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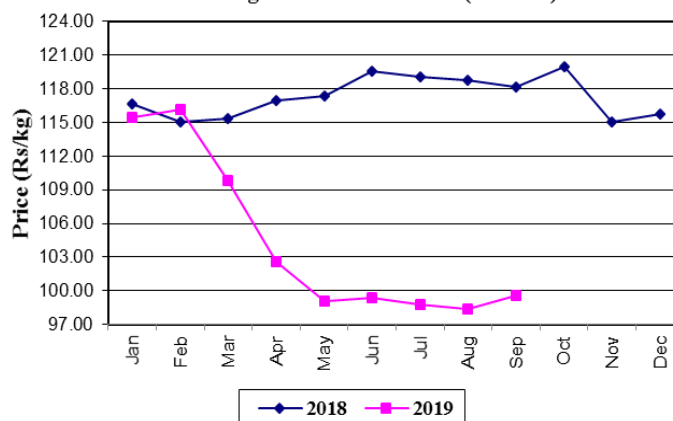
RICE:

Retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased in the range of 1%-4% due to decreased supplies. Retail price of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs.95.00-105.00/kg and Rs.85.00-95.00/kg respectively. Price increase for most of the rice varieties could be expected in next month too.

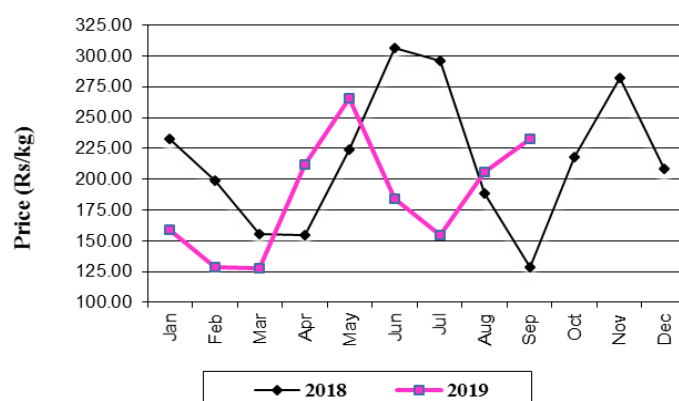
VEGETABLES:

Vegetable harvesting of Yala 2019 season has reached end phase. Therefore, supplies of vegetable in most of the markets were limited during the month. As a result, the prices of up country vegetables has increased by 5%-32% followed by low country vegetables as 2%-35%. Vegetable prices are expected to increase further during next month too.

Average Retail Price 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 harvesting of paddy crop in 2019 *Yala* season was ended by the mid of the month in all major producing areas by releasing moderately successful harvest to the markets. The production outlook of the season was moderately satisfactory in most of the producing areas mainly due to the insufficient rains and low water availability in major and minor irrigation reservoirs at the beginning of the season. However, a satisfactory progress was recorded in producing areas in Mahaweli Zones, Ampara, Kurunegala, Polonnaruwa and Hambantota Districts. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture, the targeted paddy extent of the season was 471,956 ha. The cultivation progress up to end September is 378,770 ha and it is 80% of the target. The cultivation progress is 12% higher than that of the average extent of last three *Yala* seasons. The expected paddy production is 1.54 million tones and the crop damages were reported in producing areas of the Eastern and North Western provinces.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Yala* 2019 season as at end of September 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	25,023	93	122,866			122,866
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	12,835	87	37,392			37,392
Ratnapura	8,280	6,169	75	20,082			20,082
Kegalle	9,031	2,049	23	5,971			5,971
Puttalam	16,847	8,631	51	28,906	695	1,746	27,160
Kandy	9,156	6,159	67	19,088			19,088
Matale	12,191	7,858	64	32,294			32,294
N' Eliya	4,712	1,612	34	3,316			3,316
Badulla	8,594	6,440	75	24,686			24,686
Monaragala	17,242	9,629	56	39,444			39,444
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	8,715	8,576	96	33,431			33,431
Vavuniya	2,624	2,670	102	10,554	68	141	10,412
Mullaitivu	5,297	5,533	104	20,309	90	278	20,031
Mannar	1,380	2,050	149	7,692	8	30	7,662
Trincomalee	24,255	19,444	80	88,691	107	363	88,328
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	2,869			2,869
Rambakanoya	972	740	76	3,072			3,072
System L	823	718	87	2,981			2,981
Sri Lanka	471,956	378,770	80	1,563,550	6,973	20,391	1,543,159

Source: Crop Forecast, *Yala* 2019, Vol 04, Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

An increasing trend of prices began from the latter part of the last month continued for all paddy varieties throughout during this month too in most of the major producing areas due to the end of the harvesting of paddy crop in 2019 *Yala* season. Prices have increased mainly due to the competitive buying of newly harvested paddy by the rice millers. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy have increased by nearly 4% in Anuradhapura and 3% in Kalawewa and 13% in Dehiattakandiya. The prices of short grain have increased by 9%-13% in most of the major producing areas. The prices of short grain and long grain white were ranged between Rs.37.00-50.00/kg and Rs.39.00-52.00/kg in major producing areas. It is observed that the prices of long grain white have higher than the prices of short grain paddy in most of the major producing areas during the month. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs.40.00-50.00/kg in producing areas in Southern province. According to the field information it is expected to that, the increasing trend of prices will be continued during the next month.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of long grain white paddy have increased 20% - 32% in major producing areas. Meanwhile the prices of short grain white paddy have increased by 3%-10% in major producing areas. The prices of long grain red have increased by 25% in Embilipitiya and 33% in Hambantota.

Table 1.2: Producer prices of paddy – September 2019

Commodity	Price Range		Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	37.00-50.00	35.00-43.00	44.23	40.70	45.43	3.53	8.67	-1.20	-2.64
Polonnaruwa	43.50-50.00	-	46.36	-	45.17	-	-	1.19	2.64
Kalawewa	40.00-50.00	41.00-45.00	44.43	43.00	40.04	1.43	3.34	4.39	10.97
Kurunegala	-	41.00-43.00	-	41.80	46.84	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	42.00-47.00	36.00-45.00	44.73	39.63	-	5.11	12.89	-	-
Nikaweratiya	49.00-50.00	-	49.67	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	44.65	-	-	-	-
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	39.00-50.00	38.00-47.00	45.50	43.58	37.94	1.93	4.42	7.56	19.93
Polonnaruwa	48.43-50.78	-	49.63	-	40.00	-	-	9.63	24.08
Kalawewa	43.00-52.00	43.00-47.00	46.47	44.99	35.17	1.48	3.29	11.30	32.14
Kurunegala	-	43.00-45.00	-	43.60	33.47	-	-	-	-
Dehiattakandiya	42.00-49.00	39.00-45.00	46.67	41.38	-	5.29	12.79	-	-
Embilipitiya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nikaweratiya	-	-	49.67	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hambantota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long Grain Red									
Anuradhapura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matara	42.00-50.00	38.00-40.00	44.36	39.05	38.08	5.32	13.61	6.28	16.49
Hambantota	42.00-50.00	35.00-38.00	44.80	36.57	33.58	8.23	22.50	11.23	33.43
Embilipitiya	40.00-44.00	36.00-41.00	42.13	39.11	33.66	3.02	7.72	8.46	25.15

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

Wholesale prices of all the rice varieties had increased in the range of 4%-6% compared to the previous month. The highest price increase of 6% was reported for raw red rice due to decreased supplies. Further, the wholesale prices of samba grade I and grade II were ranged between Rs.90.00-96.00/kg and Rs.83.00-90.00/kg respectively. Further, the wholesale prices of nadu grade I and grade II had increased by 4% and 5% respectively. Price increase for most of the rice varieties could be expected in next month too due to the off season.

According to the Department of Customs of Sri Lanka, a quantity of 1,854mt of rice had been imported during September 2019. The total expenditure of importing rice was Rs.160.5 million in September 2019.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 18% for raw white.

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale prices, retail prices of all the rice varieties had increased with the highest price increase of 4% for nadu grade II. Retail prices of samba grade I and II ranged between Rs.95.00-105.00/kg and Rs.85.00-95.00/kg respectively. Further, the retail prices of nadu grade I and II ranged between Rs.90.00-100.00/kg and Rs.85.00-92.00/kg respectively. Further price increase could be expected for rice varieties by next month too due to the off season.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of samba grade I and II had decreased significantly by 16%. Meanwhile, the retail prices of raw red and raw white had increased by 6% and 9% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	90.00-96.00	93.34	90.10	108.09	3.24	3.60	-14.75	-13.64
Samba 2	83.00-90.00	86.52	82.05	99.52	4.47	5.45	-13.00	-13.06
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	88.00-95.00	90.58	87.50	90.00	3.08	3.52	0.58	0.65
Nadu 2	83.00-90.00	86.36	81.93	77.10	4.44	5.41	9.26	12.01
Raw red	72.00-81.00	76.72	72.20	67.18	4.52	6.26	9.55	14.21
Raw white	82.00-88.00	84.68	80.95	71.90	3.73	4.61	12.78	17.77
Imported Samba	-	-	-	120.72	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	95.00-105.00	99.58	98.35	118.15	1.23	1.25	-18.58	-15.72
Samba 2	85.00-95.00	91.08	89.38	108.67	1.71	1.91	-17.59	-16.19
Samba 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nadu 1	90.00-100.00	95.00	92.49	95.11	2.51	2.71	-0.11	-0.11
Nadu 2	85.00-92.00	89.15	85.63	87.82	3.52	4.11	1.34	1.52
Raw red	80.00-90.00	84.14	81.14	79.26	3.00	3.69	4.88	6.15
Raw white	85.00-95.00	90.23	88.49	82.76	1.74	1.97	7.48	9.03
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	-	-	-	126.98	-	-	-	-
Imported Raw White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imported Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of green chilli cultivation in *Yala* 2019 was 6043 ha. Extent of land cultivated with green chilli was 4416 ha by the end of September and was 73% of the target. Though the around 237ha of green chilli has been cultivated during this month in Kandy, Matale, Batticaloa, Ampara and other producing areas, chilli was not cultivated in major producing areas such as Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Moneragala etc. during this month as end of the *Yala* season. The highest cultivated extent of green chilli was reported in Puttalam district (515 ha) followed by Moneragala (385 ha) and Anuradhapura (352 ha). Daluwa, Nawakkadu, Mampuri, Thalawila and Eththala are the major producing areas of green chilli in Puttalam district. According to the cultivated extent by the end of this month, the expected production of green chilli was 18,245 mt of which 50% was expected from Puttalam (20%), Anuradhapura (10%), Moneragala (9%), Batticaloa (6%) and Matale (5%) districts.

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

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2019		Expected Production (mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the Targeted Extent	
Anuradhapura	684	352	52	1,803
Puttalam	515	515	78	3,518
Moneragala	465	385	83	1,562
Kurunegala	394	181	46	721
Kandy	240	151	63	757
Matale	231	171	74	865
Vavuniya	250	276	111	852
Nuwara Eliya	308	90	30	276
Batticaloa	257	253	99	966
Hambantota	176	178	102	762
Ampara	185	156	85	681
Other areas	2,188	1,708	78	5,482
Total	60,43	4,416	73	18,245

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

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from major producing areas has decreased during this month. Hence, wholesale price and retail price of green chilli have increased by about Rs.27.00/kg and Rs.3.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.170.00/kg and Rs.328.42/kg and both prices have increased by about 233% and 81% respectively compared to the same period of last year.

A quantity of 5,086 Mt of dried chilli was imported from India during this month and was higher than that of dried chilli imported in the previous month by 2,134 Mt. Average CIF price was Rs.328.77/kg that had increased by about Rs.44.00/kg compared to the CIF price of the previous month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have increased by about Rs.60.00/kg and Rs.63.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price of imported dried chilli has increased by about 61% and retail price has increased by about 39%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	100.00-300.00	170.00	142.63	51.04	27.38	19.19	118.96	233.06
Dried Chilli	365.00-410.00	385.37	325.76	239.88	59.61	18.30	145.50	60.66
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	180.00-500.00	328.42	325.88	181.43	2.54	0.78	146.99	81.02
Dried Chilli	350.00-500.00	434.22	371.46	311.60	62.76	16.90	122.62	39.35

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn.)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	5,086	1,672.23	328.77	434.22	105.46
August	2,952	841.75	285.19	371.46	86.27
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
April	3,584	779.92	217.61	324.25	106.64

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

Table 2.1.4: Producer prices of green chilli (Rs/kg) – September 2019

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Dambulla	134.00	126.00	186.00	150.00	142.00
Hambantota	-	190.00	200.00	155.00	-
Embilipitiya	170.83	142.50	205.83	183.00	-
Puttalam	104.00	100.00	136.00	116.00	124.00
A'Pura	153.33	143.33	236.67	162.00	167.50

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion Crop Situation

The targeted extent of big onion cultivation was about 942 ha in Matale district and around 584 ha have been cultivated by the end of September 2019 which represent 62% of the targeted extent. Compared to the last *Yala* season, cultivated extent of big onion in Matale district has decreased by about 29% due to high cost of production, unfavourable weather condition and decreased farm gate prices. The cultivated extent of big onion in Anuradhapura district was in a low level and only about 143 ha has been cultivated at end of the September representing only 17% of the targeted extent. Big onion cultivation in System H₁ area was in a satisfactory level compared to Anuradhapura district at the end of this month and 312 ha of big onion has been cultivated in that area representing 21% of the target. Total big onion production in Sri Lanka for this *Yala* season was estimated at nearly 23,735 Mt and out of that 84% will be supplied from Matale (58%), System H₁ (17%) and Anuradhapura (9%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation progress of big onion for Yala 2019

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2019		Expected Production (Mt)
		Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Matale	942	584.3	62	13,763
Anuradhapura	870	142.8	17	2,015
System H1	1,500	312.0	21	3,950
System H	700	109.0	16	1,380
Other areas	894	190.0	22	2,627
Total	4,906	1,339	28	23,735

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

Total extent of lands cultivated with red onion in Yala season 2019 by the end of this month was 2,980 ha in the country and was 69% of the target. Cultivation progress was in a satisfactory level in all the major producing areas. According to the cultivated extent in this month, the expected production of red onion is 37,139 Mt of which 88% is expected from Jaffna (46%), Puttalam (25%) and Vavuniya (17%) districts.

Table 2.2.2: Cultivation progress of red onion for Yala 2019

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of September 2019		Expected Production (Mt)
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the targeted extent	
Jaffna	1,870	1,506	81	16,802
Puttalam	1,010	499	50	9,168
Vavuniya	400	440	110	5,359
Trincomalee	249	243	98	2,964
Other areas	812	292	36	2,846
Total	4,341	2,980	69	37,139

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

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Arrival of local big onion to the market had started by the first week of September in small quantity. Though the peak harvest was expected in the next month, a significant price drop is not expected during this month due to the decreased production during this season. Wholesale price was ranged between Rs.90.00-300.00/kg while retail price was ranged between Rs.180.00-320.00/kg.

The quantity of big onion imported from India (91%), China (6%), Egypt (1%), Netherland (1%) and Pakistan (1%) was 5171 Mt during this month. It was a decrease of 11,828 Mt compared to previous month. Imported quantity of big onion has decreased from India due to the Indian government announced the export ban as the India suffered from an onion shortage due to bad weather conditions.

Average CIF price was Rs.109.24/kg and it was an increase of Rs.46.00/kg compared to the last month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion have increased by about Rs.47.00/kg and Rs.35.00/kg respectively. Both imported and local big onion prices will be increased during next month as the import restriction which imposed in India and low production of local big onions.

Supply of both sinnan and vedalan have decreased from main producing areas as tail end of the harvesting season. Hence, wholesale prices of sinnan and vedalan have increased by about Rs.20.00/kg and Rs.29.00/kg respectively, while retail prices of sinnan and vedalan have also increased by about Rs.12.00/kg and Rs.16.00/kg respectively.

A quantity of 157 Mt of red onion was imported from India during this month with the average CIF price of Rs.7281/kg. Limited stock of imported red onion was available at the wholesale market with average price of Rs.220.00/kg.

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

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	75.00-140.00	96.56	76.17	82.30	20.38	26.76	14.26	17.33
Red Onion (Vedalan)	100.00-220.00	129.62	100.38	100.62	29.25	29.14	29.01	28.83
Red Onion (Imported)	220.00-220.00	220.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	108.00-300.00	155.81	108.37	79.43	47.44	43.77	76.38	96.17
Big Onion (Local)	90.00-300.00	150.17	120.80	73.50	-	-	-	-
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	120.00-200.00	148.37	136.81	136.51	11.55	8.44	11.86	8.69
Red Onion (Vedalan)	140.00-280.00	191.81	175.95	164.11	15.86	9.01	27.71	16.88
Red Onion (Imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Onion (imported)	120.00-200.00	167.17	132.13	109.70	35.03	26.51	57.46	52.38
Big Onion (Local)	180.00-320.00	226.27	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Sep,2019	109.24	155.81	167.17	46.56	11.36
	Aug,2019	63.46	108.37	132.13	44.92	23.76
	Sep,2018	46.80	79.43	109.70	32.63	30.28
Red onion	Sep,2019	72.81	220.00	-	147.19	-
	Aug,2019	-	-	-	-	-
	Sep,2018	48.13	-	-	-	-

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)	
	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019
Red Onion	157	-	11.4	-	72.81	-
Big Onion	5,171	16,999	564.9	1,078.7	109.24	63.46

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
Apr to Sep 2019**

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
September	5,171	109.24	155.81	167.17	57.92
August	16,999	63.46	108.37	132.13	68.68
July	21,038	58.29	97.66	124.20	65.91
June	17,467	59.56	89.10	114.91	55.35
May	17,976	48.08	64.05	93.54	45.46
April	19,699	46.28	66.68	91.75	45.47

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 1,934 ha were cultivated in the country by the end of the season achieving 63% of the targeted extent. Compared to last month, the cultivated extent in September was at low level, which was recorded as 280 ha. Compared to the same period of *yala* 2018, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season has decreased by 24% (Table 2.3.1).

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 844 ha for this *yala* season and about 478 ha were cultivated by the end of the season achieving 54% of the targeted extent. Compared to *yala* 2018, the cultivated extent is at low level in this *yala* season in Nuwara Eliya. About 157 ha of potato was cultivated in September. Due to prevailed rainy weather condition, the production of potato has dropped in the Nuwara Eliya district.

In the Badulla district, the targeted extent is 2,157 ha for this *yala* season and about 1,456 ha were cultivated by the end of the season achieving 68% of the target. About 123 ha of potato was cultivated in September in the Badulla district which was lower compared to other months of the *yala* 2019. Compared to last *yala* season, the cultivated extent during this *yala* season was also at low level in the district. According to the cultivated extent by the end of the season, the expected production of potato is 33,041 Mt for this *yala* season in the country. The *yala* harvesting of potato has been commenced in later part of August for Welimada potato and the harvesting is expected to continue till November.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress of Potato (Yala 2019)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%)	Expected Production Mt
	<i>Yala</i> 2018*	<i>Yala</i> 2019	<i>Yala</i> 2018*	<i>Yala</i> 2019		
N'Eliya	915	884	777	478	54	8,957
Badulla	2,145	2,157	1,762	1,456	68	24,084
Sri Lanka	3,062	3,049	2,539	1,934	63	33,041

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 10,490 Mt of potato had been imported in September which was 831 Mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Majority of the imported stocks were received from Pakistan (73%) and China (21%). Compared to September, 2018 (5,643 Mt), the imports were high during this month. Average CIF price was Rs.48.00/kg in September.

Both local and imported stocks were available in the market. With regard to local potato, harvesting of Welimada potato was commenced by the end of August. On average, the producer prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potato were Rs.108.00/kg and Rs.115.00/kg in September. Stocks of both Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes were available in the market in September. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have decreased by 14% and 18% respectively, while the retail price of Nuwara Eliya potato has decreased by 12%. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of imported potato has not changed significantly and the retail price has decreased by 5% due to availability of sufficient stocks purchased during last two months. During the month, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.110.00-160.00/kg, Rs.100.00-140.00/kg and Rs.90.00-115.00/kg respectively. Compared to the same period of last year, the current retail prices of Nuwara Eliya (20%), Welimada (29%) and imported (21%) potatoes have increased. Prices of local potatoes are expected to be decreased further in October with the arrival of *yala* harvest of potato.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of imported potatoes - Apr to Sep 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	10,490	505.32	48.17	134.36	86.19
August	9,659	459.23	47.54	140.89	93.35
July	17,019	746.54	43.86	142.64	98.78
June	8,762	397.54	45.37	129.63	84.26
May	12,591	468.76	37.23	125.23	88.00
April	10,865	355.52	32.72	121.36	88.64

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

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	85.00-130.00	107.98	134.06	-	-26.08	-24.15	-	-
Nuwara Eliya	95.00-130.00	115.40	138.25	83.70	-22.85	-19.80	31.70	27.47
Imported – CIF	46.22-53.96	50.29	47.54	30.81	2.75	5.47	19.48	38.73
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	100.00-140.00	117.95	134.63	89.04	-16.68	-14.14	28.91	24.51
Nuwara Eliya	110.00-160.00	135.50	160.00	103.80	-24.50	-18.08	31.70	23.39
Imported	90.00-115.00	105.98	105.98	72.33	0.01	0.00	33.65	31.75
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	160.00-200.00	188.25	-	133.43	-	-	54.82	29.12
Nuwara Eliya	160.00-260.00	209.86	234.10	167.27	-24.24	-11.55	42.60	20.30
Imported	120.00-160.00	134.36	140.89	106.06	-6.53	-4.86	28.30	21.06
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		80.27	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		94.46	95.85	83.57	-1.39	-1.47	10.90	11.53
Imported (RP-CIF)		84.07	93.35	75.25	-9.28	-11.04	8.82	10.49
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuwara Eliya		74.36	74.10	63.46	0.26	0.35	10.90	14.66
Imported		28.38	34.92	33.72	-6.54	-23.04	-5.35	-18.84

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 36% of its targeted extent as at end of September in *Yala* 2019 season. According to the table 2.4.1, the extent of the green gram cultivation has declined by 1,386 ha (39%) in Sri Lanka compared with last year (*Yala* 2018). Considering the crop damages, the expected production from the island-wide green gram cultivation is 2,956 Mt which is around 61% of the production compared to the previous year green gram production.

Table 2.4.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of a Green gram and Cowpea

Crop	District	Targeted Ext. (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		
Green gram	Hambantota	3,457	652	1,053	85	13	95
	Monaragala	1,459	632	864	339	54	352
	Kurunegala	743	923	227	243	26	347
	Other districts	3,758	3,766	1,409	1,500	40	2,162
	Sri Lanka	9,417	5,973	3,553	2,167	36	2,956
Cowpea	Ampara	4,656	3,388	1,268	1,967	58	2,766
	Monaragala	766	566	807	511	90	745
	Kurunegala	410	376	153	143	38	195
	Other districts	2,751	2,409	974	947	39	1,233
	Sri Lanka	8,583	6,739	3,202	3,568	53	4,939

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast *Yala* 2019 & 2018, Volume 04, Socio-economic and Planning Centre/DOA

It has been able to achieve 53% of the targeted extent from cowpea cultivation and the expected production is around 4,939 Mt in Sri Lanka. Ampara, Monaragala and Kurunegala districts are the major producing districts for cowpea in 2019 *Yala* season and about those districts will contribute for 75% of the total production. Monaragala district was highlighted a better performance while Ampara and Kurunegala districts progress were 58% and 38% of the targets respectively.

Prices, Supply and Demand Situation

The wholesale price of green gram ranged between Rs.225.00/kg and Rs.260.00/kg with an average of Rs.245.00/kg in September 2019. The average price has decreased around 1% compared to the previous month. Similarly, compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price has been increased by 22%. In the meantime, the retail price of green gram ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.300/kg with an average of Rs.281.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the retail price has been decreased by around 1%. However, compared to the same period of last year, the retail price for this month has been increased to around 15% (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – September 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	September 2019	Sep. 2019	Aug. 2019	Sep. 2018	Aug. 2019		Sep. 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	225.00-260.00	244.77	247.06	199.75	-2.29	-0.93	45.02	22.54
Cowpea (White)	215.00-240.00	224.59	229.50	203.82	-4.91	-2.14	20.77	10.19
Cowpea (Red)	215.00-260.00	228.92	260.88	193.16	-31.92	-12.25	35.76	18.51
Retail Prices								
Green gram	260.00-300.00	281.26	283.47	244.26	-2.21	-0.78	37.00	15.15
Cowpea (White)	250.00-320.00	281.73	281.77	277.82	-0.04	-0.01	3.91	1.41
Cowpea (Red)	260.00-320.00	299.10	301.39	272.44	-2.30	-0.76	26.66	9.79

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Average wholesale prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.225.00/kg and Rs.229.00/kg, respectively in September 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.215.00/kg and Rs.260.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been decreased by 2% and red cowpea has been decreased by around 12%. Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale price of white cowpea has been increased by 10% and red cowpea wholesale price has increased by 18% (Table 2.4.2).

The average retail prices of white and red cowpea were recorded as Rs.282.00/kg and Rs.299.00/kg respectively. The retail price of white cowpea ranged between Rs.250.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg, and that of red cowpea also ranged between Rs.260.00/kg and Rs.320.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, white cowpea has not significantly changed while red cowpea has decreased around 1%. Compared to the same period of last year, the retail price of white cowpea has been increased by 1% and red cowpea has been increased around 10% (Table 2.4.2).

A total of 1,103 Mt of green gram has been imported during this month, and it has decreased around 31% compared to the green gram quantity imported in the previous month. The average CIF price of green gram was Rs.165.59/kg which was not significantly changed compared with the previous month. The total expenditure of the importation of green gram was recorded to Rs.182.71 million which has decreased by 31% 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 (48%), Myanmar (25%), Australia (22%), Madagascar (4%) and India (1%).

Table 2.4.3: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Green gram April to September 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	1,103	182.71	165.59	281.26	115.67
August	1,593	263.22	165.26	283.47	118.21
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

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

According to table 2.4.4, of 797 Mt of white cowpea have been imported during this month. The imported quantity of cowpea has been increased by 28% compared to imported quantity of August 2019. The average CIF price of white cowpea was recorded as Rs.126.00/kg. The total expenditure on cowpea imports has been decreased by 27% compared to the previous month. The total value of the cowpea imports was noted as approximately Rs.100.74 million. The highest quantity of cowpea was imported from Madagascar (81%), Myanmar (10%) and India (9%).

Table 2.4.4: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Cowpea (White) April to September 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	797	100.74	126.35	281.73	155.39
August	622	79.42	127.62	281.77	154.15
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	435	52.32	119.49	278.43	158.94

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

Crop	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale price (Rs/kg)	Retail price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/Kg)	
					WP-CIF	RP-WP
Green gram	September - 2019	165.59	244.77	281.26	79.17	36.49
	August - 2019	165.26	247.06	283.47	81.79	36.41
	September - 2018	131.93	199.75	244.26	67.82	44.51
Cowpea (White)	September - 2019	126.35	224.59	281.73	98.24	57.14
	August - 2019	127.62	229.50	281.77	98.24	57.14
	September - 2018	112.80	203.82	277.82	91.02	74.00
Cowpea (Red)	September - 2019	-	228.92	299.10	-	70.17
	August - 2019	-	260.88	301.39	-	40.52
	September - 2018	-	193.16	272.44	-	79.28

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.105.00/kg and Rs.110.00/kg with an average of Rs.107.00/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.120.00/kg and Rs.140.00/kg with an average of Rs.127.00/kg. Moreover, the difference between the two prices is Rs.20.00/kg during this month. The both wholesale price and the retail price have increased around 2% compared with the previous month. Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale price has been increased around 10% while the retail price has increased by 2%.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Red Dhal – September 2019

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	September 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	105-110	106.71	104.28	97.40	2.44	2.34	9.91	9.56
Retail Price	120-140	127.23	124.47	124.08	2.77	2.22	3.15	2.54

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

During this month, a total of 9,372 Mt of red dhal has been imported at an average CIF price of Rs.80.00/kg and CIF price has been decreased around 1% compared to the previous month. Total quantity was of the whole type red dhal. The whole type of red dhal, 60% from Australia, 39% from Canada and 1% from India have been imported. The total value of the whole type of red dhal imports was Rs.751 million.

Table 2.5.2: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Red Dhal from April to September 2019

Month	Quantity (mt)	CIF Price Rs/kg	Wholesale price Rs/kg	Retail price Rs/kg	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
					CIF-WP	WP-RP
September	9,372	80.11	106.71	127.23	26.61	20.52
August	7,737	80.8	104.28	124.47	23.47	20.19
July	7,317	83.43	106.02	125.10	22.59	19.08
June	16,665	81.46	108.30	128.98	26.84	20.68
May	12,502	85.92	109.13	129.30	23.21	20.17
April	11,062	82.64	108.35	129.52	25.70	21.17

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

3. Vegetables

Crop Situation

Rainy weather condition further prevailed in most of the vegetable producing areas during the month and received a considerable rain fall (Table 8). The total targeted extent of vegetable was 41,533ha and 80% of the target had been achieved by the end of September. With regard to up-country vegetables, the targeted extent was 14,443ha, of which, 76% had been achieved. The mostly cultivated up-country vegetable was beans (3,274ha). The target for the low-country vegetables was 27,090ha and 82% of the target had been achieved. The mostly cultivated low-country vegetable was brinjal (3,801ha). Further, the cultivated extent of long bean (3,151ha), okra (2,758ha), tomato (2,711ha) and pumpkin (2,532ha) was at higher level (Crop Forecast, Vol.4, Yala 2019, Department of Agriculture).

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Vegetable harvesting of Yala 2019 season occurred at the end phase during the month of September while the harvesting activities were further disturbed by the unfavorable weather situation prevailed in most of the producing areas. As a result, supplies of vegetables were limited in the market during the month. Daily supplies to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Center

reported as 1800-2000Mt, and it is 18% decrease compared to the previous month. Therefore, the prices of most of the vegetable varieties have increased during the month. With regard to up-country vegetables, the wholesale prices of all the vegetable varieties except for carrot have increased by 22%-146% and the highest price increase was recorded for cabbage. Among low-country vegetables, wholesale prices of most of the varieties have increased by 4%-80% recording the highest for bitter guard.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of most of the vegetable varieties had increased. The prices of up-country vegetables had increased by 13%-155% recording the highest for beans. Similarly, the prices of low-country vegetables had increased by 8%-316% and the highest increase was for tomato.

The retail prices of most of vegetable varieties have increased during the month. The prices of all the up-country vegetables except for carrot have increased by 5%-32%. Among up-country vegetables, the highest retail price of Rs.300.00/kg was recorded for beans while the lowest price of Rs.80.00/kg was noted for leeks, beetroot, radish and cabbage. With regard to low-country vegetables, the prices of most of the varieties have increased by 1%-35%. Among low-country vegetables, the highest price was recorded as Rs.320.00/kg for capsicum and bitter guard while the lowest price (Rs.60.00) was observed for pumpkin.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of up-country vegetables had increased by 3%-81% while that of low-country vegetables had increased by 1%-113%.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – September 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	120.00-210.00	172.60	141.25	67.71	31.35	22.19	104.89	154.92
Carrot	50.00-80.00	61.60	68.75	185.25	-7.15	-10.40	-123.65	-66.75
Leeks	30.00-80.00	51.00	34.75	45.21	16.25	46.76	5.79	12.81
Beetroot	45.00-110.00	73.78	57.60	63.39	16.18	28.08	10.38	16.38
Knolkhol	40.00-80.00	63.40	45.73	26.88	17.67	38.65	36.53	135.91
Radish	30.00-70.00	50.20	30.63	27.19	19.58	63.92	23.01	84.64
Cabbage	25.00-100.00	58.58	23.84	89.12	34.74	145.75	-30.54	-34.27
Tomato	50.00-120.00	87.60	84.22	21.04	3.38	4.01	66.56	316.32
Ladies Fingers	50.00-90.00	69.20	47.00	33.85	22.20	47.23	35.35	104.41
Brinjal	80.00-130.00	101.53	78.96	91.35	22.57	28.59	10.19	11.15
Capsicum	90.00-200.00	141.20	101.96	62.50	39.24	38.49	78.70	125.92
Pumpkin	35.00-80.00	56.40	48.75	40.62	7.65	15.69	15.78	38.83
Cucumber	30.00-50.00	43.95	36.81	27.29	7.15	19.42	16.66	61.05
Bittergourd	130.00-230.00	169.76	94.55	75.58	75.21	79.54	94.18	124.62
Snakegourd	80.00-120.00	103.60	78.82	53.51	24.78	31.44	50.09	93.61
Drumstick	40.00-100.00	68.25	43.13	62.92	25.13	58.27	5.34	8.48
Luffa	80.00-140.00	106.00	59.70	49.23	46.30	77.54	56.77	115.33
Long Beans	80.00-120.00	97.60	66.30	42.50	31.30	47.20	55.10	129.65
Ash Plantain	70.00-90.00	78.86	65.00	62.29	13.86	21.32	16.56	26.59
Green Chilli	100.00-300.00	170.00	142.63	51.04	27.38	19.19	118.96	233.06
Lime	180.00-300.00	227.40	239.20	97.50	-11.80	-4.93	129.90	133.23

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – September 2019

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	180.00-300.00	232.54	205.67	128.71	26.88	13.07	103.83	80.67
Carrot	90.00-160.00	132.75	139.25	279.60	-6.50	-4.67	-146.85	-52.52
Leeks	80.00-160.00	126.52	120.62	123.29	5.90	4.89	3.23	2.62
Beetroot	80.00-160.00	135.36	121.43	121.40	13.93	11.47	13.95	11.49
Knolkhol	100.00-200.00	144.18	123.34	114.61	20.85	16.90	29.57	25.80
Radish	80.00-160.00	127.27	106.99	98.68	20.27	18.95	28.59	28.97
Cabbage	80.00-240.00	138.75	104.78	183.54	33.97	32.42	-44.79	-24.40
Tomato	90.00-200.00	158.70	156.78	74.38	1.93	1.23	84.33	113.38
Ladies Fingers	100.00-200.00	143.52	120.23	114.32	23.29	19.37	29.20	25.54
Brinjal	120.00-240.00	159.89	138.73	162.84	21.16	15.25	-2.95	-1.81
Capsicum	140.00-320.00	215.76	196.90	147.08	18.87	9.58	68.68	46.69
Pumpkin	60.00-160.00	128.28	125.86	115.06	2.42	1.92	13.22	11.49
Cucumber	70.00-140.00	108.12	100.13	92.49	7.99	7.98	15.63	16.90
Bittergourd	180.00-320.00	245.17	181.13	141.59	64.05	35.36	103.59	73.16
Snakegourd	120.00-200.00	163.93	144.00	125.13	19.93	13.84	38.81	31.01
Drumstick	100.00-200.00	145.21	121.92	144.00	23.29	19.11	1.21	0.84
Luffa	120.00-240.00	182.40	139.44	135.84	42.95	30.80	46.56	34.27
Long Beans	120.00-200.00	154.79	132.26	120.59	22.53	17.04	34.21	28.36
Ash Plantain	100.00-160.00	141.47	132.08	131.75	9.40	7.11	9.72	7.38
Green Chilli	180.00-500.00	328.42	325.88	181.43	2.54	0.78	146.99	81.02
Lime	260.00-600.00	451.91	447.71	249.17	4.21	0.94	202.74	81.36

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Compared to the prices in August, 2019, wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties had decreased in September 2019. Accordingly, all the banana varieties had recorded price decreases in the range of 2%-10% with the lowest decrease for Ambun and Anamalu and the highest decrease for Ambul. Further, with respect to price ranges, Ambul, Seeni and Kolikuttu had recorded price ranges of Rs.50.00-100.00/kg, Rs.60.00-100.00/kg and Rs.140.00-220.00/kg respectively. In addition, prices of banana varieties, Anamalu and Ambun ranged between Rs.10.00-14.00/fruit and Rs.13.00-18.00/fruit respectively. At the same time, price decreases were noted for small, medium and large sized pineapple and prices had decreased by 7%, 6% and 5% respectively. The monthly average wholesale prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple were Rs.128.00/fruit, Rs.171.00/fruit and Rs.215.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.100.00-280.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Kohu and Karthakolomban had also decreased by 28% and 11% respectively and price ranges recorded for them were Rs.11.00-16.00/fruit and Rs.70.00-150.00/fruit respectively. Price of papaw had decreased by 17% and the monthly average wholesale price was Rs.68.00/kg and the price ranged between Rs.30.00-120.00/kg. In addition, prices of wood apple, grapes (imported) and passion fruit had decreased by 21%, 8% and 6% respectively (Table 4.1).

However, prices of avocado, slime apple and orange had increased by 6%, 3% and 1% respectively. Further, though the prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Kohu had decreased, prices of Betti and Vilad had increased by 12% and 2% 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 61% was noted for orange (Table 4.1).

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

Prices of all the fruit varieties except slime apple and banana varieties, Seeni and Ambul had decreased at the retail level in the month of September compared to August. Accordingly, a price decrease of 1% was noted for banana variety, Kolikuttu and its price range was noted as Rs.180.00-280.00/kg. Further, prices of Anamalu and Ambun had decreased by 2% and prices ranged between Rs.16.00-22.00/fruit and Rs.20.00-28.00/fruit respectively. Prices of small, medium and large sized pineapple had decreased by 5%, 6% and 3% respectively and the monthly average retail prices of small, medium and large sized fruits were Rs.151.00/fruit, Rs.204.00/fruit and Rs.268.00/fruit respectively and the price ranged between Rs.120.00-320.00/fruit. Prices of mango varieties, Karthakolomban and Vilad had also decreased by 11% and 7% respectively and price of a fruit was noted as Rs.70.00-200.00 for Karthakolomban and Rs.30.00-80.00 for Vilad. Price of papaw had decreased by 2% and the price ranged between Rs.80.00-180.00/kg. In addition, prices of wood apple, avocado and passion fruit had decreased by 12%, 10% and 2% respectively. Further, a price decrease of 1% was noted for both orange and imported grapes (Table 4.2).

However, as stated earlier, price of slime apple had increased by 4% and the price ranged between Rs.40.00-100.00/fruit. In addition, prices of banana varieties, Ambul and Seeni had also increased by less than 1% and prices of both varieties ranged between Rs.80.00-160.00/kg (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 26% noted for passion fruit (Table 4.2).

With reference to the producer prices, prices had changed slightly compared to the prices in August. Accordingly, producers had received 7% price increase for banana variety, Kolikuttu, while, 1% price decrease for both papaw and banana variety, Ambul. Producer prices for Ambul, Kolikuttu and papaw during the month ranged between Rs.33.00-70.00/kg, Rs.97.00-170.00/kg and Rs.27.00-66.00/kg respectively. At the same time, compared to September, 2018, producer prices had increased for Ambul by 26% and for Kolikuttu by 24% and it was a price decrease for papaw by 42% (Table 4.3).

Exports/Imports of Fruits

According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,320mt of fresh fruits in September, 2019 to the value of Rs.203mn. Of the exported quantity, 87% were papaw, 7% were fresh pineapple, 5% were fresh mangoes and 1% was fresh avocados. In the month of August, 2019, the quantity exported was 1,139mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had increased by 16% (Table 4.4).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 3,944mt of fresh fruits during the month and the value was Rs.754mn. Of the imported quantity, 68% were apple, 21% were grapes and 11% were oranges. The main importing countries of apple were China, the United States, South Africa

and France. Grapes had been imported from China, Italy, the United States and Egypt. South Africa and Australia were the importing countries of oranges. In the month of August, 2019, the quantity imported was 2,880mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 37% (Table 4.5).

Table 4.1: Wholesale prices of fruits – September 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	50.00-100.00	72.53	80.23	63.71	-7.70	-9.60	8.82	13.84
Kolikuttu (Kg)	140.00-220.00	171.11	186.65	156.89	-15.54	-8.33	14.21	9.06
Seeni (Kg)	60.00-100.00	75.82	78.93	67.54	-3.12	-3.95	8.28	12.26
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-14.00	12.75	13.05	17.17	-0.30	-2.29	-4.42	-25.76
Ambun (Fruit)	13.00-18.00	16.05	16.32	21.28	-0.27	-1.63	-5.23	-24.58
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	180.00-280.00	215.44	226.89	182.31	-11.45	-5.05	33.14	18.18
Medium (Fruit)	150.00-220.00	171.42	183.25	148.00	-11.83	-6.46	23.42	15.83
Small (Fruit)	100.00-170.00	128.28	137.95	111.47	-9.67	-7.01	16.81	15.08
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	17.00-38.00	26.64	23.87	44.00	2.77	11.59	-17.36	-39.46
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	70.00-150.00	107.75	121.72	106.18	-13.97	-11.48	1.56	1.47
Vilad (Fruit)	25.00-50.00	35.67	35.00	44.19	0.67	1.92	-8.52	-19.27
Kohu (Fruit)	11.00-16.00	13.33	18.47	-	-5.13	-27.80	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	30.00-120.00	68.41	82.26	125.43	-13.84	-16.83	-57.02	-45.46
Passionfruit (Fruit)	10.00-17.00	13.01	13.92	12.25	-0.91	-6.52	0.76	6.22
Woodapple (Fruit)	7.00-14.00	9.69	12.22	9.32	-2.54	-20.74	0.37	3.93
Orange (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	29.49	29.33	18.28	0.16	0.55	11.21	61.35
Avocado (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	31.24	29.43	40.21	1.81	6.15	-8.97	-22.30
Slime Apple (Fruit)	20.00-40.00	29.35	28.42	31.59	0.93	3.26	-2.24	-7.08
Grapes Imported (Kg)	442.00-888.00	608.52	658.33	501.07	-49.81	-7.57	107.44	21.44

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.2: Retail prices of fruits – September 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	80.00-160.00	125.22	124.54	105.36	0.68	0.55	19.87	18.86
Kolikuttu (Kg)	180.00-280.00	239.58	243.29	195.76	-3.71	-1.52	43.82	22.38
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-160.00	128.69	128.56	118.01	0.12	0.10	10.68	9.05
Anamalu (Fruit)	16.00-22.00	18.36	18.80	18.75	-0.44	-2.36	-0.39	-2.06
Ambun (Fruit)	20.00-28.00	23.13	23.58	23.26	-0.44	-1.87	-0.13	-0.55
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	220.00-320.00	268.23	276.57	254.26	-8.33	-3.01	13.97	5.49
Medium (Fruit)	160.00-240.00	203.95	218.21	181.66	-14.26	-6.54	22.28	12.27
Small (Fruit)	120.00-180.00	151.08	158.47	132.13	-7.39	-4.67	18.95	14.34
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karthakolomban (Fruit)	70.00-200.00	132.46	148.23	216.23	-15.77	-10.64	-83.77	-38.74
Vilad (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	53.25	57.45	77.94	-4.21	-7.32	-24.69	-31.68
Kohu (Fruit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-180.00	132.24	134.59	170.97	-2.35	-1.74	-38.73	-22.65
Passionfruit (Fruit)	20.00-33.00	26.96	27.48	21.39	-0.52	-1.88	5.57	26.04
Woodapple (Fruit)	20.00-50.00	34.68	39.53	36.78	-4.85	-12.27	-2.10	-5.72
Orange (Fruit)	30.00-80.00	52.77	53.53	43.77	-0.75	-1.41	9.01	20.58
Avocado (Fruit)	30.00-100.00	61.93	69.21	55.51	-7.28	-10.52	6.42	11.56
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-100.00	71.86	68.79	66.35	3.07	4.46	5.51	8.30
Grapes Imported (Kg)	700.00-1000.00	858.02	866.50	789.66	-8.48	-0.98	68.37	8.66

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer prices of selected fruits – September 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	33.33-70.00	49.92	50.24	39.67	-0.32	-0.64	10.25	25.84
Kolikuttu	96.67-170.00	148.33	138.60	120.00	9.73	7.02	28.33	23.61
Papaw	27.50-66.00	50.43	50.80	86.50	-0.37	-0.74	-36.07	-41.70

Source ;Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

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

Type of Fruit	Sep - 2019			Aug - 2019			July - 2019		
	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.m n)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)	Qty (mt)	Value (Rs.mn)	FOB (Rs/kg)
Fresh Pineapple	89.26	42.29	473.78	36.59	13.00	355.31	60.70	25.50	419.10
Papaw	1145.25	115.89	101.19	1044.93	103.08	98.65	1027.30	112.30	109.31
Fresh Mango	66.69	38.04	570.33	39.50	22.14	560.56	55.40	33.10	597.93
Avocado, fresh	18.63	7.30	391.69	18.05	6.51	360.63	10.10	3.70	366.09

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

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

Type of Fruit	Sep - 2019			Aug - 2019			July - 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	2,681	461.85	172.25	1,242	227.22	183.00	1,142	213.95	187.38
Grapes	839	236.97	282.35	660	200.86	304.39	486	185.49	381.92
Oranges	424	55.06	130.00	978	126.72	129.63	778	112.56	144.72

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Prices of most of the fresh fish types have increased during the month due to limited supply from major supply areas. The highest price increase was noted for Shrimps (small) as 14% due limited supply mainly from Jaffna. The second highest price increase was noted as 11% for Kelawalla due to limited supply from Beruwala, Galle and Matara. Further, limited supply of Salaya was noted in Mannar and Trincomalee and the price has increased by 10%. However, prices of Paraw and Hurulla have decreased by 5% and 2% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to				
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Wholesale Prices									
Salaya	180.00-230.00	236.55	215.33	161.31	21.22	9.85	75.24	46.65	
Hurulla	300.00-450.00	375.09	383.75	244.20	-8.66	-2.26	130.89	53.60	
Balaya	300.00-450.00	374.56	369.58	253.86	4.97	1.35	120.69	47.54	
Kelawalla	650.00-850.00	718.00	648.75	582.46	69.25	10.67	135.54	23.27	
Thora	1,100.00-1,500.00	1,314.00	1,319.44	1,260.97	-5.44	-0.41	53.03	4.21	
Paraw	450.00-800.00	679.78	715.36	531.32	-35.58	-4.97	148.46	27.94	
Mora	550.00-800.00	668.56	658.44	585.71	10.12	1.54	82.84	14.14	
Shrimp (small)	800.00-1,600.00	1,216.00	1,064.38	795.83	151.63	14.25	420.17	52.80	
Thalapath	900.00-1,150.00	1,013.66	973.06	769.97	40.60	4.17	243.69	31.65	
Retail Prices									
Salaya	240.00-400.00	315.01	313.20	274.98	1.81	0.58	40.03	14.56	
Hurulla	400.00-640.00	495.62	480.02	394.48	15.59	3.25	101.14	25.64	
Balaya	560.00-900.00	750.59	681.42	582.74	69.17	10.15	167.85	28.80	
Kelawalla	800.00-1,360.00	1,113.46	1,075.44	959.77	38.02	3.53	153.69	16.01	
Thora	1,400.00-2,000.00	1,646.15	1,650.29	1,707.04	-4.14	-0.25	-60.89	-3.57	
Paraw	700.00-1,400.00	1,142.18	1,206.72	996.45	-64.54	-5.35	145.73	14.63	
Mora	700.00-1,120.00	851.38	848.75	852.98	2.63	0.31	-1.60	-0.19	
Shrimp (small)	1,200.00-1,600.00	1,339.83	1,211.74	1,080.75	128.09	10.57	259.08	23.97	
Thalapath	1,160.00-1,480.00	1,286.61	1,279.79	1,098.29	6.82	0.53	188.32	17.15	

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of all the fish types had increased in the range of 4%-54% recording the highest for Hurulla.

When referring to the retail markets, prices of most of the fresh fish types have increased in the range of 1%-11% aligning with the wholesale prices. The highest price increase of Rs.128.00/kg was reported for Shrimps (small) and price ranged between Rs.1,200.00-1,600.00/kg. Price of

Balaya has also increased by Rs.69.00/kg and price ranged between Rs.560.00-900.00/kg. Price of Paraw has decreased by Rs.65.00/kg and the average price was Rs.1,142.00/kg.

Compared to the same period of last year, prices of most of the fish types had increased in the range of 15%-29%.

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

As a result of favorable supply and availability, prices of both local and imported dried fish types have decreased during the month. Increased supply of local Salaya was noted from the areas of Chilaw and Mullaitivu. High supply for local Balaya was noted from Southern areas. Further, local Maduwa was supplied from the areas of Jaffna and Negambo. Price of imported Balaya has decreased due to low quality stocks from Dubai.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	800.00-1,150.00	951.00	1,090.50	910.39	-139.50	-12.79	40.61	4.46
Sprats (imported)	450.00-600.00	522.53	534.95	471.58	-12.42	-2.32	50.95	10.81
Kattawa	950.00-1,150.00	1,027.86	1,035.93	842.39	-8.08	-0.78	185.47	22.02
Kattawa (imported)	850.00-1,000.00	911.53	942.31	759.56	-30.78	-3.27	151.97	20.01
Thora	1,400.00-1,500.00	1,475.00	-	1350.00	-	-	125.00	9.26
Thora (imported)	1,300.00-1,400.00	1,341.67	1,250.00	-	91.67	7.33	-	-
Mora	800.00-950.00	872.80	875.75	849.98	-2.95	-0.34	22.82	2.69
Mora (imported)	750.00-850.00	809.80	827.13	762.69	-17.33	-2.09	47.11	6.18
Balaya	550.00-700.00	624.93	640.00	458.87	-15.07	-2.35	166.06	36.19
Balaya (imported)	500.00-600.00	543.25	561.00	380.83	-17.75	-3.16	162.42	42.65
Anguluwa	900.00-1,100.00	985.67	938.88	830.67	46.79	4.98	155.00	18.66
Anguluwa (imported)	750.00-950.00	892.05	815.81	709.55	76.24	9.34	182.50	25.72
Maduwa	500.00-650.00	578.60	606.25	599.58	-27.65	-4.56	-20.98	-3.50
Maduwa (imported)	360.00-450.00	408.40	430.55	395.89	-22.15	-5.14	12.51	3.16
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koduwa(imported)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	250.00-400.00	314.84	324.25	270.93	-9.41	-2.90	43.91	16.21
Salaya (imported)	200.00-250.00	230.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	500.00-900.00	688.73	716.22	695.97	-27.49	-3.84	-7.24	-1.04
Sprats	1,000.00-1,500.00	1,219.18	1,269.90	1,227.30	-50.72	-3.99	-8.12	-0.66
Kattawa	1,100.00-1,600.00	1,420.08	1,441.18	1,209.24	-21.10	-1.46	210.84	17.44
Thora	1,500.00-2,200.00	1,837.09	1,844.58	1,623.81	-7.49	-0.41	213.29	13.13
Mora	980.00-1,400.00	1,212.77	1,218.03	1,166.04	-5.26	-0.43	46.73	4.01
Balaya	700.00-1,200.00	956.09	965.15	871.89	-9.06	-0.94	84.20	9.66
Anguluwa	900.00-1,400.00	1,207.02	1,212.51	1,064.15	-5.49	-0.45	142.87	13.43
Maduwa	700.00-1,000.00	843.73	859.70	861.46	-15.97	-1.86	-17.73	-2.06
Koduwa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaya	500.00-800.00	625.87	650.93	635.60	-25.06	-3.85	-9.72	-1.53

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

The highest wholesale price decrease was noted as 13% for local Sprats and the average price was Rs.951.00/kg. Further wholesale prices of both local and imported Maduwa have decreased by 5%. However, prices of local Anguluwa, imported Anguluwa and imported Thora have increased by 5%, 9% and 7% respectively during the month.

Compared to the same period of last year, wholesale prices of all the dried fish types had increased in the range of 3%-43% and the highest price increase was recorded for imported Balaya.

With reference to the retail market, prices of all dried fish types have decreased by 1% to 4%. Accordingly, the highest price decrease was noted for local Sprats and price ranged between Rs.1,000.00-1,500.00/kg. Price of Salaya has also decreased by 4% during the month and the price ranged between Rs.500.00-800.00/kg. However, the prices of Thora, Mora and Anguluwa have decreased by less than 1%.

Compared to the same period of last year, retail prices of most of the dried fish types had increased in the range of 4%-17%. However, prices of Sprats, Maduwa and Salaya had decreased in the range of 1%-2%.

Eggs

Wholesale prices of both brown and white eggs have not changed significantly during the month. Referring to the retail prices, the price of both brown and white eggs have not changed significantly in line with the wholesale price. The retail prices of brown egg ranged between Rs.19.00-22.00 per egg and price of white egg ranged between Rs.18.50-21.00 per egg.

Compared to the same period of last year, the wholesale prices of brown egg has increased by 17% and white egg by 18% respectively.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	19.00-19.50	19.41	19.45	16.61	-0.04	-0.21	2.80	16.84
White (each)	18.00-18.50	18.41	18.45	15.62	-0.04	-0.22	2.79	17.87
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	19.00-22.00	20.50	20.57	18.02	-0.06	-0.31	2.48	13.78
White (each)	18.50-21.00	19.44	19.58	16.96	-0.14	-0.70	2.48	14.66

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of all meat types except beef have increased in the range of 1%-4% during the month. The highest price increase was noted for chicken (curry) and price ranged between Rs.540.00-680.00/kg. Further price of chicken (broiler) has also increased by 2% and price ranged between Rs.500.00-680.00/kg. However, price of pork has not changed significantly during the month and the average price was Rs.750.00/kg. Compared to the same period of last year, prices of chicken

(both broiler and curry) have decreased in the range of 2%-7%, while all other meat types have increased in the range of 2%-11%.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – September 2019

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	950.00-1,100.00	1,023.71	1,023.90	965.31	-0.19	-0.02	58.40	6.05
Chicken (Broiler)	500.00-680.00	578.14	565.71	588.57	12.43	2.20	-10.43	-1.77
Chicken (curry)	540.00-680.00	620.74	599.14	669.38	21.60	3.60	-48.64	-7.27
Mutton	1,800.00-2,100.00	1,889.96	1,871.91	1,852.08	18.05	0.96	37.87	2.04
Pork	700.00-800.00	750.00	750.00	673.25	0.00	0.00	76.75	11.40

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 147,317 Mt. worth of 7,185mn. wheat grain had been imported during the month of September. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has decreased and it was 13,986 Mt. Wheat grain for the month of September had been mainly imported from Russia (46%) and the CIF price was Rs.48.00/kg. Second and third highest wheat grain quantities were imported from Canada (49,507 Mt.) and Romania (14,000 Mt.) respectively. In addition, wheat grain had been imported from United States (9%), and Australia (2%). Few quantities were also imported from India as well. The CIF price of wheat grain ranged between Rs.38.00-69.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.49.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat grain has increased by Rs.6.00/kg during the month.

A total quantity of 1,362 Mt. of wheat flour worth of Rs.98mn. had been imported during the month of September. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has increased by more than twice in terms of quantity. This was the highest quantity which imported to the country within last five months. Wheat flour for the month of September had been mainly imported from India (23%) and the CIF price was Rs.83.00/kg. Few quantities were also imported from China as well. The CIF price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.69.00-83.00/kg and the average CIF price was recorded as Rs.72.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for wheat flour has decreased by Rs.3.00/kg during the month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.85.00-100.00/kg and the average price was Rs.94.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, the average retail price of wheat flour has decreased by Rs.2.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has decreased only by 1%.

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

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Sep 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019		Sep 2018	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	85.00-100.00	94.42	95.95	95.51	-1.53	-1.59	-1.09	-1.14
Sugar	98.00-110.00	107.00	106.81	107.97	0.19	0.18	-0.97	-0.90

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
September	1,362	98.25	72.13	94.42	22.29
August	619	46.11	74.50	95.95	21.45
July	415	29.52	71.11	96.77	25.66
June	706	49.28	69.78	94.11	24.33
May	1,011	70.99	70.22	93.64	23.42
April	263	21.12	80.20	93.97	13.77
Wheat Grain					
September	147,317	7,185	48.77	94.42	45.65
August	161,303	7,001	43.40	95.95	52.55
July	188,067	9,290	49.40	96.77	47.37
June	180,913	8,803	69.78	94.11	24.33
May	148,620	7,211	48.52	93.64	45.12
April	175,208	8,583	48.99	93.97	44.98

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 44,868 Mt. worth of 2,937mn. of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of September. Compared to the previous month, quantity of this month has further increased and it was 10,948 Mt. Sugar for the month of September had been mainly imported from Thailand (62%) and its' CIF price was Rs.66.00/kg. The second highest sugar quantity was imported from India (38%). In addition, few quantities were also imported from Pakistan and Korea as well. The CIF prices ranged between Rs.62.00-89.00/kg and the average CIF price was reported as Rs.65.00/kg. Compared to the previous month, average CIF price for sugar remained unchanged during the month. According to the World Food and Agriculture Organization, sugar price index averaged 168 points in September 2019, down by nearly 7% from August 2019. The month-on-month decline was largely driven by the expectation of ample sugar stocks due to positive production prospects for the upcoming 2019/20 marketing season.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of September, price ranged between Rs.98.00-110.00/kg and the average retail price was Rs.107.00/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 decreased only by 1%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- Apr to Sep 2019

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
September	44,868	2936.5	65.45	107.00	41.55
August	33,920	2215.5	65.32	106.81	41.50
July	22,085	1445.4	65.45	106.43	40.98
June	51,253	3271.4	63.83	105.99	42.16
May	54,051	3320.7	61.44	99.42	37.98
April	30,356	1881.9	61.99	104.74	42.74

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

Table 7: Import of selected food items – September 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
	Sep - 2019	Aug - 2019		Sep - 2019	Aug - 2019		Sep - 2019	Aug - 2019	
Rice	1,854	1,698	9	149.9	144.8	3	80.83	85.25	-5
Red Onion	157	-	-	11.4	-	-	72.81	-	-
Big Onion	5,171	16,999	-70	564.9	1078.7	-48	109.24	63.46	72
Potato	10,490	9,659	9	505.3	459.2	10	48.17	47.54	1
Dried Chillies	5,086	2,952	72	1672.2	841.8	99	328.77	285.19	15
Masoor Dhal	9,372	7,737	21	750.8	625.1	20	80.11	173.57	-54
Green Gram	1,103	1,593	-31	182.7	263.2	-31	165.59	165.26	0
Cowpea	797	622	28	100.7	79.4	27	126.35	127.62	-1
Garlic	3,443	2,948	17	788.3	758.6	4	228.94	257.38	-11
Wheat flour	1,362	619	120	98.2	46.1	113	72.13	74.50	-3
Wheat grain	147,317	161,303	-9	7185.0	7001.3	3	48.77	43.40	12
White crystalline cane sugar	44,868	33,920	32	2936.5	2215.5	33	65.45	65.32	0
Maize	28,326	5,402	-80	1186.33	228.92	-76	41.88	42.37	18

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 8: Monthly rainfall (mm) – September 2019

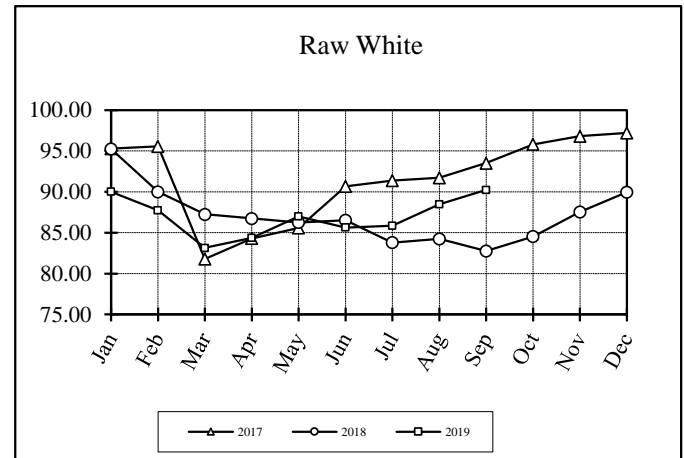
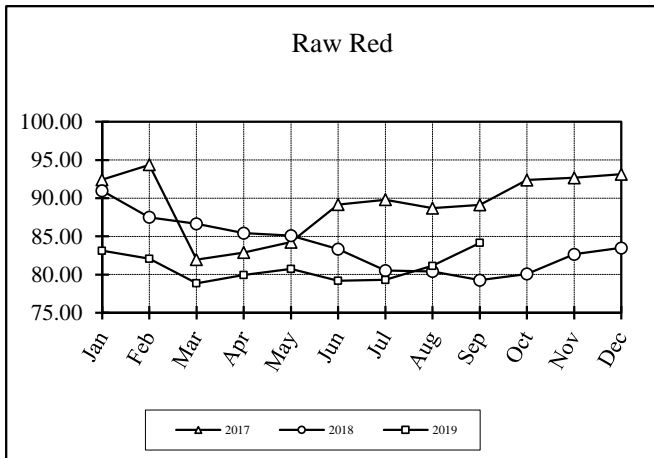
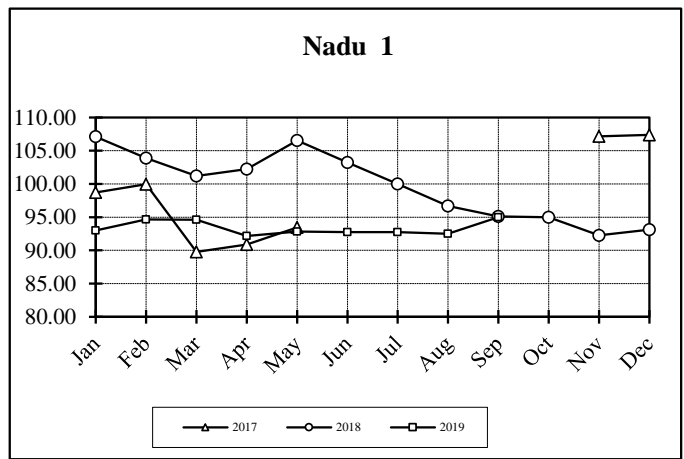
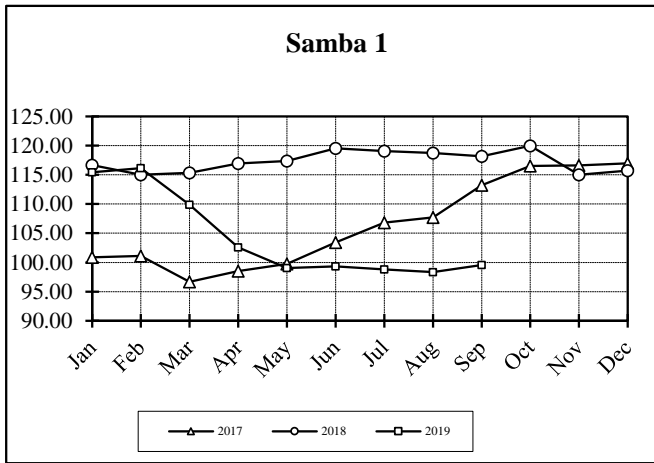
Rainfall Station	Total Rainfall (mm)	30 Year Avg. Rainfall (mm)	Total Rainy Days	30 Year Average Rainy Days
Anuradhapura	79.7	74.0	8	6
Badulla	219.5	119.8	16	9
Bandarawela	294.1	121.8	17	10
Batticaloa	176.5	67.0	13	5
Colombo	609.8	245.4	25	15
Galle	592.6	255.8	24	18
Hambantota	460.3	75.2	22	8
Jaffna	172.7	63.3	12	4
Katugastota	72.0	155.2	20	13
Katunayaka	586.9	224.1	24	14
Kurunegala	157.3	165.3	19	13
Mahailuppallama	158.8	90.7	10	6
Mannar	142.4	40.6	8	2
Nuwara Eliya	225.2	178.8	23	15
Pottuvil	117.3	44.8	12	-
Puttalam	288.5	67.8	14	5
Ratmalana	594.0	254.9	25	16
Ratnapura	469.9	421.4	27	20
Trincomalee	167.4	99.6	10	6
Vavuniya	120.6	107.3	13	6
Polonnaruwa	161.6	-	10	-
Moneragala	291.7	-	14	-
Mattala	169.4	-	21	-

Source: Department of Meteorology

Note: - refers to not available

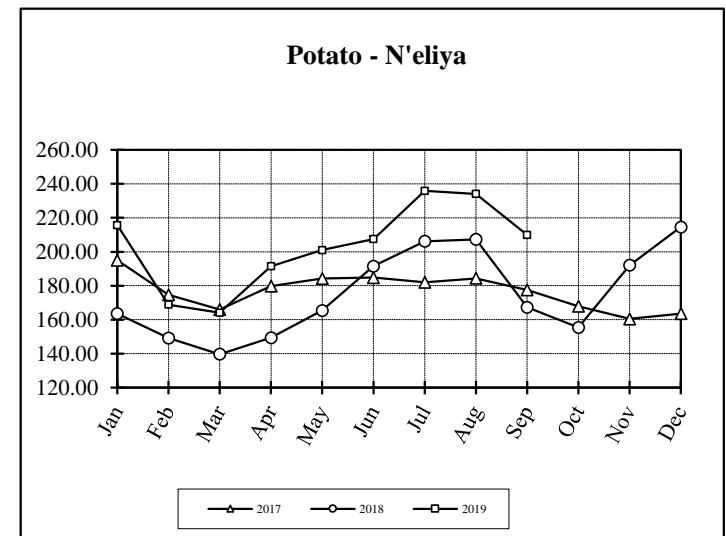
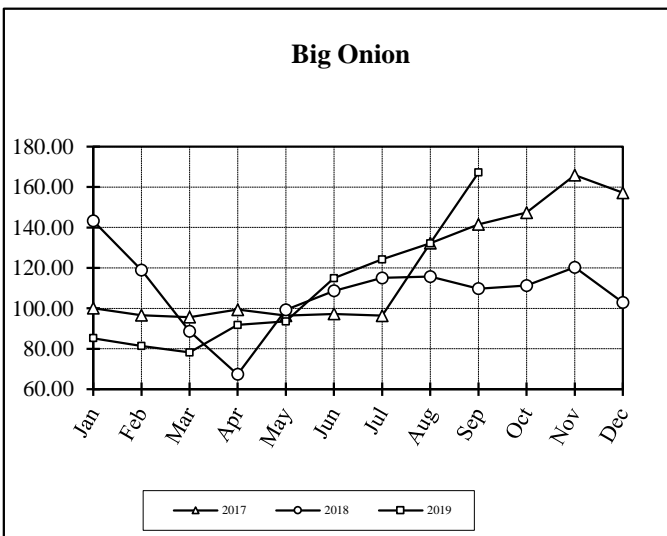
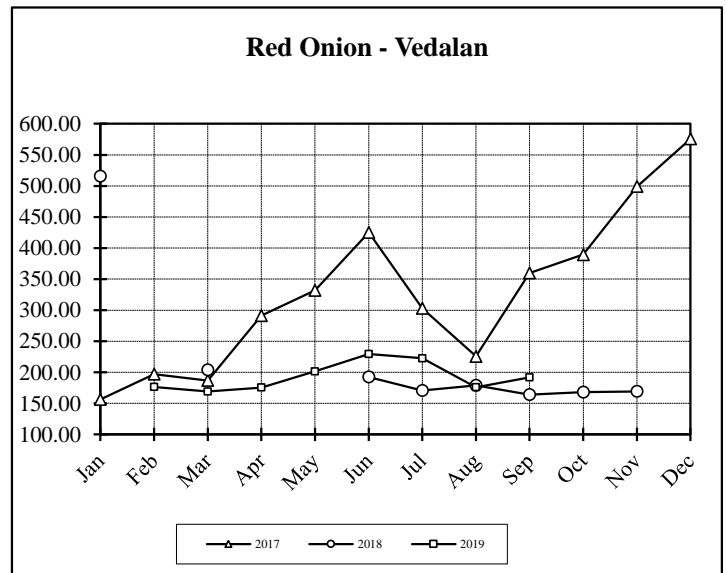
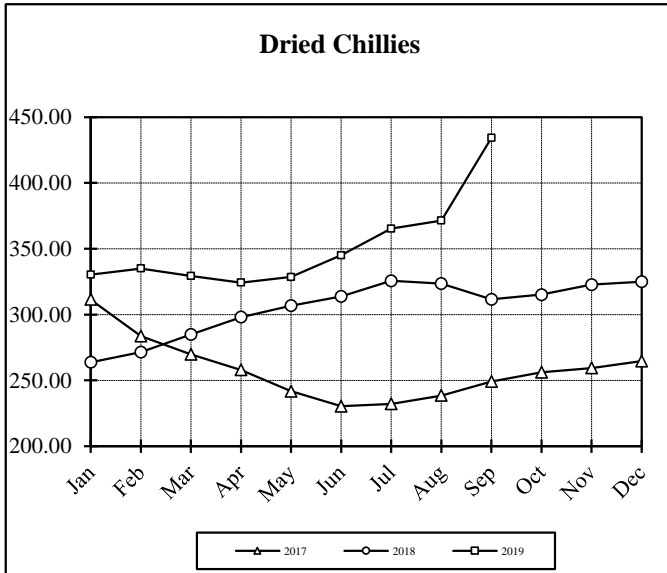
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

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	98.35		96.68	92.49	88.70	80.42	81.14	91.71	84.25	88.49
Sep	113.25	118.15	99.58		95.11	95.00	89.11	79.26	84.14	93.51	82.76	90.23
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	371.46	225.63	179.06	175.95	132.19	115.74	132.13	184.34	207.29	234.10
Sep	249.10	311.60	434.22	359.93	164.11	191.81	141.57	109.70	167.17	177.47	167.27	209.86
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)
September - 2019**

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	128.00	122.00	128.00	101.00	98.00	Welimada	33.50	43.00	43.00	38.00	38.50
A'pura	41.44	41.33	43.79	47.07	47.50	Badulla						N'Eliya	38.00	38.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
P'naruwa		43.88	45.62	47.18	48.74	Welimada	125.00	115.00	111.67	99.25	89.00	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	41.80	41.80	45.29	45.29	48.00	Pulses						Hanguranketha	30.00	40.00	60.00		
Kurunegala						Green Gram						N'Eliya	58.00	58.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
Dehiattakandiya	43.33	43.33	45.33	45.33	46.33	Galgamuwa			175.00	170.00	187.50	Dambulla	46.40	49.60	70.80	60.80	58.80
Ampara						Embilipitiya	212.50	212.50	172.50	171.67	183.33	Kurunegala					
Long grain (White)						Kurunegala			295.00	290.00	290.00	Welimada	50.50	56.00	56.00	57.75	58.50
A'pura	43.11	43.33	45.43	47.64	48.00	A'pura	198.00	225.00	242.50	238.33	246.67	Knokhol					
P'naruwa		48.96	49.41	49.84	50.31	Cowpea						Hanguranketha	30.00	45.00	45.00	37.50	30.00
Kalawewa	44.60	44.60	46.71	46.71	49.71	A'pura	185.00	203.33	200.00	188.33	215.00	N'Eliya	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00
Kurunegala						Galgamuwa	50.50	56.00	56.00	57.75	58.50	Welimada	51.75	51.00	59.25	61.00	61.75
Dehiattakandiya	43.33	46.67	47.33	47.67	48.33	Nikaweratiya						Radish					
Embilipitiya						Kalawewa			172.50	171.67	183.33	Hanguranketha	20.00			30.00	17.50
Ampara						Embilipitiya	173.75	173.75	295.00	290.00	290.00	N'Eliya	28.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00
Matara	42.00	42.80	44.80	44.50	47.71	Kurunegala			242.50	238.33	246.67	Welimada	30.50	30.00	54.00	44.67	35.00
Hambantota						Maize						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						A'Pura	53.40	53.75	52.80	54.50	53.00	Hanguranketha	17.50	25.00	47.50	45.00	50.00
Matara		46.80	46.80	47.50	47.50	Kalawewa						N'Eliya	48.00	37.00	43.00	59.00	59.00
Hambantota		42.40	44.00	44.00	48.80	Gingelly						Welimada	41.00	41.75	51.00	51.00	62.20
Ampara						A'Pura	335.00	308.00	301.00	340.00	343.33	Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	41.17	42.17	42.17	43.00		Kalawewa			287.00	290.00	297.50	Badulla					
Other Food Crops						Black Gram						Tomato					
Dried Chillies						Kalawewa			242.50	238.33	246.67	Hanguranketha	75.00	40.00	85.00	95.00	95.00
A'Pura						A'Pura	282.50	270.00	287.00	290.00	297.50	Welimada	92.25	61.80	97.50	106.25	97.50
Galgamuwa						Vegetables (Up Country)						Hambantota		66.50	83.00	83.00	72.50
Kalawewa						Beans						Dambulla	67.20	51.00	71.20	95.00	81.60
Red Onion						Dambulla	183.00	178.00	141.00	117.00	129.00	Low Country					
Puttalam	70.00	70.00	80.00	80.00	163.00	Welimada	205.00	191.25	148.75	117.50	146.25	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Badulla						A'pura	41.67	48.33	48.33	50.00	51.25
Dambulla	87.40	104.00	134.00	140.40	259.00	Carrot						Dambulla	39.80	52.20	41.20	51.00	50.00
Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	75.00	70.00	55.00	55.00	50.00	Hambantota		75.00	65.00	70.00	85.00
A'Pura						N'Eliya	56.00	56.00	56.00	42.00	42.00	Embilipitiya	77.00	67.00	82.00	76.00	
Kurunegala						Welimada	52.25	55.75	52.25	53.00	51.00	Matara	65.00	103.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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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	71.67	79.00	97.50	93.00	83.75	Dambulla	37.20	39.60	37.40	51.00	46.40	Hambantota			255.00	145.00	165.00	
Dambulla	70.80	91.20	94.40	98.00	64.40	Hambantota		55.50	70.00	60.00	80.00	Embilipitiya	172.50	188.00	188.00	188.00		
Hambantota		85.00	75.00	70.00	60.00	Embilipitiya	51.67	49.50	53.33	68.33		Moneragala		142.00				
Embilipitiya	97.00	65.00	65.00	83.00		Matara	57.50	65.00	67.50	67.50	60.00							
Matara	95.00	95.00	95.00	100.00	100.00	A'pura	41.67	50.00	58.33	69.00	67.00							
Welimada	63.00	81.75	107.50	81.50	60.80	Moneragala			45.00	35.00	40.00							
												Moneragala		33.33			55.00	
Capsicum						A'pura	33.33	30.00	38.33	25.00	20.00	Embilipitiya	70.00	46.67	45.00	39.17		
Welimada	112.50	103.75	116.25	117.50	131.67	Dambulla	22.80	27.60	30.60	20.80	16.60	Hambantota		55.00	55.00	45.00	55.00	
Bitter Gourd						Hambantota		40.00		22.50	32.50							
A'pura	113.33	145.00	120.00	158.75	168.00	Matara				37.50	45.00	Moneragala		96.67	160.00	155.00	133.33	
Dambulla	102.00	121.00	133.00	143.00	140.00							Embilipitiya	165.00	153.00	151.00	151.00		
Hambantota		152.50	170.00	145.00	155.00	Dambulla	39.60	64.20	54.00	67.60	72.80	Hambantota		165.00	170.00	135.00	145.00	
Embilipitiya	133.00	129.00	139.00	155.00		Hambantota				81.50	115.00							
						Embilipitiya	75.00	74.00	90.00	100.00		Moneragala					53.33	
Snake Gourd						Matara				100.00	115.00	Embilipitiya	66.00	62.00	60.00	50.00		
Dambulla	61.20	69.80	89.40	80.40	81.80	A'Pura	36.67	47.50	53.33	80.00	68.75	Hambantota		45.00	55.00	27.50	35.00	
Hambantota		80.00	95.00	90.00	105.00													
Embilipitiya	68.75	71.00	84.00	78.00		Hambantota			57.50	52.00	52.50	Divulapitiya						
Matara	100.00	110.00	105.00	95.00	95.00	Embilipitiya	43.40	43.40	61.40	61.40								
A'pura	63.33	65.00	58.33	88.00	77.00	Matara			85.00	62.50	62.50							
Luffa																		
Dambulla	97.00	94.00	110.00	109.00	85.40	Dambulla	134.00	126.00	186.00	150.00	142.00							
Hambantota		86.50	125.00	102.50	115.00	Hambantota		190.00	200.00	155.00								
Embilipitiya	76.00	76.00	105.00	122.00		Embilipitiya	170.83	142.50	205.83	183.00								
Matara	120.00	130.00	135.00	100.00	100.00	Puttalam	104.00	100.00	136.00	116.00	124.00							
A'pura	96.67	107.50	133.33	130.00	100.00	A'Pura	153.33	143.33	236.67	162.00	167.50							