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Paddy/Rice

The prices of short grain and long grain white paddy ranged between Rs.72.00-90.00/kg and Rs.65.00-90.00/kg in major producing areas. The highest price range of Rs 85.00- 90.00/kg was recorded in Polonnaruwa major producing area. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs 67.00-75.00/Kg in producing areas in the Southern province.

In line with the wholesale, market the prices of local samba rice varieties decreased by less than 2%. The supply of all local rice varieties adequate in most of the consumer markets. The prices of local samba, raw white and Nadu have decreased by 9%, 3% and 2% and prices ranged Rs.150.00-180.00/kg, Rs.125.00-145.00/kg and Rs.130.00-145.00/kg respectively. The highest price range of Rs.220.00-250.00/kg was recorded for *Keeri* samba. The prices of imported samba, raw white and Nadu have decreased by 9%, 3% and 2% and prices ranged Rs.125.00-165.00/kg, Rs.110.00-130.00/kg and Rs.120.00-140.00/kg respectively. Imported rice varieties available in all regional markets.

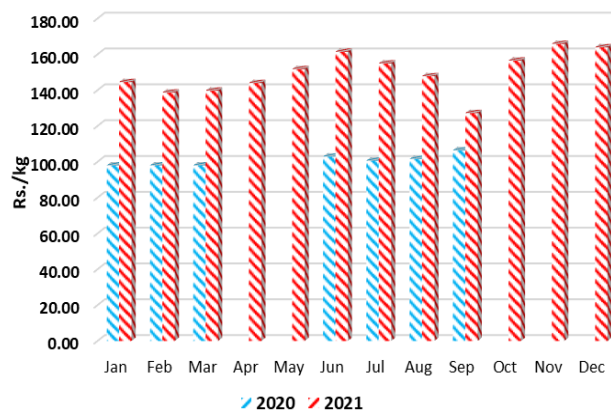
Other Field Crops

Prices of local big onion and red onion (vedalan) ranged Rs.180.00 – 360.00/kg and Rs 320.00-400.00 respectively. With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. Limited stocks of Welimada potato were available in the market. Special commodity levy on imported potatoes have been reduced by Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 31/12/2021. Average CIF price was Rs.73.00/kg in December. The prices of green gram, white cowpea and red cowpea ranged Rs 500.00-850/kg , Rs 550.00-750.00/kg and 360.00-600.00/kg respectively.

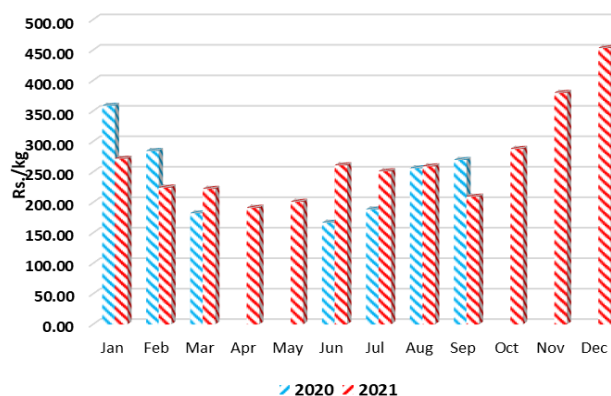
Vegetables

In line with the wholesale market, prices of both upcountry and low country vegetables have increased throughout the November and December months. Prices have increased due to the limited supply as a result of end of peak harvesting season. The highest price increase was reported for capsicum and green chilies as Rs.285.00/kg and Rs 571.00/kg respectively.

Average Retail Prices of Rice (Samba I)



Average Retail Prices of Beans (Green)



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The information is analyzed and presented as, prevailing prices, price ranges, averages and comparison of monthly prices. The changes in prices reported are always in relation to price, which prevailed during the previous month unless otherwise stated.

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

1. Paddy/Rice

Crop Situation

Crop establishment activities for paddy cultivation in 2021/22 *Maha* season progressed in all major producing areas. Official information reveals that a below normal rainfall was recorded in most of the major paddy producing areas. Better water availability was recorded in most of the major and minor irrigation tanks. According to the field, information the issues related to chemical fertilizer cropped up in most of the producing areas. However, most of the farmers used various kind of available organic fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers. According to the latest assessment issued by the Department of Agriculture the targeted paddy, extent of 2021/22 *Maha* season is 854,839 ha and the cultivated extent is 773,872 ha. The expected production based on the reported sown extent up to end of December is 2.23 Million Mt, considering the crop damages and yield reduction due to the fertilizer issue. The major surplus of paddy expected from Eastern and North Central provinces. The first harvest is expected to reach the market from the latter part of the January from Batticaloe and the rain fed cultivations of Kurunegala.

Table 1.1 Progress of paddy cultivation in *Maha* season as at end of December 2021

District/Area	Targeted Extent (ha)	Achievement (ha)	Achievement as a % of the Targeted Extent	**Production Forecast based on Progress (mt)	Total Affected Extent (ha)	Expected Production Loss for Affected Area (mt)	Revised Production Forecast- 3** (Mt) - Expecting 30% yield Reduction (Irregularities in Input Management)
Colombo	4,096	3,891	95	11,841	-	0	8,289
Gampaha	13,058	12,383	95	41,050	1,670	2971	26,655
Kalutara	13,702	12,251	89	40,119	-	0	28,083
Galle	14,406	10,809	75	29,945	-	0	20,961
Matara	15,334	13,950	91	42,732	300	284	29,713
Ratnapura	12,504	10,567	85	42,663	-	0	29,864
Kegalle	8,478	6,861	81	28,794	-	0	20,156
Kurunagala	82,497	75,780	92	334,192	3,108	7375	228,772
Puttalam	22,744	20,670	91	76,074	3,214	10158	46,141
Kandy	9,556	6,715	70	23,545	-	0	16,481
Matale	18,317	14,183	77	69,131	-	0	48,392
N eliya	4,265	362	8	925	-	0	648
Badulla	16,531	8,751	53	34,663	-	0	24,264
Monaragala	30,921	20,516	66	95,904	-	0	67,132
Jaffna	11,727	11,727	100	36,111	-	0	25,277
Kilinochchi	28,779	28,779	100	96,050	-	0	67,235
Vavuniya	20,997	21,868	104	101,717	-	0	71,202
Mullativu	21,303	20,171	95	87,736	-	0	61,415
Mannar	21,534	21,730	101	104,984	-	0	73,489
Anuradhapura	82,586	71,747	87	309,227	-	0	216,459
Trincomalee	48,939	41,143	84	163,971	-	0	114,780
Batticaloa	76,260	76,260	100	242,306	-	0	169,614
Ampara	7,074	6,624	94	30,903	-	0	21,632
Hambantota	13,081	9,554	73	52,339	-	0	36,637
Udawalawa	11,810	11,737	99	62,552	-	0	43,787
System H	21,755	17,541	81	75,216	-	0	52,651
System H1	8,195	8,408	103	36,054	-	0	25,237
System B	20,745	20,373	98	85,241	-	0	59,668
System C	22,900	22,372	98	93,604	-	0	65,523
System G	5,700	3,189	56	13,828	-	0	9,679
System D	1,043	1,187	114	4,966	-	0	3,476
Rambakanoya	1,050	1,061	101	4,125	-	0	2,888
Sri Lanka	854,839	773,872	91	3,210,501	13,300	26,728	2,228,641

Source: Crop Forecast, Yala 2021, Volume 06(Final), Department of Agriculture

Producer Prices

A decreasing trend of farm gate prices was recorded in early November with the arrival of imported rice varieties to the markets. However, again an increasing trend of prices started for all paddy varieties especially for long grain white paddy by the end of November and continue throughout the December in all major producing areas. The monthly average prices of long grain white paddy increased by less than 7% in all respective major producing areas except Ampara. However, the prices of short grain have increased by less than 3% in Kurunegala and Kalawewa while the prices have decreased in other producing areas. The prices of short grain and long grain white ranged between Rs.72.00-90.00/kg and Rs.65.00-90.00/kg in major producing areas. The highest price range of Rs 85.00- 90.00/kg was recorded in Polonnaruwa major producing area. The monthly average prices of long grain red paddy ranged between Rs 67.00-75.00/Kg in producing areas in the Southern province.

Compared to the same period of last year, the prices of short grain and long grain white paddy have increased by 26%-39%. It was noted that the prices of long grain red increased by 18% in Embilipitiya.

Table1.2: Producer prices of paddy – December 2021

	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to				
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020		
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%	
Short Grain									
Anuradhapura	75.00-85.00	78.45	81.16		-2.71	-3.34			
Polonnaruwa	85.00-90.00	86.69	87.23		-0.55	-0.63			
Kalawewa	78.00-85.00	82.60	82.08		0.52	0.63			
Kurunegala	80.00-86.00	82.56	80.13	59.67	2.44	3.04	22.90	38.37	
Dehiattakandiya	80.00-85.00	81.25	81.73	64.67	-0.48	-0.59	16.58	25.64	
Nikaweratiya				57.67					
Ampara	72.00-80.00	77.50	82.07		-4.57	-5.56			
Long Grain White									
Anuradhapura	70.00-75.00	72.00	71.76		0.24	0.33			
Polonnaruwa	77.00-90.00	81.23	75.33		5.89	7.82			
Kalawewa	70.00-83.00	75.90	72.28		3.62	5.01			
Kurunegala	75.00-80.00	77.56	72.96	55.67	4.60	6.31	21.90	39.33	
Dehiattakandiya	75.00-80.00	77.75	72.50	56.44	5.25	7.24	21.31	37.75	
Embilipitiya									
Nikaweratiya				57.67					
Long Grain Red									
A' pura									
Matara	70.00-74.00	70.92	65.73	59.00	5.19	7.90	11.92	20.20	
Hambantota	67.00-74.00	69.56	64.25		5.31	8.27			
Embilipitiya	68.00-75.00	70.34	66.92	59.40	3.42	5.11	10.94	18.41	
Keeri Samba									
A'pura	100.00-115.00	108.00	112.96		-4.96	-4.39			
Polonnaruwa	121.00-125.00	122.43	120.25		2.17	1.81			
Kalawewa	100.00-120.00	107.00	107.80		-0.80	-0.74			
Kurunegala	100.00-120.00	112.00	106.13		5.88	5.54			
Dehiattakandiya	115.00-122.00	118.58	118.80		-0.22	-0.18			

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Rice Prices Demand/Supply Situation

Wholesale Prices

In order to increase the market supply of rice the government intervene to the market with rice imports. A decreasing trend of prices was recorded from mid-November with the arrival of imported rice varieties to the markets. It was recorded that the market supply increased in Colombo and regional markets with imported rice varieties. With the increased supply of imported rice varieties to the markets, prices shown a decreasing trend throughout the December. However, from the beginning of December prices of local rice varieties have shown a slightly increasing trend.

Accordingly, prices of samba and *Keeri* samba decreased by less than 2% and samba price ranges were Rs.140.00- 150.00/kg. However, the prices of Nadu, raw white and raw red have increased by less than 2%. Prices of Nadu and raw white rice ranges were Rs.125.00-145.00/kg. Price of raw red also has increased by 3% and the price ranged between Rs.108.00-125.00/kg. The prices of imported samba, raw white and Nadu have decreased by 16%, 5% and 7% and prices ranged Rs.112.00-130.00/kg, Rs.98.00-110.00/kg and Rs.105.00-125.00/kg respectively.

Table 1.3: Wholesale and retail prices of rice – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Samba 1	145.00-150.00	145.84	147.78		-1.93	-1.31		
Samba 2	140.00-150.00	143.13	147.38		-4.25	-2.89		
Samba 3	205.00-220.00	210.93	215.76		-4.83	-2.24		
Nadu 1	130.00-145.00	133.30	131.18		2.12	1.62		
Nadu 2	125.00-138.00	128.41	127.07		1.33	1.05		
Raw red	108.00-125.00	110.87	107.85		3.01	2.79		
Raw white	120.00-135.00	127.05	125.18		1.87	1.49		
Imported Samba	112.00-130.00	119.85	142.21		-22.36	-15.72		
Imported Raw White	98.00-110.00	104.28	109.60		-5.32	-4.86		
Imported Nadu	105.00-125.00	115.95	124.32		-8.37	-6.73		
Retail Prices								
Samba 1	155.00-180.00	163.89	165.82		-1.93	-1.16		
Samba 2	150.00-160.00	153.68	155.53		-1.85	-1.19		
Samba 3	220.00-250.00	234.76	239.98		-5.22	-2.17		
Nadu 1	135.00-145.00	142.58	143.51		-0.92	-0.64		
Nadu 2	130.00-140.00	134.43	134.55		-0.13	-0.09		
Raw red	115.00-130.00	121.40	121.01		0.39	0.32		
Raw white	125.00-145.00	135.35	132.33		3.02	2.28		
Imported <i>Ponni</i> Samba	125.00-165.00	146.38	160.51		-14.13	-8.80		
Imported Raw White	110.00-130.00	120.48	124.24		-3.75	-3.02		
Imported Nadu	120.00-140.00	134.90	131.79		3.12	2.36		

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Retail Prices

In line with the wholesale, market the prices of local samba rice varieties decreased by less than 2%. The supply of all local rice varieties adequate in most of the consumer markets. However, the prices of local Nadu, raw red and raw white have not changed significantly. The prices of local

samba, raw white and Nadu have decreased by 9%, 3% and 2% and prices ranged Rs.150.00-180.00/kg, Rs.125.00-145.00/kg and Rs.130.00-145.00/kg respectively. The highest price range of Rs.220.00-250.00/kg was recorded for *Keeri* samba. The prices of imported samba, raw white and Nadu have decreased by 9%, 3% and 2% and prices ranged Rs.125.00-165.00/kg, Rs.110.00-130.00/kg and Rs.120.00-140.00/kg respectively. Imported rice varieties available in all regional markets.

2. Other Field Crops

2.1 Chilli

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Supply of green chilli from main producing areas has decreased during this month. Hence, both wholesale and retail prices of green chilli have increased significantly by about Rs.483.00/kg and Rs.571.00/kg. Average wholesale and retail prices of green chilli were Rs.664.25/kg and Rs.901.49/kg respectively. Higher producer prices for green chilli were recorded from Embilipitiya area with the price range of Rs.472.00 – 978.00/kg during the month of December. Average wholesale and retail prices of Green chilli were higher than that of the prices of imported dried chilli.

Wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli have also increased by about Rs.13100/kg and Rs.106.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported dried chilli were Rs.632.57/kg and Rs.700.81/kg respectively. Both average wholesale and retail price of imported dried chilli have were lower than the prices of green chilli.

Table 2.1.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Dried Chilli and Green Chilli – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price								
Green Chilli	380.00-1000.00	664.25	181.40		482.85	266.18		
Dried Chilli	500.00-770.00	632.57	501.40		131.17	26.16		
Retail Price								
Green Chilli	450.00-1400.00	901.49	330.07		571.42	173.12		
Dried Chilli	550.00-850.00	700.81	594.81		106.01	17.82		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Crop Situation

Table 2.1.2: Cultivation Progress of Green Chilli for Maha 2021/22 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of December 2021	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the Target
Anuradhapura	1,856	952	51
Puttalam	1,770	373	21
Monaragala	776	451	58
Jaffna	770	241	31
Killinochchi	550	114	21
Badulla	475	290	61
Inter provincial DDA Areas	915	437	48
Mahaweli Areas	515	283	55
Other Areas	3,679	2,069	56
Total	11,306	5,210	46

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

Table 2.1.3: Producer Prices of Green Chili (Rs/kg) December 2021

Location	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week
Dambulla	417.00	564.00	648.00	716.00
Embilipitiya	472.00	522.00	822.00	978.00
Puttalam	324.00	400.00	724.00	556.00
A'Pura	368.00	720.00	616.00	770.00

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

2.2 Red Onion and Big Onion

Crop situation

The targeted extent of land of red onion for maha 2021/22 season was 3581 ha, of which 779 ha has been cultivated by the end of December 2021. It represented 22% of the targeted extent of red onion in Sri Lanka. The targeted extent of land cultivation with red onion was about, 1900 ha in Jaffna and only 470 ha the target (25%) was grown at the end of December 2021. Cultivation progress of red onion was in a low level in both major producing districts (Jaffna and Puttalam, 25%).

Table 2.2.1: Cultivation Progress of Red Onion for Maha 2021/22 Season

Areas	Targeted Extent (ha)	Cultivation Progress at the end of December 2021	
		Cultivated Extent (ha)	% of the target
Jaffna	1900	470	25
Puttalam	900	225	25
Trincomalee	344	1	0.3
Kilinochchi	130	13	10
Other Areas	307	70	23
Total	3581	779	22

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The market supply of big onion consisted of both imported and local big onion varieties during this month. However, prices of both wholesale and retail prices of local big onion have increased by about Rs.30.00/kg and Rs.52.00/kg respectively due availability of limited stock position. Average wholesale price ranged of local big onion was Rs.160.00 – 280.00/kg and Rs.180.00 – 360.00/kg at the retail level.

A quantity of 21,633 mt of big onion was imported in December, 2021 and this quantity was higher than the 3619 mt compared to the previous month. The average CIF price was Rs.88.01/kg and it has decreased by Rs.3.06/kg compared to the previous month. Both wholesale and retail prices of imported big onions have increased by about Rs.41.00/kg and Rs.21.00/kg respectively. Average wholesale and retail prices of imported big onion were Rs.181.13/kg and Rs.211.24/kg respectively.

The supply of vedalan red onion has increased from main producing areas during this month. Hence, wholesale price of vedalan has decreased by about Rs.6.00/kg. Meanwhile, Wholesale price of sinnan red onion has increased by about Rs.5.00/kg due to limited supply. However, both retail prices of sinnan and vedalan red onions have increased by about Rs.42.00/kg and Rs.49.00/kg, respectively. Average retail prices of sinnan and vedalan were Rs.315.59/kg and Rs.364.32/kg respectively.

A quantity of 1,067mt of red onion was imported from India during this month and it was a decrease of 103 mt compared to that of last month. Average CIF price was Rs.151.78/kg and it has increased by Rs.4.14/kg compared to the previous month. However, with low availability of local stocks, both wholesale and retail prices of imported red onion have increased by about Rs.72.00/kg and Rs.20.00/kg.

Table 2.2.2: Wholesale Prices and Retail Prices of Red Onion and Big Onion - December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	150.00-220.00	188.06	183.42		4.64	2.53		
Red Onion (Vedalan)	230.00-250.00	240.00	245.91		-5.91	-2.40		
Red Onion (Imported)	250.00-380.00	299.23	227.26		71.97	31.67		
Big Onion (imported)	100.00-270.00	181.13	139.81		41.31	29.55		
Big Onion (Local)	160.00-280.00	202.69	173.03		29.66	17.14		
Retail Prices								
Red Onion (Sinnan)	240.00-450.00	315.59	273.36		42.23	15.45		
Red Onion (Vedalan)	320.00-400.00	364.32	315.79		48.53	15.37		
Red Onion (Imported)	300.00-480.00	350.14	330.23		19.91	6.03		
Big Onion (imported)	140.00-280.00	211.24	190.57		20.67	10.85		
Big Onion (Local)	180.00-360.00	258.66	206.81		51.84	25.07		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 2.2.3: Monthly average CIF and gross margin of Wholesale and Retail prices for Imported Onion December 2021

Item	Month	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price	Retail Price	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)	
			(Rs/kg)	(Rs/kg)	WP-CIF	RP-WP
Big onion	December,2021	88.01	181.13	211.24	93.12	30.11
	November,2021	91.07	139.81	190.57	48.74	50.76
	December,2020					
Red onion	December,2021	151.76	299.33	350.14	147.57	50.81
	November,2021	147.64	227.26	330.23	79.62	102.97
	December,2020					

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

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

Item	Quantity (mt.)		Value (Rs. mn)		CIF Price (Rs/kg)	
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2021	November 2021	December 2021	November 2021
Red Onion	1066.93	1169.68	161.91	172.69	151.78	147.64
Big Onion	21632.77	18013.48	1903.88	1640.51	88.01	91.07

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

Table 2.2.5: Quantity Imported, CIF price, Wholesale and Retail Price of Big Onion July 2021 to December 2021

Month	Quantity Imported (mt)	CIF Price (Rs/kg)	Wholesale Price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (RP-CIF) (Rs/kg)
December-2021	21,633	88.01	181.13	211.24	123.23
November-2021	18,013	91.07	139.81	190.57	99.5
October-2021	5,696	93.17	156.94	191.39	98.22
September-2021	6,085	70.72	109.75	141.61	70.89
August-2021	29,952	78.05	91.78	122.89	44.84
July-2021	18,443	68.97	78.17	111.94	42.97

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

2.3 Potato

Crop Situation

The targeted extent of potato for *maha* 2021/22 season is 2,659 ha which is higher than the targeted extent of *maha* 2020/21 season. About 995 ha had been cultivated by the end of December achieving 37% of the target. Compared to the same period of last *maha* season, the cultivated extent during this *maha* season by the end of December is at a low level. In December a total of 535 ha of potato was cultivated in the country. According to the cultivated extent up to end of this month, the expected production of potato is 17,202 mt for this *maha* season.

In the Nuwara Eliya district, the targeted extent is 1,139 ha which is higher than the last *maha* season and about 190 ha of potato have been cultivated by the end of December (17% progress). The targeted extent for this *maha* season is 1,361 ha in the Badulla district and 746 ha have been cultivated by the end of December achieving 29% of the targeted extent. The cultivated extent during this season is at high level compared to the same period of last *maha* season in the district. As the yala harvesting of potato was over in November, the supply of Welimada potato was lower in December.

Table 2.3.1: Cultivation Progress and Expected Production of Potato (*Maha* 2021/22)

District	Targeted Extent (ha)		Achievement (ha)		Progress (%) <i>Maha</i> 2021/22
	<i>Maha</i> 2020/21*	<i>Maha</i> 2021/22	<i>Maha</i> 2020/21*	<i>Maha</i> 2021/22	
N'Eliya	1,081	1,139	181	190	17
Badulla	1,365	1,361	1,087	746	55
Sri Lanka	2,446	2,659	1,278	995	37

Source: MFPAD/HARTI

Crop Forecast, *Maha* 2021/22, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

*Crop Forecast, *Maha* 2020/21, Socio-economic & Planning Centre/DOA

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

A quantity of 14,214 mt of potato had been imported in December, which was 6,354 mt higher than that was imported during the previous month. Special commodity levy on imported potatoes have been reduced by Rs.30.00/kg with effect from 31/12/2021. Average CIF price was Rs.73.00/kg in December. With regard to local potato, the supply has dropped due to end of the peak harvesting season in major producing areas. Limited stocks of Welimada potato were available in the market. On average, the producer prices of Nuwara Eliya and Welimada potatoes were Rs.234.00/kg and Rs.207.00/kg respectively. Wholesale prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 31% and 26% respectively in December. Also, the retail prices of Welimada and Nuwara Eliya potatoes have increased by 27% and 24% respectively. Wholesale and retail prices of imported potato have increased by 1% and 7% respectively. During the month of December, the wholesale prices of Nuwara Eliya, Welimada and imported potatoes ranged between Rs.215.00-250.00/kg, Rs.230.00-275.00/kg and Rs.115.00-210.00/kg respectively. Prices of potatoes are expected to be increased further till February as the new harvesting will be commenced in February from Badulla district.

Table 2.3.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of Imported Potatoes - July 2021 to December 2021

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December-2021	14,214	1035.91	72.88	186.66	113.78
November-2021	7,860	514.37	65.45	175.11	109.66
October-2021	2,140	126.25	59.00	153.94	94.94
September-2021	8,439	543.62	64.42	149.22	84.80
August-2021	9,194	628.69	68.38	164.95	96.57
July-2021	11,176	744.24	66.59	149.55	82.96

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

Table: 2.3.3: Producer, Wholesale and Retail Prices of Potato – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Producer Prices (PP)								
Welimada	199.20-213.00	207.30	175.64		31.66	18.03		
Nuwara Eliya	216.20-251.00	233.75	188.4		45.35	24.07		
Imported – CIF								
Wholesale Prices (WP)								
Welimada	215.00-250.00	234.58	179.20		55.38	30.91		
Nuwara Eliya	230.00-275.00	257.50	203.95		53.55	26.26		
Imported	115.00-210.00	164.23	162.39		1.84	1.13		
Retail Prices (RP)								
Welimada	220.00-280.00	258.10	203.89		54.21	26.59		
Nuwara Eliya	260.00-360.00	311.55	251.49		60.06	23.88		
Imported	150.00-220.00	186.66	175.11		11.55	6.59		
Gross Margin (RP-PP)								
Welimada		50.80	28.25		22.55	79.79		
Nuwara Eliya		77.80	63.09		14.71	23.31		
Imported (RP-CIF)		113.78	109.66		4.12	3.75		
Gross Margin (RP -WP)								
Welimada		23.52	24.69		-1.18	-4.77		
Nuwara Eliya		54.05	47.54		6.51	13.68		
Imported		22.43	12.72		9.71	76.33		

Source: Marketing Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

2.4 Green gram and Cowpea Prices and Supply/ Demand Situation

The farm gate price of Green gram ranged between Rs 400.00- 550.00/kg in Anuradhapura and Embilipitiya areas in the middle of the month. The wholesale and retail prices of green gram ranged Rs 450.00-650.00/kg and Rs 500.00-850/kg respectively. Meanwhile the retail prices of both White and Red Cowpea ranged between Rs 550.00-750.00/kg and 360.00-600.00/kg respectively. When compared to the previous month, the December prices have increased by 17% for Red Cowpea.

Table 2.4.1: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Green gram and Cowpea – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average Price			Change Compared to		Change Compared to	
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Green gram	350.00-500.00	417.48	412.73		4.75	1.15		
Cowpea (White)	480.00-720.00	582.40	487.79		94.61	19.40		
Cowpea (Red)	270.00-500.00	393.54	288.82		104.71	36.26		
Retail Price								
Green gram	440.00-700.00	563.21	575.61		-12.40	-2.15		
Cowpea (White)	550.00-750.00	647.66	611.96		35.70	5.83		
Cowpea (Red)	360.00-600.00	435.84	372.26		63.58	17.08		

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Crop Situation

The cultivated extent and production of Green gram and Cowpea has increased considerably in last *Yala* season mainly due to the import restrictions imposed by the government. It was recorded that the Hambanthota, Moneragala, Kurunegala Anuradhapura and Putthalam districts are the major producing areas for the Green gram cultivation while Anuradapura, Kurunegala and Moneragala are for Cowpea. The following table revealed that the production situation of 2021/22 Maha season.

Table 2.4.2: Target and Cultivated Extent of Green gram and Cowpea as at end December 2021 in Maha season, 2021/22

Item	Unit	Green gram	Cowpea
<i>Maha 2021/22</i>			
Targeted Extent	Ha	9496	9492
Achievement	Ha	7651	4714
Crop affected area due to flood	Ha	1040	47
Expected Production	Mt	5471	5128
Achievement in Extent from the Target	%	56	50
<i>Maha 2020/21</i>			
Cultivated Extent	Ha	5696	5770
Production	Mt	6527	5979

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2.5 Red dhal

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

The wholesale price of red dhal ranged between Rs.240/kg and Rs.250/kg with an average of Rs.245/kg, and the retail price ranged between Rs.250/kg and Rs.280/kg with an average of Rs.266/kg. Both wholesale and the retail prices decreased by 9% and 6% respectively. The lockdown situation in same period of the 2020 was the main reason for the missing data.

Table 2.5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of Red Dhal – December 2021

Red Dhal	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Price	240.00-250.00	244.85	225.04		19.81	8.80		
Retail Price	250.00-280.00	266.57	251.60		14.97	5.95		

Source: Marketing Food Policy & Agribusiness Division

3. Vegetables

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

Wholesale

Prices of most of the vegetables have increased throughout the November and December months. Crop damages due to the heavy rainfall in major producing areas, supply chain disruptions because of adverse weather, decline of cultivated extent of some varieties, the spread of pest and diseases due to the favorable weather and the limitation of fertilizer and agro chemicals are the main drivers for the price increase. Prices of leeks, carrot cabbage, knolkhol, and raddish have increased mainly due to the low supply from Nuwara Eliya, Welimada, Puttalam, and Jafna producing areas. Meanwhile, the prices of all the low-country vegetable varieties have increased. Considering up-country vegetables, prices of all the vegetable varieties have increased except beans and tomato due to decreased supply from Embilipitiya, Thambuttegama, Kandy, and Dambulla producing areas. Meanwhile, the supply of vegetables was not much interrupted due to functioning of all the Dedicated Economic Centers regularly.

Table 3.1: Wholesale prices of vegetables – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	280.00-450.00	372.00	290.00		82.00	28.28		
Carrot	280.00-450.00	349.25	220.20		129.05	58.61		
Leeks	240.00-320.00	274.50	224.00		50.50	22.54		
Beetroot	130.00-400.00	268.42	77.53		190.88	246.20		
Knolkhol	170.00-300.00	230.63	142.40		88.23	61.96		
Radish	140.00-200.00	166.25	121.80		44.45	36.49		
Cabbage	220.00-350.00	294.75	160.00		134.75	84.22		
Tomato	140.00-450.00	328.50	273.80		54.70	19.98		
Ladies Fingers	140.00-200.00	166.25	133.00		33.25	25.00		
Brinjal	240.00-350.00	289.75	183.20		106.55	58.16		
Capsicum	500.00-700.00	622.50	393.40		229.10	58.24		
Pumpkin	40.00-75.00	53.63	46.20		7.43	16.07		
Cucumber	70.00-130.00	112.50	74.10		38.40	51.82		
Bittergourd	220.00-400.00	311.75	313.40		-1.65	-0.53		
Snakegourd	230.00-270.00	248.38	199.60		48.78	24.44		
Drumstick			185.00					
Luffa	150.00-240.00	203.25	185.60		17.65	9.51		
Long Beans	200.00-300.00	244.25	188.00		56.25	29.92		
Ash Plantain	50.00-80.00	65.86	47.10		18.76	39.84		
Green Chillies	380.00-1000.00	664.25	181.40		482.85	266.18		
Lime	130.00-260.00	194.50	411.40		-216.90	-52.72		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Retail

In line with the wholesale market, prices of both upcountry and low country vegetables have increased throughout the November and December months. Prices have increased due to the limited supply as a result of end of peak harvesting season. The highest price increase was reported for capsicum and green chilies as Rs.285.00/kg and Rs 571.00/kg respectively. Prices of cabbage, carrot, beet, and brinjal have increased by more than Rs 100.00/kg. The increasing trend

of prices recorded in most of the regional markets. However, the prices shown a decreasing trend by the end of the December due to the commencement of *Maha* season harvesting slightly.

Table 3.2: Retail prices of vegetables – December 2021

Items	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Beans (green)	320.00-520.00	453.47	379.94		73.54	19.36		
Carrot	320.00-540.00	431.98	309.11		122.86	39.75		
Leeks	280.00-500.00	388.95	327.48		61.47	18.77		
Beetroot	180.00-600.00	406.27	165.83		240.44	144.99		
Knolkhol	240.00-400.00	316.10	225.54		90.56	40.15		
Radish	150.00-320.00	253.54	199.43		54.11	27.13		
Cabbage	300.00-560.00	430.29	253.28		177.01	69.89		
Tomato	240.00-600.00	450.44	402.53		47.91	11.90		
Ladies Fingers	200.00-360.00	280.60	230.85		49.75	21.55		
Brinjal	280.00-500.00	385.72	274.52		111.20	40.51		
Capsicum	600.00-1200.00	792.06	507.33		284.73	56.12		
Pumpkin	70.00-160.00	118.66	111.49		7.17	6.43		
Cucumber	120.00-240.00	181.92	144.87		37.05	25.57		
Bittergourd	280.00-600.00	464.54	437.15		27.38	6.26		
Snakegourd	280.00-440.00	348.71	289.85		58.86	20.31		
Drumstick			410.42					
Luffa	240.00-400.00	325.44	288.87		36.56	12.66		
Long Beans	240.00-400.00	354.63	285.59		69.04	24.17		
Ash Plantain	100.00-160.00	138.04	125.10		12.94	10.34		
Green Chilli	450.00-1400.00	901.49	330.07		571.42	173.12		
Lime	200.00-600.00	427.83	600.30		-172.47	-28.73		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HART

4. Fruits

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

In December, the wholesale prices of most of the fruit varieties have increased. Considering the prices of banana varieties, the prices of all the varieties have increased with the highest price increase of 4% was reported for *ambul* and *kolikuttu* banana, followed by *seeni*, *anamalu* and *ambun* (2%). During the month, the wholesale prices ranged between Rs.100.00-180.00/kg (*kolikuttu*), Rs.40.00-100.00/kg (*ambul*), Rs.50.00-80.00/kg (*seeni*), Rs.12.00-16.00/fruit (*ambun*) and Rs.10.00-14.00/fruit (*anamalu*).

Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased further in the range of 38%-43% due to lean harvesting season for pineapple in Gampaha district. Monthly average wholesale prices were Rs.284.00/fruit (large), Rs.215.00/fruit (medium) and Rs.150.00/fruit (small) sizes of fruits respectively (Table 4.1). Considering other types of fruit varieties, the price of avocado has increased significantly by 80% due to off season. Further, the prices of wood apple and passion

fruit have increased by 30%. In addition, the price of papaw has increased by 25% and the average wholesale price was recorded as Rs.126.00/kg.

With the arrival of some stocks of mango to the market from this month, the wholesale prices of *karthakolomban* (40%) and *vilad* (19%) mangoes have decreased. During the month, the highest price range of Rs.25.00-60.00/fruit was recorded for *karthakolomban* mango. In addition, the prices of papaw (14%) and wood apple (3%) and grapes (3%) have decreased due to availability of sufficient stocks.

Table 4.1: Wholesale Prices of Fruits – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	40.00-100.00	51.67	49.50		2.17	4.38		
Kolikuttu (Kg)	100.00-180.00	133.33	128.33		5.00	3.90		
Seeni (Kg)	50.00-80.00	62.50	62.00		0.50	0.81		
Anamalu (Fruit)	10.00-14.00	11.13	10.92		0.21	1.91		
Ambun (Fruit)	12.00-16.00	13.58	13.30		0.28	2.13		
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	240.00-320.00	284.34	205.60		78.74	38.30		
Medium (Fruit)	160.00-260.00	215.50	153.91		61.59	40.02		
Small (Fruit)	120.00-170.00	149.50	104.60		44.90	42.93		
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)			21.20					
Karthakolomban(fruit)	25.00-60.00	37.07	61.95		-24.88	-40.16		
Vilad (Fruit)	19.00-22.00	21.00	25.90		-4.90	-18.92		
Kohu (Fruit)								
Papaw (Kg)	80.00-180.00	125.72	100.12		25.60	25.57		
Passionfruit (Fruit)	11.00-15.00	12.60	9.65		2.95	30.61		
Woodapple (Fruit)	13.00-18.00	16.27	12.48		3.79	30.34		
Orange (Fruit)	45.00-60.00	54.27	55.75		-1.48	-2.65		
Avocado (Fruit)	63.00-200.00	127.43	67.69		59.73	88.24		
Slime Apple (Fruit)	33.00-100.00	42.98	35.98		7.00	19.44		
Grapes Imported (Kg)	671.00-1000.00	813.48	887.94		-74.46	-8.39		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

According to the price behaviour of the wholesale market, the retail prices of all the fruit varieties except for mango and grapes have increased in December. Accordingly, the prices of *anamalu* and *seeni* banana have increased by 5%, followed by *ambun* and *ambul* banana by 4%. During the month, the prices ranged between Rs.150.00-250.00/kg for *kolikuttu* and Rs.80.00-150.00/kg for *seeni* banana in Colombo and suburb markets. Prices of all the sizes of pineapple have increased in the range of 24%-26% due to increased wholesale prices and the prices ranged between Rs.140.00-380.00/fruit in Colombo suburbs markets. Considering the other types of fruits, the retail prices of avocado (109%), papaw (31%) and passion fruit (13%) have increased in line with the increased wholesale prices (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Retail Prices of Fruits – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	(Rs)	%	(Rs)	%
Plantain								
Ambul (Kg)	60.00-150.00	114.68	110.80		3.89	3.51		
Kolikuttu (Kg)	150.00-250.00	212.30	212.16		0.14	0.06		
Seeni (Kg)	80.00-150.00	125.68	119.91		5.78	4.82		
Anamalu (Fruit)	15.00-22.00	19.12	18.20		0.92	5.07		
Ambun (Fruit)	18.00-28.00	23.97	23.06		0.90	3.92		
Pineapple								
Large (Fruit)	250.00-380.00	324.53	259.76		64.77	24.94		
Medium (Fruit)	180.00-280.00	254.05	205.18		48.87	23.82		
Small (Fruit)	140.00-250.00	194.11	154.28		39.83	25.82		
Mango								
Betti (Fruit)								
Karthakolomban(fruit)	40.00-100.00	64.65	90.44		-25.79	-28.51		
Vilad (Fruit)			61.94					
Kohu (Fruit)								
Papaw (Kg)	150.00-260.00	217.62	165.696		51.92	31.34		
Passionfruit (Fruit)	15.00-33.00	23.95	21.1437		2.81	13.27		
Woodapple (Fruit)	30.00-70.00	50.46	46.0017		4.46	9.69		
Orange (Fruit)	60.00-120.00	92.26	87.1922		5.07	5.82		
Avocado (Fruit)	80.00-260.00	184.33	87.9552		96.38	109.58		
Slime Apple (Fruit)	40.00-120.00	78.34	79.641					
Grapes Imported (Kg)	1000.00-1300.00	1243.36	1270.7		-27.34	-2.15		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.3: Producer Prices of selected Fruits – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Ambul	27.50-51.00	32.75	33.15		-0.40	-1.22		
Kolikuttu	75.00-127.00	98.88	111.60		-12.72	-11.40		
Papaw	45.00-77.00	58.00	49.60		8.40	16.94		

Source; Marketing Food Policy Agribusiness Division, HARTI

Exports/Imports of Fruits

Exports/Imports of Fruits According to the Sri Lanka Customs, Sri Lanka had exported 1,104 mt of fresh fruits in December, 2021 to the value of Rs.134 mn. Of the exported quantity, 90% were papaw, and 7% were fresh pineapple and the rest was fresh mango, guava, mangosteen, avocados and oranges. In the month of November, 2021, the quantity exported was 1,396 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the exported quantity had decreased by 21% (Table 4.3).

With reference to imports, Sri Lanka had imported 2,566 mt of fresh fruits in December and the value was Rs.637 mn. Of the imported quantity, 73% were apple, 15% were grapes and 11% were oranges. In the month of November, 2021, the quantity imported was 2,827 mt. Therefore, compared to last month, the imported quantity had increased by 9% (Table 4.4)

Table 4.4: Quantity, Value and FOB Prices of Exported Fruits – October 2021 to December 2021

Type of Fruit	Dec - 2021			Nov - 2019			Oct - 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 Papaw	991.74	85.27	85.98	1291.15	115.38	89.36	1837.63	126.65	68.92
Feresh Mango,Guava, Mangosteen	37.44	21.03	561.64	35.3	14.61	413.83	50.04	7.79	155.66
Fresh Avocado	1.64	1.46	887.53	1.83	1.25	685.73	2.99	1.74	583.03
Pineapple, fresh	73.32	26.44	360.56	68.05	25.87	380.17	127.43	36.44	285.93

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Table 4.5: Quantity, Value and CIF prices of Imported Fruits – October 2021 to December 2021

Type of Fruit	December - 2021			November - 2021			October - 2021		
	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	1881.34	412.97	219.51	1755.07	395.91	225.58	1552.32	316.17	203.68
Grapes	394.99	169	427.86	647.946	260.29	401.72	343.22	122.38	356.57
Oranges	289.89	55.49	191.42	424.34	69.61	164.05	678.14	107.58	158.64

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

5. Fish, Dried Fish, Eggs and Meat

Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

With increased demand, followed by the gradual relaxing of the Covid related market disruptions during the month, prices had increased for most of the fresh fish varieties, at the wholesale market. Of the varieties which showed a price hike, the highest was reported for Balaya as 15% due to high demand after relaxing of Covid related curfew. Because of and fuel shortage during the Covid related curfew, a short - supply of deep - sea fish varieties such as kelawalla and paraw was observed, starting from the imposition of the quarantine curfew in last month and continued throughout November. As a result, prices of kelawalla had increased by 11% followed by both salaya and paraw as 8%. Prices of rest of the fresh fish varieties, except for mora, had upsurged in the range of 2% - 4%.

Retail market prices showed an opposite direction price movement for mora, showing a price increase of 5% at the retail level, despite the price drop at the wholesale level. Except for above, all the retail price movements followed wholesale price movements by showing price increases, compared to October. The highest price hike was reported for hurulla as 10%. Prices of thalpath had increased by 9% and prices of both salaya and thora had increased by 7%.

Table 5.1: Wholesale and retail prices of fish – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wholesale Prices								
Salaya	150.00-320.00	220.17	179.65		40.51	22.55		
Hurulla	350.00-650.00	457.20	411.73		45.47	11.04		
Balaya	350.00-600.00	445.43	453.30		-7.87	-1.74		
Kelawalla	700.00-1000.00	833.58	821.33		12.25	1.49		
Thora	1080.00-1800.00	1500.49	1392.43		108.06	7.76		
Paraw	680.00-900.00	781.56	778.05		3.51	0.45		
Mora	650.00-750.00	703.33	687.50		15.83	2.30		
Shrimp (small)	950.00-1400.00	1117.98	1069.29		48.69	4.55		
Thalapath	1280.00-1600.00	1398.15	1120.00		278.15	24.84		
Retail Prices								
Salaya	200.00-460.00	305.67	285.99		19.68	6.88		
Hurulla	460.00-700.00	557.69	544.02		13.67	2.51		
Balaya	800.00-1380.00	941.15	916.43		24.72	2.70		
Kelawalla	1200.00-2000.00	1479.48	1446.21		33.27	2.30		
Thora	1800.00-2700.00	2100.08	1988.30		111.77	5.62		
Paraw	1240.00-1800.00	1509.96	1496.25		13.71	0.92		
Mora	1000.00-1300.00	1149.00	1012.83		136.17	13.44		
Shrimp (small)	1100.00-1500.00	1244.34	1188.85		55.49	4.67		
Thalapath	1800.00-2400.00	2079.16	1813.69		265.47	14.64		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Dried Fish

Prices and Supply/Demand Situation

During the month, most of the imported dried fish varieties were not available at the market due to import interruptions. Therefore, prices of most of the dried fish varieties had slightly increased at the wholesale level. The main supply area for the local varieties was Mannar. Of the varieties which showed a price increase, the highest was reported for balaya as 12%, followed by salaya as 5% and anguluwa as 3%. Except for sprats and kattawa, prices of all the other varieties were increased by less than 3%.

Retail prices of most of the dried fish varieties, except for sprats, kattawa and sprats (imported) had slightly increased, with the highest price increase noted for maduwa as 14%. Further, an opposite direction price movement (a price decrease) was observed for sprats (imported) at the retail market, compared to its' price movements at the wholesale market. This might be due to the transportation interruptions at the retail level, due to Covid. However, prices of rest of the dried fish varieties had increased in the range of 1% - 8%.

Table 5.2: Wholesale and retail prices of dried fish – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Dried fish – Wholesale Price								
Sprats	880.00-1150.00	997.64	1153.17		-155.53	-13.49		
Sprats (imported)	480.00-680.00	566.26	551.78		14.47	2.62		
Kattawa	1180.00-1300.00	1253.81	1220.10		33.71	2.76		
Kattawa (imported)								
Thora								
Thora (imported)								
Mora	1260.00-1380.00	1318.81	1289.90		28.90	2.24		
Mora (imported)								
Balaya	550.00-800.00	619.82	662.33		-42.51	-6.42		
Balaya (imported)								
Anguluwa	1250.00-1380.00	1346.25	1273.88		72.37	5.68		
Anguluwa (imported)								
Maduwa	750.00-900.00	828.67	733.67		95.00	12.95		
Maduwa (imported)								
Salaya	280.00-450.00	366.59	321.42		45.17	14.05		
Salaya (imported)								
Dried fish – Retail Price								
Sprats(imported)	600.00-900.00	725.68	694.31		31.37	4.52		
Sprats	1000.00-1600.00	1245.55	1306.95		-61.41	-4.70		
Kattawa	1300.00-1900.00	1576.69	1568.34		8.34	0.53		
Thora	1900.00-2400.00	2155.00	2091.41		63.59	3.04		
Mora	1400.00-1800.00	1610.78	1561.29		49.49	3.17		
Balaya	750.00-1250.00	990.90	957.79		33.11	3.46		
Anguluwa	1400.00-1800.00	1515.84	1434.96		80.88	5.64		
Maduwa	800.00-1300.00	1008.73	991.51		17.22	1.74		
Salaya	500.00-800.00	632.83	590.74		42.10	7.13		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Eggs

Prices of both brown and white eggs had upsurge by 15% and 18% respectively at the wholesale level, compared to October 2021, because of the high demand from the industrial sector just after relaxing of Covid - curfew. The monthly wholesale price of brown and white egg was in the range of 19.00-24.00/egg and 17.50 - 22.50. In line with the wholesale price behaviour, prices of both brown and white eggs had increased by 11% and 13% respectively at the retail level. The monthly retail price of a brown and a white egg was in the range of Rs.20.00 - 25.00/egg and Rs.19.00 - 23.00/egg respectively.

Table 5.3: Wholesale and Retail Prices of Eggs – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	%	Rs	%
Wholesale Price								
Eggs – Brown (each)	24.00-26.00	25.44	21.59		3.85	17.82		
White (each)	22.50-25.00	24.22	19.73		4.49	22.78		
Retail Price								
Eggs- Brown (each)	24.00-28.00	25.79	22.01		3.78	17.18		
White (each)	23.00-27.00	24.52	20.71		3.82	18.44		

Source: Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division/HARTI

Meat

Prices of most of the meat varieties had increased at the retail market, compared to last month, due to increased demand just after relaxing of Covid-curfew. The highest price increase was noted for chicken (broiler) as 9%. Further, prices of both chicken (curry), and pork had increased by 5%. However, prices of mutton had dropped by 1%, at the retail level.

Table 5.4: Retail prices of meat – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Meat								
Beef (without bones)	1150.00-1350.00	1,224.11	1,206.67		17.44	1.45		
Chicken (Broiler)	740.00-850.00	785.75	761.27		24.48	3.22		
Chicken (curry)	590.00-850.00	721.52	732.09		-10.57	-1.44		
Mutton	1800.00-2200.00	1,997.22	2,025.83		-28.61	-1.41		
Pork	780.00-950.00	855.50	843.67		11.83	1.40		

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 79,672mt worth of 5,594mn wheat grain had been imported during the month of December. The average CIF price was Rs.70.00/kg. Compared to the October, average CIF price for wheat grain increased by Rs 4.00/kg.

A total quantity of 1424mt. of wheat flour worth of 128mn had been imported during the month of December. Compared to October, quantity of this month has increased nearly by twice in terms of quantity. Compared to the October, average CIF price for wheat flour has decreased by nearly Rs.4.00/kg during the month.

Meanwhile, the local retail price of wheat flour ranged between Rs.130.00-140.00/kg and the average price was Rs.136.00/kg. Compared to the November, the average retail price of wheat flour has increased by Rs.14.00/kg during the month. Further, compared to the same period of last year, retail price of wheat flour has increased by 44%.

Table 6.1: Open market Retail Prices of Wheat Flour and Sugar – December 2021

Item	Price Range	Average			Change Compared to			
	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	Dec. 2020	Nov 2021		Dec. 2020	
	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	Rs/kg	%	Rs/kg	%
Wheat Flour	130.50-140.00	135.92	122.28	94.68	13.64	11.15	41.24	43.56
Sugar	141.37-146.04	143.45	151.01	113.50	-7.56	-5.01	29.95	26.39

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 6.2: Quantity, value and CIF prices of wheat flour & grain- July 2021 to December 2021

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
Wheat Flour					
December-2021	1,423.51	128.13	90.01	135.92	45.91
November-2021	687.35	57.72	83.98	122.28	38.3
October-2021	610.14	57.66	94.51	113.9	19.39
September-2021	831.51	76.44	91.92	98.59	6.67
August-2021	1,018.28	94.18	92.49	95.30	2.81
July-2021	643.11	54.42	84.63	95.53	10.90
Wheat Grain					
December-2021	79,671.56	5,594.25	70.21	135.92	65.71
November-2021	73,643.36	5,203.96	70.66	122.28	51.62
October-2021	206,191.12	13,718.46	66.53	113.9	47.37
September-2021	81,044.60	4,697.65	57.96	98.59	40.63
August-2021	173,379.91	10,827.82	62.45	95.30	32.85
July-2021	80,875.27	4,759.85	58.85	95.53	36.67

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 59,428mt worth of 6,446mn of sugar had been imported to the country during the month of December. Compared to the October, quantity of this month has drastically increased and it was more than three times in terms of quantity. Sugar for the month of December had been mainly imported from Thailand and India and the average CIF price was reported Rs.108.00. Compared to the November, average CIF price for sugar has increased only by Rs.1.00/kg.

Referring to the local retail price of sugar for the month of December, the average retail price was Rs.143.00/kg. Compared to the November the average retail price of sugar decreased by Rs 8.00/kg. Further, compared to the same period of last year average retail price of sugar has increased by 26%.

Table 6.3: Quantity, value and CIF prices of sugar- July 2020 to December 2021

Month	Quantity (mt.)	Value (Rs.mn)	CIF price (Rs/kg)	Retail Price (Rs/kg)	Gross Margin (Rs/kg)
December-2021	59,427.97	6446.45	108.48	143.45	34.97
November-2021	55,343.22	5940.44	107.34	151.01	43.67
October-2021	17075.00	1825.52	106.91	140.43	33.52
September-2021	4554.41	441.29	96.89	127.58	30.68
August-2021	5263.00	507.70	96.47	158.81	62.34
July-2021	1147.00	114.49	99.81	130.21	30.39

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

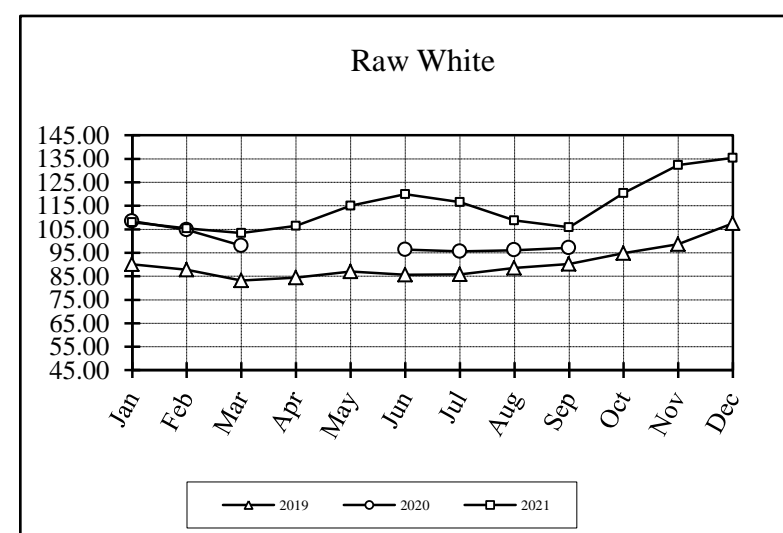
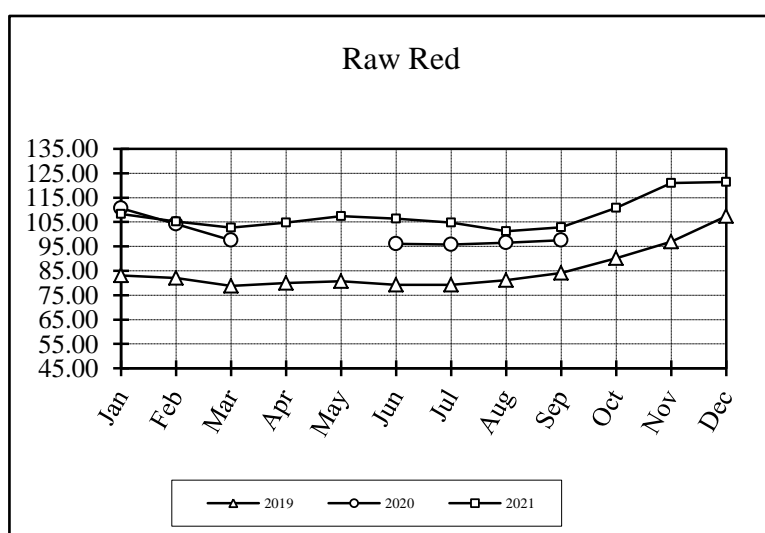
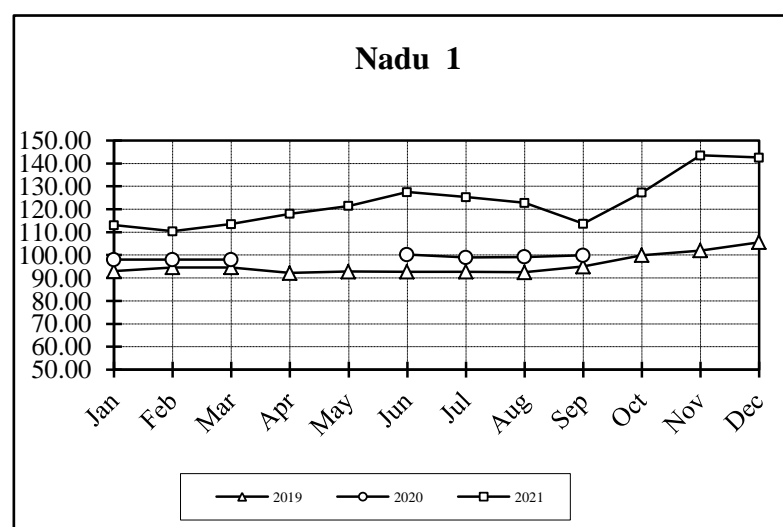
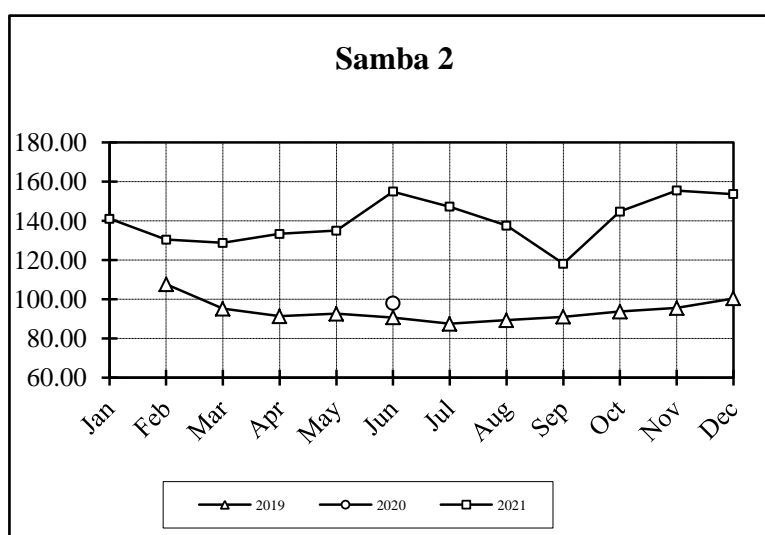
Table 7: Import of selected food items – December 2021

Item	Quantity (mt)		% Change Compared to last month	Value (Rs. mn)		% Change Compared to last month	CIF (Rs/kg)		% Change Compared to last month
	Dec. 2021	Nov 2021		Dec. 2021	Nov 2021		Dec. 2021	Nov 2021	
Rice	43620.8	19,021.8	56	3741.5	1,750.3	53	85.8	92.0	(7)
Red Onion	1066.9	1169.7	(10)	161.9	172.7	(7)	151.8	147.6	3
Big Onion	21632.8	18013.5	17	1903.9	1640.5	14	88.0	91.1	(3)
Potato	14214.5	7859.5	45	1035.9	514.4	50	72.9	65.5	10
Masoor Dhal	11593.5	10074.3	13	2071.8	1,755.6	15	178.7	174.3	2
Garlic	2272.2	2,606.8	(15)	681.8	774.8	(14)	300.1	297.2	1
Wheat flour	1423.5	687.4	52	128.1	57.7	55	90.0	84.0	7
Wheat grain	79671.6	73,643.4	8	5594.3	5,204.0	7	70.2	70.7	(1)
Sugar & sugar confectionery	59428.0	55,343.2	7	6446.5	5,940.4	8	108.5	107.3	1
Maize (Other)	5039.6	375.0	93	347.6	29.9	91	69.0	79.8	(16)

Source: Automated data Processing Division, Department of Customs, HARTI

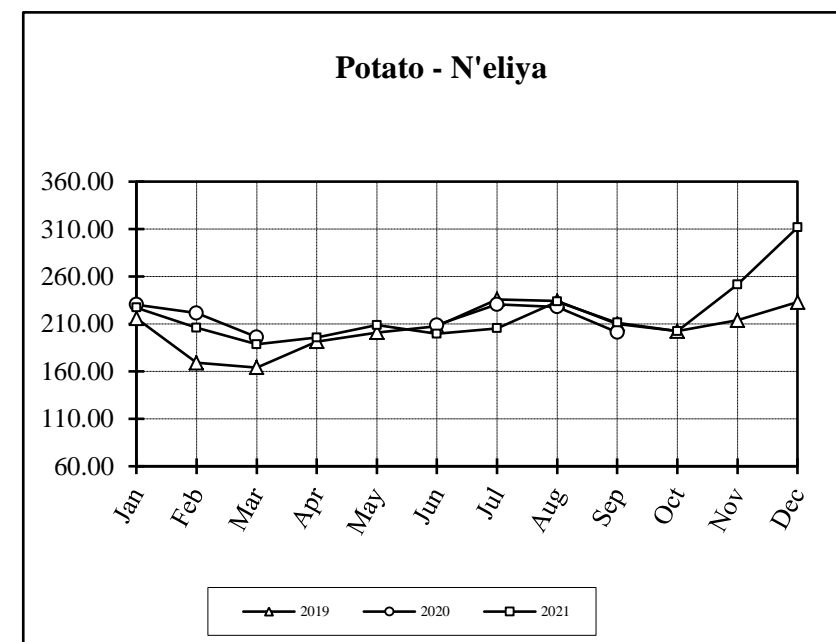
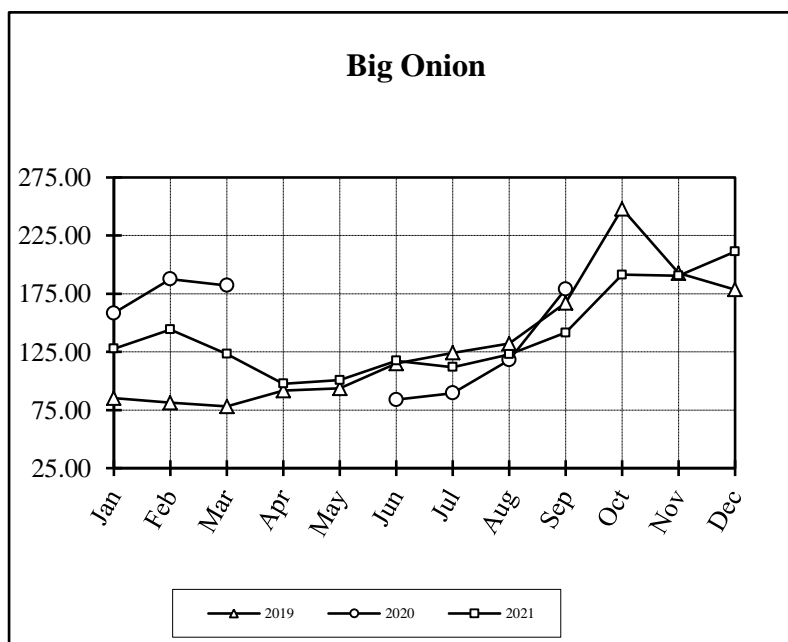
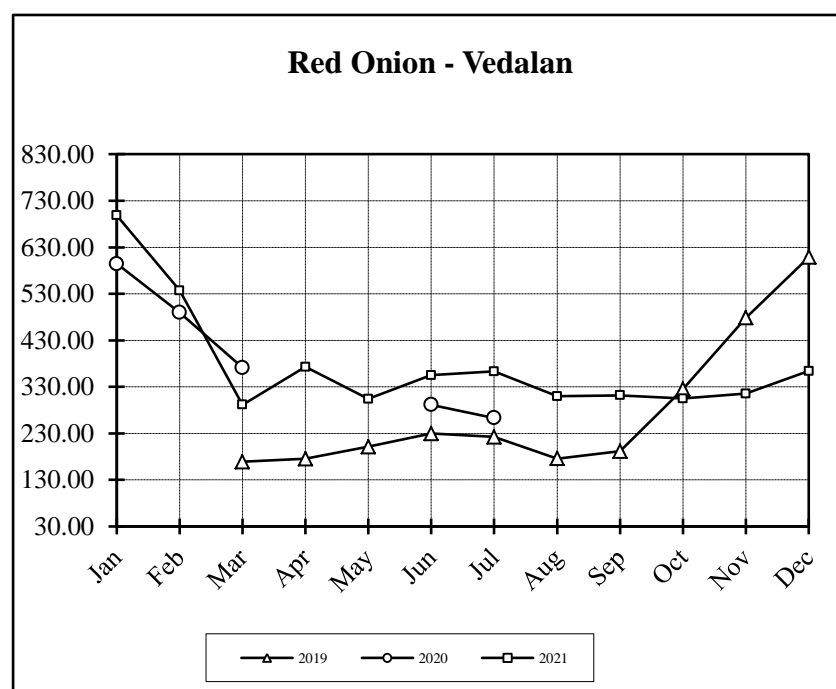
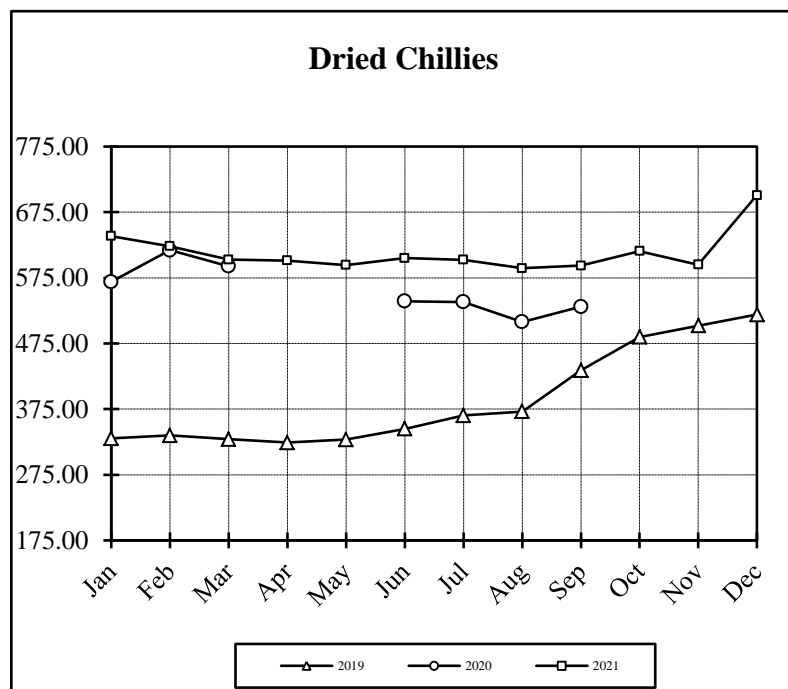
Appendix 01: Retail Price of Rice in Colombo & Suburbs (Rs/kg)

Month	Samba 2			Nadu 1			Raw Red			Raw White		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Jan			141.10	93.00	98.00	113.10	83.12	110.60	108.31	90.02	108.50	108.03
Feb	107.65		130.44	94.64	98.00	110.43	82.07	104.20	105.14	87.74	104.75	105.33
Mar	95.23		128.86	94.63	98.00	113.55	78.87	97.55	102.71	83.14	97.98	103.35
Apr	91.39		133.36	92.17		118.02	79.92		104.80	84.39		106.46
May	92.62		135.00	92.83		121.48	80.74		107.41	87.00		115.04
Jun	90.71	98.00	155.00	92.73	100.19	127.50	79.19	96.10	106.45	85.64	96.36	120.00
Jul	87.49		147.27	92.75	98.97	125.36	79.31	95.73	104.83	85.86	95.59	116.53
Aug	89.38		137.66	92.49	99.16	122.81	81.14	96.47	101.28	88.49	96.13	108.81
Sep	91.08		118.18	95.00	99.85	113.72	84.14	97.54	102.87	90.23	97.08	105.80
Oct	93.68		144.76	99.95		127.27	90.11		110.86	94.88		120.38
Nov	95.57		155.53	102.03		143.51	96.96		121.01	98.70		132.33
Dec	100.42		153.68	105.60		142.58	107.46		121.40	107.48		135.35



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

Month	Dried Chillies			Red Onion			Big Onion			Potato - N'Eliya		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Jan	330.31	568.88	638.57		594.62	698.55	85.22	158.34	127.78	215.71	230.30	227.08
Feb	335.00	616.91	623.15		489.95	537.28	81.33	187.64	144.28	168.89	221.45	205.92
Mar	329.23	592.69	602.72	168.97	371.19	291.66	78.17	182.10	123.19	164.00	196.08	188.53
Apr	324.25		601.31	175.37		372.89	91.75		97.65	191.47		195.46
May	328.50		594.37	201.43		304.18	93.54		100.75	200.97		208.71
Jun	345.06	539.23	605.00	229.57	291.67	355.40	114.91	83.89	117.42	207.45	208.57	199.41
Jul	365.35	538.09	602.48	222.51	263.40	363.39	124.20	89.58	111.94	235.89	230.38	205.29
Aug	371.46	507.84	589.40	175.95		309.97	132.13	118.02	122.89	234.10	227.97	233.39
Sep	434.22	531.06	593.55	191.81		311.79	167.17	179.16	141.61	209.86	201.15	211.28
Oct	484.80		615.62	325.31		304.78	248.02		191.39	202.38		202.40
Nov	502.09		594.81	478.63		315.79	192.69		190.57	213.71		251.49
Dec	518.89		700.81	608.84		364.32	178.67		211.24	232.91		311.55



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

Nov-21

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	154.40	169.00	193.00	193.00	232.60	Welimada	137.00	147.60	186.00	265.20	175.60
A'pura	87.00	82.00	77.00	77.80	82.00	Badulla	144.00	152.00	185.00	199.00	203.33	N'Eliya	154.20	167.80	208.00	208.00	196.00
P'naruruwa	97.67	87.67	79.33	85.75	85.75	Welimada	133.40	144.00	192.00	192.00	216.80						
Kalawewa	88.60	79.20	79.20	81.00	82.40	Pulses						Beetroot					
Kurunegala		80.00	79.50	80.50	80.50	Green Gram						Hanguranketha					
Dehiattakandiya	90.00	86.00	75.00	77.67	80.00	Galgamuwa						N'Eliya	62.80	61.60	78.00	78.00	166.00
Ampara	88.33	82.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	Kalawewa	362.50	325.00	320.00	320.00	320.00	Dambulla	37.20	34.00	54.80	72.75	108.33
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	385.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	290.00	Kurunegala	40.00	40.00	40.00		
A'pura	77.00	66.20	66.20	72.40	77.00	Kurunegala						Welimada	39.60	38.00	84.20	86.80	131.00
P'naruruwa	81.67	72.67	70.33	75.25	76.75	A'pura	370.00	344.00	288.00	308.00	308.00	Knokhol					
Kalawewa	77.80	63.80	73.40	73.40	73.00	Cowpea						Hanguranketha					
Kurunegala	72.40	71.40	69.50	75.75	75.75	A'pura						N'Eliya	77.40	81.40	142.40	142.40	154.00
Dehiattakandiya	80.00	72.50	65.00	70.00	75.00	Galgamuwa						Welimada	76.60	87.00	135.20	135.80	140.20
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Radish					
Ampara	72.33	70.00	68.33	68.33	66.67	Kalawewa	415.00	416.67				Hanguranketha	50.00				88.00
Matara						Embilipitiya	405.00	390.00	390.00	390.00	440.00	N'Eliya	73.00	77.40	88.00	88.00	133.00
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Welimada	39.20	58.00	67.40	118.00	71.00
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Cabbage					
Matara	62.00	63.33	63.33	70.00	70.00	A'Pura	72.00	84.00	87.00	84.00	87.00	Hanguranketha	66.00		86.00	104.00	194.00
Hambantota	61.00	63.50	64.25	65.25	67.25	Kalawewa	88.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	N'Eliya	95.80	97.00	142.40	142.40	263.00
Ampara	70.33	67.00	66.67	66.67	66.00	Gingelly						Welimada	58.40	58.40	106.00	204.00	187.00
Embilipitiya	61.60	66.60	68.60	68.60	69.20	A'Pura						Hambantota					
Keeri Samba						Kalawewa	235.00					Badulla	74.00	74.00	98.00	154.00	144.00
A'pura	122.00	115.80	107.00	108.00	112.00	Black Gram						Tomato					
Polonnaruwa	127.00	119.67	115.67	118.67	120.25	Kalawewa						Hanguranketha	133.33		214.00	222.00	254.00
Kalawewa	118.25	104.50	102.50	107.50	106.25	A'Pura						Welimada	154.00	186.00	186.80	255.00	268.00
Kurunegala		102.00	100.00	112.50	110.00	Vegetables (Up Country)						Hambantota	250.00	203.33	253.33	260.00	250.00
Dehiattakandiya	124.67	124.33	115.00	115.00	115.00	Beans						Dambulla	194.20	189.00	262.00	254.00	288.00
Red Onion						Dambulla	110.00	238.00	400.00	298.00	219.00	Low Country					
Big Onion						Welimada	139.20	225.00	326.00	235.00	237.00	Ladies Fingers					
Dambulla	158.50	156.50	147.00	158.50	148.00	Badulla	152.00	240.00	420.00	268.00	168.00	A'pura	88.00	94.00	228.00	168.00	84.00
Kalawewa						Carrot						Dambulla	81.60	100.00	145.00	162.50	100.00
A'Pura						Hanguranketha			138.00		180.00	Hambantota	71.67				
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	145.80	176.00	236.00	236.00	236.00	Embilipitiya	117.00	117.00	139.00	139.00	105.00
						Welimada	128.20	158.00	185.00	236.00	187.60	Matara	85.00	110.00	135.00	155.00	145.00

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

Nov-21

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	154.40	169.00	193.00	193.00	232.60	Welimada	137.00	147.60	186.00	265.20	175.60
A'pura	87.00	82.00	77.00	77.80	82.00	Badulla	144.00	152.00	185.00	199.00	203.33	N'Eliya	154.20	167.80	208.00	208.00	196.00
P'naruruwa	97.67	87.67	79.33	85.75	85.75	Welimada	133.40	144.00	192.00	192.00	216.80	Beetroot					
Kalawewa	88.60	79.20	79.20	81.00	82.40	Pulses						Hanguranketha					
Kurunegala		80.00	79.50	80.50	80.50	Green Gram						N'Eliya	62.80	61.60	78.00	78.00	166.00
Dehiattakandiya	90.00	86.00	75.00	77.67	80.00	Galgamuwa						Dambulla	37.20	34.00	54.80	72.75	108.33
Ampara	88.33	82.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	Kalawewa	362.50	325.00	320.00	320.00	320.00	Kurunegala	40.00	40.00	40.00		
Long grain (White)						Embilipitiya	385.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	290.00	Welimada	39.60	38.00	84.20	86.80	131.00
A'pura	77.00	66.20	66.20	72.40	77.00	Kurunegala						Knokhol					
P'naruruwa	81.67	72.67	70.33	75.25	76.75	A'pura	370.00	344.00	288.00	308.00	308.00	Hanguranketha					
Kalawewa	77.80	63.80	73.40	73.40	73.00	Cowpea						N'Eliya	77.40	81.40	142.40	142.40	154.00
Kurunegala	72.40	71.40	69.50	75.75	75.75	A'pura						Welimada	76.60	87.00	135.20	135.80	140.20
Dehiattakandiya	80.00	72.50	65.00	70.00	75.00	Galgamuwa						Radish					
Embilipitiya						Nikaweratiya						Hanguranketha	50.00				88.00
Ampara	72.33	70.00	68.33	68.33	66.67	Kalawewa	415.00	416.67				N'Eliya	73.00	77.40	88.00	88.00	133.00
Matara						Embilipitiya	405.00	390.00	390.00	390.00	440.00	Welimada	39.20	58.00	67.40	118.00	71.00
Hambantota						Kurunegala						Cabbage					
Long grain (Red)						Maize						Hanguranketha	66.00		86.00	104.00	194.00
Matara	62.00	63.33	63.33	70.00	70.00	A'Pura	72.00	84.00	87.00	84.00	87.00	N'Eliya	95.80	97.00	142.40	142.40	263.00
Hambantota	61.00	63.50	64.25	65.25	67.25	Kalawewa	88.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	92.00	Welimada	58.40	58.40	106.00	204.00	187.00
Ampara	70.33	67.00	66.67	66.67	66.00	Gingelly						Hambantota					
Embilipitiya	61.60	66.60	68.60	68.60	69.20	A'Pura						Badulla	74.00	74.00	98.00	154.00	144.00
Keeri Samba						Kalawewa	235.00					Tomato					
A'pura	122.00	115.80	107.00	108.00	112.00	Black Gram						Hanguranketha	133.33		214.00	222.00	254.00
Polonnaruwa	127.00	119.67	115.67	118.67	120.25	Kalawewa						Welimada	154.00	186.00	186.80	255.00	268.00
Kalawewa	118.25	104.50	102.50	107.50	106.25	A'Pura						Hambantota	250.00	203.33	253.33	260.00	250.00
Kurunegala		102.00	100.00	112.50	110.00	Vegetables (Up Country)						Dambulla	194.20	189.00	262.00	254.00	288.00
Dehiattakandiya	124.67	124.33	115.00	115.00	115.00	Beans						Low Country					
Red Onion						Dambulla	110.00	238.00	400.00	298.00	219.00	Ladies Fingers					
Big Onion						Welimada	139.20	225.00	326.00	235.00	237.00	A'pura	88.00	94.00	228.00	168.00	84.00
Dambulla	158.50	156.50	147.00	158.50	148.00	Badulla	152.00	240.00	420.00	268.00	168.00	Dambulla	81.60	100.00	145.00	162.50	100.00
Kalawewa						Carrot						Hambantota	71.67				
A'Pura						Hanguranketha			138.00		180.00	Embilipitiya	117.00	117.00	139.00	139.00	105.00
Kurunegala						N'Eliya	145.80	176.00	236.00	236.00	236.00	Matara	85.00	110.00	135.00	155.00	145.00
						Welimada	128.20	158.00	185.00	236.00	187.60						

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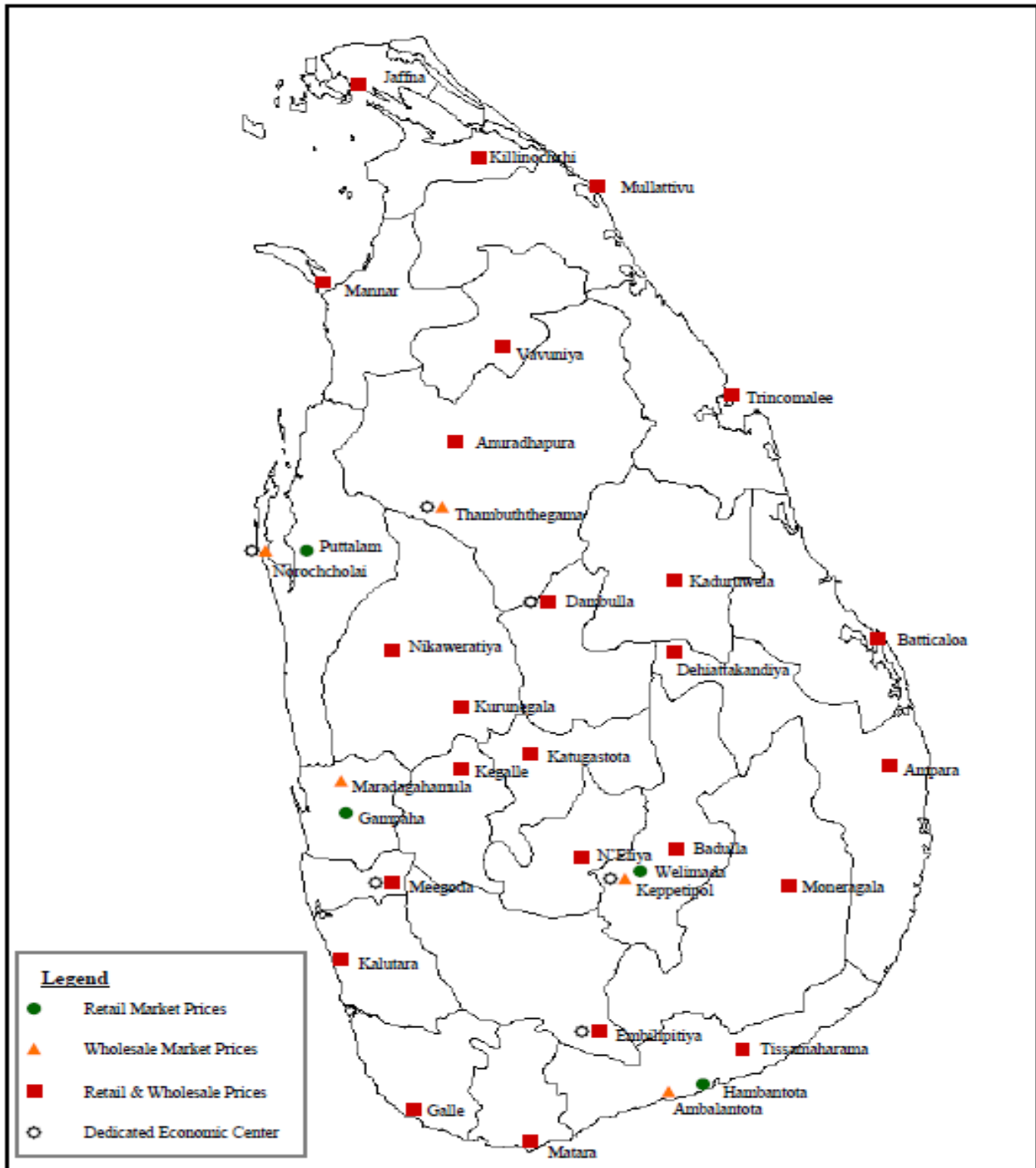
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Paddy					Potato					Leeks				
Short grain					N'Eliya	221.00	251.00	246.80	216.20	Welimada	215.00	243.00	194.00	224.00
A'pura	77.00	77.00	77.80	82.00	Badulla	212.00	226.00	230.00	226.00	N'Eliya	244.00	264.00	219.00	258.00
P'naruwa	85.75	85.80	85.80	89.40	Welimada	199.20	205.00	213.00	212.00					
Kalawewa	82.00	81.00	83.40	84.00	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	81.25	82.00	81.50	85.50	Green Gram					Hanguranketha			205.00	
Dehiattakandiya	85.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	Galgamuwa					N'Eliya	144.00	174.00	222.00	276.00
Ampara	80.00	79.00	73.50	77.50	Kalawewa	262.50	261.25	350.00	381.25	Dambulla	149.17	186.25		
Long grain (White)					Embilipitiya	325.00	290.00	290.00	310.00	Kurunegala				
A'pura	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	Kurunegala					Welimada	133.00	186.20	226.00	235.00
P'naruwa	77.50	77.50	80.50	89.40	A'pura	328.00	348.00	328.00	348.00	Knokhol				
Kalawewa	73.60	73.40	75.60	81.00	Cowpea					Hanguranketha				
Kurunegala	75.75	77.25	77.25	80.00	A'pura					N'Eliya	144.00	196.00	195.00	186.20
Dehiattakandiya	75.00	78.00	78.00	80.00	Galgamuwa					Welimada	136.80	162.00	158.00	176.00
Embilipitiya					Nikaweratiya					Radish				
Ampara	66.67	66.67	67.67	67.67	Kalawewa	393.33	376.67	437.50	365.00	Hanguranketha		82.00		134.00
Matara					Embilipitiya	390.00	440.00	440.00	440.00	N'Eliya	117.60	118.60	116.00	113.00
Hambantota					Kurunegala					Welimada		86.20	82.00	75.00
Long grain (Red)					Maize					Cabbage				
Matara	70.00	70.00	70.00	73.66	A'Pura	82.00	77.00	82.00	82.00	Hanguranketha		268.00	316.67	294.00
Hambantota	69.33	67.67	68.25	73.00	Kalawewa					N'Eliya	277.00	340.00	222.00	259.00
Ampara	66.00	66.00	66.00	67.50	Gingelly					Welimada	209.00	242.00	165.00	206.00
Embilipitiya	68.80	68.60	69.20	74.75	A'Pura					Hambantota				
Keeri Samba					Kalawewa			235.00		Badulla	224.00	254.00	214.00	222.00
A'pura	112.00	112.00	104.00	104.00	Black Gram					Tomato				
Polonnaruwa	121.50	121.60	121.60	125.00	Kalawewa	362.50	367.50	357.50	357.50	Hanguranketha		298.00	322.00	
Kalawewa	105.00	105.00	105.00	113.00	A'Pura					Welimada	281.00	321.00	226.00	126.00
Kurunegala	110.50	107.50	110.00	120.00	Vegetables (Up Country)					Hambantota	300.00	270.00	270.00	160.00
Dehiattakandiya	115.00	118.00	120.00	121.33	Beans					Dambulla	335.00	334.00	206.00	121.00
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Red Onion					Welimada	251.00	328.00	340.00	286.00	Ladies Fingers				
Big Onion					Badulla	268.00	354.00	354.00	420.00	A'pura	88.00	88.00	104.00	124.00
Dambulla	148.00	153.00	222.00	205.00	Carrot					Dambulla	107.00	108.00	102.00	116.00
Kalawewa					Hanguranketha		254.00	250.00		Hambantota				
A'Pura					N'Eliya	272.00	370.00	359.00	396.00	Embilipitiya	118.00	155.00	169.00	169.00
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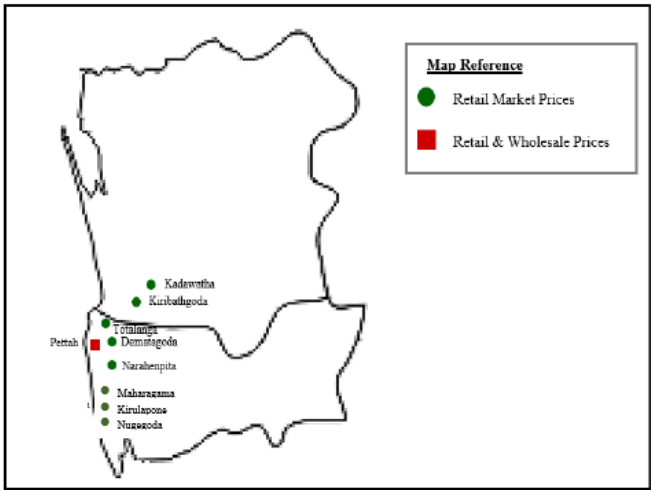
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P'naruwa	85.75	85.80	85.80	89.40	Welimada	199.20	205.00	213.00	212.00					
Kalawewa	82.00	81.00	83.40	84.00	Pulses					Beetroot				
Kurunegala	81.25	82.00	81.50	85.50	Green Gram					Hanguranketha			205.00	
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