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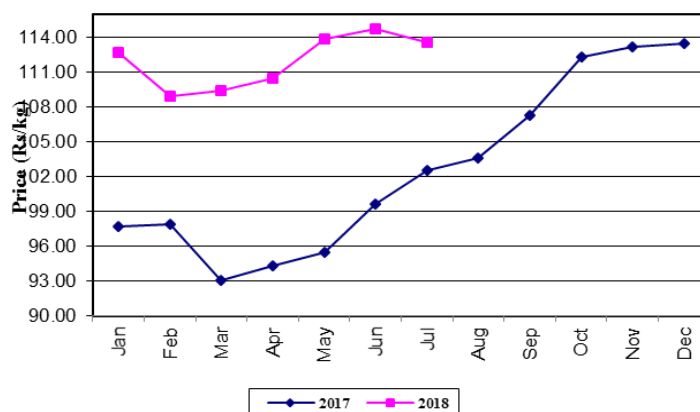
RICE:

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased. Accordingly, prices of local nadu grade I, raw red and raw white have decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.100.00/kg, Rs.81.00/kg and Rs.84.00/kg. A considerable price increase was noted for *ponni* samba.

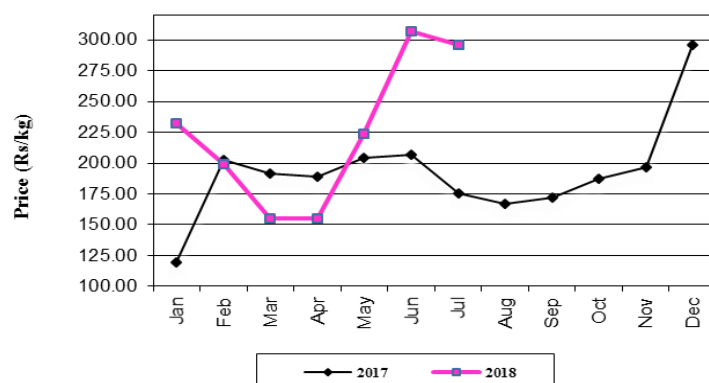
VEGETABLES:

Increasing trend in supplies in the early phase of *Yala* harvesting season caused price drops in both upcountry and low-country varieties by a considerable margin, compared to last month. Of the up-country varieties, the highest price decrease was reported for leeks as 47% whereas the highest price drop in domestic vegetables was reported for brinjal as 37% in the wholesale market.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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The Food Information Bulletin is a monthly publication containing information relating to producer, wholesale and retail prices of selected food commodities in selected markets in and around Colombo and main markets in the major producing areas. Data on extent, production and imports are also available in the bulletin.

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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Outstation Markets

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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 12. Puttalam | 23. Batticaloa |
| 2. Dambulla | 13. Hambantota | 24. Jaffna |
| 3. Matara | 14. Divulapitiya | 25. Mullaitivu |
| 4. Kurunegala | 15. Dehiattakandiya | 26. Kilinochchi |
| 5. Embilipitiya | 16. Keppetipola | 27. Vavuniya |
| 6. Kandy | 17. Thambutthegama | 28. Kegalle |
| 7. Meegoda | 18. Anuradhapura | 29. Ampara |
| 8. Kalutara | 19. Badulla | 30. Moneragala |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle | 31. Ratnapura |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar | |
| 11. Polonnaruwa | 22. Trincomalee | |

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The prospects of paddy crop in 2018 *Yala* season were satisfactory in most of the major producing areas and the crop is at late vegetative to harvesting stages. Dry weather prevailed in most of the major producing areas in the country throughout the month. A satisfactory progress was recorded in producing areas in Mahaweli Zones, Eastern Province, Polonnaruwa and Hambantota Districts. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the target paddy extent is 422,978 ha. The cultivation progress up to end June is 378,826 ha and it is 90% of the target. The cultivation progress is approximately same compared to the average extent of last three *Yala* seasons. Further, reports reveal that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.49 million Mt. Crop damages were reported in Kurunegala, Ampara and Polonnaruwa districts mainly due to the pest damages like brown plant hopper. Harvesting of paddy crop progressed in producing areas in the Eastern province and Moneragala district by latter part of the month.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *yala* 2018 As at end of July 2018

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production forecast based on progress (mt)	Total Effected Extent (ha)	Expected Production loss for Effected Area (mt)	Reversed Production forecast Adjusted to Drought Damage Within the Season (mt)
Anuradhapura	27,036	13,217	49	48,886	-	-	48,886
Polonnaruwa	31,242	31,243	100	127,131	-	-	127,131
Ampara	33,826	34,572	102	146,765	3,520	4,907	141,857
Kurunegala	65,611	46,740	71	186,958	83	332	186,626
Hambantota	26,567	25,320	95	123,919	-	-	123,919
Colombo	1,905	1,100	58	3,205	-	-	3,205
Gampaha	4,908	6,267	128	19,145	-	-	19,145
Kalutara	7,500	6,254	83	20,321	222	567	19,754
Galle	8,828	3,413	39	9,122	-	-	9,122
Matara	14,780	12,292	83	41,746	16	36	41,710
Ratnapura	8,450	7,085	84	23,081	-	-	23,081
Kegalle	9,268	5,925	64	21,806	195	239	21,567
Puttalam	18,305	12,622	69	37,550	556	1,240	36,310
Kandy	6,884	6,179	90	19,897	14	23	19,875
Matale	10,343	9,109	88	37,096	-	-	37,096
N ^o Eliya	3,029	1,993	66	4,264	-	-	4,264
Badulla	7,092	8,025	113	30,617	-	-	30,617
Monaragala	17,161	20,593	120	76,688	-	-	76,688
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	7,175	754	11	2,602	-	-	2,602
Vavuniya	7,454	780	10	2,943	-	-	2,943
Mullaitivu	5,268	1,638	31	5,103	-	-	5,103
Mannar	2,930	600	20	2,693	-	-	2,693
Trincomalee	16,646	16,341	98	67,802	-	-	67,802
Batticaloa	25,814	25,806	100	62,437	-	-	62,437
Udawalawa	10,415	10,487	101	50,810	-	-	50,810
System H	12,747	15,590	122	71,090	-	-	71,090
System H1	1,600	7,415	463	33,812	-	-	33,812
System B	14,320	19,606	137	89,403	-	-	89,403
System C	11,203	21,693	194	98,920	-	-	98,920
System G	3,240	4,754	147	21,678	-	-	21,678
System D	477	487	102	2,221	-	-	2,221
Rambakanoya	878	798	91	3,639	-	-	3,639
System L	75	132	176	602	-	-	602
Sri Lanka	422,977	378,830	90	1,493,952	4,606	7,344	1,486,608

Source: Crop Forecast, *yala* 2018, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

Prices of long grain white paddy have declined in all major producing areas mainly due to the arrival of new harvest from the producing areas in the Eastern province. However, the low prices were further recorded for long grain red paddy in the producing areas in the Southern Province due to the satisfactory harvest in the last *Maha* season. However, the prices of short grain paddy have increased slightly in most of the major producing areas throughout the month due to the limited supplies of paddy to the markets as a result of crop failure in last *Maha* season. A slight decline was recorded in Kalawewa major short grain producing area. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have decreased by 3% -8% in all considered major producing areas and the highest decrease was recorded from Kurunegala. Prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.46.00-60.00/kg and Rs.32.00-46.00/kg in major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have decreased slightly in producing areas in the Southern province and prices ranged between Rs.30.00-35.00/kg. According to the field information it is expected that paddy prices will decrease during next month due to the progress of *Yala* season harvesting.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 4%-17%. However, the prices of long grain white and long grain red paddy have decreased by 12%-30% in most of the considered major producing areas with the highest decline being recorded for long grain red in Embilipitiya.

Table1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – July 2018

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	June 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	53.00-60.00	53.00-56.00	55.56	54.80	50.92	0.76	1.39	4.64	9.11
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-	49.28	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	52.00-58.00	53.00-58.00	55.77	55.96	53.83	-0.19	-0.34	1.94	3.60
Kurunegala	46.00-52.00	46.00-50.00	49.73	48.88	50.18	0.86	1.76	-0.45	-0.89
Dehiattakandiya	-	57.00-58.00	-	57.60	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	55.05	-	-	-	-
Ampara	50.00-58.00	54.00-58.00	54.56	55.95	46.78	-1.39	-2.48	7.78	16.63
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	32.00-39.00	36.00-40.00	36.60	37.80	50.36	-1.20	-3.17	-13.76	-27.32
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-	49.76	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	35.00-41.00	36.00-42.50	37.60	39.46	50.24	-1.86	-4.71	-12.64	-25.16
Kurunegala	34.00-38.00	34.00-45.00	36.47	39.75	50.13	-3.28	-8.26	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	-	40.00-41.00	-	40.50	-	-	-	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	55.05	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	31.60	32.67	44.08	-1.07	-3.27	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	35.00-40.00	37.00-42.00	37.20	40.00	0.00	-2.80	-7.00	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-35.00	30.00-35.00	38.93	39.17	44.13	-0.23	-0.60	-5.20	-11.78
Hambantota	30.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	31.32	31.70	45.00	-0.38	-1.21	-13.68	-30.40
Embilipitiya	30.00-32.00	30.00-32.00	30.91	31.43	44.76	-0.51	-1.64	-13.85	-30.93

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Demand and Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties, have further decreased during the month of July as well. Price ranges of samba grade I and grade II were Rs.105.00-110.00/kg and Rs.98.00-104.00/kg respectively. Accordingly, the highest price decrease was noted for local raw white as 5% and the average price was Rs.70.00/kg. Further, prices of raw red, nadu grade II and samba grade II have decreased by 4%, 3% and 2% respectively. The respective average prices were Rs.64.00/kg, Rs.77.00/kg and Rs.101.00/kg. Increased market arrivals of local stocks resulted this price decrease. A total quantity of 525mt. worth of Rs.59mn. of rice had been imported during the month of July. However, compared to previous month, imported quantity for this month has drastically decreased and this was the lowest imported quantity since last January. Hence, price of imported samba has increased by 12% and the average price was Rs.94.00/kg. However, price of imported raw white has decreased by 12% and average price was Rs.67.00/kg. Imported nadu stocks were not available in the market due to limited supply.

Out of the total imports, 341mt. comprised of basmati; 105mt. comprised of *ponni* samba; 71mt. comprised of raw white and 9mt. comprised of nadu. Majority quantities of basmati had been imported from Pakistan and India. A few quantities were also imported from Thailand and Australia. The average CIF price for basmati was Rs.171.00/kg. Raw white had been imported from India (65%) and Pakistan (35%) and the average CIF price was Rs.64.00/kg. Nearly all *ponni* samba quantities were imported from Vietnam and few quantities were imported from China and India. The average CIF price for *ponni* samba was Rs.62.00/kg. Majority of nadu had been imported from India and few quantities were imported from China as well. The average CIF price for nadu was Rs.76.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties except samba varieties have decreased in the range of 3%-5%. However, prices of samba varieties have increased in the range of 8%-10%. Meanwhile, price of imported samba has increased by 20%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties have decreased during the month of July. Accordingly, prices of local nadu grade I, raw red and raw white have decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.100.00/kg, Rs.81.00/kg and Rs.84.00/kg. Further, prices of both local samba grade II and nadu grade II have decreased by Rs.2.00/kg and respective price ranges were Rs.100.00-110.00/kg and Rs.80.00-100.00/kg. Price of local samba grade I has also decreased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and average price was Rs.119.00/kg. Prices of all imported rice varieties, except samba have decreased during the month. Consequently, price of imported raw white has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg and average price was 84.00/kg. Price of nadu has also decreased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-95.00/kg. However, price of *ponni* samba has increased by Rs.9.00/kg and average price was Rs.102.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg from Matara market, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-101.00/kg from Hangeranketha market. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Moneragala and Embilipitiya markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.80.00-90.00/kg from Matara market. The highest price of Rs.90.00/kg for raw red was reported from Kandy and Kegalle markets, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Embilipitiya and Tissamaharama markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price of Rs.79.00/kg was reported from Ampara market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties, except samba have decreased in the range of 7%-10%. Prices of samba have increased in the range of 10%-11%. Subsequently, prices of all the imported rice varieties, except nadu have also increased in the range of 5%-15%.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	105.00-110.00	107.80	108.40	98.27	-0.60	-0.55	9.53	9.70
Samba 2	98.00-104.00	101.25	102.99	93.57	-1.74	-1.69	7.68	8.21
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-92.00	91.50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	74.00-80.00	76.86	78.88	78.88	-2.02	-2.56	-2.02	-2.56
Raw red	60.00-68.00	64.11	66.97	66.97	-2.86	-4.28	-2.86	-4.28
Raw white	68.00-73.00	70.29	73.95	73.95	-3.66	-4.95	-3.66	-4.95
Imported Samba	90.00-100.00	94.17	83.93	78.18	10.24	12.20	15.99	20.46
Imported Raw White	67.00-67.00	67.00	75.82	71.91	-8.82	-11.64	-4.91	-6.83
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	76.73	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	110.00-125.00	119.08	119.56	106.81	-0.47	-0.39	12.27	11.49
Samba 2	100.00-110.00	108.00	109.91	98.34	-1.91	-1.74	9.66	9.82
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	95.00-110.00	99.99	103.22	-	-3.24	-3.14	-	-
Nadu 2	80.00-100.00	88.98	91.31	96.01	-2.33	-2.55	-7.03	-7.32
Raw red	70.00-90.00	80.52	83.32	89.80	-2.80	-3.36	-9.28	-10.34
Raw white	70.00-90.00	83.80	86.52	91.36	-2.72	-3.14	-7.56	-8.28
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	95.00-110.00	101.59	92.45	86.82	9.14	9.89	14.77	17.01
Imported Raw White	75.00-95.00	84.26	85.76	79.18	-1.51	-1.76	5.07	6.40
Imported Nadu	80.00-95.00	84.18	84.41	86.88	-0.22	-0.27	-2.70	-3.11

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

About 3,796 ha of green chilli had been cultivated by the end of July 2018, which represent 75% achievement in extent from the targeted extent of 5084 ha. Though the highest targeted extent was reported from Anuradhapura (652 ha) the highest cultivated extent was reported from Moneragala (475 ha) followed by Puttalam (440 ha). Daluwa, Nirmalapura, Alankuda and Norochcholai are major green chilli cultivation areas in Puttalam district. Approximately; 17,780 mt of harvest is expected from the available cultivated extent of green chilli according to the crop forecast by the Department of Agriculture and around 54% of the production will be supplied to the market from Puttalam (21%), Moneragala (18%), Anuradhapura (8%) and Matale (7%) districts. About 25% decrease in the cultivated extent and 40% decrease of production were observed in green chilli cultivation in Sri Lanka against the previous *Yala* season due to unfavourable weather condition that prevailed.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Yala 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	652	255	39	1,341
Puttalam	625	440	70	3,789
Moneragala	290	475	188	3,122
Kurunegala	413	190	46	663
Batticaloa	263	129	49	480
Matale	165	250	152	1,302
Kandy	262	145	55	697
Hambantota	148	211	143	958
Vavuniya	250	205	82	540
Other areas	2,016	1,496	74	4,888
Total	5,084	3,796	75	17,780

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

All the major producing areas showed higher producer prices for green chilli through the month of July 2018. In line with the producer prices, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.185.00/kg and Rs.250.00/kg respectively. Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has decreased due to lower cultivation progress from the target. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.471.17/kg and Rs.700.22/kg respectively and both prices were higher than that of the prices of dried chilli. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about 78% and 58% respectively.

A quantity of 5,292 mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 2,674 mt compared to that of the previous month. The CIF price was Rs.219.40/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.6.78/kg compared to last month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.5.00/kg and Rs.12.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 50% and 40% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	300.00-600.00	471.17	286.07	264.83	185.10	64.70	206.34	77.91
Dried Chilli	245.00-265.00	252.73	247.88	168.02	4.85	1.96	84.71	50.42
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	450.00-1000.00	700.22	449.84	441.94	250.37	55.66	258.27	58.44
Dried Chilli	270.00-380.00	325.59	313.87	232.12	11.72	3.73	93.47	40.27

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli February to July 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	5,292	1,161.19	219.40	325.59	106.19
June	2,618	592.23	226.18	313.87	87.70
May	4,968	1,065.91	214.54	306.67	92.13
April	3,021	669.21	221.56	298.03	76.47
March	5,610	1,137.93	202.85	284.90	82.06
February	3,866	755.77	195.47	271.41	75.94

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer Prices of Green Chilli (Rs/kg) – July 2018

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	344.00	540.00	482.00	522.00	436.00
Hambantota	380.00	390.00	616.67	600.00	600.00
Embilipitiya	381.00	400.00	422.00	461.00	414.17
Puttalam	344.00	426.00	404.00	462.00	300.00
A'Pura	382.50	615.00	600.00	560.00	560.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

In the Matale district about 628 ha big onion had been cultivated representing only 30% of the targeted extent by the end of July 2018. When compared to previous *Yala* season, about 49% decreased in the cultivated extent was observed in the Matale district due to prevailed unfavourable weather condition at the beginning of the season. Cultivation will take place till the mid of August 2018 in the Matale district. Dambulla, Seegiriya, Galewela and Dewahuwa are the major big onion producing areas in Matale district.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion in Matale District

Areas	2018 <i>Yala</i> (ha)						2017 <i>Yala</i> (ha)						Total change compared to last year %
	Target (ha)	April	May	June	July	Total	Target (ha)	April	May	June	July	Total	
Dambulla	800	-	-	18	240.9	258.9	1175	-	4	1,86.9	275.1	466	-44
Sigiriya	600	-	0.5	12.8	164.5	177.8	900	2	2	164	213.8	381.8	-53
Galewela	400	0.2	9.8	08	24	42	529	-	2	3.7	133.1	138.8	-70
Devahuwa	200	-	-	0.8	37.2	38	210	-	5	35.9	31.9	72.8	-48
Other Areas	90	-	8.4	10	92.8	111.2	436	0.4	-	45.3	115.9	161.6	-31
Total	2,090	0.2	18.7	49.6	559.4	627.9	3,250	2.4	13	435.8	769.8	1221	-49

Source: Field Data – MFPAD / HARTI

It is predicted that the big onion production will be nearly 12,554 mt in Matale district and out of that 69% is expected from Dambulla and Sigiriya areas. About 3% of the production would be harvested in end of August, 34% in September and 63% in October. October will be the peak harvesting season due to cultivation delay at the beginning of the season and there will be a risk that the harvest may be damaged by the rainy weather condition in October. However, expected production of big onion during this season in Matale district has also dropped by about 49% when compared to that of the previous *Yala* season due to decreased cultivated extent.

Table 2.2.2: Expected Production of Big Onion in Matale District

Area	2018 <i>Yala</i> (mt)					2017 <i>Yala</i> (mt)					Change compared to previous season
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Total Production	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Total Production	
Dambulla	36	1,769	3,373	-	5,178	454	3,364	4,677	825	9,320	-44
Sigiriya	35	1,218	2,303	-	3,556	408	2,952	3,570	706	7,636	-53
Galewela	212	288	336	-	836	47	167	1,997	665	2,776	-70
Dewahuwa	170	237	521	-	928	172	646	510	128	1,456	-36
Other areas	20	737	1,299	-	2,056	98	816	1,854	464	3,232	-36
Total	473	4,249	7,832	-	12,554	1,179	7,845	12,608	2,788	24,420	-49

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

In Anuradhapura district about 157 ha had been cultivated representing only 14% of the total targeted extent by the end of July 2018. About 47% decrease in the cultivated extent was also observed in the Anuradhapura district against the previous *Yala* season due to bad weather condition.

Table 2.2.3: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for *Yala* 2018 in Sri Lanka

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Matale	2,090	628	30	12,554
Anuradhapura	1,141	157	14	2,341
System H ₁	914	355	39	4,608
System H	250	44	18	571
Vavuniya	142	66	46	1,030
Other areas	712	221	31	4,821
Total	5,249	1,471	28	25,925

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

The cultivated extent of red onion for *Yala* season was 2,245 ha by the end of July representing 55% of the targeted extent in Sri Lanka. The highest cultivated extent was reported from Jaffna (1,134 ha) followed by Puttalam (521 ha).

Paniadei, Thalawila and Palakuda areas in Puttalam district mainly cultivate red onion for selling red onion bulb and Kalpitiya area mainly focus on selling red onion leaves. The production forecast of red onion of this *Yala* season is about 27,546 mt and out of that around 78% was supplied from Jaffna (44%) and Puttalam (34%) districts.

Table 2.2.4: Cultivation Progress of red Onion for *Yala* 2018

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of July 2018		Expected Production
		Cultivated Extent	% of the target	
Jaffna	2,005	1,134	57	12,219
Puttalam	500	521	104	9,390
Trincomalee	249	47	19	364
Vavuniya	400	234	59	2,631
Moneragala	87	64	74	521
Other Areas	878	245	28	2,421
Total	4,119	2,245	55	27,546

Source: Field Data MFPAD/HARTI

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 18,938 mt of big onion was imported in July 2018 which was about 1,132 mt lesser compared to previous month. Out of the total imported big onion stocks, 94% was imported from India while 6% from Pakistan. Average CIF price was Rs.49.05/kg and it has increased by about Rs.9.17/kg against the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.4.00/kg and Rs.6.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by 20% and 19% respectively. Stocks of local big onion will be supplied to the market at the end of next month in small quantities.

Supplies of both sinnan and vedalan red onion from Jaffna and Puttalam districts have increased during this month with the commencement of harvesting season. Average wholesale price of sinnan was Rs.109.00/kg and Rs.116.85/kg for the vedalan red onion. Average retail prices of sinnan and

vedalan were Rs.184.01/kg and Rs.193.91/kg respectively and retail price of sinnan has decreased by Rs.47.00/kg due to high supplies. Prices of local red onion will decrease further during coming months with the increase of supply from main producing areas.

About 128 mt of red onion were imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 1,500 mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.67.17/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.31.06/kg compared to that of last month. Though wholesale price of imported red onion has increased by Rs.9.00/kg retail price has decreased by about Rs.22.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of imported red onion has decreased by about 48%.

Table 2.2.5: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion July 2018

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	90.00-140.00	109.01	-	93.33	-	-	15.68	16.80
Red Onion (Vedalan)	95.00-140.00	116.85	-	194.85	-	-	-78.01	-40.03
Red Onion (Imported)	130.00-140.00	133.21	124.13	256.39	9.09	7.32	-123.17	-48.04
Big Onion (imported)	80.00-95.00	86.44	82.56	71.97	3.88	4.69	14.47	20.10
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	140.00-260.00	184.01	231.43	-	-47.41	-20.49	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-260.00	193.91	-	302.86	-	-	-108.95	-35.97
Red Onion (Imported)	160.00-200	170.61	192.53	-	-21.91	-11.38	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-140.00	115.02	108.62	96.33	6.39	5.89	18.68	19.40
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.6: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Imported Onion

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	July, 2018	49.05	86.44	115.02	37.39	28.58
	June, 2018	39.88	82.56	108.62	42.68	26.06
	July, 2017	31.61	71.97	96.33	40.36	24.36
Red onion	July, 2018	67.17	133.21	170.61	66.05	37.40
	June, 2018	98.33	124.13	192.53	31.21	68.40
	July, 2017	137.59	256.39	329.44	118.80	73.05

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

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	July 2018	June 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2018	June 2018
Red Onion	128	1,628	8.6	160.1	67.17	98.33
Big Onion	18,938	20,070	929.0	566.9	49.05	39.88

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.8: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
February to July 2018**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
July	18,938	49.05	86.44	115.02	65.96
June	20,070	39.88	82.56	108.62	68.74
May	15,702	36.10	73.88	99.21	63.11
April	26,044	36.23	39.82	67.31	31.08
March	32,016	41.97	52.13	88.58	46.60
February	21,143	69.32	64.13	118.86	49.54

Source: Department of Customs

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *yala* 2018 is 3,062 ha and about 1,782 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of July achieving 58% of the targeted extent. Though the cultivated extent was low in April to June of this *yala* season, the extent of potato cultivated in July was high, which was recorded as 1,129 ha. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2017, the cultivated extent has increased by 24% in *yala* 2018 due to increased cultivation in the Badulla district.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 915 ha for this *yala* season and about 510 ha were cultivated by the end of July achieving 56% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2017, the cultivated extent is at low level in this *yala* season in Nuwara Eliya. Due to prevailed stormy rainy weather condition, the production of potato has dropped by 35% in the district. In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,145 ha for this *yala* season and about 1,272 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 59% of the target. Out of the total cultivated extent by the end of this month about 70% was recorded in July due to favourable weather condition. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extent was at high level in the district. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 29,175 mt for this *yala* season in the country.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (Yala 2018)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2,018	Expected Production Mt
	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018		
N'Eliya	865	915	595	510	56	9,337
Badulla	2,145	2,145	837	1,272	59	19,838
Sri Lanka	3,013	3,062	1,432	1,782	58	29,175

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.3, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 17,703 mt of potato had been imported in July which was 10,325 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Special Commodity Levy for imported potato remained at Rs.40.00/kg. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan (52%) and China (47%). CIF price of imported potato from China (Rs.43.50/kg) is higher than the CIF price recorded

for imported potato from Pakistan (Rs.26.00/kg). Compared to July, 2017 (11,009 mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.35.00/kg in July

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Only stocks supplied from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato has increased by 16% and 7% respectively as the harvesting was affected due to heavy rains. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.141.00/kg in July due to decreased production. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have decreased by 22% and 1% respectively due to increased imports in July. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.130.00-200.00/kg and Rs.65.00-105.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (12%) and imported (6%) potatoes have increased. Supply of local potato will be low till the commencement of harvesting season for Welimada potato and the prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in August.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes February to July 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	17,703	614.68	34.72	119.70	84.97
June	7,378	199.52	27.04	120.53	93.49
May	10,508	283.44	26.97	106.55	79.57
April	11,645	298.16	25.60	91.33	65.73
March	7,427	206.32	27.78	88.49	60.71
February	22,146	626.59	28.29	80.36	52.07

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail prices of Potato – July 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	108.00-130.00	121.40	118.35	-	3.05	2.51	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	118.00-155.00	141.28	118.80	122.25	22.48	15.91	19.03	13.47
Imported – CIF	26.09-64.07	34.72	34.57	36.52	0.15	0.44	-1.80	-5.18
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	140.00-160.00	148.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	130.00-200.00	165.52	138.72	137.00	26.80	16.19	28.52	17.23
Imported	65.00-105.00	79.12	96.54	87.14	-17.42	-22.02	-8.01	-10.13
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-240.00	206.17	191.52	182.06	14.66	7.11	24.11	11.69
Imported	100.00-140.00	119.70	120.53	112.13	-0.83	-0.70	7.57	6.32
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	64.89	72.72	59.81	-7.82	-12.05	5.08	7.83
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	84.98	85.96	75.61	-0.99	-1.16	9.37	11.03
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	40.66	52.80	45.06	-12.14	-29.85	-4.40	-10.83
Imported	-	40.57	23.99	24.99	16.59	40.88	15.58	38.41

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

According to the latest Crop Forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture in July 2018, 26% of the targeted green gram cultivation extent has been achieved by June 2018. Thus, the green gram cultivation extent has added 2,405 ha by this month. Compared to the green gram cultivation extent in the previous *Yala* season (i.e., 2017 *Yala* season), the current cultivation extent has increased by 49%. It is an increase of 785 ha. The highest cultivation extent of green gram is observed in Monaragala district (827 ha; 57%), followed by Kurunegala (184 ha; 25%) and Hambantota (95 ha; 3%) districts. Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 3,235 MT. This is 72% of the production during the previous *Yala* season.

The total cultivation extent of cowpea is recorded as 3,102 ha by July, 2018. It is a 36% achievement from the targeted extent cultivation, 8,563 ha, during this *Yala* season. Compared to the cowpea cultivation extent in the previous *Yala* season, the cultivation extent in this season has decreased by 7%. Of the targeted cultivation extent, the highest is targeted in Ampara district, followed by Monaragala district. Meanwhile, the highest cultivation extents are observed in the same districts. Cowpea has been cultivated approximately in 1,224 ha in Ampara and 775 ha in Moneragala districts. These two districts represent 39% and 25% of the total cowpea cultivation extent, respectively. The total cowpea production anticipated during this *Yala* season is 4,465 MT, and it is 128% of the cowpea production in the previous *Yala* season. The highest production is anticipated as 1,844 MT from Ampara district, which may contribute to 40% of the total expected production. The second highest production is expected as 1,252 MT from Monaragala district, followed by 237 MT from Batticaloa district.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea (Yala/18)

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)
		<i>yala</i> 2017	<i>yala</i> 2018	<i>yala</i> 2017	<i>yala</i> 2018	<i>yala</i> 2018
Green gram	Hambantota	7,153	3,457	387	61	2
	Kurunegala	644	743	318	178	24
	Moneragala	1,891	1,459	178	614	42
	Sri Lanka	13,762	9,417	1,620	2,008	21
Cowpea	Ampara	3,805	4,656	2,590	1050	23
	Moneragala	762	766	253	602	79
	Anuradhapura	142	177	33	67	38
	Sri Lanka	6,759	8,563	3,350	2661	31

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, maha, 2017/18, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, maha, 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning

**Not available

Prices and Supply Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.215.00/kg with an average of Rs.212/kg in July, 2018. The average price has reduced by 2% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 3%. In the meantime, retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.246.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has increased by 3%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of this month has reduced by 1.4%.

A total of 1,576 MT of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is an increase of 14% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of green gram was Rs.136.00/kg, which is a decrease of Rs.5/kg compared to the average CIF price noted in the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.214 million and this value decreases by 4% of the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Of the total imports this month, the highest quantity has been imported from Australia (29%), followed by Argentina (27%), Kenya (17%), Venezuela (8%), Turkey (6%), Uzbekistan (6%), Myanmar (5%), Thailand (2%), China (0.01%) and India.

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.202.00/kg and Rs.210.00/kg, respectively in July. The wholesale price range of white cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.210.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.150.00/kg and Rs.265.00/kg. Compared to previous month, wholesale price of white cowpea has decreased by 2% while the price of red cowpea has also increased by 9%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 9% and 22%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.283.00/kg and Rs.291.00/kg, respectively. Retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.230.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 1% and price of red cowpea has increased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 6% and 14%, respectively.

Of the two types of cowpea, a total of 628 MT of white cowpea have been imported during this month. It is an increase of 71 MT compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.131.00/kg, which is a decrease of Rs.2.18/kg from that of the previous month. Importation of cowpea has also decreased. The total expenditure on white cowpea importation has increased by 11% compared to importation of expenditure of the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.82 million. Of the total cowpea imports, the highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (45%) and the rest was imported from Myanmar (39%), India (12%) and China (4%).

Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram February to July 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	1,576	213.54	135.52	246.15	110.63
June	1,832	258.48	141.08	240.06	98.98
May	928	126.21	135.94	242.43	106.49
April	898	121.47	135.32	241.44	106.12
March	1,480	203.09	137.25	240.96	103.71
February	1,763	221.54	125.68	240.22	114.54

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

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea February to July 2018

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	628	82.07	130.71	283.08	152.37
June	557	74.00	132.89	279.87	146.98
May	977	121.91	124.77	284.58	159.80
April	980	122.48	125.01	293.30	168.29
March	775	96.97	125.15	294.02	168.87
February	618	84.23	136.29	289.74	153.45

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

Table 2.4.4: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	200.00-215.00	205.27	209.60	212.06	-4.33	-2.07	-6.79	-3.20
Cowpea (White)	200.00-210.00	202.19	206.05	222.61	-3.87	-1.88	-20.43	-9.18
Cowpea (Red)	150.00-265.00	209.88	193.14	268.21	16.74	8.67	-58.33	-21.75
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	246.15	240.06	249.56	6.09	2.54	-3.41	-1.37
Cowpea (White)	220.00-340.00	283.08	279.87	302.22	3.21	1.15	-19.14	-6.33
Cowpea (Red)	230.00-340.00	290.84	288.29	337.22	2.55	0.88	-46.38	-13.75

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.4.5: Monthly Average CIF, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	July, 2018	135.52	205.27	246.15	69.74	40.89
	June, 2018	141.08	209.60	240.06	68.51	30.47
	July, 2017	155.76	212.06	249.56	56.30	37.50
Cowpea (White)	July, 2018	130.71	202.19	283.08	71.47	80.90
	June, 2018	132.89	206.05	279.87	73.16	73.82
	July, 2017	139.39	222.61	302.22	83.22	79.61
Cowpea (Red)	July, 2018	-	209.88	290.84	-	80.95
	June, 2018	-	193.14	288.29	-	95.15
	July, 2017	-	268.21	337.22	-	69.01

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.98.00/kg and Rs.107.00/kg with an average of Rs.102.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.115.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.128.00/kg. Moreover, difference of two prices is Rs.26.00/kg during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 26% and 20%, respectively.

During this month, a total of 9,720 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.78.00/kg. Difference between average CIF prices of this month and the previous month is about Rs. 2.00. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 7,531MT) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 2,189 MT) was of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, 57% from Australia and 43% from Canada have been imported. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs. 542 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.72.00 per kilo. Of the split type red dhal, the biggest quantity has been imported from Canada (99%) and followed by India (1%) and U.A.E. (0.1%). The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.97.00 per kilo and the total value of the imports of split type was Rs.218.00 million.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red dhal – July 2018

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	98.00-107.00	102.41	107.78	137.59	-5.37	-4.98	-35.18	-25.57
Retail Price	115.00-140.00	127.97	131.55	159.18	-3.58	-2.72	-31.21	-19.61

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal
February to July 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
July	9,720	78.20	102.41	127.97	24.21	25.56
June	24,244	75.78	107.78	131.55	31.99	23.78
May	18,284	75.06	111.13	131.05	36.06	19.92
April	7,308	75.19	105.53	127.25	30.34	21.72
March	15,207	80.36	105.95	128.08	25.59	22.13
February	11,855	84.76	105.93	127.82	21.16	21.90

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Due to flood related early setbacks in *Yala* cultivation, cultivation progress reported a slow progress by the end of July, in most of the districts, except for Hambantota.

Regarding the cultivation progress of the present *Yala* season, the most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla had reported 68% and 61% cultivation progress respectively, of its respective seasonal targets, for upcountry varieties by the end of July. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress of upcountry varieties reported in Matale, Kandy and Puttalam districts were comparatively low, reaching the values of 39%, 39% and 24% respectively, by the end of July 2018. On the other hand, cultivation progress for upcountry varieties in Jaffna and Kurunegala district has increased to 59% and 68% by the end of the considered period.

Meanwhile, land preparation and initial crop establishment for *Yala* season commenced in all the lowcountry districts with a comparatively higher cultivation progress than upcountry areas. The highest cultivation progress was reported in Hambantota district, with the reported progress of 119% against its seasonal target. Next, Puttalam and Kurunegala districts had reported 93% and 62% cultivation progress of its respective seasonal targets, for lowcountry vegetables by the end of July. However, low water availability for cultivation, which had continued from the previous season, hampered the cultivation progress of Anuradhapura along with Monaragala, the two most important districts for low country vegetables. The two districts reported only 45% and 69% cultivation progress respectively. Meantime Matale and Jaffna districts had recorded 52%, and 73% cultivation progress respectively, for lowcountry varieties, from its corresponding seasonal targets.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

As the early phase of *Yala* harvesting season approached, supplies had shown an increasing trend at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre by 37.5 %, compared to last month, with a reported daily arrival of 1,150 mt.

Increasing trend in supplies during the initial phase of the *Yala* harvesting season resulted in a decline in vegetable prices by a considerable margin, compared to last month. Among the upcountry vegetables, leeks prices fell by the highest margin of 47% to Rs.115.00 reported last month, from Rs.217.00/kg. Next, price of carrot and radish had decreased by 20% and 13% respectively, from its respective wholesale prices recorded in June. According to the market information, observed price drops were attributed to the continuous high supplies from major upcountry vegetable producing district - Nuwara Eliya. Meantime, prices of other upcountry varieties had dropped by less than 3%, except for beetroot and cabbage. Beetroot and cabbage prices increased compared to

last month by 32% and 30% respectively, due to supply of high quality upcountry variety to the wholesale market.

In the meantime, price of tomato had started to show a slight decrease of 8% with the high supplies from both upcountry (Nuwara Eliya and Badulla) and lowcountry (Sooriyawewa) major producing areas, during the early phase of *Yala* harvesting season. A similar trend was observed relating to capsicum prices whereby a drop of 13% was observed compared to last month due to high supplies.

Supply of all the domestic vegetables had also increased due to high supply during the early phase of the *Yala* harvesting season. As a result, prices of most of the domestic varieties had showed a decreasing trend in comparison to its prices recorded last month, with noticeable price decreases reported for brinjal and luffa. The highest price drop was recorded for brinjal as 37%, followed by luffa and cucumber as 31% and 25% respectively, compared to last month, due to reaching of the harvesting season in major producing areas such as Hambantota, Matale and Monaragala for those vegetables. Except for pumpkin, ladies' fingers and ash plantain, prices of all the other low country varieties had decreased by less than 24% due to high supplies.

As a result of delayed *Maha* season for pumpkin in Anuradhapura district, the newly established *Yala* cultivation had not reached the harvesting stage by July, which in turn reported a sharp drop in supplies to the wholesale market. Therefore, prices of pumpkin had increased by 60% in July. With the onset of peak *Yala* season for vegetable harvesting, prices are expected to be at a lower range for most of the varieties in the coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chillies had increased by 65%, due to delayed *Yala* harvesting season in Anuradhapura and Jaffna. On the contrary, prices of lime recorded a high margin drop of 46% due to reaching of harvesting season in Ampara and Monaragala.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also decreased in July. The highest price drop was reported for leeks as 30%. However, prices of most of the vegetables had increased compared to the same period of last year, in the retail market, with the highest value recorded for beetroot as 73%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	170.00-270.00	225.60	228.83	104.33	-3.23	-1.41	121.27	116.23
Carrot	110.00-270.00	196.40	244.37	146.15	-47.97	-19.63	50.25	34.38
Leeks	70.00-180.00	114.53	216.88	54.25	-102.34	-47.19	60.28	111.12
Beetroot	100.00-180.00	142.10	107.63	56.76	34.47	32.03	85.34	150.37
Knolkhol	70.00-150.00	96.09	98.33	51.17	-2.24	-2.28	44.92	87.80
Radish	50.00-100.00	72.99	84.38	35.67	-11.39	-13.50	37.32	104.64
Cabbage	100.00-160.00	126.99	97.92	74.73	29.07	29.69	52.26	69.94
Tomato	70.00-230.00	142.82	154.58	110.83	-11.76	-7.61	31.99	28.86
Ladies Fingers	60.00-120.00	95.97	85.83	53.94	10.13	11.81	42.03	77.93
Brinjal	50.00-100.00	70.23	111.88	86.63	-41.64	-37.22	-16.40	-18.93
Capsicum	180.00-380.00	271.27	312.29	161.50	-41.03	-13.14	109.77	67.97
Pumpkin	20.00-90.00	43.29	27.04	104.25	16.26	60.13	-60.96	-58.47
Cucumber	10.00-50.00	29.11	38.65	21.75	-9.54	-24.68	7.36	33.84
Bittergourd	50.00-250.00	150.50	173.21	134.35	-22.71	-13.11	16.14	12.02
Snakegourd	80.00-120.00	93.83	108.75	106.46	-14.92	-13.72	-12.63	-11.86
Drumstick	70.00-500.00	189.37	247.64	113.87	-58.27	-23.53	75.50	66.30
Luffa	60.00-150.00	101.80	148.13	90.00	-46.32	-31.27	11.80	13.11
Long Beans	50.00-150.00	109.00	139.58	82.00	-30.58	-21.91	27.00	32.93
Ash Plantain	60.00-100.00	72.50	61.70	63.50	10.80	17.51	9.00	14.17
Green Chilli	300.00-600.00	471.17	286.07	264.83	185.10	64.70	206.33	77.91
Lime	30.00-90.00	50.63	93.54	50.50	-42.91	-45.87	0.13	0.26

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – July 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	220.00-400.00	296.13	306.71	175.50	-10.59	-3.45	120.63	68.73
Carrot	200.00-480.00	285.34	326.03	235.44	-40.69	-12.48	49.90	21.19
Leeks	110.00-450.00	218.76	313.62	126.94	-94.86	-30.25	91.81	72.33
Beetroot	160.00-400.00	237.30	199.18	137.03	38.12	19.14	100.27	73.18
Knolkhol	120.00-320.00	194.09	224.64	144.09	-30.55	-13.60	50.00	34.70
Radish	80.00-240.00	156.79	179.43	116.94	-22.64	-12.62	39.85	34.08
Cabbage	120.00-320.00	225.00	183.62	167.94	41.38	22.54	57.07	33.98
Tomato	120.00-400.00	246.45	252.10	181.99	-5.64	-2.24	64.46	35.42
Ladies Fingers	100.00-280.00	180.09	166.66	130.92	13.43	8.06	49.17	37.55
Brinjal	100.00-320.00	163.71	190.47	160.88	-26.77	-14.05	2.83	1.76
Capsicum	240.00-600.00	393.36	429.35	278.43	-35.99	-8.38	114.92	41.27
Pumpkin	50.00-160.00	108.18	88.26	183.19	19.92	22.57	-75.02	-40.95
Cucumber	40.00-200.00	104.57	116.41	94.30	-11.84	-10.17	10.28	10.90
Bittergourd	120.00-400.00	238.85	269.34	226.86	-30.48	-11.32	11.99	5.29
Snakegourd	120.00-280.00	185.89	193.49	187.96	-7.60	-3.93	-2.07	-1.10
Drumstick	140.00-900.00	381.06	447.14	250.77	-66.08	-14.78	130.29	51.96
Luffa	120.00-360.00	206.80	245.21	182.66	-38.41	-15.66	24.14	13.22
Long Beans	120.00-360.00	203.44	218.95	168.85	-15.50	-7.08	34.60	20.49
Ash Plantain	100.00-220.00	145.31	140.51	134.80	4.80	3.42	10.51	7.80
Green Chilli	450.00-1000.00	700.22	449.84	441.94	250.37	55.66	258.27	58.44
Lime	60.00-400.00	204.46	323.04	163.09	-118.58	-36.71	41.37	25.37

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties except passion fruit, imported grapes and mango variety Kohu had increased in July compared to the prices in June. Prices of all the banana varieties except Seeni had increased in the range of 1%-51% while, price of Seeni had not changed significantly. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.30.00-60.00/kg, Rs.100.00-130.00/kg and Rs.50.00-70.00/kg respectively. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun ranged between Rs.10.00-18.00/fruit and Rs.15.00-22.00/fruit respectively. Further, prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased in the range of 46%-60% and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.114.87/fruit, Rs.153.07/fruit and Rs.195.29/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.90.00-230.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban, Betti and Vilad had increased by 88%, 70% and 69% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.40.00-80.00. However, price of mango variety Kohu had decreased by 32%. Price of papaw had increased by 27% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.72.24/kg and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-120.00/kg. In addition, increased prices were observed for avocado, wood apple, slime apple and orange and prices had increased by 53%, 40%, 15% and 1% respectively.

At the same time, price decreases were noted for imported grapes and passion fruit and prices had decreased by 15% and 9% respectively.

According to the data in previous years, prices of fruit varieties, papaw, passion fruit, pineapple, mango, slime apple and all the banana varieties are expected to increase in the coming month while, prices of woodapple, orange and avocado are expected to decrease.

Compared to the same period of 2017, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for mango variety Karthakolomban as 47%.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of all the fruit varieties except orange and imported grapes had increased at the retail level too. Prices of all the banana varieties had increased in the range of 1%-26%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni were Rs.70.00-120.00/kg, Rs.140.00-200.00/kg and Rs.80.00-140.00/kg respectively. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun ranged between Rs.14.00-22.00/fruit and Rs.17.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 54%, 44% and 47% respectively and price ranged between Rs.100.00-300.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties Karthakolomban and Vilad had increased by 65% and 40% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.50.00-180.00/fruit and Rs.25.00-70.00/fruit respectively. Price of papaw had increased by 43% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-200.00/kg. In addition, prices of wood apple, avocado, slime apple and passion fruit and had increased by 26%, 12%, 6% and 4% respectively.

However, as mentioned earlier, prices of imported grapes and orange had decreased by 4% and 2% respectively and prices were noted as Rs.700.00-900.00/kg and Rs.40.00-80.00/fruit respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of all the fruit varieties except papaw, orange and imported grapes had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for mango (Karthakolomban) as 40%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Ambul and Kolikuttu and for papaw compared to the prices in June, 2018. The prices had increased by 75% for Ambul, by 34% for Kolikuttu and by 33% for papaw. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.25.00-53.33/kg, Rs.56.67-90.00/kg and Rs.48.00 - 66.17/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to July, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Ambul by 33% and for Kolikuttu by 30% and it was a price increase for papaw by 27% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 668mt of fresh fruits in July, 2018 to the value of Rs.93mn. Of the exported quantity, 85% were papaw, 8% were fresh pineapple, 6% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. In the month of June, 2018, the quantity exported was 628mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 6%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,739mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.527mn. Of the imported quantity, 55% were apple, 24% were oranges and 21% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, the United States, China and New Zealand. South Africa, Australia and Egypt were the importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported from China, Italy and Egypt. In the month of June, 2018, the quantity imported was 2,880mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 5%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-60.00	47.57	31.46	67.95	16.11	51.23	-20.38	-29.99
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-130.00	113.18	92.52	136.74	20.66	22.33	-23.56	-17.23
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-70.00	60.67	60.42	69.35	0.25	0.41	-8.69	-12.52
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-18.00	13.51	13.37	12.68	0.14	1.06	0.83	6.58
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	18.28	17.88	19.31	0.40	2.23	-1.03	-5.34
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	160.00-230.00	195.29	133.88	233.73	61.41	45.87	-38.44	-16.45
Medium (Fruit)	130.00-180.00	153.07	104.49	182.22	48.58	46.49	-29.15	-16.00
Small (Fruit)	90.00-140.00	114.87	71.75	120.48	43.12	60.09	-5.61	-4.66
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	12.00-30.00	20.21	11.90	26.39	8.30	69.75	-6.18	-23.43
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	54.98	29.25	102.89	25.73	87.97	-47.91	-46.56
Vilad (Fruit)	15.00-35.00	26.03	15.36	29.96	10.67	69.42	-3.93	-13.13
Kohu (Fruit)	5.00-12.00	8.53	12.52	15.25	-3.99	-31.84	-6.72	-44.05
Papaw (Kg)	50.00-120.00	72.24	56.93	67.51	15.30	26.88	4.73	7.00
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-12.00	10.15	11.12	10.99	-0.97	-8.72	-0.84	-7.66
Woodapple (Fruit)	13.00-25.00	19.58	13.94	31.54	5.64	40.47	-11.96	-37.91
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	32.76	32.36	23.93	0.39	1.22	8.83	36.88
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	58.67	38.22	32.39	20.45	53.52	26.28	81.12
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	29.26	25.38	39.90	3.88	15.29	-10.65	-26.68
Grapes Imported (Kg)	400.00-733.00	519.56	611.07	518.29	-91.51	-14.98	1.27	0.24

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	70.00-120.00	96.71	76.74	117.44	19.96	26.01	-20.73	-17.65
Kolikuttu (Kg)	140.00-200.00	175.71	157.14	202.24	18.57	11.82	-26.52	-13.12
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-140.00	115.02	107.22	119.43	7.80	7.28	-4.41	-3.69
Anamalu (Fruit)	14.00-22.00	17.09	16.75	23.17	0.34	2.05	-6.08	-26.24
Ambun (Fruit)	17.00-25.00	21.14	20.98	27.60	0.16	0.76	-6.47	-23.43
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-300.00	248.75	168.87	318.42	79.88	47.30	-69.67	-21.88
Medium (Fruit)	140.00-220.00	171.28	119.31	246.77	51.97	43.56	-75.50	-30.59
Small (Fruit)	100.00-150.00	124.69	80.86	165.16	43.84	54.21	-40.47	-24.50
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	30.00-40.00	32.50	-	49.69	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	50.00-180.00	86.05	52.21	142.92	33.83	64.80	-56.87	-39.79
Vilad (Fruit)	25.00-70.00	41.37	29.52	56.55	11.85	40.14	-15.18	-26.85
Kohu (Fruit)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-200.00	127.65	88.99	111.42	38.66	43.44	16.23	14.57
Passionfruit (Fruit)	12.00-30.00	17.97	17.28	21.95	0.69	3.99	-3.98	-18.15
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	56.61	44.99	70.93	11.62	25.82	-14.32	-20.19
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	57.11	58.26	45.00	-1.15	-1.98	12.11	26.90
Avocado (Fruit)	50.00-100.00	68.43	60.91	74.08	7.52	12.35	-5.65	-7.63
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	59.14	55.52	87.77	3.62	6.51	-28.63	-32.62
Grapes Imported (Kg)	700.00-900.00	829.09	866.61	808.29	-37.52	-4.33	20.80	2.57

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	25.00-53.33	34.10	19.44	50.87	14.65	75.38	-16.77	-32.98
Kolikuttu	56.67-90.00	79.06	58.92	112.32	20.13	34.17	-33.26	-29.62
Papaw	48.00-66.17	55.24	41.58	43.47	13.65	32.83	11.77	27.07
Pineapple	25.00-53.33	34.10	19.44	50.87	14.65	75.38	-16.77	-32.98

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
May to July 2018**

Type of Fruit	July			June			May		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	52.55	18.16	345.48	72.48	20.24	279.30	103.37	39.12	378.43
Papaw	570.23	55.51	97.35	519.21	54.60	105.15	575.02	59.63	103.70
Fresh Mango	39.74	17.54	441.33	32.24	18.05	559.89	28.76	14.06	488.91
Avocado, fresh	5.33	2.15	403.50	4.59	1.88	408.83	4.92	2.10	427.38
Orange, fresh	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.29	0.05	185.71

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits
May to July 2018**

Type of Fruit	July			June			May		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,497	274.72	183.46	1,395	250.39	179.49	3,285	554.52	168.83
Grapes	571	169.71	296.98	516	192.46	373.33	441	164.03	371.74
Oranges	671	82.44	122.92	969	109.88	113.42	730	68.75	94.12

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 ranged between Rs.217.00/kg and Rs.1274.00/kg during July. Weekly market observations indicated that the supply of fresh fish has decreased during this month due to monsoon winds that prevailed in the coastal regions. Low fresh fish supply was observed in markets in Rikillagaskada, Hambantota, Puttalam, Tissamaharama, Weeravila, and Keppetipola. Small fresh fish types such as Salaya and Hurulla were not sufficiently available in markets at Matale and Monaragala. Thus, prices of Salaya, Hurulla, Kelawalla, and Thora have increased compared to the previous month. The highest price increment was observed in Kelawalla as 6%, followed by Salaya as 4%. Prices of Hurulla and Thora have increased by 1%. Similarly, prices of most fresh fish types are expected to rise next month. In the meantime, prices of a few types fresh have decreased; the highest price decrement was observed in Balaya as 10%, followed by Shrimp (3%). Prices of Paraw and Thalapath have decreased by only 1%. Interestingly, price of Mora has not changed significantly over the month. Compared to the same period last year, wholesale prices of most fresh fish types have increased by 1%-70%, and the highest price increase was observed in Salaya. In addition, prices of Balaya, Hurulla, and Kelawalla have increased by

more than 20%. Interestingly, Shrimp did not show any significant change in price, whilst price of Thalapath has decreased only by 1%.

Average retail prices of selected fresh fish types ranged between Rs.289.00/kg and Rs.1679.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay between Rs.200.00 and Rs.2600.00 to purchase a kilo of any type of fresh fish. Retail prices of most fresh fish types showed increments between 1% and 4%. The highest price increment was observed in Paraw, followed by Kelawalla (3%), and Shrimp (2%). The least price increment of 1% was noted for Thalapath and Balaya. In the meantime, prices of Hurulla and Salaya have decreased slightly by 4% and 1%, respectively, despite their price increments shown in the wholesale prices. Moreover, price of Mora has decreased by 1%, whilst price of Thora has not changed significantly over the month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fresh fish types have increased by 2%-46%, and the highest price increment was recorded for Salaya. Except Thora and Thalapath, which showed a price increment of 2%, all other fresh fish types showed price increments of 15% or above.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	160.00-260.00	216.82	208.94	127.87	7.88	3.77	88.96	69.57
Hurulla	300.00-400.00	358.47	354.75	277.53	3.72	1.05	80.93	29.16
Balaya	250.00-450.00	346.60	386.25	251.57	-39.65	-10.27	95.03	37.77
Kelawalla	500.00-750.00	625.40	587.50	511.93	37.90	6.45	113.47	22.16
Thora	1100.00-1500.00	1273.56	1260.00	1266.00	13.56	1.08	7.56	0.60
Paraw	550.00-750.00	629.60	638.61	581.80	-9.01	-1.41	47.80	8.22
Mora	550.00-700.00	619.67	620.00	559.93	-0.33	-0.05	59.73	10.67
Shrimp (small)	700.00-1000.00	859.00	890.00	858.22	-31.00	-3.48	0.78	0.09
Thalapath	700.00-900.00	787.20	797.50	799.00	-10.30	-1.29	-11.80	-1.48
Retail Prices								
Salaya	200.00-400.00	288.77	291.00	198.06	-2.23	-0.77	90.71	45.80
Hurulla	320.00-660.00	481.35	499.25	373.28	-17.89	-3.58	108.07	28.95
Balaya	300.00-920.00	635.28	625.98	482.59	9.30	1.48	152.69	31.64
Kelawalla	550.00-1360	974.02	943.29	833.17	30.72	3.26	140.85	16.91
Thora	1250.00-2600.00	1679.19	1681.78	1648.19	-2.58	-0.15	31.00	1.88
Paraw	600.00-1400.00	1090.17	1051.16	896.97	39.02	3.71	193.20	21.54
Mora	600.00-1200.00	903.93	909.44	776.83	-5.52	-0.61	127.09	16.36
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1600.00	1219.56	1197.42	1060.24	22.15	1.85	159.32	15.03
Thalapath	800.00-1400.00	1105.78	1097.31	1086.97	8.47	0.77	18.80	1.73

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish ranged between Rs.306.00/kg and Rs.1300.00/kg during July. Prices of most dried fish types have increased compared to the previous month. High prices of fresh fish might have led towards the low production of dried fish, especially, the local ones. The highest price increments were observed in local and imported Thora as 11% and 9%, respectively. Supply of Thora was very low in markets, especially, in Puttalam. Moreover, price of local Maduwa was reported as 8%. Interestingly, prices of a few dried fish types such as local and imported Sprats, imported Balaya and Maduwa have increased by 6%. Price of local Balaya has increased by 3%, followed by 2% in imported Anguluwa and 1% in both imported Kattawa and local Mora. In the meantime, prices of local Kattawa and Salaya have decreased by 6% and 3%, respectively. Moreover, prices of both imported Mora and local Anguluwa have decreased by 1%.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increment was noted as 20% in local Balaya, followed by local Thora (19%). Prices of imported Thora and local Salaya have increased by 16%, followed by 14% in local Kattawa and 13% in imported Balaya. Prices of local and imported Mora, imported Kattawa, and local Maduwa have increased by less than 10%. In the meantime, prices of local and imported Anguluwa and imported Maduwa have decreased by 7% or less, and that of imported and local Sprats have not changed significantly compared to the same period of last year.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish ranged between Rs.675.00/kg and Rs.1655.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.480.00 and Rs.2000.00 to purchase a kilo of any type of dried fish. In line with the increased wholesale prices, retail prices of all dried fish types except Kattawa and Mora have increased. For example, Maduwa showed the highest price increment as 9%, followed by 3% in imported and local Sprats, Thora, and Salaya. In addition, prices of both Balaya and Anguluwa have increased by 2%. Only Kattawa showed a price decrement of 1%, while price of Mora has not changed significantly over the month. Compared the same period of last year, prices of all dried fish types except imported Sprats have increased by 2%-15%. The highest price increment was observed in Salaya, Maduwa, and Thora. Prices of all other price increased dried fish types have increased by less than 10%. The only price decrement was observed as 6% for imported Sprats.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Fish – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	900.00-1200.00	1027.56	967.83	1027.00	59.72	6.17	0.56	0.05
Sprats (imported)	500.00-650.00	568.60	534.25	568.71	34.35	6.43	-0.11	-0.02
Kattawa	820.00-980.00	912.44	968.43	803.22	-56.00	-5.78	109.22	13.60
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-900.00	809.80	798.41	758.64	11.39	1.43	51.16	6.74
Thora	1200.00-1400.00	1300.00	1168.75	1096.40	131.25	11.23	203.60	18.57
Thora (imported)	1200.00-1350.00	1291.67	1185.00	1117.40	106.67	9.00	174.27	15.60
Mora	850.00-950.00	893.00	884.92	817.00	8.08	0.91	76.00	9.30
Mora (imported)	700.00-850.00	778.80	787.61	770.20	-8.81	-1.12	8.60	1.12
Balaya	450.00-600.00	535.62	521.97	445.33	13.65	2.62	90.29	20.27
Balaya (imported)	350.00-550.00	450.00	423.37	398.00	26.63	6.29	52.00	13.07
Anguluwa	620.00-900.00	770.82	776.18	790.82	-5.36	-0.69	-20.00	-2.53
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-750.00	675.05	663.70	729.40	11.35	1.71	-54.35	-7.45
Maduwa	550.00-700.00	614.55	567.95	565.60	46.60	8.21	48.95	8.65
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	432.92	408.98	465.50	23.93	5.85	-32.58	-7.00
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	250.00-400.00	305.90	314.46	262.73	-8.56	-2.72	43.17	16.43
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	600.00-900.00	755.50	731.22	802.46	24.28	3.32	-46.96	-5.85
Sprats	1000.00-1500.00	1258.47	1221.25	1197.23	37.22	3.05	61.24	5.12
Kattawa	1000.00-1600.00	1224.64	1242.80	1201.84	-18.15	-1.46	22.80	1.90
Thora	1300.00-2000.00	1654.89	1601.31	1444.73	53.58	3.35	210.16	14.55
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1143.84	1148.56	1097.47	-4.73	-0.41	46.37	4.23
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	891.61	870.15	834.54	21.46	2.47	57.07	6.84
Anguluwa	750.00-1500.00	1089.83	1066.46	1012.51	23.37	2.19	77.32	7.64
Maduwa	800.00-1000.00	911.19	835.00	792.00	76.19	9.12	119.19	15.05
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	480.00-900.00	675.25	656.75	585.72	18.50	2.82	89.53	15.29

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 12% and 13%, respectively, during July. Low supply of fish has increased the demand for eggs. Moreover, a vitamin deficiency that prevailed among birds have decreased the egg production, creating a low supply of eggs. Consequently, prices of eggs have increased. Price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.16.50 and Rs.18.50, whilst that of a white egg ranged between Rs.15.50 and Rs.17.50. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 23% and 29%, respectively.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.17.00 and Rs.21.00, and that of a white egg ranged between Rs.16.00 and Rs.20.00 during this month. Average prices of brown and white eggs were recorded as Rs.18.71 and Rs.17.69, respectively. Compared to the previous month, prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 12% and 13%, respectively. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, prices of brown and white eggs have increased by 24% and 28%, respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	16.50-18.50	17.50	15.61	14.27	1.89	12.09	3.24	22.68
White (each)	15.50-17.50	16.56	14.61	12.83	1.95	13.33	3.73	29.06
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	17.00-21.00	18.71	16.64	15.08	2.07	12.44	3.64	24.11
White (each)	16.00-20.00	17.69	15.60	13.83	2.09	13.36	3.85	27.85

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of most meat types have not changed significantly during July. For example, price changes of Beef, Broiler Chicken, and Mutton were insignificant. Price changes were only recorded for Curry Chicken and Pork. Price of Curry Chicken had increased by 8% mainly due to lower number of poultry birds slaughtered as they are used for more egg production since egg prices are high. The highest price for Curry Chicken was noted as Rs.800.00 per one kilo. Interestingly, Curry Chicken was not available in certain markets such as Matale and Mullaitivu. The only other price increased meat type was noted as Pork, and its price has increased by 5%. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all types of meat have increased by 1%-25%, and the highest price increment was noted for Curry Chicken, followed by 8% in Mutton and 7% in Broiler Chicken.

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1000.00	960.24	960.71	947.72	-0.48	-0.05	12.51	1.32
Chicken (Broiler)	510.00-690.00	595.12	592.61	555.27	2.51	0.42	39.85	7.18
Chicken (curry)	560.00-800.00	644.95	599.11	516.95	45.84	7.65	128.00	24.76
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1871.42	1865.53	1726.67	5.89	0.32	144.76	8.38
Pork	550.00-700.00	614.00	585.00	583.33	29.00	4.96	30.67	5.26

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 115,494mt. worth of 4,953mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of July. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased by 6%. Wheat grain for the month of July had been mainly imported from the United States (42%) and the CIF price was Rs.43.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Canada (45,056mt.) and Pakistan (14,899mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from Australia (6%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.36.00-52.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.42.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by Rs.3.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst, the lowest recorded for Pakistan stocks.

A total quantity of 252mt. of wheat flour worth of 16mn. had been imported during the month of July. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has drastically decreased. The highest quantity of wheat flour for the month of July had been imported from Pakistan (38%) and the CIF price was Rs.49.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been imported from India (19%), Indonesia (8%), Germany (2%) and Malaysia (2%) as well. In addition, few quantities were also imported from China. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of July ranged between Rs.49.00-102.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.65.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the German wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest recorded for the Pakistan stocks.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.89.00-90.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. The average retail price of wheat flour remained unchanged during the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by less than 1%.

Table 6.1: Open Market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – July 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2018	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	June 2018		July 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	80.00-95.00	89.58	90.04	89.20	-0.46	-0.51	0.38	0.43
Sugar	95.00-110.00	105.01	105.38	106.05	-0.37	-0.35	-1.04	-0.98

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain February to July 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
July	252	16.40	64.98	89.58	24.60
June	657	43.83	66.71	90.04	23.33
May	341	24.93	73.09	89.78	16.69
April	316	16.36	51.77	90.33	38.55
March	821	43.69	53.25	89.77	36.52
February	280	18.60	66.43	90.23	23.80
Wheat Grain					
July	115,494	4952.72	42.88	89.58	46.70
June	123,380	4958.00	40.18	90.04	49.86
May	250,272	10104.82	40.38	89.78	49.40
April	131,280	5400.64	41.14	90.33	49.19
March	203,083	8311.02	40.92	89.77	48.85
February	231,233	9146.86	39.56	90.23	50.67

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 42,781mt. worth of 2,515mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of July. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by 6%. Sugar for the month of July had been mainly imported from India (84%) and CIF price was Rs.57.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (13%). Furthermore, sugar had been also imported from Korea (1%), United Arab Emirates (1%) and Pakistan (1%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Singapore and the United Kingdom. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.56.00-90.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.59.00/kg. The average CIF price has increased by Rs.3.00/kg compared to previous month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Korea, while the lowest for the Pakistan stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of July, the average retail price was Rs.105.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar remained unchanged. However, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has decreased by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- February to July 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	42,781	2514.6	58.78	105.01	46.23
June	40,450	2281.7	56.41	105.38	48.97
May	32,623	1987.4	60.92	107.95	47.03
April	22,092	1375.3	62.26	108.62	46.36
March	22,486	1534.0	68.22	108.81	40.59
February	13,971	928.6	66.47	109.12	42.65

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – July 2018

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	July 2018	June 2018		July 2018	June 2018		July 2018	June 2018	
Rice	525	671	-21.7	59.4	83.7	-29.0	113.13	124.72	-9.3
Red Onion	128	1,628	-92.2	8.6	130.4	-93.4	67.17	80.09	-16.1
Big Onion	18,938	20,070	-5.6	929.0	800.5	16.1	49.05	39.88	23.0
Potato	17,703	11,574	53.0	614.7	400.1	53.6	34.72	34.57	0.4
Dried Chillies	5,292	2,618	102.1	1161.2	592.2	96.1	219.40	226.18	-3.0
Masoor Dhal	9,720	24,244	-59.9	760.1	1837.3	-58.6	78.20	75.78	3.2
Green Gram	1,576	1,832	-14.0	213.5	258.5	-17.4	135.52	141.08	-3.9
Cowpea	628	557	12.8	82.1	74.0	10.9	130.71	132.89	-1.6
Garlic	3,639	3,014	20.7	286.6	263.8	8.7	78.78	87.51	-10.0
Wheat flour	252	657	-61.6	16.4	43.8	-62.6	64.98	66.71	-2.6
Wheat grain	115,494	123,380	-6.4	4952.7	4958.0	-0.1	42.88	40.18	6.7
White crystalline cane sugar	42,781	40,450	5.8	2514.6	2281.7	10.2	58.78	56.41	4.2
Maize (Seed)	50	51	-79.7	5.0	5.1	-76.1	100.96	98.60	17.8
Maize (Other)	525	671	-21.7	59.4	83.7	-29.0	113.13	124.72	-9.3
Sprats, dried unsalted	128	1,628	-92.2	8.6	130.4	-93.4	67.17	80.09	-16.1

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

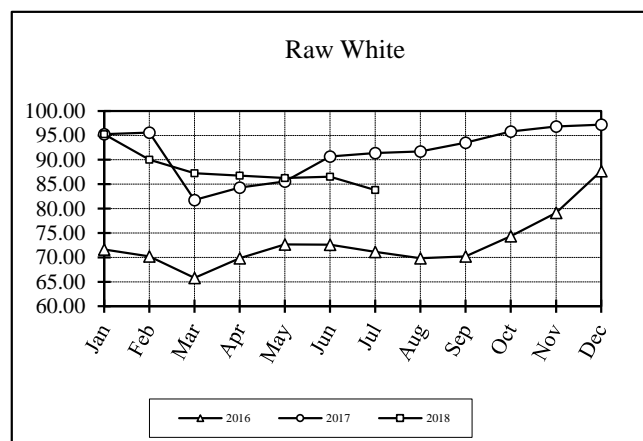
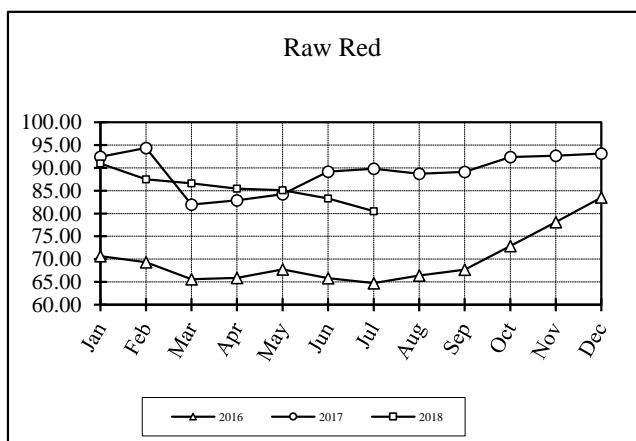
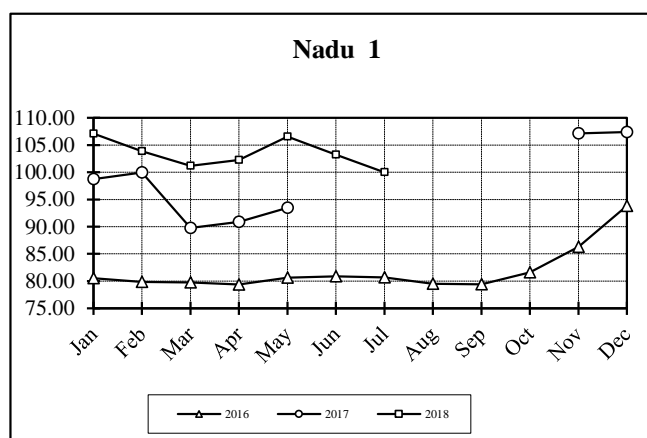
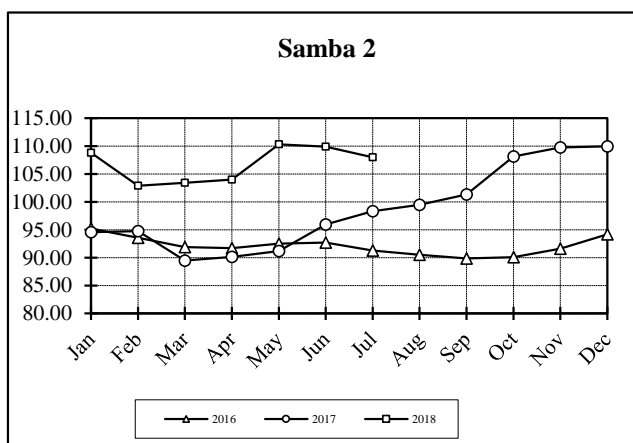
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – July 2018

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	0	27.1	0	3
Badulla	74.2	69.3	11	6
Bandarawela	44	54.7	10	5
Batticaloa	6	41.4	2	3
Colombo	68.9	121.9	6	12
Galle	132.2	163.2	15	16
Hambantota	12.9	45.5	5	5
Jaffna	0.2	25.1	1	2
Katugastota	48.2	128.1	13	14
Katunayaka	35.2	99.2	7	10
Kurunegala	44.6	111.2	6	11
Mahailuppallama	0.5	31	1	3
Mannar	0	12.4	0	1
Nuwara Eliya	171.5	164.9	18	17
Pottuvil	4.6	18.9	1	na
Puttalam	1.1	16.8	1	3
Ratmalana	88.5	132.7	9	12
Ratnapura	160.9	292.8	22	19
Trincomalee	18.4	63.8	4	4
Vavuniya	16	43.5	2	3
Polonnaruwa	0.5	na	1	na
Moneragala	107.8	na	11	na
Mattala	2.4	na	3	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

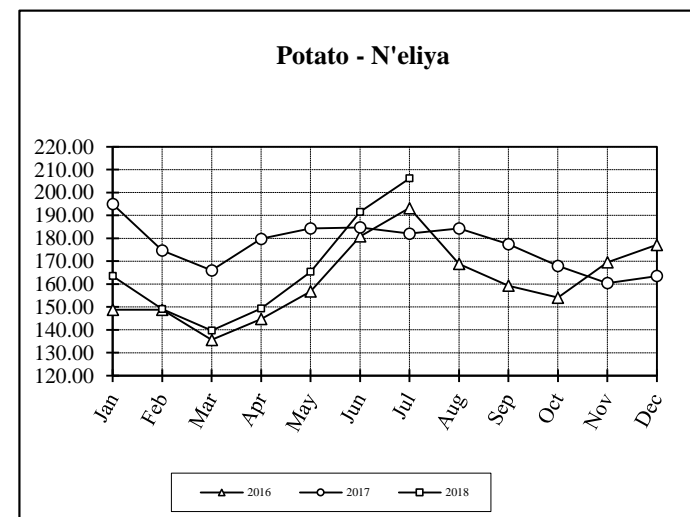
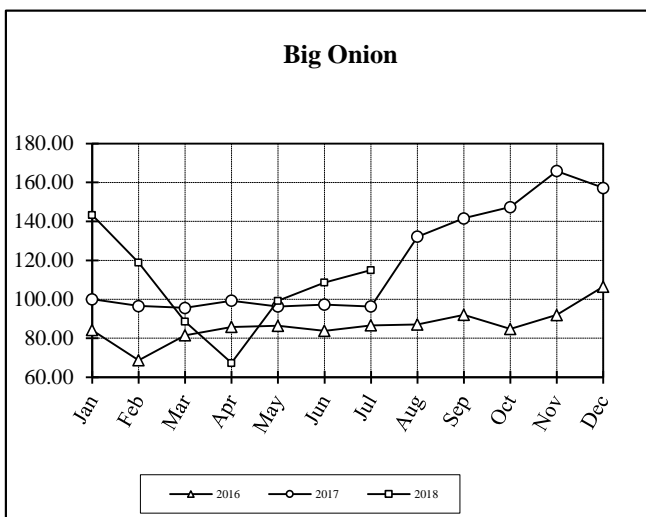
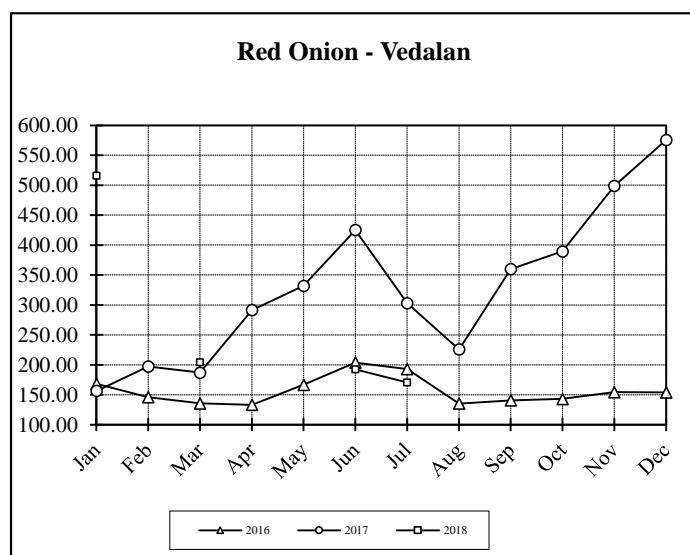
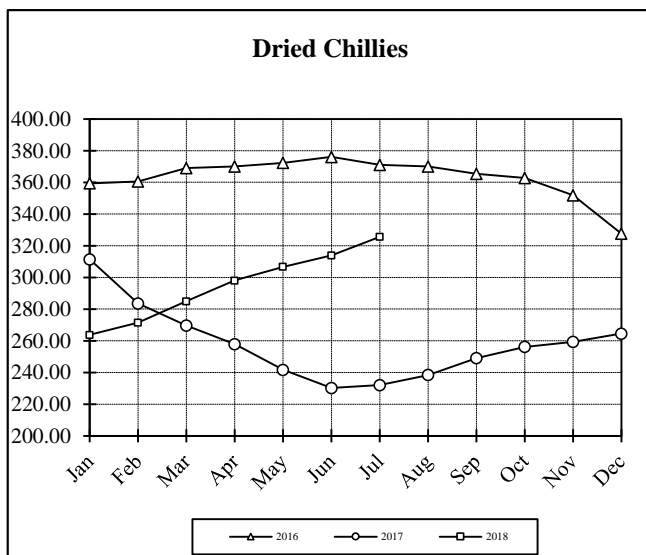
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	95.20	94.54	108.80	80.51	98.73	107.10	70.64	92.41	90.96	71.61	95.27	95.24
Feb	93.55	94.74	102.88	79.87	99.95	103.88	69.32	94.37	87.49	70.19	95.56	90.00
Mar	91.87	89.48	103.40	79.76	89.77	101.20	65.58	81.95	86.63	65.80	81.77	87.25
Apr	91.70	90.14	104.00	79.38	90.88	102.24	65.88	82.89	85.43	69.83	84.30	86.74
May	92.51	91.16	110.30	80.65	93.46	106.56	67.75	84.24	85.08	72.67	85.58	86.25
Jun	92.71	95.95	109.91	80.90		103.22	65.82	89.17	83.32	72.63	90.65	86.52
Jul	91.28	98.34	108.00	80.69		99.99	64.74	89.80	80.52	71.13	91.36	83.80
Aug	90.51	99.45		79.49			66.41	88.70		69.85	91.71	
Sep	89.85	101.30		79.40			67.70	89.11		70.19	93.51	
Oct	90.08	108.14		81.62			72.86	92.38		74.34	95.80	
Nov	91.60	109.73		86.28	107.14		78.12	92.67		79.14	96.81	
Dec	94.16	109.95		93.83	107.39		83.50	93.12		87.71	97.20	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Jan	359.36	311.44	263.76	168.42	156.25	515.82	84.20	100.02	143.32	148.73	194.94	163.50
Feb	360.56	283.58	271.41	145.71	197.00		68.73	96.57	118.86	148.75	174.64	149.12
Mar	369.06	269.67	284.90	135.49	186.80	204.17	81.58	95.60	88.58	135.62	165.97	139.65
Apr	370.07	257.93	298.03	133.19	291.30		85.83	99.33	67.31	144.75	179.77	149.37
May	372.34	241.70	306.67	166.64	331.70		86.42	96.33	99.21	156.73	184.26	165.33
Jun	376.04	230.28	313.87	203.59	425.19	192.53	83.87	97.25	108.62	180.84	184.74	191.52
Jul	370.97	232.12	325.59	192.81	302.86	170.61	86.66	96.33	115.02	193.18	182.06	206.17
Aug	369.99	238.44		135.32	225.63		87.07	132.19		168.81	184.34	
Sep	365.44	249.10		140.64	359.93		92.01	141.57		159.34	177.47	
Oct	362.69	256.20		142.94	389.38		84.79	147.37		154.06	167.88	
Nov	351.86	259.31		154.23	498.85		91.96	165.87		169.46	160.43	
Dec	327.65	264.58		153.77	575.43		106.54	157.18		177.13	163.52	



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

July - 2018

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Paddy						Potato						Leeks					
Short grain						N'Eliya	120.40	132.00	153.00	153.00	148.00	Welimada	129.33	122.67	90.67	74.33	61.00
A'pura	54.60	55.00	55.20	56.40	56.60	Badulla						N'Eliya	98.00	122.00	88.00	88.00	55.00
P'naruruwa						Welimada	109.00	121.00	126.67	127.00	123.33	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	56.00	55.33	56.33	56.50	54.67	Pulses						Hanguranketha	115.00	105.00	115.00	115.00	85.00
Kurunegala	51.33	50.00	50.00	50.00	47.33	Green Gram						N'Eliya	102.00	129.29	118.00	118.00	117.00
Dehiattakandiya						Galgamuwa						Dambulla	137.00	146.00	127.00	137.00	120.00
Ampara	56.00	54.40	54.40	54.20	53.80	Kalawewa				155.00	170.00	Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	174.00	174.00	168.00	174.00	174.00	Welimada	97.67	102.00	116.00	104.33	114.33
A'pura	36.60	36.60	36.60	36.80	36.40	Kurunegala						Knokhol					
P'naruruwa						A'pura	172.50	158.33	170.00	170.00	170.00	Hanguranketha	91.67	85.00	65.00		65.00
Kalawewa	37.00	36.00	38.00	38.00	39.00	Cowpea						N'Eliya	79.00	67.00	58.00	58.00	62.00
Kurunegala	37.33	36.67	36.67	36.67	35.00	A'pura	162.50	155.00	165.00	167.50	160.00	Welimada	94.33	86.00	94.33	96.00	53.00
Dehiattakandiya						Galgamuwa	97.67	102.00	116.00	104.33	114.33	Radish					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya					175.00	Hanguranketha	45.00				35.00
Ampara	38.60	37.40	37.00	37.00	36.00	Kalawewa						N'Eliya	47.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00
Matara	34.67	30.67	30.67	31.33	30.67	Embilipitiya	170.00	170.00	170.00	147.40	147.40	Welimada	72.00	74.33	62.00	56.00	48.33
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)			165.00	167.50	160.00	Maize						Hanguranketha	81.67	85.00	95.00	90.00	95.00
Matara	39.33	39.33	38.67	38.67	38.67	A'Pura	44.40	44.90	44.80	46.00	45.20	N'Eliya	113.00	128.00	118.00	118.00	122.00
Hambantota	30.40	30.40	31.00	32.40	32.40	Kalawewa						Welimada	94.33	104.33	106.00	104.33	91.67
Ampara	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.00	31.40	Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	31.43	30.57	30.43	31.00	31.14	A'Pura	177.00	200.00	200.00	211.00	216.00	Badulla	95.00	95.00	95.00	100.00	100.00
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa	170.00	182.50	195.00	195.00	200.00	Tomato					
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Hanguranketha	160.00	160.00	95.00	75.00	55.00
A'Pura						Kalawewa						Welimada	181.00	103.67	104.33	101.00	41.00
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	136.00	126.00	123.33	146.25	130.00	Hambantota	165.00	155.00	95.00	95.00	
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	180.00	102.00	105.00	95.00	53.80
Red Onion						Beans						Low Country					
Puttalam	84.00	84.00	76.00	76.00	84.00	Dambulla	173.00	200.00	232.00	216.00	122.00	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Welimada	180.67	206.00	243.33	244.33	186.67	A'pura	95.00	97.50	93.33	70.00	70.00
Dambulla						Badulla	194.00	182.00	158.00	198.00	155.00	Dambulla	98.00	80.80	84.40	71.80	39.60
Kalawewa						Carrot						Hambantota	75.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00
A'Pura						Hanguranketha	180.00	160.00	165.00	155.00	165.00	Embilipitiya	95.33	95.33	95.33	83.14	64.57
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	196.00	172.00	164.80	164.80	223.00	Matara	73.33	75.00	75.00	72.50	67.50
						Welimada	133.67	136.00	141.00	181.00	188.33						

Appendix 03: contd.....

Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	48.33	40.00	40.67	45.00	45.00	Dambulla	28.00	32.00	44.20	42.40	52.00	Hambantota	90.00	70.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
Dambulla	56.40	40.00	36.00	40.20	39.60	Hambantota	27.50	36.67	50.00	36.67	47.50	Embilipitiya	82.50	55.71	67.14	65.00	40.00
Hambantota	57.50	55.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	Embilipitiya	22.33	22.33	35.00	38.33	49.40	Moneragala	43.33	36.00	33.33	41.67	44.33
Embilipitiya	53.67	53.67	53.67	53.67	54.50	Matara						Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara	72.50	75.00	70.00	70.00	53.33	A'pura	31.67	31.67	57.50	56.67	56.67	Banana					
Welimada	81.33	51.00	46.00	44.33	38.33	Moneragala	16.00	21.67	45.00	38.33	43.33	Ambul					
Capsicum						Cucumber						Moneragala					
Welimada	318.67	249.33	221.67	237.00	251.67	A'pura	27.33	27.50	27.75	13.33	13.33	Embilipitiya	53.33	31.67	33.33	41.67	32.50
Bitter Gourd						Long beans						Embilipitiya					
A'pura	175.00	117.50	107.50	86.67	86.67	Dambulla	79.80	88.80	83.00	80.80	63.20	Hambantota	27.86	27.86	27.86	27.86	25.00
Dambulla	168.00	116.00	100.00	80.80	41.60	Hambantota	95.00	100.00	100.00	95.00	95.00	Hambantota	32.50	35.00	45.00	35.00	35.00
Hambantota	165.00	150.00	150.00	155.00	155.00	Embilipitiya	97.00	88.33	92.50	93.33	93.33	Kolikuttu					
Embilipitiya	154.00	143.33	145.00	146.67	117.14	Matara	83.33	86.67	86.67	86.67	73.33	Moneragala	85.00	56.67	83.33	83.33	65.00
Snake Gourd						Ash Plantain						Embilipitiya					
Dambulla	57.20	65.20	77.80	65.20	53.40	Hambantota	37.50	45.00	45.00	47.50	47.50	Hambantota	75.00	75.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Hambantota	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	Embilipitiya	45.83	40.00	41.67	52.40	52.40	Papaw					
Embilipitiya	94.00	94.00	96.00	96.00	94.00	Matara		53.33		63.33	63.33	Moneragala	48.00	51.40	51.40	60.40	66.17
Matara				116.67	86.67	A'Pura	100.00	97.50	110.00	95.00	101.67	Embilipitiya	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
A'pura	83.00	81.25	80.00	68.33	68.33	Green Chillies						Hambantota					
Luffa						Dambulla	344.00	540.00	482.00	522.00	436.00	Pineapple					
Dambulla	90.60	65.40	71.40	78.40	59.80	Hambantota	380.00	390.00	616.67	600.00	600.00	Divulapitiya					
Hambantota	130.00	120.00	120.00	105.00	105.00	Embilipitiya	381.00	400.00	422.00	461.00	414.17						
Embilipitiya	103.00	95.00	101.67	101.67	87.50	Puttalam	344.00	426.00	404.00	462.00	300.00						
Matara	73.33	66.67	83.33	83.33	66.67	A'Pura	382.50	615.00	600.00	560.00	560.00						
A'pura	85.00	87.50	85.00	80.00	80.00												