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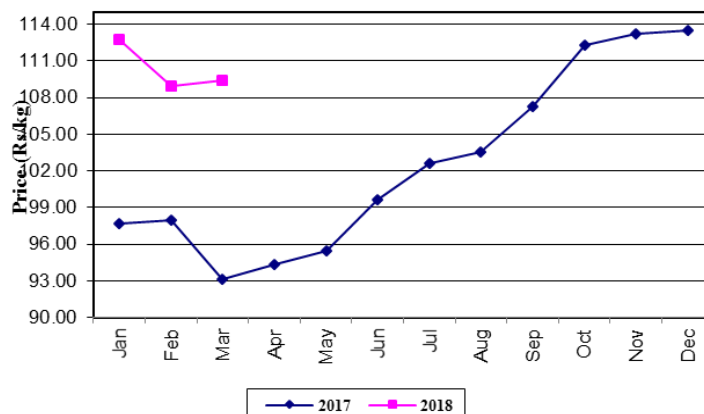
### RICE:

Prices of all local rice varieties except samba varieties have decreased as a result of new market arrival. Accordingly, prices of both local nadu grade I and raw white have decreased by Rs.3.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.101.00/kg and Rs.87.00/kg. In addition, prices of both local nadu grade II and raw red have also decreased by Rs.1.00/kg.

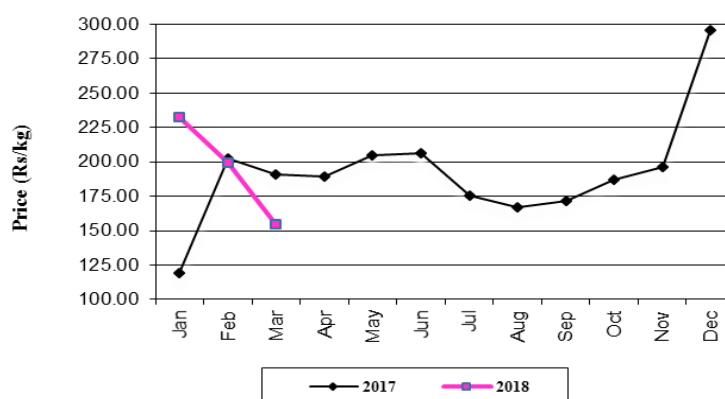
### VEGETABLES:

As the latter phase of *Maha* season for vegetable harvesting continued, a decreasing trend in prices of most of the vegetables were observed due to high supplies. Of the upcountry varieties, the highest price decrease was reported for knolghol as 47% whereas the highest price drop in domestic vegetables was reported for ladies' fingers as 43%, in the wholesale market. With the continuation of latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season, prices are expected to be at a lower range for most of the vegetables in the coming month.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba)



Average Retail Price of Beans (Green)



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## EXPLANTATORY NOTE

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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| 1. Pettah      | 5. Peliyagoda   | 9. Kirulapone |
| 2. Narahenpita | 6. Kadawatha    | 10. Nugegoda  |
| 3. Dematagoda  | 7. Kiribathgoda |               |
| 4. Thotalanga  | 8. Wellawatta   |               |

#### Outstation Markets

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|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Nuwara Eliya  | 12. Puttalama       | 23. Batticaloe  |
| 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. Monaragala  |
| 9. Tissamaharama | 20. Galle           | 31. Ratnapura   |
| 10. Nikaweratiya | 21. Mannar          |                 |
| 11. Polonnaruwa  | 22. Trincomalee     |                 |

## 1. Paddy

### Crop Situation

Despite of the low progress and crop damage due to the drought situation at the beginning of the 2017/18 *Maha* cropping season, the production outlook remained fairly satisfactory as a result of the cultivation progress in all Mahaweli systems and the Eastern province. Harvesting of 2017/18 *Maha* season paddy crops progressed in producing areas in the North Central province throughout the month. It is expected that harvesting continues until mid April in North Central and Southern provinces. According to the latest crop forecast report of the Department of Agriculture, the sown extent of paddy reported for *Maha* 2017/2018 season is 643,161 ha, it is 79% of the targeted extent of the season. Paddy production of 2017/18 *Maha* season was estimated at 2.396 million mt, (equivalent to 1.62 million mt of milled rice), and is a 14 percent drop than the production of normal *Maha* seasons.

**Table 1.1 Progress of Paddy Cultivation: *Maha* 2017/18 As at end of March 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	96,384	38,773	40	143,414	-	-	143,414
Polonnaruwa	34,420	30,188	88	122,841	1,000	2,035	120,807
Ampara	75,809	75,377	99	319,985	503	1,069	318,917
Kurunegala	84,180	41,126	49	164,504	7,630	15,260	149,244
Hambantota	28,550	25,456	89	124,584	-	-	124,584
Colombo	3,648	3,004	82	8,750	-	-	8,750
Gampaha	11,500	11,776	102	35,977	1,119	1,047	34,931
Kalutara	13,500	11,092	82	36,042	-	-	36,042
Galle	15,490	11,143	72	29,784	-	-	29,784
Matara	16,414	14,316	87	48,620	143	272	48,348
Ratnapura	12,556	10,795	86	35,168	2	1	35,166
Kegalle	9,397	7,387	79	27,185	41	57	27,128
Puttalam	23,318	5,430	23	16,155	51	75	16,079
Kandy	13,343	12,372	93	39,840	17	19	39,821
Matale	23,765	15,949	67	64,948	248	505	64,443
N' Eliya	6,501	4,135	64	8,849	-	-	8,849
Badulla	21,603	14,678	68	55,998	-	-	55,998
Monaragala	38,871	32,631	84	121,520	31	58	121,462
Jaffna	11,900	11,540	97	25,496	-	-	25,496
Kilinochchi	23,900	23,900	100	82,468	-	-	82,468
Vavniya	19,810	15,584	79	58,814	1,204	3,385	55,429
Mullative	17,067	16,626	97	51,813	-	-	51,813
Mannar	21,350	18,361	86	82,396	-	-	82,396
Trincomalee	42,360	39,207	93	162,677	133	289	162,388
Batticaloa	67,692	67,856	100	164,177	-	-	164,177
Udawalawa	11,075	10,468	95	50,717	-	-	50,717
System H	12,747	13,583	107	61,938	-	-	61,938
System H1	5,250	8,215	156	37,460	-	-	37,460
System B	19,817	20,460	103	93,298	-	-	93,298
System C	23,089	22,761	99	103,790	-	-	103,790
System G	4,818	4,837	100	22,057	-	-	22,057
System D	2,047	1,340	106	6,110	-	-	6,110
Rambakanoya	1,263	878	100	4,004	-	-	4,004
System L	878	1,919	94	8,751	-	-	8,751
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>814,312</b>	<b>643,163</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2,420,130</b>	<b>12,122</b>	<b>24,072</b>	<b>2,396,059</b>

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

## Producer Prices

During the first half of the month the market arrivals of paddy have increased due to the peak harvesting of paddy crop in 2017/18 *Maha* season in the North Central province and some Mahaweli Zones. The paddy purchasing programme of the Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) was in progress in most of the major producing areas in order to stabilize the farm gate prices. The arrival of high moisture paddy to the markets led to a decline in open market prices. However, the average prices of short grain have increased by 5%-14% in all considered major producing areas. Prices of long grain white have increased by 4%- 19% in almost all of the considered major producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of long grain red have decreased by 8% in Matara and 2% in Hambantota. The open market prices of long grain white and short grain ranged between Rs.32.00-48.00/kg and Rs.40.00-58.00/kg respectively. The lowest prices were recorded for high moisture newly harvested paddy. Prices of long grain red paddy ranged Rs.34.00-40.00/kg in producing areas in the Southern Province.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of long grain white and long grain red varieties have decreased in the range of 3%-16%, and 9%-16% respectively. Meanwhile the prices of short grain have increased by less than 4%-33% in most of the major producing areas.

**Table 1.2: Producer Prices of Paddy – March 2018**

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Short Grain</b>									
Anuradhapura	45.00-56.00	40.00-52.00	50.65	47.29	41.94	3.36	7.11	8.72	20.78
Polonnaruwa	50.00-549.00	43.00-56.00	54.84	48.09	41.28	6.75	14.04	13.56	32.86
Kalawewa	42.00-55.00	40.00-55.00	50.36	46.48	48.58	3.87	8.33	1.77	3.65
Kurunegala	41.00-54.00	40.00-42.00	48.00	40.25	-	7.75	19.25	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	42.00-58.00	45.00-56.00	50.26	51.24	41.81	-0.98	-1.90	8.45	20.21
Nikaweratiya	40.00-42.00	40.00-45.00	40.58	41.33	41.83	-0.75	-1.81	-1.25	-2.99
Ampara	48.00-58.00	44.00-56.00	52.13	49.50	-	2.63	5.30	-	-
<b>Long Grain White</b>									
Anuradhapura	35.00-45.00	34.00-42.00	40.31	38.13	41.51	2.18	5.72	-1.20	-2.89
Polonnaruwa	39.00-45.00	29.00-42.50	42.56	35.81	40.92	6.75	18.85	1.64	4.01
Kalawewa	34.00-45.00	30.00-43.00	38.69	37.32	46.17	1.37	3.68	-7.48	-16.20
Kurunegala	37.00-48.00	37.00-40.00	42.38	38.58	0.00	3.79	9.83	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	32.00-43.00	32.00-38.00	38.16	35.26	42.31	2.91	8.24	-4.15	-9.81
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	32.00-40.00	33.00-40.00	36.75	36.38	41.83	0.37	1.03	-5.08	-12.15
Matara	43.00-46.00	43.00-46.00	38.00	40.00	-	-2.00	-5.00	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	41.00-45.00	28.00-42.00	43.00	38.00	-	5.00	13.16	-	-
<b>Long Grain Red</b>									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	35.00-40.00	39.00-42.00	37.42	40.75	44.58	-3.33	-8.18	-7.17	-16.07
Hambantota	34.00-38.00	30.00-41.00	36.13	36.86	41.85	-0.73	-1.99	-5.72	-13.68
Embilipitiya	37.00-40.00	38.00-40.00	39.00	38.79	42.80	0.21	0.54	-3.80	-8.88

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Rice Demand and Supply Situation

### Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of most of the local rice varieties except samba grade I have increased during the month of March. Guaranteed prices for both short and long grain paddy varieties which have been imposed during mid-March directly resulted this sudden price increase. Accordingly, price of raw white has increased by 7% and the price ranged between Rs.75.00-78.00/kg. Furthermore, price of nadu grade II has increased by 6% and average price was Rs.78.00/kg. In addition, prices of samba grade II and raw red have also increased by 2% and 1% respectively. Price of nadu grade I has also increased slightly and it was not a significant change. However, slight price decrease was noted for samba grade I. A total quantity of 71,244mt. worth of Rs.4,627mn. of rice had been imported during the month of March. Compared to the previous month, imported quantity for this month has increased by 30%. Consequently, price of imported samba has decreased by 8% and the price ranged between Rs.70.00-78.00/kg. However, prices of imported raw white and nadu have increased by 4% and 1% respectively. Respective average prices of imported raw white and nadu were Rs.68.00/kg and Rs.71.00/kg.

Out of the total imports, 26,429mt. comprised of raw white; 16,454mt. comprised of broken rice; 14,128mt. comprised of nadu; 13,750mt. comprised of *ponni* samba and the rest comprised of basmati. Interestingly, compared to the previous month imported raw white quantity for this month has increased by 51%. Raw white had been mainly imported from Pakistan (50%). In addition, raw white has also been imported from India (40%) and Myanmar (9%). The average CIF price for raw white was Rs.65.00/kg. All quantities of nadu, *ponni* samba and broken rice have been imported from India. In addition, few quantities of nadu have been imported from Pakistan and *ponni* samba from Vietnam as well. The average CIF price for both nadu and *ponni* samba was Rs.70.00/kg. Further, few quantities of broken rice have been imported from Myanmar and Pakistan. The average CIF for broken rice was Rs.53.00/kg. Basmati has been mainly imported from Pakistan (74%). In addition, Basmati has also been imported from India, United Arab Emirates, Thailand, United States and China. The average CIF price for basmati was Rs.146.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 1%-21%. Meanwhile, prices of all the imported rice varieties, except *ponni* samba have also increased in the range of 3%-5%. Price of *ponni* samba has decreased by 4%.

### Retail Prices

On the contrary, retail prices of all local rice varieties except samba varieties have slightly decreased. Accordingly, the highest price decrease was noted for both local nadu grade I and raw white as Rs.3.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.101.00/kg and Rs.87.00/kg. In addition, prices of both local nadu grade II and raw red have also decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.88.00/kg and Rs.87.00/kg. However, price of local samba grade II has increased by Rs.1.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.98.00-108.00/kg. Further, marginal price increase was noted for samba grade I and the price ranged between Rs.110.00-120.00/kg. Prices of all imported rice varieties, except *ponni* samba have marginally increased during the month. Consequently, prices of both imported raw white and nadu have increased by Rs.1.00/kg and respective average prices were Rs.79.00/kg and Rs.81.00/kg. However, price of *ponni* samba has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.95.00-110.00/kg.

Referring to retail prices of outstation markets except Colombo, the highest samba prices ranged between Rs.115.00-120.00/kg from Kandy, Hambantota and Matara markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg from Tissamaharama and Mannar markets. The highest nadu price ranged between Rs.100.00-105.00/kg from Ampara, Moneragala and Embilipitiya markets, while the lowest price ranged between Rs.75.00-80.00/kg from Nikaweratiya market. The highest price of Rs.96.00/kg for raw red was reported from Anuradhapura market, while the lowest price of Rs.72.00/kg was reported from Hambantota and Embilipitiya markets. Furthermore, the highest price of Rs.95.00/kg for raw white was reported from Gampaha market, while the lowest price of Rs.70.00/kg was reported from Keppetipola and Moneragala market.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the local rice varieties have increased in the range of 6%-19%. Prices of all the imported rice varieties have also increased in the range of 6%-9%.

**Table 1.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Rice – March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Samba 1	105.00-110.00	107.70	108.20	89.05	-0.50	-0.46	18.65	20.95
Samba 2	95.00-104.00	100.78	98.92	85.38	1.86	1.88	15.40	18.03
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	81.00-86.00	83.90	83.75	83.75	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.18
Nadu 2	72.00-82.00	78.35	74.01	74.01	4.34	5.86	4.34	5.86
Raw red	72.00-75.00	73.70	72.85	72.85	0.85	1.16	0.85	1.16
Raw white	75.00-78.00	76.18	70.94	70.94	5.23	7.38	5.23	7.38
Imported Samba	70.00-78.00	73.74	79.77	77.06	-6.02	-7.55	-3.32	-4.30
Imported Raw White	63.00-73.00	68.49	66.02	66.51	2.47	3.74	1.98	2.97
Imported Nadu	70.00-75.00	71.49	70.98	68.04	0.51	0.72	3.45	5.07
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Samba 1	110.00-120.00	115.34	115.03	96.68	0.31	0.27	18.66	19.30
Samba 2	98.00-108.00	103.40	102.88	89.48	0.51	0.50	13.92	15.56
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	80.00-100.00	101.20	103.88	89.77	-2.69	-2.59	11.42	12.72
Nadu 2	70.00-90.00	87.79	88.70	81.39	-0.91	-1.02	6.40	7.87
Raw red	75.00-85.00	86.63	87.49	81.95	-0.87	-0.99	4.68	5.71
Raw white	80.00-95.00	87.25	90.00	81.77	-2.75	-3.05	5.48	6.70
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	95.00-110.00	87.82	88.64	82.53	-0.82	-0.92	5.29	6.41
Imported Raw White	80.00-95.00	78.54	77.10	74.24	1.44	1.86	4.30	5.79
Imported Nadu	80.00-95.00	81.34	80.68	74.76	0.67	0.82	6.58	8.80

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2. Other Field Crops

### 2.1 Chilli

#### Crop Situation

Harvesting of chilli for *Maha* season was carried out in major producing areas. According to the crop forecast of the Department of Agriculture, the targeted extent of chilli for *Maha* was 11,806 ha and 8,249 ha out of the targeted extent had been achieved at the end of March 2018 in Sri Lanka. It represents about 70% of the targeted extent. The highest cultivated extent of 1,118 ha was reported from the Moneragala district and that represented 110% of the targeted extent in Moneragala district. The production forecast of green chilli in Sri Lanka is 43,361 mt and out of

the total production 52% is expected from Moneragala (23%), Anuradhapura (12%) and Puttalam (17%).

**Table 2.1.1: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2017/18**

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of March 2018		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	3,405	962	28	5,340
Moneragala	1,013	1,118	110	10,127
Puttalam	895	794	89	7,226
Kurunegala	326	269	83	1,363
Ampara	567	354	62	946
Jaffna	560	452	81	1,896
Badulla	454	533	117	1,689
Hambantota	294	312	106	1,076
Other areas	4,292	3,455	81	13,698
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,806</b>	<b>8,249</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>43,361</b>

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

### Prices and Demand Situation

With the commencement of the harvesting season, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about Rs.7.00/kg and Rs.26.00/kg respectively due to high supplies from main producing areas, compared to last month Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.54.48/kg and Rs.165.99/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 53% and 39% respectively.

About Rs.1,137.93 million worth dried chilli have been imported from India during March 2018 and the imported quantity of 5,610 mt. It was an increase of 1,744 mt when compared to last month. Average CIF price of imported dried chilli was Rs.202.85/kg and it was an increase of Rs.7.38/kg compared to last month. In line with that, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.15.00/kg and Rs.13.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices have increased by about 34% and 6% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Green Chilli	30.00-80.00	54.48	61.04	115.00	-6.56	-10.75	-60.52	-52.63
Dried Chilli	220.00-260.00	242.90	227.47	181.84	15.43	6.79	61.06	33.58
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Green Chilli	70.00-200.00	165.99	192.21	272.00	-26.22	-13.64	-106.01	-38.97
Dried Chilli	250.00-320.00	284.90	271.41	269.67	13.49	4.97	15.23	5.65

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 2.1.3: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Dried Chilli  
October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
December	4,729	838.96	177.40	264.58	87.18
November	4,085	661.69	161.97	259.31	97.33
October	4,686	744.14	158.79	256.20	97.41

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

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

Location	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week
Dambulla	56.80	59.40	55.40	38.20
Hambantota	72.50	120.00	120.00	90.00
Embilipitiya	93.75	106.43	89.29	73.14
Puttalam	-	-	-	-
A'Pura	45.00	83.33	86.67	60.00

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 2.2 Big Onion and Red Onion

### Crop situation

Cultivation of big onion for *Yala* 2018 will begin during next month (April) in Matale district.

The cultivated extent of red onion at the end of March 2018 was reported as 2,421 ha and that represents 64% of the targeted extent in Sri Lanka. In Jaffna district, the targeted extent was 1,900 ha and out of which about 1,412 ha of red onion have been cultivated by the end of March achieving 74% of the targeted extent. An achievement of red onion cultivation in Puttalam district was in a good level and it exceeded even the targeted extent (162%). The production forecast of red onion for the season is 33,759 mt and out of that 89% were supplies from Jaffna (48%) and Puttalam (41%) districts.

**Table 2.2.1: Targets and Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2017/18**

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of March 2018		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target	
Jaffna	1,900	1,412	74	16,166
Puttalam	410	663	162	13,860
Trincomalee	753	21	3	219
Other areas	716	325	45	3,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>33,759</b>

Source: Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Only imported big onion was available at the market and 32,016 mt of big onion were imported from India (96%) and Pakistan (4%) during March 2018. It was an increase of 10,873 mt compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.41.97/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.27.35/kg compared to that of last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have decreased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.30.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale



and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.52.13/kg and Rs.88.58/kg and both prices have decreased by about 27% and 7% respectively.

Though the supply of local red onion from Jaffna has increased slightly during this month, the wholesale price of sinnan has increased by about Rs.13.00/kg. Limited stocks of vedalan from main producing areas had started coming to the market at the end of this month and a higher supply could be expected from April. The wholesale price range of vedalan was Rs.130.00-140.00/kg and retail price range was Rs.160.00-240.00/kg.

A quantity of 1,496 mt of red onion was imported from India (99%) and Pakistan (1%) during this month and it was a decrease of 429 mt compared to that of previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.83.94/kg and it has decreased by Rs.6.13/kg compared to that of last month. However, wholesale price of imported red onion has decreased by about Rs.17.00/kg and retail price has decreased by about Rs.41.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of vedalan and imported red onion have increased by about 9% and 98% respectively.

**Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion  
March 2018**

Crop	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	115.00-130.00	122.86	110.00	85.21	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	130.00-140.00	132.92	-	131.17	-	-	1.75	1.33
Red Onion (Imported)	95.00-130.00	110.75	127.65	71.37	-16.90	-13.24	39.38	55.17
Big Onion (imported)	40.00-65.00	52.13	64.13	71.37	-12.00	-18.72	-19.25	-26.97
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	-	122.67	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	160.00-240.00	204.17	-	186.80	-	-	17.37	9.30
Red Onion (Imported)	140.00-240.00	189.17	230.40	95.60	-41.23	-17.89	93.57	97.88
Big Onion (imported)	70.00-120.00	88.58	118.86	95.60	-30.28	-25.48	-7.02	-7.34
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	Mar, 2018	41.97	52.13	88.58	10.15	36.45
	Feb, 2018	69.32	64.13	118.86	-5.19	54.73
	Mar, 2017	29.89	71.37	95.60	41.48	24.22
Red onion	Mar, 2018	83.94	110.75	189.17	26.81	78.42
	Feb, 2018	90.07	127.65	230.40	37.59	102.74
	Mar, 2017	66.03	71.37	95.60	5.34	24.22

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

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

Crop	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018
Red Onion	1,496	1,925	125.5	173.4	83.94	90.07
Big Onion	32,016	21,143	1,343.9	1,465.7	41.97	69.32

Source: Department of Custom

**Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF Price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
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
December	24,332	122.56	117.60	157.18	34.63
November	22,326	97.87	126.35	165.87	68.00
October	6,131	90.13	111.19	147.22	57.10

Source: Department of Customs

## 2.3 Potato

### Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2017/18 is 3,343 ha and about 2,512 ha had been cultivated by the end of this *maha* season achieving 75% of the target. Compared to the last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season is at a low level. During this month new cultivation of potato was at low level compared to previous months of this *maha* season. According to the cultivated extent, the expected production of potato is 40,906 mt for this *maha* season (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,296 ha and about 1,215 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of the season (94% progress). During this month, about 153 ha of potatoes have been cultivated in the district. Cultivation progress in January and February months was high (723 ha) in Nuwara Eliya district due to favourable weather condition. Hence, the market supply is expected to be high in May from Nuwara Eliya. The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,846 ha in the Badulla district and 1,180 ha have been cultivated by the end of the season achieving 64% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this *maha* season is at low level compared to last *maha* season in the district. According to field information, *Maha* harvesting for Welimada potato will commence in April in the Badulla district.

**Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (Maha 2017/18)**

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production (mt)
	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18	<i>Maha</i> 2016/17*	<i>Maha</i> 2017/18		
N'Eliya	1,248	1,296	1,140	1,215	94	21,463
Badulla	1,712	1,846	1,727	1,180	64	18,335
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>40,906</b>

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

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

\*Crop Forecast, Maha 2016/17, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

## Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 7,427 mt of potato had been imported in March, which was 14,719 mt lower than that was imported during the previous month as the Special Commodity Levy for potato was increased to Rs.30.00/kg from last week of February. Imported stocks were mainly received from Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. About 64% of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan during this month, followed by India (20%). Compared to March, 2017 (11,898 mt), the imports were low during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.28.00/kg in March.

With regard to local potato, the *maha* harvesting for Welimada potato commenced and sufficient stocks of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have decreased by 1% and 7% respectively with arrival of *maha* stocks. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.69.00/kg and Rs.64.00/kg in March. The wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 24% and 9% respectively due to increased tax. During the month of March, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.85.00-102.00/kg, Rs.70.00-85.00/kg and Rs.45.00-70.00/kg respectively. Stocks from India fetched high price compared to stocks from Pakistan and Bangladesh. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (13%) and imported (24%) potatoes have decreased.

**Table 2.3.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes  
October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
December	17,902	700.18	39.11	95.56	56.45
November	13,330	522.87	39.22	106.07	66.84
October	6,753	253.88	37.59	114.63	77.03

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

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

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Producer Prices (PP)</b>								
Welimada	55.00-75.00	64.25	76.31	84.25	-12.06	-18.77	-20.00	-31.13
Nuwara Eliya	65.00-75.00	69.15	82.15	86.55	-13.00	-18.80	-17.40	-25.16
Imported – CIF	19.84-32.57	27.78	28.29	29.83	-0.51	-1.85	-2.05	-7.38
<b>Wholesale Prices (WP)</b>								
Welimada	70.00-85.00	78.42	-	87.84	-	-	-9.43	-12.02
Nuwara Eliya	85.00-102.00	93.77	94.38	105.03	-0.60	-0.64	-11.26	-12.00
Imported	45.00-70.00	58.35	44.46	78.00	13.89	23.81	-19.65	-33.68
<b>Retail Prices (RP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	134.78	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	100.00-160.00	139.65	149.12	165.97	-9.47	-6.78	-26.33	-18.85
Imported	65.00-100.00	88.49	80.36	110.06	8.13	9.19	-21.57	-24.38
<b>Gross Margin (RP-PP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	70.50	66.97	79.42	3.53	5.01	-8.93	-12.66
Imported (CIF-RP)	-	60.71	52.07	80.23	8.64	14.24	-19.52	-32.15
<b>Gross Margin (RP -WP)</b>								
Welimada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	-	45.88	54.74	60.95	-8.87	-19.33	-15.07	-32.85
Imported	-	30.14	35.90	32.06	-5.76	-19.12	-1.92	-6.36

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 mid-March, 64% of the targeted green gram cultivation extent has been achieved by March 2018. Thus, the green gram cultivation extent has added 7,305 ha by this month. It was observed that around 7% of the total cultivation extent which is equivalent to 464 ha have been affected by the drought. Of the drought affected area, around 431 ha of land extent is in Kurunegala district. Compared to the green gram cultivation extent in the previous *Maha* season (i.e., 2016/17 *Maha* season), the current cultivation extent has increased by 61%. It is an increase of 2,896 ha. The highest cultivation extent of green gram is observed in Hambantota district (2,718 ha; 37%), followed by Monaragala (1,058 ha; 14%) and Anuradhapura (471 ha; 6%) 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 *Maha* season.

The total cultivation extent of cowpea is recorded as 7,123 ha by March 2018. It is a 69% achievement from the targeted cultivation extent during this *Maha* season, which is 10,280 ha. Compared to the cowpea cultivation extent in the previous *Maha* season, the cultivation extent in this season has increased by 69%. Only a limited area (20 ha; <1%) has been affected by the drought. 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 5,356 ha in Ampara and 1,075 ha in Anuradhapura districts. These two districts represent 47% and 15% of the total cowpea cultivation extent, respectively. The total cowpea production anticipated during this *Maha* season is 11,285 MT, and it is an increase of 120% compared to the cowpea production in the previous *Maha* season. The highest production is anticipated as 1,063 MT from Moneragala district, which may comprise 9% of the total expected production. The second highest production is expected as 320 MT from Ampara district, followed by 313 MT from Anuradhapura district.

**Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Green gram and Cowpea  
(*Maha* 2017/18)**

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>maha</i> 2017/18	Expected production <i>maha</i> 2017/18 (Mt)
		* <i>maha</i> 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18	* <i>maha</i> 2016/17	<i>maha</i> 2017/18		
Green gram	Hambantota	2,016	4,041	1,890	2,718	67	4,091
	Kurunegala	605	651	481	471	77	22
	Moneragala	1,440	2,061	463	1,058	51	1,097
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>9,006</b>	<b>11,450</b>	<b>5,538</b>	<b>7,305</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>9,018</b>
Cowpea	Ampara	4,271	4,306	2,270	3,356	78	320
	Moneragala	1,356	1,248	581	1,075	86	1,063
	Anuradhapura	659	716	564	303	42	313
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>7,123</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>11,285</b>

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.200.00 with an average of Rs.196.23/kg in March. The average price has reduced by 1% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has reduced by 4%. In the meantime, retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.210.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg with an average of Rs.241.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has drastically changed and has increased by 0.3%. 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 0.1%.

A total of 1,480 MT of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is a decrease of 16% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of green gram was Rs.137.25/kg, which is an increase of Rs.11.50/kg compared to the average CIF price noted in the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation was recorded as Rs.203 million, a value lowered by 8% 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 (54%), and followed by Uzbekistan (10%), Myanmar (14%), Thailand (8%), Argentina (11%), Turkey (3%) and India (0.1%).

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.230.00/kg and Rs.246.00/kg, respectively in March. The price range of white cowpea ranged between Rs.220.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.224.00/kg and Rs.280.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has not changed while, the price of red cowpea has increased by 3%. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 10% and 20%, respectively. Meanwhile, average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.294.00/kg and Rs.297.00/kg, respectively. Retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg, and that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.240.00/kg and Rs.360.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, price of white cowpea has decreased by 1% and price of red cowpea has not changed. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of white and red cowpea have decreased by 1% and 9%, respectively.

Of the two types of cowpea, a total of 775 MT of white cowpea have been imported during this month. It is an increase of 157 MT compared to the quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilo of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.125.00/kg, which is a decrease of Rs.11.00/kg from that of the previous month. Importation of cowpea has increased due to decrease of CIF price. The total expenditure on white cowpea importation has increased by 15% compared to the previous month. Accordingly, the total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.97 million. Of the total cowpea imports, the highest was imported from Myanmar (91%), followed by Madagascar (6%), and Portugal (3%).

**Table 2.4.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram  
October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
March	1,480	203.09	137.25	240.96	103.71
February	1,763	221.54	125.68	240.22	114.54
January	1,943	248.86	128.10	243.03	114.93
December	819	108.05	132.01	243.19	111.18
November	1,371	188.04	137.16	243.26	106.10
October	931	131.17	140.93	245.00	104.07

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

**Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea  
October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
March	775	96.97	125.15	294.02	168.87
February	618	84.23	136.29	289.74	153.45
January	410	54.68	133.34	293.48	160.14
December	214	30.61	143.33	290.26	146.93
November	901	123.12	136.63	297.63	161.00
October	910	119.96	131.84	301.20	169.36

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

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Green gram	190.00-200.00	196.03	196.23	204.94	-0.20	-0.10	-8.91	-4.35
Cowpea (White)	220.00-240.00	230.00	229.40	256.53	0.60	0.26	-26.53	-10.34
Cowpea (Red)	224.00-280.00	245.61	239.75	307.78	5.86	2.45	-62.16	-20.20
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Green gram	210.00-280.00	240.96	240.22	240.83	0.74	0.31	0.13	0.05
Cowpea (White)	240.00-340.00	294.02	289.74	295.93	4.27	1.48	-1.92	-0.65
Cowpea (Red)	240.00-360.00	297.40	298.50	327.60	-1.10	-0.37	-30.20	-9.22

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	Mar, 2018	137.25	196.03	240.96	58.78	44.93
	Feb, 2018	125.68	196.23	240.22	70.55	43.99
	Mar, 2017	145.09	204.94	240.83	59.85	35.90
Cowpea (White)	Mar, 2018	125.15	230.00	294.02	104.85	64.02
	Feb, 2018	136.29	229.40	289.74	93.11	60.34
	Mar, 2017	127.57	256.53	295.93	128.96	39.40
Cowpea (Red)	Mar, 2018	-	245.61	297.40	-	51.78
	Feb, 2018	-	239.75	298.50	-	58.75
	Mar, 2017	-	307.78	327.60	-	19.82

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.104.00/kg and Rs.108.00/kg with an average of Rs.106.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.114.00/kg and Rs.130.00/kg with an average of Rs.128.00/kg. Moreover, both prices have not changed significantly during this month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices have decreased by 25% and 22%, respectively.

During this month, a total of 15,207 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.80.00/kg. The average CIF price this month has been increased by Rs.4.40/kg compared to that in the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the majority (i.e., 13,858 MT) consisted of

the whole type, while the rest (i.e., 1,349 MT) consisted of the split type. Of the whole type red dhal, around 54% has been imported from Australia, and the rest (46%) has been imported from Canada. The total value of the whole type red dhal imports was Rs.1,082 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.78.00 per kilo. Of the split type red dhal, the majority has been imported from Canada (65%), followed by India (30%), and Australia (5%). The average CIF price was noted as Rs.103.66 per kilo; accordingly, the total value of the imports was Rs.139.8 million.

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

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	104.00-108.00	105.95	105.93	141.32	0.03	0.02	-35.37	-25.03
Retail Price	1140.00-130.00	128.08	127.82	163.20	0.25	0.20	-35.12	-21.52

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red dhal  
October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
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
January	13,774	82.46	110.19	129.37	27.72	19.19
December	10,080	90.40	113.05	136.54	22.65	23.49
November	16,361	92.07	118.63	151.23	26.55	32.60
October	12,658	92.79	132.17	156.42	39.38	24.25

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

### 3. Vegetables

#### Crop Situation

*Maha* cultivation season was completed in all the upcountry as well as lowcountry districts by the end of March. However, districts which had shown a cultivation progress of less than 50% for up country vegetables by the end of last month, such as Puttalam, Kandy, Kurunegala and Matale reported a marginal increase in cultivation during the latter phase of the season. In the meantime, reaching the end phase of the *Maha* harvesting season was observed in both up and lowcountry areas.

Regarding cultivation progress of the present *Maha* season, the most important districts for upcountry vegetable production, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla had reported 89% and 103% cultivation progress respectively, of its seasonal target, for upcountry varieties by the end of season. Meanwhile, the cultivation progress of upcountry varieties reported in Matale, Kandy and Puttalam districts were comparatively low, reaching the values of 57%, 57% and 16% respectively, by the end of 2017/18 *Maha* season. In addition, cultivation progress had improved for upcountry varieties in Jaffna district from its last month's figure, up to 96% by the end of the season.

Meanwhile, *Maha* cultivation season was completed in all the lowcountry districts with comparatively higher cultivation progress than upcountry areas. Monaragala and Hambantota districts had reported 154% and 102% cultivation progress of its seasonal targets respectively, for lowcountry vegetables by the end of the season. However, Anuradhapura, the most significant district for lowcountry varieties, recorded only 69% cultivation progress at the end of 2017/18 *Maha* season due to delay in onset of the north eastern monsoon. Meantime Puttalam, Matale and

Kurunegala districts had recorded 106%, 85% and 64% cultivation progress respectively, for lowcountry varieties, from its corresponding seasonal targets.

### **Prices and supply/Demand situation**

As the latter phase of *Maha* season for vegetable harvesting continued, supplies had increased at the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre by 15%, compared to last month with a reported daily arrival of 2450 mt. Considering upcountry vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties except raddish had further dropped compared to previous month, due to further increasing trend in market supplies during the latter phase of the *Maha* harvesting season. Among the upcountry vegetables, knolkhol prices fell by the highest margin, 47% to Rs.29.00/kg from Rs.54.00/kg reported last month. Next, price of beetroot, beans and leeks had dropped by 45%, 35% and 28% respectively, from its respective wholesale prices recorded in February. Meantime, prices of all the other upcountry varieties, except radish, had decreased in the range of 16% - 18%. According to the market information, price decreases reported in knolkhol, beans, leeks and cabbage was attributed to the continuous high supplies from upcountry areas such as Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy and Matale districts. Growing supplies of beetroot from Jaffna, Puttalam and Melsiripura areas and increasing supplies of carrot from Jaffna district had also contributed to the observed price drops in those vegetables.

In the meantime, price of capsicum had reported a sharp drop of 41%, to Rs.75.00/kg from its last month's value of Rs.128.00/kg, due to continuous high supplies from both upcountry and low country areas. Prices of tomato also followed the same trend with a record price fall of 12% due to high supplies received from both upcountry (Nuwara Eliya and Badulla) and lowcountry (Jaffna, Sooriyawewa and Anuradhapura) major producing areas. Further, continuous high supplies of lowcountry variety from Jaffna throughout the month has had a considerable effect on overall price decrease in tomato and capsicum.

Supply of all the domestic vegetables had also remained high due to continuation of the *Maha* harvesting season in lowcountry areas. As a result, prices of almost all the domestic varieties fell in comparison to its prices recorded last month, with a noticeable price decrease reported in ladies' fingers, bitter gourd and luffa. The highest price drops were recorded for ladies' fingers as 43%, followed by both bitter gourd and luffa as 26% compared to last month, due to reaching of the peak phase of the harvesting season in major producing areas such as Anuradhapura, Hambantota, Matale and Monaragala for those vegetables. The reported price ranges of the vegetables which marked the highest price decreases were 30.00 - 70.00/kg, 50.00 - 110.00/kg and 60.00 - 90.00/kg, respectively in March. Prices of all the other lowcountry varieties had decreased in the range of 9% -18% during March.

Meanwhile, with the reaching of early phase of *Maha* supply to the market, from the areas where delayed cultivation was practiced, price of pumpkin had dropped to Rs.37.00/kg in March.

With the continuation of end phase of the *Maha* harvesting season, prices are expected to be at a lower range for most of the vegetables in the coming month.

Meanwhile, prices of green chili had further decreased by 11%, to Rs.54.00/kg due to continuous high supplies that reached the market from Anuradhapura and Jaffna. However, prices of lime recorded a high margin increase of 65% due to ending of supplies from Ampara and Moneragala.

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of most of the vegetables had also decreased in March. The highest price decrease was reported for capsicum as 26%. At the same time, prices of most of the vegetables had decreased compared to the same period of last year, in the retail market, with the highest value recorded for luffa as 42%.



**Table 3.1: Wholesale Prices of Vegetables – March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	60.00-130.00	86.46	133.75	134.31	-47.29	-35.36	-47.85	-35.63
Carrot	40.00-90.00	59.79	71.25	51.63	-11.46	-16.08	8.17	15.82
Leeks	70.00-120.00	94.17	130.00	26.98	-35.83	-27.56	67.19	249.03
Beetroot	10.00-60.00	29.71	53.63	50.67	-23.92	-44.60	-20.96	-41.36
Knolkhol	20.00-40.00	28.54	54.27	57.66	-25.73	-47.41	-29.12	-50.50
Radish	15.00-40.00	21.99	21.35	40.63	0.63	2.97	-18.64	-45.88
Cabbage	10.00-30.00	22.77	28.07	22.20	-5.30	-18.90	0.57	2.56
Tomato	25.00-50.00	33.07	37.60	87.19	-4.54	-12.07	-54.12	-62.08
Ladies Fingers	30.00-70.00	44.27	77.24	90.90	-32.97	-42.69	-46.63	-51.30
Brinjal	30.00-90.00	56.60	59.21	31.17	-2.61	-4.42	25.43	81.56
Capsicum	50.00-100.00	75.00	127.68	149.10	-52.68	-41.26	-74.10	-49.70
Pumpkin	20.00-50.00	37.40	45.73	59.79	-8.33	-18.22	-22.40	-37.46
Cucumber	30.00-60.00	43.65	52.29	26.15	-8.65	-16.53	17.50	66.93
Bittergourd	50.00-110.00	76.35	103.29	113.85	-26.93	-26.08	-37.49	-32.93
Snakegourd	40.00-70.00	55.42	61.25	94.58	-5.83	-9.52	-39.17	-41.41
Drumstick	-	-	-	172.00	-	-	-	-
Luffa	60.00-90.00	74.38	100.45	178.65	-26.07	-25.96	-104.28	-58.37
Long Beans	40.00-80.00	56.67	63.35	60.63	-6.68	-10.55	-3.96	-6.53
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	63.33	77.50	61.46	-14.17	-18.28	1.87	3.05
Green Chilli	30.00-80.00	54.48	61.04	115.00	-6.56	-10.75	-60.52	-52.63
Lime	25.00-80.00	50.10	30.31	50.02	19.79	65.29	0.09	0.17

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 3.2: Retail Prices of Vegetables – March 2018**

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-240.00	155.08	199.11	191.19	-44.03	-22.11	-36.12	-18.89
Carrot	90.00-200.00	136.92	155.30	113.76	-18.39	-11.84	23.16	20.36
Leeks	120.00-240.00	174.72	216.56	95.68	-41.84	-19.32	79.04	82.60
Beetroot	60.00-200.00	101.39	128.35	114.52	-26.96	-21.00	-13.12	-11.46
Knolkhol	80.00-200.00	132.83	150.88	137.07	-18.05	-11.96	-4.24	-3.10
Radish	50.00-160.00	99.11	100.76	107.42	-1.65	-1.64	-8.31	-7.74
Cabbage	40.00-200.00	102.73	111.60	88.13	-8.87	-7.95	14.60	16.56
Tomato	50.00-140.00	87.12	93.34	136.94	-6.21	-6.66	-49.81	-36.38
Ladies Fingers	70.00-160.00	123.34	139.24	157.09	-15.90	-11.42	-33.75	-21.49
Brinjal	80.00-200.00	125.85	132.67	95.46	-6.82	-5.14	30.39	31.84
Capsicum	100.00-250.00	171.82	230.78	237.89	-58.96	-25.55	-66.07	-27.77
Pumpkin	50.00-120.00	100.57	114.34	117.95	-13.77	-12.04	-17.38	-14.74
Cucumber	70.00-160.00	107.55	120.20	100.67	-12.65	-10.52	6.88	6.83
Bittergourd	100.00-240.00	160.11	179.47	196.79	-19.36	-10.79	-36.68	-18.64
Snakegourd	80.00-160.00	124.88	134.37	152.02	-9.49	-7.06	-27.15	-17.86
Drumstick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luffa	120.00-240.00	158.07	179.39	272.61	-21.32	-11.88	-114.53	-42.01
Long Beans	80.00-24.00	134.29	144.57	130.48	-10.28	-7.11	3.81	2.92
Ash Plantain	80.00-160.00	126.79	140.00	128.22	-13.21	-9.44	-1.43	-1.11
Green Chilli	70.00-200.00	165.99	192.21	272.00	-26.22	-13.64	-106.01	-38.97
Lime	60.00-200.00	164.26	120.99	175.90	43.27	35.76	-11.64	-6.62

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## 4. Fruits

### Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale prices of all the fruit varieties except banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun had decreased in March compared to the prices in February.

Prices of banana varieties, Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni had decreased by 17%, 12% and 9% respectively and the price ranges recorded for them during the month were Rs.50.00-70.00/kg, Rs.100.00-120.00/kg and Rs.60.00-80.00/kg respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 5%, 8% and 7% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.91.82/fruit, Rs.127.10/fruit and Rs.165.93/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-180.00/fruit.

Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Betti and had decreased by 46% and 53% respectively. Price range recorded for a Karthakolomban fruit was Rs.60.00-100.00. Price of papaw had decreased by 1% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.63.25/kg and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-90.00/kg. In addition, prices of avocado, slime apple and orange had decreased by 21%, 11% and 7% respectively. Further, decreased prices were observed for passion fruit, wood apple and imported grapes and prices had decreased by 6% for passion fruit and by 3% for both wood apple and imported grapes.

However, increased prices were observed for banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun and the prices had increased by 4% and 6% respectively. Further, price ranges recorded for Anamalu and Ambun were Rs.13.00-17.00/fruit and Rs.16.00-21.00/fruit respectively.

According to the data in previous years, following predictions can be made with respect to fruit prices. Prices of all the banana varieties, wood apple and slime apple could increase in the coming month. However, decreased prices could be expected for papaw, passion fruit, pineapple, mango and avocado in the coming month. At the same time, a significant price change could not be expected for oranges.

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 66%.

In line with the wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased at the retail level too. Prices of all the banana varieties had decreased in the range of 2%-13%. The price ranges recorded for Ambul, Kolikuttu and Seeni during the month were Rs.80.00-120.00/kg, Rs.140.00-200.00/kg and Rs.80.00-140.00/kg respectively. Prices of Anamalu and Ambun were noted as Rs.15.00-25.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-30.00/fruit respectively. Price of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 9%, 11% and 10% respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-280.00/fruit. Further, prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had decreased by 33% and 18% respectively and the price ranges recorded were Rs.70.00-200.00/fruit and Rs.30.00-80.00/fruit respectively. In addition, prices of avocado, wood apple and slime apple had decreased by 28%, 9% and 5% respectively.

However, price of papaw had increased by 1% and the price ranged between Rs.60.00-140.00/kg. In addition, prices of passion fruit, orange and imported grapes had increased and the price increases were 3% for passion fruit and 1% for orange and imported grapes.

Compared to the same period of 2017, retail prices of all the fruit varieties except avocado and imported grapes had decreased and the highest price decrease was noted for wood apple as 43%.

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received decreased prices for banana varieties, Ambul, and Kolikuttu compared to the prices in February, 2018 while prices had increased for papaw. The prices had decreased by 11% for Ambul and by 8% for Kolikuttu. Prices of papaw had increased by 13%. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw ranged between Rs.25.00-46.67/kg, Rs.75.00-86.67/kg and Rs.37.50 - 51.71/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to March, 2017, producer prices had decreased for Kolikuttu by 44%, Ambul by 39% and for papaw by 9% (Table 4.3).

### Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 505.1mt of fresh fruits in March, 2018 to the value of Rs.70.8mn. Of the exported quantity, 83% were papaw, 13% were fresh pineapple and 4% were fresh mangoes. In addition, a small quantity of fresh avocados (0.25mt) also had exported. In the month of February, 2018, the quantity exported was 411.9mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 23%.

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,838mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs. 696mn. Of the imported quantity, 64% were apple, 19% were grapes and 17% were oranges. The main importing countries of apple were China, the United States, France and South Africa. Grapes had been imported from India, South Africa and Australia while, Australia was the importing country of oranges. In the month of February, 2018, the quantity imported was 3,790mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased slightly by 1%.

**Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-70.00	56.70	68.30	75.85	-11.60	-16.99	-19.15	-25.25
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-120.00	107.59	121.97	136.03	-14.38	-11.79	-28.44	-20.91
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-80.00	68.75	75.46	86.68	-6.71	-8.90	-17.93	-20.68
Anamalu (Fruit)	13.00-17.00	14.49	13.88	11.07	0.61	4.38	3.42	30.92
Ambun (Fruit)	16.00-21.00	18.56	17.53	14.93	1.03	5.86	3.64	24.37
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	150.00-180.00	165.93	178.72	294.74	-12.80	-7.16	-128.81	-43.70
Medium (Fruit)	110.00-150.00	127.10	138.20	240.61	-11.10	-8.03	-113.51	-47.18
Small (Fruit)	80.00-120.00	91.82	96.30	168.00	-4.48	-4.65	-76.17	-45.34
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	20.00-30.00	23.20	49.50	22.59	-26.30	-53.13	0.61	2.71
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	60.00-100.00	78.02	145.91	87.15	-67.89	-46.53	-9.13	-10.48
Vilad (Fruit)	25.00-30.00	26.88	-	27.80	-	-	-0.92	-3.32
Kohu (Fruit)	18.00-20.00	19.00	-	14.72	-	-	4.28	29.05
<b>Papaw (Kg)</b>	40.00-90.00	63.25	63.67	118.24	-0.42	-0.66	-54.99	-46.51
<b>Passionfruit (Fruit)</b>	15.00-25.00	17.20	18.26	19.60	-1.05	-5.77	-2.40	-12.23
<b>Woodapple (Fruit)</b>	12.00-17.00	14.32	14.69	41.59	-0.37	-2.54	-27.27	-65.58
<b>Orange (Fruit)</b>	15.00-25.00	18.89	20.20	27.85	-1.31	-6.51	-8.97	-32.19
<b>Avocado (Fruit)</b>	60.00-100.00	81.02	102.35	50.05	-21.33	-20.84	30.97	61.87
<b>Slime Apple (Fruit)</b>	18.00-30.00	23.58	26.54	41.42	-2.95	-11.12	-17.83	-43.06
<b>Grapes Imported (Kg)</b>	480.00-628.00	543.79	558.19	510.86	-14.40	-2.58	32.93	6.45

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits - March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
<b>Plantain</b>								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-120.00	100.43	115.06	124.66	-14.63	-12.72	-24.23	-19.44
Kolikuttu (Kg)	140.00-200.00	176.21	195.44	206.67	-19.24	-9.84	-30.46	-14.74
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-140.00	119.72	122.29	126.68	-2.57	-2.10	-6.96	-5.49
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-25.00	17.95	20.43	22.52	-2.48	-12.12	-4.57	-20.28
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-30.00	22.53	24.10	24.00	-1.57	-6.52	-1.47	-6.11
<b>Pineapple</b>								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-280.00	239.28	265.73	360.43	-26.45	-9.95	-121.15	-33.61
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-200.00	168.39	190.19	277.05	-21.79	-11.46	-108.66	-39.22
Small (Fruit)	100.00-150.00	116.57	127.98	190.09	-11.41	-8.92	-73.53	-38.68
<b>Mango</b>								
Betti (Fruit)	25.00-40.00	37.17	-	43.13	-	-	-5.96	-13.82
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	118.41	175.81	135.23	-57.40	-32.65	-16.82	-12.44
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	51.35	62.83	54.80	-11.48	-18.27	-3.45	-6.30
Kohu (Fruit)	25.00-25.00	25.00	-	26.86	-	-	-1.86	-6.91
Papaw (Kg)	60.00-140.00	105.53	104.86	172.49	0.67	0.64	-66.95	-38.82
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-42.00	31.26	30.38	38.05	0.88	2.90	-6.78	-17.83
Woodapple (Fruit)	25.00-70.00	45.71	50.27	80.28	-4.56	-9.07	-34.57	-43.06
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-60.00	37.10	36.56	51.47	0.54	1.48	-14.37	-27.92
Avocado (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	124.75	173.75	100.41	-49.00	-28.20	24.34	24.24
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	61.06	64.15	70.00	-3.09	-4.82	-8.94	-12.78
Grapes Imported (Kg)	600.00-1000.00	813.56	804.61	780.41	8.96	1.11	33.15	4.25

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

**Table 4.3: Producer Prices of Selected Fruits – March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	25.00-46.67	35.09	39.58	53.74	-4.49	-11.34	-18.65	-34.70
Kolikuttu	75.00-86.67	79.93	86.53	122.15	-6.60	-7.63	-42.22	-34.56
Papaw	37.50-51.72	47.42	41.77	69.61	5.65	13.52	-22.19	-31.88

Source Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

**Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits  
January to March 2018**

Type of Fruit	March			February			January		
	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	66.25	26.00	392.37	85.29	40.01	469.12	78.51	40.66	517.87
Papaw	416.93	37.84	90.76	302.76	33.79	111.60	432.05	38.13	88.25
Fresh Mango	21.65	6.86	317.07	23.76	9.22	387.93	25.15	14.86	590.77
Avocado, fresh	0.25	0.10	413.80	0.12	0.05	411.54	0.10	0.02	217.77
Orange, fresh	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10	0.05	541.33

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

**Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF Prices of Imported Fruits  
January to March 2018**

Type of Fruit	March			February			January		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF (Rs/kg)
Apple	2,465	372.90	151.25	2,364	334.68	141.57	2,510	333.78	132.98
Grapes	714	264.27	370.01	862	271.59	314.98	508	163.74	322.52
Oranges	659	58.88	89.29	564	52.69	93.48	641	65.01	101.46
Mandarin	2,465	372.90	151.25	2,364	334.68	141.57	2,510	333.78	132.98

*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.134.00/kg and Rs.1068.00/kg during March. Prices of most fish types have decreased due to the increased supply from Southern coastal regions. The highest price decrement was noted as 21% in both Kelawalla and Balaya, followed by Paraw (18%). In addition, prices of Hurulla and Thora have decreased by 8% and 6%, respectively. Especially, Thora showed the lowest price decrement since its supply was lower compared to most price decreased fish types. In the meantime, prices of Salaya and Mora have increased by 7% and 4%, respectively. Interestingly, prices of Thalapath and Shrimp did not show a significant price change during the month. Compared to the same period of last year, current wholesale fish prices have shown both increment as well as decrements. The highest price decrement was observed as 21% in Hurulla. Prices of Paraw and Kelawalla have decreased by either 10% or more. The lowest price decrement was noted as 2% in Balaya. In certain fish types, such as Thalapath, Shrimp, Mora, and Thora, prices have increased by 10% or less. Price of Salaya has not changed significantly.

Average retail prices of selected fish types ranged between Rs.174.00/kg and Rs.1450.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.130.00 and Rs.1900.00 to purchase a kilo of any fish type. Compared to the previous month, prices of all fish types except Mora have decreased by less than 10%. The highest price decrement was observed as 8% in Salaya, followed by 6% in Hurulla, Kelawalla, and Paraw. Prices of Shrimp and Balaya have decreased by 5% and 4%, respectively. The lowest price decrements were observed in Thalapath and Thora as 2% and 1%, respectively. Mora showed the only price increment, which was recorded as 5%. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all fish types except Hurulla have increased by 1%-27%, and the highest price increment was noted in Mora.

**Table 5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Fish - March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Wholesale Prices</b>								
Salaya	120.00-180.00	133.75	124.88	134.00	8.87	7.10	-0.25	-0.19
Hurulla	250.00-350.00	278.52	301.98	351.33	-23.45	-7.77	-72.80	-20.72
Balaya	200.00-280.00	232.02	293.57	237.44	-61.55	-20.97	-5.43	-2.28
Kelawalla	300.00-550.00	425.45	538.94	474.72	-113.49	-21.06	-49.27	-10.38
Thora	900.00-1300.00	1068.30	1132.50	1046.14	-64.20	-5.67	22.16	2.12
Paraw	350.00-600.00	473.67	577.92	531.69	-104.25	-18.04	-58.03	-10.91
Mora	450.00-650.00	528.50	509.92	512.38	18.58	3.64	16.13	3.15
Shrimp (small)	700.00-1000.00	836.02	838.04	784.75	-2.01	-0.24	51.28	6.53
Thalapath	650.00-850.00	743.75	740.28	675.56	3.47	0.47	68.19	10.09
<b>Retail Prices</b>								
Salaya	130.00-300.00	174.09	189.02	172.05	-14.93	-7.90	2.04	1.19
Hurulla	280.00-600.00	375.93	398.68	430.06	-22.75	-5.71	-54.13	-12.59
Balaya	250.00-720.00	513.15	537.05	502.28	-23.90	-4.45	10.87	2.16
Kelawalla	400.00-1200.00	794.72	842.27	770.71	-47.55	-5.65	24.01	3.11
Thora	1000.00-1900.00	1449.90	1460.72	1288.05	-10.81	-0.74	161.86	12.57
Paraw	500.00-1200.00	873.73	924.73	782.70	-51.00	-5.52	91.03	11.63
Mora	500.00-1200.00	849.41	806.69	670.64	42.73	5.30	178.77	26.66
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1400.00	1020.11	1068.60	941.56	-48.48	-4.54	78.55	8.34
Thalapath	750.00-1300.00	1057.23	1075.55	916.29	-18.32	-1.70	140.95	15.38

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.303.00/kg and Rs.1125.00/kg during March. Prices in most dried fish types have increased by less than 15% compared to previous month. The highest price increment was noted as 13% in Salaya, followed by 10% in imported Kattawa. Prices of both local Kattawa and imported Thora have increased by 9%, and that of both imported Sprats and local Thora have increased by 8%. In the meantime, prices of local and imported Mora, Anguluwa, and local Maduwa have increased by either 5% or less. Balaya showed a price decrement compared to the previous month; price of imported Balaya has decreased by 24%, and the price of local Balaya has decreased by 14%. Price of local Sprats also has decreased by 5%. However, imported Maduwa did not show any price change over the month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most dried fish types have increased by 2%-21%, and the highest price increment was noted in imported Sprats. Only Balaya showed a price decrement, and local Maduwa did not show any significant price variation.

Average retail prices of selected dried fish types ranged between Rs.660.00/kg and Rs.1503.00/kg during this month. Consumers had to pay a price ranging between Rs.400.00 and Rs.1800.00 to purchase a kilo of any dried fish type. Compared to previous month, prices of most dried fish have increased by 1%-6%. The highest price increment was observed in Maduwa, followed by Kattawa (4%). Prices of both Anguluwa and Salaya have increased by 2%, and price of Mora has increased by 1%. The only price decrement was observed in imported Sprats as 1%. Prices of Balaya, Thora, and local Sprats have not changed significantly over the month. Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most dried fish types have increased by 2%-24%, and the highest price increment was observed in Salaya.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Dried fish – Wholesale</b>								
Sprats	750.00-950.00	843.39	890.92	804.76	-47.54	-5.34	38.63	4.80
Sprats (imported)	480.00-600.00	547.50	507.50	452.07	40.00	7.88	95.43	21.11
Kattawa	800.00-1000.00	921.19	845.13	799.10	76.06	9.00	122.09	15.28
Kattawa (imported)	750.00-920.00	831.75	759.08	728.08	72.67	9.57	103.67	14.24
Thora	1050.00-1200.00	1125.00	1043.56	1044.06	81.44	7.80	80.94	7.75
Thora (imported)	1000.00-1150.00	1083.57	990.19	1018.06	93.38	9.43	65.51	6.43
Mora	800.00-900.00	852.02	824.93	795.71	27.09	3.28	56.31	7.08
Mora (imported)	750.00-850.00	797.00	756.67	746.11	40.33	5.33	50.89	6.82
Balaya	300.00-400.00	353.00	410.16	457.36	-57.16	-13.94	-104.36	-22.82
Balaya (imported)	250.00-350.00	302.86	399.13	482.77	-96.27	-24.12	-179.91	-37.27
Anguluwa	750.00-950.00	850.41	814.00	814.71	36.41	4.47	35.70	4.38
Anguluwa (imported)	650.00-850.00	762.75	755.50	719.61	7.25	0.96	43.14	5.99
Maduwa	460.00-650.00	546.25	522.08	547.25	24.17	4.63	-1.00	-0.18
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	432.75	432.55	426.25	0.20	0.05	6.50	1.52
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	280.00-380.00	323.99	286.39	286.47	37.60	13.13	37.52	13.10
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dried fish – Retail</b>								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	718.11	726.08	618.30	-7.98	-1.10	99.81	16.14
Sprats	900.00-1500.00	1140.78	1136.27	1038.50	4.51	0.40	102.28	9.85
Kattawa	950.00-1500.00	1192.33	1141.83	1172.43	50.50	4.42	19.90	1.70
Thora	1200.00-1800.00	1502.70	1504.60	1465.96	-1.89	-0.13	36.74	2.51
Mora	900.00-1300.00	1122.97	1114.51	1079.08	8.46	0.76	43.89	4.07
Balaya	480.00-100.00	804.52	808.24	833.73	-3.72	-0.46	-29.21	-3.50
Anguluwa	800.00-1300.00	1092.75	1070.52	1018.55	22.23	2.08	74.21	7.29
Maduwa	600.00-800.00	755.95	710.42	800.52	45.54	6.41	-44.57	-5.57
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	400.00-900.00	660.49	648.19	532.38	12.30	1.90	128.11	24.06

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Eggs

Wholesale price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.12.50 and Rs.14.50 with an average of Rs.13.84 during March. Moreover, the wholesale price of a white egg ranged between Rs.11.00 and Rs.13.00 with an average of Rs.12.38. Price of a brown egg did not show a significant change compared to the previous month; however, price of a white egg had increased by 1% compared to the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of brown egg has increased by 3%, whereas that of a white egg has decreased by 5%.

Retail price of a brown egg ranged between Rs.13.00 and Rs.16.50 with an average of Rs.15.07. In the meantime, retail price of a white egg ranged between Rs.12.00 and Rs.15.00 with an average of Rs.13.77. Compared to previous month, prices of both egg types have increased by 2%. However, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of a brown egg has not changed significantly, whereas the price of a white egg has decreased by 2%.

**Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
<b>Wholesale Price</b>								
Eggs – Brown (each)	12.00-14.50	13.84	13.85	13.50	-0.01	-0.06	0.34	2.51
White (each)	11.00-13.00	12.38	12.31	13.00	0.06	0.51	-0.63	-4.81
<b>Retail Price</b>								
Eggs- Brown (each)	13.00-16.50	15.07	14.82	15.01	0.24	1.65	0.05	0.36
White (each)	12.00-15.00	13.77	13.43	14.09	0.33	2.49	-0.32	-2.31

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

## Meat

Retail prices of Chicken and Mutton have increased compared to previous month; however, it was either 5% or less. Especially, price of Curry Chicken has increased by 5%, and the price of Broiler Chicken has increased by 3%. In addition, price of Mutton has increased by 1%. Prices of Beef and Pork did not show any price variation over the month. However, compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of all meat types except Pork have increased more than 5%. The highest price increment was recorded as 12% in Curry Chicken. Price of Pork has decreased by 7%.

**Table 5.4: Retail Prices of Meat – March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
<b>Meat</b>								
Beef (without bones)	900.00-1000.00	950.00	950.00	871.13	0.00	0.00	78.87	9.05
Chicken (Broiler)	450.00-670.00	528.18	514.10	479.77	14.08	2.74	48.41	10.09
Chicken (curry)	480.00-670.00	546.97	521.01	488.10	25.96	4.98	58.87	12.06
Mutton	1700.00-1900.00	1809.58	1793.75	1708.13	15.83	0.88	101.46	5.94
Pork	500.00-500.00	532.00	530.00	570.83	2.00	0.38	-38.83	-6.80

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

## 6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

### Wheat grain, Wheat flour

A total quantity of 203,083mt. worth of 8,311mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of March. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has marginally decreased. Wheat grain for the month of March had been mainly imported from Canada (65%) and the CIF price was Rs.44.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Pakistan (34,032mt.) and Russia (24,428mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from United States (4%), Australia (1%) and Ukraine (1%). A few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.34.00-54.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.41.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has decreased by Rs.1.00/kg. The highest CIF price was reported for the Indian wheat grain stock while, the lowest was recorded for the Russian stocks. A sharp increase in the world wheat prices was noted during the month of March and it was 11% compared to previous month.

A total quantity of 821mt. of wheat flour worth of 44mn. had been imported during the month of March and this was the highest quantity imported over the last five months. It is noted that, re-exporting prospects caused this sudden increase. The highest quantity of wheat flour for the month of March had been imported from the United Arab Emirates (90%) and the CIF price was



Rs.51.00/kg. Wheat flour had been also imported from India (7%) and Indonesia (3%) as well. A few quantities were also imported from Germany and Singapore. The CIF price for wheat flour for the month of March ranged between Rs.51.00-107.00/kg and the average CIF was Rs.53.00/kg. However, the average CIF price has decreased by Rs.13.00/kg compared to the previous month. The highest CIF price was reported for the German wheat flour stock whilst, the lowest recorded for the United Arab Emirates stocks.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.82.00-98.00/kg and the average price was Rs.90.00/kg. 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 – March 2018**

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Mar 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Feb 2018		Mar 2017	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	82.00-98.00	89.77	90.23	89.25	-0.46	-0.51	0.52	0.58
Sugar	100.00-115.00	108.81	109.12	105.35	-0.31	-0.28	3.46	3.28

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Table 6.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Wheat Flour & Grain October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
<b>Wheat Flour</b>					
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
December	765	51.80	67.68	88.50	20.82
November	71	5.58	78.68	89.96	11.28
October	236	16.77	71.18	89.98	18.80
<b>Wheat Grain</b>					
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
December	64,673	2453.03	37.93	88.50	50.57
November	227,970	8636.28	37.88	89.96	52.08
October	172,448	6539.09	37.92	89.98	52.06

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

## Sugar

A total quantity of 22,486mt. worth of 1,534mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of March and the quantity has increased by 8,515mt. compared to the previous imported quantity. Sugar for the month of March had been mainly imported from Pakistan (35%). The second highest sugar quantity was imported from Thailand (32%). Furthermore, sugar had also been imported from the United Arab Emirates (12%), Guatemala (10%) and India (10%) as well. In addition, a few quantities were also imported from France, Korea and Malaysia. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.59.00-128.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.68.00/kg. The average CIF price has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg compared to previous month. The highest CIF price was applied to the imports of Malaysia, while the lowest for the Pakistan stocks. World sugar prices have continued to decrease in the month of March as well and it was 7% compared to the previous month.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of March, the price ranged between Rs.100.00-115.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.109.00/kg. Average retail price for sugar has not changed significantly during the month. Compared to the same period of last year average retail price has increased by 3%.

**Table 6.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Sugar- October 2017 to March 2018**

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
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
December	21,347	1434.8	67.22	111.87	44.65
November	27,840	1930.8	69.35	111.16	41.81
October	30,995	2162.9	69.78	111.37	41.59

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

**Table 7: Import of Selected Food Items – March 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
	Mar 2018	Feb 2018		Mar 2018	Feb 2018		Mar 2018	Feb 2018	
Rice	71,244	54,791	30.0	4627.4	3641.5	27.1	64.95	66.46	-2.3
Red Onion	1,496	1,925	-22.3	125.5	173.4	-27.6	83.94	90.07	-6.8
Big Onion	32,016	21,143	51.4	1343.9	1465.7	-8.3	41.97	69.32	-39.5
Potato	7,427	22,146	-66.5	206.3	626.6	-67.1	27.78	28.29	-1.8
Dried Chillies	5,610	3,866	45.1	1137.9	755.8	50.6	202.85	195.47	3.8
Masoor Dhal	15,207	11,855	28.3	1222.0	1004.9	21.6	80.36	84.76	-5.2
Green Gram	1,480	1,763	-16.1	203.1	221.5	-8.3	137.25	125.68	9.2
Cowpea	775	603	28.4	97.0	81.4	19.1	125.15	134.89	-7.2
Garlic	3,252	2,234	45.6	426.2	285.3	49.4	131.07	127.74	2.6
Wheat flour	821	280	193.1	43.7	18.6	135.0	53.26	66.43	-19.8
Wheat grain	203,083	231,233	-12.2	8311.0	9146.9	-9.1	40.92	39.56	3.5
White crystalline cane sugar	22,486	13,971	60.9	1534.0	928.6	65.2	68.22	66.47	2.6
Maize (Seed)	-	847	-	-	36.4	-	-	42.98	-
Maize (Other)	71,244	54,791	30.0	4627.4	3641.5	27.1	64.95	66.46	-2.3
Sprats, dried unsalted	1,496	1,925	-22.3	125.5	173.4	-27.6	83.94	90.07	-6.8

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs

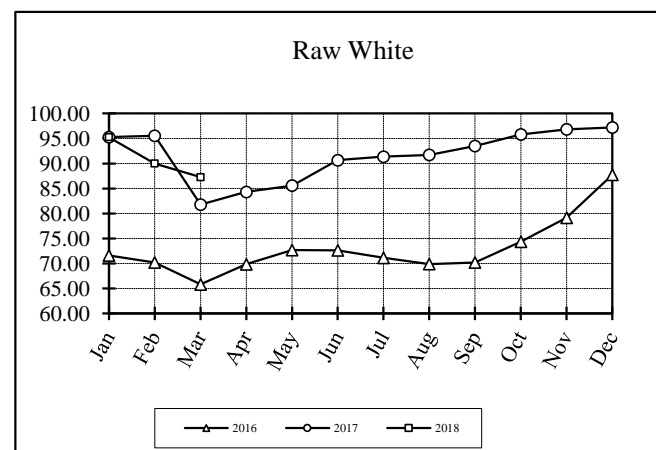
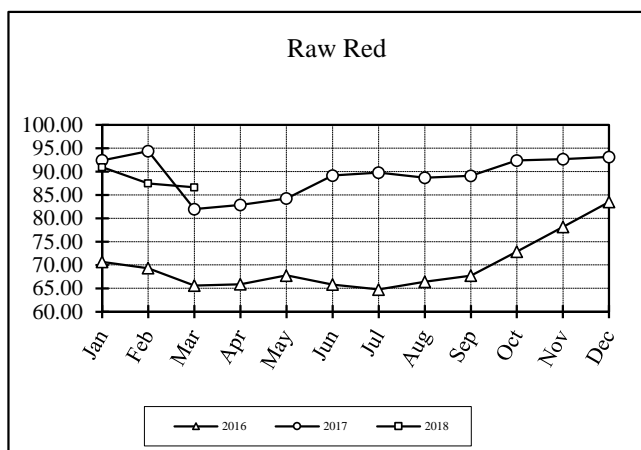
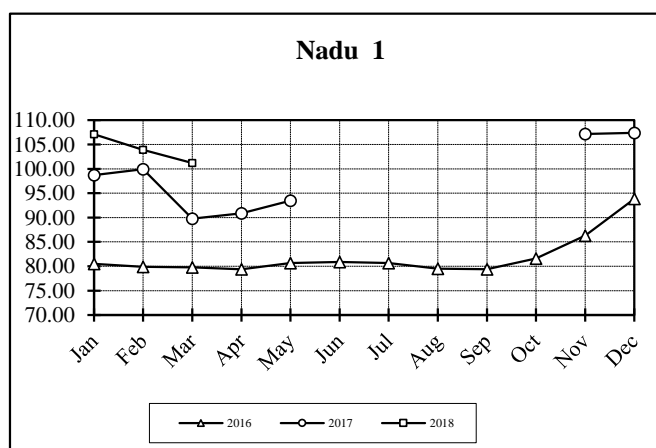
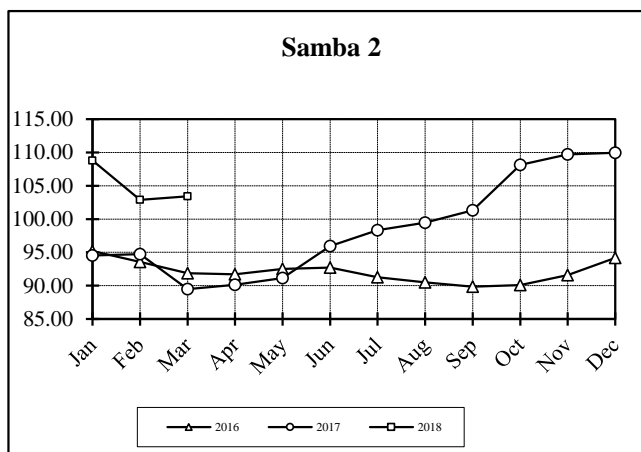
**Table 8: Monthly Rainfall (mm) – March 2018**

<b>Rainfall Station</b>	<b>Total Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)</b>	<b>Total Rainy Days</b>	<b>30 Year Average Rainy Days</b>
Anuradhapura	59.1	68.7	5	5
Badulla	122.3	119.4	12	9
Bandarawela	200.0	98.5	14	7
Batticaloa	133.4	89.0	7	6
Colombo	68.8	128.0	10	9
Galle	120.1	111.3	15	9
Hambantota	93.3	65.4	5	5
Jaffna	48.6	25.7	3	2
Katugastota	-	71.9	-	8
Katunayaka	59.0	132.9	7	8
Kurunegala	-	139.1	-	8
Mahailuppallama	-	84.9	-	6
Mannar	22.7	44.4	3	3
Nuwara Eliya	79.1	71.5	10	8
Pottuvil	199.8	75.7	13	na
Puttalam	13.4	67.7	6	5
Ratmalana	-	141.5	-	9
Ratnapura	-	212.2	-	14
Trincomalee	15.2	55.5	4	4
Vavuniya	123.3	62.9	7	4
Polonnaruwa	-	na	-	na
Moneragala	152.4	na	10	na
Mattala	178.8	na	7	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		79.38	90.88		65.88	82.89		69.83	84.30	
May	92.51	91.16		80.65	93.46		67.75	84.24		72.67	85.58	
Jun	92.71	95.95		80.90			65.82	89.17		72.63	90.65	
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 03: Farmgate/Producer Prices of Food Commodities  
in Selected Producing Areas (Rs/Kg)**

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Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Commodity	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week
<b>Paddy</b>					<b>Potato</b>					<b>Leeks</b>				
<b>Short grain</b>					N'Eliya	68.20	73.00	67.60	67.80	Welimada	76.00	73.67	71.00	71.00
A'pura	50.67	49.00	51.20	51.75	Badulla			69.00	66.00	N'Eliya	68.00	78.00	82.00	108.00
P'naruwa	56.75	50.63	53.38	58.63	Welimada	55.75	65.75	61.50	74.00	<b>Beetroot</b>				
Kalawewa		48.00	50.67	52.40	<b>Pulses</b>					Hanguranketha	22.50	32.50	22.50	32.50
Kurunegala	50.67	53.67	46.00	41.67	<b>Green Gram</b>					N'Eliya	23.00	23.00	22.00	22.00
Dehiattakandiya	54.86	48.63	47.90	49.67	Galgamuwa			155.00	150.00	Dambulla	22.40	21.00	12.80	19.40
Ampara	56.50	49.00	51.50	51.50	Kalawewa			174.00	174.00	Kurunegala				
<b>Long grain (White)</b>					Embilipitiya	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	Welimada	34.00	34.00	26.00	21.67
A'pura	40.40	38.80	41.20	40.86	Kurunegala					<b>Knokhol</b>				
P'naruwa	43.75	39.63	42.25	44.63	A'pura	171.67	171.67	175.00	175.00	Hanguranketha	25.00	19.00	22.50	
Kalawewa		38.00	36.67	41.40	<b>Cowpea</b>					N'Eliya	19.20	19.20	19.20	22.60
Kurunegala	44.00	46.50	41.33	37.67	A'pura	152.50	156.00	153.33	157.50	Welimada	16.00	21.00	15.33	20.67
Dehiattakandiya	37.75	36.33	38.00	40.57	Galgamuwa	34.00	34.00	26.00	21.67	<b>Radish</b>				
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya	156.67	166.67	166.67	176.67	Hanguranketha	10.00	9.00	11.00	10.00
Ampara	44.00	41.50	43.00	43.50	Kalawewa			150.00	150.00	N'Eliya	8.00	8.00	8.00	12.20
Matara	38.67	38.67	35.33	39.33	Embilipitiya	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	Welimada	7.50	8.50	8.50	10.67
Hambantota					Kurunegala					<b>Cabbage</b>				
<b>Long grain (Red)</b>					<b>Maize</b>					Hanguranketha	19.00	21.00	22.50	17.50
Matara	38.67	38.67	34.33	38.00	A'Pura	42.67	43.25	43.00	43.20	N'Eliya	18.60	18.60	21.20	21.20
Hambantota	35.80	36.40	36.80	35.50	Kalawewa					Welimada	11.00	16.00	8.33	11.33
Ampara	41.50	40.00	39.50	38.00	<b>Gingelly</b>					Hambantota				
Embilipitiya	39.50	39.50	39.50	37.50	A'Pura	167.00	172.50	163.33	165.00	Badulla	24.00	19.00	22.00	21.00
<b>Other Food Crops</b>					Kalawewa			173.33	170.00	<b>Tomato</b>				
<b>Dried Chillies</b>					<b>Black Gram</b>					Hanguranketha	30.00	22.50	22.50	19.00
A'Pura					Kalawewa			101.67	97.50	Welimada	16.00	24.33	16.00	14.33
Galgamuwa					A'Pura	104.40	110.00	100.00	109.00	Hambantota	17.50	30.00	37.50	30.00
Kalawewa					<b>Vegetables (Up Country)</b>					Dambulla	21.80	25.60	21.40	15.20
<b>Red Onion</b>					<b>Beans</b>					<b>Low Country</b>				
Puttalam					Dambulla	62.00	68.60	79.80	76.00	<b>Ladies Fingers</b>				
<b>Big Onion</b>					Welimada	66.00	83.00	84.33	68.67	A'pura	28.33	27.50	28.75	35.00
Dambulla					Badulla	79.00	67.00	68.00	69.00	Dambulla	50.00	38.60	26.80	30.60
Kalawewa					<b>Carrot</b>					Hambantota	65.00	57.50	55.00	47.50
A'Pura					Hanguranketha	45.00	51.67	45.00	55.00	Embilipitiya	56.67	56.67	55.00	40.33
Kurunegala					N'Eliya	47.60	53.20	53.20	78.60	Matara	57.50	62.50	62.50	65.00
					Welimada	45.33	54.33	36.00	54.33					

**Appendix 03: contd.....**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>
<b><u>Brinjals</u></b>					<b><u>Pumpkin</u></b>					<b><u>Lime</u></b>				
A'pura	38.33	40.00	43.75	41.67	Dambulla	46.60	43.60	25.20	13.80	Hambantota	22.50	22.50	32.50	32.50
Dambulla	70.60	41.40	46.60	27.20	Hambantota	50.00	47.50	50.00	40.00	Embilipitiya	24.00	31.71	37.14	37.14
Hambantota	62.50	42.50	40.00	32.50	Embilipitiya	46.67	47.50	49.17	49.17	Moneragala	21.67	33.33	43.67	31.67
Embilipitiya	65.00	51.00	53.86	43.86	Matara					<b><u>Fruits (Rs/Kg)</u></b>				
Matara	43.33	43.33	43.33	46.67	A'pura	47.50	47.50	51.67	40.00	<b><u>Banana</u></b>				
Welimada	56.00	54.33	44.33	36.00	Moneragala	34.33	35.33	26.00	20.67	<b><u>Ambul</u></b>				
					<b><u>Cucumber</u></b>					Moneragala	46.67	46.67	45.00	45.00
<b><u>Capsicum</u></b>					A'pura	28.33	41.67	40.00	31.67	Embilipitiya	26.00	34.29	34.29	35.71
Welimada	76.00	94.33	56.00	73.67	Dambulla	40.60	36.60	27.00	31.60	Hambantota	27.50	27.50	27.50	25.00
<b><u>Bitter Gourd</u></b>					Hambantota	40.00	37.50	32.50	27.50	<b><u>Kolikuttu</u></b>				
A'pura	56.67	46.67	65.00	65.00	Matara					Moneragala	78.33	80.00	81.67	85.00
Dambulla	62.60	48.80	40.40	39.60	<b><u>Long beans</u></b>					Embilipitiya	77.50	83.33	86.67	86.67
Hambantota	140.00	100.00	90.00	90.00	Dambulla	56.00	35.40	37.60	40.20	Hambantota	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Embilipitiya	115.00	100.00	58.75	88.57	Hambantota	65.00	65.00	47.50	37.50	<b><u>Papaw</u></b>				
					Embilipitiya	75.00	80.00	88.00	78.00	Moneragala				
<b><u>Snake Gourd</u></b>					Matara	46.67	53.33	53.33	53.33	Embilipitiya	51.71	51.71	51.71	51.71
Dambulla	34.80	36.40	35.00	29.80	A'Pura	23.33	35.00	37.50	38.33	Hambantota	37.50	45.00	45.00	45.00
Hambantota	50.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	<b><u>Ash Plantain</u></b>					<b><u>Pineapple</u></b>				
Embilipitiya	58.33	49.17	53.33	47.50	Hambantota	52.50	52.50	42.50	37.50	Divulapitiya				
Matara					Embilipitiya	43.14	43.14	44.57	38.86					
A'pura	38.33	38.33	50.00	45.00	Matara	63.33	63.33	56.67	63.33					
<b><u>Luffa</u></b>					<b><u>Green Chillies</u></b>									
Dambulla	51.80	51.00	49.20	61.80	Dambulla	56.80	59.40	55.40	38.20					
Hambantota	80.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	Hambantota	72.50	120.00	120.00	90.00					
Embilipitiya	75.00	75.00	76.67	74.17	Embilipitiya	93.75	106.43	89.29	73.14					
Matara					Puttalam									
A'pura	61.67	63.33	63.33	75.00	A'Pura	45.00	83.33	86.67	60.00					