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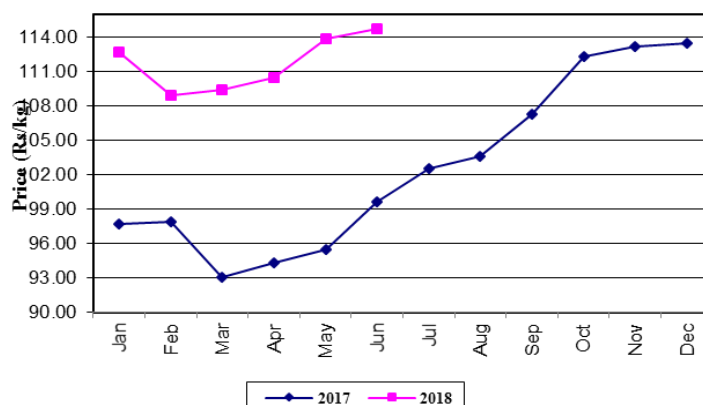
RICE:

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties, except samba grade I and raw white have decreased. Hence, price of local nadu grade I has decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-110.00/kg. Rice imports have further decreased and imported nadu stocks were limited in the market.

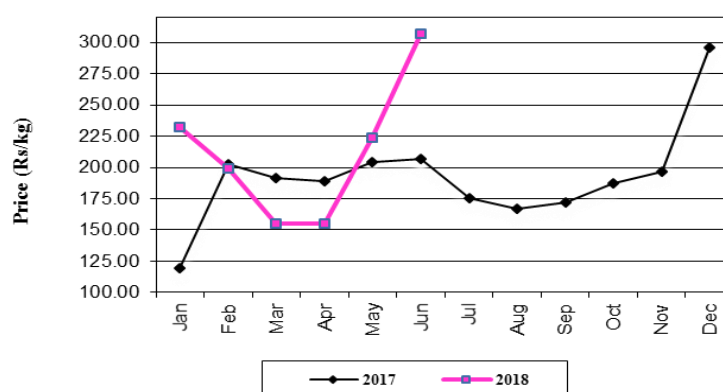
VEGETABLES:

Prices of almost all of the vegetable varieties have continuously increased throughout the month due to reaching of the off season as well as the continued rainy weather. The highest price increase were reported for up-country vegetables like cabbage beetroot, carrot, beans, radish, and knolkhol. Considering low country vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties have increased except cucumber. The highest increase was reported for drumstick, luffa and long beans.

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

Dry weather prevailed in most of the major producing areas in the country during the latter part of the month. The prospects of paddy crop in 2018 *Yala* season were somewhat satisfactory in most of the major producing areas and the crop is at vegetative, grain setting and maturity stages. 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 422,805 ha. The cultivation progress up to end June is 360,292 ha and it is 85% of the target. The cultivation progress is higher than the same period of last year but lower than the 2016 and 2015 *Yala* seasons. Further, the report reveals that the production forecast for the *yala* season is 1.432 million. Harvesting of paddy crop slightly commenced in Akkareipattu, Potuvil areas in Ampara district by the end of month.

Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *yala* 2018 As at end of June 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	11,834	44	43,771			43,771
Polonnaruwa	31,242	31,243	100	127,131			127,131
Ampara	33,826	33,561	99	142,471			142,471
Kurunegala	65,611	44,253	67	177,013			177,013
Hambantota	26,567	24,442	92	119,623			119,623
Colombo	1,905	1,026	54	2,989			2,989
Gampaha	4,908	6,267	128	19,145			19,145
Kalutara	7,500	6,118	82	19,879	222	567	19,311
Galle	8,828	3,055	35	8,167			8,167
Matara	14,780	11,877	80	40,336			40,336
Ratnapura	8,450	6,410	76	20,881			20,881
Kegalle	9,268	5,345	58	19,672			19,672
Puttalam	18,305	11,147	61	33,162	556	1,240	31,922
Kandy	6,884	5,494	80	17,691			17,691
Matale	10,343	9,016	87	36,715			36,715
N' Eliya	3,029	585	19	1,251			1,251
Badulla	7,092	7,481	105	28,542			28,542
Monaragala	16,988	16,356	96	60,910			60,910
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	-	-	-			-
Trincomalee	16,646	16,238	98	67,374			67,374
Batticaloa	25,814	25,806	100	62,437			62,437
Udawalawa	10,415	10,487	101	50,810			50,810
System H	12,747	15,411	121	70,274			70,274
System H1	1,600	7,415	463	33,812			33,812
System B	14,320	18,915	132	86,252			86,252
System C	11,203	21,693	194	98,920			98,920
System G	3,240	4,271	132	19,476			19,476
System D	477	487	102	2,221			2,221
Rambakenoya	878	798	91	3,639			3,639
System L	75	92	123	420			420
Sri Lanka	422,804	360,295	85	1,425,632	778	1,807	1,423,824

Source: Crop Forecast, maha 2016/17, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

A slightly increasing trend of prices further continued for the short grain paddy throughout the month in all major producing areas due to the limited supplies of paddy to the markets as a result of crop failure in last *Maha* season. The prices of long grain white paddy have slightly declined in some of the major producing areas. 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 last *Maha* season. The monthly average prices of short grain white paddy have increased by less than 2% in almost all major producing areas and the highest increase was recorded from Kurunegala. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have decreased by 8% 6% and 3% in Anuradhapura, Kalawewa and Ampara major producing areas and the highest decrease was recorded from Anuradhapura. Prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.46.00-58.00/Kg and Rs.34.00-46.00/kg in major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy have decreased by 1% in Hambantota and 3% in Embilipitiya and the prices ranged between Rs.30.00-35.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern province. According to the field information it is expected that paddy prices will decrease during next month due to the commencement of *Yala* season harvesting.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 2%-9%. However, the prices of long grain white and long grain red paddy have decreased by 23%-26% and 17%-33% respectively in most of the considered major producing areas.

Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – June 2018

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2018	May 2018	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018		June 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	53.00-56.00	50.00-60.00	54.80	54.80	51.30	0.00	0.00	3.50	6.82
Polonnaruwa	-	56.00-57.00	-	56.56	52.67	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	53.00-58.00	53.00-60.00	55.96	55.85	54.78	0.10	0.19	1.18	2.16
Kurunegala	46.00-50.00	45.00-50.00	48.88	47.75	50.92	1.13	2.36	-2.04	-4.01
Dehiattakandiya	57.00-58.00	54.00-59.00	57.60	56.48	53.00	1.13	1.99	4.60	8.68
Nikaweratiya	-	53.00-55.00	-	54.33	54.75	-	-	-	-
Ampara	54.00-58.00	54.00-57.00	55.95	55.69	49.90	0.26	0.47	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	36.00-40.00	38.00-43.00	37.80	41.01	50.25	-3.21	-7.82	-12.45	-24.78
Polonnaruwa	-	41.00-42.00	-	41.56	52.45	-	-	-	-
Kalawewa	36.00-42.50	41.00-43.00	39.46	42.13	53.25	-2.67	-6.33	-13.79	-25.90
Kurunegala	34.00-45.00	36.00-42.00	39.75	38.27	50.67	1.48	3.88	-10.92	-21.55
Dehiattakandiya	40.00-41.00	38.00-43.00	40.50	39.71	52.50	0.79	1.99	-12.00	-22.86
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	43.00-45.00	-	44.33	54.75	-	-	-	-
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	32.67	36.83	-	-4.17	-11.31	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	37.00-42.00	39.00-43.00	40.00	41.38	-	-1.38	-3.32	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	30.00-35.00	34.00-35.00	39.17	36.83	47.08	2.33	6.34	-7.92	-16.81
Hambantota	30.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	31.70	32.00	47.00	-0.30	-0.94	-15.30	-32.55
Embilipitiya	30.00-32.00	30.00-35.00	31.43	32.50	46.60	-1.07	-3.30	-15.17	-32.56

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 June as well. However, price increase for samba varieties was not significant. Price ranges of samba grade I and grade II were Rs.106.00-112.00/kg and Rs.100.00-105.00/kg respectively. Accordingly, the highest price decrease was noted for local raw red as 5% and the average price was Rs.67.00/kg. Further, prices of raw white and nadu grade II have decreased by 1% and the respective average prices were Rs.74.00/kg and Rs.79.00/kg. Increased market arrival of local stocks is expected by the end of September. A total quantity of 671mt. worth of Rs.84mn. of rice had been imported during the month of June. However, compared to the 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 2% and the average price was Rs.84.00/kg. However, price of imported raw white has decreased by 1% and average price was Rs.76.00/kg. Imported nadu stocks were not available in the market due to limited supply.

Out of the total imports, 473mt. comprised of basmati; 103mt. of raw white; 69mt. of nadu; 25mt. of broken rice and the rest comprised of *ponni* samba. Majority quantities of basmati had been imported from Pakistan and India. Few quantities were also imported from Thailand, United States, China and Italy. The average CIF price for basmati was Rs.139.00/kg. Raw white had been imported from Vietnam (51%) and Pakistan (49%) and the average CIF price was Rs.76.00/kg. *Ponni* samba was imported only from China in the month of June and the average CIF price was Rs.62.00/kg. Majority of nadu had been imported from India and a few quantities were also imported from Singapore as well. The average CIF price for nadu was Rs.62.00/kg. Entire quantity of broken rice had been imported from Pakistan and the average CIF price was Rs.97.00/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 1%-5%. However, prices of samba varieties have increased in the range of 9%-10%. Meanwhile, prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased in the range of 6%-9%.

Retail Prices

Retail prices of all the local rice varieties, except samba grade I and raw white have decreased during the month of June. Accordingly, price of local nadu grade I has decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.100.00-110.00/kg. Further, prices of both local nadu grade II and raw red have decreased by Rs.2.00/kg and respective price ranges were Rs.85.00-95.00/kg and Rs.75.00-90.00/kg. Price of local samba grade II has also decreased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and average price was Rs.110.00/kg. However, price of local samba grade I has increased by Rs.2.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.115.00-125.00/kg. Prices of all imported rice varieties, except nadu have increased considerably during the month. Consequently, price of *ponni* samba has increased by Rs.3.00/kg and average price was 92.00/kg. Price of raw white has also increased by Rs.2.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.80.00-90.00/kg. However, price of imported nadu has decreased by less than Rs.1.00/kg and average price was Rs.84.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.110.00-120.00/kg from Hambantota and Matara markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.95.00-100.00/kg from Puttalam and Hanguranketha markets. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Moneragala and Embilipitiya markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.80.00-85.00/kg from Anuradhapura market. The highest price of

Rs.95.00/kg for raw red was reported from Kegalle market, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was reported from Hambantota, Embilipitiya and Tissamaharama markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw white was reported from Kalutara, Kegalle and Anuradhapura markets, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/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 4%-7%. Prices of samba have increased in the range of 15%-16%. Subsequently, prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased in the range of 2%-11%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2018	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018		June 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	106.00-112.00	108.40	108.46	99.15	-0.06	-0.06	9.25	9.33
Samba 2	100.00-105.00	102.99	103.02	93.38	-0.03	-0.03	9.62	10.30
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 2	77.00-80.00	78.88	79.33	79.33	-0.45	-0.57	-0.45	-0.57
Raw red	64.00-70.00	66.97	70.37	70.37	-3.40	-4.83	-3.40	-4.83
Raw white	72.00-75.00	73.95	74.89	74.89	-0.94	-1.26	-0.94	-1.26
Imported Samba	77.00-90.00	83.93	82.42	77.18	1.51	1.83	6.75	8.75
Imported Raw White	73.00-90.00	75.82	76.77	71.79	-0.95	-1.23	4.04	5.62
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	76.57	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	115.00-125.00	119.56	117.36	103.40	2.19	1.87	16.15	15.62
Samba 2	105.00-115.00	109.91	110.30	95.95	-0.39	-0.35	13.95	14.54
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	100.00-110.00	103.22	106.56	-	-3.34	-3.13	-	-
Nadu 2	85.00-95.00	91.31	93.62	95.48	-2.31	-2.46	-4.17	-4.37
Raw red	75.00-90.00	83.32	85.08	89.17	-1.76	-2.07	-5.85	-6.56
Raw white	80.00-90.00	86.52	86.25	90.65	0.27	0.31	-4.13	-4.56
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	85.00-100.00	92.45	89.87	86.08	2.58	2.87	6.36	7.39
Imported Raw White	80.00-90.00	85.76	84.07	77.35	1.69	2.01	8.41	10.87
Imported Nadu	80.00-90.00	84.41	84.52	83.04	-0.11	-0.13	1.36	1.64

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli in *yala* 2018 was 4,498 ha and 66% target achievement was reported by the end of June which was around 2,981 ha. With respect to the cultivated extent, expected production was 14,024mt which showed 13% production progress compared to *yala* 2017. The highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttalam (383 ha) followed by Moneragala (315 ha). Around 46% contribution to the total production will be provided from Puttalam (24%), Moneragala (15%) and Anuradhapura (7%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Yala 2018

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Puttalam	625	383	61	3,300
Anuradhapura	652	192	29	1,008
Moneragala	290	315	109	2,070
Matale	165	184	112	955
Hambantota	148	183	124	830
Ampara	262	121	46	100
Batticaloa	262	129	49	480
Kurunegala	413	150	36	521
Other areas	1,681	1,324	79	4,760
Total	4,498	2,981	66	14,024

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of green chilli have increased significantly during this month due to low supplies from main producing areas as off season. According to that, wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased significantly by about Rs.205.00/kg and Rs.217.00/kg respectively. Producer prices ranged between Rs.110.00-370.00/kg during this month and the highest price was recorded in Anuradhapura in the fourth week of the month. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.286.00/kg and Rs.450.00/kg respectively and both prices have decreased by about 18% and 22% respectively when compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 2,618 mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month. It was a decrease of 2,350 mt compared to that of the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.226.18/kg and it has increased by Rs.11.64/kg compared to last month. Wholesale price of imported dried chilli has not changed significantly while the retail price has increased by Rs.7.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 55% and 36% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	June 2018	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018		June 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	130.00-400.00	286.07	81.00	348.16	205.07	253.16	-62.09	-17.83
Dried Chilli	245.00-250.00	247.88	248.13	160.38	-0.25	-0.10	87.50	54.55
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	200.00-800.00	449.84	232.56	575.06	217.28	93.43	-125.21	-21.77
Dried Chilli	270.00-360.00	313.87	306.67	230.27	7.20	2.35	83.60	36.30

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli
January to June 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
January	4,245	739.90	174.28	263.76	89.48

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

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

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	110.00	274.00	262.00	314.00
Hambantota	230.00	180.00	230.00	366.67
Embilipitiya	207.00	214.00	303.00	306.00
Puttalam	144.00	246.00	331.00	300.00
A'Pura	187.50	337.50	322.50	370.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop situation

About 173 ha which represent 8% of the total targeted extent of Matale district has been cultivated by the end of June 2018. Cultivation of big onion for this *yala* season will continue till the end of August 2018. Dambulla, Sigiriya, Galewela and Dewahuwa are the main big onion cultivated areas in Matale district. Compared to the same period of last year, the cultivated extent of big onion in the Matale district had decreased by about 67% at the end of June 2018 due to unfavourable weather condition prevailed at the beginning of the season.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Big Onion for Yala 2018

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)		Cultivation Progress at the end of June				Expected Production (mt)	
	2018	2017	2018 Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	2017 Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	2018	2017
Matale	2,092	3,388	173	8	529	16	3,877	10,672
Anuradhapura	1,141	898	19	2	207	23	287	3,245
System H	250	500	250	100	130	26	493	1,461
System H1	914	1,154	914	100	207	18	506	2,326
Other areas	852	976	504	59	191	20	1,625	2,194
Total	5,249	6,916	1,860	35	1,264	18	6,788	19,898

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

The targeted extent of big onion was 1,141 ha in Anuradhapura district and only 19 ha was cultivated by the end of June 2018 representing only 2% of the targeted extent and most of the cultivation will take place in July and August.

Table 2.2.2 Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Yala 2018

Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of June 2018		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	2,005	737	37	7,940
Puttalam	500	398	80	7,165
Trincomalee	249	2	1	17
Vavuniya	400	189	47	2,133
Mullaitivu	456	60	13	676
Other areas	509	167	33	1,464
Total	4,119	1,553	38	19,395

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

The cultivated extent of red onion for yala 2018 at the end of June was 1,553 ha Sri Lanka and it represents 38% of the targeted extent. The targeted extent of red onion was 2,005 ha in Jaffna and 737 ha was cultivated by the end of this month representing 37% of the targeted extent. The cultivation progress in Puttalam district was at a satisfactory level and at the end of June 2018, 80% of the targeted extent has been achieved. The production forecast of red onion up to this month is 19,395 mt and out of which 88% is expected from Jaffna (40%), Puttalam (37%) and Vavuniya (11%) districts.

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market during this month. A quantity of 20,070 mt of big onion was imported in June 2018 which was about 4,368 mt higher compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.39.88/kg and it has increased by Rs.3.78/kg compared to that of last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.9.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of imported big onion has increased by 11%, while the retail price has increased by about 12%.

Limited supply of sinnan and vedalan was recorded from Jaffna, Puttalam and Trincomalee areas during this month. A quantity of 1,628 mt of red onion was imported from India during this month which was about 315 mt lower than the quantity imported in the previous month. Average CIF price of imported red onion was Rs.80.09/kg and it has decreased by Rs.2.30/kg compared to last month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.10.00/kg and Rs.9.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have decreased by about 59% and 46% respectively.

**Table 2.2.3: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion
June 2018**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	133.33	325.60	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	110.00-150.00	124.13	113.60	300.28	10.52	9.26	176.15	-58.66
Big Onion (imported)	75.00-95.00	82.56	73.88	74.08	8.69	11.76	8.49	11.46
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	200.00-280.00	231.43	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	-	-	-	425.18	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Imported)	140.00-240.00	192.53	183.45	358.61	9.08	4.95	166.08	-46.31
Big Onion (imported)	90.00-140.00	108.62	99.21	97.25	9.41	9.48	11.37	11.70
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Jun, 2018	39.88	82.56	108.62	42.68	26.06
	May, 2018	36.10	73.88	99.21	37.77	25.34
	Jun, 2017	30.41	74.08	97.25	43.67	23.17
Red onion	Jun, 2018	80.09	124.13	192.53	44.03	68.40
	May, 2018	82.39	113.60	183.45	31.21	69.84
	Jun, 2017	170.17	300.28	358.61	130.11	58.33

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Big Onion and Red Onion

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	June 2018	May 2018	June 2018	May 2018	June 2018	May 2018
Red Onion	1,628	1,943	130.4	160.1	80.09	82.39
Big Onion	20,070	15,702	800.5	566.9	39.88	36.10

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.6: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion
January to June 2018**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
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
January	22,332	110.62	99.51	143.32	32.71

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 653 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of June achieving 21% of the targeted extent. A total extent of 448 ha of potato was cultivated in the country during this month. In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 915 ha for this *yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,145 ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 258 ha and 395 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 28% and 18% of the targeted extent. In Badulla district new cultivation has commenced this month. Compared to the same period of last *yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season was at low in the Nuwara Eliya district, while it was high in the Badulla district. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 10,879 mt for this *yala* season.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (Yala 2018)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production Mt
	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018	Yala 2017*	Yala 2018	Yala 2,018	
N'Eliya	865	915	321	258	28	4,711
Badulla	2,145	2,145	327	395	18	6,168
Sri Lanka	3,013	3,062	648	653	21	10,879

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast No.2, Yala 2017, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 7,378 mt of potato had been imported in June which was 3,130 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for imported potato has been increased to Rs.40.00/kg with effect from 02/05/2018. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan (64%) and China (35%). Compared to June, 2017 (15,227 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.27.00/kg in June.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Only stocks supplied from Nuwara Eliya were available in the market. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 10% and 14% respectively. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.119.00/kg in June. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 17% and 12% respectively due to increased tax for imported potato in May. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.125.00-170.00/kg and Rs.75.00-120.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (4%) and imported (4%) potatoes have increased. Supply of local potato will be low till mid-August and the prices of local potatoes are expected to increase further in July.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes
January to June 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
January	21,851	673.70	30.83	88.25	57.41

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

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2018	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018		June 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	103.00-135.00	118.35	106.56	-	11.79	9.96	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	110.00-130.00	118.80	108.40	122.50	10.40	8.75	-3.70	-3.11
Imported – CIF	27.04-49.34	34.57	26.97	42.25	7.59	21.96	-7.68	-22.23
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	125.00-170.00	138.72	125.06	129.34	13.66	9.85	9.38	6.76
Imported	75.00-120.00	96.54	80.00	80.07	16.54	17.14	16.48	17.07
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	134.78	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-240.00	191.52	165.33	184.74	26.19	13.67	6.78	3.54
Imported	90.00-140.00	120.53	106.55	115.84	13.98	11.60	4.69	3.89
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	72.72	56.93	62.24	15.79	21.71	10.48	14.41
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	85.96	79.57	73.59	6.39	7.43	12.37	14.39
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	52.80	40.26	55.40	12.53	23.73	-2.61	-4.93
Imported	-	23.99	26.55	35.77	-2.56	-10.68	-11.79	-49.15

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 June, 21% of the targeted green gram cultivation extent has been achieved by June 2018. Thus, the green gram cultivation extent has added 2008 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 24%. It is an increase of 388 ha. The highest cultivation extent of green gram is observed in Monaragala district (614 ha; 42%), followed by Kurunegala (178 ha; 24%) and Hambantota (61 ha; 2%) districts. Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 9,018 MT. This is an increase of 4,158 MT (86%) compared to the production during the previous *Yala* season.

The total cultivation extent of cowpea is recorded as 2,661 ha by June 2018. It is a 31% 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 21%. 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 1050 ha in Ampara and 602 ha in Moneragala districts. These two districts represent 39% and 23% of the total cowpea cultivation extent, respectively. The total cowpea production anticipated during this *Yala* season is 4,045 MT, and it is a decrease of 64% compared to the cowpea production in the previous *Yala* season. The highest production is anticipated as 1,630 MT from Ampara district, which may comprise 40% of the total expected production. The second highest production is expected as 973 MT from Monaragala district, followed by 227 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	
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.190.00/kg and Rs.220.00/kg with an average of Rs.200.08/kg in June. The average price has reduced by 0.13% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 6%. In the meantime, retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.240.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has increased by 1%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of this month has not significantly changed and the price has increased by 4%.

A total of 1,832 MT of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is an increase of 97% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of green gram was Rs.141.00/kg, which is an increase of Rs.5/kg compared to the average CIF price noted in the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation was recorded as Rs.259 million, a value increased by 105% compared to the total value spent on green gram importation in the previous month. Of the total imports in this month, the highest quantity has been imported from Australia (32%), followed by India (24%), Uzbekistan (22%), Argentina (13%), Myanmar (7%), Thailand (3%) and China (0.01%).

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.206.00/kg and Rs.194.00/kg, respectively in June. The price range of white cowpea ranged between Rs.200.00/kg and Rs.220.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.150.00/kg and Rs.260.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 6% while the price of red cowpea has also decreased by 6%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 9% and 28%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.280.00/kg and Rs.288.00/kg, respectively. Retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 2% and price of red cowpea has decreased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 6% and 15%, respectively.

Of the two types of cowpea, a total of 557 MT of white cowpea have been imported during this month. It is a decrease of 420 MT compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.133.00/kg, which is a decrease of Rs.8.12.00/kg from that of the previous month. Importation of cowpea has also decreased. The total expenditure on white cowpea importation has decreased by 39% compared to importation of expenditure of the previous month. Accordingly, the total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.74 million. Of the total cowpea imports, the highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Myanmar (61%), followed by Madagascar (22%), India (13%), Brazil (5%), and China (0.02%).

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram
January to June 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	928	126.21	135.94	242.43	106.49
May	898	121.47	135.32	241.44	106.12
April	1,480	203.09	137.25	240.96	103.71
March	1,763	221.54	125.68	240.22	114.54
February	1,943	248.86	128.10	243.03	114.93
January	819	108.05	132.01	243.19	111.18

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea
January to June 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
June	977	121.91	124.77	284.58	159.80
May	980	122.48	125.01	293.30	168.29
April	775	96.97	125.15	294.02	168.87
March	618	84.23	136.29	289.74	153.45
February	410	54.68	133.34	293.48	160.14
January	214	30.61	143.33	290.26	146.93

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

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2018	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018		June 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	198.00-220.00	209.88	200.09	222.90	9.79	4.89	-13.02	-5.84
Cowpea (White)	210.00-230.00	219.63	227.69	231.89	-8.07	-3.54	-12.27	-5.29
Cowpea (Red)	190.00-265.00	204.38	241.74	285.36	-37.36	-15.46	-80.98	-28.38
Retail Prices								
Green gram	220.00-280.00	242.43	241.44	250.02	0.99	0.41	-7.59	-3.04
Cowpea (White)	240.00-340.00	284.58	293.30	296.59	-8.72	-2.97	-12.02	-4.05
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-320.00	290.14	299.25	347.77	-9.11	-3.04	-57.63	-16.57

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	June,2018	135.94	209.88	242.43	73.94	32.55
	May,2018	135.32	200.09	241.44	64.77	41.35
	June, 2017	150.17	222.90	250.02	72.73	27.12
Cowpea (White)	June,2018	124.77	219.63	284.58	94.85	64.95
	May,2018	125.01	227.69	293.30	102.68	65.60
	June, 2017	138.32	231.89	296.59	93.57	64.70
Cowpea (Red)	June,2018	-	204.38	290.14	-	85.76
	May,2018	-	241.74	299.25	-	57.51
	June, 2017	-	285.36	347.77	-	62.41

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.105.00/kg and Rs.112.00/kg with an average of Rs.108.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.132.00/kg. Moreover, difference of two prices is Rs.24.00/kg during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 23% and 18%, respectively.

During this month, a total of 24,244 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.76.00/kg. Difference between average CIF prices of this month and the previous month is about 1%. Of the total red dhal quantity, the highest quantity (i.e., 20,854 MT) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 3,389 MT) was of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, 56% has been from Canada, (43%) from Australia, and 0.6% from India and 0.01% United Arab Emirates have been imported. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs.1,509 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.72.00 per kilo. Of the split type red dhal, the highest quantity has been imported from Canada (83%) and followed by U.A.E. (14%), India (1.5%) and Turkey (1.4%). 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.328.00 million.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June 2018	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018		June 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	104.00-115.00	111.13	105.53	140.26	5.59	5.30	-29.13	-20.77
Retail Price	120.00-140.00	131.05	127.25	161.52	3.80	2.98	-30.48	-18.87

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
June	18,284	75.06	111.13	131.05	36.06	19.92
May	7,308	75.19	105.53	127.25	30.34	21.72
April	15,207	80.36	105.95	128.08	25.59	22.13
March	11,855	84.76	105.93	127.82	21.16	21.90
February	13,774	82.46	110.19	129.37	27.72	19.19
January	10,080	90.40	113.05	136.54	22.65	23.49

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture the cultivation target of all vegetables is 39,443 ha and the progress achieved up to end of June 2018 is 20,955 ha; 53% of the target. The reported cultivation progress of up country vegetables and lowcountry vegetables are 44% and 58% from their targets respectively. The highest cultivation extent was reported from brinjal followed by long beans and ladies fingers and pumpkin. Field information revealed that bean cultivations were damaged due to the windy weather situation prevailed in producing areas of the Badulla district. In Matale district vegetable cultivations were damaged due to the heavy rainy weather during the nursery stage.

Table 3.1: Progress of Vegetable Cultivation

Progress of Vegetable Cultivation Crop	Target Yala 2018 (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at end June 2018 (ha)	Expected Production Yala 2018 (mt)	% Progress from the target
Up-Country Vegetables				
Bean	4,188	1,604	17,542	38
Beetroot	1,325	552	10,338	42
Cabbage	2,087	919	23,728	44
Capsicum	2,065	921	6,931	45
Carrot	1,443	722	9,549	50
Knolkhol	507	306	4,323	60
Leeks	851	468	11,339	55
Radish	1,523	619	11,407	41
Total	13,989	6,112	95,157	44
Low-Country Vegetables				
Pumpkin	3,802	1,883	26,691	50
Snakegourd	1,735	946	11,453	55
Tomato	2,858	1,550	22,257	54
Cucumber	1,196	878	10,016	73
Bittergourd	2,137	1,128	13,886	53
Ladies fingers	2,841	1,914	17,592	67
Brinjal	3,955	2,423	27,547	61
Ash plantain	517	457	5,796	88
Luffa	1,600	860	9,322	54
Long beans	3,879	2,236		58
Winged bean	458	397		87
Kakiri	476	171		36
Total	25,454	14,844	144,560	58
Grand Total	39,443	20,955	239,717	53

Source: Crop Forecast Report, Department of Agriculture

Among low country vegetables satisfactory progress was recorded for ash plantains, winged beans, cucumber and ladies fingers during the season.

Prices and supply/Demand situation

Prices of almost all of the vegetable varieties have continuously increased throughout the month due to reaching of the off season as well as the continued rainy weather. Considering upcountry vegetables, wholesale prices of all the vegetable varieties have increased. The highest price increase was reported for cabbage due to high quality stocks received from Nuwara Eliya. In addition to that beetroot, carrot, beans, raddish, knolkhol and tomato prices have increased by more than 50% compared to the previous month. A limited supply of green beans was received

from Balangoda, Bandarawela and Welimada areas. However, during the first part of the month tomato prices have decreased due to high supply from Kandy, Balangoda and Welimada.

Considering low country vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties have increased except cucumber and lime. The highest price increase was reported for green chilli due to insufficient stocks received from all the producing areas. Prices of drumstick, luffa, long beans and capsicum also increased considerably due to limited supply. A limited supply of brinjal was received from Embilipitiya, Nochchiyagama and Anuradhapura areas. The lowest increase of less than 10% was recorded for pumpkin and ash plantains. The supply of lime reached the markets from Moneragala and Jaffna. The supply of low country variety of beet root was limited from Puttalam and Jaffna. The price of cucumber has decreased due to high supply from Rajanganaya, Embilipitiya, Hettipola, Wadigala and Puttalam and price of ash plantain has also decreased due to high supply from Embilipitiya and Rajanganaya.

Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale prices of all considered up country vegetable varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 261% being reported for leeks. However, the prices of brinjal, pumpkin, cucumber, snakegourd, green chilli and ash plantains have decreased with the highest decrease of 71% being recorded for pumpkin. However, the prices have increased for capsicum, drumstick, luffa and long beans.

In line with the wholesale prices, the retail prices of almost all vegetables have increased during the month. The highest increase was reported for capsicum, green chilli, cabbage, knolkhol, carrot, beetroot, luffa and tomato.

Table 3.2: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – June 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	160.00-300.00	228.83	155.42	127.29	73.41	47.24	101.54	79.77
Carrot	180.00-300.00	244.37	150.23	220.00	94.15	62.67	24.37	11.08
Leeks	180.00-240.00	216.88	161.78	60.00	55.09	34.06	156.87	261.46
Beetroot	60.00-180.00	107.63	56.33	100.56	51.30	91.08	7.07	7.03
Knolkhol	60.00-120.00	98.33	59.75	86.36	38.58	64.57	11.97	13.86
Radish	50.00-100.00	84.38	56.04	59.37	28.33	50.56	25.00	42.11
Cabbage	50.00-160.00	97.92	41.38	92.38	56.54	136.62	5.54	5.99
Tomato	70.00-230.00	154.58	101.04	91.95	53.54	52.99	62.63	68.12
Ladies Fingers	60.00-120.00	85.83	64.11	71.56	21.72	33.88	14.27	19.94
Brinjal	70.00-170.00	111.88	72.18	115.17	39.70	55.00	-3.29	-2.86
Capsicum	180.00-400.00	312.29	134.36	201.46	177.94	132.44	110.83	55.02
Pumpkin	20.00-35.00	27.04	20.94	93.75	6.10	29.12	-66.71	-71.16
Cucumber	20.00-60.00	38.65	58.56	44.79	-19.91	-34.00	-6.15	-13.72
Bittergourd	140.00-220.00	173.21	125.00	171.91	48.20	38.56	1.29	0.75
Snakegourd	80.00-130.00	108.75	92.10	128.35	16.65	18.08	-19.60	-15.27
Drumstick	120.00-450.00	247.64	142.29	121.46	105.35	74.04	126.18	103.89
Luffa	100.00-170.00	148.13	85.62	110.83	62.51	73.01	37.29	33.65
Long Beans	100.00-170.00	139.58	83.81	100.83	55.77	66.54	38.75	38.43
Ash Plantain	40.00-80.00	61.70	51.75	62.60	9.95	19.22	-0.91	-1.45
Green Chilli	130.00-400.00	286.07	81.00	348.16	205.07	253.16	-62.09	-17.83
Lime	60.00-160.00	93.54	227.04	51.08	-133.50	-58.80	42.46	83.12

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.3: Retail Prices of Vegetables – June 2018

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	200.00-480.00	306.71	224.04	206.45	82.67	36.90	100.26	48.56
Carrot	240.00-400.00	326.03	232.16	310.61	93.87	40.43	15.42	4.96
Leeks	240.00-400.00	313.62	247.28	148.67	66.34	26.83	164.94	110.94
Beetroot	100.00-320.00	199.18	143.22	196.93	55.96	39.08	2.25	1.14
Knolkhol	140.00-320.00	224.64	153.06	187.70	71.58	46.77	36.93	19.68
Radish	120.00-320.00	179.43	135.18	141.54	44.24	32.73	37.89	26.77
Cabbage	100.00-320.00	183.62	119.94	191.08	63.68	53.09	-7.47	-3.91
Tomato	100.00-400.00	252.10	161.19	167.48	90.90	56.39	84.62	50.52
Ladies Fingers	100.00-240.00	166.66	135.79	149.79	30.87	22.73	16.87	11.26
Brinjal	100.00-320.00	190.47	145.16	192.58	45.32	31.22	-2.10	-1.09
Capsicum	240.00-600.00	429.35	224.24	326.49	205.11	91.47	102.86	31.50
Pumpkin	40.00-160.00	88.26	89.31	161.24	-1.06	-1.18	-72.98	-45.26
Cucumber	60.00-240.00	116.41	132.95	119.75	-16.54	-12.44	-3.34	-2.79
Bittergourd	200.00-360.00	269.34	202.59	268.07	66.75	32.95	1.27	0.47
Snakegourd	100.00-320.00	193.49	161.45	201.42	32.04	19.84	-7.92	-3.93
Drumstick	240.00-800.00	447.14	363.25	242.25	83.90	23.10	204.89	84.58
Luffa	160.00-320.00	245.21	171.69	201.60	73.52	42.82	43.61	21.63
Long Beans	160.00-320.00	218.95	161.53	192.46	57.41	35.54	26.49	13.76
Ash Plantain	80.00-200.00	140.51	133.47	134.42	7.04	5.27	6.09	4.53
Green Chilli	200.00-800.00	449.84	232.56	575.06	217.28	93.43	-125.21	-21.77
Lime	120.00-600.00	323.04	479.12	172.52	-156.08	-32.58	150.52	87.25

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in June compared to the prices in May. Price of banana variety Ambul had decreased by 24% while, prices of Seeni and Ambun had decreased by 3%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Seeni and Ambun during the month were Rs.20.00-40.00/kg, Rs.50.00-80.00/kg and Rs.15.00-20.00/fruit respectively. Further, prices of mango varieties, Vilad, Betti and Karthakolomban had decreased by 32%, 31% and 5% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.20.00-40.00. Price of papaw had decreased by 2% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.56.93/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-80.00/kg. In addition, decreased prices were observed for slime apple, passion fruit, avocado and wood apple and prices had decreased by 9%, 7%, 5% and 1% respectively.

However, price increases were noted for banana varieties, Kolikuttu and Anamalu by 2%. Further, price ranges recorded for Kolikuttu and Anamalu were Rs.80.00-110.00/kg and Rs.10.00-18.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased in the range of 2%-6% and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.71.75/fruit, Rs.104.49/fruit and Rs.133.88/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-170.00/fruit. In addition, increased prices were noted for orange and imported grapes and prices had increased by 13% and 4% respectively.

According to the data of previous years, prices of all the fruit varieties are expected to increase in the coming month.

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 wood apple as 61%.

In line with the decreased wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased at the retail level too. Prices of banana varieties, Ambul and Ambun had decreased by 4% and 2% respectively. The price ranges recorded for Ambul and Ambun during the month were Rs.50.00-120.00/kg and Rs.16.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 7%, 11% and 14% respectively and the price ranged between Rs.50.00-250.00/fruit. Further, price of mango variety Vilad had decreased by 7% and the price range recorded were Rs.15.00-40.00/fruit. Price of papaw had decreased by 9% and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-120.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit and avocado had decreased by 17% and 12% respectively.

However, prices of banana varieties, Seeni and Anamalu had increased by 2% and 1% respectively and prices were noted as Rs.80.00-130.00/kg and Rs.13.00-20.00/fruit respectively. Price of mango variety Karthakolomban had increased by 1% and price range recorded for a fruit was Rs.30.00-80.00. In addition, prices of wood apple, orange and imported grapes had increased by 22%, 6% and 4% respectively.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of all the fruit varieties except orange and imported grapes had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for mango (Karthakolomban) as 44%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana (Kolikuttu) and for papaw while, a decreased price for banana (Ambul) compared to the prices in May, 2018. The prices had increased by 1% for Kolikuttu and by 58% for papaw and had decreased by 8% for Ambul. It was noted therefore that the price increase for papaw was significant compared to the previous month as the off season for papaw commences in June. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.8.86-33.33/kg, Rs.35.00-75.00/kg and Rs.27.50 - 55.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to June, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Ambul by 38% and for Kolikuttu by 29% and it was a price increase for papaw by 9% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 628mt of fresh fruits in June, 2018 to the value of Rs.95mn. Of the exported quantity, 83% were papaw, 11% were fresh pineapple, 5% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. In the month of May, 2018, the quantity exported was 712mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 12%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,880mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.553mn. Of the imported quantity, 48% were apple, 34% were oranges and 18% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, the United States and China. Grapes had been imported from China, Australia and Egypt. Egypt, Australia and South Africa were the importing countries of oranges. In the month of May, 2018, the quantity imported was 4,456mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had decreased by 35%.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – June 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	20.00-40.00	31.46	41.67	42.00	-10.21	-24.50	-10.55	-25.11
Kolikuttu (Kg)	80.00-110.00	92.52	90.81	117.10	1.70	1.88	-24.58	-20.99
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	60.42	62.63	62.10	-2.21	-3.53	-1.68	-2.70
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-18.00	13.37	13.05	9.82	0.32	2.47	3.55	36.09
Ambun (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	17.88	18.51	14.02	-0.62	-3.37	3.86	27.54
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	100.00-170.00	133.88	131.64	200.44	2.24	1.70	-66.57	-33.21
Medium (Fruit)	70.00-140.00	104.49	98.20	158.34	6.29	6.40	-53.85	-34.01
Small (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	71.75	67.52	112.90	4.23	6.26	-41.15	-36.45
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	10.00-15.00	11.90	17.24	20.66	-5.33	-30.95	-8.76	-42.39
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	29.25	34.57	72.74	-5.32	-15.40	-43.49	-59.79
Vilad (Fruit)	12.00-20.00	15.36	22.50	34.76	-7.14	-31.72	-19.40	-55.81
Kohu (Fruit)	5.00-30.00	12.52	-	14.96	-	-	-2.44	-16.31
Papaw (Kg)	40.00-80.00	56.93	58.31	55.78	-1.38	-2.37	1.15	2.06
Passionfruit (Fruit)	8.00-15.00	11.12	11.97	13.24	-0.84	-7.06	-2.12	-15.98
Woodapple (Fruit)	10.00-20.00	13.94	14.06	35.60	-0.12	-0.82	-21.66	-60.84
Orange (Fruit)	25.00-40.00	32.36	28.71	12.00	3.65	12.72	20.37	169.78
Avocado (Fruit)	25.00-60.00	38.22	40.42	40.97	-2.20	-5.45	-2.76	-6.73
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-35.00	25.38	27.85	39.22	-2.47	-8.88	-13.84	-35.30
Grapes Imported (Kg)	428.00-666.00	611.07	586.58	520.13	24.50	4.18	90.94	17.48

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - June 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-120.00	76.74	79.98	98.55	-3.24	-4.05	-21.81	-22.13
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-200.00	157.14	157.30	175.80	-0.16	-0.10	-18.66	-10.61
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-130.00	107.22	105.45	113.46	1.77	1.68	-6.24	-5.50
Anamalu (Fruit)	13.00-20.00	16.75	16.63	19.67	0.12	0.73	-2.92	-14.86
Ambun (Fruit)	16.00-25.00	20.98	21.47	23.29	-0.49	-2.30	-2.31	-9.93
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	120.00-250.00	168.87	195.63	266.98	-26.76	-13.68	-98.11	-36.75
Medium (Fruit)	90.00-170.00	119.31	134.57	201.04	-15.26	-11.34	-81.73	-40.65
Small (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	80.86	87.09	142.65	-6.24	-7.16	-61.79	-43.32
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	25.48	40.97	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	52.21	51.89	93.20	0.32	0.62	-40.99	-43.98
Vilad (Fruit)	15.00-40.00	29.52	31.70	47.57	-2.18	-6.87	-18.05	-37.95
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	60.00-120.00	88.99	97.63	96.07	-8.64	-8.85	-7.08	-7.37
Passionfruit (Fruit)	12.00-25.00	17.28	20.84	20.80	-3.56	-17.07	-3.52	-16.93
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-80.00	44.99	36.97	77.00	8.02	21.70	-32.01	-41.57
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	58.26	54.71	31.73	3.55	6.49	26.53	83.62
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	60.91	69.56	76.55	-8.66	-12.44	-15.65	-20.44
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	55.52	55.75	78.90	-0.23	-0.40	-23.37	-29.63
Grapes Imported (Kg)	800.00-1000.00	866.61	836.65	800.87	29.96	3.58	65.74	8.21

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – June 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	8.86-33.33	19.44	21.14	31.22	-1.70	-8.04	-11.78	-37.73
Kolikuttu	35.00-75.00	58.92	58.36	83.05	0.56	0.97	-24.13	-29.05
Papaw	27.50-55.00	41.58	26.38	37.98	15.20	57.63	3.60	9.49
Pineapple	8.86-33.33	19.44	21.14	31.22	-1.70	-8.04	-11.78	-37.73

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits
April to June 2018**

Type of Fruit	June			May			April		
	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	72.48	20.24	279.30	103.37	39.12	378.43	42.33	12.46	294.34
Papaw	519.21	54.60	105.15	575.02	59.63	103.70	437.83	46.59	106.42
Fresh Mango	32.24	18.05	559.89	28.76	14.06	488.91	18.83	7.50	397.95
Avocado, fresh	4.59	1.88	408.83	4.92	2.10	427.38	0.02	0.02	842.60
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
April to June 2018**

Type of Fruit	June			May			April		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	1,395	250.39	179.49	3,285	554.52	168.83	2,655	439.78	165.61
Grapes	516	192.46	373.33	441	164.03	371.74	444	170.84	384.59
Oranges	969	109.88	113.42	730	68.75	94.12	342	29.33	85.88

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 fish types ranged between Rs.209.00/kg and Rs.1,260.00/kg during June. Compared to previous month, significant price increments were observed for all fish types. The highest price increment was observed as 36% for Salaya, followed by 27% in Hurulla. Prices of Balaya and Thora have increased by 15% and 13%, respectively. All other fish types showed price increments of 10% or less. For example, price of Paraw has increased by 10%, followed by 8% in Shrimp. Moreover, prices of Mora and Thalapath have increased by 4%, and the least price increment was observed as 3% in Kelawalla. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most fish types have increased; especially, price of Salaya showed a significant increment of 50%, followed by Balaya (17%). Prices of Mora, Shrimp, and Paraw have increased by 4%-5%, whilst the least price increment was shown as 1% for Thora. In the

meantime, prices of Kelawalla, Thalapath, and Hurulla have decreased by 11%, 6%, and 1%, respectively.

Average retail price of selected fish types ranged between Rs.291.00/kg and Rs.1,682.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.180.00 and Rs.2,500.00 to purchase a kilo of any fish type. Compared to the previous month, prices of all fish types except Thalapath have increased. In line with the wholesale prices, Salaya, Hurulla, and Balaya showed high price increments of 39%, 18%, and 14%, respectively. In addition, price of Thora was also recorded to be higher than 10%. In the meantime, prices of Paraw and Shrimp have increased by 9% and 7%, respectively. Moreover, prices of both Kelawalla and Mora have increased by 3%. Interestingly, price of Thalapath has not changed significantly over the month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fish types have increased by 5%-37%. The highest price increment was observed in Salaya, followed by Mora (18%). Prices of Paraw, Hurulla, Balaya, and Shrimp have increased by 10%-15%, and prices of Kelawalla and Thora have increased by 5%-8%. Interestingly, price of Thalapath has not changed significantly.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	150.00-250.00	208.94	153.86	139.50	55.07	35.79	69.44	49.78
Hurulla	300.00-400.00	354.75	279.75	358.00	75.00	26.81	-3.25	-0.91
Balaya	300.00-500.00	386.25	335.25	329.88	51.00	15.21	56.38	17.09
Kelawalla	450.00-650.00	587.50	568.06	657.04	19.44	3.42	-69.54	-10.58
Thora	1100.00-1400.00	1260.00	1120.00	1252.50	140.00	12.50	7.50	0.60
Paraw	550.00-700.00	638.61	578.75	616.75	59.86	10.34	21.86	3.54
Mora	500.00-750.00	620.00	596.38	589.33	23.63	3.96	30.67	5.20
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1000.00	890.00	825.00	857.50	65.00	7.88	32.50	3.79
Thalapath	700.00-900.00	797.50	765.00	845.68	32.50	4.25	-48.18	-5.70
Retail Prices								
Salaya	180.00-400.00	291.00	210.02	211.98	80.97	38.55	79.02	37.28
Hurulla	350.00-840.00	499.25	423.52	438.42	75.72	17.88	60.83	13.87
Balaya	380.00-920.00	625.98	550.84	561.96	75.14	13.64	64.02	11.39
Kelawalla	550.00-1400.00	943.29	912.64	900.65	30.65	3.36	42.65	4.73
Thora	1200.00-2500.00	1681.78	1505.04	1551.47	176.73	11.74	130.30	8.40
Paraw	600.00-1400.00	1051.16	966.39	915.05	84.76	8.77	136.11	14.87
Mora	600.00-1200.00	909.44	884.64	767.74	24.80	2.80	141.70	18.46
Shrimp (small)	900.00-1600.00	1197.42	1121.15	1075.87	76.27	6.80	121.54	11.30
Thalapath	800.00-1400.00	1097.31	1095.65	1100.15	1.66	0.15	-2.84	-0.26

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Average wholesale prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.314.00/kg and Rs.1,185.00/kg in June. Compared to the previous month, prices of most dried fish types have increased. The highest price increment was observed in both imported and local Balaya as 18%. The second highest price increment was observed in local Maduwa as 11%, followed by imported Thora as 10%. All other price increased fish types showed price increments lower than 10%; for example, price of local Sprats and imported Maduwa have increased by 9% and 8%, respectively. In addition, prices of local Kattawa and imported Sprats have increased by 2% and 1%,

respectively. In the meantime; prices of a few dried fish types have decreased; the highest price decrement was observed as 4% in imported Mora, followed by local Anguluwa (3%), imported Kattawa (2%) and local Salaya (2%). The least price decrement was observed for local Mora as 1%. Meanwhile, prices of local Thora and imported Anguluwa have not changed significantly. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased; the highest price increment was observed as 14% in local Kattawa, followed by 12% in imported Thora. The rest of the price increased dried fish types showed price increments of less than 10%. For example, price of local Mora has increased by 7%, followed by local Thora (6%), and local Salaya (2%). In addition, prices of local Sprats, imported Kattawa and Mora have increased by 1%. Prices of certain dried fish types have decreased; the highest price decrement was observed as 15% in imported Maduwa, followed by 13% in imported Balaya and 11% in imported Anguluwa. In addition, prices of imported Sprats, local Balaya, and local Anguluwa have decreased by 3%, 2%, and 1%.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.657.00/kg and Rs.1,601.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.500.00 and Rs.2,000.00 to purchase a kilo of any dried fish type. Interestingly, compared to the previous month, prices of all dried fish types have increased. Only one dried fish type showed a price increment higher than 10%; price increments of the rest were 5% or less. Balaya showed a price increment of 5%, while imported Sprats, local Sprats, Thora, and Salaya showed a price increment of 3%. Moreover, prices of Kattawa and Anguluwa have increased by 2%, and price of Mora has increased by 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased by 1%-11%, and the highest price increment was observed for Salaya, followed by Thora (10%). Prices of local Sprats, Mora, and Anguluwa have increased by 6%, 5%, and 5%. Maduwa, Balaya, and Kattawa showed price increments of 4%, 2%, and 1%, respectively, whilst, the only price decrement was observed for imported Sprats as 8%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale								
Sprats	900.00-1100.00	967.83	887.50	960.76	80.33	9.05	7.07	0.74
Sprats (imported)	500.00-580.00	534.25	530.50	548.46	3.75	0.71	-14.21	-2.59
Kattawa	850.00-1100.00	968.43	953.50	846.43	14.93	1.57	122.00	14.41
Kattawa (imported)	700.00-880.00	798.41	813.66	789.86	-15.25	-1.87	8.55	1.08
Thora	1100.00-1200.00	1168.75	1168.33	1103.28	0.42	0.04	65.47	5.93
Thora (imported)	1050.00-1400.00	1185.00	1079.46	1057.75	105.54	9.78	127.25	12.03
Mora	800.00-950.00	884.92	892.00	829.67	-7.08	-0.79	55.25	6.66
Mora (imported)	700.00-850.00	787.61	821.50	783.47	-33.89	-4.13	4.14	0.53
Balaya	380.00-600.00	521.97	442.75	534.70	79.22	17.89	-12.73	-2.38
Balaya (imported)	350.00-550.00	423.37	358.20	485.79	65.17	18.19	-62.42	-12.85
Anguluwa	700.00-850.00	776.18	798.75	783.11	-22.57	-2.83	-6.93	-0.89
Anguluwa (imported)	600.00-750.00	663.70	661.69	745.00	2.01	0.30	-81.30	-10.91
Maduwa	450.00-650.00	567.95	512.25	554.09	55.70	10.87	13.86	2.50
Maduwa (imported)	300.00-500.00	408.98	379.55	479.11	29.43	7.75	-70.13	-14.64
Koduwa		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	240.00-400.00	314.46	321.00	309.22	-6.53	-2.04	5.24	1.70
Salaya (imported)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail								
Sprats(imported)	600.00-900.00	731.22	712.35	792.77	18.87	2.65	-61.55	-7.76
Sprats	1000.00-2000.00	1221.25	1189.42	1150.06	31.83	2.68	71.19	6.19
Kattawa	900.00-1600.00	1242.80	1218.65	1232.61	24.15	1.98	10.18	0.83
Thora	1300.00-2000.00	1601.31	1550.80	1452.38	50.51	3.26	148.93	10.25
Mora	900.00-1500.00	1148.56	1142.50	1098.56	6.06	0.53	50.01	4.55
Balaya	600.00-1200.00	870.15	829.96	854.76	40.18	4.84	15.39	1.80
Anguluwa	750.00-1500.00	1066.46	1044.14	1012.90	22.32	2.14	53.56	5.29
Maduwa	600.00-1000.00	835.00	747.50	803.54	87.50	11.71	31.46	3.91
Koduwa		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	500.00-800.00	656.75	635.82	589.09	20.93	3.29	67.65	11.48

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.15.00 and Rs.16.50 with an average of Rs.15.61, and the wholesale price of a white egg ranged between Rs.14.00 and Rs.15.50 with an average of Rs.14.61 during June. Compared to previous month, price of a brown egg has increased by 11%, while that of a white egg has increased by 12%. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of a brown egg has increased by 22%, while that of a white egg has increased by 26%.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.15.50 and Rs.18.50 with an average of Rs.16.64, while the retail price of a white egg ranged between Rs.14.50 and Rs.17.50 with an average of 15.60. In line with the increased wholesale prices, the retail prices of brown and white eggs have increased this month; price of a brown egg has increased by 9%, while the price of a white egg has increased by 11%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of a brown egg has increased by 21%, and that of a white egg has increased by 23%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	15.00-16.50	15.61	14.10	12.79	1.51	10.71	2.82	22.07
White (each)	14.00-15.50	14.61	12.99	11.58	1.62	12.48	3.03	26.17
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	15.50-18.50	16.64	15.33	13.76	1.31	8.54	2.88	20.94
White (each)	14.50-17.50	15.60	14.12	12.67	1.49	10.52	2.93	23.15

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Retail prices of all selected meat types except beef has increased during June; price of beef has not changed over the month, and it ranged between Rs.950.00/kg and Rs.1,000.00/kg. Of price increased meat types, the highest price increment was shown in curry chicken as 6%, followed by broiler chicken as 5%. Moreover, price of pork and mutton have increased by 4% and 2%, respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all meat types except pork have increased in the range of 5%-16%. Interestingly, price of pork has not changed significantly.

Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – June 2018

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1000.00	960.71	960.71	917.38	0.00	0.00	43.34	4.72
Chicken (Broiler)	520.00-690.00	592.61	564.11	565.80	28.50	5.05	26.81	4.74
Chicken (curry)	520.00-690.00	599.11	565.54	515.06	33.57	5.94	84.05	16.32
Mutton	1800.00-2000.00	1865.53	1835.42	1712.25	30.11	1.64	153.28	8.95
Pork	550.00-650.00	585.00	561.00	583.33	24.00	4.28	1.67	0.29

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 123,380mt. worth of 4,958mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of June. Compared to previous month, quantity of this month has decreased by almost twice. Wheat grain for the month of June had been mainly imported from Pakistan (45%) and the CIF price was Rs.37.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Canada (33,701mt.) and Russia (24,181mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from Australia (5%) and United States (3%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.37.00-56.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.40.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain remained unchanged. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock whilst, the lowest was recorded for Pakistani stocks.

A total quantity of 657mt. of wheat flour worth of 44mn. had been imported during the month of June. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by almost twice. This was the second highest wheat flour quantity imported to the country since last January. The highest quantity of wheat flour for the month of June had been imported from India and the CIF price was Rs.69.00/kg. Further, wheat flour had been also imported from Pakistan (2%). In

addition, few quantities were also imported from China and Germany. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of June ranged between Rs.51.00-104.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.67.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has decreased by 8%. The highest CIF price was reported for the German wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest for the China stocks.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.84.00-95.00/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 1%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	June - 2018	June - 2018	May - 2018	June - 2017	May - 2018		June - 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	84.00-95.00	90.04	89.78	89.24	0.26	0.29	0.80	0.89
Sugar	93.00-110.00	105.38	107.95	106.87	-2.57	-2.38	-1.49	-1.39

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
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
January	406	26.49	65.21	89.84	24.63
Wheat Grain					
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
January	181,141	6900.77	38.10	89.84	51.74

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

Sugar

A total quantity of 40,450mt. worth of 2,282mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of June. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by 7,827mt. Sugar for the month of June had been mainly imported from India (84%). The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (12%). Furthermore, sugar had been also imported from Pakistan (3%) and Poland (1%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Korea and United Arab Emirates. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.54.00-90.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.56.00/kg. The average CIF price has decreased by Rs.5.00/kg compared to the previous month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Korea, while the lowest for the Indian stocks.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of June, price ranged between Rs.93.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.105.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar has decreased by Rs.3.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has also decreased by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- January to June 2018

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
January	14,785	989.0	66.90	110.18	43.28

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

Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – June 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
	June 2018	May 2018		June 2018	May 2018		June 2018	May 2018	
Rice	671	2,340	-71.3	83.7	179.5	-53.4	124.72	76.72	62.6
Red Onion	1,628	1,943	-16.2	130.4	160.1	-18.6	80.09	82.39	-2.8
Big Onion	20,070	15,702	27.8	800.5	566.9	41.2	39.88	36.10	10.5
Potato	11,574	10,508	10.1	400.1	283.4	41.1	34.57	26.97	28.1
Dried Chillies	2,618	4,968	-47.3	592.2	1065.9	-44.4	226.18	214.54	5.4
Masoor Dhal	24,244	18,284	32.6	1837.3	1372.4	33.9	75.78	75.06	1.0
Green Gram	1,832	928	97.3	258.5	126.2	104.8	141.08	135.94	3.8
Cowpea	557	977	-43.0	74.0	121.9	-39.3	132.89	124.77	6.5
Garlic	3,014	1,816	66.0	263.8	168.4	56.6	87.51	92.72	-5.6
Wheat flour	657	341	92.6	43.8	24.9	75.8	66.71	73.09	-8.7
Wheat grain	123,380	250,272	-50.7	4958.0	10104.8	-50.9	40.18	40.38	-0.5
White crystalline cane sugar	40,450	32,623	24.0	2281.7	1987.4	14.8	56.41	60.92	-7.4
Maize (Seed)	51	75	-79.7	5.1	7.5	-76.1	98.60	100.39	17.8
Maize (Other)	671	2,340	-71.3	83.7	179.5	-53.4	124.72	76.72	62.6
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,628	1,943	-16.2	130.4	160.1	-18.6	80.09	82.39	-2.8

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

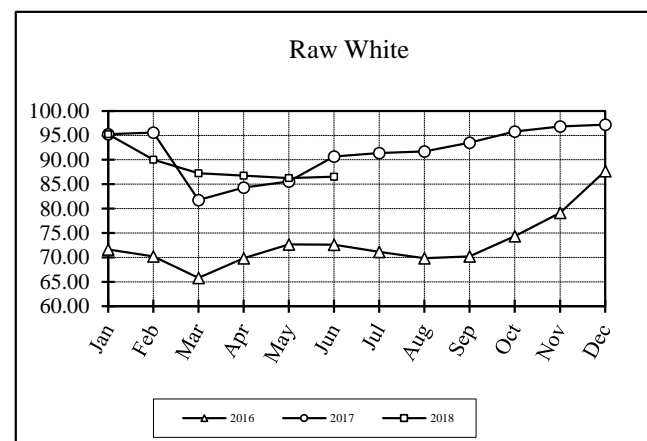
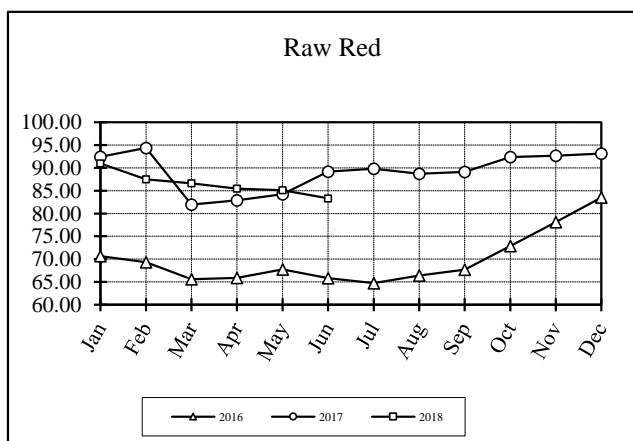
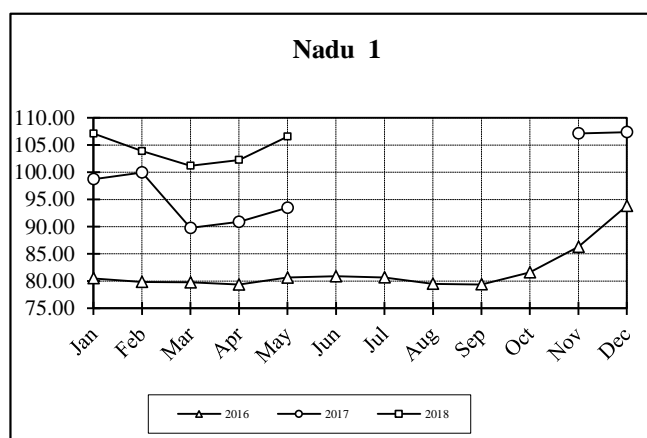
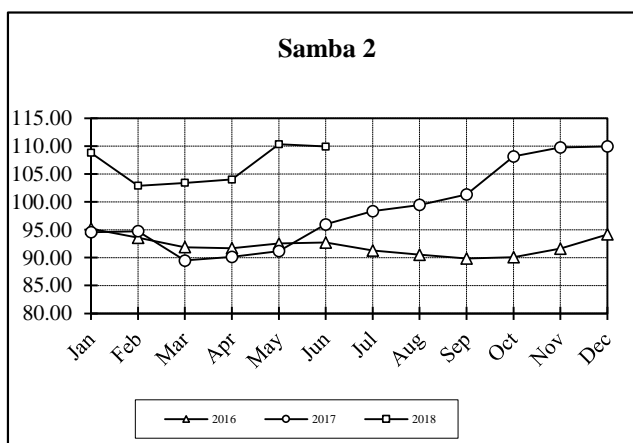
Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – June 2018

Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	2.3	9.4	4	2
Badulla	17.0	29.3	5	4
Bandarawela	31.5	36.6	6	4
Batticaloa	50.4	23.9	5	2
Colombo	155.8	184.9	25	16
Galle	136.5	188.2	25	17
Hambantota	42.1	59.0	15	6
Jaffna	22.0	16.1	1	1
Katugastota	138.5	131.9	23	15
Katunayaka	147.3	177.2	22	15
Kurunegala	159.6	153.0	22	14
Mahailuppallama	18.8	14.0	7	3
Mannar	0.0	4.6	0	1
Nuwara Eliya	125.5	171.9	25	16
Pottuvil	20.2	5.2	2	na
Puttalam	56.7	44.7	6	4
Ratmalana	199.3	198.4	23	16
Ratnapura	467.7	412.2	29	21
Trincomalee	91.7	25.4	1	2
Vavuniya	0.6	11.2	1	1
Polonnaruwa	2.9	na	3	na
Moneragala	20.4	na	2	na
Mattala	21.0	na	9	na

Source: Department of Meteorology

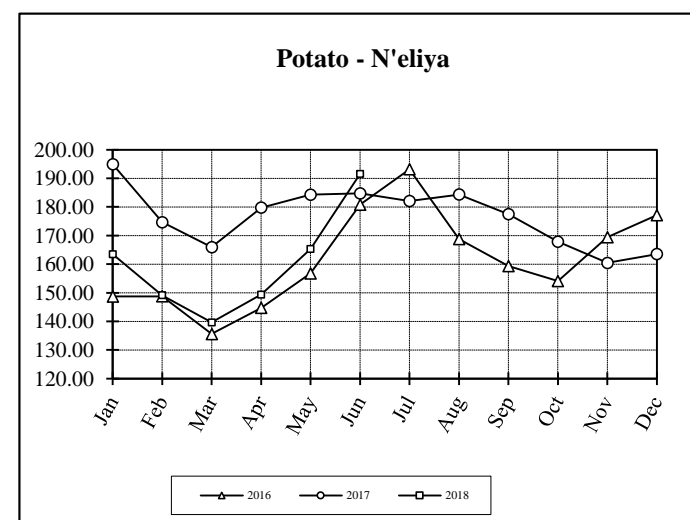
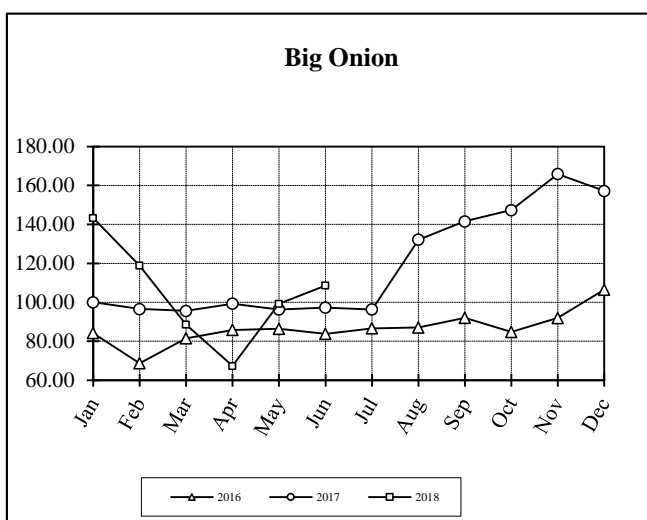
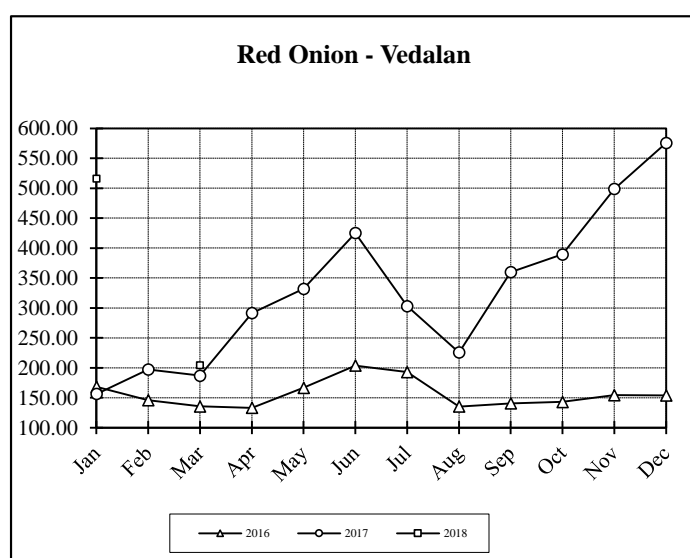
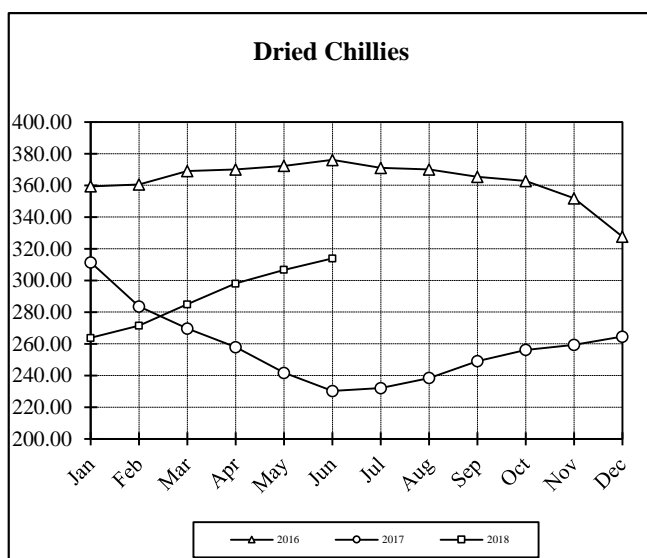
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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			65.82	89.17	83.32	72.63	90.65	86.52
Jul	91.28	98.34		80.69			64.74	89.80		71.13	91.36	
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		83.87	97.25	108.62	180.84	184.74	191.52
Jul	370.97	232.12		192.81	302.86		86.66	96.33		193.18	182.06	
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)
Apr-18**

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	78.00	92.00	91.80	89.60	89.60	Welimada	124.33	104.33	114.00	114.33	114.00
A'pura	52.00	52.00	52.25	51.40	52.40	Badulla	86.00	97.00	97.00			N'Eliya	132.00	106.40	123.00	123.00	118.00
P'naruwa	56.63	57.44			52.00	Welimada	85.75	89.00	96.00	89.00	84.50	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	52.25	52.00	51.50	51.00	52.67	Pulses						Hanguranketha	22.50	19.00	14.00	21.00	
Kurunegala	51.33	50.67		46.00		Green Gram						N'Eliya	22.00	17.80	17.80	14.80	14.80
Dehiattakandiya	50.29	55.20	55.50	52.67	55.20	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	17.60	12.60	16.00	16.80	17.20
Ampara	54.25	55.75	55.25	54.00	53.75	Kalawewa	150.00	170.00				Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	Welimada	21.67	23.67	26.00	16.00	20.67
A'pura	40.00	40.83	40.75	40.40	39.60	Kurunegala						Knokhol					
P'naruwa	41.50	42.44			39.63	A'pura	176.67	167.50		175.00	175.00	Hanguranketha		17.50	17.50		
Kalawewa	40.40	41.50	39.67	40.67	40.33	Cowpea						N'Eliya	22.60	17.80	17.80	17.80	17.80
Kurunegala	47.67	47.50		41.33		A'pura	156.67	155.00		162.50	175.00	Welimada	16.00	20.67	26.50	21.00	24.33
Dehiattakandiya	37.80	42.00	42.00	38.00	38.50	Galgamuwa	21.67	23.67	26.00	16.00	20.67	Radish					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya	183.33	190.00	177.50	175.00	171.67	Hanguranketha	10.00	9.00	10.00	12.33	9.00
Ampara	41.00	42.25	43.50	41.00	40.50	Kalawewa	170.00	155.00				N'Eliya	19.60	19.60	20.40	22.40	22.40
Matara	39.33	36.33		36.33	39.33	Embilipitiya	198.00	198.00	198.00	175.00	175.00	Welimada	16.00	18.67	10.67	14.33	15.33
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha	25.00	22.50	22.50	19.00	11.00
Matara	36.67	35.00		35.00	34.33	A'Pura	43.00	43.33	42.33	42.40	43.50	N'Eliya	37.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Hambantota	34.33	33.67	33.67	31.67	31.67	Kalawewa						Welimada	16.00	14.33	16.00	17.00	14.33
Ampara	37.00	39.25	41.88	38.50	36.50	Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	35.83	35.50	35.50	35.50	34.50	A'Pura	166.67	165.00	160.00	164.00	186.67	Badulla	21.00	29.00	29.00	12.00	19.00
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa	170.00	167.50				Tomato					
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Hanguranketha	17.67	17.67	17.67	12.33	12.50
A'Pura						Kalawewa	120.00	137.50				Welimada	16.33	24.33	8.33	10.67	16.00
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	115.00	137.50	105.00	126.25	140.00	Hambantota	17.50	22.50	17.50	30.00	30.00
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	11.40	14.00	15.00	16.20	38.20
Red Onion						Beans						Low Country					
Puttalam		97.50	86.00	86.00	94.00	Dambulla	36.80	45.40	40.40	113.00	137.00	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Welimada	27.00	49.33	64.33	91.00	121.00	A'pura	30.00	25.00	31.67	51.67	37.50
Dambulla						Badulla	29.00	48.00	48.00	81.00	85.00	Dambulla	25.00	28.40	32.60	50.25	40.60
Kalawewa						Carrot						Hambantota	40.00	42.50	42.50	42.50	42.50
A'Pura						Hanguranketha	65.00	65.00	85.00	81.67	47.50	Embilipitiya	32.33	32.33	26.50	40.50	48.83
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	77.60	67.20	77.60	72.00	73.00	Matara				62.50	47.50
						Welimada	54.00	54.33	69.33	59.33	54.33						

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
<u>Brinjals</u>						<u>Pumpkin</u>						<u>Lime</u>					
A'pura	30.00	45.00	41.67	28.33	45.00	Dambulla	10.80	12.80	12.60	10.40	13.00	Hambantota	55.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	155.00
Dambulla	31.00	30.00	21.00	26.60	34.20	Hambantota	25.00	40.00	30.00	17.50	17.50	Embilipitiya	66.67	90.83	85.00	114.00	128.33
Hambantota	37.50	55.00	35.00	30.00	32.50	Embilipitiya	22.33	40.33	40.33	19.25	27.50	Moneragala	31.67	88.33		138.33	136.67
Embilipitiya	42.43	43.86	37.14	25.33	50.33	Matara						<u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u>					
Matara	46.67	43.33			36.67	A'pura	18.75	23.00	17.50	28.33	27.50	<u>Banana</u>					
Welimada	26.50	44.33	69.33	14.33	24.33	Moneragala	16.00	16.00		11.33	7.33	<u>Ambul</u>					
						<u>Cucumber</u>						Moneragala	41.67	48.33		48.33	40.00
<u>Capsicum</u>						A'pura	28.33	40.00	53.33	40.00	47.50	Embilipitiya	48.33	39.17	25.83	25.83	25.83
Welimada	84.00	94.33	94.33	59.33	59.33	Dambulla	31.00	42.80	31.80	44.60	59.60	Hambantota	42.50	47.50	47.50	32.50	27.50
<u>Bitter Gourd</u>						Hambantota	27.50	27.50	27.50	37.50	37.50	<u>Kolikuttu</u>					
A'pura	48.33	56.67	43.33	48.33	85.00	Matara						Moneragala	85.00	101.67		106.67	86.67
Dambulla	34.40	37.60	31.60	36.80	51.00	<u>Long beans</u>						Embilipitiya	106.67	106.67	72.50	72.50	72.50
Hambantota	87.50	63.33	70.00	55.00	55.00	Dambulla	32.40	24.40	30.60	35.40	44.00	Hambantota	107.50	125.00	125.00	75.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	53.75	53.75	82.14	58.33	125.00	Hambantota	45.00	55.00	52.50	52.50	60.00	<u>Papaw</u>					
<u>Snake Gourd</u>						Embilipitiya	50.33	65.00	61.67	55.00	80.00	Moneragala					
Dambulla	34.80	30.60	29.00	30.20	39.60	Matara	53.33	53.33		53.33	46.67	Embilipitiya	55.29	51.71	39.14	39.14	39.14
Hambantota	47.50	42.50	42.50	42.50	45.00	A'Pura	30.00	35.00	38.33	53.33	62.50	Hambantota	55.00	55.00	55.00	27.50	27.50
Embilipitiya	55.00	36.67	32.00	53.75	53.75	<u>Ash Plantain</u>						<u>Pineapple</u>					
Matara						Hambantota	45.00	47.50	42.50	27.50	30.00	Divulapitiya					
A'pura	41.67	45.00	50.00	41.67	55.00	Embilipitiya	38.86	38.86	38.67	34.00	36.00						
<u>Luffa</u>						Matara	63.33	63.33		63.33	56.67						
Dambulla	53.20	50.00	32.40	49.60	61.20	<u>Green Chillies</u>											
Hambantota	65.00	62.50	42.50	62.50	62.50	Dambulla	55.60	51.20	46.40	52.00	64.20						
Embilipitiya	57.50	57.50	43.67	59.17	65.00	Hambantota	130.00	120.00	130.00	85.00	85.00						
Matara					45.00	Embilipitiya	114.57	114.57	104.40	77.00	136.00						
A'pura	60.00	56.67	31.67	53.33	72.50	Puttalam		33.75	32.00	32.00	32.00						
						A'Pura	83.33	85.00	96.67	73.75	135.00						