	*-3.06*
Maduwa (imported)	380.00-500.00	443.17	423.50	459.69	*19.67*	*4.64*	*-16.52*	*-3.59*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	200.00-360.00	290.65	257.80	299.26	*32.85*	*12.74*	*-8.61*	*-2.88*
Salaya (imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	600.00-1000.00	742.16	758.14	539.16	*-15.98*	*-2.11*	*203.00*	*37.65*
Sprats	1000.00-1700.00	1212.48	1214.64	924.06	*-2.16*	*-0.18*	*288.42*	*31.21*
Kattawa	900.00-1500.00	1195.07	1225.15	1113.82	*-30.08*	*-2.46*	*81.25*	*7.29*
Thora	1200.00-2000.00	1502.22	1510.88	1362.58	*-8.66*	*-0.57*	*139.64*	*10.25*
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1126.10	1125.43	1052.25	*0.67*	*0.06*	*73.85*	*7.02*
Balaya	500.00-1100.00	838.24	822.67	868.55	*15.57*	*1.89*	*-30.31*	*-3.49*
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1048.19	1041.52	1011.20	*6.67*	*0.64*	*36.99*	*3.66*
Maduwa	700.00-1200.00	900.69	822.92	733.13	*77.77*	*9.45*	*167.56*	*22.86*
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-800.00	623.95	592.93	562.16	*31.02*	*5.23*	*61.79*	*10.99*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 5.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sprats – April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	2073	836.65	403.50	742.16	*338.66*
August	2205	917.04	415.87	758.14	*342.27*
July	2208	951.25	430.90	802.46	*371.56*
June	1,797	737.15	410.30	792.77	*382.48*
May	2,463	1032.57	419.24	778.68	*359.44*
April	1,398	572.65	409.52	695.78	*286.26*

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

Eggs

Wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.13.00 and Rs.14.00 with an average price of Rs.13.25, and that of a white egg ranged between Rs.11.50 and Rs.12.50 with an average price of Rs.11.88. Compared to previous month, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 9%. Especially, availability of brown and white eggs was recorded to be low in markets such as Galenbindunuwewa, Keppetipola, and Embilipitiya.

Weekly price observations showed that wholesale prices of eggs have increased significantly only during the first week. During the rest of the weeks of the month, price fluctuation was either insignificant or the price ranges were stagnant. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of brown and white eggs had decreased by 10% and 17%, respectively.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.13.50 and Rs.17.00 with an average price of Rs.14.96, and that of a white egg ranged between Rs.12.00 and Rs.15.00 with an average price of 13.68. In line with the wholesale price variations, retail prices of brown and white eggs had increased by 10% and 9%, respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of brown and white eggs had decreased by 8% and 11%, respectively.

Table 5.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	13.00-14.00	13.25	12.13	14.80	*1.12*	*9.23*	*-1.55*	*-10.47*
White (each)	11.50-12.50	11.88	10.88	14.30	*0.99*	*9.15*	*-2.43*	*-16.96*
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	13.50-17.00	14.96	13.64	16.35	*1.32*	*9.69*	*-1.39*	*-8.49*
White (each)	12.00-15.00	13.68	12.53	15.34	*1.15*	*9.19*	*-1.66*	*-10.81*

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of most meat types with highly demand had either decreased or not changed significantly compared to the previous month. Of price decreased meat types, the highest price decrement was noted as 9% in Pork. Price of a kilo of Pork ranged between Rs.450.00 and Rs.650.00. Prices of Broiler and Curry Chicken had decreased by 4% and 2%, respectively and both the prices ranged between Rs.400.00/kg and Rs.620.00/kg. Retail price of only Mutton had increased and it showed a 2% price increment. The availability of Mutton was low in markets such as Monaragala, Vavuniya, and Embilipitiya. In the meantime, price of Beef had not changed significantly, and its price ranged between Rs.900.00/kg and Rs.1000.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all meat types except Beef and Mutton had decreased by 11%-18%, and the highest price decrement was noted in Broiler Chicken.

Table 5.5: Retail Prices of Meat – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	954.38	951.43	836.92	*2.94*	*0.31*	*117.46*	*14.03*
Chicken (Broiler)	410.00-620.00	497.71	516.96	603.71	*-19.25*	*-3.72*	*-106.00*	*-17.56*
Chicken (curry)	400.00-580.00	484.83	497.07	585.14	*-12.24*	*-2.46*	*-100.31*	*-17.14*
Mutton	1700.00-1900.00	1792.22	1759.31	1626.31	*32.91*	*1.87*	*165.91*	*10.20*
Pork	450.00-650.00	533.33	583.33	596.88	*-50.00*	*-8.57*	*-63.55*	*-10.65*

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

Total imported quantity of wheat grain for the month of September was 222,037mt. worth of 8,526mn. Imported quantity has increased by 35% compared to the previous month and this was the highest quantity imported this year so far. Also, total imports have increased by 41% compared to average imported quantity of last four months. When considering the world wheat prices, average world price has slightly increased during this month and as a percentage it was 4%. The majority of wheat grain had been imported from Canada and it was 124,846mt. Second and the third highest quantity was imported from Russia (61,931mt.) and Australia (29,650mt.) respectively. Few quantities were also imported from the United States and India. The CIF price ranged between Rs.32.00-50.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat grain was reported as Rs.38.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grains whilst the lowest was recorded for the Russian stocks. The CIF price of Rs.42.00/kg was applied for the highest imported stocks imported from Canada.

Meanwhile, total quantity of 323mt. worth of 21mn. were imported as wheat flour for the month of September. A slight increment in imported quantity was noted for this month compared to previous month. Wheat flour had been imported from India, Turkey, Germany and China respectively. The CIF price ranged between Rs.53.00-71.00/kg and the average CIF price for wheat flour was reported as Rs.65.00/kg. The average CIF price for wheat flour has decreased by 10% compared to the previous month. Further, the retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.82.00-95.00/kg and the average price was Rs.89.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of wheat flour has increased slightly.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – September 2017

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2017		Sep 2016	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	82.00-95.00	89.05	88.68	88.83	*0.37*	*0.41*	*0.21*	*0.24*
Sugar	100.00-120.00	110.35	106.96	*95.22*	*3.40*	*3.17*	*15.13*	*15.89*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain – April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
September	323	21.16	65.49	89.05	*23.55*
August	361	25.89	71.63	88.68	*17.04*
July	652	43.33	66.41	89.20	*22.79*
June	88	6.34	72.25	89.24	*16.99*
May	603	41.05	68.07	88.90	*20.83*
April	93	6.32	68.17	89.87	*21.70*
Wheat Grain					
September	222,037	8525.93	38.40	89.05	*50.65*
August	164,673	6350.05	38.56	88.68	*50.12*
July	165,737	6448.11	38.91	89.20	*50.29*
June	103,969	3819.93	36.74	89.24	*52.50*
May	197,026	7256.36	36.83	88.90	*52.07*
April	208,579	7304.23	35.02	89.87	*54.85*

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 25,204mt. worth of 1,769mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of September. Compared to the previous month the quantity has reduced by 17,060mt. Since mid-July, world sugar prices have stabilized and no significant changes were noted. Out of the total imports for the month of September, the highest quantity which was 8,944mt. worth of 603mn. had been imported from United Arab Emirates. The average CIF price of Rs.67.00/kg was applied for this stock. The second highest quantity had been imported from Guatemala and as a percentage it was 22%. Sugar was also imported from Thailand (16%), India (10%), Nicaragua (5%) and Vietnam (5%). Further, few quantities were also imported from Algeria, Egypt, Poland, Korea and Germany. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.65.00-78.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.70.00/kg. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Thailand, while the lowest for the Nicaragua stocks. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for the month of September has reduced by 4%.

When considering the local retail prices of sugar, price ranged between Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.110.00/kg. Compared to the previous month average retail price has increased by Rs.3.00/kg and compared to the same period of last year average retail price increased by 15%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- April to September 2017

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	25,204	1768.6	70.17	110.35	*40.18*
August	42,264	3084.5	72.98	106.96	*33.97*
July	33,791	2560.1	75.76	106.05	*30.28*
June	44,132	3526.8	79.92	106.87	*26.95*
May	54,875	4649.9	84.74	106.95	*22.21*
April	30,689	2615.6	85.23	108.95	*23.72*

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – September 2017

Items	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Sep 2017	Aug 2017		Sep 2017	Aug 2017		Sep 2017	Aug 2017	
Rice	52,041	52,846	-1.5	3349.2	3262.4	2.7	64.36	61.73	4.3
Red Onion	830	80	941.7	73.1	7.1	923.0	88.10	89.71	-1.8
Big Onion	14,120	18,172	-22.3	920.0	1028.6	-10.6	65.16	56.60	15.1
Potato	9,322	13,832	-32.6	406.7	533.5	-23.8	43.63	38.57	13.1
Dried Chillies	3,376	5,183	-34.9	517.9	755.5	-31.4	153.42	145.75	5.3
Masoor Dhal	12,565	11,970	5.0	1276.2	1258.3	1.4	101.56	105.12	-3.4
Green Gram	1,506	2,205	-31.7	219.1	323.1	-32.2	145.55	146.52	-0.7
Cowpea	887	837	6.0	119.1	116.6	2.1	134.31	139.32	-3.6
Garlic	1,259	4,057	-69.0	188.4	615.2	-69.4	149.62	151.66	-1.3
Wheat flour	323	361	-10.6	21.2	25.9	-18.3	65.49	71.63	-8.6
Wheat grain	222,037	164,673	34.8	8525.9	6350.0	34.3	38.40	38.56	-0.4
White crystalline cane sugar	25,204	42,264	-40.4	1768.6	3084.5	-42.7	70.17	72.98	-3.9
Maize (Seed)	32	797	-96.0	19.7	521.4	-96.2	613.31	654.18	-6.2
Maize (Other)	7,287	10,648	-31.6	260.6	381.2	-31.6	35.76	35.80	-0.1
Sprats, dried unsalted	2,073	2,205	-6.0	836.6	917.0	-8.8	403.50	415.87	-3.0

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

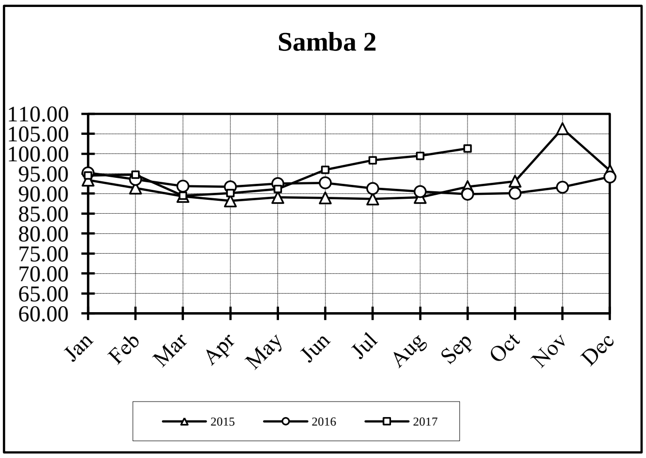
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – September 2017

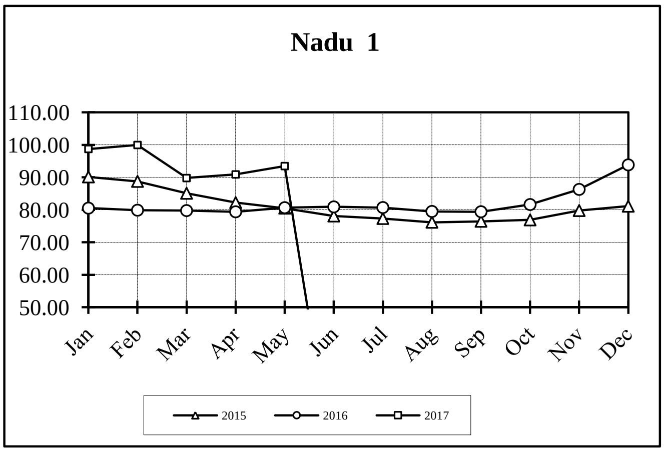
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	112.7	74.0	11	6
Badulla	133.3	119.8	11	9
Bandarawela	106.1	121.8	14	10
Batticaloa	87.4	67.0	9	5
Colombo	355.2	245.4	20	15
Galle	239.0	255.8	19	18
Hambantota	51.9	75.2	12	8
Jaffna	91.3	63.3	9	4
Katugastota	101.1	155.2	18	13
Katunayaka	383.4	224.1	19	14
Kurunegala	175.9	165.3	19	13
Mahailuppallama	125.7	90.7	13	6
Mannar	79.3	40.6	5	2
Nuwara Eliya	161.8	178.8	17	15
Pottuvil	24.6	44.8	6	na
Puttalam	112.5	67.8	15	5
Ratmalana	375.4	254.9	24	16
Ratnapura	611.7	421.4	26	20
Trincomalee	94.9	99.6	8	6
Vavuniya	211.6	107.3	10	6
Polonnaruwa	131.3	na	9	na
Moneragala	21.8	na	11	na
Mattala	96.8	na	11	na

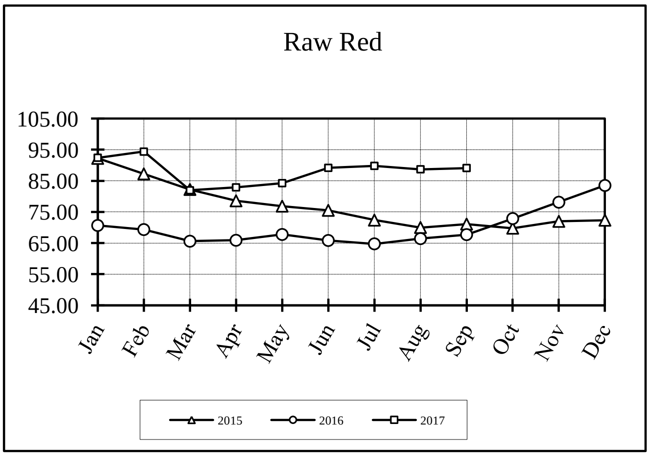
Source: Department of Meteorology

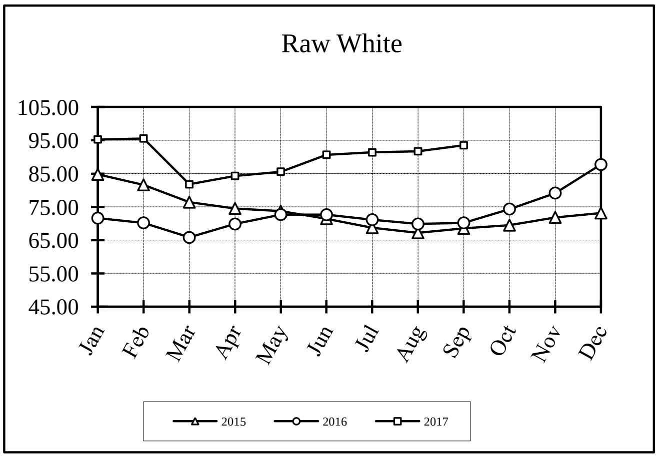
Appendix 01:Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	93.38	95.20	94.54	90.13	80.51	98.73	92.21	70.64	92.41	84.76	71.61	95.27
Feb	91.39	93.55	94.74	88.75	79.87	99.95	87.23	69.32	94.37	81.61	70.19	95.56
Mar	89.30	91.87	89.48	85.09	79.76	89.77	82.21	65.58	81.95	76.40	65.80	81.77
Apr	88.17	91.70	90.14	82.22	79.38	90.88	78.56	65.88	82.89	74.51	69.83	84.30
May	89.04	92.51	91.16	80.50	80.65	93.46	76.85	67.75	84.24	73.70	72.67	85.58
Jun	88.93	92.71	95.95	78.08	80.90	–	75.50	65.82	89.17	71.45	72.63	90.65
Jul	88.66	91.28	98.34	77.33	80.69	–	72.36	64.74	89.80	68.75	71.13	91.36
Aug	89.04	90.51	99.45	76.16	79.49	–	69.99	66.41	88.70	67.22	69.85	91.71
Sep	91.75	89.85	101.30	76.46	79.40	–	71.10	67.70	89.11	68.49	70.19	93.51
Oct	93.10	90.08		76.89	81.62		69.77	72.86		69.49	74.34	
Nov	106.27	91.60		79.77	86.28		71.96	78.12		71.84	79.14	
Dec	95.76	94.16		81.10	93.83		72.33	83.50		73.15	87.71	



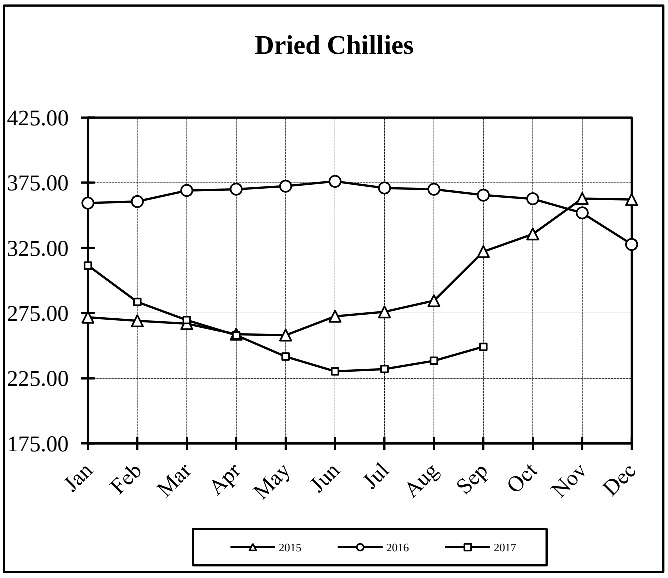


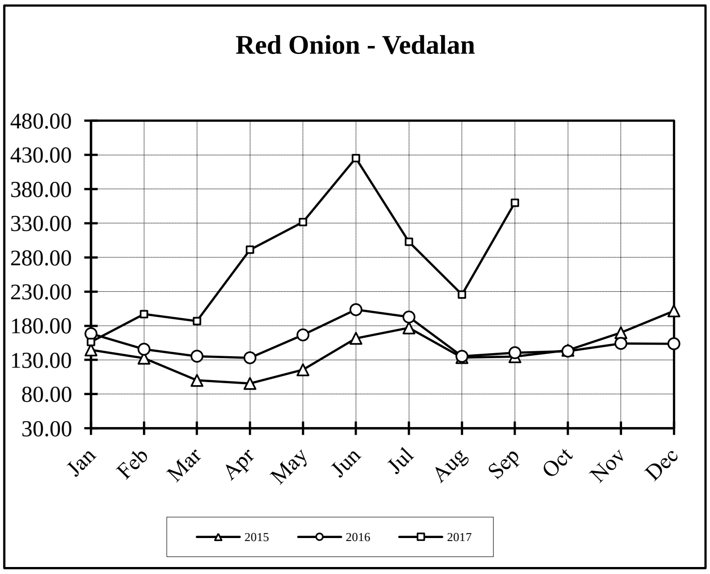


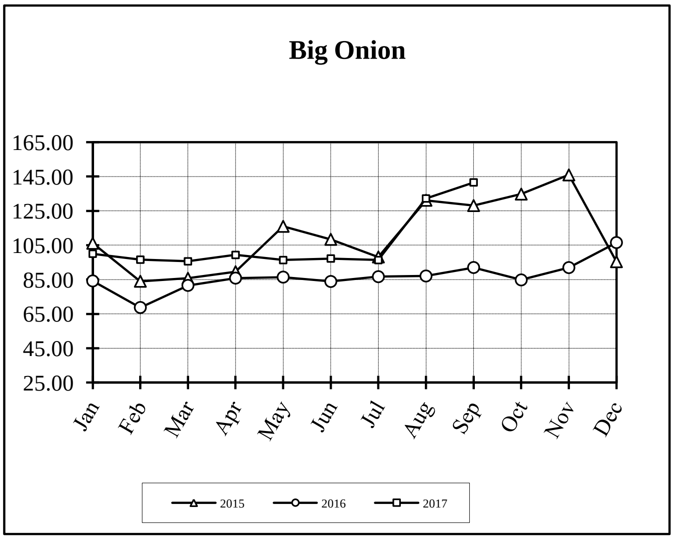


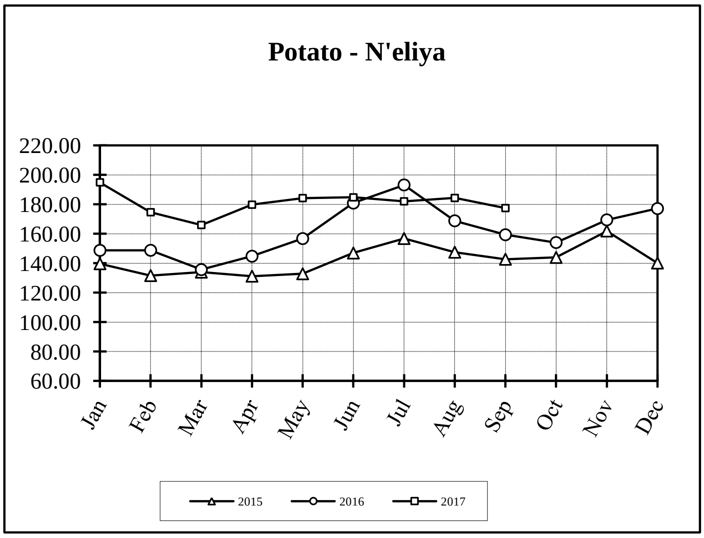
Appendix 02: Retail Pricees of Chillies, Onions & Potato in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Jan	271.85	359.36	311.44	144.64	168.42	156.25	106.11	84.20	100.02	139.63	148.73	194.94
Feb	269.09	360.56	283.58	132.59	145.71	197.00	83.99	68.73	96.57	131.58	148.75	174.64
Mar	266.95	369.06	269.67	100.10	135.49	186.80	85.73	81.58	95.60	133.91	135.62	165.97
Apr	258.81	370.07	257.93	95.65	133.19	291.30	89.56	85.83	99.33	131.19	144.75	179.77
May	258.15	372.34	241.70	115.55	166.64	331.70	115.99	86.42	96.33	132.82	156.73	184.26
Jun	272.61	376.04	230.28	161.67	203.59	425.19	108.39	83.87	97.25	146.91	180.84	184.74
Jul	275.90	370.97	232.12	176.85	192.81	302.86	98.14	86.66	96.33	156.77	193.18	182.06
Aug	284.48	369.99	238.44	133.51	135.32	225.63	131.16	87.07	132.19	147.47	168.81	184.34
Sep	322.19	365.44	249.10	134.69	140.64	359.93	128.09	92.01	141.57	142.68	159.34	177.47
Oct	335.70	362.69		144.23	142.94		134.76	84.79		143.91	154.06	
Nov	362.89	351.86		169.84	154.23		145.93	91.96		161.86	169.46	
Dec	362.08	327.65		201.81	153.77		95.39	106.54		140.10	177.13	









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

Sep-17

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Paddy					**Potato**					**Leeks**				
Short grain					N'Eliya	108.80		90.60		Welimada		62.50		97.50
A'pura	52.00	52.00		53.80	Badulla					N'Eliya	47.80		66.80	
P'naruwa	49.88	48.25	52.50	53.63	Welimada		101.67	79.50	86.00					
Kalawewa	52.85		52.67	54.00	**Pulses**					**Beetroot**				
Kurunegala	46.50	44.00	45.00	44.00	**Green Gram**					Hanguranketha	37.50	30.00	35.00	30.00
Dehiattakandi					Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	27.60		42.40	
Ampara	44.76	49.20	50.10	51.30	Kalawewa					Dambulla	38.60	35.80	32.80	
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	192.50	192.50	192.50	192.50	Kurunegala				
A'pura	50.80	50.80		51.00	Kurunegala					Welimada				
P'naruwa	46.10	44.25	50.38	52.63	A'pura	183.33	210.00		195.00	**Knokhol**				
Kalawewa	48.19		49.67	52.67	**Cowpea**					Hanguranketha	30.00	25.00		
Kurunegala	50.00	47.00	45.00	45.00	A'pura					N'Eliya	27.60		33.00	
Dehiattakandi					Galgamuwa					Welimada			32.50	
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	181.25	181.25	181.25	181.25	**Radish**				
Ampara		46.23	46.69	48.06	Kalawewa					Hanguranketha	22.50	15.00	17.50	
Matara	45.33	45.33	45.33	45.33	Embilipitiya	215.00	215.00	217.50	217.50	N'Eliya	17.20		20.40	
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada				
Long grain (Red)					**Maize**					**Cabbage**				
Matara	45.33	45.33	45.33	45.33	A'Pura	85.00	83.00		84.33	Hanguranketha	25.00	22.50	20.00	33.33
Hambantota	45.00	44.40	44.00	46.50	Kalawewa	62.50		70.00	67.50	N'Eliya	27.40		37.80	
Ampara					**Gingelly**					Welimada	31.67	25.00	33.33	66.00
Embilipitiya	44.60	44.80	46.50	46.75	A'Pura	157.50	156.25		163.00	Hambantota				
Other Food Crops					Kalawewa			136.67	135.00	Badulla	34.00	34.00	24.00	66.00
Dried Chillies					**Black Gram**					**Tomato**				
A'Pura					Kalawewa	130.00		140.00	140.00	Hanguranketha	75.00	81.67	90.00	90.00
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	160.00	162.50		164.00	Welimada				
Kalawewa					**Vegetables (Up Country)**					Hambantota	105.00	115.00	115.00	75.00
Red Onion					**Beans**					Dambulla	94.40	106.00	98.00	
Puttalam	180.00	288.00	266.00	302.00	Dambulla	82.80	95.00	146.00		**Low Country**				
					Welimada			155.00	167.67	**Ladies Fingers**				
Big Onion					Badulla	96.00	99.00	139.00	144.00	A'pura	28.33	30.00		56.67
Dambulla					**Carrot**					Dambulla	17.60	24.40	30.60	
Kalawewa					Hanguranketh	55.00	55.00	62.50	75.00	Hambantota	35.00	55.00	45.00	45.00
A'Pura					N'Eliya	66.00		65.80		Embilipitiya	43.14	43.14	36.71	50.29
Kurunegala					Welimada	57.50		65.00	91.50	Matara	38.33	38.33	43.33	46.67

Appendix 03: contd…..

Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	Commodity	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Brinjals					**Pumpkin**					**Lime**				
A'pura	110.00	85.00		113.33	Dambulla	23.40	23.40	25.20		Hambantota	160.00	190.00	190.00	190.00
Dambulla	80.80	79.80	89.40		Hambantota	55.00	37.50	36.50	27.50	Embilipitiya	182.50	242.00	234.00	245.00
Hambantota	85.00	110.00	105.00	95.00	Embilipitiya	50.33	50.33	45.33	50.33	Moneragala	70.00	101.25	121.67	163.33
Embilipitiya	103.00	99.17	93.00	99.60	Matara		55.00	65.00	65.00	**Fruits (Rs/Kg)**				
Matara	73.33	75.00	73.33	76.67	A'pura	23.75	30.00		35.00	**Banana**				
Welimada					Moneragala	32.75	32.75	25.33	36.00	Ambul				
					Cucumber					Moneragala	63.75	70.00	71.25	71.25
Capsicum					A'pura	20.00	30.00		46.67	Embilipitiya	73.00	90.00	80.00	82.50
Welimada					Dambulla	24.80	34.80	37.80		Hambantota	75.00	85.00	90.00	85.00
Bitter Gourd					Hambantota	17.50	27.50	30.00	37.50	**Kolikuttu**				
A'pura	56.25	67.50		88.33	Matara	31.67				Moneragala	110.00	110.00	103.33	128.33
Dambulla	71.80	70.20	98.00		**Long beans**					Embilipitiya	99.17	110.00	110.00	130.00
Hambantota	95.00	105.00	130.00	130.00	Dambulla	35.20	39.60	64.80		Hambantota	145.00	145.00	145.00	155.00
Embilipitiya	147.00	147.00	147.00	147.00	Hambantota	42.50	60.00	65.00	65.00	**Papaw**				
					Embilipitiya	73.33	77.50	74.17	81.67	Moneragala				
Snake Gourd					Matara	76.67	66.67	53.33	73.33	Embilipitiya	42.00	44.17	50.00	50.00
Dambulla	41.20	52.60	69.20		A'Pura	41.25	38.75		80.00	Hambantota	42.50	37.50	40.00	65.00
Hambantota	55.00	55.00	55.00	62.50	**Ash Plantain**					**Pineapple**				
Embilipitiya	66.00	63.33	63.33	66.67	Hambantota	45.00	55.00	47.50	60.00	Divulapitiya				
Matara	63.33	41.67	43.33	56.67	Embilipitiya	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00					
A'pura	51.25	52.50		70.00	Matara	66.67	53.33	53.33	53.33					
Luffa					**Green Chillies**									
Dambulla	58.80	69.80	87.60		Dambulla	204.00	158.00	178.00						
Hambantota	45.00	55.00	67.50	95.00	Hambantota	245.00	247.50	225.00	225.00					
Embilipitiya	73.33	73.33	72.50	78.33	Embilipitiya	280.83	230.00	187.50	315.83					
Matara	56.67				Puttalam	216.00	146.00	138.00	206.00					
A'pura	48.33	73.33		106.67	A'Pura	240.00	212.50		270.00					