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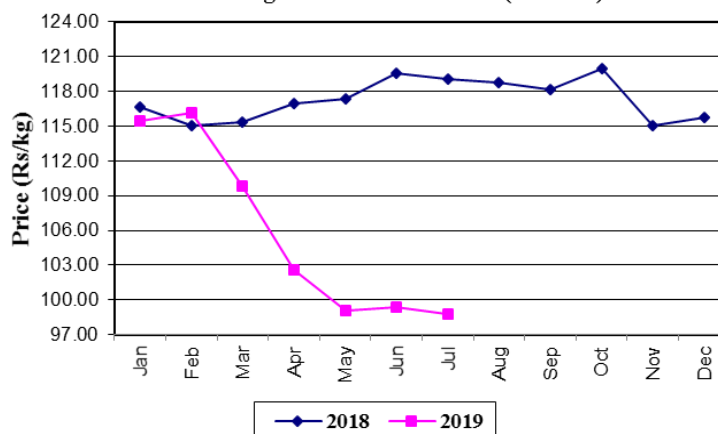
RICE:

Retail prices of all the rice varieties, except for samba grade I, had increased compared to the previous month. Retail prices of all the rice varieties ranged between Rs.75.00-100.00/kg during the month. Retail price of samba grade I ranged between Rs.96.00-100.00/kg.

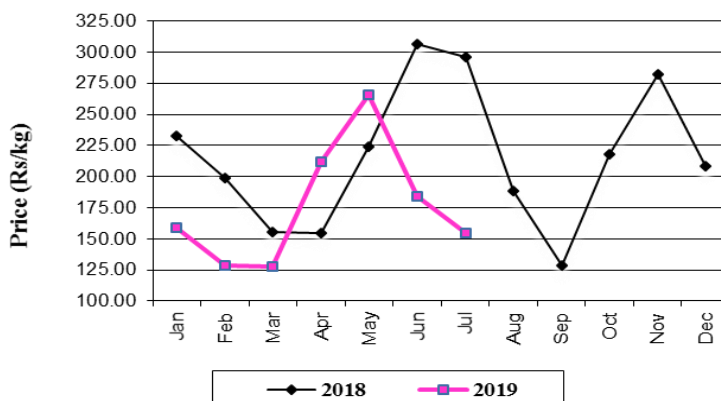
VEGETABLES:

Supplies of vegetable were further limited during this month too. Hence, the prices of most of the vegetables have increased. The highest price increase (Rs.58.00/kg) was reported for bitter gourd. Vegetable prices are expected to increase further during next month too.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



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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Colombo and suburb Markets

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

1. Paddy

Crop Situation

The prospects of paddy crop in 2019 *Yala* season were moderately satisfactory in most of the major producing areas and the crop is at maturity, ripening and harvesting stages. Dry weather was prevailed in most of the major producing areas in the country throughout the month. A satisfactory progress was recorded in producing areas in Mahaweli Zones, Ampara and Polonnaruwa Districts. According to the latest crop forecast report of Department of Agriculture, the target paddy extent is 471,956 ha. The cultivation progress up to end July is 377,601 ha and it is 80% of the target. The cultivation progress is 12% higher with compare to the average extent of last three *Yala* seasons. Crop damages were reported in Batticaloe, Kurunegala, Ampara and Puttalam districts mainly due to the drought and pest damages. Further report reveals that the production forecast for the *Yala* season is 1.54 million Mt. Harvesting of paddy crop is in progress in producing areas in the Eastern province and the peak harvesting is expected in the latter part of next month.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Yala* 2019 season as at end of July 2019

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	Production Forecast based on Achievement (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast (mt)
Anuradhapura	46,446	18,250	39	65,890			65,890
Polonnaruwa	32,605	30,709	94	135,824			135,824
Ampara	57,014	50,017	88	220,773	966	2,777	217,995
Kurunegala	46,384	48,813	105	219,171	2,061	4,627	214,543
Hambantota	27,023	24,969	92	122,601	-	-	122,601
Colombo	1,937	897	46	2,172	-	-	2,172
Gampaha	5,980	5,752	96	13,983	-	-	13,983
Kalutara	7,245	5,181	72	14,674	-	-	14,674
Galle	6,400	2,918	46	6,691	-	-	6,691
Matara	14,780	12,833	87	37,385	-	-	37,385
Ratnapura	8,280	6,144	74	20,003	-	-	20,003
Kegalle	9,031	2,049	23	5,971	-	-	5,971
Puttalam	16,847	8,760	52	29,336	695	1,746	27,590
Kandy	9,156	6,070	66	18,811	-	-	18,811
Matale	12,191	7,655	63	31,459	-	-	31,459
N' Eliya	4,712	955	20	1,964	-	-	1,964
Badulla	8,594	6,173	72	23,665	-	-	23,665
Monaragala	17,242	9,629	56	39,444	-	-	39,444
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	8,715	8,576	98	33,431	-	-	33,431
Vavuniya	2,624	2,670	102	10,554	-	-	10,554
Mullaitivu	5,297	5,533	104	20,309	-	-	20,309
Mannar	1,380	2,050	149	7,692	-	-	7,692
Trincomalee	24,255	19,444	80	88,691	70	291	88,400
Batticaloa	27,444	28,197	103	114,978	2,978	10,429	104,549
Udawalawa	9,124	10,154	111	53,771	-	-	53,771
System H	14,000	2,587	18	10,741	-	-	10,741
System H1	4,426	2,253	51	9,354	-	-	9,354
System B	17,436	19,660	113	81,628	-	-	81,628
System C	19,733	21,848	111	90,713	-	-	90,713
System G	3,341	4,707	141	19,543	-	-	19,543
System D	520	691	133	1,869	-	-	2,869
Rambakanoya	972	740	76	3,072	-	-	3,072
System L	823	718	87	2,981	-	-	2,981
Sri Lanka	471,956	377,601	80	1,560,143	6,770	19,871	1,540,273

Source: Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2019, Vol 02, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

The prices of long grain white paddy have slightly declined in major producing areas like Ampara and Dehiattakandiya mainly due to the arrival of newly harvested paddy to the markets from the producing areas in the Eastern province. However, the prices of long grain white paddy were stable in major producing areas like Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa due to the competitive buying of the rice millers. Meanwhile the prices of long grain red paddy were stable in the producing areas in Southern Province. The monthly average prices of short grain white paddy have decreased slightly in most of the major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have decreased by 11% in Ampara major producing area. The prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.34.00-43.00/Kg and Rs.32.00-46.00/Kg in major producing areas. The lowest price for long grain white paddy was recorded in Ampara for newly harvested high moisture paddy. The monthly prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs 35.00-38.00/Kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to the field information it is expected to that paddy prices will be slightly decline during next month due to the peak harvesting of the crop in *Yala* season.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of long grain white paddy have increased nearly 15% in Anuradhapura and Kurunegala producing areas. However, the prices of short grain white have decreased by 19%-33%. Mean while the prices of long grain red paddy have increased nearly 16%, in Hambantota & Embilipitiya.

Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – July 2019

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	38.00-41.00	37.00-40.00	39.20	38.39	55.56	0.81	2.12	-16.36	-29.45
Polonnaruwa	34.00-42.19	39.06-41.00	39.54	39.75	0.00	-0.21	-0.53	-	-
Kalawewa	40.00-43.00	-	41.40	-	55.77	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	38.00-42.00	38.00-44.00	40.20	40.60	49.73	-0.40	-0.99	-9.53	-19.17
Dehiattakandiya	39.00-39.00	39.00-40.00	39.00	39.08	-	-0.08	-0.21	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	35.00-37.00	36.00-37.00	36.35	36.50	54.56	-0.15	-0.41	-18.21	-33.38
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	40.00-46.00	38.00-43.00	42.46	40.24	36.60	2.22	5.52	5.86	16.01
Polonnaruwa	39.00-44.53	39.06-45.00	42.74	41.41	0.00	1.33	3.22	-	-
Kalawewa	42.00-46.00	-	43.40	-	37.60	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	40.00-43.00	39.00-45.00	42.05	41.86	36.47	0.19	0.46	5.58	15.31
Dehiattakandiya	39.00-39.00	39.00-40.00	39.00	39.50	-	-0.50	-1.27	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	32.00-40.00	39.00-41.00	35.50	40.25	-	-4.75	-11.80	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	35.00-36.50	35.00-37.00	36.00	35.94	38.93	0.06	0.17	-2.93	-7.53
Hambantota	35.00-38.00	35.00-37.00	36.23	36.35	31.32	-0.12	-0.32	4.91	15.69
Embilipitiya	35.00-38.00	35.00-38.00	36.20	36.18	30.91	0.02	0.06	5.29	17.10

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Supplies of samba, raw white and nadu grade II have increased mainly from Kekirawa, Polonnaruwa, Anuradhapura and Eraur. Therefore, wholesale price of samba grade I and grade II have decreased by 4% and 2% respectively. Further, the price of nadu grade II has decreased by 2% followed by raw white (1%). However, raw red stocks were limited from Eraur and Batticaloa, which resulted to a slight increase of raw red prices (less than 1%) during the month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of samba grade I and II had decreased by 15% and 21% respectively while that of other rice varieties had increased by 3%-10%.

Retail Prices

The retail price of samba grade II has decreased by 4% followed by nadu grade II and samba grade I as 1%. No significant price changes were recorded for nadu grade I and raw rice varieties. The highest retail price of Rs.100.00/kg was reported for samba grade I, while the lowest price of Rs.75.00/kg was observed for raw red.

Compare to the same period of last year, prices of samba grade I and II had decreased by 17% and 19% respectively. The prices of nadu rice varieties had decreased by 6%-7% followed by raw red (1%).

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice –July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	88.00-96.00	91.26	94.65	107.80	-3.39	-3.58	-16.54	-15.34
Samba 2	78.00-83.00	79.96	81.63	101.25	-1.67	-2.04	-21.29	-21.02
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	87.00-87.00	87.00	86.54	91.50	0.46	0.53	-	-
Nadu 2	78.00-82.00	79.08	80.95	76.86	-1.87	-2.31	2.22	2.89
Raw red	65.00-72.00	67.82	67.68	64.11	0.14	0.21	3.71	5.79
Raw white	75.00-85.00	76.98	77.89	70.29	-0.91	-1.17	6.69	9.52
Imported Samba	-	-	-	94.17	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	67.00	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-100.00	98.81	99.33	119.08	-0.51	-0.52	-20.27	-17.02
Samba 2	85.00-95.00	87.49	90.71	108.00	-3.23	-3.56	-20.51	-18.99
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-95.00	92.75	92.73	99.99	0.03	0.03	-7.23	-7.23
Nadu 2	80.00-85.00	83.23	84.40	88.98	-1.17	-1.39	-5.75	-6.46
Raw red	75.00-85.00	79.31	79.19	80.52	0.12	0.15	-1.21	-1.50
Raw white	78.00-90.00	85.86	85.64	83.80	0.22	0.26	2.06	2.46
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	101.59	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	84.26	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	84.18	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

About 3637ha of green chilli had been cultivated by the end of July 2019, which represent 61% achievement in extent from the targeted extent of 6,030 ha. Though the highest targeted extent was reported from Anuradhapura (684ha) the highest cultivated extent was reported from Puttalam (429 ha) followed by Monaragala (371ha). Daluwa, Mampuri, Thalawila, Nawakkadu, Eththala are major green chilli cultivation areas in Puttalam district. At the end of July around 50% of the harvest in Puttalam district has been supplied to the market. Approximately, 15 222Mt of harvest is expected from the available cultivated extent of green chilli. Out of that 51% of the production will be supplied to the market from Puttalam (20%), Anuradhapura (11%), Monaragala (10%), Matale (5%) and Vavuniya (5%) districts.

Table 2.1.1: Target and cultivation progress of green chilli for Yala 2019

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress by the end of July 2019		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	684	313	46	1,605
puttalam	655	429	65	2,926
Monaragala	465	371	80	1,506
Vavuniya	250	246	99	759
Kandy	238	51	22	255
Matale	225	150	67	758
Hambantota	176	159	91	677
Mullativu	200	104	52	687
Other areas	3,127	1,814	58	6,049
Total	6,030	3,637	61	15,222

Source:

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

All the major producing areas showed higher producer prices for green chilli during the first two, three weeks of the month. Since the last week of the month, it showed decreasing trend due to increased supply from main producing areas. However, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased by about Rs.57.00 /kg and Rs.96.00/kg respectively due to low supplies from main producing areas at the first three weeks of the month. The average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.325.60/kg and Rs.522.83/kg respectively and both prices were higher than that of the prices of dried chilli. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have decreased by about 31% and 25% respectively.

A quantity of 6291Mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month and it was an increase of 3,539Mt compared to that of the previous month. The CIF price was Rs.266.83/kg and it was an increase of Rs.13.00/kg compared to last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.30.00/Kg and Rs.20.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about 25% and 12% respectively.

Table 2.1.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried chilli and green chilli - July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	160.00-520.00	325.60	268.75	471.17	56.85	21.15	-145.57	-30.90
Dried Chilli	305.00-335.00	315.00	285.20	252.73	29.80	10.45	62.27	24.64
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	250.00-800.00	522.83	426.30	700.22	96.53	22.64	-177.39	-25.33
Dried Chilli	320.00-400.00	365.35	345.06	325.59	20.29	5.88	39.76	12.21

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.1.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported dried chilli-Feb 2019 to July2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	6,291	1,678.58	266.83	365.35	98.51
June	2,752	698.52	253.81	345.06	91.25
May	3,529	826.58	234.25	328.50	94.24
Apr	3,584	779.92	217.61	324.25	106.64
Mar	5,830	1,272.18	218.21	329.23	111.02
Feb	4,855	1,134.21	233.62	335.00	101.39

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

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop Situation

In the Matale district, about 584 ha of big onion had been cultivated representing 62% of the targeted extent by the end of July 2019. When compared to the previous *Yala* season, about 7% decreased in the cultivated extent was observed in the Matale district due to unfavorable weather condition and high cost of production. Dambulla, Sigiriya, Galewela and Dewahuwa were the major big onion producing areas in Matale district. Cultivation progress in Anuradhapura district also was in a low level.

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of big onion for Yala 2019

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of July 2019		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Matale	942	584.3	62	13,763
Anuradhapura	870	142.3	17	2,008
System H1	1,500	312	21	3,950
System H	700	109	16	1,380
Vavuniya	140	92.8	67	1,472
Other areas	754	85	12	1,001
Total	4,906	1,326	27	23,574

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

The production forecast of big onion of this *Yala* season is about 2,3574Mt and out of that 79% will be supplied from Matale (59%), Anuradhapura (9%) and system H1 (17%) areas.

The cultivated extent of red onion for *Yala* season was 2,774 ha by the end of July 2019, representing 64% of targeted extent in Sri Lanka. The highest cultivated extent was reported from

Jaffna (1,506ha) followed by Puttalam (440ha). The production forecast of red onion of this *Yala* season is about 3,4580Mt and out of that around 88% was supplied from Jaffna (49%), Puttalam (24%) and Vavuniya (15%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of red onion for Yala 2019

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress as at the end of July 2019		Expected Production (mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	1,870	1,506	81	1,6802
Puttalam	1,010	440	44	8,084
Vavunia	400	424	106	5,157
Trincomalee	249	203	82	2,479
Other areas	812	201	25	2,058
Total	4,341	2,774	64	34,580

Source: Crop Forecast, Crop Forecasting Unit, Department of Agriculture

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 21,038Mt of big onion was imported in July 2019 from India which was about 3,571Mt higher compared to previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.58.29/kg and it has decreased by about Rs.2.00 / kg against previous month. However, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by Rs.9.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about 13% and 8% respectively.

Supplies of local red onion from Jaffna and Puttalam districts have increased during this month with the commencement of harvesting season. Limited quantity of sinnan red onion was available at the wholesale market with the price range of Rs.50.00-110.00/kg. Both wholesale and retail prices of vedalan red onion have decreased by about Rs.35.00 /kg and Rs.7.00/ kg respectively. Prices of local red onion will decrease further during coming months with the increase of supply from main producing areas.

About 150 Mt of red onion were imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 542Mt compared to the previous month. Average CIF price was Rs.107.84/kg and it was a decrease of Rs.24.00/kg compared to that of last month. Wholesale price of imported to red onion has decreased by about Rs.18.00/kg while imported red anion stocks were not available at the retail markets. Compared to the same period of last year, retail price of vedalan has increased by 15%.

Table 2.2.3: Wholesale prices and retail prices of red onion and big onion July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	50.00-110.00	81.33	-	109.01	-	-	-27.68	-25.39
Red Onion (Vedalan)	80.00-190.00	143.70	178.83	116.85	-35.13	-19.65	26.86	22.98
Red Onion (Imported)	110.00-180.00	148.45	166.00	133.21	-17.55	-10.57	15.23	11.44
Big Onion (imported)	93.00-105.00	97.66	89.10	86.44	8.56	9.61	11.22	12.98
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	-	-	166.25	184.01	-	-	-	-
Red Onion (Vedalan)	120.00-300.00	222.51	229.57	193.91	-7.06	-3.07	28.60	14.75
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	170.61	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-140.00	124.20	114.91	115.02	9.28	8.08	9.18	7.98
Big Onion (Local)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.4: Monthly average CIF, and gross margin of wholesale and retail prices for imported onion

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	July,2019	58.29	97.66	124.20	39.37	26.54
	June, 2019	59.56	89.10	114.91	29.53	25.82
	May,2018	49.05	86.44	115.02	37.39	28.58
Red onion	July,2019	107.84	148.45	-	40.61	-
	June,2019	131.77	166.00	-	34.23	-
	May,2018	67.17	133.21	170.61	66.04	37.40

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

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	July,2019	June,2019	July,2019	June,2019	July,2019	June,2019
Red Onion	150	692	16.2	91.2	107.84	131.77
Big Onion	21,038	17,467	1,226.2	1,040.4	58.29	59.56

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

Table 2.2.6: Quantity imported, CIF price, wholesale and retail price of big onion Feb 2019 to July 2019

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
July-2019	21,038	58.29	97.66	124.20	65.91
June-2019	17,467	59.56	89.10	114.91	55.35
May-2019	17,976	48.08	64.05	93.54	45.46
Apr-2019	19,699	46.28	66.68	91.75	45.47
Mar-2019	22,323	37.00	52.95	78.17	41.17
Feb-2019	19,709	33.58	52.07	81.33	47.75

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

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation and Progress

The targeted extent of potato for *Yala* 2019 is 3,049 ha and about 1,332 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of July achieving 44% of the targeted extent. Though the cultivated extent was low in April to June of this *Yala* season, the extent of potato cultivated in July was high, which was recorded as 861ha. Compared to the same period of *Yala* 2018, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season up to now is at a low level.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 884 ha for this *Yala* season and in the Badulla district, it was reported as 2,157ha. In the Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts, about 232 ha and 1,100 ha were cultivated by the end of this month achieving 26% and 51% of the targeted extents respectively. Compared to the same period of last *Yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *Yala* season was at low level in both districts. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 22,543 mt for this *yala* season.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of potato (*Yala* 2019)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Yala</i> 2019	Expected production Mt
	<i>Yala</i> 2018*	<i>Yala</i> 2019	<i>Yala</i> 2018*	<i>Yala</i> 2019		
N'Eliya	915	884	510	232	26	4,345
Badulla	2,145	2,157	1,272	1,100	51	18,197
Sri Lanka	3,062	3,049	1,782	1,332	44	22,543

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2019, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2018, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 17,019 mt of potato had been imported in July which was 8,257 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan (52%) and China (44%). Compared to July, 2018 (17,703 mt), the imports were slightly lower during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.44.00/kg in July.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, the supply of Welimada potato was at a low level due to end of the peak harvesting period. Majority of the available stocks in the Colombo wholesale market were supplied from Nuwara Eliya. Only a few stocks of Welimada potato were also available in the market with the average wholesale price of Rs.135.00/kg. Wholesale and retail prices of Nuwara Eliya potato have increased by 11% and 12% respectively as the harvesting was affected due to heavy rains. On average, the producer price of Nuwara Eliya potato was Rs.160.00/kg in July. Meanwhile, the wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 7% and 9% respectively due to increased tax (Rs.50.00/kg) for imported potato.

During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.140.00-210.00/kg. Rs.120.00-150.00/kg and Rs.95.00-125.00/kg respectively.

Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (13%) and imported (16%) potatoes have increased. Supply of local potato will be low till the commencement of harvesting season for Welimada potato and the prices of local potatoes are expected to be increased further in August.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes- Feb 2019 to July 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July-2019	17,019	746.54	43.86	142.64	98.78
June-2019	8,762	397.54	45.37	129.63	84.26
May-2019	12,591	468.76	37.23	125.23	88.00
Apr-2019	10,865	355.52	32.72	121.36	88.64
Mar-2019	9,475	298.61	31.52	103.66	72.15
Feb-2019	9,802	297.78	30.38	95.19	64.81

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, wholesale and retail prices of potato – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Producer Prices (PP)									
Welimada	130.00-160.00	143.23	126.25	121.40	16.98	11.85	21.83	15.24	
Nuwara Eliya	130.00-200.00	159.80	135.50	141.28	24.30	15.21	18.52	11.59	
Imported – CIF	39.82-59.84	43.86	45.37	34.72	-1.51	-3.43	9.14	20.85	
Wholesale Prices (WP)									
Welimada	120.00-150.00	135.00	-	148.00	-	-	-13.00	-9.63	
Nuwara Eliya	140.00-210.00	173.07	154.43	165.52	18.63	10.77	7.55	4.36	
Imported	95.00-125.00	110.30	102.19	79.12	8.11	7.35	31.18	28.27	
Retail Prices (RP)									
Welimada			-		-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya	180.00-300.00	235.89	207.45	206.17	28.44	12.06	29.72	12.60	
Imported	120.00-160.00	142.64	129.63	119.70	13.02	9.12	22.95	16.09	
Gross Margin (RP-PP)									
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya		76.09	71.95	64.89	4.14	5.45	11.20	14.71	
Imported (CIF-RP)		98.78	84.26	84.98	14.52	14.70	13.80	13.97	
Gross Margin (RP -WP)									
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuwara Eliya		62.82	-	40.66	-	-	22.17	35.28	
Imported		32.34	27.44	40.57	4.90	15.16	-8.23	-25.44	

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Crop Situation and Progress

Green gram cultivation has been achieved around 33% of its targeted extent as at end of July in Yala 2019 season. According to the Table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has declined by 438 ha (18%) in Sri Lanka compared with last year (Yala 2018). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 2,665 Mt which is around 82% of the production compared to the previous year green gram production.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation progress and expected production of green gram and cowpea

crop	District	Targeted Ext. (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) Yala 2019	Expected Production (Mt)
		Yala 2018	Yala 2019	Yala 2018	Yala 2019		
Green gram	Hambantota	3457	652	95	84	13	93
	Monaragala	1459	632	827	333	53	347
	Kurunegala	743	923	184	197	21	281
	Other districts	3758	3766	1299	1353	36	1944
	Sri Lanka	9417	5973	2405	1967	33	2665
Cowpea	Ampara	4656	3388	1224	1420	42	1997
	Monaragala	766	566	775	488	86	712
	Anuradhapura	177	224	76	77	34	75
	Other districts	2964	2510	1027	895	36	1182
	Sri Lanka	8563	6688	3102	2880	43	3966

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast Yala , 2019 Volume 02 & Yala 2018, , Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It has been able to achieve 43% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 3,966 Mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2019 Yala season and those districts will contribute for 70% of the total production. Monaragala district was highlighted a better performance while Ampara and Anuradhapura districts progress were 42% and 34% of its targets respectively.

Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.230.00/kg and Rs.260.00/kg with an average of Rs.246.00/kg in July 2019. The average price has not significantly changed compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 20%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg with an average of Rs.281.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has been increased by around 2%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased to around 14% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Green gram	230.00-260.00	246.54	246.63	205.27	-0.09	-0.03	41.27	20.11	
Cowpea (White)	215.00-240.00	228.03	217.25	202.19	10.78	4.96	25.84	12.78	
Cowpea (Red)	265.00-290.00	273.33	278.24	209.88	-4.90	-1.76	63.45	30.23	
Retail Prices									
Green gram	260.00-320.00	280.67	275.08	246.15	5.59	2.03	34.52	14.02	
Cowpea (White)	260.00-320.00	283.24	278.48	283.08	4.76	1.71	0.16	0.06	
Cowpea (Red)	280.00-340.00	302.17	306.40	290.84	-4.23	-1.38	11.33	3.90	

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.228.00/kg and Rs.273.00/kg, respectively in July 2019. The wholesale price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.215.00/kg and Rs.240.00/kg, while that of red cowpea ranged between Rs.265.00/kg and Rs.290.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 5% and red cowpea has been decreased by around 2%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 13% and red cowpea wholesale price has increased 30% (Table 2.4.2).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.283.00/kg and Rs.302.00/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.280.00/kg and Rs.340.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea has increased while red cowpea has been decreased around 2 and 1 percent respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of white cowpea has not been changed significantly and red cowpea has been increased by 4% (Table 2.4.2).

A total of 1,593 Mt of green gram has been imported during this month, and it is an increase of 22% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of a kilogram of a green gram was Rs.161.66 which was decreased by 0.65% compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded as Rs.257.50 million which has increased by 22% of the total value spent on green gram importation compared to the previous month. Green gram has been imported from several countries which are Argentina (39%), Venezuela (20%), Myanmar (19%), Australia (12%), Uzbekistan (9%) and India (1%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported green gram- Feb 2019 to July 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	1,593	257.50	161.66	280.67	119.02
June	1,301	211.64	162.72	275.08	112.36
May	766	135.81	177.22	277.49	100.27
April	1,128	185.92	164.79	276.09	111.30
March	934	149.88	160.55	261.90	101.35
February	876	144.85	165.29	258.21	92.92

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

According to table 2.4.4, a total of 927 Mt of white cowpea have been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea has been increased by 109% compared to imported quantity of June 2019. The average CIF price of kilograms of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.128.00. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been increased by 258% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.118.57 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (45%), India (35%), Myanmar (18%) and United Arab Emirate (2%).

Table 2.4.4: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported white cowpea- Feb 2019 to July 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July	927	118.57	127.90	283.24	155.34
June	443	33.08	132.97	278.48	145.51
May	178	22.04	123.47	276.49	153.02
April	438	52.32	119.49	278.43	158.94
March	547	63.57	116.15	275.49	159.34
February	737	83.96	113.93	273.31	159.38

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

Table 2.4.5: Monthly average CIF, wholesale and retail prices of green gram and cowpea

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	July - 2019	161.66	246.54	280.67	84.88	34.13
	June - 2019	162.72	246.63	275.08	83.91	28.45
	July - 2018	135.52	205.27	246.15	69.75	40.89
Cowpea (White)	July - 2019	127.90	228.03	283.24	100.12	55.22
	June - 2019	132.97	217.25	278.48	84.28	61.23
	July - 2018	130.71	202.19	283.08	71.48	80.90
Cowpea (Red)	July - 2019	-	273.33	302.17	-	28.83
	June - 2019	-	278.24	306.40	-	28.16
	July - 2018	-	209.88	290.84	-	80.95

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

2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The 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.120.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.125.00/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.19.00/kg during this month. The both wholesale price and the retail price have decreased around 2% and 3% respectively compared with the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price has been increased around 4% while the retail price has decreased by 2%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of red dhal – July 2019

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	June 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	104.00-108.00	106.02	108.30	102.41	-2.28	-2.10	3.61	3.53
Retail Price	120.00-140.00	125.10	128.98	127.97	-3.89	-3.01	-2.87	-2.25

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 7,317 MT of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.83.00/kg and CIF price has been increased by 2% compared to the previous month. Of the total red dhal quantity, the largest quantity (i.e., 7,217 Mt) was of the whole type while the rest (i.e., 100

MT) was of the split type. The whole type of red dhal, 69% from Canada, 30% from Australia and 1% from Ukraine have been imported. The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs.600 million, with an average CIF price of Rs.83.00/kg and the split type red dhal, has been imported mainly from India. The average CIF price of split type was noted as Rs.102.27/kg and the total value of the imports of split type was Rs.10.23 million.

**Table 2.5.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported red dhal
Feb 2019 to July 2019**

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
July-2019	7,317	83.43	106.02	125.10	22.59	19.08
June-2019	16,665	81.46	108.30	128.98	26.84	20.68
May-2019	12,502	85.92	109.13	129.30	23.21	20.17
Apr-2019	11,062	82.64	108.35	129.52	25.70	21.17
Mar-2019	20,901	84.18	108.63	128.77	24.44	20.15
Feb-2019	14,757	85.72	115.54	131.22	29.82	15.69

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

During the month of July, dry weather condition further continued in the most of the vegetable producing areas except in Badulla district, lowering the cultivation progress of 2019 *Yala* season. The total targeted extent of vegetable for this *Yala* season was 41,432 ha and 65% of the target had been achieved by the end of July. The overall achievement was 3% less than that of the achievement in previous *Yala* season. The cultivation progress of up country vegetables was 54% of the target, a 7% down compared to the previous *Yala* season. Beans (2,184ha), cabbage (1,127ha), and capsicum (1,141ha) were the mostly cultivated up country vegetables. The achievement of the low country vegetable was 71% of the targeted extent and it was 1% less than that of last *Yala* season. Brinjal (3,232ha), long beans (2,803ha), okra (2,415ha), pumpkin (2,226ha) and tomato (2,031ha) were the mostly cultivated low country vegetables (Crop Forecast, various reports, Department of Agriculture).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The harvesting of vegetables of this *Yala* season has been commenced in most of the vegetable producing areas. The production of leeks and carrot in Nuwara Eliya district has increased as a result of high yielding seed varieties used during this *Yala* season and prevailed favorable weather condition in that area. Supplies of vegetables to the most of the market have been increased during this month. As a result, the wholesale prices of most of the up country vegetables have decreased by 2%-52%. The highest price decrease and the lowest price decrease was for knolkhol and beetroot respectively. The highest wholesale price of Rs.160.00/kg was reported for beans while the lowest wholesale price of Rs.10.00/kg was observed for cabbage followed by radish (Rs.15.00/kg).

With regard to the low country vegetables, the wholesale prices of selected low country vegetables, i.e. cucumber, bitter guard, drumstick, luffa and long beans have decreased by 16%-25% while the prices of the rest of the low country vegetables have increased by 10%-68%.

The highest wholesale price (Rs.250.00/kg) for low country vegetable was noted for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.20.00/kg was observed for cucumber followed by ladies fingers.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the up country vegetables had decreased by 52%-82% while that of low country vegetables had decreased by 1%-64%.

The price behavior in the wholesale market was more or less depicted in the retail market too. The retail prices of all the up country vegetable varieties have decreased by 1%-22% recording the highest for knolkhol and the lowest for leeks. Among up country vegetables, the highest retail price of Rs.240.00/kg was reported for beans and carrot, while the lowest price of Rs.50.00/kg was observed for cabbage. With regard to the low country vegetables, retail prices of most of the varieties have decreased by 3%-20%. However, prices of tomato, ladies fingers, brinjal, capsicum pumpkin and ash plantain have increased in the range of 5%-21%. Among the low country vegetables, the highest retail price of Rs.360.00/kg was recorded for capsicum while the lowest price of Rs.50.00/kg was observed for cucumber. Vegetable prices will be further decreased during next month too.

Compared to the same period of last year, the retail prices of all the up country vegetables had decreased by 32%-53%, while the most of the low country vegetables have decreased by 4%-54%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	60.00-160.00	92.90	114.50	225.60	-21.60	-18.86	-132.70	-58.82
Carrot	60.00-140.00	95.00	114.00	196.40	-19.00	-16.67	-101.40	-51.63
Leeks	20.00-65.00	43.20	43.07	114.53	0.13	0.31	-71.33	-62.28
Beetroot	50.00-90.00	66.22	67.56	142.10	-1.34	-1.99	-75.88	-53.40
Knolkhol	20.00-50.00	36.00	75.00	96.09	-39.00	-52.00	-60.09	-62.54
Radish	15.00-40.00	25.20	48.50	72.99	-23.30	-48.04	-47.79	-65.47
Cabbage	10.00-40.00	23.23	34.01	126.99	-10.78	-31.69	-103.76	-81.70
Tomato	30.00-80.00	51.20	30.50	142.82	20.70	67.87	-91.62	-64.15
Ladies Fingers	20.00-60.00	41.70	26.65	95.97	15.05	56.49	-54.27	-56.55
Brinjal	40.00-100.00	69.74	58.63	70.23	11.11	18.94	-0.49	-0.70
Capsicum	130.00-250.00	184.80	152.50	271.27	32.30	21.18	-86.47	-31.87
Pumpkin	50.00-150.00	98.40	84.25	43.29	14.15	16.80	55.11	127.29
Cucumber	20.00-40.00	31.30	37.13	29.11	-5.83	-15.69	2.19	7.52
Bittergourd	70.00-180.00	120.31	164.22	150.50	-43.91	-26.74	-30.18	-20.06
Snakegourd	60.00-90.00	71.45	64.94	93.83	6.51	10.02	-22.38	-23.85
Drumstick	50.00-200.00	117.20	156.75	189.37	-39.55	-25.23	-72.17	-38.11
Luffa	40.00-80.00	55.16	67.75	101.80	-12.59	-18.59	-46.65	-45.82
Long Beans	40.00-100.00	68.20	85.00	109.00	-16.80	-19.76	-40.80	-37.43
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	66.80	56.18	72.50	10.62	18.90	-5.70	-7.86
Green Chilli	160.00-520.00	325.60	268.75	471.17	56.85	21.15	-145.57	-30.90
Lime	180.00-300.00	230.60	266.75	50.63	-36.15	-13.55	179.97	355.43

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – July 2019

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	100.00-240.00	154.83	183.99	296.13	-29.15	-15.85	-141.29	-47.71
Carrot	120.00-240.00	171.57	183.71	285.34	-12.15	-6.61	-113.77	-39.87
Leeks	70.00-160.00	124.01	124.97	218.76	-0.96	-0.77	-94.75	-43.31
Beetroot	80.00-160.00	130.64	141.19	237.30	-10.55	-7.47	-106.66	-44.95
Knolkhol	70.00-160.00	131.39	167.60	194.09	-36.21	-21.60	-62.70	-32.31
Radish	60.00-160.00	104.46	123.72	156.79	-19.26	-15.57	-52.32	-33.37
Cabbage	50.00-160.00	105.65	121.50	225.00	-15.84	-13.04	-119.35	-53.04
Tomato	70.00-160.00	113.84	103.63	246.45	10.20	9.85	-132.62	-53.81
Ladies Fingers	70.00-160.00	124.66	113.75	180.09	10.90	9.58	-55.44	-30.78
Brinjal	80.00-200.00	135.07	128.83	163.71	6.24	4.84	-28.64	-17.49
Capsicum	180.00-360.00	258.86	244.14	393.36	14.72	6.03	-134.50	-34.19
Pumpkin	100.00-240.00	177.08	146.66	108.18	30.43	20.75	68.91	63.70
Cucumber	50.00-120.00	104.82	108.43	104.57	-3.61	-3.33	0.25	0.24
Bittergourd	120.00-320.00	199.08	247.82	238.85	-48.74	-19.67	-39.78	-16.65
Snakegourd	100.00-200.00	141.93	165.88	185.89	-23.94	-14.44	-43.96	-23.65
Drumstick	100.00-320.00	215.35	255.16	381.06	-39.81	-15.60	-165.72	-43.49
Luffa	80.00-200.00	133.25	166.95	206.80	-33.70	-20.19	-73.55	-35.57
Long Beans	80.00-240.00	150.71	161.58	203.44	-10.87	-6.73	-52.74	-25.92
Ash Plantain	100.00-160.00	139.35	133.35	145.31	6.01	4.51	-5.96	-4.10
Green Chilli	250.00-800.00	522.83	426.30	700.22	96.53	22.64	-177.39	-25.33
Lime	250.00-600.00	491.32	536.68	204.46	-45.35	-8.45	286.86	140.30

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in June, 2019, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased in July 2019. Accordingly, prices of all the banana varieties had recorded price increases in the range of 5%-25% compared to June, 2019. Prices of Seeni, Kolikuttu and Ambul had increased by 5%, 16% and 25% respectively and their price ranges recorded during the month were Rs.40.00-80.00/kg (Seeni), Rs.120.00-200.00/kg (Kolikuttu) and Rs.30.00-80.00/kg (Ambul). Prices of banana varieties, Ambun and Anamalu had increased by 5% and 6% respectively and the prices ranged between Rs.13.00-16.00/fruit and Rs.10.00-13.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by less than 1%, 4% and 1% respectively and the monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.142.00/fruit, Rs.198.00/fruit and Rs.246.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-300.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had increased by 10% and 5% respectively and their price ranges recorded for a fruit were Rs.40.00-90.00 and Rs.16.00-34.00 respectively. In addition, prices of orange, slime apple and imported grapes had also increased by 42%, 9% and 3% respectively (Table 4.1).

However, price of papaw had decreased by 25% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.49.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.20.00-80.00/kg. Further, price decreases were noted

for wood apple, avocado and passion fruit and prices had decreased by 37%, 10% and 7% respectively. In addition, though the prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had increased, the prices of mango varieties, Kohu and Betti had decreased by 7% and 8% respectively and their prices ranged between Rs.11.00-18.00/fruit and Rs.13.00-28.00/fruit respectively (Table 4.1).

Compared to the same period of 2018, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased and the highest price increase of 53% was noted for mango variety, Kohu (Table 4.1).

According to the data in previous years, prices of fruit varieties, banana, papaw, pineapple, mango and slime apple are expected to be increased in the coming month, August while, prices of passion fruit, orange, avocado and wood apple are expected to be decreased.

In line with the increased wholesale prices, prices of most of the fruit varieties had also increased at the retail level in the month of July compared to June. Accordingly, price increases were noted for banana varieties, Seeni, Ambul and Kolikuttu by 5%, 18% and 19% respectively and price ranges were noted as Rs.80.00-130.00/kg, Rs.60.00-140.00/kg and Rs.180.00-250.00/kg respectively. Further, prices of Anamalu and Ambun had increased by 4% and prices ranged between Rs.15.00-20.00/fruit and Rs.18.00-25.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had increased by 13%, 14% and 9% respectively and price range recorded for pineapple was Rs.130.00-350.00/fruit. Price of mango variety, Karthakolomban had also increased by 3% and price of a fruit was noted as Rs.50.00-120.00. In addition, prices of orange and imported grapes had increased by 13% and 4% respectively (Table 4.2).

However, price of papaw had decreased by 21% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-130.00/kg. In addition, prices of wood apple, passion fruit and avocado had also decreased by 28%, 13% and 9% respectively. (Table 4.2).

Compared to the same period of 2018, retail prices of most of the fruit varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 51% noted for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, producers had received increased prices for banana varieties, Kolikuttu and Ambul and a decreased price for papaw and prices had increased by 18% and 15% for Ambul and Kolikuttu respectively and decreased by 28% for papaw. Further, producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.30.00-43.00/kg, Rs.97.00-155.00/kg and Rs.32.00-53.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to July, 2018, producer prices had increased for Kolikuttu by 54% and for Ambul by 8% and it was a price decrease for papaw by 23% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,153mt of fresh fruits in July, 2019 to the value of Rs.175mn. Of the exported quantity, 89% were papaw, 5% each were fresh pineapple and fresh mangoes and 1% were fresh avocados. In the month of June, 2019, the quantity exported was 372mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased significantly by 210% (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,406mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.512mn. Of the imported quantity, 48% were apple, 32% were oranges and 20% were grapes. The main importing countries of apple were South Africa, New Zealand, the United States and Italy. South Africa, Australia and Italy were the importing countries of oranges. Grapes had been imported mainly from China and Egypt. In the month of June, 2019, the quantity imported was 1,900mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 27% (Table 4.5).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	30.00-80.00	57.97	46.48	47.57	11.49	24.73	10.40	21.85
Kolikuttu (Kg)	120.00-200.00	165.14	141.72	113.18	23.43	16.53	51.96	45.91
Seeni (Kg)	40.00-80.00	61.64	58.64	60.67	3.00	5.11	0.97	1.60
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-13.00	11.38	10.75	13.51	0.62	5.80	-2.14	-15.81
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-16.00	14.36	13.64	18.28	0.72	5.30	-3.92	-21.45
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	200.00-300.00	245.86	243.65	195.29	2.22	0.91	50.57	25.90
Medium (Fruit)	160.00-250.00	198.25	190.48	153.07	7.78	4.08	45.19	29.52
Small (Fruit)	100.00-190.00	142.44	142.18	114.87	0.26	0.18	27.57	24.00
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	13.00-28.00	17.42	18.98	20.21	-1.56	-8.22	-2.78	-13.77
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	40.00-90.00	58.47	52.97	54.98	5.51	10.40	3.49	6.35
Vilad (Fruit)	16.00-34.00	23.00	22.00	26.03	1.01	4.58	-3.02	-11.62
Kohu (Fruit)	11.00-18.00	13.10	14.11	8.53	-1.01	-7.13	4.57	53.52
Papaw (Kg)	20.00-80.00	49.35	65.45	72.24	-16.10	-24.60	-22.88	-31.68
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-19.00	14.64	15.83	10.15	-1.19	-7.52	4.49	44.23
Woodapple (Fruit)	12.00-44.00	25.77	41.20	19.58	-15.43	-37.45	6.19	31.60
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	47.35	33.21	32.76	14.13	42.54	14.59	44.54
Avocado (Fruit)	25.00-60.00	36.50	40.63	58.67	-4.13	-10.16	-22.17	-37.79
Slime Apple (Fruit)	13.00-30.00	19.48	17.81	29.26	1.67	9.38	-9.77	-33.41
Grapes Imported (Kg)	486.00-889.00	646.53	630.32	519.56	16.21	2.57	126.97	24.44

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-140.00	104.60	88.53	96.71	16.07	18.15	7.89	8.16
Kolikuttu (Kg)	180.00-250.00	217.25	181.98	175.71	35.27	19.38	41.54	23.64
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-130.00	112.34	106.82	115.02	5.53	5.17	-2.68	-2.33
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-20.00	17.77	17.13	17.09	0.64	3.76	0.68	3.97
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-25.00	22.33	21.41	21.14	0.92	4.29	1.19	5.64
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	250.00-350.00	284.73	260.28	248.75	24.44	9.39	35.98	14.46
Medium (Fruit)	200.00-260.00	217.45	190.10	171.28	27.36	14.39	46.17	26.96
Small (Fruit)	130.00-180.00	155.36	137.63	124.69	17.73	12.88	30.67	24.60
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	32.50	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	50.00-120.00	73.73	71.84	86.05	1.89	2.63	-12.32	-14.31
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-60.00	42.82	42.83	41.37	-0.01	-0.02	1.45	3.50
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-130.00	102.22	130.09	127.65	-27.86	-21.42	-25.43	-19.92
Passionfruit (Fruit)	16.00-35.00	27.18	31.15	17.97	-3.98	-12.77	9.21	51.26
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	52.50	72.94	56.61	-20.44	-28.02	-4.10	-7.25
Orange (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	61.35	54.04	57.11	7.30	13.52	4.24	7.42
Avocado (Fruit)	40.00-80.00	66.78	73.63	68.43	-6.85	-9.30	-1.64	-2.40
Slime Apple (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	53.19	53.14	59.14	0.05	0.10	-5.95	-10.06
Grapes Imported (Kg)	800.00-1000.00	928.12	892.74	829.09	35.38	3.96	99.03	11.94

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	30.00-43.33	36.88	31.35	34.10	5.53	17.64	2.78	8.15
Kolikuttu	96.67-155.00	122.08	106.39	79.06	15.69	14.75	43.02	54.41
Papaw	32.50-53.33	42.50	58.94	55.24	-16.44	-27.89	-12.74	-23.06

Source ;Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Table 4.4: Quantity, value and FOB prices of exported fruits -May 2019 to July 2019

Type of Fruit	July - 2019			June - 2019			May - 2019		
	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	60.70	25.50	419.10	29.13	13.52	464.13	57.56	23.15	402.11
Papaw	1027.30	112.30	109.31	331.43	36.02	108.69	880.70	96.11	109.13
Fresh Mango	55.40	33.10	597.93	9.56	5.56	581.23	26.37	10.63	403.19
Avocado, fresh	10.10	3.70	366.09	2.20	0.74	338.83	7.94	3.55	446.55

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.5: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported fruits – May 2019 to July 2019

Type of Fruit	July - 2019			June - 2019			May - 2019		
	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	1,142	213.95	187.38	928	178.44	192.22	1,962	383.82	195.62
Grapes	486	185.49	381.92	414	187.77	453.56	399	169.62	424.62
Oranges	778	112.56	144.72	558	73.68	131.94	523	47.95	91.64

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supplies of most of the fish varieties have increased during the month. Therefore, wholesale prices of fish have decreased during the month by 3%-16%. Stocks of Salaya had been mainly received from Kalpitiya, Mullativu, Mannar and Trincomalee and the price has decreased by 3%. Hurulla had been mainly supplied to the market from Kalpitiya and Mullativu which resulted to decrease the wholesale price by 6%. Large stocks of Balaya had been received from Beruwala, Galla and Matara, and the price decreased by 16%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	180.00-280.00	224.03	231.03	216.82	-7.00	-3.03	7.21	3.32
Hurulla	300.00-480.00	409.23	436.92	358.47	-27.68	-6.34	50.77	14.16
Balaya	300.00-450.00	362.31	432.53	346.60	-70.22	-16.24	15.71	4.53
Kelawalla	600.00-700.00	636.89	620.68	625.40	16.21	2.61	11.49	1.84
Thora	1200.00-1500.00	1356.19	1399.02	1273.56	-42.83	-3.06	82.63	6.49
Paraw	550.00-750.00	651.72	679.46	629.60	-27.75	-4.08	22.12	3.51
Mora	600.00-700.00	662.33	669.42	619.67	-7.08	-1.06	42.67	6.89
Shrimp (small)	850.00-950.00	908.75	900.31	859.00	8.44	0.94	49.75	5.79
Thalapath	800.00-900.00	842.36	831.89	787.20	10.47	1.26	55.16	7.01
Retail Prices								
Salaya	260.00-480.00	339.46	356.67	288.77	-17.21	-4.83	50.69	17.56
Hurulla	440.00-720.00	548.77	561.85	481.35	-13.08	-2.33	67.42	14.01
Balaya	600.00-900.00	767.50	771.22	635.28	-3.72	-0.48	132.22	20.81
Kelawalla	960.00-1300.00	1071.78	1092.83	974.02	-21.05	-1.93	97.76	10.04
Thora	1500.00-2200.00	1746.32	1817.33	1679.19	-71.01	-3.91	67.13	4.00
Paraw	1100.00-1400.00	1267.59	1240.93	1090.17	26.66	2.15	177.42	16.27
Mora	900.00-1120.00	974.85	987.30	903.93	-12.44	-1.26	70.93	7.85
Shrimp (small)	1000.00-1320.00	1168.99	1157.23	1219.56	11.75	1.02	-50.58	-4.15
Thalapath	1200.00-1400.00	1273.35	1251.55	1105.78	21.79	1.74	167.57	15.15

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The wholesale price of Paraw has decreased by 4% as a result of increased stocks from supplying areas of the Northern and Eastern provinces. However, the price of Kelawalla has increased by 3%

as the supplies were limited from major supplying areas in the Southern province. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the fish varieties had increased by 2%-14%.

With regard to the behavior in retail market, the prices of most of the fish varieties have shown a slight decrease (1%-5%). The highest price decrease was reported for Salaya (5%). The highest retail price range (Rs.1500.00-2200.00/kg) for fish during this month was noted for Thora while the lowest price range (Rs.260.00-480.00/kg) was observed for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fish varieties had increased by 4%-21%.

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Local as well as imported supplies of dried fish have further limited during this month too. Therefore, the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties have increased by 2%-16%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish –July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	950.00-1200.00	1074.66	1002.69	1027.56	71.96	7.18	47.10	4.58
Sprats (imported)	350.00-600.00	471.45	439.50	568.60	31.95	7.27	-97.15	-17.09
Kattawa	950.00-1100.00	1049.20	1051.60	912.44	-2.40	-0.23	136.76	14.99
Kattawa (imported)	880.00-960.00	927.84	929.44	809.80	-1.60	-0.17	118.04	14.58
Thora	-	-	1316.67	1300.00	-	-	-	-
Thora (imported)	1150.00-1450.00	1232.62	1184.92	1291.67	47.70	4.03	-59.05	-4.57
Mora	850.00-950.00	903.07	917.72	893.00	-14.65	-1.60	10.07	1.13
Mora (imported)	780.00-900.00	809.80	809.00	778.80	0.80	0.10	31.00	3.98
Balaya	500.00-750.00	673.40	579.25	535.62	94.15	16.25	137.78	25.72
Balaya (imported)	-	-	-	450.00	-	-	-	-
Anguluwa	850.00-980.00	923.50	904.24	770.82	19.26	2.13	152.68	19.81
Anguluwa (imported)	700.00-850.00	795.38	774.11	675.05	21.27	2.75	120.33	17.83
Maduwa	500.00-700.00	616.59	566.90	614.55	49.70	8.77	2.04	0.33
Maduwa (imported)	350.00-500.00	412.68	388.69	432.92	23.99	6.17	-20.24	-4.68
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	300.00-450.00	368.91	342.49	305.90	26.42	7.72	63.01	20.60
Salaya (imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	709.21	692.49	755.50	16.72	2.41	-46.29	-6.13
Sprats	1000.00-1500.00	1248.73	1236.71	1258.47	12.02	0.97	-9.74	-0.77
Kattawa	1200.00-1700.00	1439.50	1428.06	1224.64	11.44	0.80	214.86	17.54
Thora	1500.00-2000.00	1796.00	1741.88	1654.89	54.13	3.11	141.11	8.53
Mora	900.00-1400.00	1204.28	1215.62	1143.84	-11.34	-0.93	60.44	5.28
Balaya	750.00-1200.00	921.06	883.13	891.61	37.94	4.30	29.45	3.30
Anguluwa	900.00-1400.00	1182.87	1178.71	1089.83	4.16	0.35	93.04	8.54
Maduwa	700.00-1000.00	880.11	869.96	911.19	10.16	1.17	-31.08	-3.41
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	500.00-800.00	635.72	628.10	675.25	7.62	1.21	-39.53	-5.85

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The highest price increase of 16% was reported for Balaya (local) due to limited supplies from Beruwala and Negambo. Local Sprats was limited from Jaffna and Trincomalee while the imported

Sprats reduced from Dubai. Meanwhile the high quality imported stocks of Sprats received from Thailand were also available in the market. Therefore, the wholesale prices of both local as well as imported Sprats have increased by 7% during this month. Further, supplies of local Maduwa were limited from Jaffna and Baticaloa while the imported Maduwa limited from Dubai, hence, the prices have increased by 9% and 6% respectively. The highest wholesale price range of Rs.1150.00-1450.00/kg and the lowest price range of Rs.300.00/kg-450.00/kg was reported for Thora (imported) and Salaya respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 1%-26%.

With regard to the retail prices of dried fish, the prices of Sprats (imported), Thora, and Balaya have increased by 2%, 3%, and 4% respectively. The prices of all other dried fish varieties have not changed significantly. The highest price range of Rs.1500.00-2000.00/kg was reported for Thora, while the lowest price range of Rs.500.00-800.00/kg was observed for Salaya. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of most of the dried fish varieties had increased by 3%-18%.

Eggs

Supplies of both brown egg and white egg were limited mainly from Kurunegala district. Therefore, wholesale as well as retail prices of both brown egg and white egg have increased in the range of 16%-17% and 14%-15% respectively. The retail price of brown egg and white egg ranged between Rs.18.50-21.00/each and Rs.17.50-20.00/each during the month. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices had increased by 8% while the retail price increased by less than 7%.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and retail prices of eggs – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	18.00-19.50	18.84	16.31	17.50	2.53	15.51	1.34	7.66
White (each)	17.00-18.50	17.84	15.31	16.56	2.53	16.52	1.28	7.73
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	18.50-21.00	19.86	17.42	18.71	2.44	14.03	1.15	6.13
White (each)	17.50-20.00	18.86	16.42	17.69	2.44	14.86	1.17	6.64

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

The price of broiler chicken has increased by 4% while the price of curry chicken increased by 9%. There was no significant price change recorded for the rest of the meat varieties. The highest price (Rs.1800.00-2100.00/kg) was reported for mutton while the lowest price (Rs.500.00-650.00/kg) was observed for both curry chicken and broiler chicken. Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of chicken have decreased by 5%-8% while beef and mutton increased by 3% or less. However, the price of pork has increased by 25%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1000.00	986.61	982.29	960.24	4.32	0.44	26.37	2.75
Chicken (Broiler)	500.00-650.00	563.05	542.35	595.12	20.70	3.82	-32.06	-5.39
Chicken (curry)	500.00-650.00	593.31	544.71	644.95	48.61	8.92	-51.64	-8.01
Mutton	1800.00-2100.00	1912.39	1905.40	1871.42	7.00	0.37	40.97	2.19
Pork	700.00-840.00	769.00	771.67	614.00	-2.67	-0.35	155.00	25.24

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

6. Wheat grain, Wheat flour and Sugar

Wheat grain and Wheat flour

A total quantity of 188,067mt. worth of 9,290mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of July. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has further increased and it was 7,154mt. in terms of quantity. Wheat grain for the month of July had been mainly imported from Canada (66%) and the CIF price was Rs.50.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Australia (39,710mt.) and Pakistan (12,709mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from United States (6%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.46.00-65.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.49.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain remained unchanged during the month. The lowest CIF price was reported for the stocks of Pakistan.

A total quantity of 415mt. of wheat flour worth of 30mn. had been imported during the month of July. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased nearly by twice in terms of quantity. Wheat flour for the month of July had been mainly imported from India (84%) and the CIF price was Rs.74.00/kg. In addition, wheat flour had been imported from Pakistan (16%). Few quantities were also imported from Hong Kong as well. The CIF price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.57.00-89.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.71.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has increased only by Rs.1.00/kg during the month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.87.00-108.00/kg and the average price was Rs.97.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by Rs.3.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 8%.

Table 6.1: Open market retail prices of wheat flour and sugar – July 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	July 2019	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019		July 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	87.00-108.00	96.77	94.11	89.58	2.67	2.83	7.19	8.03
Sugar	98.00-110.00	106.43	105.99	105.01	0.44	0.42	1.42	1.35

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain-Feb 2019 to July 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
July-2019	415	29.52	71.11	96.77	25.66
June-2019	706	49.28	69.78	94.11	24.33
May-2019	1,011	70.99	70.22	93.64	23.42
Apr-2019	263	21.12	80.20	93.97	13.77
Mar-2019	1,102	77.64	70.48	94.33	23.85
Feb-2019	754	55.23	73.20	94.41	21.21
Wheat Grain					
July-2019	188,067	9,290	49.40	96.77	47.37
June-2019	180,913	8,803	69.78	94.11	24.33
May-2019	148,620	7,211	48.52	93.64	45.12
Apr-2019	175,208	8,583	48.99	93.97	44.98
Mar-2019	112,815	5,421	48.05	94.33	46.28
Feb-2019	142,478	7,199	50.53	94.41	43.88

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

Note : Retail price of wheat grains means the retail price of wheat flour.

Sugar

A total quantity of 22,085mt. worth of 1,445mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of July. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has drastically decreased and it was more than twice in terms of quantity. This was the lowest quantity which imported to the country since this January. Sugar for the month of July had been mainly imported from Thailand (57%) and its' CIF price was Rs.66.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from India (41%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from United Arab Emirates and Korea as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.64.00-70.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.65.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar has increased only by Rs.1.00/kg. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged 182 points in July 2019, down by nearly 1% from June 2019.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of July, price ranged between Rs.98.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.106.00/kg. Compared to the previous month the average retail price of sugar remained unchanged during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has increased only by 1%.

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- Feb 2019 to July 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
July-2019	22,085	1445.4	65.45	106.43	40.98
June-2019	51,253	3271.4	63.83	105.99	42.16
May-2019	54,051	3320.7	61.44	99.42	37.98
Apr-2019	30,356	1881.9	61.99	104.74	42.74
Mar-2019	45,872	2775.3	60.50	104.57	44.07
Feb-2019	33,893	2052.6	60.56	105.34	44.78

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

Table 7: Import of selected food items – July 2019

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	July-2019	June-2019		July-2019	June-2019		July-2019	June-2019	
Rice	1,754	1,147	53	182.3	91.1	100	103.88	79.43	31
Red Onion	150	692	-78	16.2	91.2	-82	107.84	131.77	-18
Big Onion	21,038	17,467	20	1226.2	1040.4	18	58.29	59.56	-2
Potato	17,019	8,762	94	746.5	397.5	88	43.86	45.37	-3
Dried Chillies	6,291	2,752	129	1678.6	698.5	140	266.83	253.81	5
Masoor Dhal	7,317	16,665	-56	610.4	1357.5	-55	83.43	81.46	2
Green Gram	1,593	1,301	22	257.5	211.6	22	161.66	162.72	-1
Cowpea	927	443	109	118.6	58.9	101	127.90	132.97	-4
Garlic	2,443	1,159	111	609.8	239.4	155	249.61	206.55	21
Wheat flour	415	706	-41	29.5	49.3	-40	71.11	69.78	2
Wheat grain	188,067	180,913	4	9289.6	8803.2	6	49.40	48.66	2
White crystalline cane sugar	22,085	51,253	-57	1445.4	3271.4	-56	65.45	63.83	3
Maize	50	26	-80	5.26	2.8	-76	105.23	108.92	18

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – July 2019

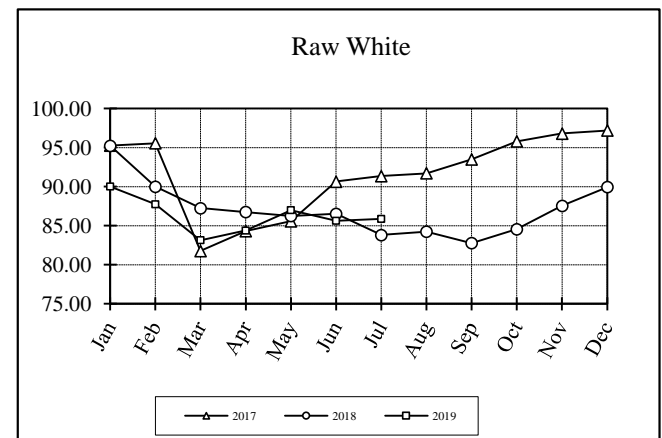
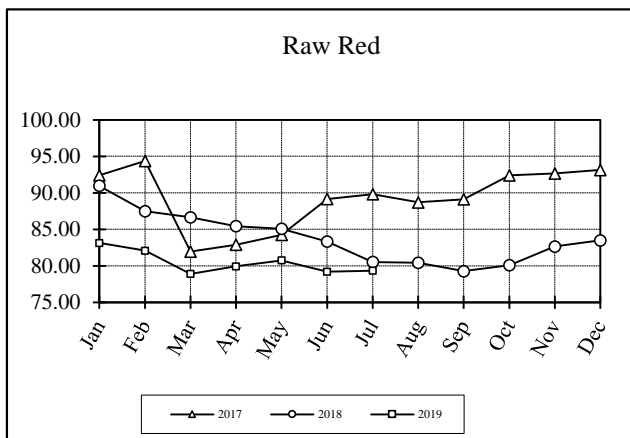
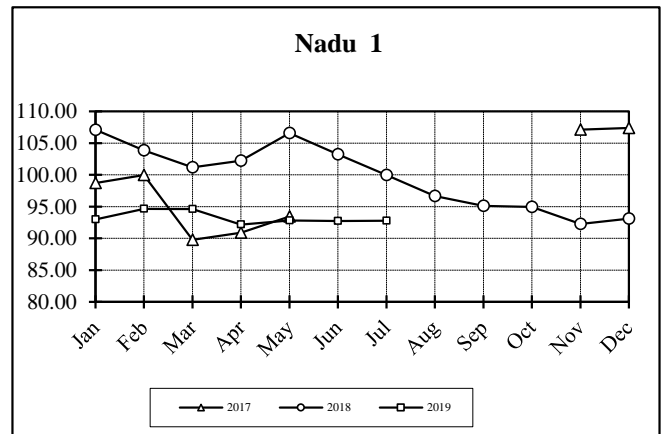
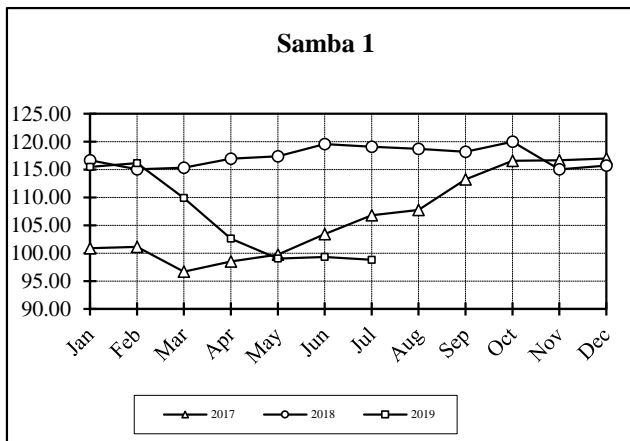
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	1.5	27.1	1	3
Badulla	111.6	69.3	9	6
Bandarawela	86.9	54.7	8	5
Batticaloa	9.2	41.4	2	3
Colombo	136.1	121.9	16	12
Galle	124.5	163.2	13	16
Hambantota	28.6	45.5	9	5
Jaffna	89.3	25.1	4	2
Katugastota	96.8	128.1	7	14
Katunayaka	114.0	99.2	12	10
Kurunegala	96.2	111.2	11	11
Mahailuppallama	0.7	31.0	1	3
Mannar	0.0	12.4	0	1
Nuwara Eliya	224.9	164.9	10	17
Pottuvil	59.5	18.9	4	-
Puttalam	2.3	16.8	1	3
Ratmalana	97.4	132.7	15	12
Ratnapura	224.0	292.8	13	19
Trincomalee	74.0	63.8	8	4
Vavuniya	1.0	43.5	3	3
Polonnaruwa	15.6	-	1	-
Moneragala	27.3	-	5	-
Mattala	14.6	-	5	-

Source: Department of Meteorology

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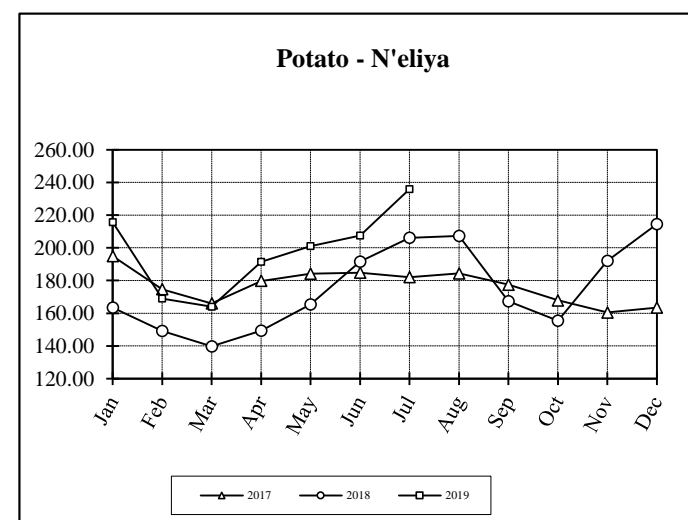
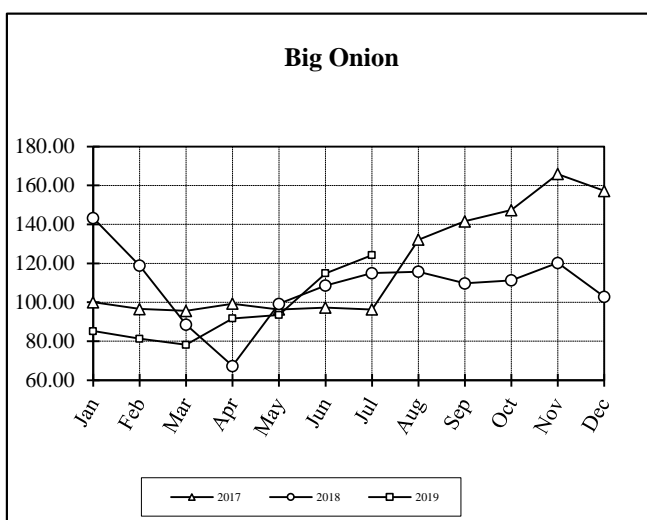
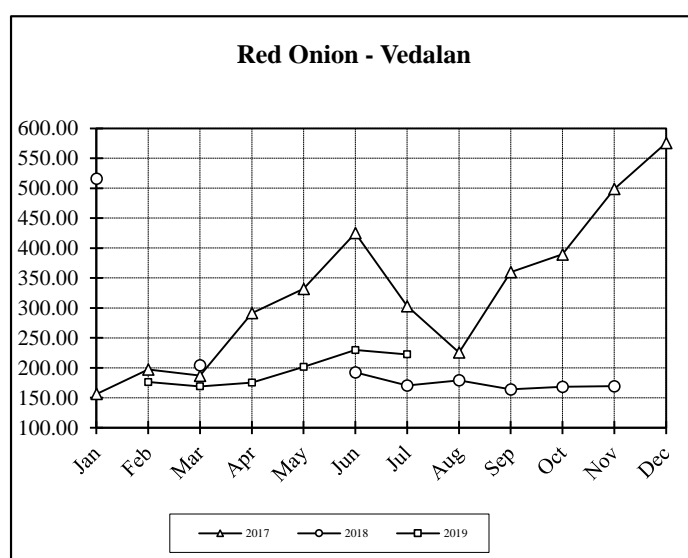
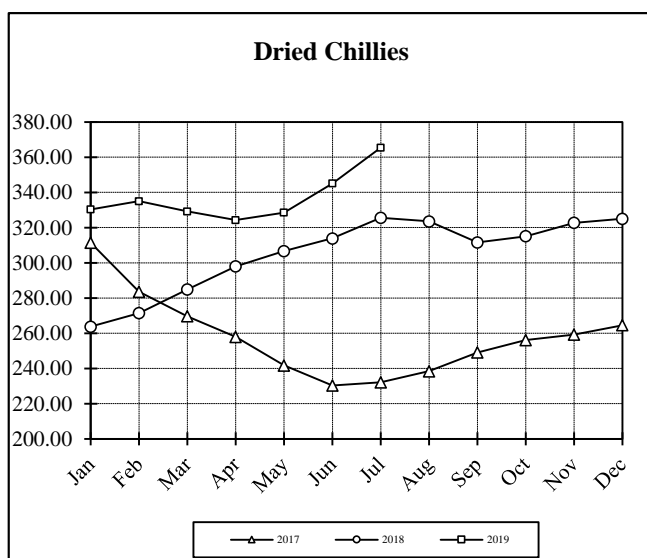
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 1			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Jan	100.87	116.65	115.44	98.73	107.10	93.00	92.41	90.96	83.12	95.27	95.24	90.02
Feb	101.11	115.03	116.14	99.95	103.88	94.64	94.37	87.49	82.07	95.56	90.00	87.74
Mar	96.68	115.34	109.87	89.77	101.20	94.63	81.95	86.63	78.87	81.77	87.25	83.14
Apr	98.53	116.93	102.58	90.88	102.24	92.17	82.89	85.43	79.92	84.30	86.74	84.39
May	99.74	117.36	99.05	93.46	106.56	92.83	84.24	85.08	80.74	85.58	86.25	87.00
Jun	103.41	119.56	99.33		103.22	92.73	89.17	83.32	79.19	90.65	86.52	85.64
Jul	106.81	119.08	98.81		99.99	92.75	89.80	80.52	79.31	91.36	83.80	85.86
Aug	107.72	118.72			96.68		88.70	80.42		91.71	84.25	
Sep	113.25	118.15			95.11		89.11	79.26		93.51	82.76	
Oct	116.54	119.98			94.97		92.38	80.08		95.80	84.54	
Nov	116.63	115.02		107.14	92.27		92.67	82.65		96.81	87.55	
Dec	116.97	115.70		107.39	93.13		93.12	83.48		97.20	89.95	



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion (Vedalan)			Big Onion			Potato - N'eliya		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Jan	311.44	263.76	330.31	156.25	515.82		100.02	143.32	85.22	194.94	163.50	215.71
Feb	283.58	271.41	335.00	197.00		176.36	96.57	118.86	81.33	174.64	149.12	168.89
Mar	269.67	284.90	329.23	186.80	204.17	168.97	95.60	88.58	78.17	165.97	139.65	164.00
Apr	257.93	298.03	324.25	291.30		175.37	99.33	67.31	91.75	179.77	149.37	191.47
May	241.70	306.67	328.50	331.70		201.43	96.33	99.21	93.54	184.26	165.33	200.97
Jun	230.28	313.87	345.06	425.19	192.53	229.57	97.25	108.62	114.91	184.74	191.52	207.45
Jul	232.12	325.59	365.35	302.86	170.61	222.51	96.33	115.02	124.20	182.06	206.17	235.89
Aug	238.44	323.56		225.63	179.06		132.19	115.74		184.34	207.29	
Sep	249.10	311.60		359.93	164.11		141.57	109.70		177.47	167.27	
Oct	256.20	315.11		389.38	168.06		147.37	111.28		167.88	155.45	
Nov	259.31	322.74		498.85	169.23		165.87	120.24		160.43	192.07	
Dec	264.58	324.98		575.43			157.18	102.86		163.52	214.56	



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

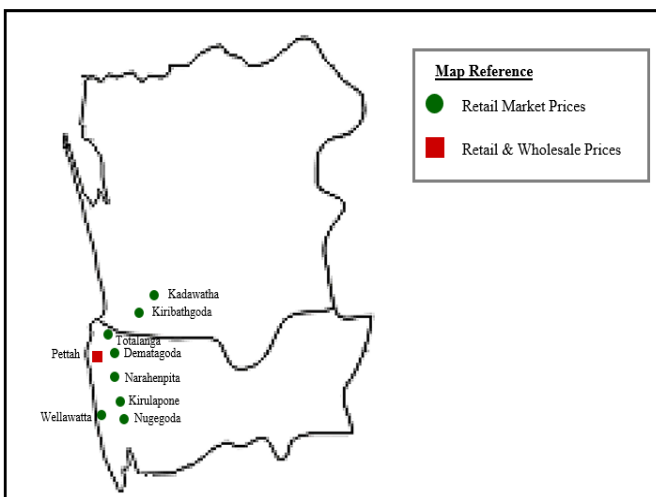
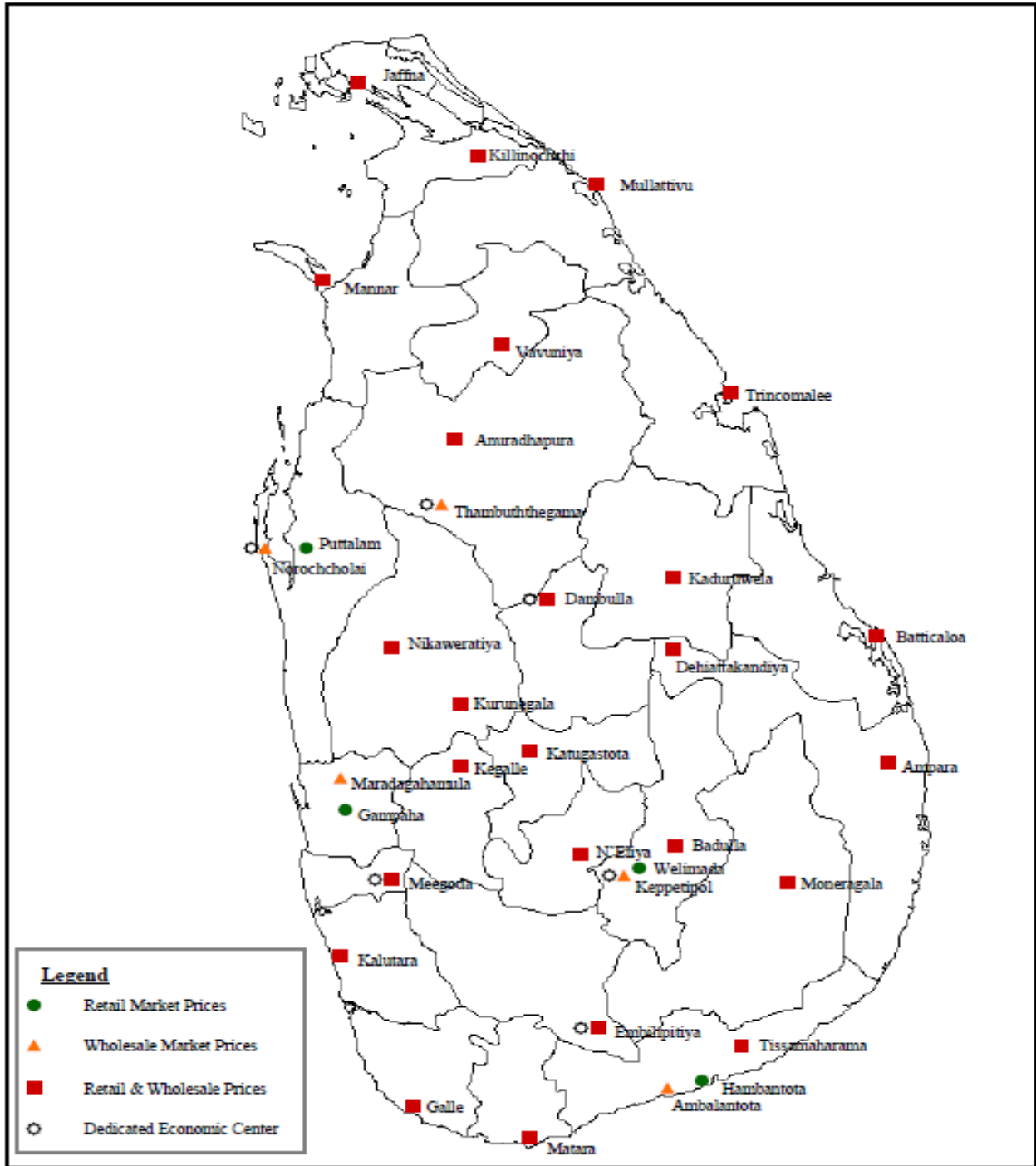
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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	
Paddy						Potato						Leeks						
Short grain						N'Eliya	148.00	168.00	194.00	157.00	132.00	Welimada	25.00	48.50		36.40	34.25	
A'pura	38.70	38.60	39.20	39.40	40.10	Badulla						N'Eliya	28.00	43.00	37.00	28.00	28.00	
P'narawa	41.02	41.02	41.02	38.29	36.34	Welimada	135.00	146.67		155.00	136.25	Beetroot						
Kalawewa		41.00	41.00	41.00	42.60	Pulses						Hanguranketha						
Kurunegala		39.80	39.80	40.60	40.60	Green Gram						N'Eliya	52.00	58.00	68.00	57.00	57.00	
Dehiattakandiya	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00		Galgamuwa						Dambulla	48.40	60.40	61.20	44.20	51.60	
Ampara	36.50	36.50	35.75	36.50	36.50	Kalawewa						Kurunegala						
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	205.00	205.00				Welimada	50.00	51.50		50.50	46.75	
A'pura	41.40	41.60	41.90	43.00	44.40	Kurunegala						Knokhol						
P'narawa	44.14	42.76	44.14	41.80	40.86	A'pura	185.00	200.00				Hanguranketha		21.25		35.00	17.50	
Kalawewa		43.00	42.80	42.80	45.00	Cowpea						N'Eliya	42.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	20.40	
Kurunegala		42.20	42.20	41.60	42.20	A'pura	142.00	160.00	136.00	163.33	160.00	Welimada	48.50	42.75		35.75	25.67	
Dehiattakandiya	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00		Galgamuwa	50.00	51.50		50.50	46.75	Radish						
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Hanguranketha				12.50	11.00	
Ampara	38.50	39.00	33.50	33.00	33.50	Kalawewa						N'Eliya	17.60	17.60	16.80	13.40	16.40	
Matara	36.50	35.50				Embilipitiya	173.75	173.75				Welimada	13.50	18.50		16.75	12.33	
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage						
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha						22.50
Matara						A'Pura	48.60	48.20	49.40	48.50	52.50	N'Eliya	18.80	19.60	19.20	15.00	11.20	
Hambantota	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.60	36.57	Kalawewa						Welimada	20.67	31.25		16.75	13.50	
Ampara	34.50	34.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	Gingelly						Hambantota						
Embilipitiya	35.57	35.57	36.57	36.14	37.14	A'Pura	289.00	291.00	267.50	280.00	307.00	Badulla	29.00	19.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	
Other Food Crops						Kalawewa			196.25	210.00	230.00	Tomato						
Dried Chillies						Black Gram						Hanguranketha		53.33		65.00	37.50	
A'Pura						Kalawewa						Welimada	51.50	38.50		48.80	50.00	
Galgamuwa						A'Pura	216.67	208.33	196.25	210.00	230.00	Hambantota	62.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	
Kalawewa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	54.40	41.60	43.80	52.40	52.00	
Red Onion						Beans						Low Country						
Puttalam	126.00	112.00	112.00	112.00	65.00	Dambulla	83.40	77.40	82.20	117.00	174.00	Ladies Fingers						
Big Onion						Welimada	81.25	77.25		125.00	190.00	A'pura	42.50	38.33	31.67	31.67	30.00	
Dambulla						Badulla	64.00	64.00	74.00	81.00	132.00	Dambulla	29.00	34.40	31.20	28.40	22.80	
Kalawewa						Carrot						Hambantota	35.00	27.50	29.00	37.50	37.50	
A'Pura						Hanguranketha						Embilipitiya	33.14	26.88	37.71	43.57	35.29	
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	93.00	108.00	102.00	77.00	77.00	Matara				35.00	33.33	
						Welimada	82.25	85.67		56.25	66.00							

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Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week	Commodity	1 st Week	2 nd Week	3 rd Week	4 th Week	5 th Week
Brinjals						Pumpkin						Lime					
A'pura	61.67	50.67	55.00	50.00	55.00	Dambulla	105.00	100.00	75.80	45.40	41.60	Hambantota	170.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	150.00
Dambulla	54.00	58.20	57.40	31.60	49.00	Hambantota	100.00	145.00	100.00	70.00	70.00	Embilipitiya	178.00	155.00	155.00	194.00	153.33
Hambantota	45.00	47.50	65.00	47.50	47.50	Embilipitiya	116.25	96.25	101.25	72.00	87.00	Moneragala	141.67	91.67	142.00	142.00	
Embilipitiya	43.67	35.00	39.17	39.17	70.00	Matara						Fruits (Rs/Kg)					
Matara		45.00		43.33		A'pura	120.00	123.33	92.00	65.00	78.33	Banana					
Welimada	50.67	52.25		45.00	49.25	Moneragala						Ambul					
						Cucumber						Moneragala	36.67	43.33	43.33	33.33	
Capsicum						A'pura	25.00	23.33	23.33	30.00	26.67	Embilipitiya	42.14	35.00	36.43	30.00	33.57
Welimada	190.00	230.00		192.50	196.67	Dambulla	27.60	26.40	29.60	25.20	26.60	Hambantota	35.00	35.00	37.50	42.50	32.50
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota	27.50	27.50	27.50	22.50	22.50	Kolikuttu					
A'pura	132.50	96.67	106.67	83.33	83.33	Matara				26.67	36.67	Moneragala	123.33	110.00	130.00	96.67	
Dambulla	119.00	111.00	92.40	79.80	72.20	Long beans						Embilipitiya	134.00	126.00	126.00	126.00	126.00
Hambantota	135.00	140.00	140.00	130.00	115.00	Dambulla	39.00	43.50	42.60	38.60	40.00	Hambantota	150.00	155.00	145.00	135.00	105.00
Embilipitiya	144.00	141.00	146.00	121.67	130.83	Hambantota	85.00	65.00	65.00	55.00	55.00	Papaw					
						Embilipitiya	64.17	61.67	61.67	56.67	66.67	Moneragala					
Snake Gourd						Matara	55.00	67.50		52.50	45.00	Embilipitiya	48.33	48.33	51.67	45.83	53.33
Dambulla	46.60	45.80	47.60	50.60	51.60	A'Pura	55.00	63.33	58.33	45.00	50.00	Hambantota	32.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	32.50
Hambantota	65.00	62.50	62.50	59.00	57.50	Ash Plantain						Pineapple					
Embilipitiya	68.33	68.33	62.83	62.83	65.33	Hambantota	42.50	42.50	47.50	50.00	57.50	Divulapitiya					
Matara						Embilipitiya	44.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00						
A'pura	62.50	58.33	55.00	55.00	61.67	Matara	40.00	47.50		32.50	35.00						
Luffa						Green Chillies											
Dambulla	43.60	50.50	42.00	41.00	41.60	Dambulla	374.00	416.00	348.00	274.00	192.00						
Hambantota	75.00	85.00	95.00	75.00	75.00	Hambantota	390.00	500.00	390.00	290.00	290.00						
Embilipitiya	65.00	65.00	55.00	61.67	61.67	Embilipitiya	494.00	490.00	429.00	260.00	304.17						
Matara						Puttalam	348.00	346.00	298.00	298.00	172.00						
A'pura	38.75	48.33	35.67	35.00	40.00	A'Pura	482.00	436.67	403.33	270.00	336.67						

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